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RAINFALL WELCOME BUT MUDSLIDES ARE A CAUTION!

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ARCADIA DECLARES FISCAL EMERGENCY - BUDGET CUTS MAY HURT CITY SERVICES

Arcadia City Council will be looking at budget-cutting options as they prepare for Fiscal Year 2019-20 after making certain fiscal emergency findings with respect to the General Fund.

After an analysis of expenditures and revenues, it was determined that expenditures are projected to be approximately \$231, 000 above the adopted General Fund budget and revenues are expected to lower by about \$1.2 million. Part of the reason is due to a lower amount of sales tax and building construction permits received than expected. Some is due to new software being installed which initially caused a delay for companies entering receipts. Hotel taxes in the city were also about 14% flatter than expected. These low revenues paired with increase costs of services are causing great challenges moving forward for Arcadia. As a result of the review process, City Council adopted Resolution 7242 and declared a fiscal emergency.

Though the city has been able to adequately meet the service levels and needs their community has come to expect, based on current expenditures and revenues, they may no longer be able to maintain certain services in the near future. So, how deep is the hole? Well, the long range financial forecast shows that the General Fund is facing an \$8 million structural deficit over the next 10 years. Right now they sit at a \$4.5 million deficit.

Where Will the Cuts Come From?

According to a report generated by City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto, Administrative Service Director Hue Quach, and Assistant to the City Manager, Michael Bruckner, cuts make affect the following:

- Neighborhood Police Patrols
- 911 Emergency Response Times, and

Fire Protection and Life Saving Services.

All this coming at the same time the City received a request from the city of Sierra Madre for fire suppression services. In fact, in order to balance the budget in Arcadia, the city may cut two dozen police, firefighters and paramedics. Not good for a city that has seen an increase in home break-ins and property crimes in recent times.

Another consideration is the increase in pension costs after the city implemented pension and benefit reforms in 2011. "The pension system is correcting itself in a good way, it's making it more conservative, it's making it more fiscally responsible," according to City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto, "Every time they are more conservative, the bill that comes due to the cities is increased significantly. Where they use to expect lots of growth in the system, they are now relying on more money up front," he said.

Despite the budget woes, Arcadia is expected to allot funds for both capital improvements, such as road repair, and equipment replacement.

In addition to cuts to city services, the community can also expect to see a measure on the next ballot for an increase in the city's sales tax.

"We feel that it's necessary to declare a fiscal emergency," Lazzaretto said. "It's not something that brings me any joy to ask you to do, but it's something we need to do. As a community, we need to deal with this one way or another. We need to either raise revenues or change the service policy we have."

The adoption of Resolution 7242 was unanimous. The Council will meet in the future to discuss what the plans of action will be in regards to the budget deficit.

K. McGuire/MVNews

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PROVISION OF OUTSIDE FIRE RESPONSE SERVICES TO SIERRA MADRE COMMISSIONED

By Kevin McGuire

Arcadia City Council, led by Mayor Sho Tay, approved a feasibility study to be conducted to weigh the pros and cons of providing fire suppression services to the City of Sierra Madre. The request for the study came from the management staff of Sierra Madre after the two cities met for multiple discussions on the subject and a non-binding term sheet, laying out the terms and conditions of arrangement, was approved on January 8, 2019.

The goal from the side of Sierra Madre is to become included in the Verdugo System's unified response (automatic aid). For many years, Sierra Madre relied on an all-volunteer fire department which triggered their non-inclusion in the automatic aid system. As a result, the city has relied on requesting assistance from area cities including Arcadia, Monrovia and Pasadena as part of a mutual aid program not bound by any legal contract or agreement.

Sierra Madre has, in recent years, transitioned its Engine 41 fire personnel in hopes to reach a fully functioning "Class 1" paid department. As of February 1, 2019, they moved one step closer by adding two more fire engineers to their current staff. But, if an agreement is reached with Arcadia and approved, Arcadia would provide fire suppression services and assist EMS to all areas of Sierra Madre, and Sierra Madre, in turn, would reorganize its own fire department which would include the elimination of one Fire Chief position, three Fire Captain positions, three Fire Engineer positions, and all part-time Fire Engineer and Firefighter positions. This part of the plan sparked quite a bit of stir and outrage in the Sierra Madre community.

The thought of losing fire personnel and relying on Arcadia to respond to calls in Sierra Madre, along with accused "lack of transparency" by the City Council, caused many residents to take to social media to express their concerns and displeasure. As a result, on January 28, Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce hosted a town hall forum for citizens to voice their opinions and ask questions of the Council and City Management—which brings us to this next step, a feasibility study approved by Arcadia City Council. But it was not a unanimous approval. Longtime Arcadia Council Member Roger Chandler was a "no" vote.

But, prior to the vote, two members of the Sierra Madre community spoke to the Council opposing this proposed move by the two neighboring cities. First up was former Sierra Madre Mayor Glenn Lambdin. "You're going to have to sell to your public we're going to provide the same service to Sierra Madre, who pays no taxes in Arcadia, and we're going to do it for one quarter of the cost that we charge Arcadia residents," Lambdin suggested. "It's not fair to Arcadia to take on Sierra Madre's financial burdens. The best interest for Sierra Madre is to have its own, fully-staffed, fully-qualified, fire department that's capable of getting in with the Verdugo auto aid. Once we get to that place, we can reciprocate some of the generous service you have given to our community," Lambdin said.

Allen Hodge, a 30-year paramedic serving Sierra Madre also voiced concerns. "The proposed plan calls for the elimination of Sierra Madre Engine 41. What that means is the amount of fire engines in Sierra Madre and North Arcadia will be cut from two to one," Hodge said. "Engine 107 will double their call volume and Arcadia Fire will have three-square miles, 11,000 residents and 1,000 to 1,200

calls without an increase in personnel, and fire apparatus," he added. Hodge also pointed out the danger a delayed response time can cause, increasing the chances fires will grow out of control. "It's not worth the risk on the residents who depend on them," Hodge said.

There are also the cost concerns for two cities with tight budgets and money woes. The city of Arcadia announced at the same meeting that they are declaring a fiscal emergency after a general fund mid-year budget review. Sierra Madre is footing the bill for this initial study for \$20,000, a study which may last into the summer. More studies may be needed in the future. In addition, the city is offering Arcadia \$800,000 for fire response services for Year 1. The study would determine if that amount is sufficient to cover Arcadia's costs. At the January 28th forum, Sierra Madre Pro Tem John Harabedian expressed great concern on how the city would continue to pay for a fully-staffed fire department and pay them wages comparable to surrounding cities.

Though Arcadia Council approved the study, Council Member Tom Beck had some concerns. "When we first discussed this amongst ourselves, I thought we were just going to do fire suppression and guesstimating a few calls a month," Beck said. "Then I spoke to a former fire chief from Sierra Madre who gave the figure 'we're expecting Arcadia to roll out 800 times a year. That's a lot of calls. Sooner or later someone is going to get hurt. Something is going to happen. Something bad,' Beck warned.

Sierra Madre resident, Barbara Vellturo, quoted even higher numbers mentioned by Beck in an email she sent to Arcadia City Council. "The Sierra Madre engine has consistently responded to over 1,000 calls per year—two years ago it was over 1200 calls," Vellturo noted. "The total time for the engine on a medical call from dispatch to clear probably averages 20-30 minutes, depending on the circumstances. If this proposal were accepted, the Arcadia engine would be away from, and unavailable to, Arcadia for more than 300 hours a year, not including travel time. ANY emergency, whether medical or fire, during those hours, would be handled by an engine response from further away. There is NO conceivable way this would leave the citizens of Arcadia as safe as they are now!" Vellturo wrote.

Council Member Roger Chandler said he's been down this road before with the city of Sierra Madre. "Sierra Madre is a great town. It's supposed to be one of the safest in California to live in. It is absolutely unique," Chandler pointed out. "All that being said, it still doesn't do what needs to be done once and for all. The city of Sierra Madre needs to step up to the plate; they need to tax themselves in order to create a totally professional police department and a totally professional fire department. This particular proposal is a waste of time," Chandler said.

Despite Chandler's "no" the vote carried 4-1 and was approved. The results of the study are expected to provide direction to Arcadia and Sierra Madre's negotiations staff regarding the next course of action. But, for now, Sierra Madre is set with a fully-staffed, paid fire department that will continue to receive assistance from obliging neighbors as needed.

REMEMBRANCE JUDY (EVEREST) HARFMAN TROUTT

Judy (Everest) Harfman Troutt, a long time Sierra Madre resident passed away of a heart attack in her home on January 23, 2019 at the age of 76. She was born October 3, 1942 in Los Angeles, CA. Judy is survived by her husband of almost 32 years, Allen Troutt, her children; Kathryn Harfman of Pearblossom, CA, Jennifer Harfman Kenyon (Brett) of Sierra Madre and Carrie Harfman Bell (Carston) of Sierra Madre, step sons; Allen Troutt of Arcadia, CA and Daniel Troutt of Altadena, CA, grandchildren; Charlie Harfman Bibian (Manny), Ryan Kenyon, Dylan Kenyon, Colby Kenyon, Cody Bell, and Faith Troutt, And two great grandchildren; Colton and Rachel Bibian. She was preceded in death by her daughter Kaleen Harfman who passed away in 2012.



Judy was a stay at home mom who in 1973 started a support group called Parents with Heart for families with children born with heart defects. She designed and published a cookbook with friends and family that is still being used today. The support group was able to raise enough money to create a "Crash Cart" that was dedicated to Kaleen and used at Huntington Hospital. Judy participated in Sierra Madre Elementary Schools "Extravaganza" for several years for the PTA which she was involved in. Judy later became involved in the Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association when Kathy started playing. At the time there were not enough coaches and while Judy knew nothing about the rules and regulations of girls softball, she quickly learned and brought her team to all-star championships many times over. When Kathy graduated to senior division, Judy continued in junior division coaching Jenny. Judy enjoyed softball so much that her and her then husband, Dennis Harfman, joined a co-ed slo-pitch league. Judy had been a graduate of Pasadena High School, class of 1960. For many years she was on the reunion committee and helped plan many of their milestone reunions. As her girls got older, she started working outside of the home. One of the places of note was Toy and Patio, a nostalgic Sierra Madre business. She was a bookkeeper by trade who ultimately ended up at Buffums Department Store as the office manager, where she met her current husband Allen Troutt.

After retirement Judy and Allen spent many vacations going to some of her favorite places like Idyllwild, CA and Pismo Beach, CA. They took a road trip to Missouri where her brother-in-law lived and also went to Oregon. She was an avid reader and loved doing crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble and spending time with her family. Services will be held at Bethany Christian Church on Saturday February 16, 2019 at 11:00am with a reception to follow immediately after.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the American Heart Association.



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Wed:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	40s
Thur:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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
February 12, 2019 at 6:30pm
February 26, 2019 at 6:30pm

PLANNING COMMISSION
February 3rd, 2019 at 7:00pm
February 21st, 2019 at 7:00pm

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION
February 18th, 2019 at 6:30 pm CANCELLED
February 25th, 2019 at 6:30pm SPECIAL MEETING
March 18th, 2019 at 6:30pm

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION
February 7th, 2019 at 3:00pm
March 7th, 2019 at 3:00pm

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 27th, 2019 at 7:00pm
March 27th, 2019 at 7:00pm

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
February 20th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
March 20th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
April 17th, 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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Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

Your event must:

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

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



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550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. **2019: 112 Years**
Founded February 23, 1907 - "Living the Volunteer Life" in Friendship
Member of General Federation of Women's Clubs - cfwc.org & gfwc.org

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Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 pm
LEGO Play Day
Tuesday at 7:00 pm
3D Printing Workshop
Wednesday at 4:00 pm
Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday at 7:00 pm
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Contact the Chamber via email at: smadrece@gmail.com with your name, contact info, brief description of your book or books and what time you can actually be at the Wistaria BookStore. (The festival is March 17, 2019 from 9 am to 5 pm).

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MARCH 17, 2019

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KATIE Tse.....This and That HOPE FOR PAWS

Do you have a dog and do you live in Sierra Madre? If you answered yes to those questions, you've probably met my mom, Mary Hopkins, winner of the unofficial Most

Avid Dog Interest award.

I think it all started when she began walking more routinely with my dad in the mornings. My mom's always been social, and she can't pass up the opportunity to chat with other walkers, particularly when they're holding a leash with a dog at the end of it. It doesn't even have to be a cute dog. Just give my mom a dog and she'll find questions to ask about it. The transcript usually goes like this:

Mom: "Oh, what a cute dog!"

Walker: "Thank you!"

Mom: "What kind of dog is he?"

Walker: "She's a Cockeranian. A cross between a Cocker Spaniel and a Pomeranian."

[Dog wags tail rapidly and Mom reaches down to pet its head.]

Mom: "What a nice dog... What's her name?"

Walker: "Her name's Meredith."

[Mom still petting Meredith.]

Mom: "Hellooo, Meredith! How old is she?"

[Walker pauses to calculate age.]

Walker: "She just turned three."

That's not the end of the conversation, but you can see how it goes. Meanwhile Dad is waiting. My dad's not anti-dog, he's just pro-walk, and this happens every day... So all this latent dog interest was building up when my mom recently stumbled upon "Hope for Paws" on YouTube.

"Hope for Paws" is great! It combines two things we love --dogs and Israel. While not actually taking place in Israel, the founder, Eldad Hagar, is Israeli. He's based

out of LA and his mission is to rescue homeless and abandoned animals, mostly dogs.

Eldad explains that, because of dogs' domestication over millennia, they've become dependant upon humans for survival. You can't just drop a dog onto the streets and expect it to join a pack of coyotes or fend for itself.

Some of the videos, MOST of the videos, simply break your heart! But you should still watch them, because the vast majority have happy endings. Eldad and his team of dog-loving women (who also happen to be beautiful) are tireless in their pursuit of animals reported to be in dangerous situations, whether that means they're stranded on the inside lane of the 110 Freeway or trapped in a narrow drainpipe beneath the 5. (That's happened before.) Eldad's gone after animals in all sorts of tricky spots.

Most of the animals are won over by the offer of cheeseburgers and quickly become compliant, and even affectionate, after they realize that Eldad and his team are there to help. What follows are vet examinations and relocation to adoptive families. That is the part my mom loves, the transformation from scrawny, flea and tick-ridden, frightened animals to sleek,

healthy pets who bubble over with excitement when they are accepted into loving homes.

Vet bills and travel are expensive though (people contact Eldad from all over the country), so if you'd like to donate to "Hope for Paws," your money would be going to a very good cause. You can also purchase Eldad's book, "Our Lives Have Gone to the Dogs." My favorite line from it is a Native American tale of the origins of the earth, "God made the earth, the sky, the water, the moon and the sun. He made man and bird and beast. But He didn't have to make the dog. He already had one."

If that doesn't make you smile, nothing will.



SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE PLANS A BUSY 2019 SEASON

Sierra Madre Playhouse has plans for an action-packed year, with a full slate of mainstage shows in addition to bonus attractions.

First, the mainstage schedule:

February 23- March 31: Tuesdays with Morrie. Written by Jeffrey Hatcher and Mitch Albom. Based on the book by Mitch Albom. Directed by L. Flint Esquerra. Starring Larry Eisenberg and Jackson Kendall.

Some lessons can't be learned in school: The funny, true story of Mitch Albom and his former professor, Morrie Schwartz.

"A touching, life-affirming, deeply emotional drama with a generous dose of humor." ---N.Y. Daily News

March 16- April 27: Stuart Little. Adapted by Joseph Robinette. Based on the book by E.B. White. Directed by Sierra Madre Playhouse Artistic Director Christian Lebrano.

Our 6th Annual Theater for Young Audiences offering- perfect for kids aged 4 to 10, and their families! The classic tale of Stuart, the mouse-sized boy, who sets off on adventures in a human-sized world. From the creator of Charlotte's Web.

"Stuart Little is high on energy and laughs and tells a delightful, relatable story for kids of all ages."--- Theater Guide

June 15- July 21: Dames at Sea. Book and lyrics by George Hainsohn and Robin Miller. Music by Jim Wise. Directed by Joshua Finkel. Musical director: Sean Paxton. Choreographed by Jeffrey Scott Parsons.

Will Ruby go out there a chorus girl, but come back a star? The answer is a resounding yes! Dames at Sea is a hilarious homage to the glamorous and hopeful musicals of the 1930s.

"A winner! A gem of a musical!"---The New York Times

August 23- September 29: The Joy Luck Club. Adapted by Susan Kim. Based on the book by Amy Tan. Directed by Tim Dang.

Four Chinese-American mothers, four American-born daughters, and the rich complexities of family ties and history as the eight women reach across a seemingly unbridgeable divide.

"Blending hilarity and heartbreak, the play has moments both side-splitting and shattering."---L.A. Times

October 10- October 27: Little Women. Adapted and directed by Artistic Director Christian Lebrano. Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott.

A co-production between Sierra Madre Playhouse and California School for the Arts- San Gabriel Valley. The classic story of the March Sisters which has inspired women and girls for 150 years.

"Even contemporary girls who can't imagine wearing silk dresses or being too ladylike to run will identify with the March Sisters' strong bonds and earnest efforts to overcome their faults."---Common Sense Media

November 30- December 29: Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some!) Written by Michael Carleton, Jim FitzGerald and John K. Alvarez. Original music by Will Knapp. Directed by Patrick Towne.

Instead of performing Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told -- plus

Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times to topical pop-culture, and every carol ever sung, a madcap romp through the holiday season! An outrageous holiday romp for the whole family (except those who still believe in Santa!)

"Takes the audience on a high-energy romp through a variety of Christmas traditions, holiday classics and songs. It's incredible and difficult to describe, so get your tickets to experience it for yourself."---Broadway World

Bonus attractions:

April 7: Wiesenthal. Written and performed by Tom Dugan. Directed by Jenny Sullivan.

As Holocaust survivor and the world's most renowned hunter of Nazi war criminals Simon Wiesenthal is about to retire, he recounts for an audience the stories of his most famous cases of bringing wrongdoers to justice.

Winner- Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award.

"Theatrical magic."---Stage and Cinema

April 5, 6, 13, 14- Doris and Me: One Man's Obsession with Doris Day. Written and performed by Scott Dreier. Directed by Richard Israel.

"If you are a Doris Day fan, this show is a Must! If you aren't, you will be by the end of this heart warming, entertaining and memorable evening!"---Broadway World Critic's Pick

PLUS: Off The Page, our series of FREE staged play readings:

February 25: Intimate Apparel. Written by Lynn Nottage. Directed by Michael T. Kachingwe.

A Black seamstress in New York in 1905 aspires to one day open her own beauty salon for a Black clientele.

March 25: Sly Fox. Written by Larry Gelbart. Directed by Artistic Director Christian Lebrano.

In early 20th Century San Francisco, Foxwell J. Sly attempts to pull a con and grab the fortunes of three greedy opportunists. Based on Volpone by Ben Jonson. April 22: Side Man by Warren Leight. Directed by Richard Van Slyke.

A trumpet player and his son are confronted by the displacement of jazz by emergent rock-and-roll in a story spanning several decades.

May 20: TBA. Directed by Stasha Surdyke.

June 17: Book of Days by Lanford Wilson. Directed by Artsitic Director Christian Lebrano.

When murder roars through a small Missouri town, Ruth Hoch begins her own quest to find truth and honesty amid small town jealousies, religion, greed and lies.

July 29: Light Up the Sky by Moss Hart. Directed by Barbara Schofield.

When the Boston tryout of Peter's new play gets off to a rocky start, some of his associates turn on him. When the play ultimately succeeds, it's time for Peter to deliver some delicious payback in this comedy classic.

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. There is ample free parking on the street and in parking lots behind the Playhouse and across the street. There are several dining establishments just steps away. Reservations: (626) 355-4318 or go to www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

WALKING SIERRA MADRE by Deanne Davis

"The Power of Hope!"

HOPE! The Word For 2019

Weren't you delighted to read that the President for the 2019-2020 Tournament of Roses year, Laura Farber, has selected "The Power of Hope" as the theme. "With Hope - anything, in fact, everything is possible," she said. "Hope is more than simply the possibility of fulfillment. Hope is dignity and respect, joy and happiness, aspiration and achievement. Hope never, ever quits. Through hope, we can aspire to be our best and, in turn, inspire those around us to reach higher." Wow! Hope is my favorite thing, as I'm sure you all know, and I can't wait to see what our Sierra Madre Rose Float Association will do with Hope for this year's float. It will be wonderful, I can guarantee that, and another prize winner, too.

Aren't you loving those lighted crosswalks we have now on Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd.? They make crossing safer and with the hordes of hungry school kids we have descending on Beantown, Starbucks and all the other eateries there around Kersting Court the minute school is out, safer is a great idea.

Have you been to the Creative Arts Group 2019 Faculty Show yet? That place is such a treasure in our community. You can wander in there all day long and see beautiful creations that will touch your heart, mind and soul. Daughter, Leah, and I spent an hour last Friday looking at works of art of all sorts. First thing we saw, as always, before we even got in the door, was Lew Watanabe's obelisk fountain, "Antiquity," donated to Creative Arts by Lew in 2013 in honor of Jacki Raymond, Executive Director 1979-2013, for her service to the community. This fountain, even if you stand before it for just a moment, will calm your heart and prepare you for the beauty you will see inside.

Right inside the door to the left is a display of goblets and glassware that are breathtaking in their designs and colors. On the wall directly across is a painting, "California Beauty," part of a collection of Laura Wambegans' oil paintings. "California Beauty" portrays mountains, a clear stream, trees and a cloudless sky. I wanted it! Laura also has a fabulous ocean scene, "Pacific Blues."

Kristen Erickson's ceramics, a selection of beautifully colored pots was next, featuring unusual color schemes and swirls. Gorgeous! Ken Roussin, Fold Forming & Enameling Instructor, is showing a series of exquisite leaf embellished pieces.

I had to take a minute to remind myself that all the art pieces in this show are by the instructors so, of course, they are all flawless and beyond original and exquisite. Douglas Louie, Ceramics Instructor, is displaying colored bowls of different bright colors mounted on carved wooden stands. I wanted those, too. More unusual ceramics by Liz Strowbridge and Kiley Seoyen Choi, each a masterpiece of color, shape and versatility.

My good friend and superb artist, Lisa Agaran, Mixed Media Specialist, is showing several of her pieces, my favorite was "Haze At Mt. Fuji." Lisa has workshops that are intriguing, exciting, amazing and frequently out of town in places like Cambria.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 239 day and night time calls for service.

Tuesday, January 29 A resident came into the Sierra Madre Police Department to report her vehicle had been tampered with. The victim's vehicle was parked in a designated parking stall in the 300 block of N. Lima Street, from 1/28/19 at about 5:50PM to 1/29/19 at about 10:30AM. Case to **Detectives**

Wednesday, January 30 A theft from a vehicle occurred in the 100 block of N. Canon Ave. The

Lilia Venier, Ceramics Instructor, filled shelves with droll, witty, whimsical pottery pieces, my favorite was a small, perfect teapot featuring colors galore, flowers and a bird on the handle. Yes, I wanted that, too.

Jan Wright's watercolors, Richard Scott's drawings, Rob Sherrill's watercolors and paintings, one of which featured the Colorado Street Bridge, which appeared in several other artists' work also.



The piece I just had to show in the picture is Gina Lawson Egan's ceramic horse and rider. I know it's not a unicorn, but it made me think of one, in honor of Arizona granddaughter, Emily.

I'm running out of room, dear friends and neighbors, and I haven't mentioned half of what I saw, not even half! Oh, the jewelry...oh, the jewelry by Vicki Matthieu, Frances Lai Wang, Dawn Zammitt Crandall and Ken Roussin was fabulous. Bottom line here, ya gotta go! The Creative Arts Group Faculty Show will be available to see and lust over just till February 22nd so do not hesitate too long. You will be so glad you took a little time, first to stand in front of Lew's "Antiquity," and then see all the beauty inside Creative Arts. Creative Arts Group, in case you haven't been there yet, is at 108 No. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre. And, yes, they have classes in everything imaginable in art. 626-355-8350 if you want to call them. Go! Trust me!

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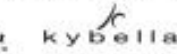
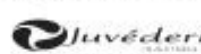
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THE SECRET JOB OF DOGS

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



A simple smile. It's been described as a universal language. It's a contagious gesture that can break the ice between two people who'd otherwise likely not interact. It can bring hope to a despairing soul and healing to a broken heart. But for some, a smile is anything but simple. Indeed, for many it can be the toughest task they will attempt to perform on any given day. In comes the dog.

Unassuming, trusting and unconditionally loving, the dog is predictably and consistently capable of bringing out the best in people. I see it happen all the time. Typically when I'm out walking my canine clients around town. I, myself am somewhat of a gregarious individual and I feel privileged to live in a community where local folks take the time to greet one another other on the street. So for me, sharing a smile with a passerby comes quite natural.

But I realize not everyone feels the same way I do. Some folks prefer to keep to themselves. Then there are those who may want to connect but they are too shy or unsure how to initiate that contact. Fortunately, when I do come across folks who seem to have difficulty exchanging common cordialities, my four-legged friends are ready and willing to help relieve the awkward tension and bridge the gap.

There's just something about a dog that brings people together, even if only for a brief hello. It's a gift given to canines by their Creator, I believe. They may not know they possess such a gift, but one thing is for sure; they put it to use every chance they get. It's like a secret job of a dog to bring encouragement to the humans who need it most. It's just part of their nature.

This all came to mind one day, as I was strolling the boulevard with one of my more outgoing furry friends, "Bogie". I was talking to him as we walked. I asked how his morning had been and if the kitties had kept him good company before I'd arrived to take him out. I'm pretty sure he had no idea what I was talking about, but he was kind enough to look my way occasionally and nod as if to agree with every word I said.

As we rounded the curve at Kersting Court, I saw lots of people seated at the tables in front of Starbucks. Generally, the folks we meet there appreciate the opportunity to say hello to a beautiful, gentle giant of a dog like Bogie. In fact, Bogie has a fan club among the regulars at Starbucks. I think he actually knows more people in town than I do. Probably because he's so handsome and friendly.

I don't ever assume people want to stop and pet the dogs I walk, although I've noticed that most people get visibly excited at the prospect of meeting Bogie. And when they do show interest, I always try to stop long enough for him to receive the loving pats and words of admiration they have to offer before we continue on our way.

This particular day was different. As we

came around the Kersting Court curve, I sensed a coldness in the air. It struck me as strange since it was such a warm day, but this was a different kind of chill. I've experienced it before and I can't explain it, but I will say I think it emits from a cold soul. It's a nervous tension that can be physically felt by those nearby. Anyway, suffice it to say, the chill I felt that day was stifling.

As we passed through the crowd of aloof coffee-drinkers, I couldn't help noticing the palpable change of ambience that occurred the moment several of them caught a glimpse of my big, beautiful buddy, Bogie. Before I knew it, Bogie had captured the attention of nearly everyone there, and interaction between tables had ensued.

But there was one individual who was sitting alone that appeared to be determined not to let anything, not even a kind canine, bring a smile to his bitter face. He seemed annoyed by the sudden swirl of chatter that had started up between the other patrons and he held his mean facial mask for several minutes, until something quite amazing happened.

Bogie suddenly tugged on his leash and pulled me over to that guy's table, where he stood directly in front of him and looked him right in the eye. Immediately it was as if all the effort he'd put into keeping a stern face, fell away. The man reached out his hand, petted Bogie on the head and a smile emerged where his fretful frown had been. It was then that the chill gave way to a warm, comforting breeze. I know it sounds made up, but I swear it is true.

Now I've been told I have a knack for the dramatic, and I suppose that's true, too. But I am mindfully cautious when I speak of things Spiritual, and I must say I believe in my heart that God performed a miracle through Bogie's random kindness that day. I believe God often uses dogs to do the jobs we humans are somewhat baffled by. Bogie was just going about the business bestowed upon him by his Maker, and who knows, he may well have even changed the course of a stranger's life. I give you the amazing, authentic, affectionate dog, whose secret job is to simply make us smile.

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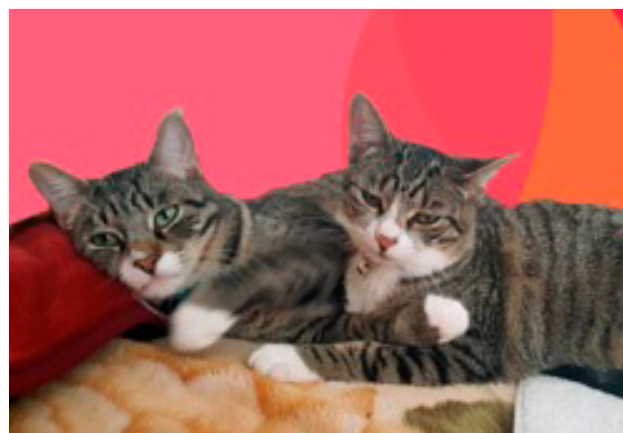
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The City of Pasadena will be offering a \$5,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction in any existing unsolved Pasadena murder case.

Over the past ten years, there have been 53 homicides in Pasadena and seven remain unsolved. In order to claim a reward, you must provide information to the Pasadena Police Department which leads to the apprehension and conviction of the party responsible for the homicide. If there are multiple claims, they will be reviewed to determine whether one claimant receives the entire \$5,000 reward or the \$5,000 reward is split among claimants.

"Solving these murders and ensuring public safety is of paramount importance to our Police Department," said City Manager Steve Mermell.

"We want to bring justice to the families affected by these tragedies and hope that the reward money will provide an incentive for anyone with information to come forward."

Pasadena Police detectives continue to follow up on information that has been provided and will thoroughly investigate any new leads. To provide information anonymously, call "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477); or report by using the website lacrimestoppers.org. Crime Stoppers offers up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for crimes committed in Los Angeles County, and you may remain anonymous. That \$1,000 reward would be in addition to any reward offered by the City. Tips can also be directed to Detective Lieutenant Jesse Carrillo at (626) 744-4517.



OIS Discussed during Community Forum

By Dean Lee

Newly named Police Chief John Perez and City Manager Steve Mermell discussed a series of videos released to the public Wednesday, of an Officer Involved Shooting in January, where officers fired at a fleeing suspect in the residential area of 1900 Raymond Ave.

"We have a lot to do in this investigation, we shot into a residential neighborhood, I'm sorry for that," Perez said. "We don't want that to happen. But the threat that they saw, for us to say that no officer should shoot and get shot... I don't know what to tell you."

Perez said the suspect, Brandon Green, was a known gang member with an outstanding warrant for drug charges. Green, was not struck by gunfire.

In a press statement Pasadena Lt. Jesse Carrillo said, "The Pasadena Police Department conducts thorough Use of Force investigations which includes interviewing witnesses, officers involved, analyzing video evidence, forensic evidence, and statements from those involved in the chain of events. After the investigation is completed,

a Use of Force Hearing will be convened and the Police Chief will make a final determination if the officers involved acted within department policy. This process may take up to one year to complete."

Members of the public asked why they were doing surveillance and suggested that Green ran from police because he was scared, "why were you guys sitting there watching Brandon?"

Perez said bluntly, the facts were that he had a gun and ran from police. "An independent report, that you asked for, will happen at some point."

The public also accused Pasadena police of knowing that the gun Green had could have been sold by former Lt. Vasken Gourdikian. The US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had raided Gourdikian's Sierra Madre home last year after Gourdikian sold a shotgun to an undercover agent. He is thought to have illegally sold 141 firearms. A gun sold by him had been recovered at a narcotics crime scene.

Gourdikian attorney, this week, had make a plea agreement with

prosecutors. He is set appear Monday in court for sentencing.

During the two hour meeting, Perez discussed proactive and community policing. He also said this year, 20 officers are set to retire. The public suggested he hire new officers from within Pasadena.

Mermell stayed quiet for most of the meeting. He briefly discussed how city policies are made. In December, Mermell hired Perez, a thirty-three year veteran of the department.

Thursday night's "Let's Learn, Let's Talk" community forum was held at the Alkebulan African Center and moderated by videographer, community activist, James Farr.

All of the Critical Incident Briefing videos can be seen at: cityofpasadena.net/police/critical-incident-briefing.

Rain Barrel Truckload Sale Event

A rain barrel is the perfect addition to your home and a way to collect water for use at a later date.

On Saturday, February 23rd, Foothill Municipal Water District will be hosting a Rain Barrel Truckload Sale at Lake Avenue Church, 393 N. Lake Avenue, Pasadena between 9-11 AM. Rain Barrels will be for sale at a community bulk rate discounted price of \$65.00 + tax. The Metropolitan Water District currently offers a \$35/barrel rebate for up to 2 barrels in a household, saving you a nice chunk of change!

If you are interested in purchasing rain barrels for this community sponsored event, go to: rainbarrelsintl.com/events-order.asp?id=376 and follow the instructions. Once rain barrels are purchased, they will be guaranteed for pick up at the event. Rain Barrels will also be sold on the event day until sold out.

The rain barrels are made from reused food-grade plastic barrels, outfitted with a solid brass ¾" spigot for hose attachment and a side overflow, also brass. A 4" 'no-see-um' steel screen is riveted and sealed to the lid, preventing any mosquitoes or bugs from finding a home in your barrel. The barrels come in Black (60 gallons) or Terra Cotta Orange (51 or 58 gallons).

For more information email Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com or call (919) 602-6316. Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

Free Public Tours of Tournament House

Guided tours inside Tournament House, the iconic Southern California landmark, are now open to the public. Tours will be offered, at no cost, every Thursday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tournament of Roses volunteers from the Heritage Committee, knowledgeable of the organization's history and details of the house, conduct the tours.

The Rose Bowl Game room renovation at Tournament House is complete and open to the public for viewing. Highlights include: two new Hall of Fame touch screens, video playback of Rose Bowl Game history, depictions of Offensive and Defensive Player of the Game, a celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the 1919 Rose Bowl Game, the B-2 Flyover and more.

Tournament House serves as the official headquarters of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, its staff and the 935 volunteer members who work year-round to organize the annual Rose Parade" presented by Honda and Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual.

Located in Pasadena, the house was once the home of chewing gum mogul William Wrigley Jr. and his wife, Ada. After Ada's death in 1958, the Wrigley family presented the property to the city of Pasadena, with the request that it become the base of operations for the Tournament of Roses. The



Wrigley family enjoyed the Rose Parade as it unfolded just beyond their front yard.

Surrounding Tournament House are the Wrigley Gardens, which feature a floral display of roses, camellias and annuals. The gardens feature the All-America Rose Selections (AARS) award-winning Tournament of Roses rose developed especially for the Tournament of Roses Centennial in 1989.

Groups of 10 or more may call (626) 449-4100 for tour reservations.

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration with the Rose Parade, the Rose Bowl Game and a variety of accompanying events. 935 volunteer members of the association will drive the success of 131st Rose Parade themed "The Power of Hope," on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, followed by the 106th Rose Bowl Game.

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.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, Feb 15, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys the experience of watching movies and the pleasures they bring. Feb. 15: Tea with the Dames (2018, NR). In this documentary film, four legends of the British stage and screen – Dame Maggie Smith, Dame Judi Dench, Dame Aileen Atkins and Dame Joan Plowright – spend a weekend in the country as they reminisce and discuss everything from art to aging to love.

Screening Mimis Film Discussion Group – Tuesdays, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. Diehard film fans are invited to watch a movie the first and third Tuesday of every month, preceded by a presentation about the film's hidden history and followed by lively discussion. Feb. 19: Touching the Void (2003, R). This documentary film recreates the adventures of two young mountaineers who set off in 1985 to climb the treacherous west face of the Siula Grande in the Peruvian Andes.

Rediscovering Hope – Thursdays, to Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. Rediscovering Hope is a support group for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. For more information call licensed clinical social worker Jody Casserly at 626-918-2273, ext. 7455.

Home Share Workshop: Room to Rent – Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. For any homeowner thinking about renting out a room, this workshop will explain how to list your space and find a good renter to share your home. Topics will include finding an online site that suits your needs, what type of home partners you are seeking, safe practices, how to spot a scam, how to set up your rental agreement and more. There will be optional follow-up sessions. RSVP at the Welcome Desk or by calling 626-795-4331.

Home Share Workshop: Seeking a Room – Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. For anyone trying to find a good room to rent but can't seem to connect

with a good landlord, this workshop will explain how to locate and get to know prospective property owners who have rooms and other spaces to rent out, how to set up an online listing and more. RSVP at the Welcome Desk or by calling 626-795-4331.

Chocolate on Your Heart – Thursday, Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. Studies show eating moderate amounts of chocolate may lower the risk of certain heart diseases. Learn how to maintain a healthy heart, including the consumption of chocolate!

Great American Songwriters – Thursday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. Join pianist Bob Lipson and commentator/performer Saul H. Jacobs for a fun and interactive musical journey that will highlight Harold Arlen, who composed the music for such iconic American songs as Over the Rainbow, Stormy Weather, It's Only a Paper Moon, That Old Black Magic, Ac-Cen-Tchu-Ate the Positive, One for My Baby (and One More for the Road) and many more.

Metro Pilot Mobile Customer Center – Friday, Feb. 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. Adults 62 and older who need a TAP Card are invited to stop by the mobile customer center for a reduced fare application, photograph for the card, temporary reduced fare card and loading of the reduced fare onto the card. A photo ID is required.

Chair Yoga – Wednesday, Feb. 20, 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.

Heart Healthy Eating – Thursday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. Preventing heart disease isn't just about avoiding unhealthy food. You should also eat foods rich in nutrients, fiber and healthy fats. Learn what foods are healthy for your heart and what are not. Presented by Regal Medical Group.

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.

Pet of the Week



Jynx (A471061) is one beautiful cat! He's a 5-year-old who was surrendered to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA in mid-January and was pretty shy. We thought he might come out of his shell if he was in one of our cat communal rooms, and be able to interact with other cats. Jynx is now doing so much better. He even has a best friend, Ralphie (A471298), a 2-year-old red tabby. They get along great except when Ralphie tries to eat Jynx's treats. Jynx is also very sweet to people, and likes to be petted around his ears. He'll even head bump and purr for more human affection. Because Jynx seems to like other cats, just as much as people, we recommend Jynx going to a home that already has a cat so he will have a guaranteed play mate.

The adoption fee for cats is \$90. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before being adopted.

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

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

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



One of Southern California's largest Black History parades begins at 10:00 a.m. at Metropolitan Baptist Church at Figueroa St. in Altadena; heads south on Fair Oaks Ave before ending at Robinson Park Recreation Center (1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.). Stay and Enjoy the Festival at Robinson Recreation Center from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The festival features live entertainment for all ages, Miss Black Pasadena, Power 106 Street Team, community booths, Celebrity Grand Marshal Kaj Goldberg, KTLA weatherman and Pasadena resident, food to purchase and fun! Proudly coordinated by the Black History Planning Committee, and the City of Pasadena's Human Services and Recreation Department.

Pasadena's Black History Month Parade is one of the largest in the U.S. and oldest too. Pasadena media, www.pasadenamedia.tv, will record the parade in its entirety for broadcast on KPAS, the Pasadena City's government TV station.

****The following streets will be closed for the parade and festival at the times listed below. Motorists are advised to use caution while driving through the area.****

Hammond Street, between Fair Oaks Avenue and Morton Avenue, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Morton Avenue, between Mountain Street and Woodbury Road, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fair Oaks Avenue, between Woodbury Road and Harriet Street, 7 a.m.-noon

Mountain Street, between Raymond Avenue and Sunset Street, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Fair Oaks Avenue between Mountain Street and Woodbury Road, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For event information, please call 626-744-7300. or visit: cityofpasadena.net

ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, January 27th

3:30 PM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 3200 block of N. Lake Avenue. Stolen: gold and black Shiseido tote bag, black Coach wallet and personal documents.

Monday, January 28th

7:35 AM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 800 block of Alameda Street. Vehicle described as a silver 2003 Toyota 4 Runner. *Vehicle recovered by LASD Altadena.

10:30 PM – A commercial burglary occurred in the 2300 block of Lake Avenue. Suspect entered the location by cutting the lock. No items reported stolen. Suspect has been identified as a juvenile.

Wednesday, January 30th

12:30 PM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 100 block of W. Manor Street. Suspect was taken into custody.

Thursday, January 31st

6:36 AM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the area of Crosby Street and Lincoln Avenue. Vehicle described as a beige 2004 GMC Sierra. *Vehicle recovered by CHP Baldwin Park.

10:42 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 3400 block of McNally Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by punching the door lock. Stolen: (3) Husqvarna chainsaws.

7:20 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 2000 block of N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Vehicle damage: shattered lights and side view mirror.

Friday, February 1st

3:05 PM – Jessica Radovicz, 33 years old of Lake Forest was arrested in the 2100 block of N. Hill Avenue for possession of a controlled substance.

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ARCADIA MAYOR’S PRAYER BREAKFAST 2019: WE ARE ALL AMERICANS IN A GREAT CITY



Left to right: Kari Helman, Jim Helms & daughter

By Joan Schmidt
Well, I may not be an Arcadian, but I am a Proud American of Italian descent who attended their inspiring Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast 2019; its theme was “Traditions of Arcadia”.
It was wonderful to see their current Mayor Sho Tay and Sherry , Mayor Pro Tem April Verlatto, Council Members, City Clerk Gene Glasco, Arcadia Police Chief Bob Guthrie, Mike Vercillo, past Mayors Sheng Cheng, Gail Marshall, Gary Kovacic, Bob Harbicht and Patsy, Holy Angels Pastor Father Kevin, Reverend Doug Edwards, the Shimmins, Mary Buttice, her mom Penny, and many more. A BIG SHOUT-OUT to Sponsors Foothill Credit Union, Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, WESTFIELD, Santa Anita and Methodist Hospital of Arcadia. Thank you Karen, Carrie and Matt-the tables were beautiful!
Reverend Jolene Cadenbach , Arcadia Congregational Church gave the Invocation; there also were remarks by Nissar Hai, Imam and President of Masjib Jiberal (Mosque of San Gabriel) and Rabbi Sholom Stiefel, Chabad of Arcadia. All gave a beautiful message; some of our beliefs may be different, but we are under one God and follow the Golden Rule.
City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto gave a great State of the city Address. There was a screen behind him that gave great statistics and on the table were flyers with all the positive charts and figures. Highlights of

2018: Veteran Memorial Installation at Community Center (It is BEYOND beautiful, one for each branch of service.) Arcadia Logistics Center Tenancy; Community Learning and Technology Center Refurbishment; 2018 Mission Lifeline Gold Award; Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (10th year).
Lazzaretto stated “Public Safety” is our #1 priority. 19,521 fire suppression training hours (Including nighttime training in a 2-story apt.); reduced residential burglaries by 24% compared to 2017; reduced commercial burglaries by 20% compared to 2017; 440 Arcadia HS students participated in CPR training; Arcadia Fire Department received the 2018 Mission: Lifeline Gold Award from the American Heart Association; 160 Neighborhood Watch Captains citywide.
Keynote speaker was former Mayor Jim Helms, an Army Veteran, who still practices law. He was so interesting-spoke of how the Breakfast began first on Good Friday, and how it evolved over the years. He also reminded us that ALL of us are Immigrants- even the Native Americans-I remember teaching students about a great migration over a land bridge where the Bering Strait now is. Helms pointed out “We are ALL Americans foremost...There’s no harm in passing on your heritage to your children... America is unique; no other country has so much diversity in race, religion, and ethnicity.” A truly uplifting message.

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MONROVIA EVALUATING POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE IN 2019 IN AN EFFORT TO COUNTER PLANNED LA COUNTY TAX INCREASES

At Monrovia’s State of the City Address held last week, Mayor Adams announced that the City would be considering a local sales tax measure in Monrovia this year. Now with any proposed tax increase, there’s always the question of why. Because certainly, the overall tax burden in California is high, and government should not unnecessarily impose new taxes without sufficient justification. So to that end, the question of why Monrovia would be considering a sales tax increase is certainly fair and deserves a thorough explanation.
The City is contemplating the possibility of placing a sales tax measure on the ballot in 2019 for voter consideration because of current taxation trends in LA County. Because did you know that today, in LA County, we now have the highest base sales tax rate in California?
Yes, that’s right. At 9.5%, we now have the highest sales tax rate in the State. Higher than in the Silicon Valley. Higher than in San Francisco. Higher than anywhere in California.
And given the high sales tax level we’re currently paying here in LA County, we are in fact pushing up close to the local sales tax limit! Because with LA County’s current base sales tax rate at 9.5%, the vagaries of State law means there is only 0.75% of available sales tax capacity remaining.
You may be asking how we got here in LA County, to a point where we have the highest sales tax rate in the State. The answer is fairly simple – you see, since 2004, LA County has been able to eventually pass EVERY single tax measure that they’ve put forth to county voters. Even when LA County has needed 2/3 voter approval, they get it.
And when LA County passes a sales tax measure, the funding doesn’t come to us here in Monrovia. Instead, we end up paying WAY more than we get back. In fact, on average, we get only 10 cents back of every sales tax dollar we contribute to the County, and there are several instances when we get back even less than that.
Take for example 2017’s Measure H quarter-cent sales tax to fund services and help prevent homelessness. The tax will raise about \$355 million per year across the County, and Monrovia contributes around \$2.6 million per year towards the measure. Despite contributing millions, Monrovia has only received \$30,000 from the County – or about 1% of what we’ve paid into the overall program. And to add salt to the wound, cities that have received tens of millions of dollars from Measure H for homeless services – cities like Santa Monica and Long Beach – have not paid a single penny into the Measure H fund.
Now the reason that cities like Santa Monica and Long Beach don’t pay the Measure H sales tax is because those communities approved measures to keep their funds local and away from LA County. There’s a cap to how much sales tax rates can be raised in any city, and once you reach that cap, LA County

can’t impose any additional sales tax increases, even if the increase is approved across the county.
In fact, across LA County, 19 of the 88 cities have reached the maximum sales tax rate of 10.25%, and another 9 cities have increased their sales tax rate to 10%. Those cities that have reached the 10.25% cap do not pay for additional LA County taxes, but are still able to receive the funds collected. Like in the Measure H homeless tax example noted above, cities like Santa Monica and Long Beach, who had previously reached 10.25%, have access to the new taxes generated, despite not paying a single cent into the fund.
Now given all that information, here’s what the City is concerned about, and here’s why we’re seriously considering a sales tax measure in 2019.
LA County is looking to go back out to the voters to ask for additional sales tax increases in 2020 and 2022. We know that LA County is laying the groundwork for an AQMD sales tax measure, and we’ve also heard that the County is looking at an additional sales tax increase for more money for homeless support services. And based on the County’s track record, it is more than likely that they’ll get both sales tax measures approved.
And if history is any guide, what that means is Monrovia will end up paying a lot, and we’ll only get back around 10% of the amount we contribute.
Unless, that is, we do something in Monrovia to protect our resources and keep our money local.
Monrovia has the opportunity to get ahead of this situation by approving a local sales tax measure. Based on LA County’s track record, it’s only a matter of time before they eat up the last 0.75% of local sales tax capacity remaining. And because that is the case, the question we’ll have to answer as a community isn’t whether or not Monrovia wants to pay more in sales tax.
Instead, the real question we need to address is whether we want to send our money to the County for their use, or if we want to keep those funds here in our City under our own local control.
Here at the City, we are incredibly sensitive to the fact that no one wants to pay more taxes, with the tax burden already being so high here in California. But we also know that LA County is planning these tax increase proposals soon, and the opportunity to keep our money local will not remain an option for too much longer.
Given this set of facts, the City will be exploring the option of putting a sales tax measure on the ballot for our residents to consider in 2019. And during the next few months, we will be working to engage the community as we coordinate multiple outreach initiatives to learn more about this topic and see if a local sales tax measure could be a viable solution for Monrovia.
Throughout the process, you have our commitment that we will be sharing as much information about this matter as we have available.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 27th, through Saturday, February 2nd, the Police Department responded to 912 calls for service, of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.
Sunday, January 27:
Shortly before 2:16 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of First Avenue and Wheeler Street for straddling lanes. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 29-year-old male from Los Angeles was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
At approximately 7:50 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of Santa Cruz Road regarding a residential burglary report. An investigation revealed the suspect smashed a rear window and, when the suspect encountered the sleeping resident, the unknown suspect fled. No loss was reported and no other witnesses were located.
Monday, January 28:
Just after 1:17 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke the front passenger window of the vehicle and stole a small designer bag and cash. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
At approximately 2:12 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of West Pamela Road regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) spray painted graffiti on the victim’s vehicle sometime during the evening of January 26th. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
Tuesday, January 29:
Around 9:45 a.m., the Arcadia Police Department received an outside agency report from Burbank Police Department regarding a fraud incident. The crime occurred at Nordstrom, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, on December 3, 2018. The officer discovered an unknown suspect used the victim’s debit card information to complete a fraudulent purchase for nearly \$800.00. The victim was in possession of her card at the time of the crime. The investigation is ongoing.
Just before 10:45 a.m., an officer responded to 400 South Baldwin Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke the rear passenger window of the vehicle and stole a backpack and credit card. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
Wednesday, January 30:
At about 3:18 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a trespassing report. SART security found the suspect hiding in the bushes. He had previously been arrested for trespassing at the track. The SART security employee searched the suspect and located two glass methamphetamine pipes. The 38-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Pasadena

Police Station for booking.
Shortly after 9:01 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1800 block of Oakwood Avenue regarding an audible alarm activation. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) turned off the power to the home, smashed a rear door window, forcefully removed the alarm system key pads from the wall, and lightly ransacked the home. No loss was reported. The investigation is ongoing.
Thursday, January 31:
At 8:17 a.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s locked vehicle that had been parked somewhere on Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
Around 8:29 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Valencia Way regarding a mail theft report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) pried open the victim’s mail box and stole an unknown amount of mail. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
Friday, February 1:
At about 10:52 a.m., an officer initiated an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Longden Avenue and Sixth Avenue for driving with a paper plate on the vehicle. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana. Through a series of tests and the driver’s admission, the officer determined the 29-year-old male from Johnston, Iowa, was driving under the influence of marijuana. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. He was also charged with driving with expired registration.
Just before 4:42 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred between a boyfriend and girlfriend, and the boyfriend struck and choked the victim. The 50-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim was treated at a nearby urgent care for her injuries.
Saturday, February 2:
Shortly after 9:14 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim stated her passenger window was smashed and the suspect fled with her purse, wallet, and headphones. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
At approximately 6:11 p.m., an officer responded to Hollywood Baby Boutique, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed the male suspect stole more than \$650.00 worth of merchandise before exiting the store, failing to make payment.
The suspect was described as a 35 to 45-year-old male, 6’ tall, approximately 350 pounds, and he was wearing a white shirt with blue sleeveless sweatshirt. The investigation is ongoing.

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 357 service events, resulting in 73 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to crime mapping at <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia>. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Nextdoor.
Threatening January 31 at 11:49 a.m., an unknown male subject entered a business in the 900 block of W. Foothill and tried to make a purchase. The clerk recognized the subject as someone who has previously stolen merchandise from the business. The clerk told him he was not welcome. The subject then threatened the clerk by saying he would return and shoot the place up. At this time the male subject is unknown. Investigation continuing.
Battery/Possession of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested January 31 at 2:27 p.m., a mother reported that her son battered her in the 400 block of E. Lemon. Officers arrived and conducted an investigation. The son was arrested for battery, and during the booking process, was found to be in possession of prescription medication that did not belong to him. Possession of a controlled substance was added to his charges.
Battery February 1 at 8:28 a.m., an officer was dispatched on the report of a battery incident in the 300 block of W. Huntington. A male and female subject were arguing over parking in a business parking lot. The argument continued into a local business and the female swung her fist at the male. The male reacted by punching the female and knocking her down. Officers arrived and completed an investigation. The female subject was taken to a local hospital. A report was completed and sent to the District Attorney’s office. Violation of Court Order/Resisting a Peace Officer – Suspect Arrested February 1 at 10:38 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the area of California and Cypress when he saw a known male subject riding a bicycle. The subject was in violation of a restraining order that prohibits him from being at the location. The officer

confirmed the restraining order and initiated a traffic stop. The subject refused to stop until Cypress and Ivy and was uncooperative with the officer throughout the encounter. He was arrested for violation of the restraining order and resisting an officer. Warrant/ Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested February 1 at 12:08 p.m., an officer was patrolling the 500 block of W. Colorado and saw a female subject commit a vehicle code violation at the intersection of Mayflower and Colorado. A traffic stop was conducted and the subject was found to have a warrant for her arrest. She was also found to be in possession of used syringes. She was arrested and taken into custody.
Grand Theft February 1 at 2:24 p.m., a grand theft was reported in the 600 block of W. Duarte Road. The victim checked on the status of a phone delivery and discovered it was marked delivered to his residence. The victim said he never received the package. He called the delivery service and received conflicting statements as to what happened to his package. Investigation continuing.
Criminal Threats – Suspect Arrested February 1 at 4:58 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of Highland called police to report his brother was intoxicated and had disabled the phone lines to the home. He also made threats inside the residence. Officers arrived and conducted an investigation. The brother was arrested for making criminal threats.
Special Traffic Enforcement On February 1 during school hours, officers conducted special traffic enforcement at several schools. They issued both warnings and citations to drivers violating traffic laws in the school zone areas. Warrant – Suspect Arrested February 1 at 7:42 p.m., a caller reported a male subject climbing out of a donation bin in the 1600 block of S. Myrtle. Officers responded and made contact with the subject. The subject had multiple warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody.

MONROVIA UNIFIED INTERLEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Ten teams from Monrovia Unified will compete in the annual Inter-League Tournament – the last tournament of the season where all teams are guaranteed to compete. Six teams from Monrovia High School, two from Clifton Middle School, and two from Santa Fe Computer Magnet School will participate.
The top-scoring teams, which are based on judged awards or field performance, will advance to the Los Angeles Regional Championships at Monrovia High School March 9. WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 9 Team check-in: 7 a.m. Opening ceremony: 10 a.m. Qualifying matches: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Award ceremony: 5 to 6 p.m. WHERE: Monrovia High School 845 W. Colorado Blvd., Monrovia

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For on-site event information, contact Hannah Flanagan at (909) 929-1271.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

VALENTINE'S WEEK PICKS

First of all, let's agree to disagree: Valentine's Day should be a full week long. A single day is not long enough to fully express one's love. What do you say about having an evening at home with a bottle of bubbly and a candlelight table for dinner? You may wonder why a critic would dare such treason. In all truth, it's an impossible night for restaurants, so let's find three bottles in price ranges you can live with. In the \$10 price range, Ruffino Prosecco has been produced from grapes grown in the hilly area of Valdobbiadene, which is the most historically active region for the production of prosecco. Bright straw yellow with fine bubbles, the bouquet is fragrant and intensely fruity, with clean notes of apples, pears and citrus. I found it crisp, clean, and yet delicate - a perfect wine for the budget-minded lovebird. From the \$20 range, let's go back to Paso Robles for the San Simeon Petite Sirah. I enjoyed this well-bodied wine with a pre-Valentines dinner of lobster thermidor. This wine is not for the "beginner" (nor is cooking lobster thermidor), and brings strong notes of fruit when opened with a well-rewarded and long finish. My \$30-range selection is the Domaine Carneros. My opinion is that this estate-bottled wine gets as close to a "real" French champagne as any California sparkler on your supermarket shelves. This cuvee is 51% chardonnay and 49% pinot noir, with an alcohol content of a modest 12.1%. I got a perfect "pop" upon opening the bottle, which I poured into a lightly chilled flute and watched the bubbles rush to the top. The flavor was a little toasty in the beginning with a clean, long finish. You have my permission to drop a strawberry in your glass for this special occasion.

Honorable Mention:
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KIWANIS SUPPORTS PHS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM



The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, who prides itself on changing the world, One Community, One Child at a time, recently presented to Fred Thomas, coach of the Pasadena High School Girl's Softball Team, a check for the group's uniforms. Pasadena High is the home of students from Sierra Madre, Altadena and Pasadena. Pictured above, left to right, Kiwanian Karen Keegan, PHS Softball Coach Fred Thomas, Kiwanis President Judy Webb-Martin, Kiwanis Treasurer, Jerry Burnett

BURBANK SINGING STAR

This Exciting Annual Charity Singing Contest for Kids will host in-person AUDITIONS February 16 & 17, 2019, from 9am-1pm, at [The Music Junction](#), 323 S. Front Street in Burbank (Callbacks on Feb. 20-21). Alternatively, video auditions are also currently accepted (see below).

Contestants should prepare a 60-sec audition song and please go to www.themusicjunction.com/bss to reserve a time slot. Children ages 5-14 in Southern California are encouraged to attend and showcase their singing talents in front of music professionals.

In-person audition space is limited. VIDEO AUDITIONS also continue to be accepted. (Most viewed video receives an automatic entry into the show!) Please visit www.themusicjunction.com/bss to submit an audition video.

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Event, will feature a Red Carpet and 2 Singing Shows (grouped by ages: 5-10, 11-14), and Outdoor Family Festivities. Contests @ 1pm & 4pm, Outdoor Festivities from 12pm-7pm.

There will be one singing contest for ages 5-10 (1pm) and another for ages 11-14 (4pm) held during the event. Judges will give expert feedback and choose this year's top performers. Past Judges have included executives from Radio Disney and Warner Bros, past finalists and coaches from American Idol, producers on the Grammy's, High School Musical and Hannah Montana albums, Broadway performers, and Billboard Charting Artists.

PRIZES for winners include Piano Keyboards, Guitars, Ukuleles, Singing and Songwriting Lessons, Recording studio sessions, and Headshots.

Burbank Singing Star is an annual event that raises money for local charities. This year's beneficiaries are Music Programs in the Burbank Unified School District and the Kiwanis Club of Burbank, whose mission is to help kids in the local community. The event is produced by the Kiwanis Club of Burbank and The Music Junction music school.

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THE GOOD LIFE

HELPING SENIORS EXTEND THEIR DRIVING YEARS

Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips or resources can you recommend to help elderly seniors extend their driving years? My dad, who's 82, is still a decent driver, but I worry about his safety going forward.

Inquiring Daughter

Dear Inquiring,
With more than 40 million licensed drivers in the U.S. over the age of 65, there are lots of resources available today to help keep older drivers safe and behind the wheel longer. Here are some simple steps you can take to help keep your dad driving safely.

Get his eyes checked: Because about 90 percent of the information necessary to drive is received through our eyes, getting your dad's eyes checked every year to be sure his vision and eyewear is up to par is an important first step.

Check his meds: Does your dad take any medicine or combination of medicines that make him sleepy, light-headed or loopy? If so, make a list of all his medications (prescription and over-the-counter) and dietary supplements, and take it to his doctor or pharmacist for a review. You can also get help with this online at RoadwiseRX.com.

Evaluate his driving: To stay on top of any potential driving issues, you should take a ride with your dad from time-to-time watching for problem areas, such as: Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does he have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does he react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions? For more tips, see the National Caregivers Library driving assessment checklist at SeniorDriverChecklist.org.

If your dad needs a more thorough evaluation, you can turn to a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers. This type of assessment typically costs between \$100 and \$200. To locate a professional in your area, visit AOTA.org/older-driver or ADED.net.

Take a refresher course: AAA and AARP both



have older driver refresher courses that can help your dad tune-up his driving skills, and learn how to adjust for slower reflexes, weaker vision and other age-related changes that affect driving. Taking a class may also earn him a discount on his auto insurance. To locate a class, contact your local AAA (AAA.com), or AARP (AARP.org/drive, 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around \$15 to \$30 and can be taken in the classroom or online.

Another good resource to look into is CarFit. This is a free assessment program that will help your dad adjust his vehicle for a better fit, making it easier and safer to drive. CarFit events are held around the country in select locations. See CarFit.org to look for one near you.

Make some adjustments: Recognizing your dad's driving vulnerabilities and making small changes on when and where he drives can go a long way in helping keep him safe and driving longer. Adjustments may include not driving after dark or during rush hour traffic, avoiding major highways or other busy roads, and not driving in poor weather conditions.

You can find more tips at AAA Senior Driving at SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

And finally, when it gets to the point that your dad's driving isn't safe anymore and he needs to quit, The Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers two helpful resources. Go to TheHartford.com/lifetime - click on "Publications" on the menu bar - and download or order the "At the Crossroads" and/or "We Need to Talk" guides.

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".

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...February Birthdays*

Beatrice DaRe, Cathrine Adde, Hilda Pittman, Anne-Marie Stockdale, Susan Henderson, Allie Attay, Ursula El-Tawansy, Gladys Moser, Sylvia Lorhan, Ana Ptanski, Winifred Swanson, Marian DeMars, Vickie Vernon, Mary Beth Knox, Sharon Lefler. * To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

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: Thursday, 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 Makeupson 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 Brandley. 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.

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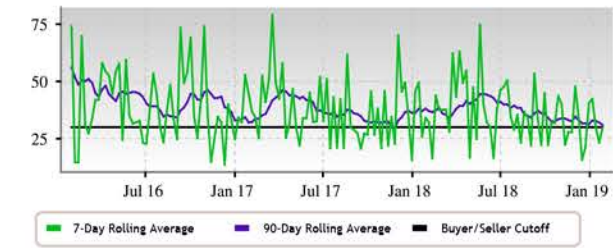
This Week's Market Update // **Sierra Madre**

This Week Median List Price: **\$1,490,000**

Inventory has been decreasing lately but the Market Action Index is falling also. With days-on-market climbing, these are relatively negative implications for the market.

Supply & Demand

The market has not shown strong directional trends in terms of supply and demand. However, inventory is sufficiently low to keep us in the Seller's Market zone and prices have been moving upward as evidence.



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

Price

Price trends continued their recent uptrend this week. While still below the market's price high-point, we've seen a nice run recently.



Quartiles

Characteristics per Quartile											
Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	
Top/First	\$ 2,448,940	3638	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	4.0	0	6	1	0	119	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 1,650,000	3500	0.25 - 0.50 acre	5.0	4.0	0	7	0	0	292	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 1,375,000	2989	0.25 - 0.50 acre	3.0	3.0	0	7	0	0	73	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 789,000	1096	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	2.0	2.0	0	7	1	2	77	Least expensive 25% of properties

Real-Time Market Profile

Median List Price	\$ 1,490,000	↑↑
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 564	↓
Average Days on Market (DOM)	141	↑↑
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	48 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	15 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	7 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	2677	
Median Lot Size	0.25 - 0.50 acre	
Median Number of Bedrooms	4.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	3.0	
Market Action Index Seller's Advantage	31.0	↔↔



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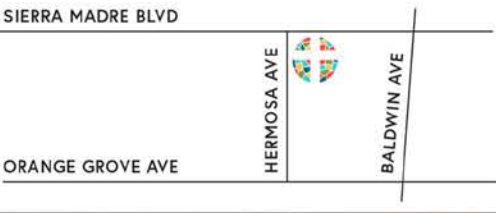
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PASADENA, Calif. (Feb. 7, 2019) – Our doors are open, and you’re invited! Guided tours inside Tournament House, the iconic Southern California landmark, open to the public. Tours will be offered, at no cost, every Thursday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. beginning today, February 7. Tournament of Roses® volunteers from the Heritage Committee, knowledgeable of the organization’s history and details of the house, conduct the tours.

The Rose Bowl Game® room renovation at Tournament House is complete and open to the public for viewing. Highlights include: two new Hall of Fame touch screens, video playback of Rose Bowl Game history, depictions of Offensive and Defensive Player of the Game, a celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the 1919 Rose Bowl Game, the B-2 Flyover and more.

Tournament House serves as the official headquarters of the Pasadena Tournament of

Roses, its staff and the 935 volunteer members who work year-round to organize the annual Rose Parade® presented by Honda and Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual.

Located in Pasadena, the house was once the home of chewing gum mogul William Wrigley Jr. and his wife, Ada. After Ada’s death in 1958, the Wrigley family presented the property to the city of Pasadena, with the request that it become the base of operations for the Tournament of Roses. The Wrigley family enjoyed the Rose Parade as it unfolded just beyond their front yard.

Surrounding Tournament House are the Wrigley Gardens, which feature a floral display of roses, camellias and annuals. The gardens feature the All-America Rose Selections (AARS) award-winning Tournament of Roses rose developed especially for the Tournament of Roses Centennial in 1989.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE AND OPERATION RECLAIM AND REBUILD RESULTS



By Joan Schmidt

At a time when serious crimes are daily reported, it is wonderful to receive some positive news. On January 29, Assistant Sheriff Maria Gutierrez held a press conference at the Hall of Justice announcing results from the fifth annual Operation Reclaim and Rebuild enforcement operation. January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month; more than 90 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and task forces from across California participated in the three-day statewide effort aimed at combating human trafficking from Thursday, January 24-Saturday, January 26. The results were very encouraging.

At the press conference, Assistant Sheriff Gutierrez was joined by executives and representatives from the CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Highway Patrol, the office of CA Senator Ling Ling Chang, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), Contra Costa County Human Trafficking Task Force, Homeland Security Investigations, Journey Out, LA County Dept. of Children and Family Services, LA County DA’s Office, LA County Probation Dept., LASD, LAPD, LA School Police Dept., San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Dept., Saving Innocence, the office of US Senator Diane Feinstein and the US Attorney’s Office.

To prepare for this event, an operational planning meeting had been held prior in LA with 210 federal, state and municipal law enforcement detectives from all over California in attendance. Enforcement

operations would take place wherever human trafficking took place. That included confronting sidewalk prostitution, and challenging the virtual reality of the cyber world where traffickers feel they can remain anonymous by using the internet.

There are specially-trained cyber detectives who posed as vulnerable teenagers and connected with suspects on social media. During a 3-day period, BOT’s exchanged thousands of texts with 75 men seeking to purchase sex and captured their phone numbers!

Victims encountered during enforcement were cared for by personnel from various Dept. of Children and Family Services in each county. In LA County, CAST and Saving Innocence coordinated the emergency services response for victims.

The results of this 3-day operation: 34 adult and 14 minor victims being removed, 156 males arrested for Solicitation, 36 suspected traffickers and exploiters arrested. In total, there were 339 arrests.

Assistant Sheriff Gutierrez’ message to traffickers and solicitors, “Don’t do business in Los Angeles County or the State of California because we will find you and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law. To the Johns: Sex with a minor is nothing short of child molestation and we aim to treat it as such. Buying sex adds to the exploitation of those involved.”

The above results were very heartwarming to me and I thank Deputy Lillian Peck, Sheriff’s Information Bureau for the seven page report I was sent, and was able to convey the above information.

COUNTY SEEKS STATE SUPPORT TO ACCESS FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda L. Solis that urges the State of California to apply for a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver that would expand coverage for inpatient mental health treatment.

“Medicaid is the largest payer of mental health services and expansion of this coverage would be critical to those who are in need of treatment,” said Supervisor Barger. “It is imperative that we use this opportunity to demonstrate that mental health treatment should be a permanent and ongoing priority that is worthy of both federal and state investments.”

Currently, there is a significant gap in Medicaid coverage for low income people that are in need of mental health treatment. This gap in coverage is known as the Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion and has existed in the Medicaid program since its inception.

In 1965, the Social Security Act was amended to establish the federal Medicaid and Medicare programs. The IMD exclusion was built into the foundation of the Medicaid program via these and subsequent amendments to the Social Security Act. The IMD exclusion as amended prohibits states from receiving Medicaid payments for individuals in an IMD that are ages 21-64. The law defines an IMD as a “hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds, that is primarily engaged in

providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services.”

In November 2018, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) announced that for the first time, the federal government would begin to consider state applications for an IMD exclusion waiver. This would provide Medicaid coverage for IMD treatment to those who suffer from a severe mental illness.

“Last week, this board voted unanimously on Supervisor Barger’s previous motion to develop a countywide plan to expand our inpatient and stepdown mental health beds,” said Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director of the Department of Mental Health. “Today’s motion is complementary to our existing efforts, and will allow us to right-size our network of hospital beds to ensure that the right level of care is delivered to those in need – including not just mental health services, but also services for addictions and medical comorbidities.”

The motion directs the Chief Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Department of Health Care Services, and the Los Angeles County State Legislative Delegation urging the state to apply for the 1115 Medicaid waiver to allow for the expansion of Medicaid coverage to the excluded population who are in need of inpatient mental health treatment.

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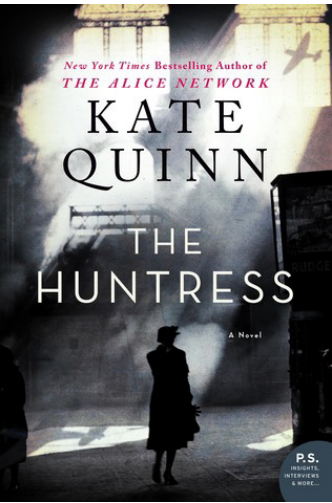
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Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

The Huntress: A Novel by Kate Quinn

From the author of the bestselling novel, *The Alice Network*, comes another fascinating historical novel about a battle-haunted English journalist and a Russian female bomber pilot who join forces to track the Huntress, a Nazi war criminal gone to ground in America. In the aftermath of war, the hunter becomes the hunted... Bold and fearless, Nina Markova always dreamed of flying. When the Nazis attack the Soviet Union, she risks everything to join the legendary Night Witches, an all-female night bomber regiment wreaking havoc on the invading Germans. When she is stranded behind enemy lines, Nina becomes the prey of a lethal Nazi murderer known as the Huntress, and only Nina's bravery and cunning will keep her alive. Transformed by the horrors he witnessed from Omaha Beach to the Nuremberg Trials, British war correspondent Ian Graham has become a Nazi hunter. Yet one target eludes him: a vicious predator known as the Huntress. To find her, the fierce, disciplined investigator joins forces with the only witness to escape the Huntress alive: the brazen, cocksure Nina. But a shared secret could derail their mission unless Ian and Nina force themselves to confront it. Growing up in post-war Boston, seventeen-year-old Jordan McBride is determined to become a photographer. When her long-widowed father unexpectedly comes home with a new fiancée, Jordan is thrilled. But there is something disconcerting about the soft-spoken German widow. Certain that danger is lurking, Jordan begins to delve into her new stepmother's past—only to discover that there are mysteries buried deep in her family . . . secrets that may threaten all Jordan holds dear. In this immersive, heart-wrenching story, Quinn illuminates the consequences of war on individual lives, and the price we pay to seek justice and truth.



encourage women to believe in themselves.” - Publisher’s Weekly (starred review)“I believe we can change the world. But first, we’ve got to stop living in fear of being judged for who we are.” Rachel Hollis has seen it too often: women not living into their full potential. They feel a tugging on their hearts for something more, but they’re afraid of embarrassment, of falling short of perfection, of not being enough. In this book bestselling author and founder of a multimillion-dollar media company, Rachel Hollis sounds a wake-up call. She knows that many women have been taught to define themselves in light of other people—whether as wife, mother, daughter, or employee—instead of learning how to own who they are and what they want. With a challenge to women everywhere to stop talking themselves out of their dreams, Hollis identifies the excuses to let go of, the behaviors to adopt, and the skills to acquire on the path to growth, confidence, and believing in yourself.

What the Wind Knows by Amy Harmon

In an unforgettable love story, a woman’s impossible journey through the ages could change everything...Anne Gallagher grew up enchanted by her grandfather’s stories of Ireland. Heartbroken at his death, she travels to his childhood home to spread his ashes. There, overcome with memories of the man she adored and consumed by a history she never knew, she is pulled into another time. The Ireland of 1921, teetering on the edge of war, is a dangerous place in which to awaken. But there Anne finds herself, hurt, disoriented, and under the care of Dr. Thomas Smith, guardian to a young boy who is oddly familiar. Mistaken for the boy’s long-missing mother, Anne adopts her identity, convinced the woman’s disappearance is connected to her own. As tensions rise, Thomas joins the struggle for Ireland’s independence and Anne is drawn into the conflict beside him. Caught between history and her heart, she must decide whether she’s willing to let go of the life she knew for a love she never thought she’d find. But in the end, is the choice actually hers to make?The 3 reviews are from Amazon.com

Girl, Stop Apologizing: A Shame-Free Plan for Embracing and Achieving Your Goals by Rachel Hollis

Hollis’s writing is beautifully blunt, and she humbly thanks her fans for her success. Her actionable ideas and captivating voice will

All Things

By Jeff Brown

MUCH OF EARTH’S SURFACE OCEAN WILL SHIFT IN COLOR BY END OF 21ST CENTURY

By Paul Scott Anderson in EARTH

A new MIT study shows how changing colors of Earth’s oceans can be used to monitor climate change in the relatively near future. Earth’s oceans are typically blue and green in color. A new MIT study says those colors will be intensified by climate change. Image via NASA Earth Observatory. Earth’s oceans have been measured as warming due to overall climate change. This same warming is having other known effects on Earth’s oceans, including damage to coral reefs. Plus, it’s known that ocean warming is causing the growth and interaction of different species of phytoplankton, commonly known as algae.

The changes in algae are expected to increase as temperatures continue to rise, and – according to the results of a new study. They’ll also have an additional, perhaps surprising, effect: that of altering the colors of Earth’s oceans. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) researchers reported the findings in a new peer-reviewed paper in *Nature Communications*. NASA and the Department of Energy helped support the research. Using a global model that

simulates the growth and interaction patterns of the different phytoplankton species, and also simulating how phytoplankton absorb and reflect light, the researchers found that those changes will affect the ocean itself by intensifying the color of the surface water. The study suggests that more than 50 percent of the ocean water will experience the change in color by the year 2100.Triangular, translucent green microscopic phytoplankton with rods coming from one point.

In the future, scientists will be able to track climate change by looking at how it affects phytoplankton and the resulting changing colors of the oceans. Blue regions, such as the subtropics, will become even more blue, as a result of less phytoplankton – and life in general – in those waters, in contrast to today. Ocean water that is currently greener, such as near the poles, may turn even more green, due to warmer temperatures creating larger blooms of more diverse phytoplankton.

THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual



WANT MORE LOVE? LISTEN UP

February is the shortest month of the year, but it’s also the one that reminds us to love. Valentine’s Day set smack in the middle of the month. Many people think of Valentine’s Day as a Hallmark, commercial creation, but it has an ancient origin from early Roman calendars celebrating marriage and fertility.

Don’t squeeze your notion of love into a tiny box though. Love is far more expansive than just romance. When we think of living a full life, our all of our relationships have to be considered. When Jesus said that the most important commandment was to love.

The most famous chapter in the bible is known as the Love Chapter. In 1st Corinthians 13, in the first line of chapter 14 combined to tell us the whole meaning of life. The writer says, “I may speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but if I am without love, I’m a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. I may have the gift of prophesy and know every hidden truth. I may even have faith strong enough to move mountains, but if I have no love, then none the better. I may dole out all I possess, even give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, I am nothing.”

“Love is patient and kind and envies no one. Love is

never boastful, or conceited or rude. Love is not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs. There is nothing love cannot face. There is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance. In a word, there are three things that last forever, faith, hope, and love. The greatest of them all is love. Put love first.”

Love is everything!

You want to welcome more love to your life, but how? Improving your communication will transform your relationships and your life. This week practice being a good listener.

Give the gift of yourself by listening. People feel deeply loved when they are heard and understood. Listening can be a place of connection. Most of us have not been trained well in listening. We’re often thinking of a response while the other person is talking. This week try to turn up your authentic listening even with the people you think you know best.

This week practice being a good listener and watch more love bloom for you.

Lori Harris is a Life Mastery Consultant and coach. She helps her clients gain clarity and achieve the life transformations they desire in health, relationships, creativity, and vocation. Learn more about her at LoriAHarris.com or on her free app Gratitude Train app, an electronic journal, available in the App Store and Google Play.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



RECLAIM YOUR ROLE AS YOUR CHILD’S PRIMARY INFLUENCE—PART 1

If you haven’t heard of Dr. Gabor Maté, I’d like to introduce you. Maté combines the latest scientific research with his own 20 years of experience as a family physician to empower parents to earn back their children’s love and loyalty if that connection has eroded.

In numerous presentations, interviews, and the book *Hold On To Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers*, Maté explains the causes of this disconnect and describes how parents can reclaim their role as their children’s primary mentors and role models.

Maté posits that the main reason for children’s detachment is due to a growing lack of intimacy in the parent-child relationship. The foundation for parenting is centered around what developmental psychologists call an attachment relationship. An attachment relationship is based on children’s innate desire to connect with and belong to their parents.

This attachment forms the entire context for child rearing, and even the best parenting skills in the world can’t compensate for a lack of such a connection.

“The secret of parenting is not in what a parent does, but rather who the parent is to a child,” says Maté. “When a child seeks contact and closeness with us, we become empowered as a nurturer, a comforter, a guide, a model, a teacher, or a coach.”

A relational, not a behavioral issue

As long as the child desires to stay attached—emotionally connected and close—a deep sense of psychological intimacy will naturally arise. Above all else, this bond sets the stage for the parent to be the primary source of influence over the child’s identity, values, and personality.

“People think parenting comes from their responsibility, strength, and wisdom, but it doesn’t come from that,” says Maté. “It comes from the desire of the child to belong to you.”

Children who lack this connection with their parents or primary caregivers become extremely difficult to raise and even teach. Given this, Maté stresses the fundamental goal for parents is to ensure that their children want to connect and

have a close relationship with them. This does not mean just giving your children whatever they want, but instead giving them what they likely need most—more time and connection with you.

“The starting point and primary goal in all of our connections with children ought to be the relationship itself, not conduct or behavior,” notes Maté.

Kids raising kids

Children will always try to distance themselves from their parents as a natural way of exerting their independence, and parents have traditionally remained their primary source of influence. What’s changed, according to Maté, is that in recent decades, a mix of social, economic, and cultural changes have seriously eroded parents’ ability to remain the chief-orienting influence in their children’s lives.

“Children’s attachments to parents are no longer getting the support required from culture and society,” says Maté. “It’s not a lack of love or parenting know-how, but the erosion of the attachment context that makes our parenting ineffective.”

For a variety of reasons, often centered around economics, many parents are no longer able to provide the level of attention and intimacy needed for the relationship with their kids to remain healthy and strong. And because children have a deep-seated psychological need for such attachment, they seek out another source to fill this void.

“They [children] are not manageable, teachable, or maturing because they no longer take their cues from us,” says Maté. “Instead, children are being brought up by other immature children who cannot possibly guide them to maturity.”

Dire consequences

Maté notes that it’s perfectly normal and healthy for children to have close relationships with their peers. The problem arises when these relationships supersede the ones they have with their parents.

For many children today, peers have replaced parents as the most influential force in creating the core of their personalities. When children look to other children to serve as their role models and mentors, this can have dramatic effects on their psychological development. And as we’ll see in part two, in the worst cases, can destroy the legacy parents want to build and leave for their children.

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JOHN Micek



TRUMP MAKES PREDATORY LENDING GREAT AGAIN

Here's another reminder that, when it comes to the Trump administration, it's more important to watch what the White House does, rather than what it says.

The payday lending industry scored a huge win this when the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau proposed to weaken Obama-administration rules governing an industry that makes

its money by exploiting people in desperate financial straits.

That's pretty much the exact opposite of what the agency was created to do. But, hey, this is Donald Trump's Washington.

Payday loans, sometimes known as paycheck advances, are short-term loans that you have to repay by the time you get your next paycheck. As the online news site Mic.com reports, lenders charge prospective borrowers - who usually can't get a loan anywhere else - a fee plus punitive interest.

Though they offer the lure of quick cash, the loans are really a debt trap.

According to research by The Center for Responsible Lending, the APR offered by some payday lenders can range from a crushing 533 percent to 792 percent.

Those are rates only a loan shark could love.

As The Washington Post reports, under the Obama-era rule, which was to take effect in August, lenders were supposed to make sure that borrowers could afford the loans they're being offered. But as the Post notes, the latest proposals would lift that requirement and delay the rule's implementation until 2020.

The industry had been lobbying officials to get the rule reversed. And when those efforts failed, they got to work on winning over new CFPB boss Kathy Kraninger, a Trump appointee who took office last December, the newspaper reported.

If the Post's reporting is any indication, the effort appears to have worked.

"The bureau will evaluate the comments, weigh the evidence, and then make its decision," Kraninger said in a statement released to the Post.

If this effort pays off, it will be a huge win for payday lenders, who have ridiculously claimed they'd face financial ruin if they're required to actually make sure people can afford the loans they're taking out.

Among the real losers here, ironically, are those MAGA-hat wearing Trump loyalists in Rust Belt states who can least afford to afford the mafia-level interest rates.

Last year, the industry tried to convince Pennsylvania's Republican-controlled House of Representatives to approve a bill that would have opened a massive loophole in the state's very strong safeguards against predatory lending.

The bill would have allowed payday lenders to pose as "loan brokers," which would have allowed them to get around interest rate caps and charge unlimited fees to borrowers.

Among those who would have been hit were the veterans that Trump professes to love so much and vows to protect during his hockey stadium rallies. Active-duty soldiers are already protected from such practices under a federal law that caps interest rates at 36 percent annually.

The loan-broker bill never cleared a critical Pennsylvania House committee. And it died at the end of last year's legislative session. But there's every reason to expect the issue will be re-litigated during the new legislative session that started in January.

And as the recent push at the federal level shows, the industry is tireless when it comes to trying to advance its interests.

That's bad news for consumers, one advocate says.

"The CFPB is proposing to unwind the core part of its payday loan rule - that the lender must reasonably assess a borrower's ability to repay before making a loan," the bureau's former director, Richard Cordray, posted on Twitter this week. "It's a bad move that will hurt the hardest hit consumers. It should be - and will be - subject to a stiff legal challenge."

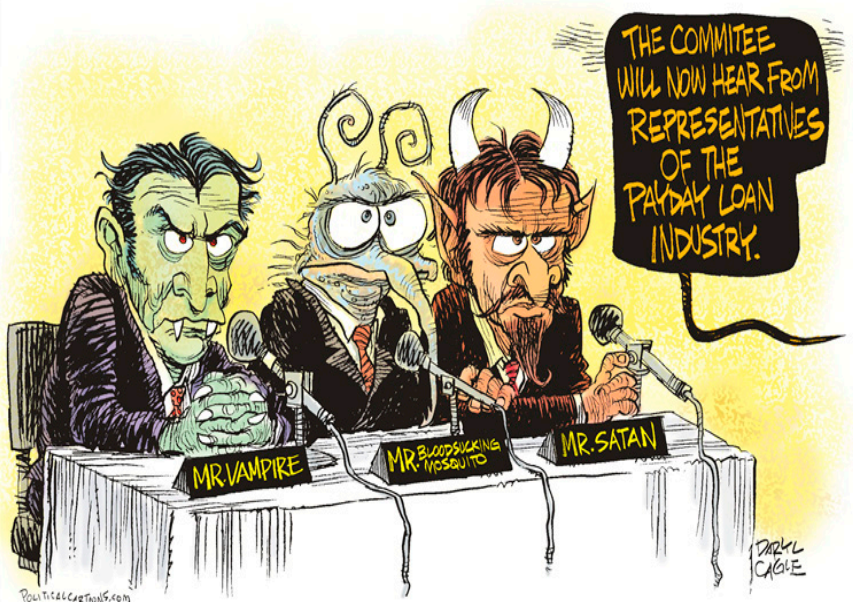
Some in the industry, however, believe the proposed rule change doesn't go far enough, The Post reported. A top executive with one of the industry's largest trade groups, The Community Financial Services Association of America, told The Post the rule should be repealed entirely.

It's eternally easy to get lost in Trump's bluster - to be outraged by his latest bullying Tweet or bald-faced televised falsehoods.

But it's in the nuts-and-bolts of policymaking, in the White House's ongoing efforts to undermine government institutions that the 45th president is doing the most damage.

And, as ever, it's those who are cheering the loudest for him that will end up suffering the most.

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CHRIS CHRISTIE IS DESPERATE FOR ANY PIECE OF THE ACTION

As I soldiered through Chris Christie's spin-memoir "Let Me Finish," I found myself flashing back to September 2011, when he was being widely touted as the GOP's "Next Big Thing." One particular ego-stroking incident at the Reagan Presidential Library must surely be one of his personal favorites.

With the 2012 White House race on the horizon, guest speaker Christie was serenaded by a woman in the audience who tearfully begged him to run for president. When he said he had no plans for 2012, his listeners groaned. They wanted him so badly, they actually groaned.

That incident is not recounted in Christie's book, but in a way it permeates every page of a book that could easily have been subtitled with the closing of a poem by Percy Bysshe Shelley: "I was once Ozymandias, King of Kings / Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair! / Nothing beside remains. Round the decay / Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare / The lone and level sands stretch far away."

Translation: This is a guy who cratered his second gubernatorial term with a 15 percent approval rating, who crashed and burned as a 2016 presidential candidate, who then signed on as toadying manservant to the most notorious con artist in presidential history...and whose new book is basically a desperate plea for any future slice of the action.

You may have noticed last week that Christie touted himself in a whirlwind media tour, damning Trump with faint praise and praising Trump with faint damns. It was obvious what he was doing. I agree with Christie biographer Matt Katz of WNYC, who tells me:

"He did Hannity, Colbert, Morning Joe, Daily Show and NPR... He gave different Christies to everyone, depending on the audience," said Christie biographer Matt Katz of WNYC. "He's trying to look like the adult in the room, and remain a known entity to everyone - the MAGA crowd and MSNBC baby boomers - for yet another attempted comeback in 2020 (if Trump is out) or 2024."

Maybe it's shrewd to defend Trump while selectively knocking Trump, but his naked calculations strike me as mostly pathetic. Christie's book basically argues that Trump is held back from greatness by the grifters, schemers, and charlatans who surround and ill-serve him, and contends that if only Trump had better people in his employ, his "deal-making prowess" would shine through.

The glaring flaw in Christie's argument - the one he never manages to address - is that Trump is surrounded by grifters, schemers and charlatans because they are his hires. Christie never invokes Trump's boastful promise to hire "the best people," and never measures the chasm that separates promise from the performance. He lauds Trump for running the 2016 campaign ("he always made the decisions himself"), but he absolves Trump of all decision-making in the White House, blaming everything on the underlings. In Christie's telling, the buck stops everywhere - with the exception of the Oval Office.

Supposedly, the original sin was committed shortly after the 2016 election, when Christie was fired from his job running the Trump transition. According to the book, Christie had assembled "a first-class lineup" of prospective Cabinet nominees and stellar personnel. But at the apparent behest of princeling Jared Kushner (avenging his dad, whom Christie had prosecuted as a U.S. attorney), all of Christie's transition work went into the trash.

Yet Christie willfully fails to connect the most obvious dots: Trump is surrounded by idiots because he is an inept executive who condones and excuses ineptitude. Christie somehow refuses to blame the guy he still calls "my friend Donald." In fact, Trump has "many of the qualities that have defined America's leaders," even though he fails to enumerate what they are. He describes the Trump administration as a "tragedy," but refuses to blame the tragedian-in-chief.

In truth, the original sin in the Christie saga is that he attached himself to Trump in the first place. Christie writes virtually nothing about candidate Trump's serial lies and demagoguery, and even though he says that Trump "knowingly" lied about him on the trail, he was oh so flattered when Trump phoned him, on the night of the New Hampshire primary, and said, "I so admire and respect you." Within weeks, Christie was out of the race in toady mode, standing mute behind Trump on a stage in Florida: "Standing all alone, it's very difficult to know what to do...I should have known better, and I should have just walked off that stage."

But he still wants to be on that stage, and he'll abase himself in a book if that's what it takes. To borrow an image from "Citizen Kane," that begging woman at the Reagan Presidential Library was his Rosebud sled. He dearly hopes it hasn't gone up the chimney.

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TIME TO EMBRACE CURSIVE HANDWRITING AGAIN

While organizing my home office a few weeks ago, I came across a letter my grandfather wrote back in 1924.

He wrote that eloquent letter to his best friend's wife, consoling her on the loss of her mother. His cursive handwriting was artful - perfect penmanship.

He wrote the letter when he was 21. Since he died at 34, when my father was only 3, it is among the most cherished items I have from a grandfather I never got to meet.

Such is the power of the handwritten letter, an art that has died along with the art of cursive handwriting.

You see, many American schools have phased out lessons in cursive. There is a waning need for it in the modern era, some argue, and the classes take too much time.

Cursive originated centuries ago. It's the result of technological innovations such as inkwells and quill pens made from goose feathers.

Because ink dripped when the quill was lifted from the paper, it made sense to connect letters in words together in one flowing line - and the art of cursive writing began.

Cursive became less necessary with the invention of the ballpoint pen, which does not leak and, technically, does not require cursive writing.

Changing technology, which led to electronic documents completed on computers, has also contributed to less need for handwritten signatures.

As a result, millions of younger Americans have not been taught cursive penmanship. But that's being rethought by no small number of educators.

Fourteen states have passed laws mandating that students become proficient in cursive writing.

Proponents of cursive argue that it must be taught for several practical reasons.

How can someone who can't read cursive read and appreciate a handwritten note from Grandma - or original, historic documents such as the U.S. Constitution?

Proponents also argue that students who take notes using longhand, rather than a keyboard, are more likely to master subjects.

In Psychology Today, William Klemm, Ph.D., a senior professor of neuroscience at Texas A&M University, argues that cursive writing "helps train the brain to integrate visual, and tactile information, and fine motor dexterity... To write legible cursive, fine motor control is needed over the fingers. You have to pay attention and think about what and how you are doing it. You have to practice. Brain imaging studies show that cursive activates areas of the brain that do not participate in keyboarding."

There are other important reasons to carry on the art of cursive handwriting - and the art of the handwritten letter.

When was the last time you received a handwritten letter? The last time you wrote one?

Is there anything more wonderful than opening your mailbox to find an envelope with your name and address, and a friend or family member's name and return address, handwritten on it?

I hate to admit it, but the last time I received such a letter was years ago, when my sisters and I sent our newly retired parents on a trip to Florida. Each day that week, our mother wrote a letter and mailed it to one of us.

She and my father both have impeccable penmanship. Her letters look more like art than a form of communication. My sisters and I spent hours sharing those letters and laughing out loud.

We still have those letters, and they still make us laugh out loud.

That's the power of a letter handwritten in cursive.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JM PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE, 11721 WHEELER AVE, SYLMAR, CA 91342. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE MARIO SANCHEZ RODRIGUEZ, 11721 WHEELER AVE, SYLMAR, CA 91342. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: Jose Mario Sanchez Rodriguez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/10/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019008692
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RED OAK ROOTER, 821 CYPRESS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90065; RED OAK ROOTER PLUMBING, 821 CYPRESS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90065. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADRIAN FRANQUEZ, 821 CYPRESS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90065. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: Adrian Franquez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/10/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019014765
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NORTH

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAY HAGEMU OBAZAWA AKA RAY H. OBAZAWA AKA RAY OBAZAWA

CASE NO. 18STPB11665

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RAY HAGEMU OBAZAWA AKA RAY H. OBAZAWA AKA RAY OBAZAWA. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SUSAN S. BERTEAUX in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN S. BERTEAUX be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take

HOLLYWOOD PARTY RENTALS, 13042 LULL ST, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDMON ARDIJAN, 13042 LULL ST, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: Edmon Ardijan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/17/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019014309
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EMPANADAS BAKERY, 21529 SHERMAN WAY, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICENTA VICTORIANA BAQUIAX MORALES, 21529 SHERMAN WAY, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303; MYNOR MIGUEL MORALES CHUC, 21529 SHERMAN WAY, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. Signed: Vicenta Victoriana Baquias Morales, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/16/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019014302
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TR & KR CONSULTING, 3960 ANASTASIA DR, ENCINO, CA 91516. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIBOR RACZ, 3960 ANASTASIA DR, ENCINO, CA 91516; KRISTINA RACZ, 3960 ANASTASIA DR, ENCINO, CA 91516. This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. Signed: Tibor Racz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/16/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/14/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal

representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing

Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019014146
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVANCE MEDIA SOLUTIONS, 14416 VICTORY BLVD SUITE 205, VAN NUYS, CA 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESUS ALBERTO ACERO, 6242 BECK AVE APT 6, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91606. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: Jesus Alberto Acero, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/16/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/2018. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019013470
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SCALA, 1107 S GLENDORA AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91790; SCALA EVENINGWEAR, 1107 S GLENDORA AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) S C STYLE, LLC, 1107 S GLENDORA AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. Signed: S C Style LLC, Chanda Khanna, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/16/19. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2018. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ED Mountain Views News Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, and 9, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2019015048
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JG WELDING, 14011 GAIN ST, ARIETA, CA 91331. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS GARCIA COMPEAN, 14011 GAIN ST, ARIETA, CA 91331. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: Jose Luis Garcia Compean, Owner. This statement was filed with

or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby give to all parties claiming interest in property: (1) 2007: Toyota Tundra: 32P VIN # 5TFLT52137X007131 must state said interest by March 16, 2019. Replies must be sent to: Po Box 802154, Santa Clarita, CA 91380
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2018303565
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIERRA BUSINESS SERVICES 215 WILSON ST. SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024, Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CAROLE FARRELL, 215 WILSON ST, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CAROLE FARRELL, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/06/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MBPMountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 19, 26, FEB. 02, 09, 2019.

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