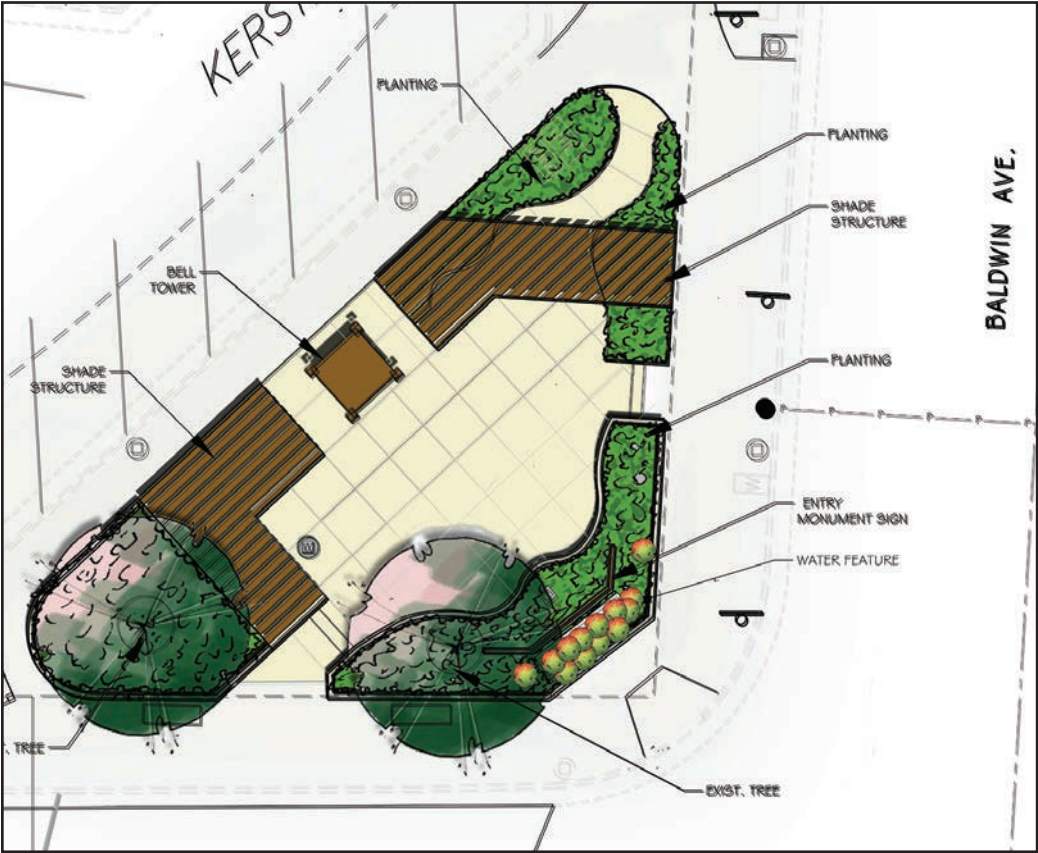


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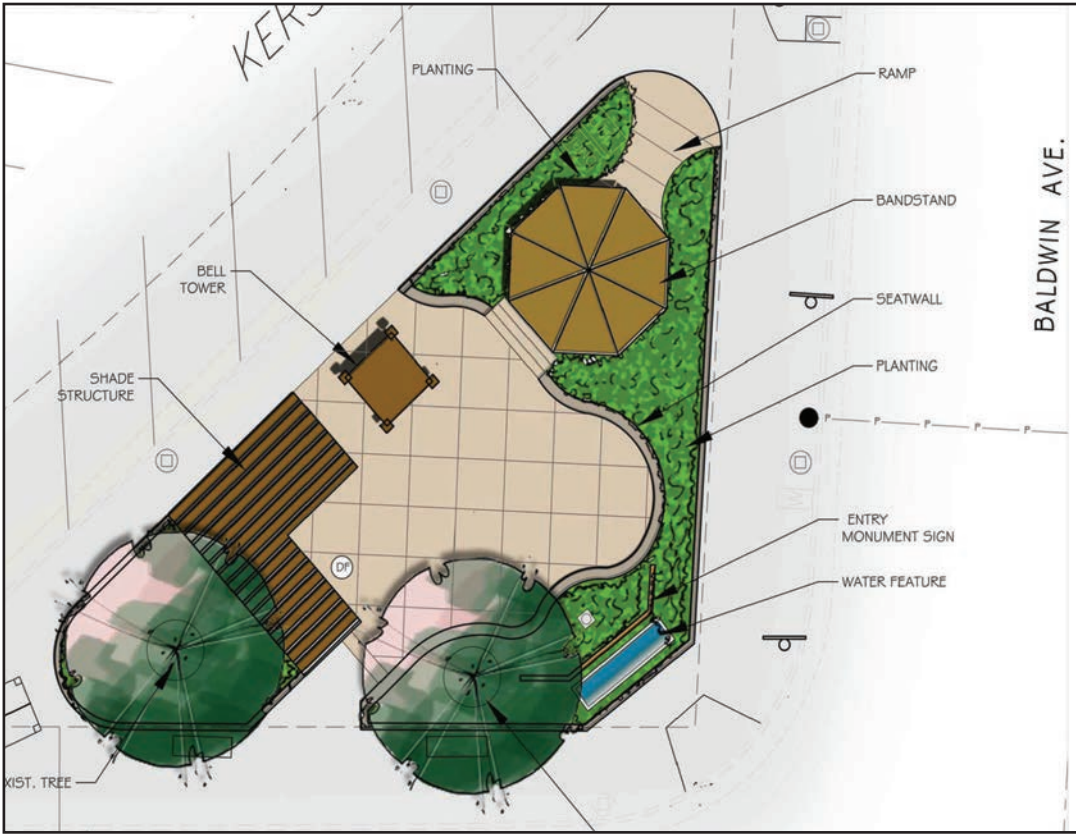
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CONCEPT DRAWINGS OF KERSTING COURT UPGRADE RELEASED



The reconfiguration of Kersting Court has been a topic of discussion for several years in Sierra Madre. It appears that the project is beginning to take steps which will make the area ADA Accessible and enhance the 'Kersting Court Experience'. Below are the two concept drawings which "are the product of brainstorming and discussions between a contracted designer and a focus group of invested community members. The focus group collaborated with City staff and consisted of two Community Service Commission members, two Kersting Court business owners, the President of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, and members of the community at-large that were previously involved with earlier efforts to get the project on line. A number of different concepts were considered, with portions of one concept being layered over other concepts, until the focus group was able to narrow their preferences to the two attached designs", says Public Works Director Chris Cimino.

At the February 25th Community Services Commission meeting, Cimino says, "the two concepts shown were presented to the entire Commission for conceptual input and recommendations before the more detailed and scaled plans are to be presented to the City Council for final consideration. This is a long and involved process, and had a few misstarts in previous years, but is necessary to ensure the final product is something we can all be proud of."



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SIERRA MADRE RANKED 5TH SAFEST CITY IN CALIFORNIA
Sierra Madre Police Present Annual Report

By Kevin McGuire

With safety, efficiency and community-oriented policing at the forefront, Chief Joe Ortiz and the Sierra Madre Police Department have a lot to be proud of as they tally 2018 achievements and set new goals for 2019. Lieutenant Edward Delcours presented the Department's Annual Report to the City Council Tuesday, during their regular bi-weekly meeting. One of the biggest goals of the Police Department in 2018 was the reduction of traffic collisions and traffic-related offenses within the City. The Department increased traffic enforcement, especially in "hotspots" for collisions and traffic violations. There were 38 traffic collisions in 2018, the lowest since the 42 collisions in 2015, and down from a whopping 85 in 2017 (a 72% reduction). One reason for the decrease in collisions is the increase in citations issued in 2018, which totaled 1450, an increase of 613 over 2017. The determination was that most traffic violations occurred in the areas of Baldwin Ave. from Suffolk Ave. to Northeast Highland Ave., and Sierra Madre Blvd. from Mountain Trail Ave., to South Hermosa Ave. Among the greatest accomplishments for the PD and the City, the National Council for Home Safety and Security conducted a study and determined Sierra Madre to be the 5th safest city in all of California. Sierra Madre ranked behind only Hillsborough, Palos Verdes Estates, Imperial and Truckee. There were eight violent crimes reported in Sierra Madre in 2018, and 108 property crimes.

Residential burglaries jumped from 20 in 2017 to 23 last year and vehicle burglaries rose from five in 2017 to 13 last year. There was no clear indication why burglaries were up in 2018. There were 786 investigations in Sierra Madre in 2018, only four of which still remain open.

In addition to increased traffic enforcement, in 2018 the Department added a Homeless Assistance Resource Team which partnered with L.A. County to tackle some of the homeless issues in the surrounding areas. They also added programs in Leadership Training, Tactical Skills, Active Shooter Simulation Training, and a Drug and Alcohol Recognition program.

The Department, led by Chief Joe Ortiz, also stepped up their community outreach initiatives including a stronger presence on social media, neighborhood watch programs, "Coffee with a Cop" and "Cookies with a Cop" programs, and just visiting area businesses and being more engaging in the community. In addition, many police officers participated in events such as the Wistaria Festival, 4th of July Celebrations and the Mount Wilson Trail Run.

The Sierra Madre PD is now fully staffed with 16 full-time officers, four dispatchers, 13 part-time staffers and 16 volunteers. Officers are equipped with the latest video equipment for their vehicles and receive monthly trainings and annual evaluations.

What's new for 2019? Well, goals for the Department include: Becoming a model for other small towns in efficiency and effectiveness, reduce crime and traffic collisions even further and improve efforts in community engagement.

You can see the latest information on the Sierra Madre Police Department on the City website at www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/departments/police_department, on Facebook at facebook.com/sierramadrepolice, and Twitter plus Instagram @SierraMadrePD.

EX-PASADENA POLICE LIEUTENANT SENTENCED

By Dean Lee

Sierra Madre resident and former lieutenant in the Pasadena Police Department was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison Monday for exploiting his status as a police officer to engage in the unlicensed sale of more than 100 firearms and for making a false statement during the purchase of a firearm.

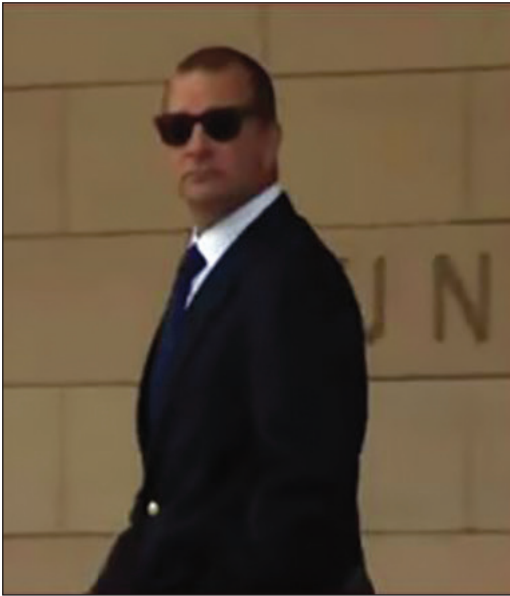
According to the Department of Justice Vasken Kenneth Gourdikian, 50, of Sierra Madre, was sentenced by United States District Judge Stephen V. Wilson, who also ordered Gourdikian to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Judge Wilson said he didn't find credible Gourdikian's claims of being "a hobbyist who got out of control." In imposing the prison sentence, Judge Wilson noted, "This was a way for him to make money."

In September 2018, Gourdikian pleaded guilty to federal charges of engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license and making a false statement during the purchase of a firearm.

Gourdikian engaged in the unlicensed sale of at least 108 firearms between March 2014 and February 2017 and used his official status as a police officer to purchase restricted "off roster" firearms. "Off roster" firearms are firearms that in California are not available for purchase by the general public directly from a licensed federal firearms dealer. While police officers are not prohibited from selling "off roster" firearms to the general public, Gourdikian unlawfully engaged in the business of selling firearms without a license officials said.

In advertisements to sell firearms that he posted to an online firearms marketplace, Gourdikian sought to increase the purchase price and desirability of his firearms by describing them as "off roster," "BNIB" (brand new in box), and "never fired." Gourdikian admitted in his plea agreement that 80 of the 108 firearms were "off roster" firearms he sold in third-party transactions to non-law enforcement customers. Had Gourdikian possessed a federal firearms



license, he would have been unable to sell nearly 75 percent of the 108 firearms he admitted to selling because California law prohibits federal firearms licensees from selling "off roster" firearms to non-law enforcement buyers, court papers state.

Gourdikian also abused his law enforcement position in other ways to benefit his gun-selling scheme. He admitted to circumventing the usual 10-day waiting period required for firearms purchases by using his position as police officer to bypass this state law. Because California law also exempts law enforcement from a general rule that prohibits the purchase of more than one firearm within a 30-day period, Gourdikian often purchased multiple firearms in a single transaction as a means of restocking his sales inventory. Gourdikian re-sold 79 firearms within six days after he purchased them, according to the government's sentencing memorandum they said.

Highlighting the danger of Gourdikian's conduct, court filings also described how, in 2016, one of the firearms that Gourdikian purchased was recovered by local police at the site of a narcotics investigation.

The matter was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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The season of Lent lasts approximately 46 days, including Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Since its founding in 1885, Ascension and other churches in the Sierra Madre community have gathered to observe the weeks prior to Easter as a special time for prayer and meditation about their Christian discipleship. Lent officially starts with Ash Wednesday, a day of penitence and reflection. At Ascension, Ash Wednesday Mass and Imposition of Ashes will be held on March 6, 2019 at 7:00 am, Noon, and 6:00 pm. All are welcome. Ash Wednesday Services - March 6 Mass & Imposition of Ashes 7am, Noon, & 6pm

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Fri	Cloudy	Hi	60s	Lows	50s

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 12, 2019 AT 6:30PM
MARCH 26, 2019 AT 6:30PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 7TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
MARCH 21ST, 2019 AT 7:00PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

MARCH 18TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

MARCH 7TH, 2019 AT 3:00PM

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 27TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

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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KATIE Tse.....*This and That* “LEAVE IT IN THE LOUNGE”

Do you go to work? If so, you probably have a break room. I work at a school, and at school we call it the “teachers’ lounge.” I don’t know why. The only time I ever see teachers lounging around is at Happy Hour, and even then it takes them a while to decompress.

The lounge is a great place. It’d be even greater if they’d fix the soda machine that’s been broken since the beginning of the school year, but that’s beside the point. The lounge is great for chatting and enjoying a meal together, albeit a hurried one. It’s also a great place for dumping unwanted food and other items.

I was surprised our program directors didn’t know about this useful feature on campus. I was in her office after Halloween, her table laden with a big candy bowl brimming with her kids’ leftover trick-or-treat stash. She has a dread fear of dental problems, and only lets them have one piece of candy annually. I’m not kidding.

Anyway, she was bemoaning the fact that it always takes her forever to get rid of the stuff. People don’t always grab a handful when they come in.

“Um... Why don’t you just leave it in the lounge?” I asked her. “It’ll be gone in a second.”

She laughed, so I don’t think she took my advice seriously. I bet she still has tootsie rolls and gum drops from October 31st in there right now.

Yup, the lounge is great for stuff like that. But there are some things you just can’t leave there.

I was at my parents’ the other day when my mom came out with a big box of make up. My cosmetics consist of two items --eyeliner and powder. That’s all I have the patience or energy for.

She asked me if I wanted any and I declined.

“Why don’t you take it to your school then?” she asked. “You can leave it in the teachers’ lounge.”

I had just taken a crate of gum she ordered but had to stop chewing because it was hurting her jaw.

I told her my coworkers were fine with unopened packs of gum, but that I drew the line at personal toiletries. I mean, I guess I wouldn’t mind leaving them there to see what happened. But I wouldn’t want anyone seeing me do that. I have to work with these people, after all. That, and I read a story on Daily Mail about a girl who contracted some rare flesh eating disease from sharing a compact powder with a friend. I wouldn’t wish that on any of the staff.

Other things you can’t leave in the lounge include gifts from your coworkers. That’s just a given. Although at times it’s a tempting idea. Especially at Christmas. All the junk food we circulate as gifts is already conveniently on campus. It would be so easy to just unload it all in the lounge before we even make it to our cars. But that wouldn’t be nice to the people who gave it to us. I’m sure they put a lot of thought into those Russell Stover chocolates and dollar store mugs stuffed with Hershey’s kisses.

Not to imply that I never eat stuff people give me. I’m ashamed to admit to polishing off a whole Popcornopolis cone. Singlehandedly. In one sitting. (Look it up, if you don’t know what Popcornopolis is. Temptation in a bag.) Don’t even want to think of how fast that would’ve gone if it had hit the tables in the lounge...



WALKING SIERRA MADRE by Deanne Davis

BETTY CROCKER AND APPLE CAKE

“We came from Bethlehem, Georgia bearing Betty Crocker cake mixes into the jungle.”

Barbara Kingsolver

“And above all, think chocolate.” Betty Crocker

“Inside every Betty Cocker is a woman who is still channeling her inner Spice Girl.”

“Stressed spelled backwards is desserts.”

Remember when people cooked things simply because they would taste good? Nobody ate kale or quinoa; salad was a token small plate of iceberg lettuce inundated with 1000 Island. We all owned a Betty Crocker cookbook and that’s where we went when we wanted to know what to do with a package of chicken parts. Now Betty Crocker has joined the internet age and if you simply type “Betty Crocker Recipes” in your Google Search Engine, you will find:

- Betty Crocker Cookbook App – BettyCrocker.com – which promises you 15,000 new tried-and-true recipes and cooking techniques...
- Betty’s Slow-Cooker Showcase – where we can tweek recipes to fit our needs and lifestyle.
- 2435 Best Betty Cocker Recipes/Christmas Baking

Back in the ‘50’s, television showed us what wives should look like: June Cleaver on Leave It To Beaver, wearing a nice dress, frilly apron, pearls and heels all day every day. Or Donna Reed, again, a really nice dress, frilly apron, pearls and heels. The children were sweet and only occasionally annoying. The husbands went off to work every day in a suit, tie, dress shirt, and wingtip shoes and made enough money to keep them all happy in a beautiful two story house where we occasionally saw June or Donna vacuuming. They mostly made cookies.

At that time, the Betty Crocker Cookbook contained recipes like Chicken Cream Pie or Noodles with Browned Crumbs, Macaroni with Fried Tomatoes, Ham and Egg Pie. Seriously? All these recipes were loaded with cream, butter and very few vegetables. We’re much more aware of the dangers of food now. We eschew butter and cream but we’re chubbier than ever before.

My mother had one and I remember being about 9 years old and making a cake to surprise her, which I certainly did. The directions called for lining the cake pans with waxed paper. Not realizing what that really meant was to cut out a circle of waxed paper to put in the bottom of the cake pan, I just tore off big pieces, made it fit the best I could, poured in the batter and put it in the stove. Luckily, I didn’t burn the house down. The waxed paper burned and scorched and made a dandy mess in the oven. I removed my cakes at the appointed hour then had to peel off all this

burnt waxed paper, most of which landed on the floor. As I recall, the cake was pretty good and my mother wasn’t too furious at the little pieces of burnt waxed paper all over the floor. When one is 9 and has good intentions, they don’t always turn out quite as one plans.

The description of Betty Crocker’s Picture Cook Book says, “It’s the kind of cookbook that mothers hand down to their daughters, the kind of cookbook that people look for and snatch up at yard sales, no matter how dog-earned and worn the pages.” It also says, “Maybe the first cake you ever baked with your mom was Betty’s unforgettable Chocolate Joy Cake.” Or the first one you ever baked without her. My favorite cake is Apple Cake, which is so quick and easy to make it’s practically painless and everyone loves it. People never get tired of it and the nice thing about it is that it’s just yummy for a dessert, for a snack, for breakfast and, with all that fruit and nuts in it, you don’t feel too incredibly sinful eating it till it’s gone. This is a great “do ahead” cake that looks nice served in squares on a pretty plate.

2 cups Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut in good sized chunks

1 cup sugar

Place apples in a bowl and add sugar. Let stand 30 min. (That part is really important!)

Add:

1/4 cup oil

1 egg beaten

1 tsp vanilla

Blend well.

Combine:

1 cup unsifted flour

1 generous tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. soda

1/4 tsp. salt

Stir into apple mixture.

Add 1/2 cup or so chopped pecans or walnuts and/or dried cranberries

Put into well-greased 8” square pan.

Bake at 350 degrees, 45 to 50 minutes till cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean.

I just leave it in the pan till I’m ready to serve it, then cut it in squares and, if you want, dust with powdered sugar but that’s sort of gilding the lily. Best served warm, and, it doubles and triples beautifully. Ice cream is nice with it, too.

Betty Crocker would definitely approve.

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

February 17 to February 24, 2019

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 282 day and night time calls for service.

Thursday, February 21

Officers contacted a man walking in the roadway after receiving multiple calls for service in the area of Canyon Crest Dr. and Orange Dr. at about 11:30PM. The man apparently had mental health issues and was not able to provide basic information. Officers determined the man was unable to care for himself and was placed on a 72 hour hold at a local hospital. 11:30PM

Officers responded to the 600 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. to take a report from a resident that her vehicle had been tampered with. An unknown person(s) re-

moved the passenger side mirror and left the location. Case to Detectives for follow up

Saturday, February 23

A resident in the 00 block of N. Lima St. came to the station’s lobby to report that a 24” Mongoose bicycle, purple in color, was taken from his front yard sometime between 2/22/19 at about 7:00PM and 2/23/19 at 8:00AM. The suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction. Case to Detectives

NOTE:

During this time period, there were several traffic stops for vehicle violations that resulted in arrests for driving with a suspended license.

Please be aware of the current status of your California Drivers License.

HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY

On your marks....GET SET.....FISH! Sign-ups will begin Monday, February 25th at 7:30am in City Hall for the Huck Finn Campout and Fishing Derby! Signed waivers are required for this event.

The waivers are available on the City of Sierra Madre website at www.cityofsierramadre.com or at City Hall and the Library. Come early and get the site you want to so you can be camping where you prefer on Friday, March 29th and fishing in your favorite spot on Saturday, March 30th.

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SQUIRREL SIMPLICITY

The weather in Sierra Madre this past week was absolutely gorgeous. With on-again-off-again sprinkles and radiant rays of sunshine in-between, it was, indeed a dog-walker's dream! The trees and flowers are budding and blooming in brilliant colors, and there are countless squirrels scampering about, jumping from one tree top to another nearly everywhere you look.

Nature is taking it's course in such a gracious way these days, and I am pleased to say that I have experienced a renewed awareness and appreciation for my surroundings. Let me put it to you this way; right now it would be a tough task for me to find a reason to complain, and - after all - who wants to hear it anyway?

One of the things that inspired me in a relatively epic way last week, was observing a couple of squirrels chasing each other over the branches of the avocado tree in my front yard. I actually see squirrels every day, running to and fro over the massive tree canopies and gallantly scaling the power lines in our community and I always enjoy watching them. But I must confess there are times when I get so used to seeing them, I take them rather for granted.

For whatever reason, the two squirrels I saw scurrying about in my front yard the other day reminded me of how fortunate I am and how good my life really is. Those squirrels were having a great time. It was as though there was a party going on in that tree, that only they had been invited to. They were somewhat startled when I emerged from the back yard gate, and approached their "playground", but I stood very still and quiet for a moment and soon they resumed their raucous routine of frolicking, chattering and flicking their big bushy tails.

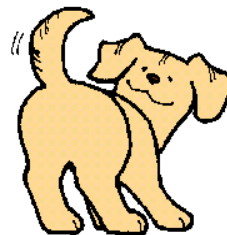
As I stood there spying like some kind of voyeur, I thought to myself, "These little guys get it". Slowly but surely, I moved closer and eventually sat beneath the tree, watching those cute critters balance and bounce on the boughs above me with nimble frivolity. Before I knew it, I noticed I had a tear running down my cheek. I couldn't quite figure out why I was crying, until I realized how long it had been since I had spent time just sitting quiet and still, observing the activity of nature 'doing its thing' around me.

Most days I seem to be constantly telling myself to "keep moving", and "get things done", but there is always more to do. As I attempt to stay mobile and caught up on the treadmill of life, I often end up frustrated, ultimately forfeiting the freedom of celebrating simply being alive. What good is that? It is a human way of living, and it is my way of asphyxiating on repetitive tasks that may or may not really matter in the big scheme of things.

That is certainly not the way a squirrel lives life. How can I let myself stress out over the small things when I am in full control of my own schedule, I shop at a grocery store where

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



my food is delivered for me, I don't even have to take part in the pre-requisite farming, planting,

slaughtering and packaging process that goes into what keeps me alive. As a human, I have more advantages than any other creature on earth, yet I often choose to fret and worry in lieu of living relaxed and contentedly, the way squirrels do.

The squirrel must forage for his own food, and when he is not foraging or hiding his bounty away for a later season, he is protecting the nest that he had to build himself, out of sticks and leaves. The squirrel must be vigilant in his mission to keep his nest safe from - not only predators - but nature's elements such as heavy rains and strong winds. Yet, somehow the squirrel still finds time to celebrate life. Unlike us humans, the squirrel keeps it simple.

As a missionary, my dad held numerous speaking engagements throughout the southeast region of the US and as the youngest of 7 children, I got to travel with him while my older siblings were in school or working. I remember him using an acronym to make a point in many of his presentations; it was K.I.S.S., which stood for "Keep it simple, stupid!" It may seem less-than-conventional, in terms of semantics for a missionary's speech, but the principle rings clear and true. That silly sounding acronym somehow came to mind during my epiphany beneath tree last week, and it was a very humbling moment for me.

I believe that God speaks to us through all of His creatures, and boy did He ever deliver a message to me through those fun-loving squirrels. We all have responsibilities and commitments to keep, and it can be overwhelming at times, but it is so important that we take the time to sit and be silent, and enjoy the therapeutic virtues of God's creation. Love and let live.

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Meeko is a petite tan and white Chihuahua boy who was transferred to San Gabriel from an LA City shelter. Meeko enjoys sitting on a lap and having his back scratched. If you stop, he will gently paw you saying "pet me some more - I like it!" Meeko is a charming little dog who needs a loving home with a patient person who will let him take the time to adjust to a new life. He is 1-year-old.

Come and meet Meeko soon to see if he is a good match for you. His adoption fee is \$130, which includes neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information.

He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel which is located off San Gabriel Blvd, north of Mission and south of Las Tunas Drive. To arrange a 'Meet and Greet', please stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Website: www.sgvhumane.org.



CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!



DARLING "DIVA"!

Here's a beautiful senior, age 12. Her name is DIVA! Just look at this gorgeous girl! Yes, she's a diva, but in a good way. She's very friendly with humans, and loves to be petted, but she would prefer to be your one and only kitty! She had a home and was well loved, but, sadly, her owner passed away.



Diva is now residing at Whiskers to Tails Cat Hospital in Pasadena, where you can call to make an appointment to meet this sweetie. A torbie is a mix of tortoiseshell and tabby. Diva has a good many years ahead, and she'd love to live them in the comfort of a loving, forever home. Call 626-795-4134. More pix of her on our website's Seniors page. See DIVA'S video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QEmoHTxjU>

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Pharmacy Owner Sentenced In Health Care Scheme

A Pasadena pharmacy owner was sentenced to 48 months in prison Monday for her role in a Medicare fraud scheme involving more than \$1.5 million in fraudulent claims for prescription drugs.

According to the Department of Justice, Tamar Tatarian, 39, of Pasadena, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John F. Walter of the Central District of California, who also ordered Tatarian to pay \$1,537,710 in restitution to Medicare. On Dec. 14, 2018, Tatarian was convicted of one count of health care fraud and two counts of wire fraud following a four-day jury trial.

Tatarian was an owner of Akhtamar Pharmacy in Pasadena. According to evidence presented at trial and sentencing, from approximately October 2015 through June 2018, Tatarian engaged in a scheme involving the submission of fraudulent claims to Medicare Part D plan sponsors for prescription drugs that Akhtamar Pharmacy never ordered from wholesalers, and thus never dispensed to Medicare beneficiaries. Tatarian attempted to conceal the fraud through the creation of fake invoices, reflecting wholesale drug purchases by Akhtamar Pharmacy which had, in fact, never taken place, the evidence showed. As a result of this scheme, Tatarian, through Akhtamar Pharmacy, submitted claims to Medicare for more than \$1.5 million in prescription drugs that she never purchased or dispensed to patients, the evidence showed.

The case was investigated by the FBI and HHS-OIG. Trial Attorney Alexis Gregorian and Assistant Chief A. Brendan Stewart of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section are prosecuting the case.

Pet of the Week



Bobo, the sweet blind Pit Bull, is seeking a seeing-eye human soulmate. Must love dogs and have lots of patience to show him around and orient to his surroundings. Someone with a soothing voice to reassure him that he's safe and help him feel confident. Bobo is blind and hesitant at first, but with a little help he can figure it out and resume his dog duties. This 3-year-old boy loves affection from all of his staff and volunteer friends, enjoys laying on his doggy bed, and loves filling his tummy with yummy dog treats.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$140. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new home.

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

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

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



Norma Coombs Celebrates Opening

Norma Coombs Elementary Celebrates Opening

Students, staff, and families of Norma Coombs Elementary School celebrated Wednesday the grand opening of two new buildings and other campus improvements. A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the occasion. Also at the event were Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education President Larry Torres, Board Member Roy Boulghourjian, City Councilman Gene Masuda and other officials.

“The renovations at Norma Coombs Elementary build on the school's proud history of excellence and provide students with an enhanced 21st century learning experience,” said Superintendent Brian McDonald. “Our district's building program supports academics and demonstrates our commitment to creating positive learning environments for all students.”

The campus improvements consist of two new buildings that house classrooms, administration offices, a science laboratory, and a music classroom. A new entry and parking lot welcome students and visitors. Other renovations include the replacement of a boiler and chiller, which lower energy consumption; fire alarms and security features; a new kiln room for the school's signature ceramics program; and additional green space. Working with the City of Pasadena, a crosswalk was

relocated. The project won a special award for worker safety during construction.

“The new buildings and renovations are a dream come true for our school community. By providing this beautiful environment with all the modern elements, it lets our students and staff know we value them!” said Principal Dr. Jennifer Smith. “The renovations promote teaching and learning, and provide spaces where our richly diverse and talented students can develop into the leaders of tomorrow.”

Norma Coombs Elementary School serves 385 students in pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, and is dedicated to developing each child's gifts. The principal, teachers, and staff have worked hard to establish an environment of academic excellence that challenges and engages all students. The Norma Coombs school community appreciates the importance of providing a well-rounded and balanced education rooted in academics that also develops and exposes students to a wide range of experiences. The school has implemented the “Leader in Me” program that develops and empowers students with the leadership and life-skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. For decades, the school has offered a ceramics program that builds students' motor-skills, allows for self-expression, and promotes application of vital 21st century skills, problem solving skills, and

collaboration.

The \$7 million project was funded by Measure TT, a bond initiative approved by voters in 2008 for construction and modernization of PUSD schools. Measure TT bond funds are targeted for capital improvements and are separate from district operating expenses. For more information on Measure TT, visit measurett.org.

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Judy Chu on Gun Violence

For the first time in 25 years, the House of Representatives voted Wednesday on a major piece of gun violence legislation and passed H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019. This legislation expands background checks to cover all sales, closing the “gun show loophole” that allowed private dealers to sell guns without a background check. Rep. Judy Chu issued the following statement:

“Last year, our country averaged one mass shooting per month. And the attacks in Parkland and at the Tree of Life Synagogue were among the worse in our country's history. But each time, the Republicans in Congress responded with moments of silence followed by months of inaction, proposing that we turn schools into fortresses instead of acting to rein in gun violence. But students should be practicing math and reading, not how to hide from an active shooter.

“That is why I am so pleased that today, we finally put an end to over two decades of inaction and passed legislation to require background checks for all gun purchases. This is common sense. We know that lives can be saved by keeping the most dangerous weapons out of the most dangerous hands. And that's what this bill does.

“Following mass shootings in the past, Donald Trump has expressed support for doing this exact same thing and so I am disappointed that he has backtracked on that to opposed this bill in order to stand with gun manufacturers.”

St. Patrick's Luncheon and Dance

Shamrocks, leprechauns and pots of gold will be in abundance Saturday, March 16, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Scott Pavilion at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Food will be served by National Charity League San Marino Chapter mothers and daughters.

The Great American Swing Band will perform musical favorites for listening pleasure and dancing.

The cost is only \$10 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$12 for non-members of all ages. Reservations may be made at the Welcome Desk no later than Thursday, March 14.

For more information about the programs and services of the Pasadena Senior Center visit: pasadenaseniiorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

City to Celebrate 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

Pasadena city Councilmember Margaret McAustin is spearheading a committee comprised of City representatives, in collaboration with the Commission on the Status of Women, to recognize the centennial passage of the 19th Amendment which guarantees equal voting rights to American women.

Passed by Congress in 1919 and ratified in 1920, the 19th Amendment was achieved after decades of protest and struggle to ban discrimination. The City of Pasadena's celebration of this landmark victory for women will kick off in March 2019, joining other efforts throughout the city commemorating Women's History Month. The committee hopes to build momentum in 2019, culminating with a wide variety of events in 2020.

The City is calling on both women and men to join in the national celebration and take pride in the 19th Amendment's passing and its impact on our country. The goal is to highlight women's accomplishments over the years in various fields, including government, science, literature, and the arts. Other community partners include Vision 2020; Pasadena Museum of History; Pasadena Unified School District; One City, One Story; Tournament of Roses; and others yet to be announced.

“We want to collaborate with city stakeholders to not only reflect on the past 100 years and the changemakers who broke barriers but also to remind ourselves that there is



still much work to be done to achieve full equality for women and girls in this country,” said Councilmember McAustin.

As part of the kick off, the City will unveil a commemorative logo at the March 4 City Council meeting. The logo was designed by Sonia P. Rodriguez, a graphic artist with the City's print shop, in coordination with Councilmember McAustin and committee members. The logo's colors have both historical and symbolic significance, paying homage to the women's suffrage movement. The Suffragist, Vol. 1 No. 4, published on December 6, 1913, describes the symbolism of the colors. “Purple is the color of loyalty, constancy to purpose, unswerving steadfastness to a cause. White, the emblem of purity, symbolizes the quality of our purpose; and gold, the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose, pure and unswerving. The City's signature rose is also proudly highlighted in the logo.

A list of local programs and events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote is forthcoming and will be posted on the City of Pasadena's website: cityofpasadena.net.

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.

Tax Time – Wednesdays and Fridays through April 12 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Representatives from the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program will assist low- to middle-income filers in preparing their federal income tax returns. There is no age limit. Appointments are required: 626-795-4331.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, 8, 15 and 22, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. March 8: “The Old Man & the Gun” (2018, PG-13) starring Robert Redford and Casey Affleck. A lifelong bank robber escapes from San Quentin at the age of 70 and goes back to robbing banks again with a detective in hot pursuit. The film is based on true events. March 15: “The Wife” (2018, R) starring Glenn Close and Jonathan Pryce. A man with an acclaimed and prolific body of work is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature when he must confront the fact that he and his wife, after 40 years of marriage, have shared compromises, secrets and betrayals. March 22: “Sinbad the Sailor” (1947, NR) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Maureen O'Hara. An ocean of adventure awaits Sinbad as he sets out in search of the fabled lost treasure of Alexander the Great.

Mardi Gras Celebration – Tuesday, March 5, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. In celebration of Mardi Gras, come to the Pasadena Senior Center coffee bar for free coffee and treats, and enjoy New Orleans-style music spun by DJ Joe in the Lounge. Feel free to wear your brightest Carnival attire. Screening

Mimis Film Discussion Group – Tuesdays, March 5 and 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. Popcorn will be provided. March 5: “Across the Universe” (2007, PG-13) starring Evan Rachel Wood and Jim Sturgess. The music of The Beatles and the Vietnam War era form the backdrop for a romance between an upper-class American girl and a low-income Liverpoolian artist. March 19: “The Italian Job” (1969, G) starring Michael Caine and Noël Coward. A team of some of England's most

notorious criminals devises an intricate plan to hijack gold bullion from Italy.

Sages and Seekers – Tuesdays, March 5 to April 30, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. In tribal cultures, elders have a vital role as keepers of memories and wisdom, and younger members learn from them. Sages and Seekers is an intergenerational program that brings together teens and older adults to share experiences. On a one-on-one basis, sages describe highlights of their lives and what they have learned from their experiences, and seekers weave that knowledge into essays honoring the sages.

Elder Care, Medi-Cal and Veterans Benefits – Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m. Learn about challenges associated with elder care, Medi-Cal and veterans benefits, how to qualify and how to develop a plan for using these services. Presented by Carlos Arcos, attorney at law.

Legal Consultations – Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m. Legal advice will be provided about conservatorship, wills and trusts, estate planning and/or durable power of attorney. Appointments are required: (626) 795-4331.

Cultural Thursday: “Ramona” – Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m. The 1928 silent film “Ramona” starring Dolores Del Rio and Warner Baxter was thought to be lost for 70 years until a print was discovered in 2010 at the Národní Filmový Archiv in Prague and restored by the Library of Congress. It tells the story of a mixed-race (native and Scots) girl in early California who is raised by a Mexican family and suffers racial discrimination. The screening is a companion to the Feb. 26 Master's Series presentation “Saving Hollywood's Lost Treasures” (www.bit.ly/lys3Swh) at the Pasadena Senior Center. Participation in The Masters Series is not a requirement for attending the screening.

Diabetes Workshop – Mondays, March 11 to April 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. If you or someone you care about is diabetic or pre-diabetic, this series encourage you to make lifestyle changes while learning more about your diabetes and how it affects your health. Registration is required: 626-685-6732. For more information visit: pasadenaseniiorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

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

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ARCADIA HOSTS SENATOR SUSAN RUBIO

By Joan Schmidt

This past Saturday, the City of Arcadia hosted a Community Meeting with newly-elected Senator Susan Rubio. Mayor Pro tem April Verlatto welcomed the Senator. Terrence Williams, Linda Sells and I represented the Town Council.

In early 2017, we met Susan's older sister, Blanca newly elected to the 48th State Assembly at the City of Duarte's "Meet and Greet". Rubio blew everyone away including City Officials-Tzeitel Paras, John Fasana, Liz Reilly, and Margaret Finlay- with her enthusiasm, knowledge, and a desire to work for her constituents. She was not a politician; every bill was researched, and she would not commit her vote unless it benefitted the majority.

Younger sister Senator Susan is very similar. Both were born in Juarez, Mexico. Their hardworking parents came to the US for work; their father, Sabino, in the Bracero program, worked on bridges along the border, but the Program ended, and the family deported to Mexico. They returned

legally (youngest sister Sylvia was born in El Paso, Texas.) In spite of discouragement from High School teachers, both received degrees at Azusa Pacific University and are credentialed teachers. Blanca served on the Baldwin Park School Board to improve education in her City, and Susan on the Baldwin Park City Council.

When Linda and I arrived at the Community Meeting, we were warmly welcomed by the Senator's staff, Giselle Sorial and Edward Barrera. There was a table with so many informative flyers: "How a Bill Becomes Law in California", "Fire Prepare and Prevent", "County Veterans Service Officer", "Landmarks of California Coloring Book" and more. As a retired teacher, I was grateful for the informative government handouts for children, besides adult material.

The Senator gave so much information; I will try to cover as much as I can. She gave her background first. Then she spoke about the Governor's work- focus on additional education funding, more lower cost housing grants for local governments, increase paid family leave, reduce prescription drugs cost, focus on emergency

preparedness and more funding for CA Fire-Responders also need medical and psychological services.

When questioned about water issues, the Senator reminded us of each California region's different issues; agricultural communities have greater needs.

She also told us that bills are sometimes vague and she must do research before reporting back to her residents.

There has been an increase in teen violence. The Senator has introduced SB 273 to bring awareness to this and prevent teen domestic violence. The Bill will be part of a larger proposal package to promote healthy relationships and combat domestic violence among youth.

"As a longtime teacher, I've seen that young students don't always know how to respectfully communicate and interact with each other, whether it's part of dating or just being friends... Promoting healthy relationships among teenagers now will lead to healthier adult relationships later. I am looking forward to working with the experts and young people to find the right path."

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 17th, through Saturday, February 23rd, the Police Department responded to 979 calls for service, of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 17:

1. Shortly before 1:27 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles containing tracking devices to combat the increase in bike thefts throughout the city. An investigation revealed a 37-year-old male from Los Angeles and a 45-year-old male transient from Hollywood were in possession of the stolen bicycle and tracker. They were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 4:25 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a grand theft report. The victim discovered her jewelry went missing after she hired a cleaning company come to clean her carpets. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, February 18:

3. Just after 3:16 a.m., an officer attempted to contact a suspicious subject walking in the 100 block of East Live Oak Avenue when the subject began to run. The officer located the suspect and an investigation revealed the 33-year-old male from Long Beach was on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and was in possession of stolen property from a nearby unlocked vehicle. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At approximately 4:51 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Harvard Drive regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. The officer determined a 33-year-old male from Sylmar and a 35-year-old female from Panorama City were in possession of the stolen property. The male suspect was also on PRCS and both suspects were charged with being in possession of unlawful paraphernalia and controlled substances. They were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, February 19:

5. Around 9:02 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of West Camino Real Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) used his identifiable information to open more than 10 credit card accounts without his permission. The victim does not know how the suspect

obtained their personal information or the identity of the suspect.

6. Just before 12:38 a.m., an officer responded to Denny's, 7 East Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. The officer determined two female suspects left the location before paying for their meals. A records check revealed one of the suspects, a 51-year-old from Pasadena, had three outstanding misdemeanor warrants. This suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The second suspect, a 58-year-old from Pasadena, was cited in the field.

7. At about 10:34 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 00 block of West Pamela Road regarding an audible alarm activation. Upon arrival, the officer discovered unknown suspects smashed a rear window, turned off the power to the house, ransacked the location, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, February 20:

8. Shortly after 6:51 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1300 block of North Baldwin Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspects smashed a rear window, ransacked the home, and fled with an unknown amount of property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, February 21:

9. Before 11:06 a.m., an officer responded to the 24-Hour Fitness parking lot, 125 North First Avenue, regarding an attempted vehicle burglary report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect attempted to enter her locked vehicle by damaging the lock, however, failed to gain entry. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

10. Around 6:03 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. A loss prevention employee witnessed the suspect steal approximately \$4,600.00 worth of merchandise before he fled to an awaiting vehicle.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 30's, approximately 6' tall, medium build, "scruffy" facial hair, seen wearing a black beanie, black pull over jacket, and black sweat pants. He fled in a black four-door sedan with tinted windows. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, February 22:

11. At about 1:37 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim stated that his brother, a 42-year-old male from Arcadia, has used his name and birth date while being arrested for various vehicle code violations and driving under the influence. The investigation is ongoing.



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FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, MONROVIA IS NOW BEING SERVED BY CARE AMBULANCE SERVICES

We wanted to share some additional details with everyone regarding the fast moving situation with our ambulance transportation service provider. This past week, the evening of February 20, we learned that Schaefer Ambulance Services (Schaefer) entered bankruptcy proceedings. As you may know, Schaefer was been the entity under contract with LA County to provide ambulance transport services here in Monrovia.

Given that particular development, City representatives met with LA County personnel on February 21 to address service delivery challenge associated with Schaefer's bankruptcy proceedings. Based on those discussions, the decision was made to have Care Ambulance Services assume control of Monrovia's ambulance transportation operation on Friday, February 22, at 7:00 a.m.


Of note, while there have been numerous operational and logistical issues that we've been working to address associated with this transition, with the bottom line is that Monrovia continues to have ambulance transportation services available with no disruption in service delivery.

In addition, based on conversations with LA County, Care Ambulance Services will provide services for Monrovia for no more than 365 days. During the next year, LA County will be working to develop a new RFP process to pro-

cure a new operator to provide ambulance transportation services for our community, which is an issue that we will be watching and monitoring very closely here at the City.

To provide everyone with additional background regarding this situation, we also wanted to share some general details regarding how ambulance services are regulated. The overall framework for managing ambulance transportation is established by both the State and each individual county. Based on State regulations, some local cities (like Arcadia) have the right to perform ambulance services in-house. For all other areas that do not have that legal right, Los Angeles County has established nine (9) Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs) throughout the County, and once per decade, the County will coordinate a bid process to allow private firms the chance to compete for providing ambulance services in those areas. Of note, Monrovia has been carved out as its own ambulance service area (EOA 2), and a map highlighting each ambulance transportation service area is included above for reference.

Again, we are working here at the City to ensure the continued delivery ambulance services here in our community, and as more information becomes available in the coming weeks, we will be certain to share those details with everyone.

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THE BIOSCARF: A BIG SCARF WITH SOMETHING EXTRA PRODUCT REVIEW

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I recently had the opportunity to test something called the "bioscarf." Yes, it's a scarf, and everyone knows I like scarfs. I've worn them all my life. I used to love alpaca wool scarves, and then I was given a Polartech scarf, and I preferred that.

I like long scarves too, but not the very long scarves that really get in the way. I cannot get the story of Isadora Duncan out of my mind, who loved very very long silk scarves, and she enjoyed wearing them in her convertible. While driving one day in September, 1927, her enormous scarf got caught in the rear hubcaps of her car, and she was strangled to death. Ghastly! Well, I don't drive a convertible and I cannot imagine wearing a scarf over six feet long! Or can I?

The bioscarf actually measures in at seven feet long, and 9 inches wide. That's big, but not too big to get caught in your car's wheels. Bicyclists be careful.

I like its size, and though it comes in white, olive, black, and camo, I couldn't resist the camo. But its main selling point is not the size – it's what's hidden inside the fabric.

Bioscarf is actually a stylish air mask that keeps your neck and head cozy while filtering out unwanted air contaminants, germs, second hand smoke, pollen and other allergens. This can protect you from colds, flus, pneumonia, tuberculosis and allergens. Bioscarf is the first scarf with an N95 air filter layer built right into the scarf.

When tested by Nelson Labs against normal masks and respirators, the bioscarf outperformed some of the most popular masks available today with a 99.75% average filtration efficiency. In addition to doing its job effectively, the bioscarf is made from sustainable materials. Post-consumer recycled PET water bottles go into the fabric, while the signature labels are made from recycled PVC. It is also built to be long lasting and reusable, meaning less disposable air filters in the landfill. And this filter is reusable – just wash the scarf by hand from time to time after use.

So, if you're in a situation where you might otherwise put on a face mask, you can just wrap the scarf over your mouth and nose, and breathe through it. Maybe you're an allergy sufferer, visiting somewhere with poor air quality, on you're on a bus or plane where everyone is sneezing and coughing. Bioscarf will give you some protection.

I like the multi-use aspect of the bioscarf, and when I'm wearing mine, it gives me the feeling of being protected, as if I'm living in a Mad Max, Book of Eli, or Bladerunner, world. But that's a crazy idea, since everyone in those futuristic dystopian societies would probably be wearing rags. Still, the bioscarf is one of those garments that you'll be glad you have. It's functional, and provides a layer of protection that other scarves just don't provide.

They run about \$45, and are available at eartheasy.com, or Amazon.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT'S A SOAP OPERA WORLD, OR IS IT

As a child, I remember my mother watching soap operas in the afternoon. I never had much interest in them; I would rather watch The Lone Ranger and his companion Tonto.

One afternoon I was sitting in the living room while she was watching one of her soap operas. I was trying to figure out what in the world was happening. None of it made sense and it seemed to be more drama than anything else. Why they call it, "soap opera" I will never know because they could use more soap in their conversations.

My mother would talk to the characters on TV telling them what they should be doing and saying. Several times, she yelled at them giving them instructions. I caught her with tears in her eyes over a certain situation; I could not tell you now what that situation was.

Although I never was much interested in soap operas, as I have gotten older (and I intend to get a lot older) I begin to see similarities. I am not an expert on soap operas by a long shot. However, it seems to me that our world has become a gigantic soap opera.

Everybody seems to be saying a line written for them by somebody else and none of it really mak-ing sense. There was a time when you could understand what a person was saying and there was some rationale behind the conversation.

Today is not that day.

I have noticed TV has many "reality shows." For my dime, I do not see much reality in any of these reality shows. I know I do not watch them so maybe I am missing something. However, what I do see is not reality, as I know it.

That brings me to a question. What in the world happened to reality in our culture today? I do not see it anywhere.

I understand advertisements are not based upon reality. Their job is to sell their product to whoever they can sell their product to. I understand all that.

I understand that politics today is not based on any kind of reality known to man or woman. If we could get all politicians together in one room we maybe could find one tiny little gray cell that was working. However, it would not be overworked.

To have politicians that have no sense of reality at all is a very cumbersome predicament. They have no idea what the average person is up against and they have no way of helping them.

With a great deal of soap opera-ism, the politicians speak and speak and speak.

Just the other day I was listening to a politician talking and I could not understand what in the world he was talking about. The only thing they know what to talk about is whatever the audience at the time accepts to help them get reelected.

Where is the reality in politics? It is nothing but an overblown soap opera that nobody is really watching. Not long ago when I was sick and could not get out of the house I watched some programs that were called "talk shows." After listening for a little while, I concluded that a hummingbird made more sense than these people did on talk shows.

It has become a soap opera world for sure. Nothing really makes sense, at least to the common per-son. Nothing has any sense of reality in it. I guess when you are in TV you are not allowed to be "real" about anything. The only thing that is real in our social media today is the money that people are making acting as if they know what they are doing.

Of course, I got a little piece of advice from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I was com-plain-ing about all of this non-reality around us and how many idiots were out there in the world. I just went on and on and on until finally she heard enough.

"Well," she said rather strictly, "do you want to know what I think about all of this?"

Of course she did not give me an opportunity to say yes or no, she was ready to give me her thoughts on this anyway.

"Complain about all of the idiots out there all you want. But there's a positive side to all of this."

To tell you the truth, I could not see any positive side so I inquired as to what she was talking about.

"Very simply," she replied, "if it were not for all of the idiots and crazy people out there I would not know how sane you really are."

I had to have her repeat that a couple of times because that was well over my pay grade. It finally sunk in. I complimented her on that and told her she really had a good point. If it weren't for all of those crazy idiots out there in the world, how would we know how sane and wonderful we really are?

Paul said it best when he wrote, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

The unreality of the world around me should not rob me of the reality of my relationship with God through Christ.

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DILLS' GREEK VACATION

Thomas Wolfe wrote a book titled 'You Can't Go Home Again' but throughout the years there have been different variations of that familiar title. Ah but this man lived in an era that didn't include airbuses now did he? It has been some 40 years that I departed Greek Soil. I recently returned to Greece and am excited to share my experience with you. If it is history that you seek, there is plenty of that to enjoy, if you are looking for relaxation then this is your spot, how about superior cuisine? I will attest that the worst meal of the trip wasn't really all that bad. Yes, Greece has something for everyone.

Getting There: It's a long flight, with choices of airlines and layovers in Toronto, Washington and New York. We traveled on Air Canada and had a layover in Toronto. As a beer drinker, a few Molson's at the airport restaurant helped make the time go by fast. One warning though, if you are using dollars they will give you back Canadian currency, so my suggestion is to use your credit card. Unless you want to have a couple of dollars as a keepsake. Once you make it to Athens, you'll have the choice of a taxi, renting a car, or if you are on a tour like we were then someone will greet you at the terminal. My suggestion is that if this is your first trip a taxi or hotel shuttle would be prudent. However, if you are on the islands, renting a car is safe and easy.

Where to stay: In Athens there is a list of five star, four star and three star hotels. We stayed at the Metropolitan just outside of Athens, and while the hotel was clean and a great view of the port, I wouldn't say it was five star. But I liked that it had a view and was away from downtown Athens that is congested and a bit dirty with graffiti and scooters everywhere. Once in Santorini and Mykonos, the accommodations are very nice, in fact while our hotel in Santorini El Greco, wasn't on the beach it reminded me of staying in a storybook village: very upscale and with four different pools. In Mykonos there are many small/boutique hotels very close to the beach, while our accommodations were close to being cramped, I will call it cozy.

To tour or not: If you have traveled to Athens or any other surrounding islands before, I don't see any need to sign up for a tour. We did and I am glad we did, but it was the consensus of our group that if any of us were to return, that you could easily do it on your own. We agreed that once if you have seen the ruins and the stadium, that none of us would spend much time in Athens.

Getting Around: Big difference in getting around in Athens and getting around in Greece. First of all it's much hotter in Athens then it is in the islands, and as I mention in when to go July and August have is severe heat. My mother to this day reminds me of the 100+ day in July when I was born on a US Army base. The buses in Athens are usually filled with locals and would opt for taking a taxi or even the tram. On the Islands I do recommend the buses, many of them are new, air-conditioned and dependable, a bus ride is about \$1.40 euro. On the islands you can rent a scooter by the day, it looks fun, but I was warned that many a kid has seen the hospital by crashing into the wall on a narrow road. Getting from island to island is done by Ferry, a boat that costs about \$45 euro. There are airplanes that do fly from the Athens Airport to Santorini/Mykonos, and when I return I will take advantage of them, but for your first visit it adds to the fun of the trip. Bring a book or a crossword puzzle. If you aren't on a guided tour tickets can easily be purchased at the port.

When to go: Athens is hot, I mean temperature hot, in fact many workers and vendors take off August to visit friends and families elsewhere. If you are there to relax and get a tan, then by all means July would be OK, however just visiting the Acropolis in June we were overheated and water was our best friend, I couldn't imagine a July tour of Athens. My suggestion is early June or late September.

Dollar v. Euro: Those looking for bargains, we found that even though Greece is in a financial crisis, they haven't put out the distress flag yet, when shopping you can always ask for the best price. I was warned that dinners can easily run \$60 euro, while I did see that price tag, it was very few and in between. I did notice that the restaurants closest to the water were pricier. A tip is to go to supermarkets, not the markets and buy beer, water and fruit and have it in your hotel refrigerator. The fruit there is some of the best I've had. The beer and sodas at the hotel can be twice or three times as much as getting them at the market or a Kiosk.

Dining in Greece: Originally I was going to give a few reviews of the restaurants that I visited, and after collecting business cards of places that I dined, I came up with this conclusion, where ever you go, you really can't go wrong. You want affordable dining? They have it. Want to dine on or near the beach? Yes, fish and chicken are the most popular items that we came across both in Athens and in Santorini and Mykonos. The items on the menus at each restaurant are very similar. You won't find too many steaks or burgers, yes, they are available but there are no beef cattle being raised in Greece. We enjoyed the Greek Salad and the Rocket Salad pretty much with every meal. You'll find that the Greek Salad has no lettuce, and is made up of cucumbers, olives, tomatoes and Feta Cheese. Something I found odd, the extra charges on the bill, first when they ask if you want bread, we always say yes, there is an additional charge of 2 to 3 euro. Plus sit down restaurants have a cover charge, no not the night club admission, this is a sitting charge, this charge gives you the privilege of sitting at your table for as long as you want, I think this was initiated more for the locals that like to sit for hours and conversing over cigarettes and espresso. Note.. everyone smokes, even while they are working. One spot that did stand out in Athens, near our hotel was Restaurant Kalypso. The food was above average and the waiter even assisted us with our Greek language lessons. We returned there while waiting for our flight home.

Tippling: This isn't as big of a deal that it is in the states. Workers are working for what is called a "living wage", don't ask me to explain a living wage, I am restaurant reviewer not workers rights lawyer, however you won't get the typical service that you'd expect from the waiters, it's not bad, it's "are you ready to order?" your food is brought and you might not see your server again, at least until you flag them down/ and I did a lot of flagging down. My suggestion is 10 to 12 % tip. Taxi Cab drivers same thing, a couple of euro are sufficient. As with any trip leaving the chambermaid and if you are on a tour, a tip is suggested.

Sightseeing: The first day is full of sight seeing, visit the Acropolis, Zeus Statue, Temple of Poseidon, and the Stadium, an afternoon at the beach in Athens is also a pleasant way to end your day in Athens, a day in Athens? Yes, ! I found Athens to be hot, congested and plain dirty. If you want to see the ruins, I took a boat trip to the Island of Delos. There is a small admission charge once you get there, but you will get a sense of the history of Greece. One of the highlights of the trip was our seven-mile hike on The Santorini; we started at Fira and ended our walk in OIA, beautiful walk looking the cliffs and sights of the Volcano's and the Aegean Sea. Two other musts while we are on Mykonos we took a small boat along the shore and you have your choice of five beaches, a beach for everyone, a party beach, a topless beach, we opted for Elia, plenty of sand and chairs to enjoy a relaxing day sun bathing. Santorini has been voted top ten sunsets in the entire world. We took the Sunset Cruise that was quite relaxing and is a must; another bonus is the boat stop briefly at one of the volcanic hot springs, hot? No, but quite warm.

Is Greece Safe? : Yes!! On our first day on our vacation we stayed just a few miles from downtown, it wasn't till we went to downtown did we see any police presence,

you are more likely to be hit by a scooter then witness any crime that goes for the Islands of Santorini and Mykonos as well.. In fact on the Islands we noticed no police at all, I mean none. I was surprised by the text messages and facebook postings asking me if I was OK? Just like Los Angeles, some areas are better than others, if you are looking for a demonstration I am sure if you wait long enough you can find one.

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CITRUS COLLEGE RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL LEADER IN HISPANIC EDUCATION

For the 12th consecutive year, Citrus College has been recognized as one of the nation's top community colleges by the Hispanic Outlook on Education.

A national monthly magazine, the Hispanic Outlook on Education provides education news from a Hispanic perspective. Every year, the publication produces a special edition spotlighting innovations, trends and news affecting the nations community colleges. The issue also includes a ranking of the leading community colleges in the United States.

This year, the Hispanic Outlook on Education ranked Citrus College 25th out of the nation more than 1,100 community colleges for the number of Hispanic students receiving degrees and certificates. The college was also ranked 32nd for total enrollment of Hispanic students.

Being recognized as a national leader in higher education is always a source of pride for the college community,said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The faculty and staff of Citrus College are committed to creating a learning environment in which the values, goals and learning styles of students are recognized and supported. It is gratifying to have this commitment validated by the Hispanic Outlook on Education.

In 2012, the Citrus College community pledged to intensify its efforts to ensure that students complete their college education. This pledge was reaffirmed with the college 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, which has one overarching goal: increase student success and completion.

Over the past several years, the college has introduced a number of innovative programs and services to help fulfill this objective, including the Early Decision program, which assists students as they progress from high school to college; I Will Complete College (IWCC), a program that provides first time students with individual guidance and support; and the Citrus College Promise, which is designed to cover enrollment fees and other college costs for first time students.

Citrus College works diligently to provide students with the tools needed to achieve their educational and professional goals, continued Superintendent/President Perri. "Our student population is extremely diverse, so we strive to provide a wide variety of academic, social and financial resources that empower each individual to complete his or her college education. Consistently receiving recognition for serving students and having high graduation outcomes is a welcomed acknowledgement and validation of this hard work. Citrus College's inclusion in the Hispanic Outlook on Education's "Top 50 Community Colleges" rankings is the latest addition to an ever-growing list of institutional recognitions. Most recently, the Campaign for College Opportunity validated Citrus College as a state leader in producing transfer degrees. The college has also been voted the San Gabriel Valley's "Best Community College" by the audiences of two different multimedia organizations.

"I am grateful to the faculty, staff and students of Citrus College who work daily to create a diverse educational community where academic excellence is both fostered and celebrated," said Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Being ranked among the nation's top 50 community colleges for Hispanic students is a reflection of the college community's commitment to student success."

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Dear Looking:

Many people approaching 65 are unclear on what Medicare does and doesn't cover when it comes to vision services. The good news is that original Medicare covers most medical issues like cataract surgery, treatment of eye diseases and medical emergencies. But unfortunately, routine care like eye exams and eyeglasses are the beneficiary's responsibility. Here's a breakdown of what is and isn't covered.

Eye exams and treatments: Medicare does not cover routine eye exams that test for eyeglasses or contact lenses. But they do cover yearly medical eye exams if you have diabetes or are at high risk for glaucoma. They will also pay for exams to test and treat medical eye diseases if you're having vision problems that indicate a serious eye problem like macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, glaucoma, eye infections or if you get something in your eye.

Eye surgeries: Medicare will cover most eye surgeries that help repair the eye function, including cataract surgery to remove cataracts and insert standard intraocular lenses to replace your own. Medicare will not, however, pick up the extra cost if you choose a specialized lens that restores full range of vision, thereby reducing your need for glasses after cataract surgery. The extra cost for a specialized lens can run up to \$2,500 per eye.

Eye surgeries that are usually not covered by Medicare include refractive (LASIK) surgery and cosmetic eye surgery that are not considered medically necessary.

Eyeglasses and contact lenses: Medicare does not pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses, with one exception: If you have had a conventional intraocular lens inserted during cataract surgery, Medicare will pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses following the operation.

Ways to Save

Although original Medicare's vision coverage is



limited to medical issues, there are ways you can save on routine care. Here are several to check into.

Consider a Medicare Advantage plan: One way you can get extra vision coverage when you join Medicare is to choose a Medicare Advantage plan instead of original Medicare. Many of these plans, which are sold through private insurance companies, will cover routine eye care and eyeglasses along with all of your hospital and medical insurance, and prescription drugs. See Medicare.gov/find-a-plan to shop for plans.

Purchase vision insurance: If you get routine eye exams and purchase new eyeglasses annually, a vision insurance plan may be worth the costs. These policies typically run between \$12 and \$20 per month. See Ehealthinsurance.com to look for plans.

Check veterans benefits: If you're a veteran and qualify for VA health care benefits, you may be able to get some or all of your routine vision care through VA. Go to Vets.gov, and search for "vision care" to learn more.

Shop around: Many retailers provide discounts – between 10 and 30 percent – on eye exams and eyeglasses if you belong to a membership group like AARP or AAA.

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Look for assistance: There are also health centers and local clinics that provide free or discounted vision exams and eyeglasses to those in need. To find them put a call into your local Lions Club (see Directory.LionsClubs.org) for referrals.

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

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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!

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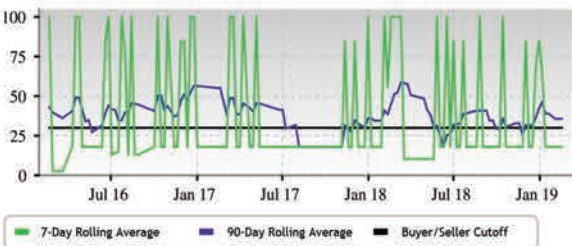
This Week's Market Update // **Sierra Madre**

This Week Median List Price: **\$675,000**

Inventory and days-on-market are climbing, while the Market Action Index has been flat recently. The trends point to a weakening market.

Supply & Demand

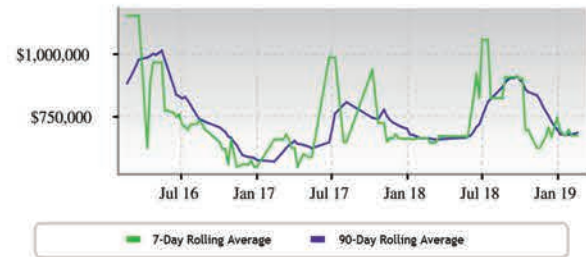
The market has started cooling and prices have recently plateaued. Since we're in the Seller's zone, watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.



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

Price

The market seems to have paused around this plateau. The Market Action Index is a good leading indicator for the durability of this trend.



Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Square Feet	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	
Top/First	\$ 800,000	1872	3.0	3.0	0	1	0	0	70	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 759,500	1752	3.0	3.0	0	2	0	0	32	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 675,000	1330	2.5	2.0	0	2	0	0	21	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 629,000	1442	2.0	3.0	0	2	0	0	74	Least expensive 25% of properties

Real-Time Market Profile

		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 675,000	↔↔
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 439	↔↔
Average Days on Market (DOM)	46	↑↑
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	29 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	0 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	0 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1454	
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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

LIVE FROM THE OSCARS....AFTER PARTY



By Rebecca Wright
(Editor's Note: MVNews Reporter Rebecca Wright (left) represented this newspaper at last week's Oscar's event.)

Each year, on Hollywood's biggest weekend, City Summit hosts their annual summit and gala. This tradition began in 2016. Founder and CEO Ryan Long created this company in order to assist startup nonprofits so that entrepreneurs could have the chance to grow, make connections, and enact meaningful change in the world, such as eradicating poverty and ending human trafficking. When asked what his vision was for City Summit 10 years down the road was, Long responded by saying that he hoped to see the company helping more entrepreneurs to use businesses to get their messages across and more unity as a whole.

Lynn Rose was the MC and Host for this year's Gala. She has been attending the City Summit Gala for three years now, though she missed the very first one in 2016. Her goal for the summit was to help nurture and create more relationships, raise money for beneficiaries, and encourage the guests to use their money and talents for good.

Rose is well known as a motivational speaker, and so was a smart choice for this year's MC.

One of the highlights of the City Gala is the awarding of the annual Inspiration Award. In past years, people such as Halle Berry, Ashton Kutcher, James Cameron, and Charlize Theron have received this award. This year, that award went to Colin Farrell, the well-known Irish actor from movies such as Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Miami Vice, and Total Recall. He has overcome drug and alcohol abuse problems and is also highly involved with organizations such as the Special Olympics and Stand Up!.



DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER RAY ABERNATHY AWARDED 2019 COMMUNITY HERO AWARD BY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

DUARTE CA, February 27, 2019 - The San Gabriel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presented longtime Juvenile Probation Officer, Deputy Raymond Abernathy with its prestigious "Community Hero Award" at its annual awards breakfast on February 21st. Abernathy has worked for the LA County Probation Department for nearly 18 years and has also been an integral part of the Duarte Public Safety Office for the past five years. "It is easier to build strong children, then to repair broken men," said Abernathy as he received his award. Many officials from the City of Duarte were present to congratulate Abernathy on his outstanding achievement and thank him for his dedication and passion towards the community including Mayor Paras-Caracci,

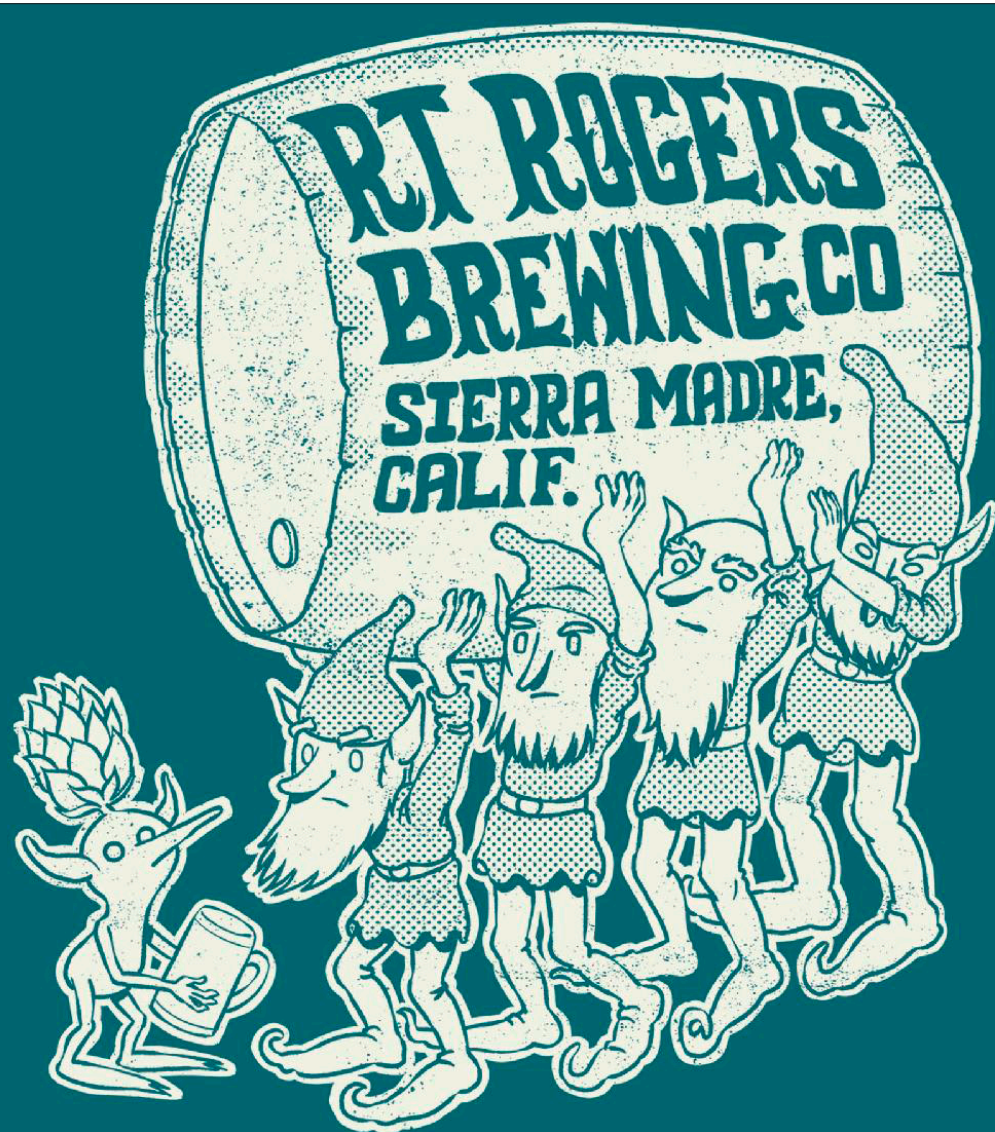
In his role as a probation officer, Abernathy has served as a mentor and role model to some of the community's most vulnerable, at-risk students in grades 1st through 8th. His focus is on providing excellent prevention and intervention services in the Duarte Unified School District and adjacent Los Angeles County community areas. Specifically, he serves minors in our community under two, State of California grant funded programs for "Gang Reduction & Intervention" and the City's most recent award, the "Violence Intervention and Prevention" grant.

To keep minors out of the probation system and prevent juvenile arrests, Ray carries a heavy caseload and never waivers in his commitment to provide the assistance and guidance that a student and their family may need at different points in life. Abernathy's transferable warmth, trustworthiness and outgoing personality has de-stigmatized what was once seen as a program for "bad kids" and transformed it into a popular, meaningful effort that turns kids' lives around. In fact, Mr. Abernathy has always gone above and beyond what is expected of him in the performance of his assigned duties and consistently focuses on serving as an advocate for minors and their families. The City of Duarte congratulates Deputy Abernathy on his award.

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TOM PURCELL



With America's national debt surpassing a frightening \$22 trillion, it makes sense that fewer people are volunteering their hard-earned dough to help reduce it.

Since 1961, the Bureau of the Public Debt has allowed Americans to "gift" money to the Treasury Department - on the condition that the money be used only to pay down the debt.

Last year's donations totaled about \$775,000 - "only the fourth time in 20 years that the fund didn't reach at least \$1 million in actual dollars," says U.S. News & World Report.

"Over the last five years the amount of gifts to reduce public debt has shrunk substantially from about \$5 million to under a million," a Treasury spokesman told U.S. News.

Why the drop? Nobody's certain. But I have a theory.

It isn't related to politics. The pattern of annual donations, high and low, is nearly even during both Democratic and Republican administrations.

So, who volunteers their money? And why do they even bother?

When I looked into this a decade ago, a Bureau of the Public Debt senior adviser (now retired) told me the givers she encountered seemed to be patriotic citizens wanting to do their small part to help their country.

She said most givers mailed checks without notes. Some signed tax-refund checks over to Treasury.

Occasionally, individuals left large portions of their estates to the government. The largest estate gift on record, \$3.5 million, came in 1992.

The Congressional Research Service reports the largest single gift came in fiscal year 1994 - \$12 million from someone who remains anonymous.

"In total," says U.S. News, "about \$100 million has been donated since President John F. Kennedy signed the program into law in 1961."

Regrettably, that's a drop in the bucket - and perhaps the reason donations are dropping.

DONATIONS TO PAY DOWN U.S. DEBT POINTLESS

In 2014, Americans donated \$5.1 million. That fell to \$3.8 million in 2015, \$2.7 million in 2016, \$2.6 million in 2017 and \$775,000 in 2018. Only \$185,000 has been donated so far in 2019 - despite a roaring economy.

Perhaps donations are down because government spending has long been out of control - regardless of which party is in charge.

Perhaps donations are down because they are, essentially, useless.

Say the national debt stopped growing at \$22 trillion (quit laughing!). Say that for the rest of time, our government would never spend a penny more than it takes in.

And say well-meaning Americans then gifted \$5 million every year to pay down that \$22 trillion - with zero interest on that debt.

Even then, it still would take 4.4 MILLION YEARS to reduce the debt to zero.

What's worse: These gift donations technically aren't paying down the debt anyhow. The donations are recorded on the receipts ledger of the federal government's general fund.

So, rather than actually paying down the national debt, these donations just reduce the amount of money our government will borrow as it continues to run massive annual deficits.

That's why, in my humble opinion, fewer good-hearted Americans see any point in gifting their hard-earned money to our spendthrift government. No matter how much patriotic citizens want to do their part, and no matter how much they donate, it won't make a real difference.

They know that. And they know that so long as our politicians remain unserious about reducing spending and deficits, the national debt will continue to explode.

It's no wonder why fewer Americans are willing to throw good money after bad.

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THE TRUMP REGIME WANTS TO BELIEVE THE EARTH IS FLAT



The Trump regime has trafficked in self-parody since its inception, so perhaps we're already numb to the news that it intends to challenge the scientific consensus that climate change is a dire international emergency.

You heard that right. Even though the federal government's National Climate Assessment officially warned in November that the planet is truly imperiled, and even though a U.N. report in October compared the climate change crisis to "a deafening, piercing smoke alarm going off in the kitchen," and even though Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats warned in January that climate change poses a significant national security risk, Donald Trump is nevertheless hiring some flat Earth believers who will likely ratify his belief that climate change is a "hoax" that poses no threat to our national security.

This ad hoc coterie of deniers reportedly will be spearheaded by a National Security Council adviser named William Happer, a guy with no formal training as a climate scientist. Happer, who has taken money from the fossil fuel industry, says the carbon emissions that precipitate climate change are "not a pollutant at all," that they're "actually a benefit to the Earth." Happer has stated in the past that "the demonization" of carbon emissions "is just like the demonization of the poor Jews under Hitler," which is apparently his way of comparing climate scientists to Nazis.

How did we wind up with quacks who are so blind to reality?

One credentialed climate expert - retired Navy Rear Adm. David Titley, former chief operating officer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - expressed his disgust: "I never thought I would live to see the day in the United States where our own White House is attacking the very science agencies that can help the president understand and manage the climate risks to security of today and tomorrow. Such attacks are un-American."

Unfortunately, this day was guaranteed when 46 percent of the electorate chose as its president a flat-Earth crank who tweeted in 2014 that "GLOBAL WARMING bulls-has got to stop!" and has never masked his hostility to science. A pivotal 77,000 swing voters in three Rust Belt states decided that it didn't matter.

Trump aides told the press that he's looking for a "mixture of opinions" on whether climate change is a threat to the United States because he "wants people to be able to decide for themselves." In truth, the American people - echoing the scientific consensus - have already decided for themselves. According to the latest NBC News-Wall Street Journal survey, 66 percent say climate change is a "serious problem" that requires action, while only 30 percent say otherwise.

At a time when "we are adding planet-warming carbon dioxide to the atmosphere at a rate faster than at any point in human history since the beginning of industrialization" (in the words of David Wallace-Wells, author of the forthcoming book "The Uninhabitable Earth"), we can ill afford a "leader" who mimics the attitude of the 17th-century church when it was confronted with Galileo's conclusion that the Earth circles the sun. We're saddled with someone who disses the expertise of the Pentagon - which warned way back in 2003, during the Bush administration, that climate change "should be elevated beyond a scientific debate to a U.S. national security concern."

When Trump was asked last November whether climate change poses a major threat to America, he replied: "I don't see it." Hence his desire for a "mixture of opinions" that would ratify what he doesn't want to see - even though the Pentagon has repeatedly seen it. In 2008, the Pentagon weighed in on a report that outlined "the National Security Implications of Global Climate Change." In 2010, it again detailed its concerns in a "defense review." In 2014, it did so again, writing that "he pressures caused by climate change will influence resource competition while placing additional burdens on economies, societies, and governance institutions around the world."

That Pentagon report was five years ago. Since then, the severity of the crisis has only worsened. If Trump were to stop playing tin soldier on our Mexican border, perhaps he'd be capable of confronting our true national emergency. But that's a futile hope.

Only a regime change in 2020 would reorient us toward science - if it's not too late.

CHRISTINE FLOWERS

IN ROBERT KRAFT CASE, DON'T FORGET WHO THE REAL VICTIMS ARE



Robert Kraft is being charged with soliciting prostitutes. That's not news, sadly, since a lot of people - including high-profile people - pay for sex.

It's a misdemeanor under Florida law, the jurisdiction under which he's being charged, and the maximum sentence he is facing is four months in jail.

So far, not a really big story, even though the 77-year-old billionaire at the middle of it is well known to the football world as Tom Brady's biggest fan.

The owner of the Super Bowl champion Patriots follows in a long line of lonely, old men who seek solace in the arms of women who, behind their backs, are raising their eyebrows and counting the dollar signs.

But this time, it appears that the women in question were sex slaves, trafficked into the United States with promises of legitimate jobs and forced to service men who either couldn't, or didn't want to, earn the affection of their "date."

As an immigration attorney, I have met some of these women (because they are virtually always young, young women), and I can tell you that the look in their eyes is a cross between terror and emptiness. None of them knowingly entered the world of sex trafficking. For most, it was a promise to leave their small town in the Balkans, or in Asia, or in Africa and earn money and a ticket to a better future. Very few, if any, intended to become what some people call "sex workers," which is a euphemism that makes me cringe. We can leave for another day the discussion about whether prostitution should be legal, but regardless of how you feel about grown women choosing to use their bodies as a way to make money, there is no question that a pre- or barely postpubescent youngster trafficked into this country is immoral. It is also a crime.

Immigration has known that for a while, and I know numerous individuals who have obtained what is known in the trade as a "T" visa, which protects the victim of trafficking and gives them a path to legalization. The problem is, as long as there's a market for this living and breathing commodity, there will continue to be a pipeline of victims.

That's why what Kraft is alleged to have done is disgusting, immoral, and criminal. It's unfortunate that the laws make it worthy of only a few months in the cooler.

I've actually heard some people supporting Kraft, and their arguments fall along three general lines: (1) He's a lonely, old man who lost his wife and shouldn't be the target of moral zealous; (2) he's being targeted only because he's a friend of President President Trump and (3) prostitution should be legal. The first and third reasons are connected.

The problem is, all three arguments overlook the fact that our sympathies are misplaced if we're worrying about the billionaire owner of a championship football franchise, instead of worrying about how to dry up that pipeline of trafficked children and youth. I'd be saying the same thing if Kraft were a 57-year-old carpenter who wanted a little "fun on the side," or a multimillionaire who spent his holidays with Bill and Hillary.

The point is, the identity of the guy paying for his pleasure is irrelevant. The only thing that matters is that all of them represent a market, and if there is the prospect of someone at the end of that pipeline willing to shell out money for a few moments of inauthentic love, the people I see in my immigration practice will continue to be in danger.

Trump talked about the importance of building a wall to stop the flow of trafficking. It's debatable whether that would work, but, even if it would, it's better to eliminate the reason for the wall: prosecute the men who represent the demand for that achingly human, achingly vulnerable supply.

Robert Kraft is old, and he has money, and he'll find a way to avoid the horror of being trapped in a room without any control over his future.

The real victims in this scenario don't have that luxury.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JANICE ELAINE ALCORN
Case No. 19STPB01078

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JANICE ELAINE ALCORN:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James W. Rider in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that James W. Rider and James E. Munson 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 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 on March 7, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 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 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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Feb 16,23, Mar 2, 2019

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Use of Facilities Fees for Capital Projects

Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2019, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing, to hear testimony on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Use of Facilities Fees for eligible Capital Projects. The projects are as follows:

General Government: City Hall
Upgrade Public Restrooms for ADA Compliance
Refurbishment of Council Chambers
Replace Carpeting in Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

City Library
Roof Repair/Replacement
Paint External Trim
Replacement of HVAC in Server Room

Public Safety
Debt Service Funds for Fire Engine

Water and Sewer
Maintenance Yard Office Expansion

Sewer
Sewer Vacuum Cleaning Truck

Traffic
Resurface City Roads
State Mandated City Traffic Study

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Finance Director Colby Konisek at 626-355-7135.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-041798
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A MILLION PETALS, 1308 E. COLORADO BLVD. 384, PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARIANE TU CAM LE, 8124 NEWMARK AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARIANE TU CAM LE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/19/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-044282
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLE ISLE DESIGN CO, 2126 ½ KENT ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90026. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TESS WEINBERG, 2126 ½ KENT ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90026. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TESS WEINBERG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/21/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-041570
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BOSS APPLIANCES, 1621 E. FLORENCE ACE #B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANGEL LEODEGARIO FLORES ALCAZAR, 1621 E. FLORENCE AVE #B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANGEL LEODEGARIO FLORES ALCAZAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/19/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-044478
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EMPORIUM SERVICES & DISTRIBUTION, 761 E 46TH ST #10, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE JAIME PULIDO GARCIA, 761 E 46TH ST, #10, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE JAIME PULIDO GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/21/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-043476
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ERPM EXPEDITED, 3935 LA SIERRA AVE APT 73, RIVERSIDE, CA 92505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROSENDO PEREZ MEDINA, 3935 LA SIERRA AVE APT 73, RIVERSIDE, CA 92505. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: ROSENDO PEREZ MEDINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-042718
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GANDARA DRYWALL, 254 STAR PINE CT, AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT GANDARA, 254 STAR PINE CT, AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT GANDARA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-040059
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GILDED SPRESS, 692 VALLEIA ST #200, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017. Mailing address: 2209 W LINCOLN AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDELIO ALVAREZ, 2209 W LINCOLN AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: EDELIO ALVAREZ. This statement was

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-044718
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ISAAC CLASSIC, 2703 W. SUNSET BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90026. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JODOM SUWANNAPEN, 875 W ASHIYA RD, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JODOM SUWANNAPEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/21/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-042088
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JC TRUCK WASH, 1032 S. CONCORD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE MANUEL CHAVEZ GARCIA, 1032 S. CONCORD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. JENIFER E. CHAVEZ RAMIREZ, 1032 S. CONCORD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JOSE MANUEL CHAVEZ GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2019. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/18. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-043768
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOYALTY GROUP HOME, 11801 S FIGUEROA ST APT 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEBRA REGINA WASHINGTON, 11801 S FIGUEROA ST APT 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DEBRA REGINA WASHINGTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/21/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-039993
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M&M SALES AND SERVICES, 1010 E 6TH ST, ONTARIO, CA 91764. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA DOLORES MEDINA, 1010 E 6TH ST, ONTARIO, CA 91764. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AVILA MONCE, 1550 VIA PACIFICA APT E 107, CORONA, CA 92882. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MARIA DOLORES MEDINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-042094
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MEGALIGHT FILMS CO., 42 MICHAIGENAVE, UNIT 14, PASADENA, CA 91106. Mailing address: P.O. BOX 62, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91025. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MINH YING QI, 42 N. RICHIGENAVE, UNIT 14, PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEBRA REGINA WASHINGTON, 11801 S FIGUEROA ST APT 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MINH YING QI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-040496
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ONE HEAVEN BRANCH TRUST LLP, OHBTT, 3010 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. Mailing address: C/O 3010 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ISAAC JONES JR, TRUSTEE, 3010 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDWARD C. JONES, TRUSTEE, 3010 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SERINA L JONES, TRUSTEE, 3010 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ZERON H JONES SR., TRUSTEE, 3010 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. This Business is

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-043369
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC ELECTRICAL SERVICES, WEST & EAST CONSTRUCTION, M R S CONSTRUCTION, P C D CONSTRUCTION CO, 11420 SANTA MONICA BLVD #1613, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT INC., 11420 SANTA MONICA BLVD #1613, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MEHRAN MARKOUDIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-040073
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: P&M AND RETROFIT SPECIALIST, 1545 LOCUST ST, PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALMA L GONZALEZ CALDERON, 1545 LOCUST ST, PASADENA, CA 91106. Mailing address: 3651 S LA BREA AVE #334, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OLLIE JACKSON, 3651 S LA BREA AVE #334, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OLLIE JACKSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-040170
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE BREA ARTS CENTER, 1201 S BREA AVE, 334, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. Mailing address: 3651 S LA BREA AVE #334, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OLLIE JACKSON, 3651 S LA BREA AVE #334, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OLLIE JACKSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-0401586
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SECRET AGENTS, 1425 E. ORANGE GROVE BLVD SPT 26, PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LORRY, 1425 E. ORANGE GROVE BLVD APT 26, PASADENA, CA 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SEAN O'KELLEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/19/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-040470
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RA HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, 1637 W. 259TH ST, UNIT ¾, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERTO RIVERA ARIAS, 1637 W. 259TH ST, ¾, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERTO RIVERA ARIAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-039985
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAFFIS WINDOW CLEANING SERVICE, 2801 EAST HOWARD ST., PASADENA, CA 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHANT RAFFI KURDIAN, 1520 EAST HOWARD ST, PASADENA, CA 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHANT RAFFI KURDIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-040496
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROYAL NAILS, 8312 ½ 309 STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90048. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KYLAN TIEN HA, 17151 MONTEREY PINES LANE, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. BOWI KIA LY, 13566 TRACY STREET, BURBANK PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: KYLAN TIEN HA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2019. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2019-041331
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RTJ EXECUTIVE TRANSPORTATION, 606 N FIGUEROA ST APT 339, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. Mailing address: 641 E LEROY ST, UNIT 10, HARBOR CITY, CA 90631. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RANDY MARGARITO TELLEZ JR., 606 N FIGUEROA ST APT 339, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RANDY MARGARITO TELLEZ JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/19/2019. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/19/2019. 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: Mountain Views News
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