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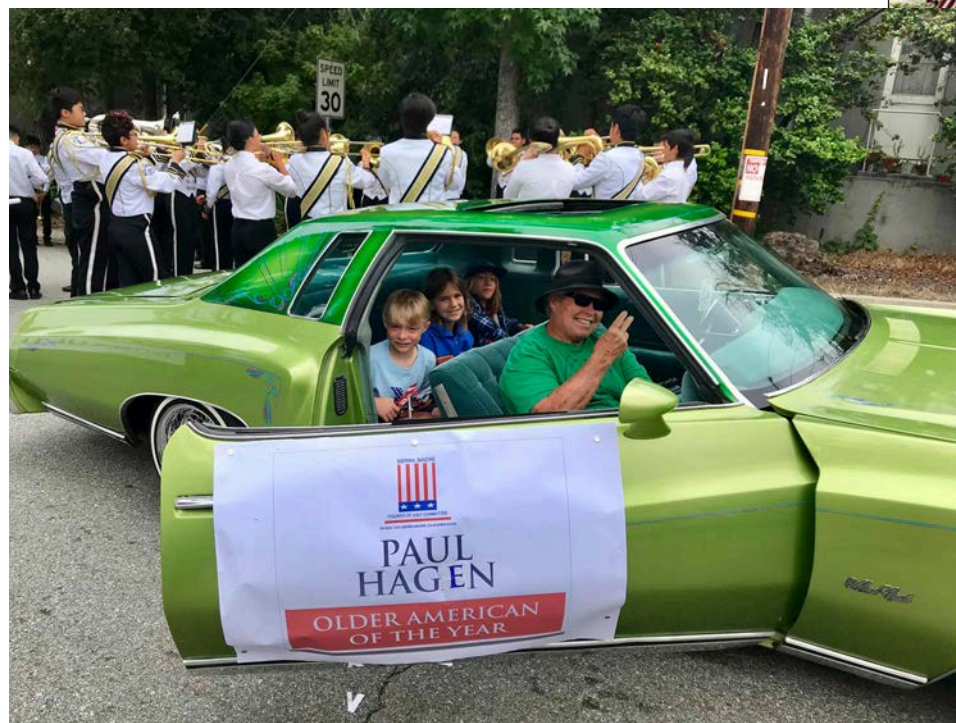
A picture is worth a thousand words and as you can see, the Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade has been called "the best ever" by some. Organized completely by volunteers, The Fourth of July Committee, if you didn't get to go to the parade you really missed a treat! The weather was perfect and the participants were outstanding. Festivities began on July 3rd and culminated with the parade on the 4th.

On the 3rd, the town dunked our Mayor John Harabedian, City Manager Gabe Engeland, Former Mayor Arizmendi, Older American Paul Hagen, Lisa Carlson (SMLL) and the chair of the Community Services Commission, David Ouch.

The parade had something for everyone including the premiere of the 'Sierra Madre Tournament of Noses which crowned their first 'Nose Queen'. Barry Schwam the organizer of the Nose Troupe can be seen below in the...what else, tissue box!

If you missed the parade, or want to watch it again, thanks to Catherine Adde and the crew from Village Vine, you can watch it on You Tube (*Sierra Made Fourth of July Parade*) or, you can view the live stream at <http://villagevine.weebly.com>.

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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

CITY COUNCIL

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 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.

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This week at the Sierra Madre Public Library

July 1—6

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Baby Rhyme Time

Monday at 10:00 am

Preschool Storytime

Monday at 11 am

Reading Buddies

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LEGO Play Day

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Wednesday at 11 am

Soap Making Workshop

Wednesday at 7 pm

Pajama Storytime

Thursday

Library Closed for the 4th of July

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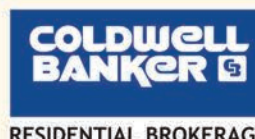
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WISTARIA THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS THANKED



The GFWC Sierra Madre Woman's Club thanked the 44 of its volunteer members whose dedication to running their Wistaria Thrift Shop (the 2007 "best little thrift shop in the San Gabriel Valley") at a special luncheon at its clubhouse on June 26. One of the club's major fundraisers, the 16 members of the Wistaria Shop's Prep Crew are busy July through May curating, sorting, cleaning, pricing and preparing for display the wonderful stream of donations brought to the shop. The Wistaria Retail Shop itself is open from September's 1st Thursday through the end of May on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm. Shop volunteers love receiving your clean, gently used donations (no furniture) preferably on weekday mornings. In addition to contributing to the upkeep of the club's 1914 craftsman-style Essick House, the Wistaria Shop contributes a major portion of its net proceeds to the club's Charitable Donations, its seven annual \$1,000 Academic Scholarships, as well as helping to build up its renovation fund. Other SMWC club fundraisers include Essick House rentals, the recent Jazz & Wine in the Garden, Fashion Show, Lattes & Literature and Games Tea. SMWC members also support our community through such events as its July 4th Pre-Parade Open House, its November Community Prayer Breakfast, the Wistaria Festival and the Mt. Wilson Trail Race.

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was founded in 1907, and has been a member of both the California and the International General Federation of Women's Clubs since 1909. SMWC, in addition to our academic scholarships, annually contributes to 26 local non-profits in the areas of the Arts, Civic Improvement, Community Affairs, Conservation, Education and Public Safety. Club members meet 1st Wednesday evenings September - June, and 2nd (and sometimes 4th) Wednesdays from September through May. Learn more at gfwcsierramadrewomansclub.org, or sierramadrewomansclub.org.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side by Deanne Davis

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism." Erma Bombeck

I'll bring the hot dogs,
You bring the beer,
The Fourth of July,
Is finally here!

It's our day to celebrate,
Our Nation's story.
Is your hand on your heart?
Here she comes! It's Old Glory!

Let's walk downtown,
And watch the parade.
I hope we can find,
A place in the shade.

Here come our V.A. guys,
Standing so tall and straight!
Thank you, guys, for your service,
We think you're just great!

Oh Look! Here she comes!
There's a tear in my eye.
Let's stand up and cheer!
Old Glory's passing by.

We love those old cars,
Filled with folks that we know.
Hey! Throw us some candy!
How far can one little Tootsie Roll go!

Katrelya might belly dance,
The whole parade long, and
The Sierra Madre City College Band
Will give us a song.

The Fire Department won't
Be spraying us this year.
Water in our town,
Right now, is too dear.

We'll barbeque later,
A burger...or three,
And have potato salad,
Sure! It's calorie free! (Not!)

We'll go watch the fireworks,
Down at the park.
And count all our blessings,
There in the dark.

Be glad that we live,
In a land that is free.
To celebrate Independence Day!
To Celebrate.... Liberty!

July 4th this year was pretty much just like that. We always loved the parade, my best parade kibitzer buddy, John, and I. We loved seeing the kids from all the teams, the parents pulling wagons with little people looking bewildered. We admired the Search & Rescue Guys, we waved at the dignitaries smiling in the backs of open cars, trying not to sweat, wondering if they've got enough sunblock on, working hard to look responsible and re-electable.

For more years than I care to count, I hosted the entire family at our house and did the BBQ-ing and now our middle daughter, Patti and her husband, Dave, host the July 4th festivities and our job was to show up with the aforementioned calorie-free potato salad (Repeat: Not!) and a cake. I realize I'm a little late for this year's July 4th celebrations, but sometime this summer you're going to need to be someplace with a cake and here's a really easy one that people will absolutely love, and beg you for the recipe...

EASY APPLE CAKE

2 cups Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut in good sized chunks
1 cup sugar
Place apples in a bowl and add sugar. Let stand 30 min. (That part is really important!)

Add: 1/4 cup oil
1 egg beaten
1 tsp vanilla

Combine: 1 cup unsifted flour
1 generous tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. soda
¼ tsp. salt

Stir into apple mixture. Add 1/2 cup or so chopped pecans or walnuts and I like to throw in a handful of dried cranberries, too. Put into well-greased 8" square pan. Bake at 350, 45 to 50 minutes till cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean. This cake doubles and triples beautifully! Cut in squares, dust with powdered sugar and enjoy!

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KATIE Tse....This and That



I hope you had a fabulous fourth, and that you're having a fabulous summer overall! In an effort to better myself and keep occupied, I'm taking a creative writing class at a local community college. It's pretty fun, but I always worry I won't be able to come up with something for our daily assignments. So far I've been okay. But just in case I run empty one day, I put together a random little piece on escalators for our teacher's reading pleasure. I share it with you now.

I didn't use to be afraid of escalators. It all started when we had a meeting for a kid at the school where I work. It was one of those meetings with a cast of thousands round the conference table. I'd finished my spiel and was admittedly dozing off just a bit when the discussion turned to escalators, and how the kid was afraid of them.

Turns out he fell down one once. Mind you, this kid isn't too stable on his feet to begin with. That's why he gets PT and APE. (Physical Therapy and Adapted Physical Education.)

Wait --he fell down one once? I'm waking up now.

Yup, his mom says. All the way.

So now I'm thinking, given the kid's history, that this seems like a perfectly reasonable and justifiable fear. The meeting goes on, but I'm still imagining all the horrible things that can go wrong on an escalator. Feet caught, ankles sprained, twisted wrists, you name it. Shoelaces getting sucked in, ripping off your foot in the process. But mostly I'm thinking about my hair.

It's long and I wear it down most of the time. The escalators I most commonly encounter are the ones at the racetrack. My husband and I spend a lot of the time there. Santa Anita was built in the 30's, back before America became the nation of obesity it is today. So the escalators are slim and narrow.

What would happen if I tripped and fell and my hair got caught? I wouldn't be able to stop the conveyor belt of stairs in time. The emergency shut offs are at the top and bottom. What if I fell in the middle?

The piece I originally put together explored this concept further in painfully graphic detail. But as I re-read it now, I think I'll spare you. Besides, you've all got imaginations.

So it's that kind of stuff I'm thinking about when I should be focused on my handicapping. Because if you're going to lose money, it might as well be a researched loss. My husband's sitting next to me, pouring over stats in the racing form. I casually ask if he's ever been afraid of escalators.

"Nope."

Nothing phases him. He's got no imagination for stuff like that. That, and his hair's only a millimeter long. But today it's fluffy. Today it's a millimeter and a half.

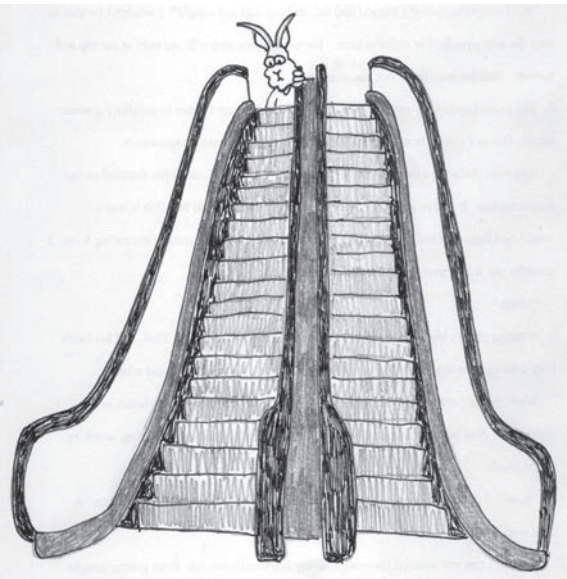
We're up on the general admission side. We already camped out for hours in the clubhouse. And he airily suggests swinging over to the outside walking ring, down by the paddock.

"Sure!" I put on a brave face and tie back my hair into a ponytail. Then a bun. A tight one.

At least I can rest assured that my fingernails won't get caught. Never had any of those. 'Cause I'm the nervous type, you see.

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Before I get to this week's article, I'd like to send a big shout out to any frequent readers who may be wondering where the heck I've been for the past two and a half months. Since January, 2011 I've had an article in this column weekly, without a break, so I'd hoped to write a friendly farewell before vanishing off the face of the page back in April, but my busy calendar got the best of me.

As I am sure you'll agree, when or if it becomes necessary to make a choice, my kitty and canine clients should and will take priority over writing these articles, but I must say that as much as I love spending time with my four-legged friends, I have missed this means of touching base with my paper-reading pals.

I intend to continue writing as time will allow, though my stories may appear more sporadically than they do weekly. For this reason, I encourage you always to check the Best Friends page so as not to miss any Happy Tails that may come your way. It pleases me if there are folks out there who enjoy this column. And if so, I am sure it is because they love the animals, and any friend of the animals is a friend of mine. So without further ado, Here's a Happy Tail just for you.

THE HILLS AND SKIES ARE ALIVE!

For a few years I have helped care for two adorable King Charles Cavalier Spaniels who reside in the Eaton Canyon community. The two sweet fluff-muffins I refer to are named "Bailey" and "Scarlet" and they belong to the Spensiero's, a delightful family of four who adore their dogs more than most. It is such a pleasure to pet sit for this neat, sweet family and so many other clients I have like them, because they totally 'get' what goes into good pup parenting and they appreciate what goes into being a good sitter and walker as well.

The reason I bring up the Spensiero's and their precious pups is the fact that I was at their home just last week, and during my 5-day overnight stay while they were away I had the pleasure of seeing an inordinate number of wild critters - both great and small - scampering about as I made my way to and from their hidden niche. For those less familiar, I'm talking about the neighborhood located along the hilly crest tucked between New York Drive (to the west) and the Eaton Canyon Golf Course (to the east).

There are some unique features in that area that make it a perfect place for human-wildlife cohabitation, not the least of which is an attitude of responsibility that I sense prevails among the residents who live there. I get the feeling those folks know how to show respect and leave space between themselves and the animals that frequent their roadsides and their yards on a daily basis. The fact is, I think most foothills locals try to be good stewards on behalf of the animals, at least those of us who understand the importance of spatial respect and how it can affect nature's symbiotic balance. That is my hope, anyway.

So, I'm hanging out with a couple of pups over in Eaton Canyon and as part of my pet sitting duties, I get up early each morning to let the dogs out into the back yard so they can relieve themselves. By virtue of experience, I have developed a healthy habit of making some kind of noise before letting them out in the early morning hours, as there is likely to be a coyote, a big cat or a bear out there, and one of my mottos just happens to be "better safe than sorry"!

In keeping with my usual routine, I clapped my hands nice and loud before I opened the door all the way and walked the girls out, but what I didn't look for, nor did I expect to see in the wee hours that morning, was an enormous red tail hawk right there, nearly eye level in the air, the very moment we got out into the wide-open grassy part of the yard. I mean that bird swooped down so fast in an apparent effort to catch his prey for the day, it took my breath away.

I was taken quite by surprise when out of that proverbial left field, and into my peripheral view, suddenly appeared a huge, hungry bird, flying so low I thought it might swipe my face with the tip of it's massive wing! That thing meant business, no doubt about it. It seemed to have parted the sky as it flew by, and I felt a breeze come over me from the velocity of it's flight. Even Bailey and Scarlet took note of something they sensed in their air space. They both paused and peeked over their little shoulders as if to acknowledge whatever it was, but the bird passed through too quick to see, so they both resumed their quest to find the best spot to go pee.

It was a remarkable moment for me. Honestly, I felt honored to have been in such close proximity to a preying hawk in flight. Although I do believe it was a very close call indeed for little Bailey and Scarlet, and for that reason, it was also somewhat of a wake up call for me, or what I like to think of as a notable moment of enlightenment.

I mean, I've always known there are birds of prey in our area, and I do know they feed on small critters such as rats, moles and the like, but before that morning at the Spensiero's last week, it had not occurred to me that a wild-winged wonder such as a red tail hawk might pose a legitimate threat to the safety of my furry four-legged friends. It is not a lesson I take lightly. I now vow to stay vigilantly aware of what could be lurking out there, both on the ground and in the air. I will be sure to look up and down before letting my furry little friends go futzing around outdoors, even in their own back

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY NOW
LET'S EAT SOME HOT
DOGS ERRR PASTRAMI.**



What could be more American than a Hot Dog, so why am I writing about Pastrami, read on my loyal readers. My late Pappy always told me, "Son, never debate sex, politics or religion. I am going to have to add one additional item to his list, a Sandwich/Dip. You probably couldn't go more than a couple blocks in most cities and not come across one, an American Sandwich Shop. It may be the most versatile food item ever created. I eat them for lunch, dinner and sometimes, even for breakfast. We are lucky for in the San Gabriel area we have a number of All-Stars sandwich shops to choose from. There is Tops on Walnut, Connel's Grinders on E. Washington, and The Hat, which has several locations. The Hat has been around since 1951, and I glad to say, it is a family run business. They are actively involved in the community, and that fact was fully demonstrated to me when Ron "Corky" Conzonire held the position of President of the Tournament of Roses, from 2008-2009.

The Pastrami Sandwich or "Dip," as the menu proffers, is the Hat's signature dish. Sure, they have burgers, hot dogs and salads, but the menu item that keeps them coming back is the "Pastrami Dip." It is a World Famous plunge of sandwich into au jus. I am planning on a trip to South America next month and I am going to ask everyone I meet, about LA's based World Famous Dishes. I'm just kidding... a little. But, I do develop a chuckle in that self anointed phrase. The World Famous Pastrami Sandwich is priced at a reasonable (\$7.99). The meat is thinly sliced and the portion is generous. The bread is light and fluffy; it may be a little too light and fluffy in my opinion. For my next visit I will try it on regular sandwich bread. My sources inform me that the Hat goes through 14 tons of Pastrami per week. By my calculations, that is a lot of sandwiches. My dining companion "Mike" had the Hot Dog and a huge portion of fries. He is on a diet it appears. The prices are right at The Hat, everything is under (\$10). If you haven't checked it out, you will love the Dip. For the location near you, they have a slick web site www.thehat.com.

Happy 4th of July post weekend. Listen to my new podcast on Itunes !!!

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Local Area News Briefs

Avon Buildings to be Home Depot

At a meeting of East Pasadena residents last month, hosted by Councilmember Gene Masuda, the latest plans were reveled by The Home Depot, new owners of the former Avon site on E. Foothill Blvd. According to Pasadena Heritage, a much-reduced project now includes only The Home Depot store rather than a much more aggressive plan that originally included housing, offices, and another big-box retailer. The plans presented responded to nearly all of the requests from neighbors and Pasadena Heritage at earlier meetings. The retention and reuse of the original Avon buildings, designed in 1946 by noted architect Stiles O. Clements with additions by Neptune & Thomas, is a big plus from there perspective. Traffic mitigation measures will be funded by The Home Depot will help protect nearby neighborhoods they said. More details will be forthcoming as the project makes its way through the city approval process, but construction could start as early as this fall to covert the Avon production and distribution facility and offices into the building supply store, they said. In June, Pasadena Heritage nominated the Avon Products Building as a city landmark.

Movies in the Park

The South Pasadena Community Services Department is screening, Captain Marvel, the last movie of the summer at Garfield Park. The Free movies begin at dusk, or approximately 8:15pm. on August 16. Garfield Park is located 1000 Park Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and low seat lawn chairs. Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the city will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. For more info call (626) 403-7312.

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).



City Celebrates Belated Birthday

By Dean Lee
Although it could be celebrated anytime in June, but this year's "Happy Birthday Pasadena!" came a little late Sunday as the city turned 133 years old earlier in the month. In the past, the official party to honor cityhood has been near the beginning of June.
"I think the actual date is the middle of the month around June 19, in 1886" said Jeannette Bovard, media consultant for the Pasadena History Museum. "Last year we held it June 3."
Being late did not stop the party as the townsfolk enjoyed a rip-roaring time with a cowboy, western, theme event. Bovard joked about it being the last day of the month saying that as long

as they held it in June they were alright.
Another oddity was Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek (pictured above cutting the cake) wearing a western shirt from Pasadena Texas. He explained why it was perfect for the occasion.
"They [a group including Pasadena Texas mayor Jeff Wagner] came to my office last month, visiting the city," he said. "The people that founded the Pasadena in Texas in 1893 had visited Pasadena in California and were so taken with it, so impressed with it, they went back to Texas and named their city Pasadena."
Tornek joked that he gets emails all the time complaining to Mayor Wagner about

something wrong in that city, "it's a small price to pay," he said.
Tornek said the visiting group had given him the tan long sleeved button-down shirt with the Pasadena Texas logo seal.
The highlight of the day came as Tornek, a number of local dignitaries and museum staff cut a massive cake designed by Baja Ranch Supermarket Pasadena that fed over 1,500 event goers, organizers said. The Wells Fargo stagecoach was also on hand as guests climbed aboard to get a selfie inside the famed carriage. The event also featured trick ropin', line dancing, and rousing western tunes.

July Used Book Sale

Pasadena will host a great sale of gently used books at Central Library on Saturday, July 13. From 9 a.m. to noon, you'll find great titles on the East Patio of the library at 385 W. Walnut St., Pasadena CA. The sale is hosted by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.
For more information visit The Friends' website at friendsppl.org; email friendsppl@yahoo.com; or telephone 626-744-4680.

Guqin Master Jiazhen Zhao



Join the USC Pacific Asia Museum July 18 for a free evening concert showcasing the guqin, a seven-string zither that is one of China's most ancient instruments.
This concert will feature world-class guqin player Jiazhen Zhao. Master Zhao, a professor from Central Conservatory of China, has performed for audiences around the world including former President Barack Obama.
The event will be held at 7 p.m. at the museum, 46 North Los Robles Ave.
Space is limited, RSVP todayatpacificasiamuseum.usc.edu.
For more information call 626.449.2742.

Tunnel Demise SB 7 Passes Transportation Committee



Image from left to right: Senator Portantino, Megan Foker, Board Co-Chair of the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House and Michelle Matthews, Executive Director of the Arlington Garden

The 710 Formal Tunnel Demise SB 7, authored by Senator Anthony Portantino, passed the Assembly Transportation Committee Monday. SB 7 will allow the purchase of surplus properties occupied by nonprofits at their current use value and prohibit Caltrans from implementing the tunnel or surface freeway options for the 710 gap closure. The bill is also a potential legislative fix for the state to return surplus freeway stubs back to local cities in the freeway corridor.
"The formal end of the 710 has been 60 years in the making and I am very excited to see it one step closer to happening. I am particularly pleased to be following through on the commitment I made two years ago when negotiating the end to the 710 tunnel threat. The hope then was that the EIR certification would move us all in a new and collaborative direction that would take the freeway off the table and protect the nonprofits in the corridor. Today, that reality is within reach," Portantino said.

Portantino has been a leading legislative opponent of the 710 freeway for 20 years. Upon being elected to the Senate in 2016, he sat down with the Brown administration to define the current course of action. Earlier in the year, he hosted a press conference for the release of the final EIR, which laid out the path. The Arlington Garden and the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House are positively impacted by SB 7 and had representatives in Sacramento offering their support for the bill.
"The Pasadena Ronald McDonald House and Arlington Garden are two nonprofits that are very interested in seeing SB 7 pass. We are grateful to Portantino for his support of our mission and those of the other nonprofits in our community. SB 7 is critical to the future success of all of us in Caltrans-owned properties," added Megan Foker, Board Co-Chair of the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House and Michelle Matthews, Executive Director of the Arlington Garden.

Talk on Owen Brown, Altadena's First Celebrity



The Altadena Historical Society is set for their July quarterly program, Paul Ayers will give a new talk on Owen Brown, son of famed abolitionist John Brown, Altadena (and Pasadena's) first celebrity. Paul's talks tend to be popular; be sure to arrive early to get a good

seat! Photo: Placement of the new stone headstone on Owen Brown's grave, Little Round Top, Altadena, CA, January 29, 1898.
The program will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Altadena Historical Society is located 730 E. Altadena Dr.



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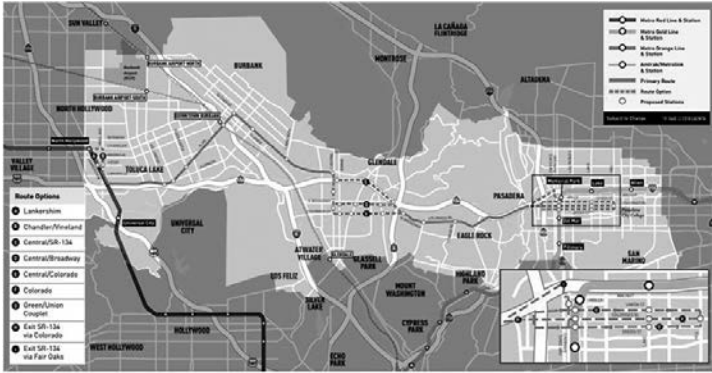
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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Metro to Hold North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor Meetings



Senator Rubio Secures Funding for Key Priority, Home-

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
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Mail Stop 99-22-6
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Or email comments to: nohopasbrrt@metro.net

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 Tahu, 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 website and register to be a judge.

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While celebrating the new American country’s independence from Great Britain is still fresh in our minds, it’s also worthwhile now to consider how societies go into decline, fail, and even disappear in many cases. Yes, it’s correct that most of us don’t believe that could ever happen to us. But no one is ever immune to the larger forces that compel the flow of societies.

According to archaeologist Joseph Tainter, author of *The Collapse of Complex Societies*, there are eight definable reasons why civilizations fall.

1. Resource Depletion
2. New Resources
3. Catastrophes
4. Insufficient Response to Circumstances
5. Other Complex Societies
6. Intruders
7. Mismanagement
8. Economic Explanations

Examples of Tainter’s observations are found each day in the daily newspapers. Survival is not an academic, intellectual idea. This is the reason we have all endeavored to learn and to practice every-day survival skills.

DARK AGES AHEAD?

According to social critic Jane Jacobs, author of *Dark Age Ahead*, we are following the same cultural decline that occurred with the Roman Empire. She begins her book by telling us that dark ages are a lot more common than we may think, and she identifies many of the weak spots in our contemporary lifestyle.

“FREEDOM” AND ITS MANY CONSIDERATIONS

Her list of weak areas includes: taxes, family, community, education, science, technology, the lack of self-policing, and moral/ethical insanity.

Jacobs believes that these weak areas are the foundation of all the other often-cited problems, such as the environment, crime, and the discrepancy between rich and poor.

Jacobs points out that modern families are “rigged to fail” due to rising housing prices, suburban sprawl (with a reduced sense of community), and the automobile. She believes the automobile is the chief destroyer not only of communities but of the idea of community.

The hopeful part is that Jacobs does not see dark ages as inevitable. For one thing, we all need to get involved and be a part of the solution. Jacobs points out that the millions of details of a complex, living culture are not transmitted via writing or pictorially, but by (1) living examples and (2) by word of mouth. Jacobs goes on to say that though “the end” may be near, there are things we can do. What are those actions?

We need to think.

We need to model solutions.

We need to teach, to lecture, and to write.

The stereotypical survivalist who hides out in a cave or cabin with his beans and shotgun is the antithesis of survival. He is not engaged in society in any meaningful way and is therefore not a part of any meaningful solution.

SOME “MUST READ” BOOKS

The Twilight of American Culture by Morris Berman. Berman details what is actu-

ally happening to us, and provides a solution on an individual level.

Language in Thought and Action by S. I. Hayakawa. This is the book for “how to think.” If you’ve not read and studied it, get it today from a used book store.

The Art of Loving by Eric Fromme. In the classic book on the problems facing all of humanity, Fromme describes the science of love. This book teaches you “how to love.”

True Believer by Eric Hoffer. The quintessential book on mass movements and cults teaches you “how to believe.”

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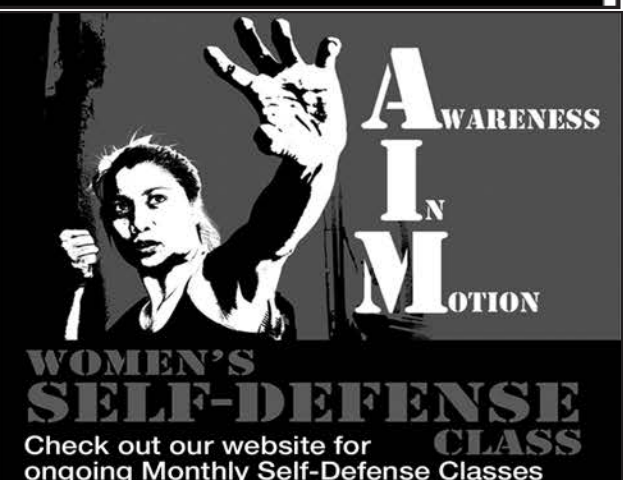
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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 23rd, through Saturday, June 29th, the Police Department responded to 1,007 calls for service, of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 23:

1. Just after 1:51 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Las Flores Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered two fraudulent Home Depot transactions on her checking account statement with a suspect listed as “Jose L. Contreras”. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information or the true identity of the suspect. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, June 24:

2. Shortly before 3:08 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a bicyclist for failing to have the proper lighting. During a consensual search, the officer located stolen mail from nearby Arcadia addresses. The 28-year-old male from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

3. At approximately 8:56 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Fano Street regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the locked vehicle by unknown means and stole credit cards and cash. The suspect then attempted to use one of the credit cards at a nearby gas station, but the transaction was declined. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, June 25:

4. At approximately 12:28 a.m., an officer responded to Sphinx Tobacco and Mart, 411 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect smashed the front glass door with a brick and fled with electronic cigarettes and associated accessories. The investigation is ongoing.

5. Around 12:37 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Orlando Drive regarding a battery report. An altercation between husband and wife escalated when the 40-year-old male from Arcadia grabbed her by the arm, leaving a bruise. The male suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. Shortly after 9:59 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect entered the breakfast area of the Residence Inn, 321 East Huntington Drive, and stole the victim's unattended laptop.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with a thin build, seen wearing a suit. The investigation is ongoing.

7. Just before 10:40 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Gate 7 for making an illegal left turn. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .15%. The 33-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, June 26:

8. At about 8:19 a.m., an officer responded to Farmers Insurance and KAC Design, separate units located at 145 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding two commercial burglary reports.

An investigation revealed numerous units of the building were burglarized sometime during the previous night. The suspect(s) kicked open the doors, ransacked the offices, and fled with more than \$8,000 worth of decorative lights and \$300.00 worth of decorations. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, June 27:

9. Before 11:50 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Surveillance video revealed unknown suspects stole the victim's gardening equipment from the trunk of his vehicle at 10:37 on June 27th.

Suspect 1 is described as a Hispanic male, 25 to 35-years-old, 5'9" tall, approximately 350 pounds, with a shaved head and a goatee. Suspect 2 is described as a Hispanic male, 25 to 35-years-old, 5'9" tall, weighing about 180 pounds, seen wearing a dark baseball hat, black shirt, and blue jeans. They were driving a black four-door sedan, similar to a Nissan Altima. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, June 28:

10. At about 12:23 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of 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. An investigation revealed a 26-year-old male from Pasadena was in possession of the stolen bicycle, the GPS tracker, a methamphetamine pipe, stolen access cards, and burglary tools. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

11. Just before 2:22 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Greenfield Avenue and Live Oak Avenue for not having the front license plate. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 18-year-old male from Lakewood was driving without a license. During a search of the vehicle, the officer located burglary tools, and a records check revealed all three passengers were all on probation for robbery, burglary, and other crimes. A 17-year-old male from Los Angeles, a 17-year-old male from Lynnwood, and a 17-year-old male from Los Angeles were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. Shortly after 9:00 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a disturbance. An investigation revealed a boyfriend and girlfriend were arguing when the altercation escalated resulting in the female suspect scratching and pushing her boyfriend. The 30-year-old from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, June 29:

13. At approximately 10:20 a.m., an officer responded to Knockouts Gentlemen's Club, 1580 Clark Street, regarding a robbery report. An altercation between a dancer's current boyfriend and her ex-husband escalated resulting in the ex-husband and seven of his friends punching, kicking, and stomping on the victim before they stole his wallet, keys, and cellphone. The investigation is ongoing. The victim declined medical attention.

14. Around 12:52 p.m., an officer responded to Shanghailand Palace, 1440 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Surveillance footage captured two dark-skinned males smashing a rear window and fleeing with cash and luggage. The suspects fled in a silver Chrysler sedan. The investigation is ongoing.

MONROVIA

NEW PUBLIC PARKING LOT ON LIME AVENUE NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE!

From Monrovia City Manager

Just a quick note to let everyone know that a new public parking lot is now open for use on Lime Avenue just east of Ivy Avenue (see the highlighted parking lot in the map below). During the past month, City staff have coordinated a re-slurrying of the parking lot, and we have also installed new striping and signage, and the new parking facility is now open and available to the public for use!

Of note... the City will be asking that all City employees park in the new parking lot during the day, in order to free up public parking spaces in the more convenient parking lot located across the street from the Police Department (located at the northwest corner of Lime Avenue / Ivy Avenue).

To that end, we have installed a number of “Reserved for City Staff Parking” signs in the new parking lot to reserve parking for City personnel between the hours of 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Monday – Thursday).

Athens Solid Waste Service Rates Set To Increase By 4.77% Beginning July 1, 2019 – The Typical Residential Customer Will See An Increase Of \$1.50 / Month

This past week, representatives from Athens notified the City of their formal request to institute a 4.77% increase for solid waste services effective July 1, 2019. This particular adjustment takes into account both CPI and California State minimum wage cost increases. These increases are consistent with the terms for rate increases that area included in the City's current contract with Athens Services. In terms of impact to the customers, what this means is:

For the typical residential customer (who is enrolled in the 90-gallon trash / recycling barrel program), solid waste services will increase by \$1.50 / month, from \$31.53 / month to \$33.03 / month
For the typical multi-family customer (who is enrolled in the one 3-yard bin which is serviced once per week), solid waste services will increase by \$8.63 / month, from \$180.83 / month to \$189.46 / month
For the typical commercial customer (who is enrolled in the one 3-yard bin which is serviced once per week), solid waste services will increase by \$8.77 / month, from \$183.94 / month to \$192.71 / month
In the coming weeks, staff will also be rolling out our annual 1-on-1 Solid Waste Services Optimization Meetings. These meetings, with representatives from the City and Athens, provide any interested customer with a personalized assessment of their current solid waste service levels to ensure that they currently enrolled in the best program to ensure proper waste removal services at the best cost level. More detailed information will be available in the coming weeks and, in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 932-5575.

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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)

SOUTH PASADENA CITY MEETINGS
Regular City Council Meeting

Next meeting July 17

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Amedee O. “Dick” Richards, Jr., Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street.

The Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Amedee O. “Dick” Richards, Jr. Council Chamber
1424 Mission Street
Staff Liaison: David Bergman, Interim Planning and Building Director
Phone (626) 403-7223

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m.
South Pasadena Public Library
Ray Bradbury Conference Room
1100 Oxley Street
Staff Liaison: Steve Fjeldsted, Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Phone: (626) 403-7330

Pasadena Pops to Jazz up Your Summer

Principal Pops Conductor Michael Feinstein and the Pasadena POPS jazz up the Los Angeles County Arboretum with an evening devoted to the stylings of one of America’s most beloved musical icons for Rhapsody in Blue on Saturday, July 13. The concert will present a musical smorgasbord that pays tribute to the Gershwin era and the Jazz Age, with music by George Gershwin and his contemporaries, topped off by his masterpiece that changed the course of music as we now know it. Along with Rhapsody in Blue, hear your favorite Jazz and Swing standards from Gershwin to Ella with “I Got Rhythm,” An American in Paris, “Boy! What Love Has Done to Me,” “Lady be Good” and much more.

Having started his career as archivist to Ira Gershwin, Feinstein will inform this performance of Rhapsody in Blue with his vast Gershwin archive. “My inspiration stems from the many classic original performances preserved in my archive, from Paul Whiteman to my friend Johnny Green, a close friend of Gershwin’s who played Rhapsody in Blue so many times. Johnny gave me tips about how the composer wanted it interpreted and the way he intended it when he played it in 1924...It’s going to be unique, and I hope really good.” – Michael Feinstein

As Feinstein transports the audience back to the Jazz Age, he will be joined by “one of the great Gershwin interpreters,” pianist Frederick Hodges. An amazing technician, Hodges channels the way originally Gershwin played Rhapsody in Blue, with jazz era snap and swagger coupled with a large dose of sentimentality. Two sparkling soloists will also take the stage, with Tony®-nominee Tony Yazbeck (On the Town) and legendary Jazz and R&B singer Patti Austin. Best known for her classic duet with James Ingram, “Baby Come to Me,” as well as her Grammy®-winning Avant Gershwin, and Grammy®-nominated For Ella albums, Austin will personify the Queen of Jazz with her smooth and sultry stylings.

All concerts are held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30pm and performances begin at 7:30pm. Don’t miss the best outdoor dinner party in town with spacious circular table seating with fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket – each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends with Michael Feinstein and Pasadena’s premier orchestra. Among many venue amenities, concert goers can enjoy pre-ordered gourmet dining packages for on-site pickup just steps from their table from Julienne, Marston’s and Claud & Co. The venue also hosts mouth-watering food trucks and the convenience of two full beverage centers serving fine wines, beer, coffee and soft drinks.

Audiences get the ultimate outdoor concert experience with large LED video screens to see the artists and orchestra up close, superior sound and the high-quality production value that is a signature of the Pasadena POPS. For those who want to make a night of it, exclusive hotel packages are available for POPS patrons at Pasadena’s landmark Hotel Constance.

The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Subscribers may purchase pre-paid onsite parking at the Arboretum, and all concertgoers can purchase guaranteed and convenient parking at Santa Anita Park, located just across Baldwin Ave., with complimentary non-stop shuttle service to the Arboretum’s main entrance.

Single tickets start at \$25 and are available by calling the box office at (626)-793-7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on the day of the concerts.

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LA SALLE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIRES BRIAN WALSH TO LEAD LANCER ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Pasadena, CA – La Salle College Preparatory is pleased to announce the hiring of Brian Walsh as its new athletic director. Walsh will assume his duties at La Salle later this month.

Walsh has worked the past sixteen years at St. Anthony High School (Long Beach), having served in multiple roles including assistant principal, athletic director, dean, facilities manager, teacher and head football coach. Since 2008, he has functioned in the capacity of league coordinator for the Santa Fe and Camino Real Leagues. Additionally, he has served as a member of the CIF Southern Section Council, CIF Southern Section Football Advisory Board, and the CIF Southern Section Official Fees and Relations Committee.

“We are tremendously excited to have Brian join our team here at La Salle. He brings a wealth of experience with him and is exactly who we need to lead our athletic department into the future,” said Courtney Kassakhian, Principal of La Salle. “Brian has done an incredible job of building the athletic department at St. Anthony. His vision and expertise will shape our athletic program and community for years to come.”

For the past four years, Walsh has been one of the few athletic directors recognized by the CIF Southern Section as part of their MVP AD program. During his time at St. Anthony’s, the Saints won 45 league championships, eight CIF Southern Section and State Regional championships, and nine CIF Southern Section individual championships. In 2016, Walsh was recognized by the Long Beach Post as one of their “40 under 40” honorees, celebrating the outstanding achievements of individuals in the city of Long Beach.

“I am extremely excited about the opportunity to lead the La Salle athletic program. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to fulfill the mission of La Salle through athletics,” said Walsh. “Throughout the entire interview process, I was very impressed by the unified vision and support of the school administration and firmly believe we will elevate Lancer athletics to new heights. I am thankful for my years at St. Anthony High School and all those families, administrators, and coaches who supported me along the way.”

Walsh graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a bachelor of science in kinesiology and a minor in psychology, and he earned a master’s degree from CSULB in sports management. He also earned a master’s degree in education and a California clear teaching credential from Loyola Marymount University. He and his wife, Liz, have two young children, Shane and Charlotte.



All Things

By Jeff Brown

Earthquakes

slowly move over a long period of time. Sometimes the edges, which are called fault lines, can get stuck, but the plates keep moving. Pressure slowly starts to build up where the edges are stuck and, once the pressure gets strong enough, the plates will suddenly move causing an earthquake.

The largest earthquake ever recorded in the world was in Chile in 1960. It measured a 9.6. The largest in the US was a 9.2 magnitude in Alaska in 1964. There are about 500,000 earthquakes a year around the world, as detected by sensitive instruments. About 100,000 of those can be felt, and 100 or so cause damage each year. Each year the southern California area has about 10,000 earthquakes -- the majority of which go unnoticed.

Almost 80% of all the planet’s earthquakes occur along the rim of the Pacific Ocean, called the “Ring of Fire”; a region that encircles the Pacific Ocean and is home to 452 volcanoes (over 75% of the world’s active and dormant volcanoes). There’s no such thing as “earthquake weather.” Statistically, there is an equal distribution of earthquakes in cold weather, hot weather, rainy weather, and so on, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Scientists say there is no physical way that weather could affect the forces several miles beneath the surface of the earth where quakes originate.

KIDSPACE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS WITH 40 DAYS OF FUN

To honor its 40-year history of play and experimental learning, Kidspace Children’s Museum continues its 40th Celebration with 40 Days of Fun! From today – through August 16, the celebration invites guests to learn, explore, and enjoy added fun each week of the summer. Based around festive themes such as SLIME TIME and BUBBLES as well as a Birthday Bash, 40 Days of Fun! allows guests to embrace the spontaneity of childhood with random acts of fun, self-guided activities, and birthday-themed events, as well as larger weekend events and a Birthday Bash on July 13 and 14.

Kidspace’s 40 Days of Fun! offers different ways to explore the museum each week with a range of enhanced daily activities that culminate with larger weekend events. 40 Days of Fun! includes a self-guided Scavenger Hunt; random acts of fun that surprise guests with spontaneous singalongs, story times, and dance parties throughout the day; and a celebration-themed daily Exploration program every day at 11:45 AM in Stone Hollow Amphitheater, which includes, dramatic play and music, and culminates in a celebratory dance party. Each week of fun will be centered around a new theme:

- Today – through July 12: GET OUTDOORS invites guests to get ready for summer by exploring nature, getting messy, and playing outdoors. Guests can dig in the sand, play in the mud, and enjoy the wonderment and fun of getting to be outside. Throughout the week there will be special activities including bug hunts, fort building, and a Flower Shower garden program.
- July 13 & 14: BIRTHDAY BASH invites YOU to celebrate Kidspace’s 40th Celebration with birthday-themed activities that include: birthday hat making and classic birthday party games around the museum. DJ Bree will host an interactive dance party in Stone Hollow Amphitheater, which will include a confetti blast and more!
- July 15–21: SLIME TIME brings out the ooey goopy fun with slime-related activities

all week, culminating in the “Slime the Staff Quiz Show.” Throughout the week, random acts of fun will include some slimy surprises like exploring different types of slimes and using water to make slimy “snail trails.”

- July 22–August 2: WATER PLAY keeps guests cool with water games and water play, culminating in a water exhibit. WATER PLAY week includes fun pop-up water events like sponge tosses and splash games. Guests may see random acts of fun activities like outdoor evaporation painting, sensory water bins, and surprise boat races.
- August 3–16: BUBBLES invites guests to pop on over for a good time and enjoy spontaneous encounters like bubble shows, bubble dance parties, bubble challenges, and bubble races!

40 Days of Fun! themes are designed to evoke adults’ favorite childhood memories of summergiving adults a chance to relive their childhoods alongside children. The surprise nature of random acts of fun invites guests of all ages to live in the moment and enjoy and experience the spontaneity and freedom of childhood while delighting children with new takes on classic summer activities. Themes highlight the landscape of Kidspace and incorporate 21st century learning skills like creativity, flexibility, and collaboration alongside experiential learning, all while making learning fun.

“40 Days of Fun! is a way to highlight Kidspace Children’s Museum’s 40 years in a unique, memorable way for our guests visiting over summer,” says JJ Leissing, Chief Programs Officer at Kidspace. “The six weeks of added fun and surprise elements incorporate hands-on and interactive learning into fun experiences for children and adults. We hope guests will return multiple times to experience the range of fun and experiential learning that have become a signature of Kidspace over its 40-year history.”

Kidspace is located at 480 N. Arroyo Blvd. For more information, visit: kidspacemuseum.org.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD BE WARY OF REVERSE MORTGAGES—PART 2

Last week, we discussed the basics of reverse mortgages for senior homeowners. Here, we’ll look at how these loans can impact your family legacy wealth.

The effect on your family

If you take out a reverse mortgage, you can still leave your home to your family in your estate plan. However, you’ll not only leave your loved ones a less valuable asset, but they’ll also have to pay off the balance of the loan after you die, otherwise the lender will foreclose.

Whomever inherits your home will typically have six months to pay off the reverse mortgage. And they should move as quickly as possible because until the loan is settled, interest on the balance and monthly insurance premiums will continue to eat into any remaining equity.

Unless your family has enough money on hand to fully pay off the reverse mortgage upon your death, they may end up having to sell the home. If so, the proceeds from the sale can be used to pay off the loan (including all fees and interest), and your family keeps any remaining equity. This is the best-case scenario.

The effect on your legacy

While reverse mortgages are designed to stay within the equity value of your home, this only works if home values are rising. If home values crash, like they did during the last recession, the balance of your reverse mortgage could end up exceeding the market value of your home.

The good news is reverse mortgages are “non-recourse” loans insured through the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). This means your estate won’t ever owe more than the home’s appraised value, and lenders can’t come after your family or estate to recoup their loss. If your reverse mortgage balance exceeds your home’s value at the time of your death, your estate is only responsible for paying the lender 95% of the home’s appraised value.

For example, let’s say your home is appraised for \$100,000, but the reverse mortgage balance is \$200,000. To keep the home, your trustee - you do have a living trust, right? - would need to pay \$95,000 of the \$100,000 appraised value. Federal mortgage insurance covers the remaining amount. Lenders, however, still make back their money. If your home’s sale doesn’t meet the lender’s expenses, an FHA fund insuring the loan pays the difference. This fund is currently more than \$13.6 billion in the red, which reflects just how risky reverse mortgages can be.

The bad news for your legacy is that the family trust would lose a major asset and be left with nothing to show for it. Given this, unless there’s equity in the home, your Trustee would have little incentive to sell the property and may want to simply hand it over to the lender to avoid the time and expense of foreclosure. Known as “deed in lieu of foreclosure,” your Trustee can do this by signing the home’s deed over to the lender.

The effect on your wealth

Obviously, do your due diligence before taking out a reverse mortgage. But if you already have a reverse mortgage on your home, it’s critical that your Successor Trustee knows about it. In either case, I’m a big proponent of meeting with your trusted advisors to discuss the potential impact on your loved ones’ future. And, before you make any major life decision, especially one involving real estate, you should speak to your personal family attorney about your legal options. Proactive planning can substantially grow your assets now and significantly protect your wealth for the next generation.

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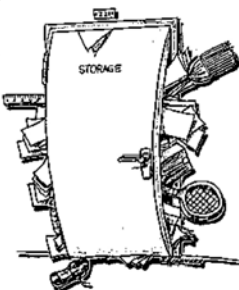
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Katnip News!



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Pet of the Week

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The adoption fee for cats is \$90. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before being adopted. New adopters will receive a complimentary

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

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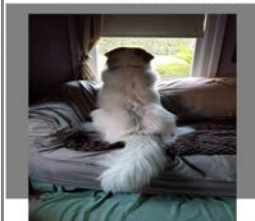
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Dear Savvy Senior:

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Dear Need:

There are several financial assistance programs that can help lower-income Medicare beneficiaries who are having a difficult time paying their out-of-pocket health care costs. Here's what's available, along with the eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Medicare Savings Programs

Let's start with a program that helps pay premiums and out-of-pocket costs for Medicare Parts A and B. It's called the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), and it has several different benefit levels for people based on their income and asset level. At its most generous the program will pay your Part A and B premiums and pretty much all your Medicare deductibles, coinsurance and copayments. At its least generous the program will pay just your Part B premium.

To qualify for a MSP, the minimum standard set by Medicare, is an income under 135 percent of the federal poverty level, which at the moment works out to around \$1,426 a month for individuals (or \$1,923 for married couples). Everything counts towards income, including payouts from 401(k) plans, pensions, Social Security, and help from family members.

Medicare also allows states to impose an asset test, which can be as little as \$7,730 per individual (\$11,600 for married couples), not counting your house or car but counting retirement savings and bank accounts.

But some states have made their MSP programs a lot more generous, with much higher income limits and in some cases no asset tests at all. And the program may be called something else in your state. To find out if you qualify or to apply, contact your state Medicaid program. Visit Medicare.gov/contacts or call all 800-633-4227 for contact information.

Medication Extra Help

For help with Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan costs, there is another completely separate program called Extra Help. To get it, you'll need to apply through your local Social Security office.

Depending on how low your income is, this program will pay part or all of your Part D prescription drug plan's monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. In 2019, individuals with a yearly income below \$18,735 (\$25,365 for a married couple), and assets under \$14,390 (\$28,720 for a married couple) can qualify for Extra Help.

If you're eligible to be in a Medicare Savings Program, you will automatically qualify for Extra Help. But because the requirements are slightly different, even if you don't qualify for a Medicare Savings Program for Part B you might be able to get Extra Help for Part D. For more information or to apply, visit SSA.gov/extrahelp or call Social Security at 800-772-1213.

Other Assistance Programs

Depending on your income level, needs and location there are many other financial assistance programs that can help like Medicaid, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), (LIHEAP) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and many others.

To help you find out what types of assistance programs you may be eligible for, and learn how to apply for them, go to BenefitsCheckUp.org. This is a free, confidential Web tool designed for people age 55 and older that contains more than 2,500 programs.

It's also possible to get help in person at one of the 87 Benefits Enrollment Centers scattered across the U.S. Call 888-268-6706 or visit NCOA.org/centerforbenefits/becs to locate a center in your area. Some centers also offer assistance over the phone.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...July Birthdays*

Nina Bartolai, Mary Lou Caldwell, Louise Neiby, Betty Hansen, Christine Durfort, Shahrzad Azrani, Jeanne Borgedahl, Janet Cox, Dorothy Montgomery, Bess Pancoska, Janet Swanson, Linda Thunes, Barbara Watson, Pat Alcorn, Karma Bell, Alice Clark, Dorothy Jerneycic, and Betty Dos Remedios

* 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. *Will Resume in September 2019*

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, July 25th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

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

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

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

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

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY FAVORITE DAY OF THE WEEK IS TOMORROW

It was one of those weeks when the more I completed, the more I had to do.

These are not my favorite kind of weeks. So frustrating. During these weeks, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage finagles her infamous "Honey-Do-List" in my direction. Because I am busy doing other things and distracted, I do not actually see what she is doing. She can slip one of her "To-Do" jobs on to my schedule without my knowing it. I see it on my schedule and assume it is one more job to do. When I see it, I say to myself, "I'll do that tomorrow." Then I can move on to my next project. My favorite saying has been, "Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow?" It has become a habit with me. The wife will ask me if I have time to do something and I always say, "Not now, but I can do it tomorrow." Of course, I am hoping that by the time tomorrow comes she will have forgotten that little job.

It seems that the older I get, the more I am pushing everything off until tomorrow. Then, when tomorrow comes, I push it off until the next tomorrow and soon, it is too late to do it. Do not let this get out, but that has been my plan all the time.

I seem to have gotten away with it until recently. I love it when a plan comes together, but when it falls apart, it certainly is no laughing matter.

Pushing things off until tomorrow does have a good side to it. Many things I am supposed to do are not that significant and if they are not done, there is no consequence. My life sometimes gets all caught up in doing things I do not have to do, and I know who I have to blame for that. Just saying.

This started when I was in grade school. When I had homework to do and for some reason I did not do it, I always promised the teacher that I will do it tomorrow. I got away with it for a while.

When I was going to grade school, the teachers were so very smart. I do not know what they are like today, but then they could catch up with somebody like me with very little effort. My teacher finally caught up with me.

"So," my teacher said as I told her that I would have to do my homework tomorrow, "this is the tomorrow you talked about yesterday. Tomorrow is here and so now you must do the work."

All I could do was just stare at her. Never for one moment did I think tomorrow would ever come. My teacher was a good teacher so she

taught me that when I put things off until tomorrow, tomorrow finally shows up. According to her, my tomorrow had caught up with me.

I had to forfeit many recesses to catch up with all the home work I pushed off until "tomorrow."

Of course, it was not long until my wife caught up to my "tomorrow strategy" like my teacher did.

One morning she got up a little bit before me and got the coffee going. I got up and stumbled into the kitchen. There she stood with a huge sign that read, "Today is your Tomorrow you talked about Yesterday. Welcome to Tomorrow."

To see this before having my morning coffee was rather alarming. At first, I had no idea what she was talking about. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, what was she trying to say. I just was not on the same page as she was. In fact, I was not in the same book.

"What are you talking about?" I said about as confused as I have ever been in my life.

"Remember," she said rather seriously, "all the things you told me that you would do tomorrow? Well, it's tomorrow."

Then she handed me a list with "Tomorrow's To-Do List" written on the top. There were about a dozen things she jotted down that I said I would do tomorrow.

As I was reading through this list, she said to me, "I have you figured out. Your favorite day of the week is tomorrow."

She has me figured out, alright. It is not that I do not like doing things; I am a procrastinator when it comes to certain things. My whole idea is, if I put something off long enough my wife will forget that she asked me to do it.

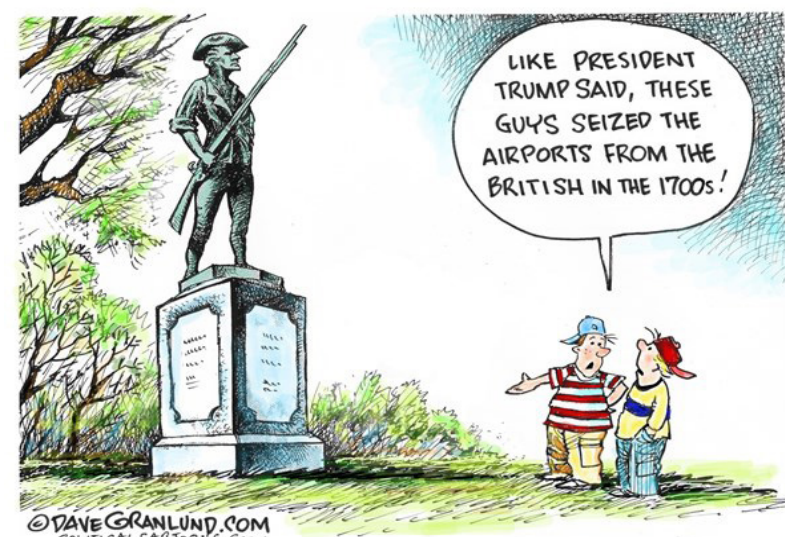
I looked at her and said, "You do know that it will take me at least three tomorrows to finish this list!"

She laughed one of her hysterical laughter's and said, "Let the tomorrows be with you." This was the first time my tomorrows ever caught up with me.

As I began working on my "tomorrow tasks," I happen to think of what David said in one of his Psalms. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I need to learn how to appreciate each day and not push things off until tomorrow. Tomorrow is another day, but I certainly have no guarantee that I will see it. I need to learn how to "rejoice and be glad" in the day that is before me.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

DICK POLMAN



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.

Dick Polman is the national political columnist at WHYY in Philadelphia

MICHAEL REAGAN

WHO'D TAKE RONALD REAGAN'S SIDE ON IMMIGRATION?



Independence Day used to be a happy day when all Americans put aside their partisan differences and came together to celebrate the miraculous birth of the United States of America.

But like almost everything in the upside-down era of President Donald Trump, our great Fourth of July holiday has been spoiled by ugly politics.

Whether it's Nike deciding not to sell a running shoe with a Betsy Ross flag on its heel because a leftist ex-pro football player was offended, or President Trump being charged with militarizing the July 4th parade in Washington, Independence Day has become another thing to fight about for a few days on cable TV and in social media.

Immigration is still by far the country's most divisive issue now. My father loved and understood immigrants, but with the way things have deteriorated in Washington, I don't know if he would have many allies on either side of the immigration battle today.

This Fourth of July weekend is a good time to listen again to the uplifting things he said about immigrants and America in 1989 during his last speech at the White House:

"... I think it's fitting to leave one final thought, an observation about a country which I love. It was stated best in a letter I received not long ago.

"A man wrote me and said: 'You can go to live in France, but you cannot become a Frenchman. You can go to live in Germany or Turkey or Japan, but you cannot become a German, a Turk, or a Japanese. But anyone, from any corner of the Earth, can come to live in America and become an American.'

"Yes," my father continued, "the torch of Lady Liberty symbolizes our freedom and represents our heritage, the compact with our parents, our grandparents, and our ancestors. It is that lady who gives us our great and special place in the world.

"For it's the great life force of each generation of new Americans that guarantees that America's triumph shall continue unsurpassed into the next century and beyond. Other countries may seek to compete with us; but in one vital area, as a beacon of freedom and opportunity that draws the people of the world, no country on Earth comes close.

"This, I believe, is one of the most important sources of America's greatness. We lead the world because, unique among nations, we draw our people -- our strength -- from every country and every corner of the world. And by doing so we continuously renew and enrich our nation.

"While other countries cling to the stale past, here in America we breathe life into dreams. We create the future, and the world follows us into tomorrow. Thanks to each wave of new arrivals to this land of opportunity, we're a nation forever young, forever bursting with energy and new ideas, and always on the cutting edge, always leading the world to the next frontier.

"This quality is vital to our future as a nation. If we ever closed the door to new Americans, our leadership in the world would soon be lost."

My father then told a story to remind his audience that "the magical, intoxicating power of America" was so strong it could make even a German POW imprisoned in the United States "fall in love with us."

"Those who become American citizens love this country even more," he said. "And that's why the Statue of Liberty lifts her lamp to welcome them to the golden door.

"It is bold men and women, yearning for freedom and opportunity, who leave their homelands and come to a new country to start their lives over. They believe in the American dream. And over and over, they make it come true for themselves, for their children, and for others. They give more than they receive. They labor and succeed. And often they are entrepreneurs.

"But their greatest contribution is more than economic, because they understand in a special way how glorious it is to be an American. They renew our pride and gratitude in the United States of America, the greatest, freest nation in the world -- the last, best hope of man on Earth."

Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant, and author.

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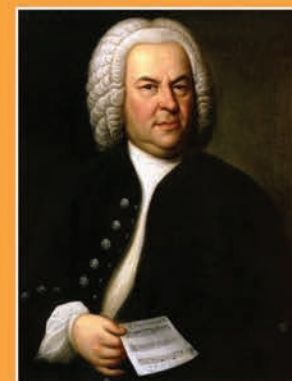
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