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## THERE IS MUCH TO APPRECIATE ABOUT THE 4TH OF JULY



*A message from Sierra Madre Mayor John Harabedian*

Dear fellow Sierra Madreans:

There is much to appreciate about the 4th of July. Of course, it marks our country's independence and, as a federal holiday, calls upon us all to celebrate our common bond as Americans. While our respective differences make this country so strong and rich in diversity, we all come together on this holiday as one, bound by a common bond as members of the greatest country in the world.

But what I love most about July 4th are the warm memories growing up in Sierra Madre and attending our 4th of July parade every year. Living on Sierra Madre Boulevard, it was a short trip from my front door to the parade route, and my parents would always host a large group of friends and family (still do), followed by a barbe-cue and pool party. In the good old days, the highlights of the parade were always the water fights with our volunteer firefighters (especially our Older American of the Year Paul Hagen), and the loads of candy that the parade participants would throw to us kids. While such activities exist now only in nostalgia, the parade remains the ultimate symbol of pride and tradition of Sierra Madre.

We are blessed to live in a town where volunteers ensure that this tradition lives on every year. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee who works tirelessly year-round to plan the parade and the many related events that go along with it. They could not have chosen a more deserving Grand Marshall in Bud Switzer. Better known as Mr. Pumpkin for his astonishing display of hundreds of jack-o-lanterns on his long, winding driveway on Alegria each year, Bud is a Korean War veteran and the 2018 George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Awardee. When you see Bud riding in the parade, give him a loud "Thank You," as he has given so much for this country and community.

As your Mayor, I want to thank you on behalf of our City family – the City Council, staff, and commissioners. It is you the residents that make Sierra Madre the special place that it is, and we are truly humbled to serve you.

God bless Sierra Madre, and God bless America!  
Mayor John Harabedian

City of Sierra Madre

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: Public Hearing: Conclusion of Proposition 218 Process

TO DETERMINE WHETHER A MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS IN THE PROCEEDINGS TO FORM THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2019, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to hear testimony on the Conclusion of the Proposition 218 Process to determine whether a majority protest exist in the proceedings to form the City of Sierra Madre Downtown Landscaping and Lighting District.

The City began Proposition 218 proceedings on May 14, 2019. The City Council has set July 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm as the day and time for the public tabulation of votes. The tabulation will be conducted at Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. The City Council has also set July 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm as the day and time for the Public Hearing as required by Proposition 218. The Public Hearing will be held in Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Please contact Assistant City Clerk Laura Aguilar at (626) 355-7135 or at LAguilar@cityofsierramadre.com if you have any questions about this matter.

By order of the City Council.

## CHARLIE BELL TRAIL OPENING



Story by Bob Spears

Photo of volunteer crew (above) by James Faulkner

There are very few locations in Sierra Madre more iconic than the Mount Wilson Trail. The trail is an essential element in the town's history and predates almost all other development. The trail continues to this day to be the reason why people come from far and wide to visit our foothill village and hike in the mountains.

For almost three decades the maintenance and care of the Mount Wilson Trail has been directed by Charlie Bell. He has had numerous assistants and lots of support over the years, but he has been the consistent guiding force that has kept the trail open to everyone.

Whenever a section of the trail collapsed he engineered an alternative, safer route. Whenever landslides bury the trail he has moved tons of dirt to reopen the path. This year the rains caused large sections of the trail to slide into the canyon. Charlie stepped up and lent his engineering expertise to a team of volunteers who have rebuilt the trail by installing over 250' of support fencing that has stabilized the trail.

The Mount Wilson Trail Race committee has worked under Charlie's direction to prepare the trail for the annual race in May. The Committee recruits help for work parties from January to May. However, Charlie and friends continue to work on the trail all year long. For many, many years Charlie, and his little black dog, have been the friendly, helpful ambassadors on the trail. He continues to arrive every Saturday at 5:30 and spends the day grooming the trail and greeting everyone as they go by.

A few years ago Charlie began engineering and installing a new section of trail that paralleled the existing trail and gave hikers access to the path going up the front of Jones Peak. Last Sunday fifteen members of the Mount Wilson Trail Crew went up the trail and installed a sign at the head of Charlie's New Trail. The sign both gives hikers directions and recognizes Charlie for his years of service to everyone who uses the trail.

The sign reads "Thank You Charlie Bell for your many, many years of volunteer work on the trails above Sierra Madre. The hikers and runners who use these trails are forever grateful for your careful planning, excellent engineering and meticulous workmanship. With your quick smile, and faster wit you have given us a friendly access to the natural beauty of the mountains we all love."

If you would like to help Charlie and the Mount Wilson Trail Crew you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Fletcher Fund at the Sierra Madre Community Foundation. Please send a check to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. Please write "Fletcher Fund" in the memo line on the check. All funds are used to purchase tools and supplies to maintain both the Bailey Canyon Trail and the Mount Wilson Trail.

Charlie and The Mount Wilson Trail Crew would like to thank all those who have donated to the Fletcher Fund as well as Arcadia Signs and Chadwick Engraving in Monrovia for their excellent assistance in making the trail signs for both the Mount Wilson Trail and the Bailey Canyon Trail.

## SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB – CONFETTI EGGS



Sierra Madre Civic Club is a not-for-profit, community service organization that was founded by a small group of women in 1944. Since that time, Civic Club has grown to over a hundred members of all ages who are committed to creating a better community. Members volunteer their time at a number of community events. One such fund raising event is Confetti Eggs sales. Jeanne Martin, President of Sierra Madre Civic Club states "Sales of confetti eggs is one of our major fundraising activities."

Last week members filled over 300 dozen eggs with confetti that will be sold July 3rd in Memorial Park as part of Sierra Madre 4th of July activities. Carol Cerrina, Committee Chairman explained, "It's always wonderful to do something for the community while having such a good time with friends." Stop by the Civic Club booth to purchase your confetti-filled eggs and support Sierra Madre Civic Club in their fundraising activities.

To learn more about Sierra Madre Civic Club, see our website at: <http://www.sierramadrecivicclub.org/home.html>

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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	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

June 25th, 2019 at 6:30pm  
July 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm  
July 23rd, 2019 at 6:30pm

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

July 18th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 1st, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

July 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
September 16, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

August 1st, 2019 at 3:00pm  
September 5th, 2019 at 3:00pm  
October 3rd, 2019 at 3:00pm

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 26th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
July 24th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 28th, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, & NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

July 17th, 2019 at 7:00pm  
August 21st, 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](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com) before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

## 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:

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Monday at 9:00 am

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Monday at 10:00 am

Preschool Storytime

Monday at 11 am

Reading Buddies

Tuesday from 12:00 - 4:00 pm

LEGO Play Day

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Soap Making Workshop

Wednesday at 7 pm

Pajama Storytime

Thursday

Library Closed for the 4th of July

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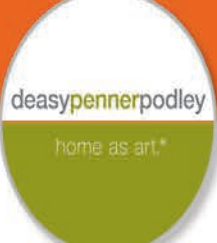


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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side by Deanne Davis

"...and when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me. Shine until tomorrow, let it be."

"I get by with a little help from my friends."

"My model for business was the Beatles. They were four guys that kept each others' negative tendencies in check; they balanced each other. And the total was greater than the sum of the parts." Steve jobs

Somebody famous once said that the music you loved in high school will be your favorites all the rest of your life. They were right. Got to spend an evening with Rich Johnson and the amazing J J Jukebox band last Saturday night. As Rich says, "we may not be entertaining you, but we're certainly entertaining ourselves!" They kicked off their set with the Beatles, Day Tripper, recorded in 1967. Haven't heard that in a while and, my gosh, was that fun to sing along with!

"Got a good reason  
For taking the easy way out  
Got a good reason  
For taking the easy way out now  
She was a day tripper  
One way ticket, yeah  
It took me so long to find out  
And I found out."



Rich tossed a whole bunch of Hershey's Kisses on every table at Nano's so folks felt loved and appreciated. Nano is right there at the corner of Lima and Sierra Madre Blvd and the place was packed with folks dancing, laughing, eating...I had the Tiki Salad, which was a bed of mashed potatoes topped with some salad greens, a nice piece of salmon and a bunch of mango slices. And dancing, friends and neighbors, there was a whole lot of dancing going on. It's nice to see people having such a good time.

The Beatles didn't appear on the scene till I was out of high school, but you can't help but love their music. I remember seeing them on Ed Sullivan on black and white TV in 1964, can you believe it? And so many memorable songs: Here Comes The Sun; I Want To Hold Your Hand; Eleanor Rigby; Let It Be...Wikipedia says there were over 300 songs recorded by the Beatles. I don't think Rich does all of them, but he does a bunch and everybody sings along.

If you've been to the movies lately, and I have, to see Secret Life of Pets 2, with my Arizona granddaughters Jessie and Emily, loved it. As I was saying, if you've been to the movies lately, you've seen the preview for a new movie, Yesterday, which is a 2019 British musical fantasy comedy movie about a musician who, after an accident, finds himself as the only person who remembers The Beatles. He becomes a major star and everybody thinks he's written all these amazing songs. I want to see it. You probably do, too. Still speaking of movies, saw the Elton John movie, Rocketman, and loved that, too. Taron Egerton, who plays Elton, looks so much like him it's scary. It's amazing that Elton lived through his life! The ending was so good, though, showing him now, 28 years sober. Don't take the kids!

It also rained last Saturday, proving that June Gloom is going to last forever. Daughter, Leah, keeps telling me she's grateful for the fog, damp, cold and rain because the heat is coming. I'm sure that's true, but waking up every day to gray and wondering why I'm not wearing a thicker sweater is....well....gloomy. But the jacarandas are glorious. Enjoy them, folks, purple clouds all over town.

J J Jukebox is always a blast to see and they start and finish early, which is also wonderful. Rich calls it the "In bed by 10 tour." If you have a chance to see them anywhere around town, go as I know you'll have a great time.

As you can see below here, my new book is available and there's a copy at Amazon.com just waiting for you to order it for yourself or for that special someone who deserves a special gift.

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## KATIE Tse....This and That



### A YEAR AT APEX

This week my column's going to be a little different. I'm excited to announce that I have finally finished my novel! "A Year at Apex" is now available in paperback on Amazon, and ebook on Amazon and Barnes & Noble (Barnes & Noble paperback coming soon).

A classic love story between a school teacher and a one-handed plumber, Apex has it all --humor, romance, the human condition, and public education. Perfect for you and the educator in your life! And to whet your appetite, I've included the first chapter below. Enjoy!

#### Chapter 1

No one had the nerve to tell Principal Frisch that his fly was down. More specifically, none of the assembled staff knew him well enough to share this vital information with him. This despite the fact that they'd had ample opportunity thirty minutes ago, when they were casually milling around the cafeteria before orientation began. But now he was fifteen minutes into his opening remarks for the new school year, and there was no turning back.

At first, staff compensated for the awkwardness by looking Frisch straight in the eye, avoiding any glances toward nether regions below. Nothing, say, beneath his shirt collar. He, on the other hand, seemed to be focusing on some point just above their eyebrows, their hair lines, or off-center, near the tips of their ears.

You got the impression that he'd taken a course on public speaking in preparation for his first year as principal in a new school district. But any strategies he'd learned hadn't worked themselves into the actual delivery.

Not only was Frisch expected to fill the enormous shoes left to him by the previous principal, Athena Galanos, but he was also tasked with somehow shoring up Apex's sagging standardized test scores, currently ranked second to last in the district. But not for long! Frisch told himself.

Another reason no one felt comfortable telling Frisch about his wardrobe malfunction was that, like many schools, the staff at Apex was overwhelmingly female. The few guys on campus held mostly non-classroom jobs --PE coach, guidance counselor, and psychologist. And then there was Mike Hughes, the only man in the world who could pull off teaching kindergarten without seeming creepy. If any of them noticed Frisch's dilemma prior to the start of the meeting, they must've each assumed someone else would warn him.

Now Frisch was holding up the red emergency folders used for fire drills, and asked everyone to store them near their classroom door. As he continued on to the uniform policy, mandated reporting of suspected child abuse, and procedures for daily attendance, his audience's eyes started to glaze over, and one or two of them slumped in their chairs. The majority of teachers had been tenured for over twenty years, and none of this was new information to them.

The only fresh face was Ashley Fitzgerald, a wisp of a girl who barely looked old enough to buy cigarettes. She was the new speech pathologist, and she listened to Frisch with all the intensity of a graduate student preparing for finals. Because, just three months ago, that's exactly what she had been.

At last Frisch seemed to be wrapping it up. The unspoken rule at Apex was for the principal to make a brief "welcome back," distribute staff handbooks, and dismiss teachers to work in their rooms or, as many of the old guard did, to take a very extended lunch break.

But clearly Frisch was unaware of this cherished tradition, and people were starting to get antsy. It wasn't his fault. He thought it was going great. Toward the end, he even started looking a few of them in the eye.

By the time he finally wished them all a great year and "to be the ones who make a difference in children's lives!" he was smiling proudly like the brave captain he felt he was, hands planted at his waist. The gesture caused his fly to peek open a fraction more. Yes, this was his school, this was his year, and it was all going to be great!

The last couple teachers had just filed out when he bent over to pick up his papers and realized with horror that his zipper was down. Well, he thought, at least no one seemed to notice.

Before he had a chance to correct the problem, Stephanie, his office manager, walked in. Frisch strategically hid behind an open laptop.

"You got a call from the district office," she stated, handing him the yellow memo slip. "Also, a lot of the teachers are complaining that you kept them too long. Ms. Galanos always used to dismiss them after half an hour --max."

"Thank you, Stephanie," he replied, a little crestfallen.

"Oh, one more thing," she paused on her way out.

"Yes?"

"Your fly's down."

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## BREEDERS' CUP AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO HOLD 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SANTA ANITA PARK

LEXINGTON, Ky. (June 27, 2019) – After a meeting of and discussion with its Board of Directors today in Lexington, Ky., Breeders' Cup Limited affirmed by unanimous decision its commitment to conduct the 2019 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif. on November 1-2. This will mark the 10th time the event will be held at Santa Anita, the most of any host venue over the 36-year history of the Breeders' Cup.

"Foremost among the core values of the Breeders' Cup are the safety and integrity of the competition and we hold ourselves, our host sites and our competitors, to the highest standards of both. It is clear that meaningful and effective reforms and best practices have been implemented in recent months at Santa Anita through the collective efforts of The Stronach Group, the Thoroughbred Owners of California, the California Thoroughbred Trainers, and the California Horse Racing Board," said Craig Fravel, President and CEO of the Breeders' Cup. "We fully embrace those reforms and will devote our time and energy in the coming months to further advance those efforts. We look forward to showing the world the best in Thoroughbred racing at one of its finest venues."

The Breeders' Cup is committed to conducting its annual World Championship event at the highest levels of safety and integrity. For more information please visit the Breeders' Cup Safety & Integrity web page.

### ABOUT BREEDERS' CUP

The Breeders' Cup administers the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Thoroughbred racing's year-end Championships. The Breeders' Cup also administers the Breeders' Cup Challenge qualifying series, which provides automatic starting positions into the Championships races. The 2019 Breeders' Cup World Championships, consisting of 14 championship races (13 Grade 1 events and one Grade 2 race) with purses and awards totaling more than \$30 million, will be held on November 1-2 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif., and will be televised live by the NBC Sports Group. Breeders' Cup press releases appear on the Breeders' Cup website, [www.breederscup.com](http://www.breederscup.com). You can also follow the Breeders' Cup on social media platforms Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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## TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

### BEST MARGARITA

Blended or on the rocks? I have been told that you more bang for your buck if it's on the rocks, but I like mine lightly blended. One thing I've discovered is that no matter if you're at a chain like El Torito or your neighborhood spot, all bartenders have their own methods for making margaritas. I thought Charlie from the now-defunct La Fiesta Grande made the best margarita around, and I found out that they pre-made the mix, what!!!!!! It was good. So, here is my list, and a few notes along the way

To call a margarita "The Best Margarita" is subjective - I get that, so before we get into my list here are a few rules that I followed: #1 The margarita has to be served in a margarita glass - not a beer cup, not a tumbler, but an actual margarita glass. #2 no extra shots, no doctoring - I judged these strictly on asking for a blended double margarita. #3 the margarita is available to anyone that just happens to walk into this bar or restaurant.

#### Hall Of Fame

- #1 Los Gringos Armando is the man, and it's consistent even when he is not at the helm
- #2Maxx's Duarte they have it down, and again it's consistent
- #3 Margaritas, with the name of Margarita it better be good!!

#### All Star

- #4 Morralito's Margaritas bring out the karaoke singer in me!!
- #5 Amigos Probably the strongest on the list, please call Uber!!
- #6 El Cholo fine selection of tequilas, you have to ask for the margarita glass

#### Triple Hitters

- #7 Mijares Local favorite, uses Sauza in the house margarita
- #8 Pacos when they are hot they are hot, when they are not... well you know the rest
- #9 La Fiesta South Pasadena New blender new margarita, just OK

#### Pinch Hitters

- #10 Peppers Beto does it right!! But he's not there all the time
- #11 Trejo's Gimmick restaurant, nothing special
- #12 Casa Del Rey Locals swear by the food, as my friend Mike Bingley said, it isn't my cup of tea
- #13 El Portal Again, read the rules; sorry I know this an unpopular vote
- #14 Cabrera's Depends on the bartender; this place used to be top 5, lemonade anyone?

#### Of the Rest

Mercado A giant ice cube takes up most of the glass

Maestro Read the option above

El Torito order a side shot during happy hour, well worth it

Once again, these are standard margaritas that you'd order not knowing the bartender. Sure, each restaurant mentioned could make you a "Special" margarita, but I am sticking to my list and the order. Gracias!



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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## OPENING OF DESIDERIO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



By Dean Lee

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek (pictured), City Manager Steve Mermell and a number of local children celebrated the grand opening Thursday of Desiderio Neighborhood Park.

During the ceremony, Tornek said the occasion marked Pasadena's first new park new park in over 10 years. The 3.8 acre site was the former Desiderio Army Reserve Center. The city acquired the property from the federal government in 2013.

The park, located directly under the Colorado Street Bridge, includes, walkways that loop around and through the park with open grassy areas, play equipment and picnic tables.

During the proposal phase Desiderio Neighborhood Park saw its fair share of criticism, including adding bathrooms and the location under the Colorado Street Bridge.

Residents have criticized, the yet to be added, restrooms over size, location in the park and the possibility of attracting criminal behavior. Residents also worry of overcrowding to use the restrooms after large events at the Rose Bowl.

The city, in July 2017, installed temporary barriers along the bridge to stop a surge in suicides. Residents feared dead bodies would be found in the park. At the city council's last meeting, they finalized the city's 2020 operating budget, that includes \$750,000 for construction of permanent suicide prevention barriers for the bridge.

## Repair Café

Throw It Away? No Way! Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come to the Repair Café where tinkers, tailors and blade sharpeners will be on hand to repair your appliances, electronics, clothing, toys, tools, knives, jewelry and other items for free. There also will be a seed and seedling swap, gardening advisor, music for your enjoyment and the Really Free Market with 100 percent off everything – take away items and/or donate items. All are welcome! For more information or to volunteer as a repairer, email contact@repair-cafe-pasadena.org. This is a Zero Waste event hosted by Transition Pasadena (www.transitionpasadena.org).



## Nation's Largest Fireworks Show Returns

*Features the Lion King Music Tribute and an Apollo 11 Preview*

Recognized as one of the nation's largest and longest running 4th of July fireworks shows, the Rose Bowl will host its 93rd annual AmericaFest celebration on Thursday, July 4th with a spectacular nighttime display of more than a ton of fireworks. Thousands of special effects fireworks will be launched from the stadium as part of the Rose Bowl's daylong family-friendly entertainment extravaganza.

This year's audience will be treated to very special live performances by various Southland choirs to celebrate Disney's "The Lion King," in theaters July 19. Jon Favareau helms the new film, which blends live-action techniques, state-of-the-art virtual-reality tools and photoreal digital imagery to bring treasured characters to life in a whole new way. Walt Disney Records' highly acclaimed a capella group, DCappella, joins the celebration, too, performing reimagined classics from the Disney songbook, including favorites from "The Lion King." The night of music continues with, University of Southern California's a capella group, SoCal VoCals,

who have who 5 ICCA awards to date.

As part of the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing, guests will delight in witnessing an exciting preview from "Apollo 11: The Immersive Live Show." Finally, always a crowd thriller, TNT Freestyle Motocross returns to take to the air with thrilling motorcycle stunts.

AmericaFest is a Rose Bowl Stadium tradition and is celebrating its 93rd year as the longest running 4th of July show in California. The Rialto-California based company Pyro Spectaculars by Souza will once again produce the Southland's largest fireworks show at the Rose Bowl.

Pyro Spectaculars by Souza has been family operated for five generations and has provided fireworks entertainment at the Rose Bowl Stadium for more than 35 years. Known worldwide for extraordinary firework displays, Pyro Spectaculars produces shows for NFL Super Bowls, the Olympic Games and major events throughout the world.

It's exciting because this year's Rose Bowl AmericaFest™ celebration will feature the largest fireworks display in the western United States," said Darryl Dunn, Rose Bowl general manager. "This year will be the Southland's

biggest and most exciting musical pyrotechnic show as we celebrate our nation's birthday."

A Family Fun Zone outside the stadium will open in the afternoon and will offer food, entertainment, crafts, exhibits and inflatable rides for children.

Tickets for AmericaFest, are on sale now at Ticketmaster (800) 745-3000 or at ticketmaster.com.

## Library Gets Grant for Immigration Resources

The California State Library recently awarded Pasadena Public Library a local Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant of \$62,000 to focus on bolstering citizenship and immigration resources at the La Pintesca and Villa Parke Branch libraries and Central Library. "Libraries try to provide resources on everything including immigration, which is a very complex issue," said Melvin Raelis, Senior Librarian at La Pintesca Branch Library who is leading this project. "Recently, there has been an increased interest in this topic. As librarians, it is important that we serve the informational needs of immigrants to our community, as well as anyone interested in the citizenship process."

Newly created Citizenship Corners at each of the three library sites will provide patrons with access to resources and materials to assist them with understanding United States citizenship and related processes, including information kits, which will be available for checkout. These locations will also host bilingual educational workshops in English and Spanish in partnership with outside organizations to address a variety of immigrant needs. Additionally, library staff will receive training from the Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to help them better assist patrons with questions on the citizenship process.

To prepare further for the naturalization test the Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department offers a U.S. Citizenship Class at Villa Parke Community Center for adults ages 50 and up. This class provides participants with a basic overview of U.S. history and government.

## Hahamongna Big Dig Trial Postponed



A Los Angeles Superior Court judge agreed, last week, to postpone the trial regarding Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Big Dig project in Hahamongna Watershed Park in Pasadena to allow the parties to develop a comprehensive settlement of the disputed issues.

According to officials related to the matter, Honorable James C. Chalfant issued a 29-page tentative decision June 19 in favor of the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF) and Pasadena Audubon Society (PAS) in their lawsuit against the County. The tentative ruling finds that the Flood Control District's environmental impact report is inadequate in several key areas.

In a statement Hahamongna advocates said, rather than contesting the judge's decisive ruling, Senior Deputy County Counsel William Simon asked for a postponement of the trial until July 30 to allow the County to get together with ASF and PAS to develop a comprehensive settlement agreement. Judge Chalfant asked ASF/PAS attorney Mitchell Tsai if his clients agreed to a postponement, and Mr Tsai responded that they did.

"The tentative decision is detailed and decisive," said attorney Tsai. "It finds that the Flood Control District failed to provide the public with a meaningful opportunity to comment on the revised program and the alternatives available as a result of the Flood Control District downgrading its required flood control capacity standard at Devil's Gate Dam. In addition, the tentative decision finds that the Flood Control District's environmental mitigation measures failed to specify performance standards for the required habitat mitigation areas."

Tim Brick, Managing Director of the Arroyo Seco Foundation, stated, "We agreed to the postponement because it has never been our intention to stop the County's sediment removal program. Our goal has been to minimize the negative aspects of the project, such as noise, dust, traffic and air pollution, and to ensure that the resulting Hahamongna management program is ongoing and protects

the unique environmental values of the area. We want the County to treat the Arroyo Seco like a river and to implement nature-based solutions that will serve our region well as we face climate change and the challenges of nature. We have assurances from Mark Pestrella, County Public Works Director, that the County will work hard to develop a settlement along those lines and that all our concerns are on the table."

Laura Solomon, President of the Pasadena Audubon Society, stated "The Pasadena Audubon Society is gratified that the court recognizes that the County has failed to work transparently with the public, despite their frequent claims to the contrary. We hope that the County will do its job to protect the land, the birds, and the people by shrinking the size of the permanent footprint of the project, using the cleanest trucks possible to move the sediment, and truly restoring the Hahamongna basin, especially the nesting habitat they have destroyed."

The Flood Control District proposes to remove 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment and debris in the reservoir behind Devil's Gate Dam in a program critics has dubbed "The Big Dig." The sediment has accumulated over many decades. The removal program would involve as many as 425 diesel truckloads daily for four or more years and the destruction of 70 acres of prime habitat in the alluvial canyon at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains.

If the environmental groups and the County cannot develop an agreement in the next six weeks, Judge Chalfant will hear oral argument regarding the tentative ruling on July 30. If he finalizes the tentative decision, he will issue a writ ordering the Flood Control District to revise and recirculate the Project's environmental impact report and set aside or vacate the Project's approvals. All project activity would then cease pending revision and recirculation of the Project's environmental document.

"The winner today is Hahamongna and all those who are determined to protect and save it for future generations," said ASF's Tim Brick.

## Amendment Stops Children from being Held at Former Japanese Internment Camp

Congresswoman Judy Chu introduced Wednesday an amendment to H.R. 3401, the supplemental border appropriations bill, that would prohibit any funds made available by the bill from being used to operate Fort Sill, a former Japanese American internment camp, as a detention center for minor children. This amendment is a response to the Trump Administration's plans to relocate about 1,400 migrant children to the fort. Rep. Chu issued the following statement:

"Donald Trump should not be detaining children. Period. This is a policy he has implemented by choice, under the cruel assumption that abusing children already here will deter future

immigrants from coming at all. Now, he is trying to take his cruelty one step further by bringing back relics of one of the most shameful periods in our history: the imprisonment of innocent Japanese Americans during WWII. Japanese Americans understand the costs of xenophobia. And so it is particularly painful for those who have endured this prejudice to once again see this facility used to deprive innocent individuals of their basic human rights. Donald Trump should not receive one single dollar to be used for placing immigrant children in unlicensed facilities. And this amendment goes further by preventing him from dredging up the ghosts of xenophobic policies past."

## PASADENA CITY MEETINGS

### Regular City Council Meeting

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MONDAY JULY 15

Public Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall

100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chair Margaret McAustin, Tyron Hampton, Terry Tornek, Andy Wilson)

Meets July 9 at 4:00 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (Council Chamber, 2nd Floor)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Chair Victor Gordo, Tyron Hampton, Steve Madison, Andy Wilson)

Meets July 16, at 5:30 p.m. Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S245/S246 (Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (Chair John J. Kennedy, Tyron Hampton, Steve Madison, Gene Masuda)

Meets July 17 at 6 p.m. Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (Council Chamber, 2nd Floor)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chair Mayor Terry Tornek, Victor Gordo, John J. Kennedy, Margaret McAustin)

Meets July 22 at 4:00 p.m., 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd floor)

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (Chair Terry Tornek, Steve Madison, Gene Masuda)

Meets July 23 at 6:00 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S245/S246 (Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

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## Metro to Hold North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor Meetings



Metro authorities announced five scoping meetings will be held, including Pasadena, throughout July to receive public comments for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor (NoHo to Pasadena BRT). The project extends approximately 18 miles and is a key regional connection between the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys with connections to the Metro Red, Orange and Gold Lines, as well as Metrolink and other municipal bus lines they said.

Five public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

**North Hollywood**  
Tuesday, July 9, 5:30–7:30pm  
Lankershim Arts Center  
5108 Lankershim Bl, Los Angeles 91601

**Pasadena**  
Wednesday, July 10, 6–8pm  
Pasadena Senior Center  
85 E Holly St, Pasadena 91103  
**Eagle Rock**  
Saturday, July 13, 1–3pm  
Eagle Rock Plaza  
2700 Colorado Bl, Suite 236, Los Angeles 90041

**Burbank**  
Monday, July 15, 6–8pm  
Buena Vista Branch Library  
300 N Buena Vista St, Burbank 91505

**Glendale**  
Wednesday, July 17, 5:30–7:30pm  
Glendale Downtown Central Library  
222 E Harvard St, Glendale 91205

The scope of the Draft EIR, including the goals and objectives, project area, project description, and the environmental impacts to be evaluated will be presented at the public scoping meetings.

In addition to oral and written comments accepted at the scoping meetings, written comments on the scope of the Draft EIR will be accepted through Wednesday, July 31.

Ways to Provide Comments

Call (213) 418-3228 and record your formal comment on the North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT Corridor Project hotline number.

Mail written comments to:

Mr. Scott Hartwell  
Project Manager  
Metro  
One Gateway Plaza  
Mail Stop 99-22-6  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Or email comments to: [nohopasbrrt@metro.net](mailto:nohopasbrrt@metro.net)

## Senior Center's Fourth of July Celebration, luncheon

Celebrate our nation's independence with a Fourth of July luncheon Thursday, July 4, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m.

The Scott Pavilion will be decorated colorfully for the occasion as everyone enjoys classic barbeque and all the fixings.

Entertainment and music for

dancing will be provided by the Great American Swing Band, sponsored by the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts.

The cost is only \$10 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$12 for non-members of all ages. Pre-paid reservations can be made at the Welcome Desk or online no later than Tuesday, July 2. For more information visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) or call (626) 795-4331.

## Changes to Home and Community-Based Services

Save the date for a community forum on changes to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) on Thursday, June 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Villa Esperanza Services in Pasadena. This forum is for clients and families to attend and learn more about how all service providers are modifying the types of services they offer

and how they are offered to be compliant with HCBS Final Rule. The forum is organized by Villa Esperanza Services, AbilityFirst, FVO Solutions and Lanterman Regional Center; and supported by the City of Pasadena Accessibility and Disability Commission.

For more information: [cotero@abilityfirst.org](mailto:cotero@abilityfirst.org)

## NASA to Hold Mars 2020 'Name the Rover' Contest

NASA is seeking volunteers to help with judging

NASA has selected two partner organizations to run a nationwide contest giving K-12 students in U.S. schools a chance to make history by naming the Mars 2020 rover. An application to become contest judge also is now available online.

Battelle Education, of Columbus, Ohio, and Future Engineers, of Burbank, California, will collaborate with NASA on the Mars 2020 "Name the Rover" contest, which will be open to students in the fall of 2019. The student contest is part of NASA's efforts to engage the public in its missions to the Moon and Mars.

The currently unnamed rover is a robotic scientist weighing more than 2,300 pounds (1,000 kilograms). It will search for signs of past microbial life, characterize the planet's climate and geology, collect samples for future return to Earth and pave the way for human exploration of the Red Planet. The spacecraft is targeted for a July 2020 launch and is expected to touch down on Mars in February 2021.

"We're very excited about this exceptional partnership," said George Taha, Mars 2020 program executive in NASA's Planetary Science Division at the agency's Headquarters in Washington. "Contests like this present excellent opportunities to invite young students and

educators to be a part of this journey to understand the possibilities for life beyond Earth and to advance new capabilities in exploration technology."

By focusing the Mars 2020 "Name the Rover" contest on K-12 entries, NASA seeks to engage U.S. students in the engineering and scientific work that makes Mars exploration possible. The contest also supports national goals to stimulate interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and help create the next generation of STEM leaders.

Battelle will connect students to the Mars 2020 mission through its portfolio of STEM networks. It will help recruit judges and students and also curate resources for teachers.

Future Engineers is an education technology company that engages K-12 students with innovation contests and challenges. The Mars 2020 "Name the Rover" contest will be hosted on Future Engineers' web platform, which will serve as the online portal for entry submission and judging. Judges Needed

K-12 students are not the only ones able to participate in the contest. NASA also is seeking volunteers to help judge the thousands of contest entries anticipated to pour in from around the country. U.S. residents interested in offering approximately five hours of their time to review student-submitted rover names may visit the [futureengineers.org](http://futureengineers.org) website and register to be a judge.

## South Pasadena Fourth of July Festival of Balloons

"To the Moon and Beyond - 50 Years of Exploring America's Freedom"  
The City of South Pasadena is celebrating its 38th annual Festival of Balloons.

**Events**  
Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast  
Location: South Pasadena Fire Station, 817 Mound Avenue (enter on Hope Street, between Fremont Avenue and Mound Avenue)  
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast Tickets, Day of: \$8.00 per person, kids under 6 years old eat for free.  
Pancake Breakfast Tickets, Presale (Beginning 6/20): \$8.00 per person, kids under 6 years old eat for free.

- South Pasadena Fire Station, 817 Mound Avenue  
- South Pasadena Senior Center, 1102 Oxley Street  
- Bristol Farms, 606 Fair Oaks Avenue  
- Charlie's Coffee House, 266 Monterey Road  
- Dinosaur Farm, 1510 Mission Street  
- Jones Coffee Roasters, 1006 Mission Street  
- Mission Framing, 1501 Mission Street  
- Re-Imagine Your Home, 1518 Mission Street  
- UPS Store, 1107 Fair Oaks Avenue  
- South Pasadena-San Marino YMCA, 1605 Garfield Avenue  
Event Picture 1  
Opening Ceremony  
Location: South Pasadena Library Community Room - lawn, 1115 El Centro Street  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
**Parade**  
Location: Mission Street, from Diamond Avenue to Garfield Park  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
PARADE ENTRY: Download the Parade Registration Packet (please follow the submission instructions in the packet).  
Celebration at Garfield Park  
Location: Garfield Park, 1750

Mission Street  
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Details: Games, food, and activities  
Event  
Picture 3

**Fireworks Show**  
Location: South Pasadena High School, 1401 Fremont Avenue.  
Time: 9:00 p.m. (Gates open at 5:30 p.m.)  
Details: Food vendors will be on site at the show. Pets are not allowed  
- Stadium - Alcohol and glass bottles are not allowed in the stadium.  
- Field - Only water is permitted on the field, no food. Rounded bottom chairs only on the field (narrow legs/feet of camping chairs will damage the turf).  
Fireworks Tickets, Presale (Beginning 6/20): \$10.00 per person. Kids under 3 years old are free:

- South Pasadena Fire Station, 817 Mound Avenue  
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Fireworks Tickets, Day of (July 4, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.): \$10.00 per person. Kids under 3 years old are free:  
- At the Pancake Breakfast (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)  
- At Diamond & Mission / City Hall / Fair Oaks & Mission (11:00 a.m. to finish of Parade)  
- At Garfield Park (12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)  
Fireworks Tickets, At the Gate (July 4, 5:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.): \$13.00 per person. Kids under 3 years old are free:

## Pasadena Humane Society Wiggle Waggle Registration

Registration for the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA's 2019 Wiggle Waggle Walk is now open! For a limited time, we're offering special early bird pricing, so sign up today and join in raising lifesaving funds for animals in need throughout Pasadena and 10 other service cities!

The 21st annual walk will take place Sunday, September 29th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl. They hope you'll be back to enjoy all the excitement whether as an individual walker, a team captain, or as a member of a

team. The goal this year is to raise \$225,000 to help provide food, shelter, veterinary care, and other services to the more than 11,000 animals who come through PHS' doors every year.

Early bird registration (before midnight on July 31st) is just \$25 per person and includes a bandana and participant bib. There are also great prizes for reaching fundraising milestones including a t-shirt, leash, socks, waist pack, and more.

Fetch all the facts and register today at [WiggleWaggleWalk.org](http://WiggleWaggleWalk.org).

## Pasadena Set to Enforce Fireworks Ordinance

The City of Pasadena, last year, amended its municipal code to hold property owners and tenants responsible for permitting the possession, sale, usage or discharge of fireworks on their property. The code allows for the prosecution of fireworks-related offenses and for the demand of payment for all costs associated with the safe disposal of confiscated fireworks. The City maintains a zero tolerance enforcement policy for fireworks and Pasadena's police and firefighters are teaming up for special fireworks enforcement patrols before, during and after the Fourth of July holiday. Violators are subject to arrest; having their vehicles impounded; and serving up to one year in jail with fines up to \$50,000.

Statistics show that fireworks are among the most dangerous of all consumer products. Even hand-held sparklers, which many consider safe, are dangerous and can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, causing serious burns or fires. National Fire Protection Association statistics reveal that 90 percent of all fireworks-related injuries are caused by so-called "safe and sane" fireworks which are illegal in Pasadena.

Help keep all of us, our children, our homes and our property safe from illegal fireworks. If You See Something, Say Something! Call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 to report illegal fireworks and other suspicious activities. Residents may also use the City's smart phone app, available at [www.cityofpasadena.net/csc](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/csc) to report illegal fireworks.

The City of Pasadena invites you to celebrate the Fourth of July responsibly and join us for the 93rd annual "Americafest," one of the best family-friendly celebrations and professional fireworks shows in Southern California at the Rose Bowl Stadium. For ticket and event information, please visit [www.rosebowlstadium](http://www.rosebowlstadium).

## San Marino Annual 4th of July Celebration

The City of San Marino will hold its Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Thursday, July 4 at Lacy Park (1485 Virginia Road). The community is invited to attend this patriotic event, which will feature food booths, fun zone, a community parade (read details below), stage entertainment, and a fireworks display at approximately 9 pm. You will need a wristband to enter at all times.

The Virginia Road entrance to the park will open at 7 am. (No entrance will be allowed via St. Albans Road before 3 pm.)

Guests wearing wristbands may reserve areas using

com.

Due to the potential for fire hazards and injuries, Pasadena police and fire personnel will staff checkpoints around the stadium to search for and seize any fireworks. Parking enforcement officers will ensure that vehicles illegally parked in Pasadena's hillside areas on July 4th are impounded.

The Pasadena Fire Department will be applying Phos-Chek on Tuesday, July 2nd to brush areas around the Arroyo area. The main ingredients of this fire retardant are phosphates and fertilizers to help prevent plants from burning and to re-vegetate burned wildland areas.

Pasadena's Fire Chief Bertral Washington, Police Chief John Perez and Public Health Director Dr. Ying-Ying Goh urge everyone to make safety their top priority and offer the following reminders:

Celebrate responsibly and always designate a driver. Stay hydrated, drink water or other nutritious fluids before becoming thirsty; limit alcohol & sugary drinks.

If outdoors, remember to use sunscreen, wear a brimmed hat and seek shade, if needed.

Fight the Bite, use bug spray/repellent to protect against mosquitoes.

Many areas of the City, including outdoor areas, are designated as "No Smoking" zones. Smoking anything in "No Smoking" areas is strictly prohibited. Always make sure that whatever you smoke in an official smoking area is fully extinguished before disposing in an appropriate trash container.

Always have someone tending the barbecue and watching the swimming pool when in use. Call 9-1-1 for all life-threatening emergencies. Call (626) 744-4241 for all other public safety needs. When calling for help, speak calmly, give accurate location information.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Police Department responded to 973 calls for service, of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 16:

1. Shortly before 2:14 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Gardens Retirement Hotel, 720 West Camino Real Avenue, regarding a theft report. When the victim, a resident of the hotel, left his room for lunch, he returned and discovered a \$100 bill had been stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, June 17:

2. At approximately 11:30 a.m., an officer responded to All Star Fire Equipment, 12328 Lower Azusa Road, regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect stole two mailed checks and fraudulently changed the name on the check to "Jack Johnson". The investigation is ongoing.

3. Just after 2:06 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects ransacked the bedrooms and fled in a dark grey Kia Optima.

The suspects are described as two black males, 20 to 30-years-old, wearing hooded sweatshirts. The investigation is ongoing.

4. At approximately 11:16 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for driving with a broken headlight. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle and the driver was driving without a license. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .126%. The 27-year-old male from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, June 18:

5. Around 9:11 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1800 block of Alta Oaks Drive regarding a fraud report. The victim noticed an unknown suspect used his personal information to open a Verizon Wireless account and a credit line with Capital One. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained their personal information or the identity of the suspect.

6. Just before 1:02 p.m., an officer responded to Kids Love Play, 52 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The officer determined an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a GPS system. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, June 19:

7. At about 3:02 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Fire Department Station 106, 630 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a suspicious circumstances report. An investigation revealed a 48-year-old male from Dewey, Arizona, entered the secure location and stole miscellaneous items. He was arrested for Burglary and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. Shortly after 3:26 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Caballo Drive regarding a burglary report. Officers discovered unknown suspect(s) smashed a rear window, activated the audible alarm, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, June 20:

9. Before 10:40 a.m., an officer responded to a construction site in the 100 block of Alta Street regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed the unknown suspect entered the unsecured location and fled with \$1,600.00 worth of scaffolding rungs. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

10. Around 7:55 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 716 block of Joaquin Road regarding a suspicious circumstances report. The victim witnessed the suspect jump his residential fence, enter his backyard, and attempt to steal a bicycle. The 48-year-old male from Harbor City was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, June 21:

11. At about 12:52 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Holly Avenue and Las Tunas Drive for driving with stolen license. An investigation revealed the occupants were driving in a stolen vehicle and the driver, a 36-year-old female from Coalinga, provided the officer with a false ID. A records check of her real identification information revealed she had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. Just before 6:16 p.m., an officer received a notification from the Automated License Plate Reader system of a stolen vehicle in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Las Tunas Drive. The officer discovered the vehicle had been stolen out of the LAPD's Van Nuys area. The driver, a 25-year-old male from Van Nuys, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The second occupant was released in the field.

Saturday, June 22:

13. Shortly after 4:05 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East Huntington Drive regarding the activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles with tracking devices to combat the increase in bike thefts throughout the city. The officer determined a 24-year-old male from Bothell and a 23-year-old female from Pasadena were in possession of the stolen bicycle and GPS tracker. A consensual search revealed the suspects were also in possession of a locked cash box, burglary tools, and drug paraphernalia. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. At approximately 7:44 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall parking lot, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 2:00 p.m. and 7:44 p.m., an unknown suspect smashed a rear window and stole a backpack containing a laptop and school supplies. Two other vehicle burglaries were also reported from the mall on the same evening. The investigation is ongoing.

From the Monrovia City Manager's Desk:

## HOMELESS COUNT UPDATE... WE'RE NOT SURE HOW LA COUNTY GETS THEIR NUMBERS, BUT ON THIS POINT WE DO AGREE – MONROVIA'S HOMELESS POPULATION HAS DECREASED!

As everyone may be aware, last week, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (or LAHSA, which is a JPA between LA County and the City of Los Angeles tasked with coordinating homeless response services) released their updated homeless count numbers for 2019. Per that report, LAHSA identified that Monrovia had a total homeless population of 62 individuals, as outlined in the chart below.

Of note, the data provided by LAHSA seems to deviate from the actual results that the City notated from the 2019 Point-In-Time Homeless Count, which was conducted in Monrovia on January 22, 2019. As folks may recall, on that evening, a group of 25 Monrovia volunteers spent the night conducting a homeless count to identify the number of unsheltered individuals in our community. Based on actual results from that evening, City staff tallied all of the information returned by volunteers before turning the homeless count sheets over to LAHSA. Based on the actual numbers from the night of the 2019 Point-In-Time Homeless Count, we identified 52 instances of homelessness (which was down from 71 in 2018).

However, after collecting the actual count data from that evening, it appears that LAHSA went back and utilized some type of revised methodology and / or multiplier to produce their final estimate of unsheltered persons in Monrovia. Based on that revised methodology, the number of identified homeless individuals in Monrovia increased from the 52 that were actually counted on the evening of the 2019 Point-In-Time Count, to the 62 unsheltered persons that were reported by LAHSA this past Friday. The chart below illustrates the discrepancies between numbers produced from the evening of the count, and the revised official numbers published by LAHSA.

Regardless of that discrepancy, all of us here in Monrovia are encouraged to see a decrease in the number of individuals identified as being homeless in Monrovia. The data seems to indicate that the City's approach to addressing the homeless situation has made a difference – across all of LA County, LAHSA reported a 12% increase in the homeless population. In addition, of particular concern, across the San Gabriel Valley, LAHSA reported a staggering 24% increase in the overall homeless population.

Moving ahead, the City is committed to continuing to pursue the various elements associated with our current plan to prevent and combat homelessness in Monrovia, which includes the following major program components:

- Be relentless and continually contact anyone suffering from homelessness to offer housing / support services
- Expand community coordination in support of ending homelessness
- Promote the use of the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Develop educational materials in partnership with LA County
- Develop a Monrovia-centric directed giving campaign in partnership with the Foothill Unity Center
- Develop a local Monrovia Housing Displacement Response Plan

More tangibly, our relentless approach has resulted in helping more than a dozen homeless individuals find permanent housing options during the past year. Additionally, our comprehensive homeless response tool kit has provided interested residents with practical resources to better help and support those who are experiencing homelessness.

Of particular note, the City's thoughtfully designed Housing Displacement Response Plan, developed in concert with Mountain-side Communion Church, has been deployed this past year to great success, with the following key deliverable outcomes:

- We have assisted fifteen (15) families from becoming displaced from their homes in Monrovia
- As a result of helping those 15 families from becoming homeless, we were able to prevent more than twenty (20) youth from having to leave Monrovia schools, and we also helped prevent three (3) seniors from losing their homes.

Moving ahead, there is still more to be done, and the City has prudently invested additional funds this next fiscal year to continue our efforts.



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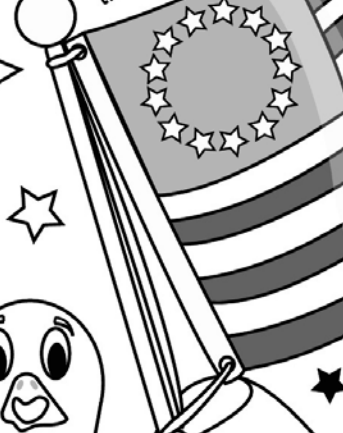
★ Happy Fourth of July, ★ Everyone!

How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are you doing? Can you fill in the puzzle with the first word of each clue below to find out some ways in which we are celebrating?

- \_\_\_\_\_ to speeches of freedom
- \_\_\_\_\_ to cool off
- \_\_\_\_\_ red, white and blue bunting from buildings
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Declaration of Independence
- \_\_\_\_\_ a pie-eating contest
- \_\_\_\_\_ decorated bicycles
- \_\_\_\_\_ places, battlefields and buildings where people fought for liberty
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the parade
- \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks light up the sky
- \_\_\_\_\_ patriotic songs
- \_\_\_\_\_ our country's flag
- \_\_\_\_\_ with family and friends

Help me find and circle all the words that begin with the letter 'F' on this page!

Betsy Ross is said to have sewn the first American flag.



singing  
 listening  
 picnicking  
 swimming

Hot dog! Fire up the grill.

I love decorating my bicycle and riding it in the parade. And the fireworks are so cool! But, what is the celebration really about?

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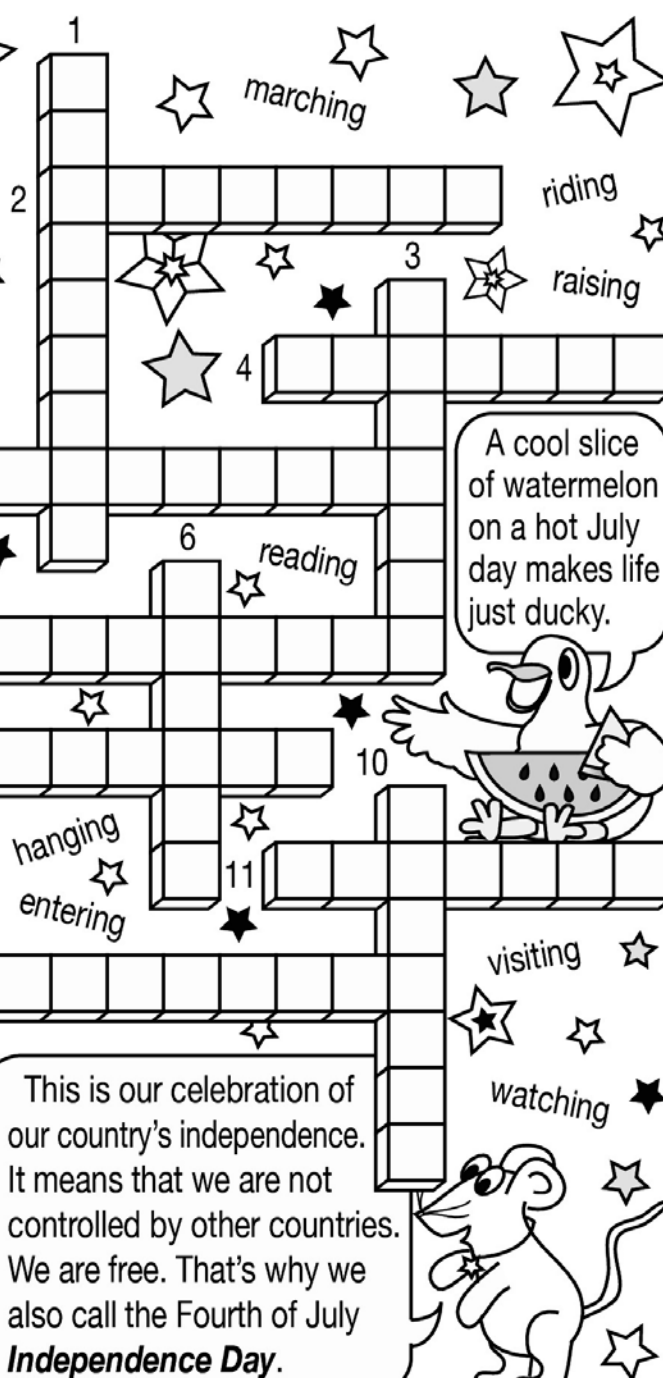
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ marching

2. \_\_\_\_\_ riding

3. \_\_\_\_\_ raising

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ reading

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_ hanging

10. \_\_\_\_\_ entering

11. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ watching

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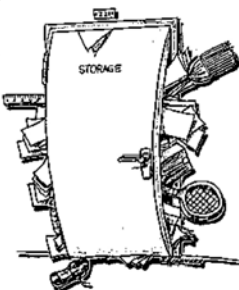
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## CAT OF THE WEEK

### Katnip News!



It's a Girl!

My name is Sammie and I'm a girl! I'm a really cute tabby and only 3 months old. I'm fun and very playful, but I will also love to fall asleep in your arms. I

like other nice kitties, too, and would love to be adopted along with another play pal. I've been spayed and have all my vaccines, so I'm ready for my forever home! I hope it's with you! Please call the nice lady who is taking care of me, at 626-991-6619. You can see more pictures of me at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org), the Independently Rescued page. I can't wait to meet my future forever humans!



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## Pet of the Week

Bailey (A448879) is a friendly four year old Labrador Retriever mix. He enjoys going for walks and even sits patiently while being leashed. Bailey is an active dog who also enjoys fetch and other activities that keep him on the go. Even though he likes to be active, he also can be calm and relaxed when snuggling with our volunteers. This happy boy is looking for an active family where he can be a part of all of your adventures.

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](http://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.



## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Hank is a lovely and gentle 6-year old Shepherd and Husky mixed pup with striking good looks sporting a mocha color coat, bushy tail, goofy smile, and icy blue beautiful eyes. Before he was found, Hank lived on his own for some time, not having consistent meals or a place to sleep. Weighing only about 52 pounds at this time, this resilient boy is the quintessential good boy, well behaved on a leash, and gentle while taking treats. Hank seems friendly with other dogs. He would appreciate some TLC, food and a cozy place to sleep.

If you are that special family out there that can provide a forever loving and safe home for Hank and show him all the good things in life, please stop by to meet him! Adoption fee is \$145, which includes neuter surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. To arrange a 'Meet and Greet', please visit the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society between 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Website: [www.sgvhumane.org](http://www.sgvhumane.org).



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## HOW SENIORS CAN SPOT FAKE NEWS



Dear Savvy Senior:

I recently read that seniors are the number one purveyor of fake news on the Internet. Is this true, or is it fake news too? If it's true, how can seniors go about spotting fake news? Faked Out Senior

Dear Faked Out:

Yes, it's true. According to a recent study published in the journal Science Advances, people aged 65 and older are almost four times more likely to share fake news on social media than younger people.

Why do older users share fake news more often? There are two theories. The first is that seniors, who came to the Internet later, sometimes lack the digital literacy skills of their younger counterparts to identify false or misleading content. The second is that many older people experience cognitive decline as they age, making them more likely to fall for hoaxes.

What is Fake News?

Fake news is not new, but it is more prevalent than ever before because of the Internet and social networking, which enables it to spread like wildfire.

Fake news is false news stories, hoaxes or propaganda created to deliberately misinform or deceive readers. Usually, these stories are created to either influence people's views, push a political agenda or cause confusion and can often be a profitable business for online publishers.

Also note that some fake stories aren't completely false, but rather distortions of real events. These deceitful claims can take a legitimate news story and twist what it says, or even claim that something that happened long ago is related to current events.

How to Spot Fake News

Here are some tips from the International Federation of Library Associations, Harvard University and Facebook that can help you spot fake news stories.

Be skeptical of headlines: False news stories often have catchy headlines in all caps with exclamation points. If shocking claims in the headline sound unbelievable, they probably are.

Look closely at the Web link: A phony or look-alike link may be a warning sign of false news. Many false news sites mimic authentic news sources by making small changes to the link, for example "abcnews.com.co" (an illegitimate site) versus the actual "abcnews.com."

Investigate the source: Ensure that the story is written by a source that you trust with a reputation for accuracy. If the story comes from an unfamiliar organization, check their "About" section to learn more. You can also find a list of websites that post deceptive and fake content at FactCheck.org – type "misinformation directory" in their search feature to find it.

Watch for unusual formatting: Many false news sites have misspellings or awkward layouts. Read carefully if you see these signs.

Inspect the dates: False news stories may contain timelines that make no sense, or event dates that have been altered.

Check the evidence: Check the author's sources to confirm that they are accurate. Lack of evidence or reliance on unnamed experts may indicate a false news story.

Look at other reports: If no other news source is reporting the same story, it may indicate that the story is false. If the story is reported by multiple sources you trust, it's more likely to be true.

Is the story a joke? Sometimes false news stories can be hard to distinguish from humor or satire. Check whether the source is known for parody, and whether the story's details and tone suggest it may be just for fun.

Do some fact checking: There are many good websites, like PolitiFact.com, Snopes.com and FactCheck.org that can help you fact check a story to help you identify fact versus fiction. These sites have most likely already fact-checked the latest viral claim to pop up in your news feed.

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



## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...June Birthdays\***



Beth Copti, Marilyn Diaz, Anne Schryver, Jo Ann Williams, Paul Hagan, Lenore Crilly Joann Serrato-Chi, Harriett Lyle, Jean Coleman, Birgitta Gerlinger, Donna Mathieson, Luciana Rosenzweig, Linda Wochnik, Marian Woodford, Debbie Sheridan, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck, Jane Thomas, Ray Burley.

\* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required



### HART PARK HOUSE MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

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

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

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

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

**Brain Games:** 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.

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**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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**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.

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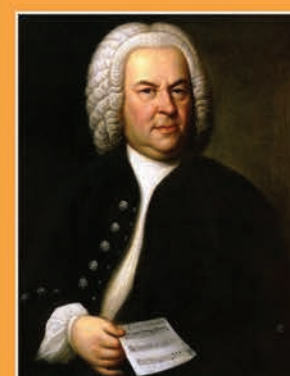
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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government; and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. 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A TRANSCRIPTION

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

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- 3 Photograph the QR code to go to the League website to register.

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# Fourth of July

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SUSAN HENDERSON, Editor/Publisher



ANOTHER UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY

“We the People” .....that’s how our Consitution begins. It serves as a reminder that this government belongs to us, we, the people. Those words, along with those contained in the Declaration of Independence should be embraced and remembered every day, not just on the nation’s birthday. Unfortunately, most of us never seriously think about them until the 4th of July.

On the day this nation was ‘born’ Americans embrace the ‘birthday’ that we all share in common. Probelm is, it shouldn’t be a one day, celebration. We need to cherish this nation every single day and accept our responsibility to all work on making this a ‘more perfect union’. My dad taught me that birthdays are our own ‘personal’ holidays! That being said, as a nation, our own personal holiday - July 4, 2019 should be a great cause of celebration. After all we will be 243 years old and formerly the beacon of a free and democratic society to the world. Instead, regardless of which side of the argument you are on, this ‘birthday’ is one where we are divided by hate, fear, intolerance, alienation and ignorance. WQe have been so derelict in our duties that we have turned over our precious nation to the hands of the self serving, hateful and spineless whose interest is not in the well being of the nation as a whole, but rather their interest is in their own personal power and wealth.

On this birthday we are being scorned and ridiculed around the world. We have withdrawn from just about every effort to be a part of the world community. We are portraying ourselves as the victims of everything and everybody by an administration that needs to read and reread our great Constitution. If they would just read the preamble, perhaps with a tutor, they might get a clue.

“We the People”.....not just this administration and their business associates.

“..form a more perfect union:...” Most of us recognize that our country and its laws are not perfect and we need to strive to improve, not focus on destruction.

“establish justice”.....and that means for everyone regardless or race, religion, creed or national origin.

“Insure Domestic Tranquility”.....not poke the bear (my apologies to bears worldwide), not stir the pot of divisiveness and hate.

“provide for the common defence” - defense of all, not some.

“Promote the general welfare”.....this country was not founded on the ‘Friends and Family’ plan. The rest of us matter also

“Secure the blessings of Liberty for ourselves and our Posterity”.... i.e., life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness now and for future generations.

Just this morning I heard Donald J. Trump say, “My Government...” and therein lies a major part of the problem. It isn’t his government, it is OUR GOVERNMENT and we need to start acting like it. Right or Left, Independent or Green, it is OURS.....not one side or the other.

I used to be a proud American. I am not now. Nor would my father and grandfather, WWII and WWI Veterans respectively be, if they were alive today. Both risked their lives for a country that did not even respect them as men, yet they fought regardless in an effort to make things better for all. That is what we are all supposed to do, fight to make things better for all, together!

Our country has gone from a beacon of freedom and liberty to a cesspool of selfish and inhumane actions, and we have done so in just 890 days. Ironic isn’t it that this destructive administration has a leader who touts the slogan, “Make America Great Again”. Clearly what he refers to as great, based upon his 890 days of action, is something we have never been before.

So as we prepare to pay homage to OUR COUNTRY on July 4th, let’s all, left and right, demand of all elected officials that they focus on upholding the tenets of the Constitution and restoring America back to being a true democracy, a system of government by the whole population. If we do that, then maybe our 244th birthday will truly be a joyous one.



FYI: WHO SIGNED THE U.S. CONSTITUTION?

The 38 signers of the U.S. Constitution were delegates from the original states who gathered several times and in several places, first drafting the Declaration of Independence, and then, after the colonists defeated the British army and won independence, writing the U.S. Constitution. The signers of the two documents have some overlap — Benjamin Franklin signed both, but John Hancock wrote large only on the Declaration of Independence. The delegates are here grouped by the states they represented:

*Connecticut:* William Samuel Johnson, Roger Sherman

*Delaware:* George Read, Gunning Bedford Jr., John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jacob Broom

*Georgia:* William Few, Abraham Baldwin

*Maryland:* James McHenry, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Daniel Carroll

*Massachusetts:* Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King

*New Hampshire:* John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman

*New Jersey:* William Livingston, David Brearley, William Paterson, Jonathan Dayton

*New York:* Alexander Hamilton

*North Carolina:* William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, Hugh Williamson

*Pennsylvania:* Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas FitzSimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouverneur Morris

*South Carolina:* John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Pierce Butler

*Virginia:* George Washington (President and deputy), John Blair, James Madison Jr.

WE THE PEOPLE!

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

*Editor’s Note: Just to refresh your memory here is a synopsis of what is in the U.S. Constitution. At the end of this list you will find a website where you can read the entire document.)*

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OUT TO PASTOR  
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder  
LET THE SUMMER FUN BEGIN

Now that summer is upon us, we can turn our back on those frosty days of winter. I like winter as long as it is in the past tense. Otherwise, all that cold tenses me up something terrific. Now that summer is upon me, I can sit back, relax and enjoy those crazy, lazy days of summer.

My plans for the summer have already been established. I have a little notebook with all the things I plan to do during the summer. If someone were to open that little notebook, they will find, much to their surprise, not a thing written on any page.

That is precisely my plan. I plan to do nothing during the summer.

This is a relatively new strategy on my part. Every time I plan to do something, it never turns out right. In fact, if I plan to go right everything turns around and I end up going left. Therefore, my ingenious plan is to plan the opposite of what I really want to do. After all, it cannot be any worse than what I have been doing up to now.

I have been dreaming about the luxury of doing absolutely nothing for the summer. I have no personal goals to achieve. I have no projects needing completion. I have only one goal for the entire summer and that is to do nothing.

For this nefarious plan of mine to be successful, I will need to avoid the wife for the entire summer. If she was in the living room I would make sure, I was out in the garage. If she were out on the porch, I would be in the bathroom. I had this all worked out in my head long before Spring came to its finale.

For weeks now, I have been busy planning my summer's spree of non-activity. Within a matter of time, some strange thought horned in on my serenity. For some reason I hit a snag in my planning. I thought I had everything worked out. Then I noticed something strange about this new strategy of mine. That is, it is quite hard to plan to do nothing.

For example, if I plan to go fishing I know what equipment I need to lay out and what clothes I need to wear. If I am planning to go on a vacation, I know what to pack and I know the clothes to put in the suitcase and so forth. But, how do you plan to do nothing?

When I first thought of this plan, it seemed like such an easy thing to do. Something natural for a person like me. My problem was, what clothes do I need to put on when I am planning to do nothing? What kind of equipment do I need? And, should I pack a lunch?

I decided to pack a lunch anyway.

It is only one week into the summer and I have found myself to be a little stressed. My plan was to do nothing but I am not sure what that means.

When you do nothing, what exactly are you doing or not doing? Boy, do I need a philosopher to-day. (Where is Dr. Phil when you need him?) And I suppose the biggest question is, how do you define nothing?

To define nothing, you have to say something, and something certainly is not nothing. So how do I know when I am doing nothing? If I do anything, does it cancel out my goal of nothing?

To show how desperate I was, I decided to ask the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

"How do I know when I'm doing nothing?" I asked her.

She looked at me with one of those strange looks I have become so familiar with and just stared at me for a few moments. Then with both hands firmly placed on her hips, she answered me.

"It is simply this. You are doing nothing when you are not doing what I asked you to do." Then she produced a thick notebook of things she wanted me to do. A "to-do-list," if you please, for the summer.

It was at that point that it hit me. The only way you can do nothing is if you have something to do. If I don't have anything to do, there is nothing I can do. But if I have something to do and do not do it I am, in fact, doing nothing.

I surprised my wife by taking her to-do-list and clutching it to my bosom. I said to her with a smile, "Thank you for solving my summer problem." With that, I walked off quite cheerfully, knowing that with this list in my hand, I now have a plan to do nothing for the summer. I love it when a plan comes together.

I then did something profitable. I turned to a favorite passage in the Bible. The apostle Paul knew a thing or two about doing things. Paul said, "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippi-ans 4:12-13). It may be difficult to do nothing but it is absolutely

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



HEALING WITH MEDICINAL PLANTS OF THE WEST

Interviewing Dr. James Adams - A Doctor on a Mission to Fight Opioid Addiction Using Native Herbs

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Dr. Adams says that the medical profession is mistaken when it comes to how to treat pain. Adams explains that although the brain processes pain, all pain in the body is felt mostly in the organ of skin. However, pain in the mouth and other orifices is felt at the site of the pain, such as a tooth. Therefore, based on his western medical training, and supported with his Chumash healing training, Adams always treats the skin for all pain conditions. Further, he states that everyone can do such self-medicating "for free," for any pain, with no harmful side-effects.

Dr. James Adams is a man on a mission. James Adams teaches pharmacology at USC, and also teaches medical students Chumash healing as part of regular classes. Adams earned his PhD in Pharmacology in 1981 at UC San Francisco in comparative pharmacology and toxicology, and is now an Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences at USC. He's written over 200 articles, both academic and general reading.

Adams got very interested in the medicinal uses of native plants back in 1994. He had been taking his son out on Boy Scout walks and began to realize that all the local plants had been used by the local Native Americans. Adams then set out to find a Na-tive American herbalist to learn from.

He talked with people from the Chumash tribe, but made no progress in finding a skilled herbalist for about two years. Finally, he met Cecilia Garcia. Adams then became Garcia's apprentice, and spent 14 years learning from her, and practicing Chumash healing on patients.

Adams and Garcia eventually collaborated to produce the book "Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West," which was published in 2005. Since their collaboration, Adams and Garcia have led nearly 100 walks and workshops to teach about the Native use of healing herbs, until Garcia's untimely death in 2012.

I asked Dr. Adams whether or not he was just cynical of the medical profession, as I am, or perhaps he believes that doctors are more concerned about making a buck than actually healing a patient. Neither, he told me. "Doctors are simply working on a false preconceived notion that herbs are not strong enough to deal with certain physical conditions. But believe me, some herbs are just as strong as any patent medicines out there." He adds that there is a lot of good medicine being practiced, but not with the use of opioids for pain.

He points out that there are currently at least 67,000 people who die in the U.S. every year from prescription opioids, and that figure is rising. According to Adams, doctors work from the premise that you should try to control pain by using the drugs that affect the brain. They tell the patient, let's try x, or y, or z, and when those don't work, they try opioids, like Vicodin.

Adams explained that opioids are compounds synthesized based upon opium's chemistry. This is highly addictive, and has not been shown to work. This is all based on the notion that you need to cure the pain in your brain, but there are no pain receptors in your brain. More than 95% of the body's pain receptors are in the skin.

"Cecilia taught me how to make and use linaments

from black sage and sagebrush," says Dr. Adams. "And as a result of working with several hundred patients over the years, I have seen that these are great pain killers, which also have the ability to deal with chronic pain." Dr. Adams added the science to his corroboration with Garcia, by explaining medically why the Chumash systems work.

"We need to learn how to treat pain correctly, and we are not doing that correctly with oral medicines," says Adams. "When I was a boy, everyone knew how to take care of themselves when it came to the most basic everyday medical issues, like using sassafras, yerba santa, and other common herbs. But no one seems to know any of this anymore."

Through his writings and teachings, Dr. Adams hopes to bring back the notion that the body can heal itself if we allow it to do so, and that everyone should take charge of their health, and not assume that the doctor can "heal" us.

Adams readily admits that there are some cases that his black sage or sage brush liniment doesn't entirely cure, though there are no side effects either, as in the case of opioids.

Adams has also been compiling actual testimonials to demonstrate the efficacy of the healing method that he practices.

Though there is a comprehensive depth to his scope of teaching, he usually emphasizes that he's not healing anyone, that's he's only making it possible for the body to heal itself.

RECIPES [more details are found in Adams' book]

BLACK SAGE SUN TEA: FOOT SOAK FOR ALL BODY PAINS

Soak about ¼ pound of black sage leaves and stems (Salvia mellifera) in two quarts of water, and set in the sun for several hours until the tea is dark red brown. Strain.

Pour the sun tea into a pan, and soak feet for 15-20 Minutes a day for 7 days. Refrigerate after each use. Wait one week to see what happens to your pain. Repeat process after second week. This is for any body pains.

One student at one of Dr. Adams' classes soaked his feet in the black sage tea and reported that his chronic neck pain was gone for over a week. "According to James Ruth, 'Yes, it worked! I go to the chiropractor every three weeks to manage my condition. My condition is a pinched nerve in my neck. I soaked my feet in the black sage tea and I was pain-free for about a week and a half. My daily pain is more of a discomfort now.'"

SAGEBRUSH LINIMENT: ELDER'S WINTER MEDICINE

Into a container [he typically uses an 8 ounce Mason jar], place one leaf of white sage. Add 4 to 6 pieces of avocado pits (for their oil). Fill the container with as much Sagebrush (Artemisia californica) as you can. Fill the jar with 70% isopropyl alcohol. Some use either tequila or vodka instead. Let sit for at least 6 weeks. Decant, and use the liquid sparingly, as a spray or rub, on those painful parts of the body.

For information about Dr. Adams' class schedule, and his several books, contact Adams at www.abeduspress.com.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WHY SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD BE WARY OF REVERSE MORTGAGES

If you've watched TV lately, you've likely seen ads selling reverse mortgages. A reverse mortgage can be a great tool to help you realize your dreams. However, it is a very specific type of tool for a very specific type of situation. If used incorrectly, it can cause a borrower to lose their home. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to learn the good, the bad, and the ugly of reverse mortgages.

How they work  
A reverse mortgage is a loan which allows homeowners 62 and older to convert some of the equity they have in their primary residence into cash. The amount of equity required to obtain a reverse mortgage depends on your age. Younger borrowers need about 60% equity in their homes to qualify, while those over 80 may need just 45%.

Once approved, you can receive the money in one of three ways: as a lump sum, as monthly installments, or as a line of credit. Because you receive payments from the lender, your home's equity decreases over time, while the loan balance gets larger, thus the term "reverse" mortgage.

With a reverse mortgage, you no longer have to make monthly mortgage payments, and you can stay in your home as long as you keep up with property taxes, pay insurance premiums, and keep the home in good repair. Lenders make money through origination fees, mortgage insurance, and interest on the loan balance, all of which can exceed \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Be aware, the reverse mortgage loan (plus interest and fees) becomes due and must be repaid in full when any of the following events occur:

- Your death
- You are out of the home for 12 consecutive months or more, such as in the case of needing nursing home care
- You sell the home or transfer title
- You default on the loan by failing to keep up with insurance premiums, property taxes, or by letting the home fall into disrepair

A still evolving industry

In 2011, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau cracked down on some of the misleading advertising practices by lenders. All reverse mortgage advertisers are now required to disclose that the loans must be repaid after death or upon move-out. Additionally, advertisers can no longer claim the loans are a "government benefit" or "risk free."

In 2014, HUD developed new policies to better protect surviving spouses who were often being "left out in the cold" literally under the old rules. Now, if a married couple with one spouse under age 62 wants to take out a reverse mortgage, they may list the underage spouse as a "non-borrowing spouse" with rights to retain the home if the older spouse dies.

Despite these recent changes, however, the number of ads for reverse mortgages hasn't declined and too many borrowers (and non-borrowing spouses) still end up going through foreclosure. The industry continues to need to offer better protections for the elderly against unscrupulous reverse mortgage lending practices.

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Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

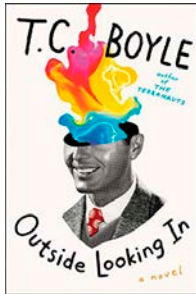
GET IN TROUBLE: STORIES by Kelly Link



FINALIST FOR THE PULITZER PRIZE  
A bewitching story collection from a writer hailed as "the most darkly playful voice in American fiction" (Michael Chabon) and "a national treasure" (Neil Gaiman). She has been hailed by Michael Chabon as "the most darkly playful voice in American fiction" and by Neil Gaiman as "a national treasure." Now Kelly Link's eagerly awaited new collection—her first for adult readers in a decade—proves indelibly that this bewitchingly original writer is among the finest we have. Link has won an ardent following for her ability, with each new short story, to take readers deeply into an unforgettable, brilliantly constructed fictional universe. The nine exquisite examples in this collection show her in full command of her formidable powers. In "The Summer People," a young girl in rural North Carolina serves as uneasy caretaker to the mysterious, never-quite-glimpsed visitors who inhabit the cottage behind her house. In "I Can See Right Through You," a middle-aged movie star makes a disturbing trip to the Florida swamp where his former on- and off-screen love interest is shooting a ghost-hunting reality show. In "The New Boyfriend," a suburban slumber party takes an unusual turn, and a teenage friendship is tested, when the spoiled birthday girl opens her big present: a life-size animated doll. Hurri-canes, astronauts, evil twins, bootleggers, Ouija boards, iguanas, The Wizard of Oz, superheroes, the Pyramids . . . These are just some of the talismans of an imagination as capacious and as full of wonder as that of any writer today. But as fantastical as these stories can be, they are always grounded by sly humor and an innate generosity of feeling for the frailty—and the hidden strengths—of human beings. In Get in Trouble, this one-of-a-kind talent expands the boundaries of what short fiction can do.

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: A Novel by T.C. Boyle

In this stirring and insightful novel, T.C. Boyle takes us back to the 1960s and to the early days of a drug whose effects have reverberated widely throughout our culture: LSD. In 1943, LSD is synthesized in Basel. Two decades later, a coterie of grad students at Harvard are gradually drawn into the inner circle of renowned psychologist and psychedelic drug enthusiast Timothy Leary. Fitzhugh Loney, a psychology Ph.D. student and his wife, Joanie, become entranced by the drug's possibilities such that their "research" becomes less a matter of clinical trials and academic papers and instead turns into a free-wheeling exploration of mind expansion, group dynamics, and communal living. With his trademark humor and pathos, Boyle moves us through the Loneys' initiation at one of Leary's parties to his notorious summer seminars in Zihuatanejo until the Loneys' eventual expulsion from Harvard and their introduction to a communal arrangement of thirty devotees—students, wives, and children—living together in a sixty-four room mansion and devoting themselves to all kinds of experimentation and questioning. Is LSD a belief system? Does it allow you to see God? Can the Loneys' marriage—or any marriage, for that matter—survive the chaotic and sometimes orgiastic use of psychedelic drugs? Wry, witty, and wise, Outside Looking In is an ideal subject for this American master, and highlights Boyle's acrobatic prose, detailed plots, and big ideas. It's an utterly engaging and occasionally trippy look at the nature of reality, identity, and consciousness, as well as our seemingly infinite capacities for creativity, re-invention, and self-discovery.



EDINBURGH by Alexander Chee

A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year, Winner of the James Michener/Copernicus Society Fellowship Prize. "Arresting . . . profound and poetic . . . Chee's voice is worth listening to." —San Francisco Chronicle. Twelve-year-old Fee is a shy Korean American boy and a newly named section leader of his first sopranos in his local boys' choir. But when Fee learns how the director treats his section leaders, he is so ashamed he says nothing of the abuse, not even when Peter, his best friend, is in line to be next. When the director is arrested, Fee tries to forgive himself for his silence. But when Peter takes his own life, Fee blames only himself. In the years that follow he slowly builds a new life, teaching near his hometown. There he meets a young student who is the picture of Peter and is forced to confront the past he believed was gone. Told with "the force of a dream and the heft of a life,"\* Edinburgh marked Chee "as a major talent whose career will bear watching" (Publishers Weekly). The 3 reviews are from

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All Things

By Jeff Brown San Francisco became the first major U.S. city Tuesday to ban the sale of electronic cigarettes that have not undergone the required

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) review." This is a decisive step to help prevent another generation of San Francisco children from becoming addicted to nicotine," City Attorney Dennis Herrera. "The U.S. Surgeon General has warned that we're in the midst of a youth vaping epidemic," Herrera added. "San Francisco is taking action to protect our kids." This temporary moratorium wouldn't be necessary if the federal government had done its job. E-cigarettes are a product that, by law, are not allowed on the market without FDA review. For some reason, the FDA has so far refused to follow the law. If the federal government is not going to act, San Francisco will. Backers said they hope the legislation will curb underage use of e-cigarettes, but critics said the ban will make it harder for adults to purchase an alternative to regular cigarettes. The pushback to e-cigarettes is becoming a nationwide trend. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed a law raising the legal age to buy e-cigarettes and tobacco in his state to 21 on June 7, joining 13 other states including California. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., also recently introduced a bill to raise the federal minimum age to buy tobacco. From 2017 to 2018, e-cigarette use increased 78 percent among high school students and 48 percent among middle schoolers, according to the Fad's Francisco is a city that celebrates its marijuana culture, but it appears deeply opposed to other vices.



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## WILL DURST                      A RASH OF LIES



President Trump has been called many things. A short-fingered vulgarian. Mister Misdirection. The Cheater-in-Chief. Vlad's ventriloquist dummy. Boss Tweet. Herr Gropenfuhrer. The Oval Office Oompa Loompa. But the most apropos moniker to throw at him is, the King of Lies.

According to the Washington Post, the former New York City real estate developer is closing in on 11,000 lies since taking the Oath of Office. Which occurred approximately 900 days ago, averaging out to a bit more than 12 lies a day. And that's in public. We have no idea how many lies he tosses towards staff or family or himself.

And yes indeed, you are correct, sir: "liar" is so pejorative. Let's call him a serial fibber. A fabricator. Deceiver. Falsifier. Prevaricator. Pseudologist. But whatever you call it, Donald Trump is the undisputed heavyweight champion of lying. Holds the Guinness Book World Record for making stuff up. Orange-man speak with forked tongue.

Some lies are political, ie; claiming he was against the Iraqi War when multiple examples of him saying the opposite exist. Some lies are just to pump the brand such as when he said the head of the Boy Scouts called to say he gave the best speech ever at a national gathering, something the Head Scout said never happened. Some lies are pure animal instinct. To maintain and move on. Going to release his tax returns after his audit. Longest... audit... ever.

Others are inexplicable. What reason would he have to say his father was born in Germany when the man was born in New York? Nobody cares. But he keeps saying it. Perhaps simply a little self-delusion to reinforce his love of sauerkraut?

He lies and then he lies about lying and then he lies about lying about lying. Even if he said he were lying, he'd be lying. Which is metaphysically difficult. He lies to the press and then believes what he reads. Since it's him being quoted, it must be true.

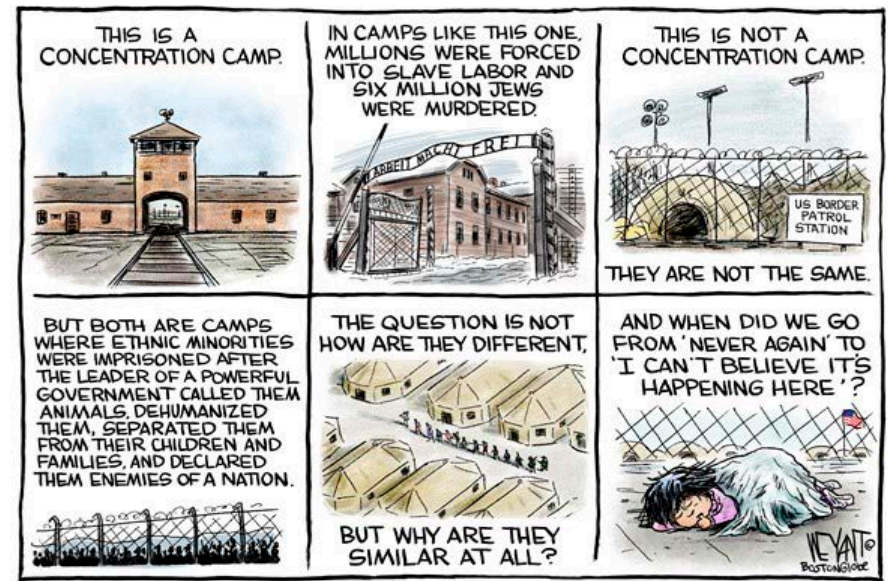
He lies because it is his nature. He lies because he's good at it. He lies to stay in practice. He lies to keep opponents off balance. He lies because he is never held accountable or forced to suffer a consequence by either the Republican Party or his base. He lies because he can.

If ever caught in a lie, he just denies it. Even though there's tape of him saying it out loud. In a press conference after Helsinki he said he didn't see any reason why Vladimir Putin would interfere in our elections and after everyone, including his own staff, flipped out, he said, what he meant to say was, "he didn't know why he wouldn't have," which doesn't make any sense.

In a recent interview with George Stephanopoulos he said he didn't see anything wrong with accepting dirt on opponents from foreign powers and that he would do it again. The very day after the interview aired, he said he never said that.

The man is responsible for more bad lies than all of his golf courses put together after a month-long strike by the groundskeepers. He goes so far beyond pathological liar, psychologists are going to name a new condition after him. Karma mandates it be something that comes with a nasty rash.

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## LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

### TOM PURCELL



#### ELIZABETH WARREN WANTS TO ABOLISH PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE. UH OH.

Is it possible to pluck one newsworthy moment from Wednesday night's cacophonous 10-contestant Democratic quiz show? You bet. Here we go:

Moderator Lester Holt asked, "Who here would abolish their private health insurance in favor of a government-run plan? Just a show of hands." Elizabeth Warren raised hers.

Uh oh. Warren is a solidly top-tier candidate, with a decent shot at winning the nomination, but, politically speaking, I seriously question whether someone who wants to abolish the private health care of 180 million Americans can actually win a general election.

Warren was the sole candidate on stage who's polling in double digits, crowding Bernie Sanders for second place behind Joe Biden. Her words counted the most. She was also the sole person on stage (except for one-percent candidate Bill de Blasio) who called for the abolition of private health insurance - a stance she hadn't articulated on the campaign trail.

"Look at the business model of an insurance company. It's to bring in as many dollars as they can in premiums and to pay out as few dollars as possible for your health care. That leaves families with rising premiums, rising co-pays, and fighting with insurance companies to try to get the health care that their doctors say that they and their children need. 'Medicare for all' solves that problem," Warren said.

Her stance may enhance her nomination prospects, within a party that has moved leftward since 2016. Most grassroots Democrats likely won't fault her critique of the private insurance companies, and lots of centrist swing voters with private coverage have their own complaints about the status quo system.

But in politics, you don't necessarily win awards for great intentions, or for articulating the most rational arguments. Warren conceded that there are "political reasons" for not supporting government health care, but she didn't say what they are. So I will.

A landslide majority of Americans like their private health coverage, and they don't want it taken away. Indeed, voters in general don't like it when politicians try to take something away.

Granted, most Americans reportedly support the nebulous concept of "Medicare for all," but as soon as they're confronted with caveats, it's a different story. According to the nonpartisan Kaiser Tracking Poll, "Medicare for all" gets a thumbs-up rating, 56 to 42 percent. But when Americans are told that the program could eliminate private health insurance - as Bernie Sanders' agenda envisions, phasing out private coverage within four years - most people run for the hills. The numbers are suddenly reversed: 37 percent yes, 58 percent no.

Imagine what Trump and the Republicans would do with that, if Warren or Sanders were nominated. And on this issue, they wouldn't even need to lie. Warren is confident about her powers of persuasion, but it's hard to foresee her winning the argument for government health care. Fairly or not, "socialism" is a word that's easy to demagogue, and Americans (especially those 45 and older, the most reliable voters) simply don't like the word. They may be blind to the socialistic initiatives that they've long enjoyed (from Social Security to the interstate highway system), but that's just political reality. Which is why candidate Kamala Harris has walked back her early support for abolishing private health insurance.

Amy Klobuchar, who has gotten little traction in the race thus far, said on stage Wednesday night: "I am just simply concerned about kicking half of America off of their health insurance in four years."

For the Trump campaign and the GOP, that's the perfect video clip - an acknowledgment, from a Democrat, that Warren would imperil "half of America." And Joe Biden's campaign is drawing a sharp contrast with Warren, endorsing the more incremental approach to health reform. In a statement, it said: "The Biden administration will give every American the right to choose a public option like Medicare." (Clever use of "right to choose.")

So we did get some clarity last night, at least on the top-tier issue of health care: government coverage versus incremental reform. Should the Democrats go boldly leftward, or practice prudent moderation?

Elizabeth Warren wowed the liberal base, but she may have teed up the GOP's top attack ad and rendered herself less electable.

### MICHAEL REAGAN

#### THE DEMOCRATS' DEBATE COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE



Expectations could not have been lower going into round one of the Democrat Party's ridiculously overcrowded presidential debate in Miami.

Maybe that's why it turned out to be a decently watchable debate. It was no "Games of Thrones" finale, but it could have been much, much worse.

NBC had that embarrassing audio glitch at the halfway point, which actually turned out to be entertaining.

But NBC's all-star moderators - Lester Holt, Savannah Guthrie, Jose Diaz-Balart, Chuck Todd and even star left-fielder Rachel Maddow did a competent, fair, business-like job.

They lobbed dozens of softball questions to the ten politically indistinguishable major and minor league Democrats who have deluded themselves and their parents into thinking they are going to become president someday.

The moderators let everyone deliver their pre-canned answers on how they'd solve issues like health care and immigration and save the planet from the twin existential threats posed by climate change and President Trump.

Being good liberals themselves, they let every socialist candidate take home run swings at big pharma and the rich one percent, and make their wild promises of free healthcare and free college for all.

If Savannah, Todd or Rachel pressed anyone on how much all the "free" government stuff they wanted to give away was going to cost, or how they planned to pay for it, I missed it.

NBC's moderators were operating under tough circumstances, but it would have been nice if they had asked some tougher questions or baited the candidates into sniping at each other.

They also might have asked a few of them to explain why Congress and previous administrations, including Obama's, have refused for nearly 40 years to do what is necessary to secure the border and reform immigration laws.

Everyone in the country was understandably saddened this week by the photo of the dead father and his little daughter who drowned trying to cross the Rio Grande.

Democrats naturally have blamed their deaths on President Trump, but as I said on Newsmax after the debate, there have been Latino men, women and children dying coming across that border for years.

Our border patrol officers find their dead bodies in the desert every day. But no one ever blamed Obama or his policies for their deaths, just as they never blamed him for those "cages" that were built for immigrant children during his reign.

Giving candidates just 60 seconds to tell America how they plan to end the immigration crisis, reform healthcare or avert climate change was a mistake that should be fixed for future debates when the field of candidates drops to an even dozen or so.

But some candidates clearly did better than others.

Elizabeth Warren and her multi-list of big plans for government solutions to everything was arguably the big winner. She knew what she wanted to say and said it clearly and energetically.

Booker did well and didn't make a joke out of himself, though I wish Chuck Todd had asked him if he thought Bill DeBlasio was doing a good job as mayor of New York.

The most sensible guy on the stage, who 99.9 percent of Americans have never heard of, was the retired businessman and ex-congressman from Maryland, John Delaney.

He pointed out the foolishness of everyone else's favorite fix for health care, Medicare for All.

Go to your local hospital, what's-his-name said, and ask the administrators what would happen if every one of their bills were paid at the current Medicare rate. They'd tell you the truth, he said -- they'd have to go out of business.

Wednesday night's opening Democratic debate is already old news.

But if it had been an episode of "Survivor" and I had to pick the winners and losers, I'd let Warren, Booker, former Housing Secretary Julian Castro and New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio move forward and I'd send the rest home.

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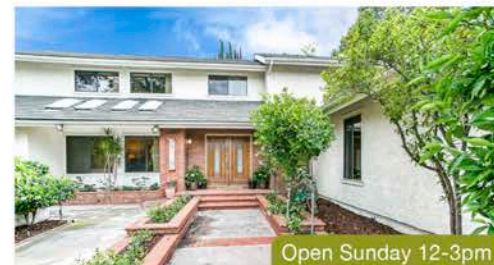
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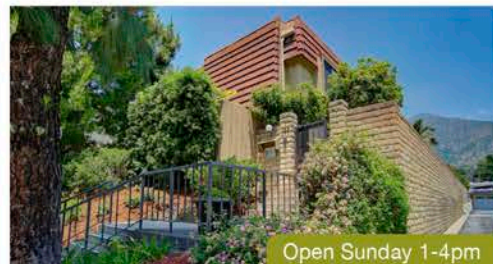
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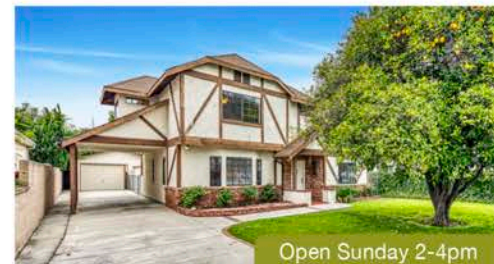
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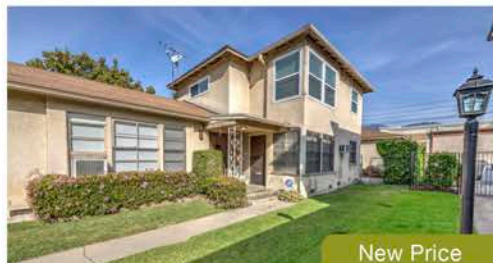
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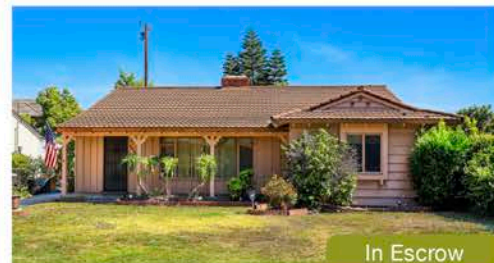
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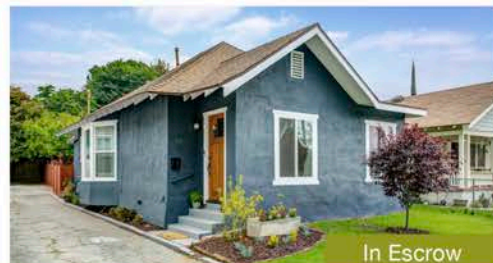
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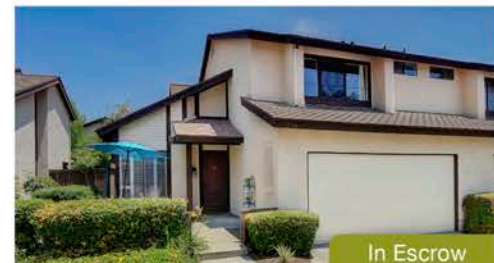
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