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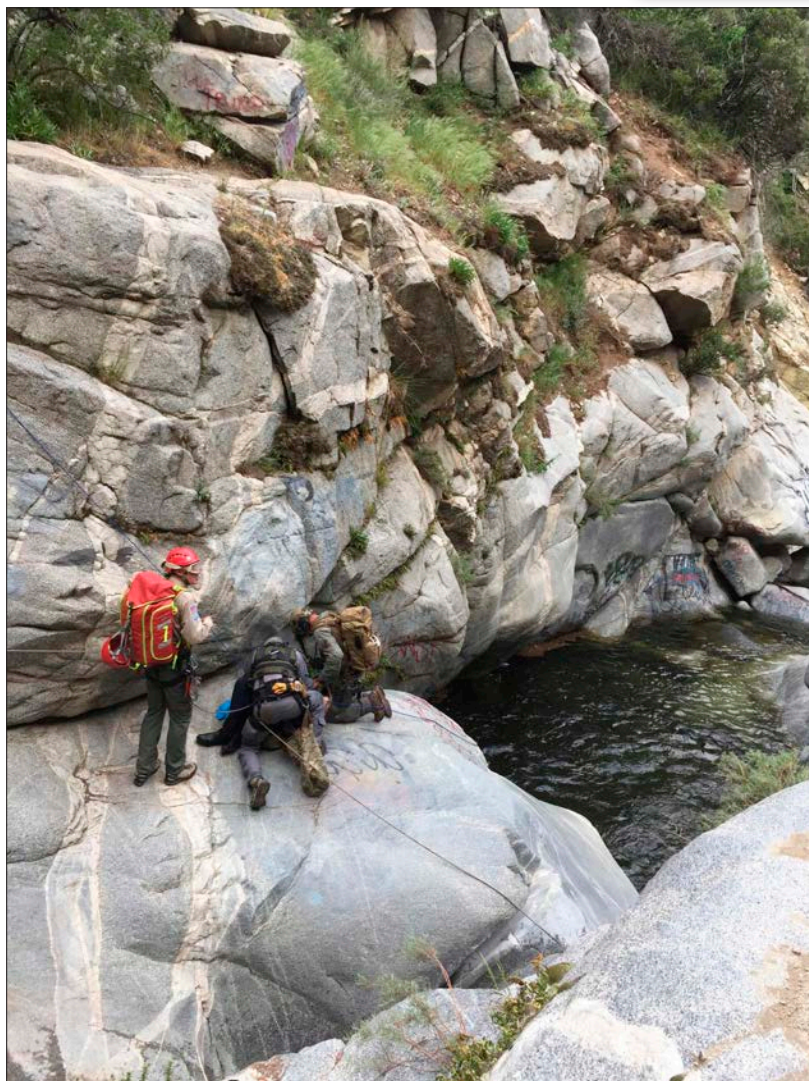
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SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

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SMSR team members provided ground support preparing a subject for a hoist from Hermit Falls with LASD's Aero Bureau Air Rescue 5.

SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE TO AMAZE A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY

Story By Carolyn Grumm and Photos courtesy of SMSR.

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team's (SMSR) busy season started when they received 7 call outs over a 5 day period. The Team responds to about 100 calls for help in an average year, but the bulk of those calls come in spring and summer. One recent week kept the volunteer team members quite busy.

Friday April 19 Just after noon, SMSR was requested to assist the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team with a car that had gone over the side of the twisty mountain road of Highway 39. Multiple agencies worked together and SMSR's responsibilities included rappelling 300 feet down to the vehicle and evaluating how to access the crash site. They

Saturday April 20

As team members hiked out of the field from Hermit Falls a concerned husband requested help in locating his wife who was overdue from a hike. SMSR gathered more information while field team members grabbed a quick snack and changed into dry socks. Team members were just heading out into the field on their search assignments when the missing hiker was located walking into the parking lot.

Sunday April 21

Sunday evening SMSR was again called out to Hermit Falls. A male subject had slipped and fallen at the falls and broken a leg. Again, SMSR provided ground support as LASD's Aero Bureau Air Rescue 5 hoisted the subject and transported them directly to Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Monday April 22

Monday evening the Montrose Search and Rescue Team requested SMSR to assist in a search for lost hikers. With limited information on where the hikers were, SMSR crews were sent up Bailey Canyon, Mount Wilson Trail and the Winter Creek trails. The hikers were located on Upper Winter Creek Trail and hiked out uninjured with SMSR team members.

Tuesday April 23

In their 7th call out in 5 days SMSR received a call Tuesday evening for a hiker with a broken ankle near Fern Lodge on the Sturtevant Falls Trail. This would be the end of a busy stretch of days for the Team, but just the beginning of their busy spring and summer season.

Since 1951, the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has responded to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. SMSR also provides a range of wilderness safety programs. The Team never charges for any of these services, and is funded entirely by charitable donations. For more information, to donate, or to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.



SMSR01May A SMSR crew is lowered 300 feet to access a car crash site.

then worked with the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team and the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office to recover 2 deceased subjects.

Saturday April 20

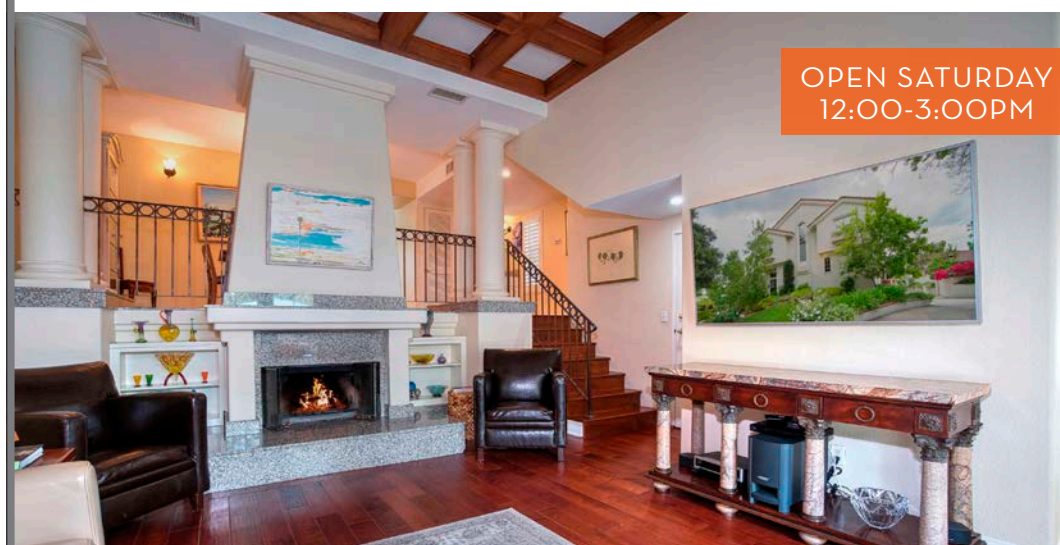
At noon the Team responded to Hermit Falls in the Chantry Flats area. This would be the beginning of a full day, and their first of three trips to Hermit Falls this weekend. SMSR responded alongside the Sierra Madre Fire Department to a subject with a broken ankle. The fire department and SMSR provided medical care and transported the patient in a wheeled litter across more than a mile of narrow trail to the trailhead where an ambulance was waiting.

Saturday April 20

Less than an hour after team members returned from their first call of the day, they were again paged out to Hermit Falls. This subject had suffered a head wound. Team members provided ground support as LASD's Aero Bureau Air Rescue 5 hoisted the subject and transported them directly to the hospital.

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Wed:	Sunny		Hi	70s	Lows	60s
Thur:	Sunny		Hi	70s	Lows	60s
Fri:	Sunny		Hi	70s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 14TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
MAY 28TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
JUNE 11TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
JUNE 25TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

MAY 2ND, 2019 AT 7:00PM
MAY 16TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 6TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 20TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

MAY 20TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
JUNE 17TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

MAY 2ND, 2019 AT 3:00PM
JUNE 6TH, 2019 AT 3:00PM

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 22ND, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 26TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL

RESOURCE COMMISSION
MAY 15TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 19TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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UPPER DISTRICT ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2019 "WATER IS LIFE" STUDENT ART CONTEST

The Board of Directors for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) honored 20 San Gabriel Valley students who submitted award-winning entries to our annual "Water is Life" art contest. The art contest helps raise awareness about conservation and educates students about the importance of preserving our most precious resource.

Students are encouraged to express what water means to them and its impact on our lives through artwork. This is the 15th year that Upper District has hosted the "Water is Life" art contest introduced by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). 167 art submissions were received and 33 schools participated this year. Schools within the Upper District boundaries were allowed to participate and submit a maximum of five entries per student category as follows: Kindergarten-2nd; 3rd-5th; 6-8th; and 9th-12th grades.

All eligible art entries were displayed at Upper District's board room for a week to allow the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the public the opportunity to vote by ballot for their top choices in each student category. The votes determined the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place winners. Students were awarded certificates of recognition and check prizes at today's board meeting. They were joined by their family and teachers in celebration for their achievements.

"Every year we are amazed with how incredibly talented and creative the students are in demonstrating their perspective on life's dependence on water. Educating students about our local water supply and groundwater basin helps them develop their own understanding of why water is a critical resource in our region. We will continue to support programs that work towards this goal," said Board President Ed Chavez.

Upper District's winning entries will now go on to compete in the "Water is Life" student art contest hosted by MWD. The winners for this contest are normally announced in the fall. The student winners of Upper District's 2019 "Water is Life" art contest are as follows:

K- 2nd Grades

- 1st Place: Cindy Xinyi Zhang, 1st grade, LA Art Academy
- 2nd Place: Bianca Lim, 1st grade, St. Martha School
- 3rd Place: Lanlan Li, 2nd grade, LA Art Academy
- 4th Place: Grace Cheng, K, Clairbourn School
- 5th Place: Sophia Rodriguez-Ibanez, 2nd grade, Cedarlane Academy

3rd – 5th Grades

- 1st Place: Tiffany Chu, 5th grade, Cleminson Elementary
- 2nd Place: Julia Yu, 5th grade, LA Art Academy
- 3rd Place: Catalina Tsao, 4th grade, Cleminson Elementary
- 4th Place: Arthur Wang, 4th grade, LA Art Academy
- 5th Place: Hayley Fung, 3rd grade, LA Art Academy

6th – 8th Grades

- 1st Place: Claire Li, 8th grade, LA Art Academy



- 2nd Place: Iris Xu, 8th grade, LA Art Academy
- 3rd Place: Ellie Nakamura, 7th grade, South Pasadena Middle School
- 4th Place: Jessica Lu, 6th grade, LA Art Academy
- 5th Place: Selina Yu, 8th grade, LA Art Academy

9th – 12th Grades

- 1st Place: Mia Dominguez, 10th grade, Los Altos High School
- 2nd Place: Janice Wu, 11th grade, LA Art Academy
- 3rd Place: Jessica Mayo, 9th grade, California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley
- 4th Place: Charlene Hsu, 9th grade, California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley
- 5th Place: Phoebe Luo, 9th grade, LA Art Academy

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified and affordable portfolio of high quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

(From left to right) Board of Directors Jennifer Santana, Ed Chavez, and Al Contreras with the winners of the 2019 "Water is Life" art contest.

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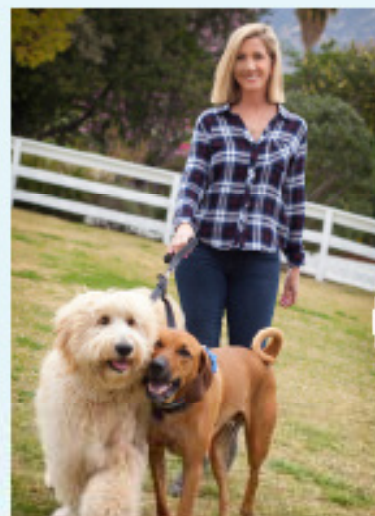


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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

May 12 to May 19, 2019

During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 201 calls for service.

Attempted Theft from a vehicle

On Monday, May 13, at about 8:13AM a vehicle burglary occurred in the 200 block of S. Mountain Trail Ave. The suspect entered the locked camper shell of the victim's truck and attempted to remove some of the victim's gardening equipment. This victim had equipment stolen from the same location last week. The suspect then fled the scene without taking any equipment. Case to Detectives

Drug Possession

Officers conducted a pedestrian stop on a male subject in the 100 block of Michillinda Ave. at about 9:01PM on Monday, May 13th. During the interview it was discovered the subject had three outstanding warrants and was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail.

At about 12:05AM on Tuesday, May 14th, a man was contacted in the Sierra Vista Park rear parking lot after hours. An investigation revealed the man had methamphetamine and paraphernalia in his possession. The man was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Both Cases to Pasadena DA's office

Vehicle Burglary

A vehicle burglary occurred at Bailey Canyon Parking lot, on occurred on Friday, May 17, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Preliminary information reveals unknown suspect(s) entered the locked vehicle by smashing out the driver's side door window and gaining access inside. Once inside, the suspect(s) took personal items and miscellaneous clothing. The suspect(s) then fled the location in an unknown direction with the stolen property. Case to Detectives

KATIE Tse....This and That STICKY FINGERS

My mom's friend (we'll call her Rita) recently became a grandmother again. Her grandson (we'll call him Ayden, because everyone names their kid that) was born last week. I don't know if "born" is the right word, since he appeared on the scene via C-section. "Extracted" is probably more accurate. But anyway, his dad's already saying this kid's stubborn. Stubborn at one week of age. His parents must already be looking forward to life with him as a teenager.

I don't know how a one week-old exhibits stubbornness, but I've heard hilarious tales of a two year-old who's mastered the art of smuggling. This one's from my mom's other friend, Florence. If you frequent my column you might recognize Florence. I've lifted her stories from teaching, and for a while I hesitated about sharing this one. But I had nothing else to write about. And Florence is nice, she'll forgive me.

So Florence spends a lot of time watching her younger grandson (we'll call him Jayden, because that's what everyone names their kid, right after Ayden). Jayden's great, very mellow. A stark contrast to his mischievous older brother. Everyone probably assumed raising Jayden would be a smooth, unhindered walk in the park. That was, until they tried to break him of his pacifier habit.

I, for one, don't remember having a pacifier as a child. But then, I guess no one really remembers much from that age. Pacifiers must be a riot, though, because this kid will not give them up. Simple, his parents thought. He's small, just take it away from him. Problem solved. Oh no.

Jayden allows you to take his pacifier without a fight, but that's only because he's got a better strategy up his sleeve than brute force. He's got stealth. Florence was driving with him one day when she stopped at a light, checked the back seat, and realized that Jayden was sucking away at a pacifier in his car seat. She took it from him and proceeded on. At the next light he had another one! This was repeated an astonishing number of times.

While a mystery exists as to how exactly Jayden's lifting these things, the greater question is where on earth he's hiding them! It's not like this kid wears a pocketed trench coat like in the old movies where guys opened the sides to reveal watches. This is a little two year-old who's still working on soft foods. The only other option is body cavities, but I'd rather not think about that.

One thing's for sure, this kid is going places. All we can hope is that he'll use his powers for good and not evil. Thanks for another one, Florence!



WALKING SIERRA MADRE by Deanne Davis

"They carry us beneath their hearts,
That's how every new life starts.
The beating of our mother's heart,
The first sound that we hear.
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And God....is very near.
Your mother, my mother,
And Mary....the mother of....God." *

Mother's Day was just a Sunday or two ago and I'm hoping yours was as nice as mine was. We got together, six of us mothers, along with assorted husbands and children, to enjoy some excellent BBQ, some great salads from Stonefire Grill, and exchanged carefully selected cards, chosen with such love and care. Let me quote just a few:

"To my mother. We all need someone to believe in us...in who we are and in all we can become. Someone to cheer, encourage, comfort and guide us...to give us the confidence we need to believe in ourselves and in our potential to reach our dreams. Thank you for being my someone. May you know how much your love and support mean to me and always will."

"For our Grandma! If everybody had a grandma like you, there would always be lots of smiles in the world."

"Family is love and laughter, strength and smiles, hope and happiness. Every Mother's Day is a gift – a chance to go back through the memories of the heart and say thank you. For a home that was warm and welcoming and filled with life and laughter – where each day seemed to hold some small adventure and something new to learn. For a family that loves being together – that cares for each other and helps one another through all the big and little ups and downs of life...for a connection that gives meaning and purpose and joy to every day. Thanks for all the joys of having a mother like you."

"Happy Mother's Day from both of us...the one you raised right, and the one who really appreciates it!"

If you haven't gone back yet and taken a second look at your Mother's Day cards, give yourself a few minutes, pour yourself a cup of coffee and read them again. You'll be glad you did.



Speaking of being glad, I was over-the-top elated, overjoyed, and just plain delighted to see that dear friend, Bud Switzer, has been selected to be our 4th of July Grand Marshal. Bud and Donna were our neighbors on Alegria for all the years we lived there, 48 of 'em! Mr. Pumpkin! Oh my yes! So many years ago, Bud and son, Kevin, would drive up to Camarillo, I think it was, load up a trailer with pumpkins and then create about 300 of the most exotic, unusual, alien being, gentle monster pumpkins and line their long driveway with these beauties. John and I, and everybody else on our street were enchanted. That's how it all started on Alegria. That was genuine art, folks!

Bud has done so much more for our community and, as it states in the job description for Grand Marshal: The Grand Marshal is a person or persons whose efforts over a long period of time has been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person or persons' volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our community." That pretty much sums up Bud Switzer. Congratulations, dear friend, you deserve it and we will all be cheering you this coming July 4th. The picture is Bud, second one in on the far right, with the gentlemen of Sierra Madre's VFW Post 3208.

Take a minute to donate to the Walk to Cure Arthritis Los Angeles. Our own Jake Pevsner is the Youth Honoree and this 10 year old hero has put up with more unpleasant health stuff than most of us can even imagine. He is an outstanding young person and deserves our support. To donate: <https://events.arthritis.org/team/Jake>. Again, you'll be glad you did!

*Lyrics from "Your Mother, My Mother" – Star of Wonder – A Christmas Musical Book & Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley.


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Memorial Day Closures Reminders



Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many city services and administrative business offices will be closed on Monday, in observance of Memorial Day, a national day of remembrance for the brave men and women of the U.S. military who died in the line of duty. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services, but not business or administrative offices. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

The city council will not meet on Monday, May 27. The next regularly scheduled council meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on June 3.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call the Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at www.PWPweb.com or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The city's Municipal Services Payment Center at City Hall will be closed, as will the Parking Office at 221 E. Walnut St. Pasadena Public Health Department's Immunization Clinic will be closed. Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicHealth for more information.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, May 27, and will return to normal hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, May 28. CSC is available via the web and by calling (626) 744-7311.

The City WILL have trash collection on Monday, May 27. There will be no delay in trash, recycling and yard waste collection.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on Memorial Day, but will resume regular service May 28. All parking meters not posted as a "No Parking" zone will be free on May 27 and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement resumes May 28.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 26, and Monday, May 27, with normal hours resuming May 28. All Community Centers operated by the Human Services and Recreation Department will be closed, but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

The city of Pasadena wishes everyone a safe holiday. Please celebrate responsibly as we remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



City Proclaims Gun Violence Awareness

Mayor Terry Tornek along with the city council issued a proclamation Monday night to recognizing June 7 through June 9 as National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend in Pasadena.

"Gun violence touches every segment of our society and impacts people of all ages," Tornek read from the document. "It increases the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence; raises the likelihood of fatalities by those who intend to injure others, and among those who attempt suicide; it places children and young people at increased risk of physical harm and injury; and disproportionately affects communities of color."

The proclamation was received by Peace Over Violence, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence.

Just minutes after the proclamation was delivered, Police Chief John Perez updated the council over a police involved shooting last week that left a man dead 1500 block of Glen Avenue.

"Police received a call [May 18] about 6:30 p.m. of a man with a rifle and a tactical vest..." Perez said. "This indecent is tremendously tragic for the family as well as our community... I am hopeful that the investigation will confirm that the officers made the best possible decisions, considering the terrible set of circumstances they faced."

Daniel Warren of Pasadena was found dead in the backyard of the home, it was unclear if Warren took his own life or shot by police. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Pasadena Police Department are both investigating the shooting Perez said.

Pasadena National Gun Violence Awareness events include:

Friday, May 31, 1 – 2:30 p.m.: Speaker Series Feat. San Gabriel Moms Demand Action Join the San Gabriel Valley Moms Demand Action as they discuss their organization's gun violence prevention efforts and accomplishments at Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. This event is part of a monthly speaker series. For more information, call (626) 744-7330.

Thursday, June 6: Wear Orange Day The city is encouraging the public to wear orange in support of the gun violence prevention movement. Free orange lapel ribbons, stickers and informational pamphlets will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following locations: Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Victory Park Recreation Center, 2575 Paloma St.

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Five Named 'Teachers Of Excellence' By Rotary Club



(Photo left to right: Amber Plummer; Patricia Fontenot-Hughes; Mary Lou Byrne, Pasadena Rotary Club President; Elizabeth Najera-Bustillos, Cynthia Macias; and Veronica Alcantar)

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) today announced the five recipients of the 2019 Teachers of Excellence Award presented annually by the Rotary Club of Pasadena to educators who excel in their profession. The 2019 Teachers of Excellence were honored at a luncheon last week.

The 2019 honorees are Veronica Alcantar of Jackson Dual Language/STEM, Patricia Fontenot-Hughes of Washington STEAM Magnet, Cynthia Macias of McKinley School, Elizabeth Najera-Bustillos of Blair School, and Amber Plummer of Eliot Arts Magnet.

"I am pleased to partner with the Rotary Club of Pasadena for the annual Teachers of Excellence to recognize exceptional teachers who demonstrate exemplary professionalism and go the extra mile for the students of the Pasadena Unified School District," said Superintendent

Brian McDonald. "Congratulations to the 2019 Teachers of Excellence!"

The Teachers of Excellence is a collaborative program of the Rotary Club of Pasadena and PUSD. The Rotary Club invites all schools to nominate teachers for this honor and a selection committee composed of principals, UTP, parents, previous winners, and Rotarians reviews the entries. The five teachers are awarded \$1,500, and \$500 is presented to each recipient's school. PUSD's Teacher of the Year is selected from the five Teachers of Excellence.

The Teachers of Excellence awards program fosters excellence in teaching in the Pasadena Unified School District. It demonstrates the Pasadena Rotary's commitment to public schools and to exceptional teachers who deserve special recognition.

The luncheon was held May 22.

Tillamook Yum Bus to Scoop Up Chalk Festival



The Paseo, together with Light Bringer Project, a non-profit Pasadena-based arts organization, announced they will again host the annual Pasadena Chalk Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Father's Day weekend.

The event is free to attend and open to the public.

More than a quarter of a century in the making, the Pasadena Chalk Festival has become a coveted family-friendly event attracting thousands of art-appreciating fans to The Paseo to celebrate the history and centuries-old artistry of street painting. This year's event will shine a spotlight on the talents of nearly 600 chalk artists who will work simultaneously, using more than 25,000 sticks of pastel chalk, to create hundreds of life-sized murals. Blick Art Materials will provide the chalk for the artists to use to create their murals at the festival as well as new, unpainted 12" x 12" canvases for artists to use to create paintings for the art gallery and silent auction.

"We're incredibly grateful for the generosity shown to the Light Bringer Project and our mission each year during the Pasadena Chalk Festival," says Thomas Coston, President, Light Bringer Project. "The festival is a worthy community event showcasing some truly inspirational pieces of art. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for the public to learn about the programs and services we deliver to underserved public school children throughout Los Angeles County."

During the 2019 Pasadena Chalk Festival, there will be music and entertainment with a number of must-attend events and attractions, including:

Kids Make Art: Saturday and Sunday, June 15th and 16th, from noon to 5 p.m. near El Cholo

18th Annual Pasadena Police Classic Car Show: Sunday, June 16th

Animation Alley: Animation art and animators in action in the Lower Theatre Court

Chalk of Fame: Movie-themed chalk art in the Upper Theatre near ArcLight Cinemas

Artist Gallery: Affordable small painted canvases and other merchandise for sale near the main stage

Silent Auction: Art auction near the main stage with proceeds benefitting the Light Bringer Project

Artist Awards Ceremony: Takes place at the conclusion of the festival Sunday, June 16th, at 7 p.m. Participating artists and shopping center visitors will select the most outstanding murals for a variety of awards including The Paseo People's Choice Award; Best in Festival; and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. New this year: Artists will compete for a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. Sponsored by the Tillamook County Creamery Association, a farmer-owned dairy cooperative, the 2019 event will focus on fundraising with donations as well as proceeds from art gallery sales and a silent auction benefitting the Light Bringer Project's arts education program for underserved youth.

Tillamook Yum Bus: During the festival, ice cream-loving ambassadors will scoop up tasting flights of Tillamook's premium ice cream at the Tillamook Yum Bus and ice cream tent.

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SUPERVISOR BARGER HOSTS “TRIBUTE TO VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES” PROGRAM AT ARCADIA COUNTY PARK

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- Supervisor Kathryn Barger will host the 22nd Annual “Tribute to Veterans and Military Families” event Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A tribute ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. which will be in recognition of World War II Veterans. The family event will showcase military history, resources, wellness programs and opportunities for veterans and their families. Highlights include skydivers, a performance by the 40th Infantry Division Band, military vehicles, and equipment displays. Various County agencies will be on-site conducting job interviews for veterans. There will be a children's area, free manicures and haircuts, and a food court featuring food trucks.

WHEN: Saturday, May 25, 2019 -- 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHERE: Arcadia County Park 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 12th, through Saturday, May 18th, the Police Department responded to 954 calls for service, of which 124 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 12:

1. Shortly before 1:31 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of Vaquero Road regarding a residential burglary report. Sometime between May 6th and May 12th, unknown suspects entered the residence by smashing a rear sliding glass door. The suspects ransacked the home and fled with jewelry and designer handbags. The suspects tampered with the security surveillance system during the burglary. The investigation is ongoing.

2. At approximately 11:37 a.m., an officer responded to H Mart, 1101 West Huntington Drive, regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated she was sitting in the driver's seat of her vehicle when the suspect stole her purse from the passenger seat.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 20 to 30-years-old, approximately 5'5" tall, with a thin build, and no facial hair. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, May 13:

3. Just after 9:44 a.m., a robbery victim flagged down an officer at Arco, 625 Las Tunas Drive. The victim, a clerk, was punched when he confronted the suspect for stealing wine and food. The suspect was located nearby and the 34-year-old male from Temple City was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At approximately 12:45 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Huntington Drive regarding a vandalism report. The officer determined an unknown suspect smashed the victim's rear-view mirrors for no apparent reason. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, May 14:

5. Around 11:41 a.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of West Duarte Road regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect fraudulently withdrew nearly \$3,000.00 from his account. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained his personal information or the identity of the suspect.

6. Just before 3:49 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Christian School, 1900 South Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. Between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on May 14th, an unknown suspect smashed the victim's driver side window. No loss was report, no suspects were seen, and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, May 15:

7. At about 10:22 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Singing Wood Drive regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed the Black male suspect stole gardening equipment from the victim's unlocked trailer and was seen fleeing from the scene in a white, two-door Honda Accord. The investigation is ongoing.

8. Shortly after 1:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Norman Avenue regarding a burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear sliding glass door, ransacked the home, and fled with two Montblanc pens and other items. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, May 16:

9. Just before 6:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 600 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding the report of a restraining order violation. The officer located the subject and confirmed that he was the restrained person. The 22-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. Around 12:45 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Second Avenue and Huntington Drive for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 35-year-old male from West Covina had been driving without a license. He was cited and released in the field.

Friday, May 17:

11. At about 4:00 a.m., officers responded to the area of Baldwin Avenue and Las Tunas Drive regarding a stolen vehicle. Officers located the vehicle, which was occupied by two subjects, and conducted a traffic stop. A search of the subjects and the vehicle revealed a stolen check and stolen credit cards. The 21-year-old male driver from La Puente and the 20-year-old female passenger from Pomona, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. At around 1:00 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 1000 block of North First Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke the front passenger side window of the vehicle and stole a backpack. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Saturday, May 18:

13. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., An officer patrolling the area of Second Avenue and Huntington Drive, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. Further investigation revealed the occupants were in possession of counterfeit drivers' licenses, a credit card reader, credit cards, stolen mail and methamphetamine. One subject also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The 26-year-old male from Huntington Beach and the 25-year-old female from Norwalk were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. At approximately 6:00 p.m., Officers responded to Santa Anita Park, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a trespassing investigation. Race track security recognized a subject, who had previously been formally advised not to return, inside the property. Officers confirmed that the subject was trespassing and a valid private person's arrest had been made. The 56-year-old male from Venice was issued a citation and released in the field.

MONROVIA COMMUNITY NEWS Story and Photo By Joan Schmidt



Karen, Jacobm Congresswomen Grace Napolitano and Joan

So many great happenings are in Monrovia. The City hosted Monrovia Days, observing its 132nd Birthday! The Fair opened Friday night with great rides, games and food. Saturday morning was its VIP Breakfast. Fellow Town Council Member Linda Sells and I caught up with City and School Board Members, Fire Chief Brad Dover, City Treasurer/Historian Steve Baker, Senior of the Year Betty Fisher Thomas, and City Commissioners. After, at 9am, festivities began and presentations were made by two great Congresswomen, Judy Chu and Grace Napolitano. Napolitano has been working nonstop on Mental Health Issues, Water issues, Veterans and much more. What a great opportunity to thank these fine ladies for all their hard work and dedication to our communities. Of there were great performances by Center Stage. The following Parade was wonderful, and we deeply appreciate the City's Inclusion of the Town Council in festivities.

May 15 was our last town Council Meeting and those who don't attend, once a month, do a disservice the themselves!. Sarah Ritzvo from Assemblywoman Rubio's Office, explained AB 1179, pertaining to child custody issues and the safety of children. Sarah Maravilla from Supervisor Barger's Office reminded us of the Annual Veterans Fair May 25 at Arcadia County Park, and VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE, will be held at Second Baptist Church, 925 S. Shamrock, Monrovia on Thursday, June 6, from 6-8pm. It will tell about LA County's new voting centers and new voting experience. Also the county is looking into giving financial help with installed "Ring Programs." Deputy April Nelson told of increased arrests thanks to residents reporting unfamiliar people, something not seeming right. "If you see something, say something." CHP Officer Tony Chun gave us flyers about driving distracted. It is "not only texting but eating, grooming, reading and reaching". He also passed out flyers with the appropriate age and position for baby/child seats and how long a child needs to be in a booster seat. (8 years old or 4'9") Arcadia PD's Mike Vercillo also gives safety tips, Esmeralda Fuentes from Pamela Parks speaks of programs and events, and Denise Dilley (Live Oak) and Joanna Gee (Duarte) tell of all the great programs and events at their Libraries. Next Town Council Meeting: June 15, 7pm, Pamela Park, 2236 Goodall Ave. Duarte. Hope to see you there!

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Baseball Author Night Doubleheader with Jason Turbow and Ron Rapoport

All Star baseball authors Jason Turbow and Ron Rapoport will team up for an Author Night 1-2 punch on Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room. The potent lineup will make solid contact during the lively panel discussion on two of the season's most timely hits. Jason and Ron will be joined by moderator Mark Langill, the Team Historian for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jason Turbow will tell the rollicking tale of the Dodgers' crazy 1981 season that's colorfully documented in his "They Bled Blue: Fernandomania, Strike-Season Mayhem, and the Weirdest Championship Baseball Had Ever Seen." During the discussion, Ron Rapoport will reveal the inside story of Ernie Banks, the first ballot Hall of Famer and All-Century shortstop who outslugged Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, and Mickey Mantle in their prime in his most recent page-turner "Let's Play Two: The Legend of Mr. Cub, The Life of Ernie Banks."

In 1981 the Dodgers were led by the garrulous Tommy Lasorda—a full-time Hall of Fame manager and part-time cheerleader—who regularly called on the "Big Dodger in the Sky" and claimed to bleed Dodger blue. Tommy's office hosted a regular stream of Hollywood celebrities, as well as top notch players like Steve Garvey, Davey Lopes, Bill Russell, and Ron Cey, the most durable infield in major league history. The members of long-established quartet were unaware that 1981 would spell the end of their unprecedented run together. The season's biggest story, however, was completely unpredictable: a 20 year-old stocky lefthander straight out of Mexico would take the league by storm with his wild delivery which included a skyward glance before he'd deliver an almost unhittable screwball as his out pitch.

The Dodgers had been trying for decades to find a Hispanic star to activate the local Mexican-American population as "true blue" fans. It didn't take very long for Fernando Valenzuela to be the first to fit the role and his fame would soon sweep far beyond the confines of Chavez Ravine. "They Bled Blue" is a sprawling, mad tale of excess and exuberance which could only have taken place at Dodger Stadium at that time.

Jason Turbow is the award-winning writer of "Dynastic, Bombastic, Fantastic" about Charley Finley's Oakland As, "The Baseball Codes" that finally articulated and explored the often mysterious unwritten rules of the national pastime, and the audiobook "Baseball Forever!" narrated by Bob Costas. Jason has also written for The Wall Street Journal, Sports Illustrated, Wired, and many other publications. He lives in Albany in the Bay Area.

Ron Rapoport's "Let's Play Two" is the highly revealing and definitive biography of the Chicago Cubs' legendary Ernie Banks, one of America's most iconic, beloved, and misunderstood players. Ernie Banks is widely known for his public display of good cheer, even though it masked the fact he was a deeply conflicted, melancholy, and often quite lonely man. Banks endured poverty and racism as a young man --and later the scorn of manager Leo Durocher as an aging superstar. Despite his superstar-like status for so many years in between, Banks was never known to have complained or uttered a negative word, even though he spent his entire career with the woebegone Chicago Cubs. His signature phrase "Let's play two," has entered the American lexicon and exemplifies the enthusiasm and optimism that has endeared him to fans everywhere.

Ron Rapoport was a sports columnist for the Chicago Sun Times and spent several years with Banks trying to help him write an autobiography that was never finished. Ron also wrote for the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Daily News, and the Associated Press. He served as the sports commentator for NPR's Weekend Edition for two decades and has written many other books about sports and entertainment. He lives in Santa Monica.

The free, fun event is ideal for baseball fans of all persuasions, including Dodgers fans still trying to get over the 2017 and 2018 World Series Blues. A good dose of some of Ernie Banks' enthusiasm and optimism, as well as reminiscences of the Dodgers' 1981 World Series victory are expected to exert a positive therapeutic effect on fans in attendance who bleed blue. The event for all ages is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library, The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, and Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse. Special thanks to 210eastsound, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Hachette Books, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Autographed books will be available for purchase.

The Library Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street. Admission is free and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. No tickets or reservations are necessary, but space is limited. For more information call 626 403-7350.

The South Pasadena Community Services Department and the Parks & Recreation Commission are happy to announce the return of the Community Dodger Night on Monday, June 17th at 7:10 p.m. The Dodgers will be playing against the San Francisco Giants. Get a group together and join your community for a night of baseball. Tickets are \$45 at the Preferred Loge Box and \$46 for the All You Can Eat Pavilion. Tickets must be purchased now through Friday, May 31.

For more information or the buy tickets visit: southpasadenaca.gov

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ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, May 12th
1:30 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2400 block of E. Washington Boulevard. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by removing the door lock. No items reported stolen.

Monday, May 13th
9:28 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1800 block of Mar Vista Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the kitchen window. No items reported stolen.

8:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2200 block of Kinclair Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence by kicking the front door. Suspect(s) initially tried to enter the residence by shattering the rear sliding door. Stolen: black safe and a personal documents.

Tuesday, May 14th
8:00 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 1700 block of N. Altadena Drive. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by punching the door lock. Stolen: Burberry

sunglasses and currency.

2:31 PM – Monica Arroyas, 40 years old of Pico Rivera was arrested in the area of Washington Boulevard and Grand Oaks Avenue for possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, May 15th
5:00 PM – A petty theft occurred in the area of Hill Avenue and Washington Boulevard. Stolen: cellphone. Suspect has been identified.

7:25 PM – Jesus Torres, 30 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of Washington Boulevard and Altadena Drive for carrying a concealed weapon.

Thursday, May 16th
2:00 AM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 2400 block of Lake Avenue. Suspect has been identified.

Friday, May 17th
7:41 PM – Austin Mackey, 31 years old of Los Angeles was arrested in the area of Mendocino Street and Norwic Place for drunk in public.

Memorial Day Service and a Call for Veterans



Join the City of San Marino as they pay tribute to the dedication and sacrifices the men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces have made. The ceremony Monday May 27 will be held at Lacy Park at 9 a.m. The event will include recognition of Veterans, special guest speakers, and patriotic music. This event is open to the public. For more information, please call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200

SPARC Art Gallery Exhibits at South Pasadena City Hall

The South Pasadena Arts Council presents Tinkering-Three dimensional constructs by Valerie Wilcox and Childhood 101 - Photographs by Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin at the SPARC Gallery at South Pasadena City Hall.

Valerie Wilcox, a contemporary and mixed media artist, describes Tinkering as three-dimensional constructs. They are "a reimagined, abstracted understanding of our built environment" and incorporating "the ideals of Wabi Sabi, a traditional Japanese aesthetic centered on the acceptance and beauty of transience and imperfection." Wilcox's Art pieces often feature wood with visible paint remnants, sourced from torn-down or remodeled houses. Based in Los Angeles, Wilcox is part of the artist collective Durden and Ray. Exhibitions of her work have been featured at the Torrance Art Museum, the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, Irvine Fine Arts Center, Mount Saint Mary's University, Palo Alto Art Center, QIPO Art Fair in Mexico City, Kölner

Liste Art Fair in Cologne; and in numerous other local and international galleries. Tinkering will run through June 30, in South Pasadena City Hall.

In Childhood 101, South Pasadena-based photographer and educator Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin who is known for her "compassionate and curious lens," documents the playful activities of her two sons and their friends at their South Pasadena home, in their backyard, on the road, and around town, remembering her own treasured outdoor playtime as a child. A Fulbright Senior Scholars, and recipient of the, IREX IARO Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a Houston Center for Photography Fellowship McLaughlin has exhibited nationally and internationally. Her images are in permanent collections at the Museum of Photographic Art in San Diego, Western Virginia Museum of Art, and the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest. Childhood 101 runs through June 30, in the 2nd floor SPARC Gallery at South Pasadena City Hall.

Public Comment on Draft Budget Open through May 31

The public is invited to comment on the draft South Pasadena city budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020. The public comment period closes May 31.

Please email comments to budget@southpasadenaca.gov or deliver written correspondence to the City Clerk's office, 1414 Mission St.

Go to southpasadenaca.gov to view the draft budget.

South Pas Film Screening: To Climb a Gold Mountain



The Library, the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club (SPCC) and the Friends of the South Pasadena Library are pleased to present a screening of the award-winning documentary To Climb A Gold Mountain: A Portrait of Struggle and Triumph in honor of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room

Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Hospitality Committee.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the director.

Director Alex Azmi's moving documentary tells the stories of four women of Asian descent who lived in America from the 1850s to the present day. The women came from different backgrounds and lived dramatically

different lives. Some of the women featured in the film, like Anna May Wong, have reached success and fame. Still others, like Sing Ye, who lived in the 1800s and fought for freedom, are all but forgotten. Each woman's story represents a distinct theme of struggle and triumph, and ushers in the succeeding story. Through these stories, the film tracks the progression, evolution and legacy of immigrants in this country as they integrate into the fabric of America.

Alex Azmi is an Emmy Award winning filmmaker. He is interested in documentaries and films that deal with social and human issues in the United States and around the world. His latest work, "the MAN and Machine", which is in development, explores the forces behind advancements in technology and their impact on society. Alex won the International Humanitarian Platinum Award with co-director Rebecca Hu at the 2017 World Humanitarian Awards and the film has been recognized at festivals around the world.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please contact ADA Coordinator and Human Resources Manager, Mariam Lee Ko, at (626) 403-7312 or at southpasadenaca.gov.

Con Man Pleads Guilty in Real Estate Fraud Scheme

A career con man pled guilty last week in a federal fraud case stemming from a real estate scam that targeted distressed homeowners, many of whom were elderly individuals who were scammed out of their homes, including properties in Pasadena.

Michael "Mickey" Henschel, 70, of Van Nuys, pleaded guilty to mail fraud in relation to the scheme that generated more than \$17 million in profits and caused homeowners to suffer approximately \$10 million in losses when they lost title to their homes and when they were defrauded into giving Henschel and his co-conspirators money as part of the scam. Henschel's fraudulent conduct also caused losses to mortgage lenders and purchasers of foreclosed properties.

According to court documents, Henschel – who used various aliases, including "Frank Winston," "Steve Lopez" and "Ron Berman" – and his co-conspirators tricked distressed homeowners into signing fraudulent deeds on their properties with false promises that the deeds would help homeowners protect their properties from creditors. The fraudulent deeds allowed Henschel and the others to fraudulently file documents on the titles to the targeted homeowners' properties. For example, they filed fraudulent grant deeds that purported to convey an interest in the properties to entities that Henschel controlled. They also filed fraudulent trust

deeds based on fictional loans supposedly guaranteed by the targeted homeowners and fraudulent liens that recorded an interest in the properties based on fictional debts.

Henschel and his co-conspirators benefited from the fraudulent filings in a variety of ways, including through outright theft of the properties, mortgages that co-conspirators obtained on the properties, and rental payments that they obtained from tenants living in the properties. The schemers also made money by demanding payments from the targeted homeowners to clear up the title, and from fraudulent state court civil actions that Henschel and his co-conspirators used to leverage settlement payments.

As a result of his guilty plea, Henschel is facing a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison. The other six defendants each face up to five years' imprisonment. Henschel is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge Virginia A. Phillips on August 12, and the four other conspirators who recently pleaded guilty are scheduled to be sentenced on August 26. Surabi and Alvarez are expected to be sentenced later this year.

As part of his plea agreement, Henschel agreed to forfeit money and property that represent proceeds of the fraudulent scheme, including more than \$100,000 in cash seized from a bank account and various residential properties in the San Fernando Valley, Glendale and Pasadena.

Multi-media Event to Honor 'No on 710' Freeway Fighters

A free public event to honor the aptly nicknamed "Freeway Fighters," will be presented in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 7. The event will feature the screening of about ten "digital stories" made by local residents. In them they tell their personal stories about their vital involvement in the 70-year resistance movement to protect South Pasadena from the 4.5 mile Because of the Freeway Fighters' dedication and tenacity, still no freeway runs through it.

The Freeway Fighters, once called Citizens United to Save South Pasadena (CUSP), are a multi-generational band of South Pasadena residents (some now gone) who have waged their tireless "David vs. Goliath" efforts to keep the 710 out, no matter if it's above ground or in a tunnel. They argued that the 710 extension, linking Interstate 10 and Interstate 210, would carry more than 100,000 vehicles a day –many of them trucks—and destroy much of one of the most picturesque enclaves in LA County, while wiping out 1,500 homes, 10 historical properties, and 7,000 trees. They also countered that the overall cost could add up to billions of dollars and drastically reduce the quality of life and air. Interstate 710 Freeway interchange that threatened to carve through its midsection. South Pasadena is situated in the middle of several major transportation corridors between the major metropolises of Pasadena and Los Angeles.


The Library event will feature opening remarks by Mayor Marina Khubesrian, MD and Councilmember Richard D. Schneider, MD, who both have played important roles in the movement. It will also feature songs written and performed by singer/songwriter Brad Colerick, whose latest album "Nine-Ten-Thirty" is named after the city's zip code, and a relevant poem read by South Pasadena Poet Laureate Ron Koertge. Author and Journalist Chip Jacobs, who has written about the Freeway Fight for the Los Angeles Times and the Pasadena Weekly will offer a brief overview of the longstanding struggle, as well as author and Journalist Frank Girardot, who previously served as Editor of the Pasadena Star-News.

The Library event's digital storytellers participated in a 2-day 'California Listens' Digital Storytelling Workshop last summer. The workshop, made possible by a grant from the California State Library, was attended by Freeway Fighters who developed their uniquely personal 2 to 4 minute productions that utilize video, music, narration, and photos. The videos they created will become part of a statewide archive of stories about various aspects of life in the Golden State. They will also be made available later via the Library's homepage on the City of South Pasadena website.

The Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street and no tickets or reservations are necessary. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and seating is limited.

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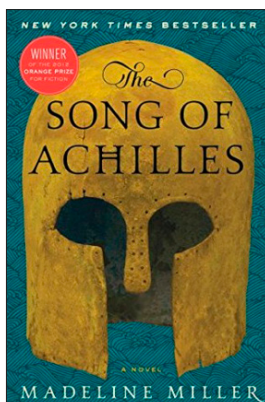
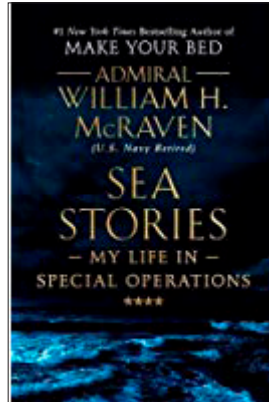
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Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

SEA STORIES: MY LIFE IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS by William H. McRaven

Following the success of his #1 New York Times bestseller *Make Your Bed*, which has sold over one million copies, Admiral William H. McRaven is back with amaz-ing stories of adventure during his career as a Navy SEAL and commander of America's Special Operations Forces. Admiral William H. McRaven is a part of American military history, having been involved in some of the most famous mis-sions in recent memory, including the capture of Saddam Hussein, the rescue of Captain Richard Phillips, and the raid to kill Osama bin Laden. *Sea Stories* begins in 1960 at the American Officers' Club in France, where Allied officers and their wives gathered to have drinks and tell stories about their adventures during World War II -- the place where a young Bill McRaven learned the value of a good story. *Sea Stories* is an unforgettable look back on one man's incredible life, from child-hood days sneaking into high-security military sites to a day job of hunting terror-ists and rescuing hostages. Action-packed, inspiring, and full of thrilling stories from life in the special operations world, *Sea Stories* is a remarkable memoir from one of America's most accomplished leaders.

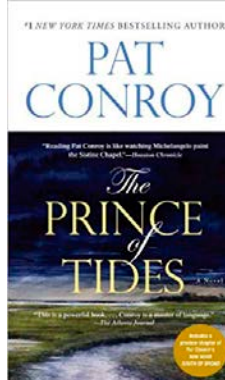


THE SONG OF ACHILLES: A Novel by Madeline Miller

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THE PRINCE OF TIDES: A Novel by Pat Conroy

In his most brilliant and powerful novel, Pat Conroy tells the story of Tom Wingo, his twin sister, Savannah, and the dark and violent past of the family into which they were born. Set in New York City and the lowcountry of South Carolina, the novel opens when Tom, a high school football coach whose marriage and career are crumbling, flies from South Carolina to New York after learning of his twin sister's suicide attempt. Savannah is one of the most gifted poets of her generation, and both the cadenced beauty of her art and the jumbled cries of her illness are clues to the too-long-hidden story of her wounded family. In the paneled offices and luxurious restaurants of New York City, Tom and Susan Lowenstein, Savannah's psychiatrist, unravel a history of violence, abandonment, commitment, and love. And Tom realizes that trying to save his sister is perhaps his last chance to save himself. With passion and a rare gift of language, the author moves from pre-sent to past, tracing the amazing history of the Wingos from World War II through the final days of the war in Vietnam and into the 1980s, drawing a rich range of characters: the lovable, crazy Mr. Fruit, who for decades has wordlessly directed traffic at the same intersection in the southern town of Colleton; Reese Newbury, the ruthless, patrician land speculator who threatens the Wingos' only secure worldly possession, Melrose Island; Herbert Woodruff, Susan Lowenstein's hus-band, a world-famous violinist; Tolitha Wingo, Savannah's mentor and eccentric grandmother, the first real feminist in the Wingo family. Pat Conroy reveals the lives of his characters with surpassing depth and power, capturing the vanishing beauty of the South Carolina lowcountry and a lost way of life. A wonderful book. The 3 reviews are from Amazon.com



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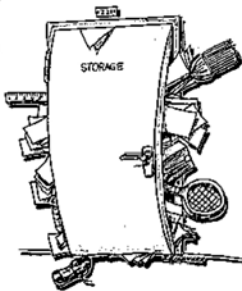
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Pet of the Week

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

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

THE SPIRIT OF MEMORIAL DAY

Over seven billion hot dogs will be eaten by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the July 4th weekend alone (the biggest hot-dog holiday of the year), 155 million will be downed.

Every year, Americans eat an average of 60 hot dogs each. They are clearly one of the country's most loved, but most misunderstood, comfort foods. Like most great events in history, there are varying accounts of how it all began and who started it. The history of the Hot Dog is no different. You will find many references throughout history to the origins of a Hot Dog-like thing called a sausage. Here are some stories of how the Hot Dog was born.

The invention of the Hot Dog, is often attributed to the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition. However, similar sausages were made and consumed in Europe, particularly in Germany, as early as 1864, and the earliest example of a hot dog bun dates to New York City in the 1860s. German immigrants appear to have sold hot dogs, along with milk rolls and sauerkraut, from pushcarts in New York City's Bowery during the 1860s. The Hot Dog's association with baseball also predates the 1904 World's Fair. Chris von der Ahe, owner of the St Louis Browns, sold Hot Dogs at his ballpark in the 1880s.

Who's Served the First Hot Dog? Also in doubt is who first served the first Hot Dog. Wieners and

frankfurters don't become Hot Dogs until someone puts them in a roll or a bun. There are several stories or legends as to how this first happened. Specific people were have been credited for for supposedly inventing the Hot Dog. Charles Feltman and Antoinette Feuchtwanger were among the few. In 1867, Charles Feltman, a German butcher, opened up the first Coney Island hot dog stand in Brooklyn, New York and sold 3,684 dachshund sausages in a roll during his first year in business. He is also credited with the idea of the warm bun. Although the exact origins of the Chicago Dog are not documented, Vienna Beef of Chicago claims the "Chicago-style" Hot Dog was invented by two European immigrants at the Chicago World's Fair and Columbian Exhibition in 1893. – I know this may be very difficult for some Dodger fans but the love of the hotdog and baseball did not start with the Dodgers.

*Program Note This Sunday Radio Show will be on at *8 AM Go Country 105*



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



3 WISE PLANNING TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY'S ASSETS

While most people assume only the uber wealthy need to worry about asset protection, those with less wealth and fewer assets may be at even greater risk. For example, if you're a multi-millionaire, a \$50,000 judgment against you might not be that big of a burden. But for a family with a modest income, home, and savings, it could be catastrophic.

Asset protection planning isn't something you can put off until something happens. Like all planning, to be effective, you must have asset protection strategies in place well before you actually need them. Plus, your asset protection plan isn't a one-

and-done deal: It must be regularly updated to accommodate changes to your family structure and asset profile.

There are numerous planning strategies available for asset protection, but three of the most common include the following:

1. Insurance

Purchasing different forms of insurance—health, auto, watercraft, and homeowner's—should always be the first line of defense to protect your assets. Whether you're ultimately found at fault or not, if you're ever sued, defending yourself in court can be extremely costly.

Insurance is designed not only to help you pay damages if a lawsuit against you is successful, but the insurance company is also responsible for hiring you a lawyer and paying his or her attorney's fees to defend you in court, whether you lose or win. However, insurance policies come with various amounts of coverage, which can be exceeded by large judgments, so you should also seriously consider buying umbrella insurance.

Should your underlying insurance policy max out, an "umbrella" policy will help cover any remaining damages and legal expenses. We can help evaluate your current policies and ensure you have the right types and amounts of insurance for maximum asset protection.

2. Business entities

Owning a business can be an incredible wealth-generating asset for your family, but it can also be a serious liability. Indeed, without the proper protection, your personal assets are extremely vulnerable if your company ever runs into trouble. For example, if your business is currently a sole proprietorship or general partnership, you are personally liable for any debts or lawsuits incurred by your business.

Structuring your business as a limited liability company (LLC) or S corporation is typically the best way to go for many small businesses. When properly set up and maintained, both entities create an impenetrable barrier between your personal assets and your business activities. Creditors, clients, and other potentially litigious individuals can go after assets owned by your company, but not your personal assets.

If you own any kind of business, even just a side gig to earn extra income, you should seriously consider creating a protective entity to ensure any liabilities incurred by your company won't affect your personal assets. We can help you select, put in place, and maintain the proper entity structure for your business operation.

3. Estate Planning

While each of the asset-protection scenarios shared above are "maybes," there is one certainty in life—death. It's going to happen to all of us. And your death, or an incapacity before it, is the biggest risk to your family's assets. Planning in advance for what is certain to come is a gift to the people you love the most.

So, if you've been putting it off, now is the time to get it handled, and we've made it easy for you to do that.

You work way too hard to leave your assets at risk. Call us to schedule a Family Estate Planning Session, and let's get this taken care of now. During your Session, you'll become educated, informed, and empowered.

We don't just draft documents; we ensure you make the very best legal decisions about life and death, for yourself and the people you love.

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Dedicated to empowering your family, building your wealth and defining your legacy,

A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love

most. His office is located at 55 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...May Birthdays*



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HART PARK HOUSE MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday Morning from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join the class with Instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the art of Hula!

Bingo Time: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to play! Activity may be canceled if there are less than five people.

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

Brain Games: Every third Thursday of the month at 12:45-1:45pm Join us for Scattergories, a creative thinking game by naming objects within a set of categories; or Jenga, a block-building challenge that keeps you stacking and balancing your tower. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. A great way to strengthen your mind and make new friends... Games are facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, May 15th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

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

Chair Yoga: Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. with Paul Hagen. Classes include Yoga and balance exercises. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed!

Birthday Celebration: Every 2nd Thursday Monthly at the Hart Park House. Share free birthday cake and ice cream kindly provided by the Senior Community Commission!

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

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

Gentle Yoga for Active Seniors: Every Monday & Wednesday from 8:15 - 9:45 a.m. with Andrea Walsh at the Hart Park House. Classes include complete floor relaxation, standing and floor postures, balancing, and featuring extended meditations on the fourth Wednesdays of the month! Call (626)-355-5278 for more information.

Art with Kt - Wednesday, May 15th 1:00 - 2:00p.m. Watercolor florals, realistic and abstract techniques will be demonstrated. Reserve your spot today by calling 626-355-5278 x 704.

COMING SOON—TBD Grandparent to Grandparents: Please join a group of grandparents for an afternoon of learning, sharing and building community led by Community Services Commissioner Rowinsky. Call 355-5278 for information.

HOW A GOVERNMENT PENSION MIGHT REDUCE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Dear Savvy Senior:

As a teacher for 20 years, I receive a pension from a school system that did not withhold Social Security taxes from my pay. After teaching, I've been working for a small company where I do pay Social Security taxes. Now, approaching age 65, I would like to retire and apply for my Social Security benefits. But I've been told that my teacher's pension may cause me to lose some of my Social Security. Is that true? Ready to Retire



Dear Ready:

Yes, it's true. It's very likely that your Social Security retirement benefits will be reduced under the terms of a government rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (or WEP).

The WEP affects people who receive pensions from jobs in which they were not required to pay Social Security taxes – for example, police officers, firefighters, teachers and state and local government workers whose employers were not part of the national Social Security system. People who worked for nonprofit or religious organizations before 1984 may also be outside the system.

Many of these people, like you, are also eligible for Social Security retirement or disability benefits based on other work they did over the course of their career for which Social Security taxes were paid.

Because of your teacher's pension, Social Security will use a special formula to calculate your retirement benefits, reducing them compared to what you'd otherwise get.

How much they'll be reduced depends on your work history. But one rule that generally applies is that your Social Security retirement benefits cannot be cut by more than half the size of your pension. And the WEP does not apply to survivor benefits. If you're married and die, your dependents can get a full Social Security payment, unless your spouse has earned his or her own government pension for which they didn't pay Social Security taxes. If that's the case, Social Security has another rule known as the Government Pension Offset (or GPO) that affects spouses or widows/widowers benefits.

Under the GPO, spousal and survivor benefits will be cut by two-thirds of the amount of their pension. And if their pension is large enough, their Social Security spousal or survivor benefits will be zero.

There are a few exceptions to these rules most of which are based on when you entered the Social Security workforce.

Why Do These Rules Exist?

According to the Social Security Administration, the reason Congress created the WEP (in 1983) and GPO (in 1977) was to create a more equitable system. People who get both a pension from non-Social Security work and benefits from Social Security-covered work get an unfair windfall due to the formula of how benefit amounts are calculated.

These rules ensure that government employees who don't pay Social Security taxes would end up with roughly the same income as people who work in the private sector and do pay them.

For more information on the WEP visit SSA.gov/planners/retire/wep.html, where you'll also find a link to their WEP online calculator to help you figure out how much your Social Security benefits may be reduced. And for more information on GPO, including a GPO calculator, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/gpo.html.

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

HELPING FAMILIES COPE WITH ANTICIPATORY GRIEF

A program aimed at helping families and other loved ones cope with anticipatory grief in cancer cases will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday June 4 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Jennifer R. Levin, a licensed therapist, will discuss how to identify anticipatory grief, and how to cope with the pain and losses associated with cancer. Location is the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 East Del Mar Blvd, Suite 215, Pasadena, Ca 91105. Reservations at 626-796-1083. www/cscpasadena.org

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

EATING OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE

One pleasure the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and myself enjoy is going out for a quiet din-ner together. It does not happen often, at least not often enough. When it does, it is always a delightful time and we try to take advantage of it.

The delight on my wife's side is that she does not have to cook the meal and then clean up after-wards. I have offered to help clean up, but only once and I am now forbidden to get anywhere near the dishwasher. And, for good reason.

Once in the early days of our marriage, I decided to surprise her by cooking supper for her. She spent the afternoon shopping with some friends and so I thought it was the proper time for me to do this.

Up until that time, I did not know how difficult cooking was. I've seen my grandmother do it and my mother and now my wife, so I thought it was a rather easy thing to do.

I must confess I have never studied these ladies while they were preparing the meal. I enjoyed the meal when it was done and that satisfied me.

I spent all afternoon that day preparing a very romantic dinner for us to enjoy together. The kids were at camp or somewhere so we had the house to ourselves. I worked very hard doing what I thought was cooking a nice meal.

As soon as my wife walked in the door, she stopped and said, "What is that awful smell? What are you burning?"

I must confess that the kitchen was filled with smoke and I am not sure the source. What I was cooking that night escapes me at this point, but I thought I put enough time, thought, and it to do it properly.

The whole meal that night was a complete and perfect disaster. I know there is nothing perfect, but this came as close to perfect as I have ever seen.

I must confess there was a nice balance to that meal. Some was undercooked and some over-cooked. If you balance them together, maybe something comes out right, I am not sure. Nothing, however, met the standard that my wife upholds in the culinary department. All the appliances in the kitchen were shocked by a disaster they had never seen before. And, never since, because I am banned from cooking in the kitchen.

The only thing I can do in the morning his turn the coffee pot on, that is the limit to my kitchen ac-tivities.

As we were sitting at our table at the restaurant, I was smiling. My wife looked at me and said, "Okay, what are you smiling about?"

I have never brought it up since that time and I was very hesitant about doing it now. Upon her in-sistence, I told her I was thinking about the time I cooked

her dinner.

She stared at me for a few moments and then burst out in hilarious laughter.

"I don't think," she said between laughter, "you cooked anything that night except your goose."

That is the only expertise I have, I suppose, cooking my own goose.

We chuckled about that as we looked at the menu to see what we were going to order. Everything on the menu sounded delicious. Of course, we had worked all day and so were quite hungry and I suppose anything would look delicious at that point.

The waitress brought us our drinks, I had coffee and she had lemon tea, and we went back to studying the menu.

It was then that I noticed something. It had never crossed my mind until this point. I'm rather ob-servant in life, particularly noticing the little things. But this night I was shocked.

Staring at the menu my mouth dropped open, my eyes expanded to their limit. At that moment, my wife looked at me and said, "What's wrong?"

I finally was able to say something and conveyed to her nothing was wrong and I was okay. She knew better. My mouth was still open and my eyes were still bulging.

Then I heard some laughter across the table. I looked up and she was laughing one of her laughs that I knew had to do with me.

"Have you decided what you going to order yet?"

I muttered, stuttered and said nothing at that point.

"I know what's wrong," she giggled.

"Nothing's wrong," I tried to convince her.

"You mean to tell me," she said between giggles, "that you have not noticed the prices on this menu?"

Finally, putting the menu down I confessed I had noticed the prices and could not believe how ex-pensive everything was. I did not know what to do, we were out to enjoy the evening together and I was in a predicament.

"You know," she said quietly, "there's a pizza shop around the corner. Maybe we could go there tonight."

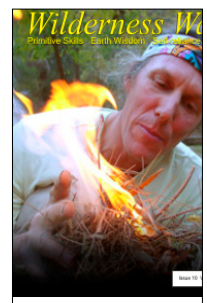
If anybody can read my mind, it is my wife. We paid for the coffee and tea, went to the pizza shop around the corner, and really, I mean really, enjoyed ourselves.

Driving home that night I thought of what the apostle Paul said. "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thesalonians 5:11).

The best part of a night out is not how much the meal costs, but who you are sharing it with.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



COMMENTARY ON THIS SEASON'S AMERICAN IDOL Number Two is still a "Winner"

[Nyerges is the author of numerous books such as "Extreme Simplicity," "How to Survive Anywhere," and "Self-Sufficient Home." He regularly Blogs at www.Schoolof-Self-Reliance.com.]

If you're not a TV watcher, you might not find any value in what I have to say to-day. But perhaps you will.

I know that Game of Thrones has a lot of followers and people have been deeply moved by the twists and turns of the plot. This, despite the fact that I have never seen a single episode and actually have no idea what it's all about!

But I do enjoy the various talent and singing competitions on TV. I've enjoyed observ-ing amateur contestants working their way through the levels of elimination until sup-posedly only the best remain. So this is not a world-shaking issue, and this doesn't rise to the level of bringing civilization to the edge. It's all about entertainment and show-casing the up-and-coming singers who we presume will be starting a dynamic career.

I watched the remarkable talent on the recent series of American Idol and developed my favorites, singer-musicians who I knew were the best of the crop, who I presumed would win. If you watched this show, you should realize that although there is just one "winner," each of the highly-talented final contestants is going to have a great career because the show gave them unparalleled publicity. As the most recent season came to a close, I rooted for Pomona's Alejandro Aranda, whose occupation was listed as "dishwasher." As I expected, he rose to the top and was one of the final two. His music was unique, compelling, and he performed mostly his own original songs. And then, there was the final vote. He lost to an Elvis look-a-like, who garnered more votes from the adoring public. The Elvis lookalike was certainly good – good-looking, slick, commanding the stage, and I'm sure he would do well in Las Vegas.

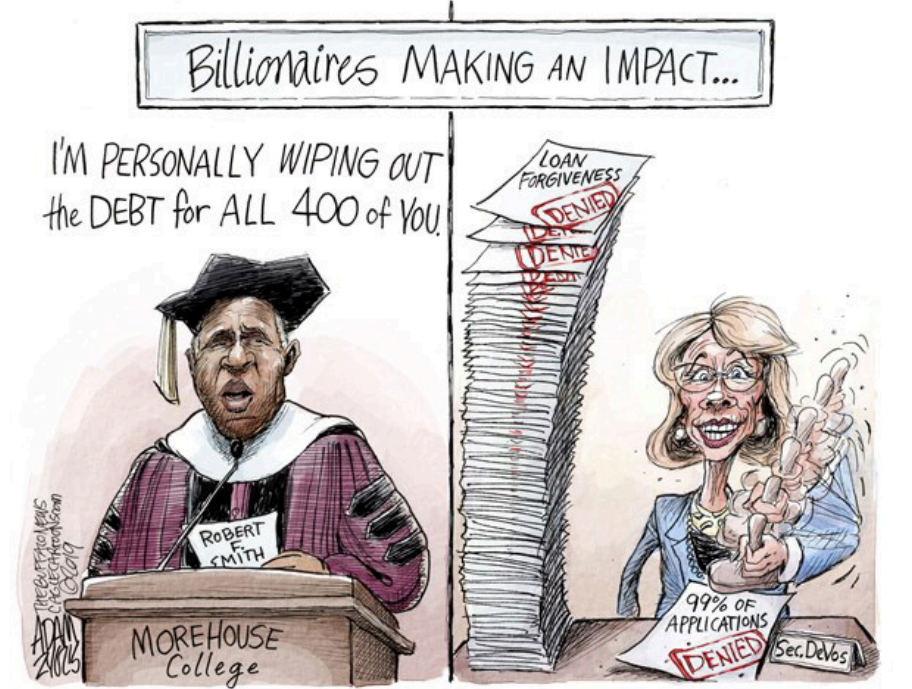
But I still could not figure how he could win over the highly original, uniquely

creative Alejandro, my top choice. Then I realized, duh, this is a TV show, and the "winner" is not determined by any sort of objective criteria by which one judges the totality of musical greatness. The winner is simply determined by whoever manages to get the most votes. And I didn't vote. After all, it's a TV show – why would I bother to vote? And I noted that people could vote up to 10 times! So that meant that whatever contestant could muster up the pop-up fan club to get out and vote, and vote often, would win. Popularity doesn't necessarily mean the best musician, sadly. Nevertheless, I cannot see how Alejandro will not have a remarkable career now that his talent is plain to see. The show will ultimately have produced several "winners."

While pondering this state of affairs, I recalled Andy Rooney on an old episode of "60 Minutes" when he talked about how we decide who won the Presidential debates, and thus, how we decide who will be president. Rooney divulged all the superficial elements that determine who "won" the debate, such as, good looks, color of hair, lack of hair, color of tie, height or shortness, sweat on the forehead, voice quality, and many other highly irrelevant factors for deciding something as momentous as who will be the leader of our country.

And then, well, after considering that our political elections have because more elaborate versions of American Idol or the Voice, I became a bit forlorn to realize that this is – sort of, more or less – the mess we've gotten ourselves into by "electing" the combination class clown-class bully to be our President. It seemed like a good idea at the time, but now we pay the price for an unqualified, nepotistic, sybaritic individual in the office of President who would likely flunk a course in American Government 101. But now I'm developing indigestion thinking about this – presidential commentary will have to wait for another day.

My point is to congratulate Pomona's Alejandro Aranda, Mr. Segundo, on a job well done, and wishing him the best on his new career!



TOM PURCELL HONOR THE FALLEN BY HIRING VETERANS



With your military service complete, you're eager to return home and get on with life in the private sector. Surely, in a booming economy, you'll have your pick of jobs? Your training is extensive, after all - the U.S. military's technology training and educational advancement is among the world's very best. Maybe you were a squad leader in the infantry, routinely making more important decisions - life-and-death decisions - than a large global corporation's CEO makes.

Nobody questions your passion to succeed. Your record of accomplishments is long. Few can match your work ethic. But transitioning to private employment proves to be far more difficult than you expected.

Your military promotions were based on your merits - your smarts and ability to make split-second decisions under incredible duress. Never once did you have to prepare a resume, interview, schmooze at networking events or tell potential new bosses why you should be their choice for a job.

In the military, you were a member of a team, living for your brothers and sisters and they for you, with continuous personal and professional support. But upon retirement, only disabled vets receive ongoing support from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government agencies.

You're on your own - and you need "soft skills" to prepare for job interviews and translate your considerable military credentials into a winning resume.

The numbers bear out your challenge: In some regions, the unemployment rate among veterans is considerably higher than among non-veterans - up to 2.5 percent higher in Pittsburgh's Allegheny County, for example.

Jack Wagner, a Marine Corps veteran, Purple Heart recipient and longtime local and state public servant, saw the need to address your challenge.

"Every veteran and spouse of a veteran is guaranteed a burial spot, but not a job," he says. "We teach veterans how to take off in terms of training them in

the military, but we don't teach them well how to land when they come back to civilian life."

In 2016, he led an effort with other concerned veterans to establish Pittsburgh Hires Veterans (PHV), a private, nonprofit organization that provides free one-on-one counseling and support to veterans and their spouses, including the National Guard and Reserves.

PHV's approach is based on each individual's unique needs and challenges. PHV's team of four guided a highly credentialed personnel officer from months of unemployment into a human resources position with a global corporation.

PHV helped one long-unemployed young man attain the skills and mindset he needed to land a solid, livable-wage job - helping him address issues resulting from his traumatic brain injury.

PHV helped another young man move from an indoor job he disliked, occupational therapist, to an outdoor job he loves, assistant grounds superintendent at a large, historic cemetery.

PHV currently serves 200 veterans - double the number a year ago - and each of us can help PHV find them gainful work.

If you're an employer, share your job opportunities. PHV is your gateway to veteran talent.

If you're an individual, financial donations are welcome. PHV gets by solely on private funds. But you can also tell veterans looking for work that PHV is eager to help (be sure to "like" PHV on Facebook).

If you're with a government agency or nonprofit helping transitioning veterans in other states, collaborate with PHV to support veterans moving between regions or to simply share notes.

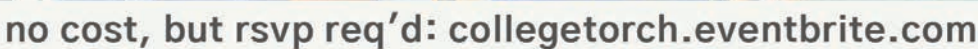
Memorial Day is upon us - the one day a year when we honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country.

What better way to serve veterans transitioning to private life than by doing our small part to help them find meaningful employment?

Visit PHV at www.PittsburghHiresVeterans.org.



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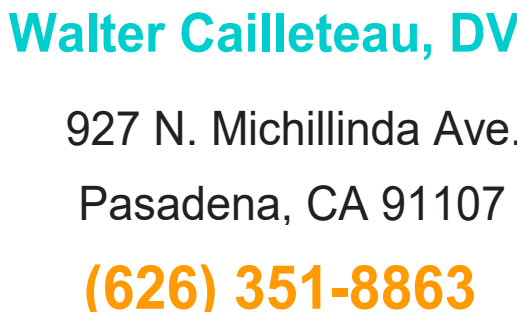


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