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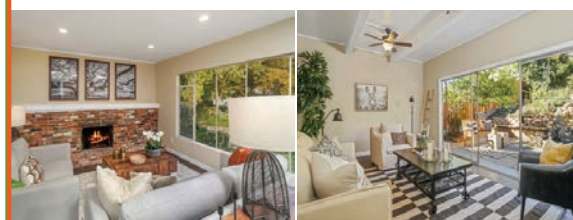


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The safety of our students and staff is always our highest priority. As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, we are grateful that this was a false alarm.

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## SNOW IN SIERRA MADRE?

Yes, there are two possibilities! With the temperatures dropping to the 30s for several nights in the coming days, snow at lower elevations is definitely a possibility. However, there is DEFINITELY goint to be snow in Sierra Madre on Saturday from noon-8pm for the annual Winter Festival sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce!

You are encouraged to come out and start your holiday shopping and support our local businesses, while having fun for the entire family. More details can be found on page 3.

Sierra Madre Chamber Presents:



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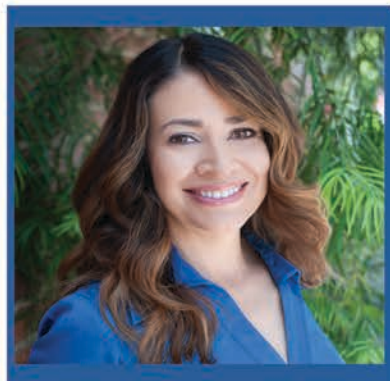
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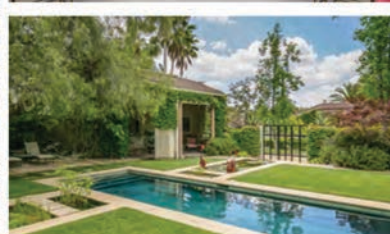
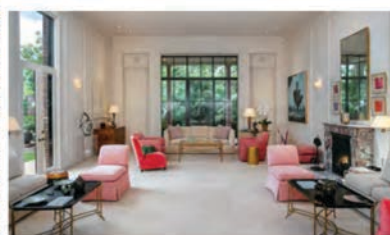


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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## 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  
November 12th at 6:30PM  
November 26th at 6:30PM CANCELED

Planning Commission  
November 21st 7:00pm, 2019

Community Service Commission  
November 18th, 2019 at 6:30PM

Senior Community Commission  
December 5th

Library Board of Trustees  
November 27th 2019 at 7:00PM CANCELED

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission  
November 20, 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 [cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:cityofsierramadre.com) before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

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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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### Wednesday

Parent Café 10:00—11:00 am

Teen Advisory Board 4:00—5:00 pm

### Thursday

Homework Help 3:00—5:00 pm

### Friday

Friends of the Library BEST Used Book Sale 3:00—7:00 pm

### Saturday

Book Sale Continues 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Craft It! 10:00—11:00 am

Best Remedy for Climate Change 1:00—2:00 pm

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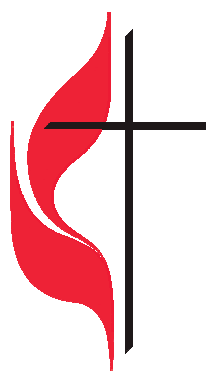
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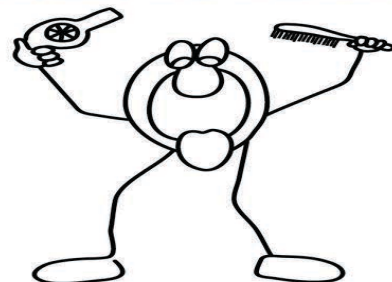
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## Looking Up with Bob Eklund

### A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT: FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT

By Bob Eklund

This book invites the scientist and poet to set aside their differences for a night—to come outside, stand very still as the sun sets, feel the earth turning eastward, be dazzled by a moonrise, catch a falling star, walk with constellations, ride a rocket to Jupiter space, and finally look back at the Home Planet with new eyes. In poetry, prose, and picture, author/poet Robert Eklund and illustrator Virginia Hoge have created a unique mix of astronomy and art that asks you to join them in the billion-year mission of “descrambling the wonder, outside and inside.”

FIRST STAR  
The evening burns,  
The dark earth turns,  
The mountains loom against the sky;  
One star looks down  
To bless the town,  
While sunset clouds sail grandly by.  
And if the light  
Of noon's delight  
Moves on, and leaves us where we are,  
The darkest night  
But aids our sight—  
The better to reveal the star.

Excerpt: Introduction

One starry night many years ago, while driving alone up the wild and rocky Big Sur coast of California, I pulled over and stopped my car for a break. Stepping out into the starlight, I walked a few feet to the edge of the cliff and looked down. From somewhere far below came a growl of surf. As my eyes grew accustomed to the dark, I looked with awe at the brilliant Milky Way stretching overhead and down the sky to the southwest, out over the sea. Then I did a double-take—and thought I was going to fall off the cliff.

What I thought I was seeing was the Milky Way continuing down, down, below what must have been the horizon and deep into the sea itself. The dizzying impression was that I was standing on a flat earth and seeing stars beyond and below its edge. What I was really seeing was the Milky Way reflected on the ocean hundreds of feet below me—but I was not immediately aware of that, and so startling was the impression on my senses that I panicked. Feeling lost, disoriented and frightened under that vast sky, I turned and ran for my car! I only felt safe again when I had the engine running, lights on, and the car in motion.

As other recollections of that trip faded, that single moment of bedazzled stellar awe and panic remained with me as one of my most cherished memories. Later, when I began to read Japanese

haiku poetry, I realized that my Big Sur night was exactly the kind of experience that the best haiku poems are able to record and transmit to others. The great haiku-master Matsuo Basho perhaps summed it up best. His own experience on the cold, lonely coast of northern Japan, on a dark night in the 1600s, must have been much like mine. He wrote:

How wild the sea!  
And, stretching over Sado's isle,  
The Galaxy!

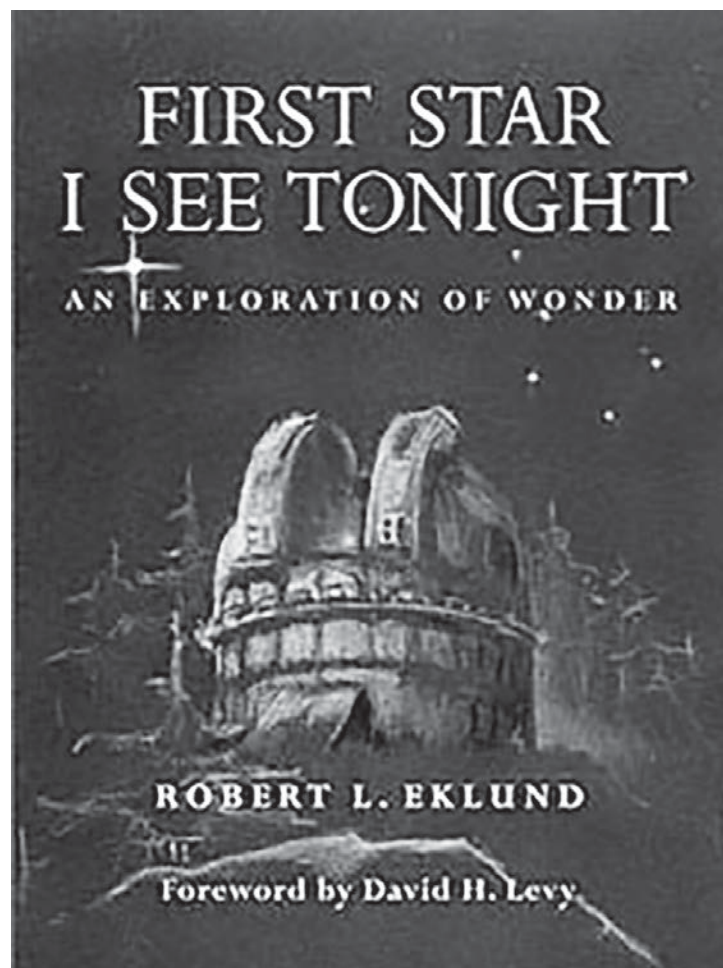
The poignant sense of space, of loneliness, felt in Basho's encounter with the night sky becomes all the more intense when you know that, in his time, Sado's isle was a penal colony.

A poem can intensify, compress, and store our experiences and emotions, just as a painting intensifies and preserves an artist's vision—or as a capacitor stores and holds an electric charge. This is a book of experiences under the sky, most often the sky of night. In recording such moments, I frequently have used the compact, 17-syllable haiku form of poetry, borrowed from the Japanese. This form seems especially suited to encapsulate and preserve meaningful encounters with nature, to “call forth in 17 syllables the limitless nuances of earth and sky,” as the classic haiku poet Masaoka Shiki put it.

When I was a child, it was my good fortune to grow up on the grounds of Yerkes Observatory, a major astronomical observatory in southern Wisconsin, where my grandfather was employed for many years as a photographer and lecturer. No doubt the seeds for these poems were sown in those early years when, as a six-year-old, I would sometimes be roused out of sleep by my mother at midnight to go outside and watch a display of the aurora borealis or a shower of meteors. Over the years, while pursuing other careers, I have learned a few things about astronomy, but always as an amateur—in the original meaning of that word: a lover. The naturalist John Burroughs said it so well: “To know is not all, it is only half. To love is the other half.”

A word about the organization of this book may be useful. I have endeavored to so blend science and art that readers may gain unexpected insights in the twin realms of the mind and the heart. The book is structured as an encounter with a starry night—from nightfall through moonlight and starlight and on to bedtime—with excursions, along the way, into both outer and inner space. You may find it helpful to refer to the “Endnotes” section (starting on page 205) while reading this book. The comments there, keyed to the book's page numbers, add perspective to the main text and provide resources for further learning.

Basho wrote: “Before the light that things give off dies in the heart,



it must be expressed.” My hope is that this book may inspire readers to go out, observe the “limitless nuances of earth and sky,” and then express, in their own words, “the light that things give off.”

I write for all who love the starry sky, the setting sun, the full moon rising, and even the stormy night full of raindrops and snowflakes. The beauty of these things is never far from us.

— Robert L. Eklund

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## KATIE Tse....*This and That*



### MUGS

And so it begins. No sooner has our Thanksgiving feast started digesting than we're thrust into the Christmas gift-buying frenzy. The smart money started months ago, and has amassed an impressive cache by now. But that's the smart money, and you can guess which kinda' money I am.

I recently put my foot in it at work regarding gifts. One of our friends usually can't make it to our weekly get-togethers. A non-mandatory meeting was coming up, and another friend asked if she'd be going.

"Yes, because I have some things to return to people," she answered. "Which reminds me," she dug in her bag. "Katie, I've been staring at this in my closet for months now." She handed me a pretty mug with "Katie" on it.

Now let me preface by saying that I've worked at a few different sites during my time at the district, and invariably I've forgotten some things behind.

"Wow, this is bad!" I exclaimed. "I don't even recognize this one. But I guess it must be mine. Has my name on it and all."

She was smiling kindly, patiently, like the saint she is. And then it slowly dawned on me. I never worked at her school.

"Mine's over there," another friend nodded toward an identical mug with her name, perched on the windowsill. "It just has a ball in it for now."

"Oh, you're GIVING this to me?" I bumbled. They were all smiling kindly by now. They're used to me.

"Thank you!" I stumbled on. "I know just where I'll put it. Right next to the one with a big 'K' that [Jill] got me before she retired. I'm going to get a plant for it. I collect plants, you know..."

When I relayed this to my husband he assured me I was totally in the clear, given her misleading "I've been meaning to return things to people" intro. I suppose.

I really do like the mug, and I really do plan to get a plant for it. Which got me thinking, mugs are such a stock gift item.

We all get mugs. We all give mugs. My mom even gifts personalized mugs. A mug with my mug. Nothing wrong with that. But if you're like me, don't you already have one, special, mug with a dedicated purpose?

My dad's the ultimate example of this. My mom buys him mugs from places we visit, and they languish in the cupboard till she decides to use them herself. She used the "Dad" Downtown Disney mug for a long time until she bought a "Mom" compliment for it.

I think the longest run my dad's had with a mug was with his blue "Exercise" mug. It had one of those retro ads proclaiming "Exercise: The poor man's plastic surgery." He was so devoted to it that when it got busted (more than once), he painstakingly repaired it with heatproof, food grade glue (more than once). Think now he's finally moved onto a Philippe's mug she bought him about ten years ago.

I'm the same way. When I'm home I rarely use mugs for their intended purposes. Mostly because I loathe tea, and secondly because I don't usually drink coffee at home. When I do, I use my cousin's ancient "Work is hell" mug. When I'm done, there's a snarky little cartoon on the bottom telling me to "Get back to work!"

What gets used more often is a little mug too small for any practical cup of coffee, but ideal for things like ice cream. But don't think I'm some dainty bird content to peck at the stuff. I cram it in to the brim with a heavy spoon so there's no space between the molecules. The small container's just a mental game I play with myself.

It's for vital reasons like these that my lovely "Katie" mug will probably never see a drop of coffee. But that's fine. I'll find a nice plant for it. And if I change schools again I'll be sure to bring it with me. It's got my name on it, and all.

\*Looking for gift ideas besides mugs? Check out my novel, "A Year at Apex!" Makes the perfect stocking stuffer for jaded educators, or anyone who wants some easy reading with humor, romance, and commentary on the human condition. Look for it in paperback and ebook on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

## VERDUGO HILLS CHORUS TO VISIT THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL



Verdugo Hills Chorus is a membership organization of female singers and an affiliate chapter of Sweet Adelines, which is an International Non-Profit Organization of approximately 23,000 members in choruses and quartets worldwide.

They sing four-part harmony, a cappella style – no musical accompaniment.

In addition to sharing their music with others, they have a great passion for learning more about the art of singing a cappella four-part harmony in the barbershop style. Vocal instruction is a regular part of chorus rehearsals and a very important component of the chorus experience.

Members from the Verdugo Hills Chorus compete every year in the Sweet Adeline's Region 11 Quartet and Chorus Competition in Bakersfield, CA and have competed on the International Stage.

For reservations contact Robin Graney, President, ACCC.

arcadiacommunitycouncil@gmail.com

\$15 includes lunch if RSVP by Friday, November 29, 2019. \$20 at the door

Meeting Location & Information:

Monday, December 2, 2019

Church of the Good Shepherd. Jordan Meeting Hall

400 W. Duarte Rd, Arcadia

RSVP by Friday, November 29, 2019

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



We have survived another Thanksgiving. *A c t u a l l y*, Thanksgiving was pretty much wonderful. We celebrated Jessie's 12th birthday with a party at Chuck E. Cheese and Emily, who is 9, dealt with the fact that it wasn't her birthday fairly well. She got to invite a couple of her friends to the party and a good time was had by all, especially the parents who dropped off their

children and escaped for a couple of Saturday hours of child-free time. I don't remember doing this when our kids, Leah, Patti, John and Crissy were little. If it was your birthday, you got celebrated and gifted and everybody else had to suck it up. Well, we're kinder and gentler now and don't let anybody feel left out.

We all went to see Frozen II – which was absolutely awesome. I love the original Frozen and every time I hear Idina Menzel sing "Let It Go!" I am reminded of John Travolta introducing her at the Academy Awards in 2014 as Adele Dazeem. These movies are so delightful that you can watch them with or without a child. Crissy and I also took a couple of hours to go see Helen Mirren's new movie, The Good Liar, also featuring Ian McKellan. We are both big Helen Mirren fans - don't know if any of you saw RED in 2010, with Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren, Mary-Louise Parker, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and a dozen other super actors, but it's on SYFY channel a lot so look for it. Anyway, Helen Mirren has this great line where she is described as being an expert at "wet work." Mary-Louise Parker's character inquires as to what that means and Helen Mirren says, "I kill people, dear." Anyway, The Good Liar had a bunch of great plot twists and we enjoyed every minute.

Thanksgiving Day we dined at Chris and Crissy's house with Chris's parents, Mike and Dianne, who had driven in from Mesquite, Nevada, and survived the traffic. The picture is of me, Dianne and Crissy enjoying a nice glass of champagne. I guess where I am the day after Thanksgiving, is counting blessings, naming them one by one. Blessings are small things. They seldom arrive on a pink unicorn with glitter being tossed about. Blessings are a shared moment you didn't think would happen, like an unexpected hug from Jessie or Emily, or that all the food we cooked turned out perfectly, and that we had time to pull out all the pictures of turkeys that the girls have drawn since they were really really little and tape them up where everyone could admire them as the girls explained exactly what their intention was. You probably did the same thing at your house. I hope you kept all those Thanksgiving art projects, they become more precious as the years go by.

A blessing is a lovely Thanksgiving meal where we held hands around the center island where all the food was waiting and said what we were thankful for; pretty much what you'd expect: health, family, each other. We ate too much, enjoyed some champagne, knew that one more bite of anything would be dangerous but ate pumpkin cream-cheese pie with whipped cream and pumpkin cheesecake anyway.

"Count your many blessings, see what God has done."

Everybody has some sort of Jell-O salad with their Thanksgiving dinner and here's mine, given to me more than fifty years ago by my Aunt Helen, who was the gift and jewelry buyer for long-departed I. Magnin's Department Store. She had the distinction of being a person who never said anything unpleasant about anyone, unlike Teddy Roosevelt's daughter, Alice Roosevelt Longworth who famously said, "If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come sit next to me."

My Aunt Helen has been gone for quite a while now, but she lives on for me and our family whenever we make:

Helen's Green Jell-O Salad

Regular size package lime Jell-O  
2 cups boiling water  
24 oz. can crushed pineapple  
1 Tbs. lemon juice  
1 Tbs. lemon juice  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
1 8-oz container whipping cream, whipped till it's nice and thick, or the equivalent amount of Cool Whip

Put the Jell-O into whatever dish you plan to serve it in. Drain the pineapple juice into the Jell-O but not the pineapple, add the marshmallows, the 2 cups boiling water, the lemon juice and stir till the Jell-O is completely melted. Refrigerate. Keep a close eye on it as you don't want it to jell completely, just till it's starting to get firm. At that point, add the other ingredients, mix well to be sure all the Jell-O is off the bottom and mixed in. Refrigerate until totally firm. You can add nuts, walnuts or pecans, but only if you're sure that everyone who is going to eat this likes nuts. Otherwise, you have to clench your teeth while the non-nut eaters carefully pick each and every nut out and set them on another plate. You can double this with complete impunity and great success.

My Aunt Helen, who never had children of her own, loved me dearly, sat on the floor with a shaded light and read Winnie the Pooh to me when I had a really serious case of measles; sewed doll clothes for me on her treadle Singer sewing machine, helped me write and memorize a long report on Victoria Falls when I was in third grade, just to name a few, and was a blessing to me all her life.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" Ps. 107:1

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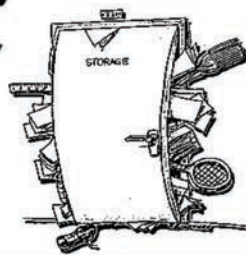
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News From Your Community For Your Community

### New 'Shop Pasadena' Campaign For The Holidays

The City of Pasadena and Visit Pasadena are launching a campaign to encourage people to shop local this holiday season. The “Shop Pasadena” campaign will put a spotlight on the hundreds of independent businesses located in Pasadena and encourage the community to shop small, dine local and show some #locallove throughout the holidays.

Shopping local keeps dollars in our local economy to support schools, parks and vital community services.

As part of the “Shop Pasadena” campaign, independent businesses in each of the city’s commercial areas will serve as welcome stations for the campaign and distribute “Shop Pasadena” canvas tote bags (first-come, first-serve) beginning today in honor of Small Business Saturday. Welcome stations across the city include:

Civic Center Area

- Europane Bakery & Café, 345 East Colorado Boulevard
- FrenchiFornia, 247 East Colorado Boulevard

College Commercial Area

- Lovebirds Café & Bakery, 921 East Colorado Boulevard
- Milkcow Café, 1517 East Colorado Boulevard
- Samy’s Camera, 1759 East Colorado Boulevard

East Washington

- Bloomfield Creamery, 1727 East Washington Boulevard
- Southern Roots Gifts, 1387 East Washington Boulevard

Hastings Commercial Area

- Colette, 975 North Michillinda
- Foothill Restaurant, 2835 East Foothill Boulevard
- Vromans Bookstore East Pasadena, 3729 East Foothill Boulevard

HeArt (South Fair Oaks Health & Arts District)

- Jones Coffee Roasters, 693 South Raymond
- Porta Via, 1 West California Boulevard

Lamanda Commercial Area

- Bowhaus Pet Company, 2472 East Colorado
- Poo-Bah Record Shop, 2636 East Colorado
- STEM World, 2245 East Colorado

Lincoln Commercial Area

- Lincoln Pasadena, 1992 Lincoln Avenue
- Perry’s Joint, 2051 Lincoln Avenue

North Lake Commercial Area

- Bessy’s Boutique, 1353 North Lake Avenue
- Maquina, 1274 North Lake Avenue
- Polkatots Cupcakes, 720 North Lake Avenue

Old Pasadena

- Homage Pasadena, 2 East Holly Street
- We Olive & Wine Bar, 32 East Colorado Boulevard
- Whimsy Pasadena, 40 Mills Place

Playhouse District

- El Portal Restaurant, 695 East Green Street
- Run With Us, 235 North Lake Avenue
- The Bee Cottage, 496 South Lake Avenue
- Float Pasadena, 380 South Lake Avenue
- Republik Coffee Lounge, 854 East Green Street
- Walnut Commercial Area
- The Flowerman, 2450 East Foothill Boulevard
- Namaste Spiceland, 270 North Hill

Businesses can take part in the “Shop Pasadena” campaign through social media by using branded graphics and hashtags including #shoppasadena and #locallove.

### Mayor’s Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

Join Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek (pictured right) for a City Holiday Tradition: the Mayor’s Annual Tree Lighting Celebration, Friday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

Bring family and friends to Pasadena’s free celebration featuring local singers and dancers, crafts for kids provided by the Armory Center for the Arts, free light refreshments and a special appearance by Ol’ Santa Claus. The Mayor lights the City’s Official Tree at 6 p.m., so come early for parking and a stroll over to historic City Hall.

Festive photo stops will also be available during the event to capture the spirit of the season. Bring your own cameras to snap a special holiday picture.

This year more than ever, please find it in your hearts to help fill one of the Pasadena Fire Department’s paramedic ambulances—and make our firefighters smile—by bringing a new, unwrapped toy or sports equipment for gifts to less fortunate boys or girls as part of the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. We need your help and your donations, please.

Great live entertainment throughout the night includes, by popular demand, a triumphant return performance from the thundering Wilson Middle School Drum Corps! Plus, those adorable kids from the City’s Tiny Tots Troupe;



and Pasadena’s Afterschool Adventures Program will be there too. Pasadena High School LEARNs Orchesis Dance Troop and Elements Dance Space will perform exciting dance routines. The evening just wouldn’t be complete without our favorite emcees, our own

Dynamic Duo of retired police Lt. Rodney “Rodney D” Wallace and Sgt. Glen Thompson of the Pasadena Police Department. For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).

### AbilityFirst Offers ‘A Letter from Santa’

Your child or grandchild can receive a personal letter from Santa Claus with a little help from the elves at AbilityFirst. The letters are written in your choice of English or Spanish on holiday stationary and cost \$5 and you may add a sprinkling of North Pole snow for an additional \$2. Email [mmills@abilityfirst.org](mailto:mmills@abilityfirst.org) for an order form. Orders must be received with payment by Friday, December 13. Proceeds will support AbilityFirst’s programs and services for the developmentally disabled throughout Los Angeles County. For more information, call 626-639-1733.

### Holiday Open House and Shoe Drive

In the spirit of the holidays, Assemblymember Chris Holden and his staff are partnering with Shoes That Fit to provide shoes and socks to local children in need. he would like to invite the community to there Holiday Open House & Shoe Drive. You can make a difference by donating a new pair of athletic shoes or socks in youth size 10 through adult size 12. Holden is also encouraging those that attend to discuss legislative and community issues, and learn more about services offered through the district office. Light refreshments will be served. The event will be held at Holden’s 41st Assembly District Office 600 North Rosemead Blvd., Suite 117 Pasadena

### All Saints Church with The Pasadena Symphony



The Pasadena Symphony’s annual Holiday Candlelight concert returns to All Saints Church on Saturday, December 14. Having sold out for the past eight years, the symphony offers two performances to meet community demand at 4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. The architecturally exquisite and acoustically sonorous All Saints Church, Pasadena’s equivalent of a European cathedral, provides the perfect setting to hear your holiday favorites - all performed by candlelight. Audiences are going to love each and every moment of this cherished holiday tradition.

Back by popular demand, Pasadena Symphony Music Director David Lockington will conduct an array of choruses including the Los Angeles Childrens Chorus, the Donald Brinegar Singers and the L.A. Bronze Handbell Ensemble, set against the backdrop of the Pasadena Symphony. Special guest Sarah Uriarte Berry will accompany the orchestra as vocalist. With countless Broadway credits under her belt including Belle in Disney’s

Beauty and the Beast, Diana in the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning Next To Normal and Les Miserables’ Eponine, Berry is sure to bring an unforgettable performance.

This year’s program has something for everyone to ring in the holiday season, from traditional holiday classics to popular standards. Hear Deck the Halls, Joy to the World, It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, Sleigh Ride, Hallelujah! and many cherished favorites. The venue offers fully assigned individual seating throughout All Saints’ glorious interior, ensuring that the audience can enjoy their experience with ease and have a well-deserved break from the hustle and bustle of the season. Top off your holidays with lasting memories for the whole family at this time-honored tradition.

Tickets to Holiday Candlelight with the Pasadena Symphony are limited and will sell out. Seats start at \$20 and may be purchased either at [pasadenasymphony-pops.org](http://pasadenasymphony-pops.org) or by calling the box office at 626.793.7172.

### South Lake Holidayfest

Come celebrate the holidays in Pasadena during South Lake Avenue’s annual complimentary Holidayfest! Saturday, December 7th from 12pm to 5pm at The Shops on Lake Avenue, 345 S. Lake Avenue. Presented by the South Lake Business Association, eventgoers are invited to rejoice in the season by taking advantage of in-store specials and promotions at over 40 South Lake Avenue merchants. Additional festive activities include a themed scavenger hunt, live music, photos with Santa, holiday crafts for kids, carolers, cookie decorating, holiday character photo ops, raffles, giveaways and much more!

Enjoy free live musical performances at Santa’s Village from acclaimed local and international talent. Indie surf-pop collective Trapdoor Social performs at 1pm bringing their high-spirited infectious live show. While, U.K.indie rock singer-songwriter Barns Courtney is set to perform at 2:30pm. Lauded by Rolling Stone as an artiston the rise, Barns Courtney brings an invigorating live show fusing garage rock with alternative

pop. Celebrity talent Brandon Jenner performs at 4pm with his emotive acoustic rock. KCRW DJ Raul Campos spins dance worthy tunes between sets, sure to get the crowd moving. Guests can take advantage of in-store sales and promotions offered at over 40 of South Lake Avenue’s restaurants, eateries and retailers listed below. Holidayfest! is a festive celebration for the entire family with free children friendly activities including photos with Santa, holiday themed crafts, cookie decorating and meet and greets with popular holiday characters. The popular scavenger hunt also returns with an opportunity to win numerous prizes and giveaways.

“Our holiday celebration definitely gets event attendees in the holiday spirit and invites everyone to explore the district while sharing memories with friends and family. Guests can tackle their holiday shopping lists by taking advantage of special in-store promotions offered on the day of the event” – Gina Tleel, Executive Director of the South Lake Business Association.

For more information visit: [www.southlakeavenue.org](http://www.southlakeavenue.org).

### Pasadena Library ‘Women Win the Vote’ Celebration



#### Pasadena Celebrates 2020 with a float “Years of Hope. Years of Courage.”

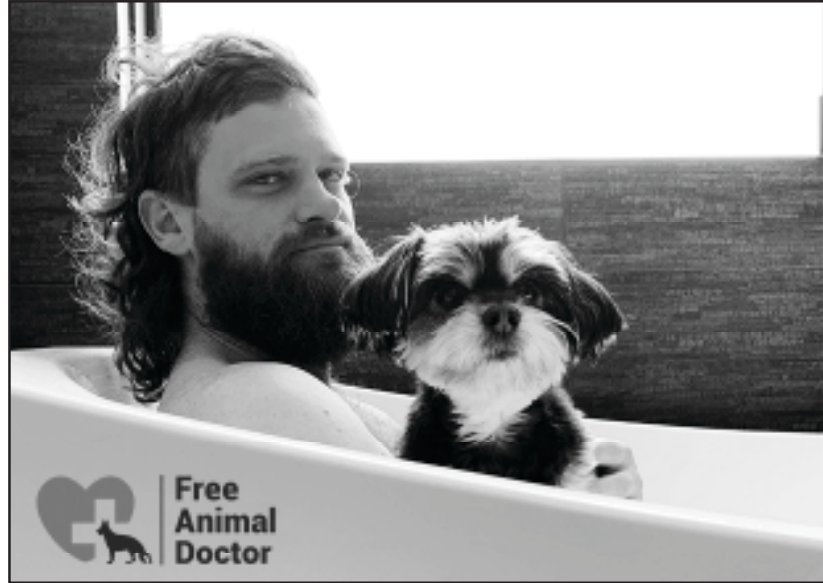
Join the Pasadena public library in kicking off the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote in 1920. Get in the spirit and wear a costume, sash, fascinator or hat from the period as we socialize and recap the history and players in this very important moment in history. Discover the early suffrage campaign that won California women the right to vote nine years before the Federal Amendment, and learn more about the national suffrage campaign and the back-ground behind Ellen Snortland’s wonderful display of suffragist memorabilia. Photo ops and refreshments provided. Presented in collaboration with Shakespeare Club Historian Candy Campbell and author/ columnist Ellen Snortland. Saturday, Jan. 11 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in

the Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium. For more information visit: [pasadenapubliclibrary.net](http://pasadenapubliclibrary.net) or call (626) 744-4066.

**In related news**

Pasadena Celebrates 2020 is in a unique position to kick off this Centennial year with a " giving women the right to vote" float (pictured above) in the Tournament of Roses parade on January 1, 2020, a parade seen round the world. The Float’s theme is “Years of Hope. Years of Courage;” it will portray the long history to win the right to vote and its cardinal figures. Floats and parades were a major hallmark of how women brought attention to their cause. Parades were held in both large cities and small towns; suffrage floats were dramatic and stunning, featuring floral displays, art, and the constant demand for the Right to Vote. The 2020 Float and presence in the Tournament of Roses Parade continues that tradition and illuminates this victory of equality.

For more information about the float visit: [pasadenacelebrates2020.org](http://pasadenacelebrates2020.org).



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Police Department responded to 904 calls for service, of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

- Sunday, November 17:
1. Shortly before 12:20 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the 00 block of West Live Oak Avenue for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person. The driver, a 22-year-old male from Alhambra, informed the officer he was on probation for driving under the influence. A records check confirmed this and revealed the driver had a suspended license. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .141%. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
  2. At approximately 6:11 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a male and female each stole \$79.00 worth of shirts and underwear before exiting the store, failing to make payment. A 38-year-old male from La Puente was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The female suspect fled. She is described as a 35 to 40-year-old Hispanic woman, approximately 5'6" tall, wearing a black short sleeve shirt and blue jeans. The investigation is ongoing.

- Monday, November 18:
3. Just after 2:23 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1700 block of Watson Drive regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed the unidentified suspects smashed a rear window, ransacked the residence, and fled in a newer model, white Toyota Corolla. The loss is unknown. The investigation is ongoing.
  4. At approximately 4:27 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's locked car by unknown means and fled with a purse and wallet. The suspect(s) then attempted to use the victim's credit card at the San Gabriel Grocery Outlet, but the transactions were declined. The investigation is ongoing.

- Tuesday, November 19:
5. Around 6:55 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime during the previous evening, unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's 2006 Infiniti G35. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
  6. Just before 11:57 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of California Street regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect smashed open a basement garage door, used the shower, and spent the night. No witnesses were located.

- Wednesday, November 20:
7. Around 3:33 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of North Alta Road regarding a suspicious subject report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect, a 50 to 55-year-old man with a mustache, activated the resident's Ring camera and ultimately stole the camera. The suspect fled on a bicycle. The suspect was later identified as a 56-year-old male from Los Angeles. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
  8. Shortly after 4:08 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding three suspects in custody for stealing from various stores. The officer discovered the suspects, a 26-year-old female from Palmdale, a 26-year-old male from Lancaster, and a 26-year-old female from Lancaster stole various items from Zumies and Windsor. A records check revealed the 26-year-old female from Palmdale had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and the 26-year-old female from Lancaster had one outstanding misdemeanor warrant and one felony warrant. All three were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- Thursday, November 21:
9. Before 1:43 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of La Cadena Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, an unknown suspect smashed the driver's window and fled with a laptop and backpack. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
  10. Around 9:53 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1600 block of Perkins Drive regarding a fraud report. An unknown suspect used the victim's credit card to make fraudulent purchases without the victim's permission. The suspect also forged the victim's signature to receive her packages and used the victim's identity to order a new phone SIM card. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information or their identity.
- Friday, November 22:
11. Just before 8:19 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding five juvenile suspects in custody for grand theft. An investigation revealed the suspects worked in concert to steal numerous items from stores within the mall. All five suspects attempted to flee, but one was also charged with Battery for pushing an employee out of the way. The suspects are listed as a 16-year-old from West Covina, a 17-year-old from Rowland Heights, a 16-year-old from Hacienda Heights, a 17-year-old from West Covina, and a 17-year-old from La Puente. They were ultimately arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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This holiday season, the San Marino Fire Department is proud to support the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Now through December 13, 2019, the San Marino Fire Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys and books for children ages 0-12 years. Last year, the Los Angeles County North-Pasadena Toys for Tots Program distributed 140,116 toys to 63,249 children. San Marino residents may participate this year by bringing new, unwrapped toys to the San Marino Fire Department located at 2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108. For more information, or to

give a monetary donation, visit the Toys for Tots website. Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

Mandatory Organic Recycling

South Pasadena officials reminder, Is your business or multifamily complex compliant? The City of South Pasadena, in conjunction with its trash hauler, Athens Services, has established an organic waste recycling program in compliance with Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826), which calls for mandatory commercial and multifamily organics recycling to be phased in.

This law phases in the mandatory recycling of commercial organics over time, with the minimum threshold of organic waste generation decreasing over time.

January 1, 2019 - generators of 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week

California disposes of approximately 30 million tons of waste in landfills each year, of which more than 30 percent could be used for compost or mulch. Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step toward achieving California's aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals. Assembly Bill 1826 addresses this issue by requiring businesses generating 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week to arrange for organics recycling services for the following types of organic waste: food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper. Multifamily complexes with 5 or more units must also arrange for organics recycling services for the same material with the exception of food waste and food-soiled paper.

Organics recycling can be accomplished by: Subscribing to Athens Services' source separated organic waste collection and recycling service which is provided in wheeled 64-gallon carts or larger compactors; and/or Self-hauling organic waste off site for recycling. To subscribe to Athens Services' organic waste collection service, call: (888) 336-6100. Exemptions may be issued if any of the following criteria are met: Lack of sufficient space to provide additional organic material recycling bins. Existing business actions (such as food donation) that result in the recycling of a significant portion of its organic waste. The business generates less than one-half (0.5) of a cubic yard of organic waste per week. Extraordinary and unforeseen events (limited-term exemptions) For more information, visit the City website at

Changes Coming to South Pasadena Water Billing

South Pasadena water customers will soon be served by a new billing company, Munibilling, after the sudden closure of Fathom (formerly Global Water). The City Council approved the new contract Wednesday, Nov. 20. There will be no change in the rates charged to customers and no interruption in water service. South Pasadena operates its own water utility staffed by City employees, but contracts for billing services. We were only notified last week that Fathom was ceasing its business operations at the end of November. It was unfortunate that Fathom chose to wait until the 11th hour to inform us they were closing. However, we were able to quickly find a qualified new vendor.

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Do I have to cancel my autopay with Fathom? You do not have to cancel your autopay with Fathom. This information will be automatically cancelled as of November 30, 2019. If your payment was drafted it should transfer to the new system. Please keep proof of payment for your records. What if I already paid my bill? If you already paid your bill through Fathom your next bill should indicate you've paid. If for any reason the balance does not show paid on your next bill, please hang on to your proof of payment. Note: As a result of this transition, no late penalties will be assessed for 30 days. I haven't received my bill. I don't want my water to be shutoff. There will be no water shutoffs through the end of the calendar year as the City transitions to the new billing company.

Where should I pay my bill? Payments can temporarily be made by mailing a check to South Pasadena City Hall attn. Finance Department, 1414 Mission St. South Pasadena 91030, or in person at City Hall (checks and credit cards accepted). Once MuniBilling is fully operational, payments will also be accepted electronically. Will my Autopay automatically transfer to the new company? No, you will have to re-enter your information onto MuniBilling's platform. There will be links to their platform provided on the City Website once MuniBilling's system is up and running. Who do I call with questions about my bill? During the transition the City will provide answers to your questions related to your bill (626) 403-7250. Once the transition is complete, MuniBilling will handle customer care. A phone number will be provided on the payment website and on the billing statement. For water emergencies after hours or on holidays, please call South Pasadena Police Department Dispatch at (626) 403-7297.

ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

- Sunday, November 10th**  
Between 12:00 PM and 10:45 AM (Monday) – A commercial vandalism occurred in the 2400 block of N. Lake Avenue. Damage: shattered window.  
7:36 PM – Danny Collazo, 30 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Lincoln avenue and Montana Street for under the influence of a controlled substance.  
9:27 PM – Steven Bonilla, 54 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2700 block of Lincoln Avenue for vehicle vandalism.
- Monday, November 11th**  
Between 5:00 PM and 5:55 AM (Wednesday) – A grand theft occurred in the 400 block of W. Mariposa Street. Stolen: black motorcycle seat, saddlebags and a black iLuggage pack.  
9:48 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon (possible road rage) occurred in the 200 block of Laurel Drive.
- Tuesday, November 12th**  
Between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 400 block of N. Crosby Street. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle via unknown means. Stolen: black fanny pack, currency and credit cards.  
11:00 PM – Rodrigo Zavala, 27 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of
- Howard Street and El Sereno Avenue for possession of a controlled substance.
- Wednesday, Nov 13th**  
Between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 3300 block of E. Villa Knolls Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the rear bedroom sliding door. Stolen: (2) Olympic gold chips, jewelry and currency. Between 2:00 PM and 12:15 PM (Thursday) – A theft of a catalytic converter occurred in the 2100 block of Raymond Avenue. Stolen: catalytic converter to a 1995 Ford F350.
- Thursday, November 14th**  
Between 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM (Friday) – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1100 block of E. Mendocino Street. Stolen: black wallet and personal documents.
- Friday, November 15th**  
Between 2:30 PM an 3:30 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of W. Mountain View Street. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the bathroom window. Stolen: unknown.
- Saturday, November 16th**  
Between 9:00 PM and 12:30 AM (Sunday) – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1900 block of N. Allen Avenue. Damage: shattered window.

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## FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



### DON'T LET YOUR KIDS MOVE OUT WITHOUT SIGNING THESE DOCUMENTS

Although I haven't experienced it yet, I've seen clients, friends, and family watch their kids leave home to attend college or start their career. It can be an emotional time as a parent. On one hand, moving out on their own is a major accomplishment that makes parents proud. On the other hand, having your kids leave the nest and face the world can also induce anxiety and fear.

And it is critical to know that once they reach age 18, your kids become legal adults, and many areas of their lives that were once under your control will be solely their responsibility. Make sure they know that one of the very first items on their to-do list as new adults should be estate planning.

While you may believe that planning is the last thing your kids need to be thinking about, it's actually the first, because once they turn 18, you no longer have automatic access to their medical records and/or financial accounts should anything happen to them.

Before your kids head out on their own, you should discuss and have them sign the following three documents:

**1. Medical Power of Attorney**  
Medical power of attorney is an advanced directive that allows your child to grant you (or someone else) the legal authority to make healthcare decisions for them in the event they become incapacitated and cannot make such decisions for themselves.

For example, a medical power of attorney would allow you to make decisions about your child's medical treatment if he or she is knocked unconscious in a car accident or falls into a coma due to an illness. And with a properly drafted medical power of attorney, you will be able to access your child's medical records, whereas without one you would not.

Should they become incapacitated without a properly executed medical power of attorney, you'd have to petition the court to become their legal guardian. While a parent is typically the court's first choice for guardian, the court process can be slow (not to mention expensive)—and in medical emergencies, every second counts.

**2. Living Will**  
Whereas medical power of attorney allows you to make healthcare decisions on your child's behalf during their incapacity, a living will provides specific guidance about how your child's medical decisions should be made while they're incapacitated, particularly at the end of life.

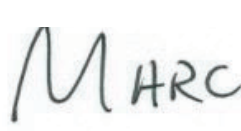
For example, a living will allows your child to let you know if and when they want life support removed, if they ever require it. In addition to documenting how your child wants their medical care handled, a living will can also include instructions about who should be able to visit them in the hospital and even what kind of food they should be fed.

If your child has certain wishes for their medical care, it's important you discuss these decisions with them and have those wishes documented in a living will to ensure they're properly carried out.

**3. Durable Financial Power of Attorney**  
Should your child become incapacitated, you'll also need the ability to access and manage their finances, and this requires your child to grant you durable financial power of attorney.

Durable financial power of attorney gives you the immediate legal authority to manage their financial and legal matters, such as paying bills, applying for Social Security benefits, and/or managing banking and other financial accounts. Without this document, you'll have to petition the court for such authority.

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**HANDPRINTS ON HUBBLE: AN ASTRONAUT'S STORY OF INVENTION**  
(Lemelson Center Studies in Invention and Innovation series) by Kathryn D. Sullivan

The first American woman to walk in space recounts her experience as part of the team that launched, rescued, repaired, and maintained the Hubble Space Telescope. The Hubble Space Telescope has revolutionized our understanding of the universe. It has, among many other achievements, revealed thousands of galaxies in what seemed to be empty patches of sky; transformed our knowledge of black holes; found dwarf planets with moons orbiting other stars; and measured precisely how fast the universe is expanding. In Handprints on Hubble, retired astronaut Kathryn Sullivan describes her work on the NASA team that made all of this possible. Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space, recounts how she and other astronauts, engineers, and scientists launched, rescued, repaired, and maintained Hubble, the most productive observatory ever built. Along the way, Sullivan chronicles her early life

as a "Sputnik Baby," her path to NASA through oceanography, and her initiation into the space program as one of "thirty-five new guys." (She was also one of the first six women to join NASA's storied astronaut corps.) She describes in vivid detail what liftoff feels like inside a spacecraft (it's like "being in an earthquake and a fighter jet at the same time"), shows us the view from a spacewalk, and recounts the temporary grounding of the shuttle program after the Challenger disaster. Sullivan explains that "maintainability" was designed into Hubble, and she describes the work of inventing the tools and processes that made on-orbit maintenance possible. Because in-flight repair and upgrade was part of the plan, NASA was able to fix a serious defect in Hubble's mirrors leaving literal and metaphorical "handprints on Hubble."

## CHRISTOPHER Nyergeres BOOK REVIEW



"Lessons from a 21st Century Samurai. SEIKEN WAY. Completing the Circle, A True Story" by Barton Boehm with Don Howell.

["Seiken Way" is available as a paperback from Amazon.com, or as a Kindle download].

In the late 1970s, when I first moved into Highland Park, I could count on one hand the three individuals who "knew everything," mentors who I could go to with questions, concerns, problems. Two of them have since passed away.

The third is Barton Boehm (pronounced "beam"). I met Boehm through my association with the non-profit WTI. Boehm was introduced as a friend of the non-profit's founder, and as a martial arts master.

After the Korean War, Boehm found a master living in Japan, and moved into the master's home and became his full-time student for five years. His story is remarkable!

As I got to know Boehm better, I became his student, taking classes in his home dojo. There, during my private evening classes, I learned about holds, and getting out of holds, and falling, and punching, and all the ways to quickly avoid a fight, or to never start it in the first place.

"You don't want to fight," Boehm would tell me in his gregarious voice. "People get hurt when you fight. You want to end a fight as quickly as it begins. You want to dispatch your opponent as rapidly as possible, and get out of there." Needless to say, Boehm was not a fan of the martial arts movies where fights go on for 30 minutes, with actors flying from rooftop to rooftop, breaking bricks, and continuing the battle in every possible position.

When we discussed the popular Kung Fu TV series with David Carradine, Boehm pointed out how "Caine" often had many opportunities to avoid a fight, and when he did fight, it often went on way beyond what was necessary to end it.

We had many discussions every night after our practice sessions. I particularly enjoyed the stories Boehm shared about his training with his master, Peter Kiyoshi Suzuki. I taped many of those conversations because they were so full of insight. Plus, they were highly entertaining: Some were funny, some deeply profound, and all had a highly pragmatic nature.

I taped all my conversations with Boehm, with the goal of working with him to one day produce a book of his experiences and insights. I knew it would be a book like no other, for Boehm's five years of daily training, living with the Master, was unlike any I'd ever heard. But we never finished the book project. Then I got divorced, moved, and re-married. Years went by. My second wife and I sponsored stick-fighting classes with Boehm in our backyard where he shared the psychology of the Samurai, and ways to stop the fight before it gets started. More years went by. My second wife died, and that was 10 years ago, and Boehm now lived too far away for regular lessons.

Imagine my great happiness at receiving a package in the mail with Boehm's book! He did it! The book is an incredible introduction to his Master's system, Seiken. The book's full title is "Lessons from a 21st Century Samurai: Seiken Way, Completing the Circle, A true Story."

During my off and on training with Boehm, I got glimpses of how Boehm met his Master after the Korean War, Peter Kiyoshi Suzuki, and how Boehm then lived with the master for about 5 years, sleeping barely more than 4 hours a night, 7 days a week, and losing 50 pounds after his first two years. It was a story of a man desiring "Power," but, as Boehm told me, "I didn't know what that meant at the time." Boehm's stories to me were filled with how Suzuki trained Boehm to repeat endlessly until a new technique was mastered, and to always "feel" what you were doing, and focus on the goal, so you don't get lost in roteness. Boehm's stories were also filled with fascinating stream of people that he met through his master, who was blind.

"The Seiken Way" fills in a lot of the gaps in Boehm's training that I never heard, such as the early days of meeting Suzuki, and how Suzuki's wife and two children responded to having a hakujin, or white man, living with them in their small barracks-like home in a low income part of the town.

"The Seiken Way" points out that the full system taught by Suzuki is not just training the body, but also training the mind and the spirit. Boehm's book explores all the major aspects of his training, and how a blind man developed and mastered several entire systems; this book focuses only on Seiken, meaning "kind hand," the system taught to Boehm. The full name of the system is Wado Goshin SeiKen Jitsu, the wide, deep, kind hand system.

If you're looking for a how-to book on martial arts systems, this is not that book. (In fact, no one learns martial arts from a book - you must learn directly with a teacher). But this book shows how the dedication of one man led him on the path of his own self-awareness, where he realized that he could and would even kill for his Master. Eventually, Boehm saw that his relationship with Suzuki was unhealthy, and he came back to his home in the United States. He realized that he'd become a Master in his own right, and his book is one of his ways to pass along that hard-earned knowledge that he gained through his unique and painful experiences.

Boehm is now 71 and retired from an engineering career, and continues to teach the few students who've stayed with him.

His book is highly recommended to anyone seeking an insight into the world of Japanese martial arts. I regard the book as both a standard, and a classic. Interestingly, in a disclaimer in the beginning of the book, Boehm states that the writing is biographical based on real events "but is a work of fiction" because the actual conversations and details of the interactions were necessarily re-created from memory or imagination in order to re-tell the story. This admission does not diminish the quality or the significance of this work.

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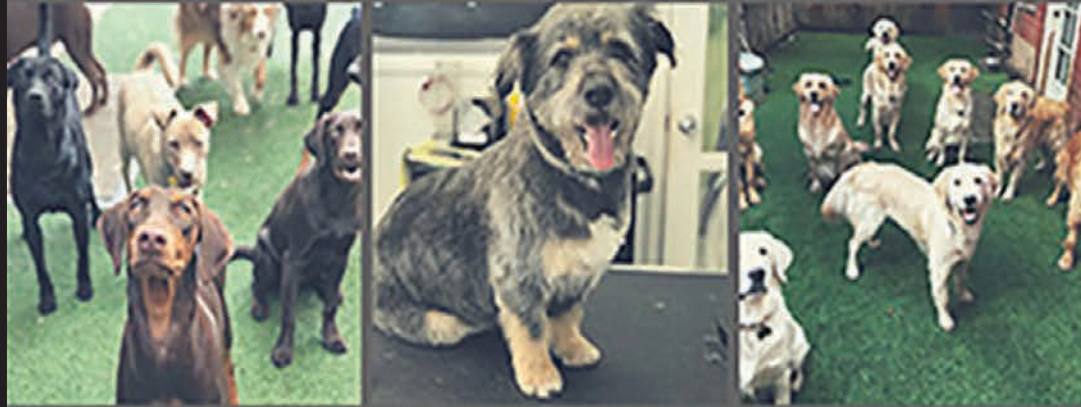
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### WHERE YOU AT, SCAREDY CAT?

### Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Few and far between are the felines I've care for that did not respond with some semblance of fear the first time I entered their home. It's a classic story told by many cat owners, wherein a person with whom the cat is unfamiliar walks through the front door, only to see the kitty's bouncing behind disappear down the hallway, as he high-tails it into another room to seek refuge.

Although there is usually no apparent good reason for a typically-friendly feline's fearful response to a stranger, it is pretty common. And even though the individual who just arrived and entered the home is most likely a cat lover too, they are still a person whom the cat has yet to get to know, so - perhaps assuming there may be danger - he or she runs to take cover.

One reason why a cat might run and hide upon the arrival of a stranger, is that the cat has had limited exposure to humans other than their owner as a youngster. If a kitten is not introduced to a variety of people during the socialization stage (3-9 weeks), they will likely be more apprehensive of interacting with strangers as an adult. Another reason is that a visit from a human friend is often accompanied by increased noises and movement and from a cat's perspective that may be interpreted as chaos to be avoided at all costs.

There are a few simple techniques that have proven to be helpful in preventing a cat from becoming afraid of people they've never met, and as it is with most exercises, the more consistently you are willing to practice these techniques with your kitty, the better your chances for success. Remember that each cat is an individual so there are no absolute guarantees with any training technique, but this particular trick is most certainly worth a try.

First, provide your cat with a "safety-zone" in an out-of-the-way location, such as a back room where the sound of a doorbell or knocking will be muffled. Be sure to include a comfortable resting spot, a fresh bowl of water and a litter box. Give the cat a special treat along with a favorite interactive toy when you take him to the safe area about 10 minutes before your guest arrives. In the beginning you will want to let your cat remain in the safe place for the duration of guests' visits, so he/she can hear what is going on without having to be in the middle of it.

Next, try to follow this series of behavioral modification steps consistently, to help your cat become comfortable with having visitors in the home: Ask a friend or relative who does not live with you to act as a stranger coming to visit. As usual, put your cat in the safe place moments before their arrival. Then when your friend arrives, open the door to the safe area and allow the cat to come out at their own will and in their own time.

Once your cat has decided it is safe enough to emerge from the back room, have the invited "stranger" stand at a distance from where the cat decides is comfortable, and give the cat a treat or a soothing praise each time he/she is willing to allow the visitor to make a slow, slight approach. The goal is to gradually decrease the space between the two, by rewarding the cat each time he remains calm and allows the newcomer to come closer.

Take note that the "approaching process" should begin from a distance at which your cat shows no signs of anxiety or arousal. He should be completely calm to start with, and remain calm and confident as your friend moves into the cat's space, eventually coming close enough to reach out and pet the cat. Keep your voice calm and offer comments of praise along the way.

In a perfect world the cat will stay put and cooperate with the process during each session, until he/she acclimates fully to having guests. However, we all know we don't live in a perfect world, so when your cat decides it's time to up-and-leave in the middle of the exercise, let the cat do just that. There will be opportunities in the future to try again.

Avoid excessive movement about the room while you are working these techniques until the cat becomes more comfortable over time. Repeat these simple steps as frequently as you possibly can. It may take a while for your cat to show progress, but be patient and be aware that your efforts are helping to improve your cat's quality of life and enhance the bond between the two of you.

This process of coaching a cat into becoming more familiar with other humans may seem silly to some folks who are not friends of the feline, but I know there are many devoted cat lovers who do "get it", and may benefit from these simple training tips. I wish you all great success as you work toward socializing your best feline friend. Love and let live!

### CAT OF THE WEEK

#### Katnip News!



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Are you looking for sweet and sweeter? Then meet MURPHY & MILO, two very sweet and social boys, age 6 mos., who are hoping Santa will find them a home for Christmas and forever. Both have elegant and sleek black fur, while Milo has a tinge of white under his neck. They will come fully vetted, chipped, and neutered. Call 626-676-9505. See more pictures, adoption information and application at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org).



Good news: Piper & Pippin have an adoption pending.

### Pet of the Week

It's no secret that we've been getting really into the holidays probably way too early this year. But have you thought about New Year's yet? Thomas is ready! This chill guy isn't the loud party type, but he'll still get all dressed up to watch the ball drop on TV with you. When he's not in his formalwear, Thomas enjoys playing with wand toys, and although he doesn't go into hardcore zoomie mode like a kitten, your heart will melt seeing him bat at the ribbon on a stick! He's a curious boy, and if you visit him in our communal cat room, he'll probably come right out to the middle of the room to say hi and get some head pets. Come meet this sweet guy today and celebrate the holidays with him!



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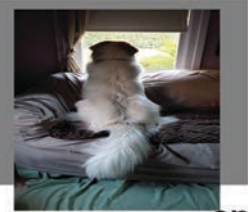


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## WHAT TO DO WHEN MEDICARE TELLS YOU NO

Dear Savvy Senior:

*How do I go about appealing Medicare when they won't pay for something that they covered in the past? Rejected Rhonda*

Dear Rhonda:

If you disagree with a coverage or payment decision made by Medicare, you can appeal, and you'll be happy to know that around half of all appeals are successful, so it's definitely worth your time.

But before going that route, talk with the doctor, hospital and Medicare to see if you can spot the problem and resubmit the claim. Some denials are caused by simple billing code errors by the doctor's office or hospital. If, however, that doesn't fix the problem, here's how you appeal.

### Original Medicare Appeals

If you have original Medicare, start with your quarterly Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). This statement will list all the services, supplies and equipment billed to Medicare for your medical treatment and will tell you why a claim was denied. You can also check your Medicare claims early online at MyMedicare.gov, or by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227.

There are five levels of appeals for original Medicare, although you can initiate a fast-track consideration for ongoing care, such as rehabilitation. Most people have to go through several levels to get a denial overturned.

You have 120 days after receiving the MSN to request a "redetermination" by a Medicare contractor, who reviews the claim. Circle the items you're disputing on the MSN, provide an explanation of why you believe the denial should be reversed, and include any supporting documents like a letter from the doctor or hospital explaining why the charge should be covered. Then send it to the address on the form.

You can also use the Medicare Redetermination Form. See CMS.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/CMS20027.pdf to download it or call 800-633-4227 to request a copy by mail.

The contractor will usually decide within 60 days after receiving your request. If your request is denied, you can request for "reconsideration" from a different claims reviewer and submit additional evidence.

A denial at this level ends the matter, unless the charges in dispute are at least \$160 in 2019. In that case, you can request a hearing with an administrative law judge. The hearing is usually held by videoconference or teleconference.

If you have to go to the next level, you can appeal to the Medicare Appeals Council. Then, for claims of at least \$1,630 in 2019, the final level of appeals is judicial review in U.S. District Court.

### Advantage and Part D Appeals

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage health plan or Part D prescription drug plan the appeals process is slightly different. With these plans you have only 60 days to initiate an appeal. And in both cases, you must start by appealing directly to the private insurance plan, rather than to Medicare.

If you think that your plan's refusal is jeopardizing your health, you can ask for a "fast decision," where a Part D insurer must respond within 24 hours, and Medicare Advantage health plan must provide an answer within 72 hours.

If you disagree with your plan's decision, you can file an appeal, which like original Medicare, has five levels. If you disagree with a decision made at any level, you can appeal to the next level.

For more information, along with step-by-step procedures on how to make an appeal, visit Medicare.gov and click on the "Claims & Appeals" tab at the top of the page.

### Get Help

If you need some help contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which has counselors that can help you understand the billing process and even file your appeal for you for free. To locate your local SHIP, visit ShiptaCenter.org or call 877-839-2675. The Medicare Rights Center also offers free phone counseling at 800-333-4114.

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.

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\* 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, December 18th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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\*\*Last Registration Date is Tuesday, December 10, 2019\*\*

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## A POST THANKSGIVING WISHBONE



Now that Thanksgiving is over, I can sit back and recoup from the activity.

I'm not sure about anybody else, but of course, it puts a lot in me, but that's another story.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly were catching our breath right after our Thanksgiving fiesta. I was enjoying the quiet moment when my wife said to me, "Do you know what time it is?"

I glanced at my wristwatch and said, "It's 8:30 right on the dot."

My wife threw one of those looks at me, I was tempted not to catch and said, "That's not what I mean, and you know it."

This is the problem I have. My wife assumes I know exactly what she's talking about every time she speaks. To be quite honest, it is a rare day when Yours Truly knows exactly what the wife is talking about whenever she speaks. This might be the reason I get into a little bit of trouble with her every now and then.

She then continued. "What I mean is, do you know what time it is now?"

I was tempted to say, "It's 8:32," but I learned my lesson, so I casually asked, "No, what time is it?"

She sighed very deeply and said, "It's time to get the Christmas decorations down out of the attic and decorate our house for Christmas."

Upon hearing those words, I immediately froze in my chair. I was hoping this year there would be an appreciative pause between Thanksgiving and Christmas. I must say I'm quite a fan of both holidays and all they represent. However, I certainly would like to get over one before I get into the other.

"You'll have to go up to the attic and bring down all of our Christmas decoration boxes."

I do not relish this job. I go into the attic twice a year; once to bring the Christmas decorations down, and once to take them back when Christmas is over. If anybody were to seek my opinion about this whole matter, I would immediately opine that twice a year is two times too many for me.

I don't like the attic. It is dark and spooky up there. I'm not quite sure who or what inhabits the attic, but I hear some awfully strange noises coming from there regularly, especially in the middle of the night. I'm not suggesting a ghost may be living in our attic, but it hasn't been proven otherwise.

I do not believe in ghosts, but a person cannot be too careful these days.

If I could have a wish for this time of the year, I think it would be that the next holiday should not begin before

the last holiday has sufficiently worn off. I'm not sure if it is my age or what, but these holidays are coming fast and furious. No sooner do you get into the spirit of one holiday when the next holiday is knocking at your door.

I do not think this is too unreasonable a wish. After all, there is a period of three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, which I think should be used rather wisely.

Even around our Thanksgiving Day table, everybody was chattering about what they were looking forward to for Christmas. Everybody seemed to be playing old St. Nick and checking his or her Christmas list twice.

I remember as a child we would set up the Christmas tree and all of the decorations on Christmas Eve. Then, New Year's Day it would all be packed away for another year. That gave us approximately one week to enjoy the Christmas decorations.

I'm almost at the point of saying, Happy Holiday, for the simple reason I'm not quite sure which holiday we are celebrating. Is it Thanksgiving? Or, maybe it's Christmas? Or, then again, it may be New Year's Day. Whoever designed these holidays so closely together needs to rethink the strategy here.

Another wish I might have. Holidays should not be an excuse to go shopping. Somebody should pass some kind of congressional bill stating that on holidays people should stay at home. Holidays should be a family affair. It should not be a contest to see who can spend the most money on one day. I know I stand alone on this issue, but I don't mind. It's my opinion and I'll keep it to myself, thank you.

The day after Thanksgiving, I heard somebody on the radio singing, "We wish you a Merry Christmas." I don't mind being wished a Merry Christmas, but I sure do wish they would wait until Christmas to wish me such pleasantries.

Even Jesus recognized the importance of resting. "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." (Mark 6:31).

Then I heard a certain store in our community was not permitting any of their employees to say to any customer, "Merry Christmas." To which I, seeing the challenge before me, promptly went to that store, not to buy anything, but to wish everybody I saw "Merry Christmas." After all, under such circumstances, you can't start too soon to wish people Merry Christmas.



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## STUART TOLCHIN



### THANKSGIVING A DAY OF NEW SURPRISES & OLD FRIENDS

Well, how did it go? By the time you read this you have had the time to digest, both physically and mentally, the experience of your Thanksgiving Holiday. It is remarkable how devout we Americans are in our determination to celebrate the day with a dinner involving our family and relatives seated at the same table and doing the best they can to talk to one another. The food and the turkey are most frequently the centerpiece but varied human interaction also occur. What is unique is -as this same celebration is enacted year after year the participants

although remaining the same keep changing as they age and older participants disappear and the parties take on new age appropriate roles and inwardly notice and mourn the absence of the often beloved older family members.

I am writing this piece the day before Thanksgiving and am wondering what the day will be like without the presence of my mother-in-law. The beloved Grandma Sugar passed away during this last year after convalescing in our living room for six months. She was a delightful lady who sang Spanish songs to herself in the morning and did her very best to be positive when I was near her. She was often in great pain but hid that from me as best she could. It was different, my wife told me, after I left for work. Then her poor mother would complain and say that she really could not take it anymore and wanted to bid the world good-bye.

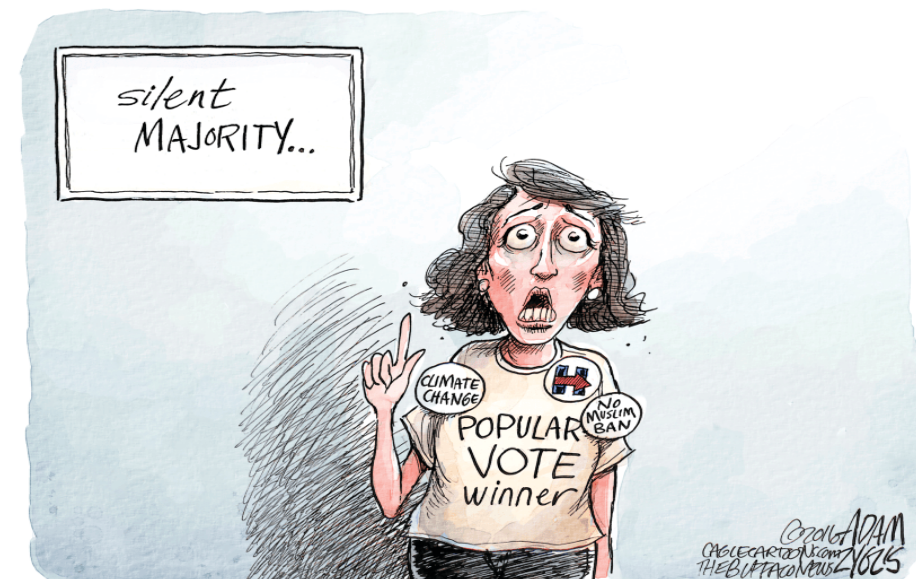
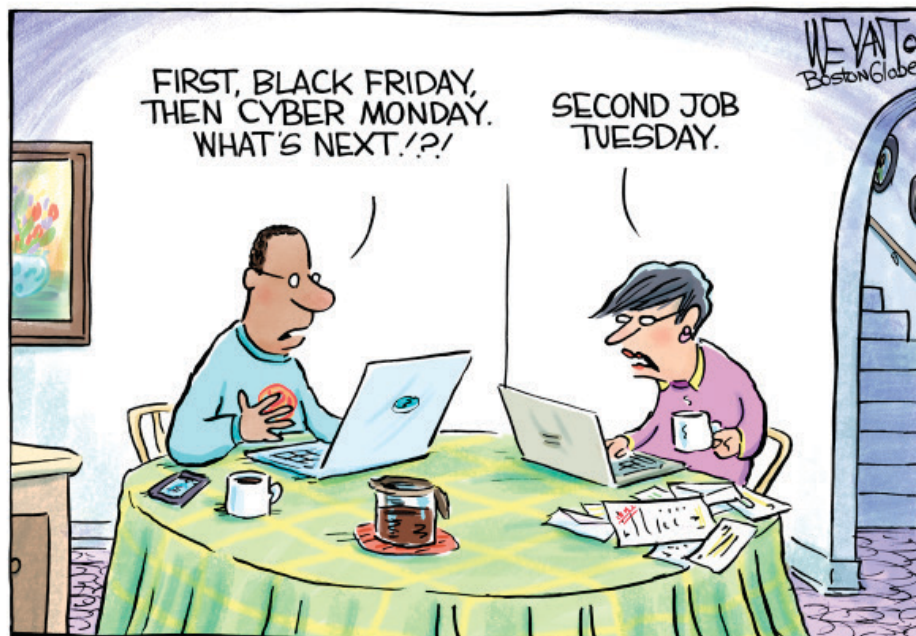
On her last day of life, as I was leaving for work in far-away San Fernando, she told me to get home as soon as I could as she planned to die that day and wanted me to be around if possible. I tried to laugh it off and told her that she would still be there for a long time. She told me with a kind of certainty that, I am not making this up, that she did not want me to forget her and that after she was gone she would send butterflies, bright yellow butterflies to fly around me and remind me of her continued presence. She was a religious Christian Lady who watched Mass in the mornings. I am not religious and specifically non-Christian and I had been cautioned by wife to refrain from any questioning, discussion, or complaints. Okay I thought, if she believes in yellow butterflies, let it be and off I went to work.

In the afternoon I got a call from my wife telling me that her mom was not doing well and I should get home as soon as I could. By the time I got home my wife, her two sisters and her brother-in-law were there gathered around my mother-in-law whose hospital bed was in the living room. I wish I could remember exactly what happened then but I know my mother-in-law noted my arrival perhaps just with a look that said "See smarty, I told you so" or perhaps she even spoke to me and perhaps she said something then about the yellow butterflies.

Anyway, within a very short time the sisters gathered around her while I think her sons-in-law held back, at least I did. In a few minutes it was clear that she was gone. I am not a good reporter of what happened next but calls were made and people came and went and a funeral was planned. On the day after the funeral, or maybe two days after, as I returned home, there in the driveway lay an extremely bright yellow butterfly. I, a few months ago had a small heart attack, and that was nothing compared to my reaction to the yellow butterfly in the driveway. I left it there and went in and got my wife to look at it. She saw it and laughed, picked it up and showed me that it was plastic and that she had wanted to put it in the casket or something and that it must have fallen. "Here, you can keep it"

Well, I have kept it and tacked it up to the bedroom wall and think of my mother-in-law every time I see it. Tomorrow, before guests arrive, I am going to attach the butterfly to a wall and just note what follows. It really promises to be an unusual day anyway as, believe it or not, tomorrow, Thanksgiving, November 28, is the birthday of both of my children. No, they are not twins, as they are born two years apart. AND tomorrow my daughter will be arriving as a new mother with my brand new baby granddaughter age 4 months and 4 days who will be attending her first Thanksgiving Holiday celebration. It ought to be quite a day and in the midst of the celebration, if I get a chance to hold the baby, I will introduce her to the butterfly. After all, this is the first time in my probably over 70 Thanksgiving celebrations that I will be the oldest person in the room discounting possible mystical presence behind the butterfly. That also is something special!

I hope we have all shared a memorable Thanksgiving



## LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

### JOHN KOZA

### HERE'S ONE SAFE PREDICTION FOR THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.



Twelve so-called "battleground" states will once again command nearly 100 percent of the candidates' general-election time and attention. The remaining 38 "spectator" states will be totally ignored because they have voted for the same party over the past five presidential elections. That's the bad news.

The good news is that the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact has been enacted into law in 15 states and the District of Columbia. Those 16 jurisdictions possess a total of 196 electoral votes – just 74 shy of revolutionizing the way we elect our president by making every voter po-

litically relevant. The Compact would guarantee the presidency to the candidate receiving the most popular votes across all 50 states and D.C.

The reason presidential campaigns are concentrated into only about a dozen states is that existing "winner-take-all" state laws award all of a state's electoral votes to the candidate getting the most popular votes within that state. Candidates see no reason to campaign for votes in states where they are so far behind that they cannot possibly win – or where they are so far ahead that they cannot possibly lose.

In 2016, almost all (94%) of general election campaign events occurred in the 12 closely divided battleground states where Donald Trump's percentage of the two-party vote was in the narrow eight-point range between 43% and 51%. In 2012, 100% of general election campaign events occurred in 12 battleground states where Mitt Romney's percentage was between 45% and 51%.

Unfortunately for our nation, policymaking becomes distorted when presidents base important decisions on the interests of the small handful of politically friendly states. And battleground states receive seven percent more presidentially controlled grants, twice as many disaster declarations, and disproportionately more presidential waivers and exemptions.

With a keen eye toward the Rust Belt, free-trader George W. Bush imposed steel quotas. Environmentalist Barack Obama largely ignored the 2010 Gulf oil spill in the waters off reliably red Louisiana and Mississippi until tar balls washed up onto the shores of the battleground state of Florida. Donald Trump imposed tariffs and exited the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Paris Climate Agreement understanding that his Electoral-College majority came via 44,000 votes in Pennsylvania, 23,000 in Wisconsin, and 11,000 in Michigan.

It is also important to understand that today's system of electing the president was not created by the 1787 Constitutional Convention. It was not debated at the Constitutional Convention or mentioned in the Federalist Papers. The Constitution left the choice of how to award electoral votes to the states, stipulating: "Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors..." Only three states used the winner-take-all method of awarding electoral votes in the first presidential election in 1789.

Widespread adoption of winner-take-all came after Thomas Jefferson lost the presidency by three electoral votes in the nation's first competitive presidential election in 1796. Jefferson lost because presidential electors were chosen by district in Virginia and North Carolina, and he lost one district in each state to John Adams.

In 1800, Jefferson wrote Virginia Governor James Monroe, "it is folly and worse than folly" for Virginia not to adopt a winner-take-all law to prevent Adams from receiving any future electoral votes from their home state. Likewise, Adams' supporters in Massachusetts repealed the state's district system so Jefferson would not receive any of their electoral votes. By 1832, the dominant political party in almost every state had passed a winner-take-all statute to maximize its clout and stifle the state's minority party.

We can't change history, but we can affect the future to benefit our great nation. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact would make every vote equal throughout the United States and ensure that every voter, in every state would be politically relevant in every presidential election.

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### PETER ROFF

### US - CHINA AND CRYPTOCURRENCY



Chinese President Xi Jinping wants his country's economy to become the world's largest within our lifetimes. He may succeed, thanks to the desire of western business to sell goods and services to the nearly 2 billion people who live there.

The balance of trade between our two countries is decidedly skewed in China's favor. The only thing blocking Xi's ambitions is President Donald Trump, whose tough policies are helping get things balanced so American firms and farmers can compete fairly. At the same time, it's important not to take eyes off the ball where the development of new technologies is concerned.

China's expertise in persuading western firms to part with important intellectual property as a condition of doing business in their market is well known. It gives them an edge they cannot generate themselves, even as they're taking the lead in crucial new technologies, like cryptocurrency.

Recently the Chinese parliament passed a new cryptography law to facilitate "the development of the cryptography business and ensuring the security of cyberspace and information." In August, the People's Bank of China announced that after five years of research, it is just about ready to launch a state-backed cryptocurrency that could be used in place of the Yuan. The China Construction Bank has expanded its finance blockchain platform by adding new applications – including cross-chain and inter-bank transactions – as trading volume reportedly surpassed \$53 billion, according to Coindesk.com.

These developments are too big to ignore. While the United States busies itself figuring out federal regulations, Beijing's corporate lackeys are developing and introducing product into the global financial system.

Alarm bells should be going off as the Chinese cryptocurrency industry positions itself to offer the world a product more attractive to global investment dollars than anything under development here. Circle CEO Jeremy Allaire told CNBC's "Squawk Box" in mid-September, what China's central bank has planned for its digital currency "is a way for the Chinese yuan to be distributed globally." If that happens, it would go a long way toward fulfilling China's long-held ambition to find a replacement for the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

It's hard to tell what's around the next technological corner. As China continues to roll out unchecked applications and developments, it furthers Beijing's goal of integrating itself into the global financial fabric. Look no further than what's happening with the Chinese technology firm Huawei and the move to 5G to imagine how that might play out.

China is already the world's biggest miner of Bitcoin. A June 2018 Princeton University study concluded 80 percent of Bitcoin mining "is performed by six mining pools, and five of those six pools are managed by individuals or organizations located in China." With a simple majority needed to veto or approve Bitcoin transactions, China has essentially gained control over the Bitcoin space.

The U.S. government has a lot of catch up to do, but unfortunately there's little sign these developments are troubling to policymakers. Dozens of legitimate American companies are working on cryptocurrency applications of their own. But rather than help, the feds are hampering innovation by imposing unconsidered regulation and failing to deliberate the issues at hand properly. In the case of blockchain and cryptocurrency, policymakers are even interfering with innovation and hesitating to defend American companies trying to enter the marketplace.

U.S.-based developers need to know where they stand with respect to the law so they can keep up in the race. U.S. lawmakers must promote American innovation and stem the tide of Chinese crypto control before Beijing gets so far out ahead there's no possibility of catching them. American innovators deserve better. They need a federal regulatory framework to guide their activities toward breakthroughs that improve our lives, not obstacles that slow them down and let the Chinese retain their lead.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ECHOVACLECTRIC 18440 BERMUDA ST PORTER RANCH, CA. 91326. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEX AND FATHER CONSTRUCTION, INC. 18440 BERMUDA ST PORTER RANCH, CA. 91326. This Business is conducted by: CORPORATION. Signed: ALEX AND FATHER CONSTRUCTION, INC., HAMID NOROLLAHI, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/6/2019. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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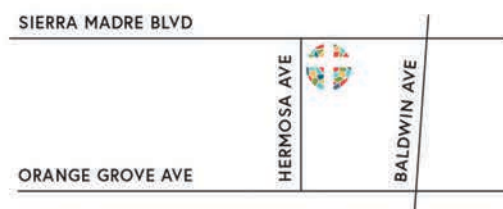
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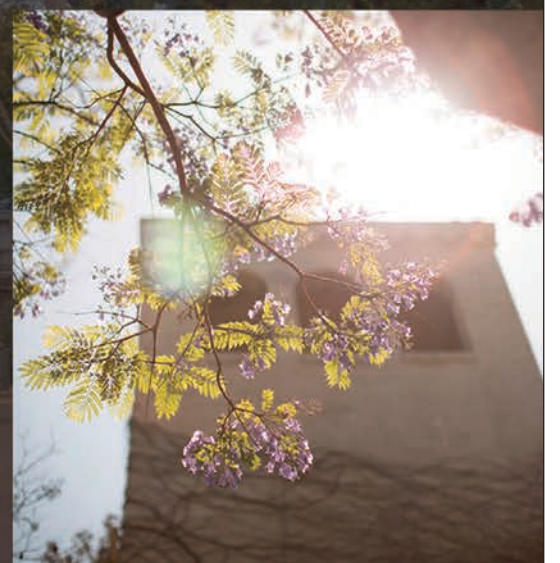
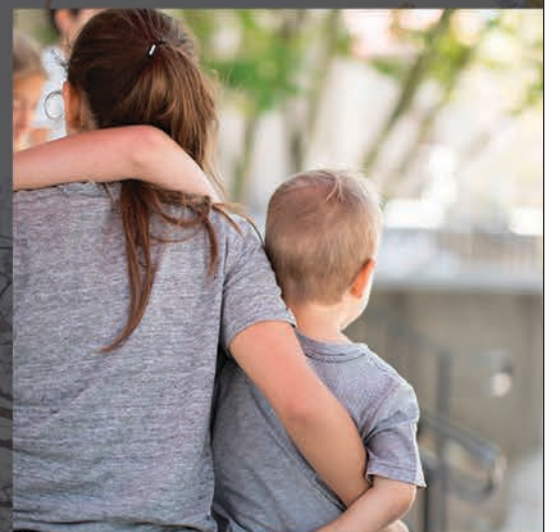
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