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SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT BEGINS PARTICIPATION IN AUTOMATIC AID



After years of effort from the Sierra Madre Fire Department, the citizens of Sierra Madre and three city managers and council members. SMFD has finally done it!

Effective January 1, 2020 the City of Sierra Madre Fire Department began a six-month trial period to participate in Unified Response with the Fire Departments in the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Burbank, Glendale, Montebello, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, and South Pasadena. Unified Response allows for the closest fire engine from these participating agencies to respond to an emergency within the unified response geographic area, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Unified Response allows for quicker fire apparatus response times and increases the amount of fire equipment, personnel, and resources that respond to fires or other emergencies on the initial dispatch of the incident. Each fire incident is dispatched directly from the Verdugo Communications Center in Glendale under a single automatic aid agreement.

"Sierra Madre engaged the City of Arcadia in a year-long fire services study to get to this point," said City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "The analysis of the data compiled for the study is the basis for Sierra Madre's inclusion in Unified Response. At the conclusion of the trial period, we anticipate Sierra Madre will continue participating in Unified Response with our peer, professional Fire Departments."

Sierra Madre has been a member of the Verdugo Communications Center since 2000, however, because Sierra Madre was a volunteer fire agency, the department was contractually excluded from the automatic aid component of the the Unified Response agreement when it was signed in 2006. The Sierra Madre Fire Department transitioned to a career department in fall of 2019.

"The transition from a volunteer Fire Department to a professional Fire Department has been a long standing goal of this City Council and the community. Participating in Unified Response improves the safety of Sierra Madre residents while also allowing the Sierra Madre Fire Department to improve the safety of residents in our neighboring cities," said Mayor John Harabedian.

2020 FLOAT AUCTIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTING BIDS THROUGH JAN 11

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These auctions are a Sierra Madre Rose Float Association fundraiser... so bid generously! Material prices are listed for each auction. Any amount above that is a tax-deductible donation.

Payment is by PayPal or credit card (through PayPal but you don't need an account). Payment must be made within 12 hours of the close of the auction. To see the items close up, or to make an approved cash payment, contact the rose float barn at (626)355-7005 or send an email to auctions@sierramadroserosefloat.org

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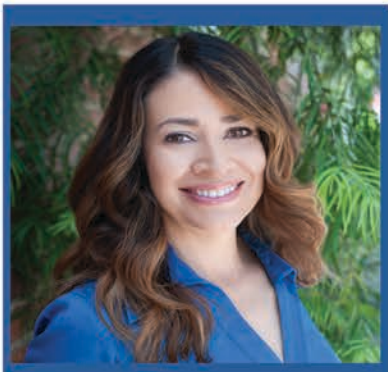
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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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

City Council

December 10th, 2019 at 6:30PM
December 24th, 2019 at 6:30PM Cancelled

Planning Commission

December 5th, 2019 at 7:00PM Cancelled
December 19th, 2019 at 7:00PM

Community Service Commission

December 16th, 2019 at 6:30PM

Senior Community Commission

January 9th, 2020 at 3:00PM

Library Board of Trustees

December 25th, 2019 at 7:00PM Cancelled

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission

December 18, 2019 at 7:00PM

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

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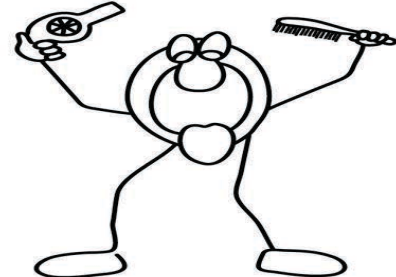
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From Reykjavik with Love, Again

Happy New Year! I started 2019 with the resolution to not recycle any old stories. So wouldn't you know my first article of 2020 is recycled! There's probably a lesson in there somewhere, but I'm not going to worry about it.

It's been a while since I've stolen, "written," a story about my mom's friend, Florence. You may remember Florence from past article involving unusual pets, and just plain unusual situations. Yes, Florence is always good for material

when I'm out of ideas. Since retiring from teaching, Florence has filled her time with trips to exotic destinations. One of which was Iceland.

After a dinner with Florence and friends, my mom relayed some of Florence's adventures to me. Mostly about Iceland's unusual cuisine. There was something about rotten shark marinated in shark urine.

"Wait," I said. "How do you collect shark urine? Doesn't it just dissipate into the water?"

Thinking a moment, Mom replied, "I'm not sure."

"Maybe they catheterize the sharks," I mused. "Imagine being the guy with that job!"

"No," Mom remarked, "They put the dead shark in a pit to marinate, so maybe all the people take turns peeing on it."

"Well, what did Florence say?"

"It was hard to catch it all, there were a lot of us there," she replied.

I knew I had to call Florence and get the story straight. She corrected me on the whole rotten shark issue. But before we get to that, let's consider Iceland's "survival food," as Florence describes it. Being an island, it's expensive to ship foods in. Therefore, a hamburger will be much more expensive than, say, a bowl of fish stew.

Iceland has about two to three months of "summer" during which crops can be grown. The rest of the year is dismally dark, cold, and wet. Hothouse vegetables are pretty much the only plants that can be harvested in these conditions. Other than that, the native diet consists of animals raised on, or caught near, the island. Mostly sheep and fish.

"Survival food" is what Icelanders can eat cheaply throughout the year. So while we may think of shark as being an endangered species, as in shark fin soup, it is actually a commonplace meal in Iceland.

The shark is prepared by burying it in a pit to ferment for a few months and then hanging it out to dry. Thus the shark is more accurately "fermented" than rotten, although it retains a strong odor of ammonia.

The purpose of this convoluted method is to rid the fish of an acid which renders it inedible when freshly caught. Reminds me of the Nordic dish Lutefisk, which takes fish on a long journey from ocean to table, involving lye and a long aging process.

Any mention of fermented shark would be incomplete without a chaser of "Black Death," a potato and caraway schnapps. Other snacks include minke whale (not on the endangered list), and dried fish jerky slathered with butter. There's also ram testicles and sheep's head, complete with the eyeball. Lamb hot dogs are very popular, and are reported to be among the best in the world. Very snappy. But I think the most horrifying dish Florence mentioned were the puffins!

I do feel guilty eating animals, but there's something about eating puffins that I just can't wrap my mind around. They're too cute, and I've always been a "bird person." I will always appreciate Florence. But knowing she ate a puffin, I can never quite look at her the same way again.

*Wanna' know what else Florence contributed material to? My novel, "A Year at Apex!" Yup, check it out. I've got a dedication to her on the acknowledgments page. "Apex" has all the humor, romance, and snarky sarcasm you need to kick off 2020. Find it in paperback and ebook on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

And just like that, it's a new year, a new decade and a leap year! Just finished watching the Rose Parade and the theme: The Power of Hope, filled me with joyful anticipation. The picture today is one drawn by my Dad, Kim Weed, some years ago. Here's this rusty old shovel with a wooden handle that has been thrust into the ground and abandoned. Mysteriously, miraculously, the wooden handle has made contact with the earth and come to life again. It has sprouted, bloomed and grown a branch strong enough to hold this songbird. If that's not the definition of Hope, I don't know what is!



The first day of a New Year is like opening your coloring book to a brand new page, filled with infinite possibilities. We can pick bright colors of joy and laughter, looking for the best in ourselves and others. We can choose hope, love, gratitude and kindness. We can paint happy smiles on the faces of the people in our picture and be the one who put them there. As my friend, Rich Johnson, put it, "Our vision will improve on Wednesday morning because it will be 2020!"

Speaking again of the Parade, our float, Ha La Hiki Ola, (Dawning of a New Day) was an absolute triumph, winning the President's Trophy. I've been able to keep up with the construction of this Hawaiian dream scene on Facebook, thanks to Robert Gjerde, who puts up pictures and lets the world know how it's going. I'm extremely partial to sunrises so this spectacularly hopeful float made me so happy that I rewound that part and played it at least five more times to see what a marvelous float Sierra Madre created again this year. High five to all the float builders...you totally rocked it again!

As it's Christmas break for our girls, Jessie and Emily, we have been going to the movies. We've seen Cats, Frozen II, Spies In Disguise, and Jumanji – The Next Level. We thoroughly enjoyed every one of them and I don't know why Cats got such horrible reviews, except, of course, that it's easier to write snarky stuff than look for something good to expound upon. Jennifer Hudson blew me away as Grizabella, The Glamour Cat, singing "Memories." Judy Dench can do no wrong and Taylor Swift was great, too.

Jumanji – The Next Level was beyond exciting and Danny DeVito and Danny Glover added a great new dimension. Danny DeVito's character had the closing line, I won't tell you what it is (no spoiler alerts here) but it brought me to tears.

Spies In Disguise was a first rate animated feature starring Will Smith. Yes, they do manage to save the world again, but it wasn't easy! We had a great time seeing all these and as it's been cold and cloudy every day this past week, it got us out of the house and doing something fun.

You know how every now and then you come across a statement, a sentence, a paragraph, a quote, that makes you pause and say, "Wow, I need to keep that!" Well, I've got a stack of those and I want to share some of them with you, dear friends and neighbors, before we start thinking about New Year's Resolutions. Do start thinking what word you're going to choose as your theme for 2020. You've probably already guessed mine.

"It came to me that reform should begin at home, and since that day I have not had time to remake the world." Will Durant, Historian (1885-1981)

"I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it." Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul – and sings the tunes without the words – and never stops at all." Emily Dickinson

And one last thought on Leap Year: The reason there's a February 29th is because it takes a full day to explain what Leap Year is!

Happy New Year, dear friends!

May God bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you

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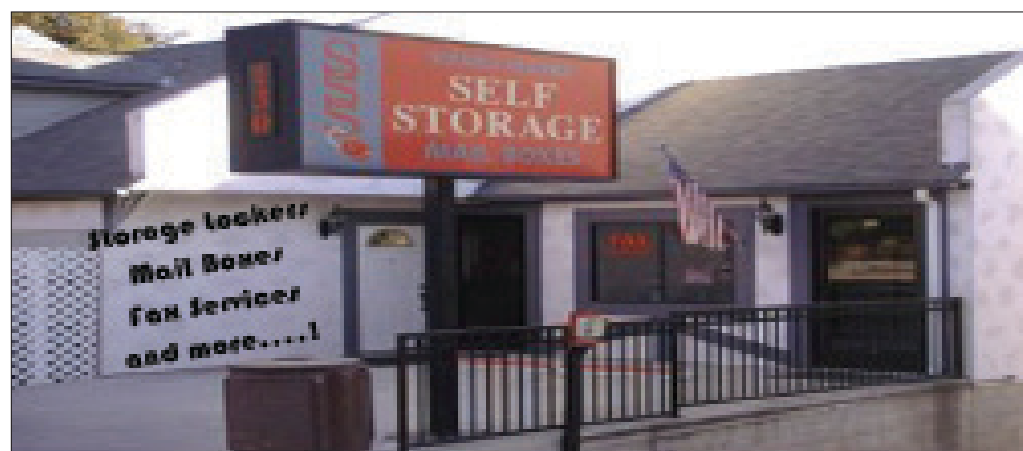
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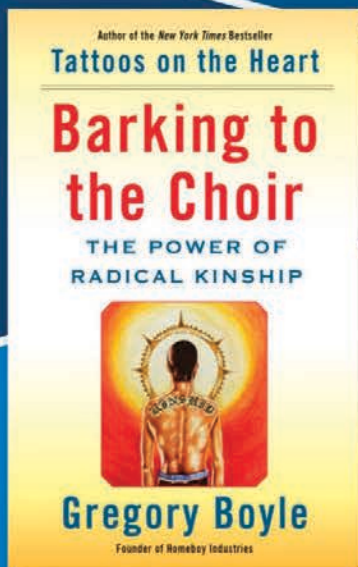
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A Parade of Music

With a theme “The Melody of Life,” it is not a surprise that the 130th Rose Parade Tuesday morning was filled with live music from, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Kool & the Gang to surf rock and a Taiwan folk drum troupe, just to name a few.

Many of the floats also featured larger than life instruments such as guitars, keyboards and even an ancient musical instrument known as, “RABAB”

Grand Marshal Chaka Khan started the Parade’s opening act performing “I Feel For You” and a brand new single “Hello Happiness.” Anne-Marie Rose sang “2002” during the parades premature ending.

In between all the floats were over 20 Marching Bands, from the hometown Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band & Herald Trumpets to The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band, Long Beach. Others were from as far away as Karlskrona, Sweden (Royal Swedish Cadet Band) and Izumo, Japan (All-Izumo Honor Green Band) to Banda Municipal de Acosta (San José, Costa Rica). Many of the bands represented all parts of the country including Alabama State University Mighty Marching Hornets (Alabama), Florida A&M University, The Incomparable Marching “100” (Florida), to Hawaii’s Na



Koa Ali’I – Hawaii’s All-State Marching Band.

Rose Parade Equestrian units were not forgotten with crowd favorites, Budweiser Clydesdales and the Mini Therapy Horses. The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team & Little Miss Norco Cowgirls Jr. Drill Team and Spirit of the West Riders were back this year. The Hawaii Pa’u Riders from Waimanalo, Hawaii rode in line with Dole Packaged Foods “Rhythm of Paradise float” and the mentioned Na Koa Ali’I band.

The Dole float entree included Los Angeles-based Tahitian dance students of Te Aho Nui

and professional fire dancers Lopati Leaso and Andrés Treviño.

There were many firsts in the parade including Gerald Freeny as the Tournament’s first African American president and Louise Deser Siskel as the first member of the LGBTQ community to be Rose Queen.

The parade had a chaotic end (see related story right) after the Chinese American Heritage Foundation float “Harmony Through Union” caught fire becoming disabled. As the float was being moved, temporary stopping the parade, many parade goers started to leave thinking the parade was over although both the South Pasadena float “Three Little Birds” and Dig Alert: “Backyard Harmony” along with The Royal Swedish Cadet Band had not started down the parade route.

South Pasadena float officials refused comment for this story.



Pictured (Top) South Pasadena’s float “Three Little Birds” (above) Tournament of Roses President 2019 Gerald Freeny rides down the parade. He is the first African American president.



(Above left) Rose Queen Louise Deser Siskel and the Royal Court. (Right top) Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek. (Right middle) Chaka Khan the 2019 Grand Marshal (Right Bottom) PCC Tournament of Roses Honor Band & Herald Trumpets. (Bottom) United Sikh Mission float featuring the “RABAB”



Rose Float Driver 'A Hero'



By Dean Lee

The two founders of the Chinese American Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the Rose Parade float Harmony Through Union that caught fire, crippling the float at Orange Grove and Colorado Boulevards – causing a backup and delay in the parade– said the true heroes were the float driver and Tournament volunteers.

“He was able to turn the wheel inside the float to get it to stop,” said Wilson Lee, Founder of Chinese American Heritage Foundation. “and before he left the float, he was able to grab the fire extinguisher and [put out the fire].”

Lee said most of, what looked like, smoke was from the canisters of the extinguishers.

“They emptied extinguishers on to that whole area to make sure that all the fire was put out,” he said.

Lee said Tournament volunteers evacuated the float riders.

“The procedure they have put in place, in case an accident like this were to occur, worked flawlessly. So we want to commend all the volunteers,” he said.

He called the float built by Fiesta Floats a “work of art.”

“We hate to have a small minor incident hurt the reputation of Fiesta, they are [best] float builders in the world, probably.”

Lee also said the floats message of the 14,000 immigrants that built the Transcontinental Railroad 150 years ago, right after the Civil War, “represents the



Wilson and Esther Lee hardship of the Chinese, the Irish, Germans the Native Americans... everyone that had to due with building American.” He likened the floats message to that of the Statue of Liberty.

He said they were working with Fiesta and the City of Los Angeles to possibly show it at the Golden Dragon Parade in Chinatown February 9.

He also dispel rumors that the float had been built in two weeks.

“What we did in two weeks was the decoration only,” Lee also said the float went through all the normal safety checks and testing. He added that the float chassis was built in October.

Esther Lee president of the Chinese American Heritage Foundation said they were leaving what happened to the engineering and the fire department.

In a statement, Tim Estes, President of Fiesta Parade Floats said “Preliminary information suggests that a leak of transmission fluid made contact with a hot exhaust pipe. The contact with the pipe created a small flame and a lot more smoke.”



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For the period of Sunday, December 22nd, through Saturday, December 28th, the Police Department responded to 820 calls for service, of which 101 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 22:

1. Shortly before 10:08 a.m., an officer responded to Macy's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect stole nearly \$275.00 worth of merchandise before being apprehended by a loss prevention employee. The suspect, a 52-year-old male from Arcadia, admitted to being under the influence of prescription medication and alcohol. He was cited and released in the field. Arcadia Fire transported the suspect to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment.

2. At approximately 5:48 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. Sometime between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., an unknown suspect scratched the victim's car. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, December 23:

3. Just after 5:18 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of North First Avenue regarding a mail theft report. An unknown suspect(s) used a pry tool to access the community mailbox unit. The suspect(s) then stole mail and fled undetected. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

4. At approximately 6:51 p.m., an officer responded to Vons, 745 West Naomi Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The officer discovered the suspect stole the victim's purse from her shopping cart as she unloaded her groceries. He fled in an awaiting grey sedan, possibly a Hyundai Sonata. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'7" with a thin build, seen wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants. The driver is described as a black female with a medium build. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, December 24:

5. Around 10:06 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Torrey Pines Drive regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed the suspects ransacked the residence. The loss is unknown at this time. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

6. Just before 12:15 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of East Santa Clara Street and North First Avenue regarding a battery report. The officer determined an altercation between two transients resulted in the male suspect grabbing the female victim by the shirt and pushing her. The male

suspect then threw the victim's bicycle over a fence and into the flood control area. The suspect has been identified as a 50-year-old male from Arcadia. He is outstanding as of December 30th.

Wednesday, December 25:

7. Around 1:53 p.m., an officer responded to CVS, 9952 Las Tunas Drive, regarding an attempted robbery report. The suspect attempted to rob the cashier by simulating a handgun under his sweater, but ultimately fled emptyhanded. The suspect is described as a white male, 40 to 50-years-old, with brown hair and eyes, approximately 5'5" tall, and 140 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.

8. Shortly after 8:33 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1700 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed the male victim was scratched and kicked after refusing to go out with his intoxicated girlfriend. The 40-year-old female, from Arcadia, was ultimately arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, December 26:

9. Before 6:18 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of West Duarte Road regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 5:30 a.m. and 6:10 a.m. on December 26th, an unknown suspect smashed the rear window and fled with several tools. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

10. Around 3:30 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect created a fraudulent check, forged the victim's signature, and cashed the check without the victim's permission. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, December 27:

11. At about 10:57 a.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of the Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. The victim reported a traffic control employee pushed her for failing to obey his instructions as she crossed the crosswalk. The suspect is described as a 40-year-old black male, approximately 6' tall and 200 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.

12. Just before 1:22 p.m., an officer responded to a condominium complex in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vandalism report. The reporting party discovered the community mailbox had been tampered with and was damaged. It is unknown if any mail was stolen. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

City of Arcadia

VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2020 HOMELESS COUNT!

Interested in volunteering during the annual City of Arcadia's Homeless Count on January 21, 2020? The City of Arcadia in partnership with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, will conduct its annual Homeless Count starting at 8:00pm in the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91006. Arcadia participates annually as one way to comprehensively identify and address homelessness in their communities. Volunteers will receive training on site the day of the count and all materials will be provided. All volunteers must register prior to the count by going to: www.theycountwillyou.org. For additional information, please call Arcadia Recreation and Community Services at 626.574.5113

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Nestled along the rolling foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and Angeles National Forest, Arcadia is a charming, family-oriented community with a population of just over 57,000. Located only 13 miles east from downtown Los Angeles, regional transportation networks like the Metro Gold Line connect Arcadia as a premier residential, shopping, and entertainment destination in the San Gabriel Valley. Arcadia is known for its top-rated schools, iconic landmarks, and serene neighborhoods. Arcadia is an award-winning community having been twice named as the Best City in California in which to Raise Kids and the 2017 Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles County. With the conveniences and amenities of a full-service, mid-size city, Arcadia's "Community of Homes" provides a quality of life that will go *Above & Beyond* your expectations.

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Construction crews will begin to replace the concrete roadway that was damaged and removed as a part of an earlier underground utility project. In order to facilitate efficient and safe roadwork, the 800 Block of South Myrtle, from Walnut to Chestnut Avenues, will be closed to vehicular traffic from Jan. 6 through Jan. 10.

Traffic detours will be established and clearly marked for the motoring public. Additionally, motorists are advised to drive safely and follow all posted detour and construction signage. If possible, drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes.

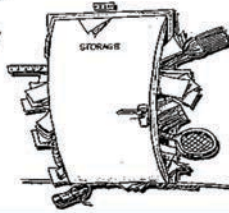
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ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, December 23rd

10:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2800 block of Saint James Place. Suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the windows. No loss reported. 5:30 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 2200 block of El Molino Avenue. Stolen: currency.

11:30 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1600 block of Crest Drive. Vehicle damage: cut weather stripping.

Monday, December 24th

7:00 PM – A petty theft of an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1000 block of Marcheta Street. Stolen: white diaper bag containing clothing.

Tuesday, December 25th

9:30 PM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 400 block of Figueroa Street. Suspect was taken into custody.

Wednesday, December

26th

2:20 PM – Elvis Cabral, 38 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 200 block of Sacramento Street for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. Vehicle was reported stolen from the city of Pasadena.

Friday, December 28th

2:35 PM – Michael Martinez, 30 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Figueroa Drive for public intoxication.

9:20 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 300 block of E. Pine Street. Suspect was taken into custody.

Saturday, December 29th

1:30 AM – A grand theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 3200 block of Thurin Avenue. Stolen: Ace Sonic karaoke player and mixing board with hard drives.

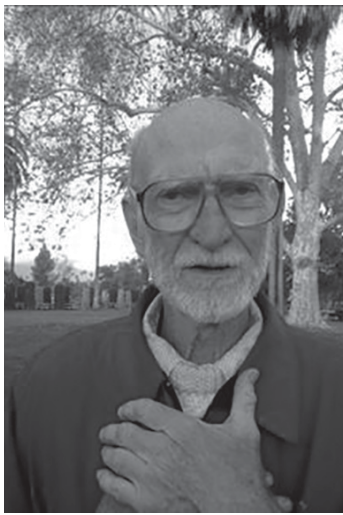
Obituary: David Czamanske

The Pasadena Group and all Sierrans bid farewell to our comrade David Czamanske, who died peacefully in his sleep during the night of December 12, 2018. He was 80 years old.

David grew up in Valparaiso, Indiana, where his father was a college professor. He graduated from the University of Chicago and also studied at the University of Michigan. Later he taught for several years at a boys' school in Uganda, East Africa. He developed his environmental interests in Wild and Scenic River campaigns in the Midwest, and summer work on Sierra Nevada trails.

David was a lawyer, a graduate of UCLA Law School, and he put these skills to work on many Sierra Club campaigns. His special interest was water issues; also he was most recently a consultant to the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) assisting board member Michael Cacciotti. Other campaigns that drew his energy were opposition to the 710 freeway extension, preservation of Hahamongna resources, foothill land use concerns in Monrovia and Azusa, initiatives to get Pasadena and other cities off coal dependency, and many more. He was an avid recycler and counseled others to get aboard also. When he retired, he had been head of the contracts division for the Los Angeles Community College District.

In 1989 the Pasadena Group of the Sierra Club was revived after several years



of no meetings. David was there at those early planning meetings (I was too), as the Group started up its own conservation committee, an outings program, and newsletter Arroyo View. He served the reborn Pasadena Group for years as chair, vice chair, program chair and political chair, as well as hike leader. He started several signature activities of the Group: Evenings in the Arroyo (spring twilight walks in the Arroyo Seco), South Pasadena history walks, and Green and Green architecture urban walks. He led many hikes in our San Gabriel range, favoring those along streams. His most inspired outing was an Angeles Chapter trip to study "three sons of Wisconsin." John Muir, Aldo Leopold, and Frank Lloyd Wright. He led us to the homes of those three and also to nature preserves around the state of Wisconsin. At the Chapter level, he was on the Awards Nominating Committee, the Political Committee, and the Conservation Committee.

Clearly these are big shoes, and boots, to fill. We will honor his work by carrying on these Sierra Club themes he served so faithfully. A gathering to share memories of David will be held later, and we will let everyone know. Written by Elizabeth Pomeroy

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In the first part of this series, we discussed the early warning signs of diminished financial capacity in the elderly. Here, we'll discuss planning strategies that can protect your loved ones from incapacity of all kinds.

With more and more Baby Boomers reaching retirement age each year, our country is undergoing an unprecedented demographic transformation that's sure to challenge our society in many ways. There's been lots of talk about whether Baby Boomers will have enough savings for retirement and the strains the generation will put on Social Security and Medicare.

But there's another issue that's getting far less attention—the coinciding increase in the prevalence of dementia.

Along with swelling senior population, the nation is expected to see a corresponding rise in those suffering from age-related dementia—cases of Alzheimer's alone are expected to double by 2050. While the cognitive decline from dementia affects nearly every mental function, many people aren't aware that one of the first abilities to go is one's "financial capacity."

Financial capacity refers to the ability to manage money and make wise financial decisions. A decline in financial capacity not only makes seniors more likely to mismanage their money, but it also makes them easy targets for financial exploitation, fraud, and abuse.

Last week, we listed six warning signs of a decline in financial capacity. Here we'll discuss estate planning strategies that can help protect your elderly loved ones and their assets from the debilitating effects of dementia and other forms of incapacity.

Reducing the risks
Taking steps to reduce the risks of diminished financial capacity is vital, but stepping in to help manage an aging parent's money without threatening their sense of independence and privacy can be a real challenge. Even if they're aware of their own impairment, many are reluctant to ask for help, and some may even deny there's a problem.

Ideally, you should address the potential for dementia and other forms of incapacity with your senior family members well before any signs of cognitive decline appear. Waiting until they start showing signs of dementia will only exacerbate the complications and could even invalidate planning efforts.

CHAIRMAN SCHIFF STATEMENT ON U.S. STRIKE KILLING IRANIAN GENERAL SOLEIMANI

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement:

"Today, I was briefed on the intelligence that led to President Trump's decision to kill Iran's General Qasem Soleimani. Although I cannot discuss any of the specifics of that briefing, I have several concerns about the increasing prospect of war with Iran.

"There is no question that Soleimani played a leadership role in Iran's malign and deadly activity throughout the region for decades. At the same time, his targeted killing and the U.S. airstrikes that killed Iran-aligned Iraqi militia members have sharply escalated tensions with, and are likely to prompt a response from, Iran. We have been on this path of escalation since the unilateral U.S. withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal and the Administration's imposition of sanctions under the max-imum pressure campaign, followed by Iranian led attacks on U.S. military facilities in Iraq, on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, on oil infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, and other malevolent Iranian action.

"If the Administration had some broad strategic objective in mind or was acting in concert with our allies and making progress towards modifying Iran's belligerent behavior, Americans could have confidence that this latest U.S. strike would make us safer. But if there is some broad strategy at work, the Administration has yet to articulate it. More ominously, it has yet to show that 'maximum pressure' is doing anything but prompting more dangerous and deadly responses from Iran and in-creasing the likelihood of full-fledged war.

"The Administration owes Congress and the American people answers.

"Why was the decision to kill Soleimani made now, when prior Administrations of both parties considered the risk of escalation to outweigh the benefits? What is the broader strategic plan, and why hasn't the Administration been able to persuade our allies of its merits? How does the Administration intend to deescalate and avoid a destructive conflict with Iran that is not in our interests? Will the Admin-istration commit to coming to Congress to seek authorization before taking any fur-ther military action, which is likely to lead us into war?

"The full Congress must be immediately briefed by the Administration on these questions and on any next steps under consideration."

DECEMBER MAD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: SPECIAL RECOGNITION: CPT. FLORES, TEMPLE STATION AND LINDA SELLS; AND THANK YOU, DEPUTY APRIL NELSEN!

By Joan Schmidt

The Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council held a special meeting on December 18 to recognize Captain Dave Flores, Commander of Temple Station and its staff for their outstanding hard work and commitment to reduce crime. Of ALL the LA County Sheriff's stations, Temple Station was at the TOP- it had a whopping 21.1% drop in crime from September 2018-October 2019!

There also was a Certificate of Recognition for Town Council Member Linda Sells, who was one of Senator Anthony Portantino's Small Business Women of the Year. (Also honored by Senator Protantino in this category was Keesha Bowen, Simply Divine, from the City of Monrovia. The City recognized both Linda and Keesha at their City Meeting the previous evening. Keesha also received that honor from Assemblyman Holden!)

Prior to the Meeting, Hector Elizalde from Congresswoman Napolitano's office came and gave us a Certificate to present to Linda. The Congresswoman had prior commitments, but wanted us to congratulate Linda on her behalf! Thank you Congresswoman Napolitano and Hector!

Attending were Carla Boggs, who presented Certificates of behalf of Senator Susan Rubio. Carla spoke so well, and the Town council is so grateful to Senator Rubio.

LASD Commander Coronne Jacob came and spoke of Captain Flores...a long struggle of hard work and leadership



to achieve this reduction in crime. From the City of Duarte Council Members were John Fasana and Toney Lewis. John's an old friend to the Town Council since we first began in 1993. Duarte Library's Joanna Gee and Live Oak Library's Denise Dillely always attend.

After the Recognitions, Deputy April Nelsen, who's been our Deputy for TWELVE YEARS was called up and given a Certificate of Appreciation. She not only attends EVERY meeting with crime stats and suggestions on crime prevention, but looks into other issues and contacts other departments. April was give a standing ovation. Residents LOVE her!

The evening ended with refreshments and a social. It was wonderful.

REMINDERS:
Town Council Meeting, Jan.15, 7pm,
All Nations Church, 1948 Peck Rd, Monrovia

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

DON'T LET DIMINISHED FINANCIAL CAPACITY PUT YOUR ELDERLY LOVED ONES AT RISK—PART 2

Start by having a heart-to-heart conversation with your loved ones about the risks involved with incapacity, and how estate planning can help protect them. Approach the subject with care and compassion. Reassure them that your goal is to make certain they retain as much control over their lives as possible—and talking about the issue early on is the best way to do that.

For example, you should let your aging parents know that if they become incapacitated without proper planning, you'll have to go to court and petition to become their legal guardian. This process is not only quite costly and emotionally taxing, but there's a possibility that the court could appoint a professional guardian, rather than a loved one such as yourself.

A court-appointed guardianship would mean that a total stranger would control all of their affairs—financial and otherwise—which is something they likely wouldn't want. Professional guardianships also open the door for potential exploitation and abuse by unscrupulous guardians, which is something that's on the rise given the sharp uptick in the senior population.

However, unless you have the legal authority to make your parents' financial decisions, your ability to manage their money will be seriously limited. You might be able to work together with them for a while without such authority, but at some point, their cognitive impairment will likely reach a stage where you'll need to assume full control—and that's where estate planning comes in.

Put a plan in place
The best option would be for your aging loved ones to put in place a comprehensive plan for incapacity as soon as possible. This way, they can choose exactly who they want making their financial, medical, and legal decisions for them if and when they're no longer able to do on their own.

There are a number of planning tools that can be used in an incapacity plan, but a will alone is sufficient. A will only goes into effect upon death, so it would do nothing should your elderly parents become incapacitated by dementia.

While a will is important in planning for death, your parents should also put in place planning tools specially designed for incapacity. One such tool is durable financial power of attorney. This document would give you (or another person of their choosing) the immediate authority to make decisions related to the management of their financial and legal affairs in the event of their incapacity.

The downside of financial durable power of attorney is that it sometimes is not accepted by banks and other financial institutions, and you might still end up needing to go to court to get control of your parents' affairs.

A revocable living trust is a MUCH better estate planning tool to transfer control of your parents' financial assets to you without court intervention should they become incapacitated. A revocable living trust, created while your parents have capacity, can plan for the transition of their assets to your care and control in a way that feels safe and secure to them. Bring your parents to meet with us for a Family Wealth Planning Session to learn more about how this would work.

Yet having the legal authority to make your parents' financial and legal decisions is just part of an overall incapacity plan. They'll also need to put in place planning strategies designed to address their healthcare decisions and medical treatment like medical power of attorney and a living will.

We can help your aging parents and other senior family members develop a comprehensive incapacity plan, customized with the specific planning vehicles to match their unique needs and life situation.

Don't wait until it's too late
While incapacity from dementia is most common in the elderly, debilitating injury and illness can strike at any point in life. For this reason, all adults age 18 and older should have an incapacity plan. Moreover, such planning must be addressed well before cognitive decline begins, as you must be able to clearly express your wishes and consent for the documents to be valid. Given this urgency, you should discuss incapacity planning with your aging parents right away.

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It was a Saturday afternoon, and I was sipping organic coffee at Bean Town, the nexus of Sierra Madre, talking with Bean Town's resident artist, Steve Hardy. I was telling Steve about a book that I've slowly been writing, about certain childhood incidents. When my family used to get together for the holidays, it seems we began to recall some of the painful memories of childhood, but, in the retelling, we found them hilarious. These were stories about our parents, the neighbor-hood, adventures, and various light criminal activities of some of our friends and associates. I finally began to write these down, one at a time, a series of vignettes whose only purpose was to record that time in our Pasadena neighborhood.

I told Steve that I wanted the writing to be very honest.

"I knew that I was not the Alpha male of the neighborhood," I explained. I was not the quickest, the brightest, nor the best looking. I was just someone who was trying to survive in a world where everyone else seemed brighter and more able than me, and they all seemed to be in on some great secret that eluded me.

"I did my very best to tell my side of the story as honestly as possible," I explained to Steve, without pretending that I was always brave, or that I always knew what was going on. I found that hard look at truth very sobering, but also very liberating. And I began to see my childhood associates in a new light, when I really worked to be as objective as possible when I recalled certain incidents.

For example, one of the childhood bullies, whom I always feared, was always seen as a tough guy always trying to have a fight. But when I encountered him many years later, and talked with him, and listened to him, I realized that he was not a bully at all. I began to put the pieces together and saw that he himself had been bullied and traumatized by his parents, and he then projected that out to the other children in the neighborhood. I saw that his seeming bully-ness was a result of his own deep-seated fears and insecurities. Of course, none of that changed what originally happened between us, but it did give me greater empathy towards his life situation.

Another childhood friend was often the Alpha Male, the one who knew the answer to every question. Unlike all the rest of us, supposedly, he always knew how to do things, how to fix things, and how to talk with girls. I always enjoyed his company because I could look up to him and learn things, even though I knew there were a lot of things I wasn't actually learning from him. I just enjoyed the experience. I worked at recording many of our experiences together, and in my objective (as objective as possible) telling of the tale, I realized that Mr. Alpha Male was also very insecure, and displayed lots of puffery and pretending, masquerading as knowledge and experience. I realized that mostly in retrospect, but it came through in my writings where I described some of our adventures.

I told Steve that I actually shared some of these writing with this Mr. Alpha, who I thought would laugh with me and enjoy it. Not at all! He was a bit cold, telling me that he hoped I would never publish it and that it was not the way he remembered those incidents.

Steve Hardy found this point very illuminating, especially as we were also discussing the need to review one's life each New Year, and to find ways to do better. You can only improve yourself if you are able to objectively look at your own weaknesses.

But sometimes, we internally re-write our own personal histories, making ourselves more heroic, and stronger, and quicker, and more proactive, than we actually were. This led Steve and I into a fascinating discussion about the nature of human history, and how no two historians are ever in complete agreement, especially when it comes to the fine details of historical events. Steve pointed out that my friend was a classic example of why this is so - we desperately want to have been good people in all ways, even if we were not.

Still, it is the truth that sets us free, and when we cling to our own chosen wanna-be histories, we become slaves to our own lies.

As we continued our discussion, Steve worked away on his latest art piece, an approximately 4 foot by 4 foot blue and gold abstract, which I was very sure was going to be called "Running from the secrets of my past into the Golden Light of Truth." However, the title was a bit long for Steve to fit onto the margin of his art piece, so he only signed and dated it, and left the subject matter up to the imagination of the viewer.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO LUCY?

Happy Tails



It was a sad and somber day for Mike, his wife and their two children. They'd received the dreaded call that Mike's mother of 78 years had suddenly passed away due to a cardiac arrest. Mike's Mother had been fortunate enough to have lived a healthy, happy life and had remained independent in her small apartment until her last moment, and for that they were grateful. But they would all miss her immensely. One family member who would feel the loss of Mike's mother in a particularly unique way was her precious dog, Lucy.

After the family gathered to celebrate and memorialize Mrs. Smith's life and lay her body to rest, the inevitable question arose; "What will happen to Lucy now that grandmother is gone?" Mike was very busy in his important corporate position and when he wasn't working, he and his wife traveled, so he decided having a pet just didn't fit into his lifestyle. Neither of Mike's two children were willing to take the dog because they were simply too involved in their own lives with no time to spare for a dog. They considered the option of taking Lucy to a shelter, but that pup had meant so much to grandmother, it was as if she had left a part of herself behind. The decision would be a tough one to make.

When Mike went to see his mother's lawyer to execute her will, he mentioned his concern about Lucy and asked if he knew of anyone who might take the dog in. The lawyer looked over his spectacles and said, "Apparently you haven't been privy to the content of your mother's will until today." Somewhat perplexed, Mike said, "No, as a matter of fact it never came up. My mom was pretty healthy for her age. We had not anticipated such an untimely death for her."

The lawyer then told Mike, "You most definitely don't have to concern yourself with the welfare of little Lucy now that your mother is no longer with us. Indeed, she made sure that cute little canine would be well taken care of for the rest of her life." Mike had no idea what the lawyer was talking about. "How's that?", he asked, and the lawyer proceeded to explain.

"It seems that your mother must have loved that dog very much. Enough, in fact, to have thought ahead about making provisions in case she died first and left Lucy behind. I guess your mom knew you would not be able to keep Lucy when she was gone, because she left quite a generous chunk of change specifically ear-marked for that lucky pup's future. Lucy will be going to a plush pet retirement home, where she will be loved and compassionately cared for until the day she, herself crosses the proverbial rainbow bridge."

Mike must have appeared to be on the verge of fainting when he heard this news, because the lawyer quickly offered him a glass of water and asked if he needed to lie down on the couch for a bit. Mike kindly declined the offer, and regained his stature before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yep, that was my mom, always watching out for her pets. What else does the will provide for?" The lawyer continued to explain that her personal possessions such as photos, furniture and miscellaneous household items were to be divided equally and civilly among the surviving family members, but she basically left her entire life savings to lucky Lucy!

On his way out of the lawyer's office, Mike recalled a conversation he'd had with his mother a couple of years prior. She'd asked Mike if he would take care of Lucy and give her the love she so deserved, if anything should happen to her. Wanting to be honest with his mom, he'd told her that he'd try to find her a good home, but being so busy pursuing his career and traveling, he really couldn't make time for a pet. He remembered how his mother accepted his response gracefully, and how he'd felt relieved that the conversation ended promptly with no guilt trip. He loved his mother, but he couldn't be bothered with a dog making a mess of his house and yard. He somehow felt justified in the excuses he gave as to why he could not be there for his mother's best friend. My, how he regretted that now!

Some things in life should matter more than others. We each have to decide what our priorities are going to be. In Mike's case, a little inconvenience was not worth accommodating his mother's relatively simple yet extremely important final request, and he paid handsomely for his selfishness. If Mike could have opened his heart and home to his mother's favored four-legged furry friend, not only would he have benefited financially, but he would also have learned that giving a little of himself would result in his receiving an abundance of unconditional love in return. His life would have change remarkably for the better.

Pets are not burdens to be borne, they are blessings to be embraced. People who do not understand, or don't even care to understand the relationship that can be had with an animal is missing out on an amazing facet of life. Folks are so often involved with their own selves, they forget what it is like to give a little, even to a poor helpless pup. I believe God created the animals for many good reasons, but among the most important is their ability to teach us humans such vital virtues as patience, compassion, forgiveness and love. I admonish all who are able, even if it means a shift in priorities, to open up your heart and home to the unconditional love of a pet and I'll bet your life will take on a whole new meaning. Happy New Year everybody. Love and let live.

CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!



SNOW WHITE TWINS

Were you dreaming of a "white Christmas"? Here is a beautiful set of all white twins, age 2. Meet HOPPER & LADY BUG. Sweet Hopper is just simply a loving playful boy, who often likes to give you lick kisses. Lady Bug is sometimes a little shy but sweet, and she does like to play. Guess you could say that Hopper likes to be in

the limelight, while Lady Bug stays behind the scenes. Adopt both with our "Twofur" offer for \$125. They will come spayed/neutered, current on vaccines, and microchipped. See more pictures of them, their videos, and adoption info at www.lifelineforpets.org and click on the Adult Cats page.



Pet of the Week

Cozy (A445435) is so friendly. She cannot get enough affection! When staff and volunteers open up her kennel door she immediately rushes over and starts rubbing against the visitor's arm and purring, eager for attention. She's looking for an owner who doesn't mind some cuddle time after they come home from work, and who would enjoy a cat companion on the couch. Visit 6-year-old Cozy at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA today.

The adoption fee for cats is \$75. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before being adopted.

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

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

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IRS INTRODUCES A TAX FORM CREATED FOR OLDER TAXPAYERS

Dear Savvy Senior:

A couple months back I read that the IRS will be offering a new senior-friendly tax form this tax season that will be easier to use. What can you tell me about this? Paper Filer



Dear Filer:

It's true. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has created a new federal income-tax form specifically designed for senior taxpayers, age 65 and older, that should make filing a little easier this year, particularly those who don't file electronically. Here's what you should know.

Form 1040-SR

Created by the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act, the new two-page simplified federal income tax form is called the 1040-SR. Similar in style to the old 1040-EZ form that the IRS discontinued last year, the new 1040-SR has larger print and better color contrast that makes it easier to read.

In addition, it also includes a chart to help older taxpayers calculate their standard deduction, which may help ensure that fewer seniors neglect to take the additional standard deduction that they are entitled to. For 2019, the additional deduction for those 65 or older or the blind is \$1,300.

The 1040-SR form also has specific lines for retirement income streams such as Social Security benefits, IRA distributions, pensions and annuities, along with earned income from work wages and tips. And, it allows a child tax credit for seniors who are still taking care of a dependent child or grandchild.

You can also report capital gains and losses, as well as interest and dividends on this new form. Any of the tax schedules available to those using the standard form 1040 may also be used with the 1040-SR.

You should also know that the 1040-SR doesn't put a limit on interest, dividends, or capital gains, nor does it cap overall income like the old 1040-EZ form did. But, if you have to itemize because of state and local taxes or charitable giving, then you will not be able to use the new Form 1040-SR.

Paper Filing Advantage

Seniors who use tax-preparation software to file their taxes will be able to generate a 1040-SR, but the new form will provide the most significant benefit to taxpayers who still fill out and file their returns on paper.

Last year, about 88 percent of the 153 million individual federal tax returns filed to the IRS were filed electronically. About 5 percent were prepared using tax software, then printed out and mailed to the agency, while about 7 percent were prepared on paper.

To use the new 1040-SR tax form for the 2019 filing year, taxpayers, including both spouses if filing jointly, must be at least age 65 before Jan. 1, 2020. You also don't have to be retired to use the form – older workers can use it too. But early retirees (younger than 65) cannot use 1040-SR.

To see the 2019 draft version of the new 1040-SR form, go to IRS.gov/pub/irs-dft/f1040s--dft.pdf.

Tax Preparation Help

If you need help filing your tax returns this year, consider contacting the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 4,800 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

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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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

OH, THOSE ALLURING LIZARDLY EYES



After months of planning and rearranging our schedule, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage fi-nally organized a little vacation time for Christmas.

It takes an awful lot of work for her and, I let her work as hard as she wants to work. That's the kinda husband I am.

She scheduled us to stay for several days in St. Augustine. We always enjoy our stay there and look forward to going there. The people who own the motel where we stay are good friends of ours. It is great to get together with friends that you only see once a year.

Being exhausted from a whole year's work, my wife and I looked forward to this time of doing nothing. I did not realize how much work was involved in doing nothing.

We signed in and I went to the room, sat down and just looked around to see where we would be staying for a few days. I looked over to the bed and on the pillow, there was something there. I did not quite know what it was and then I realized it was a lizard.

I love animals of all kinds. I have a hard time killing a fly, so when I saw this lizard, I was delighted. When my delight softened a little, I began to think that my wife does not appreciate the animal world as much as I do. This lizard would not do for her.

Looking at the lizard, I said, "Mr. Lizard, I don't think you should be here. It's not a good idea."

He turned his head, looked at me with his nose up in the air, his big lizardly eyes blinked several times, and then looked away with his nose still up in the air.

"You can ignore me if you want to, but I'm just warning you that the worst part of your day has not begun."

Again, he looked my way with his nose still up in the air, blinking his eyes most arrogantly and then looked away with another arrogant twist of his head. Then he took four steps away from me, his nose still up in the air.

"Don't forget," I explained to the lizard, "I warned you what was coming."

I laughed because I was seeing a stage set for some exciting moments. I could not wait for the door to open and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage walk in and see my little friend the lizard. I on-ly wish I had a bag of popcorn.

The wait was not long and I soon heard the doorknob twist, the door opened and in walked the lady of the hour. Oh, where is my popcorn?

I saw the lizard glance at her, then look back at me, again his nose was in the air and he was blinking arrogantly and then turned and looked the other way. He evidently did not know what he was in for.

Then it happened. My wife looked at the pillow on the bed and said, "What's that?"

Before she got it out, she realized it was a lizard. Few things in life that frighten my wife, but this lizard did, much to my enjoyment.

When she saw the lizard, she screamed and the lizard jumped straight up in the air. When it came down and landed on the pillow, it glanced at me with eyes that looked a little bit frightened. Then he jumped off the pillow and went underneath the bed.

That was not enough for my wife. She ran somewhere, got a broom, came back. I do not believe this lizard has ever seen any woman with a broom in her hand coming at him. At least, not someone like my wife.

She came in, moved the bed and there the lizard was. She started swinging and as soon as she started swinging, the lizard started jumping. Oh, where is that popcorn?

The last I saw the lizard, he jumped out the door and disappeared even though my wife followed him as far as she could go. Then she came back into the room.

She looked at me with one of "those looks" and said very sarcastically, "What are you laughing at?"

I promise you, I did my best not to laugh, but if you would've been in the room with me, you would've laughed too. Nothing is more exciting to me than seeing my wife jump in alarm at a little lizard more afraid of her than she was of him.

For the next few days, whenever my wife looked at me and saw me smiling, she would comment, "You're not thinking of that lizard, are you?"

For once in my life, I was honest. "No, my dear. I was thinking of you."

During the rest of our stay there, whenever we came into our room, my wife searched it from top to bottom to make sure my little friend was not there. You will never know how much I wished that he would have returned. But you didn't hear that from me.

Thinking of that little lizard, I remembered what David said. "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident" (Psalm 27:3).

The only thing we need to fear is God and that is a reverential fear. The fear of God dissolves every other fear.

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SUSAN HENDERSON

Editor/Publisher



This year represents an editorial milestone for me, for if I make it to Volume 14 No. 52, I will surpass the number of years my good friend Jan Reed published a weekly paper in Sierra Madre. Although Jan is no longer with us, before she left, she encouraged me to reach for that milestone and more. I appreciated her encouragement then, and it really keeps me going now!

It is a real pleasure publishing the Mountain Views News but it becomes increasingly more difficult because of the toxic political environment that appears to be hell bent on destroying our country. It is downright depressing for me, because as an adult, an American citizen, as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, there has never been a time that I felt that our Democracy was about to implode and the future of America as we have known it will no longer exist. For those of you who don't know, I have lived through the challenges of the 50s, turmoil and war of the 60s and societal changes of the 70s. What makes the current climate so debilitating is that this destruction isn't because of our differences, or a lack of a moral conscious or greed or hatred, it is because of our inaction and failure to accept that in November 2016, we made a huge mistake. Our democracy is disintegrating before our very eyes because it has become easier for us to allow labels to divide us rather than to stand up and admit that this Presidency is a social experiment gone terribly wrong. Too many (50% of us) will not accept responsibility for what we have allowed to happen and attempt to rectify the situation. We would do better to look through Alice in Wonderland's looking glass for a solution rather than clinging to our excuses.

I looked at an article that I wrote last year this time and nothing has changed, it has only gotten worse. (<http://mtnewsnews.com/v13/htm/n01/p13.htm>). By the way, drop the labels, I'm not speaking as a Democrat or Republican, I am speaking as an American that used to be proud regardless who was in the Oval office.

In the last 12 months we have also learned that Donald J. Trump has absolutely no regard for the rule of law nor for the governing document that has kept this country together for so many years, The Constitution. He has crowned himself King and systematically stripped the 3 branches of government from their mandated responsibilities.

He worries about what people say, his legacy above everything else. He claims credit for things that are the residual effects from previous administrations and **He lies all the time!** As of December 10, 2019, in 1,055 days, has made 15,413 false or misleading claims. (Source: The Fact Checkers Database <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/politics/trump-claims-database/>). The frequency of his lying has increased unbelievably over the last few months. In fact, the Huffington Post said, "President Donald Trump continues to tell lies at a breathless pace." They went on to point out that, "That's an average of 14.6 lies for each of his 1,055 days in office. Trump made 1,999 false claims in 2017 and 5,689 in 2018 — a total of 7,688, the newspaper [Washington Post] reported. He's ramped up the untruths in 2019, however, hitting 7,725 falsehoods with three weeks still to go in the year".

Just think, we impeached Bill Clinton for telling ONE LIE regarding his personal behavior. Actually, Trump makes Clinton's and Nixon's behavior seem sophomoric.

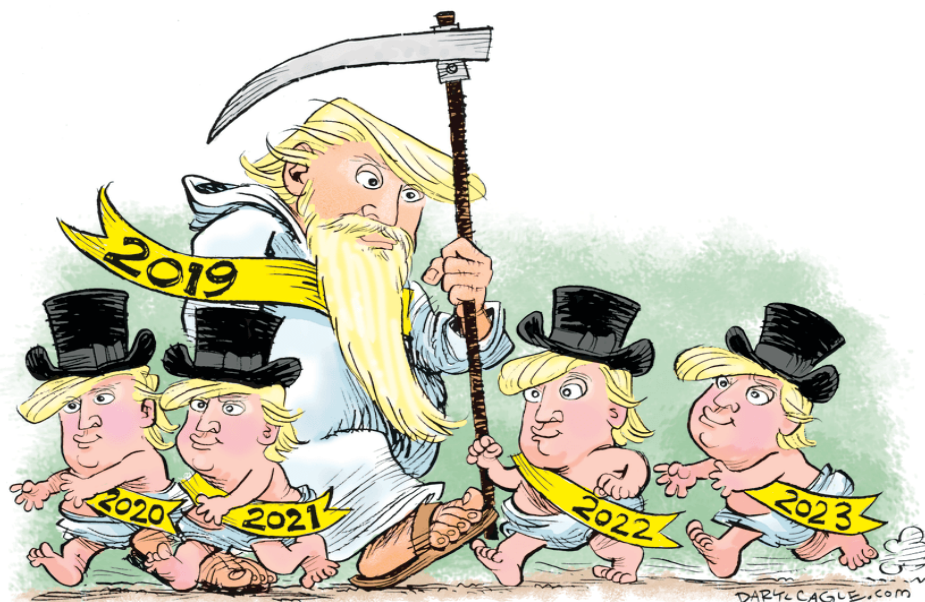
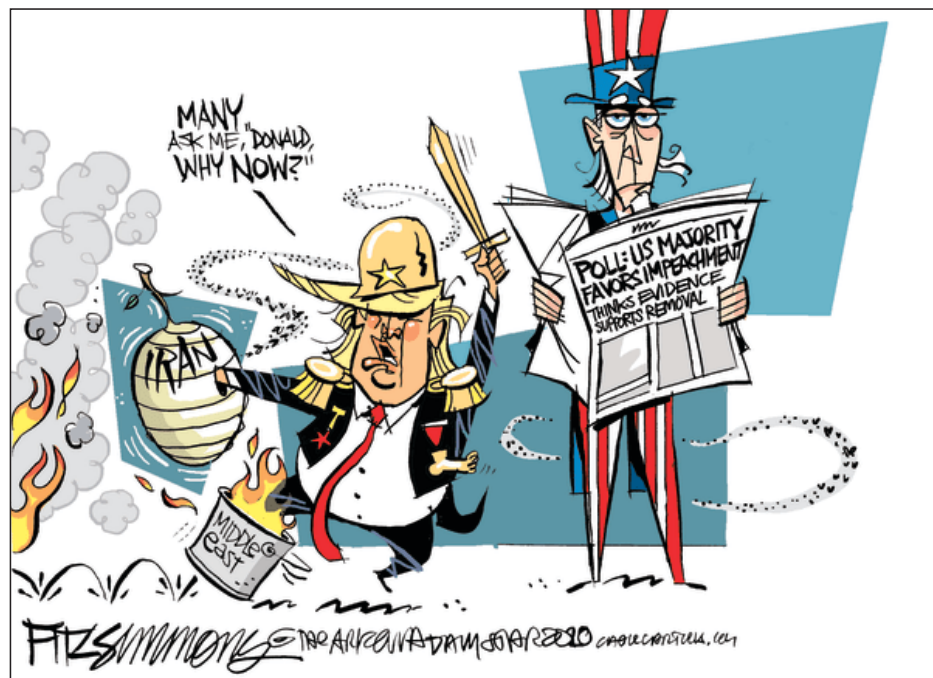
What people don't seem to realize is that Donald J. Trump, unlike any other President that was impeached or threatened with impeachment, broke his oath of office involving indiscretions involving FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS meddling in our affairs. Seriously, did anyone vote for a President that has as his primary confidants every despotic leader in the world, especially Vladimir Putin? As an American, do you really want foreign governments interfering with our elections, usurping the power of your vote?

So we begin 2020 with a serious cloud over our heads. Fear of war or attack from either North Korea or Iran, and even more disturbing, fear that the other people elected to office, who made a promise to God and ALL Americans, will not fulfill their responsibility to the Constitution and the Nation and allow this man to continue on his path of destruction by failing to remove him from office. Impeachment is the only recourse we have and removing Trump from office is the only way to set our country back on track.

To use a phrase used during his campaign, "What do they have to lose?" In this instance, the question becomes, "What Do WE Have To Lose?" The Answer: EVERYTHING! Donald J. Trump has to go. For good. No re-election. Gone from elected office forever. And hopefully if that were to happen, Mike Pence would learn a lesson or two and the Political Parties would provide us with candidates who have the dignity, integrity, moral turpitude, humanity and commitment to the citizens of the United States and the Constitution so we can make an unadulterated informed decision.

Happy New Year! I hope.

IT'S 2020.....NOW WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



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STUART TOLCHIN

MODERN PROBLEMS PORTRAIT OF NARCISSIT



Have you spent any time at all in the recently passed year trying to speak to anyone face to face? It's generally so annoying. First, you have to actually look at one another and pretend you're listening. That's the first problem; while you're looking at them and they're looking at you; well, you know you're making judgments about them and they're making judgments about you. "Why does she not get her teeth fixed?" "Is that a toupee he's wearing?" Can't she do something about those wrinkles?"

Or the thoughts in your head. How much longer will this go on? I've got things to do. I could keep listening while I look at my credit card report but will it look like I'm not listening. Oh, what is she talking about anyway?

Of course, the worst thing on which we all agree is that when you're talking to other people they expect you to not look at your own personal cell phone. What business is it of theirs? Sometimes, I just hope the phone will chirp and I can pretend I'm upset that I didn't put in on mute and actually stop looking at the other person and just hunt around in my pockets and be distracted and then once I get to the phone looking at who's calling and then simply not take the call as a way of showing the other person how important our present conversation is even though I forgot what the conversation was about.

Oh, I forgot the really worst thing about face to face conversation. While the other person is talking I have to not talk. Even though I know what the whole paragraph is going to be about after I hear the first two words of a sentence are out of someone's mouth I have to wait around until the other person at least takes a breath and then try and sneak in my own points which cannot be silenced. Yes, I admit, sometimes I break in and interrupt. It's just that I just can't wait for the other person to come up for air and I just break in and share the really important thing I'm thinking. Then I'm afraid as I say it I have to be concerned about the other person's reaction which is happening right in front of me. That reaction is often irritation and the person resents being interrupted; or they give me that "I've heard that one before look." Or rarely, the other person might actually listen to the point I was making and disagree which could lead to an argument which would make the conversation I really didn't want to have in the first place go on and on.

All this is an introduction to why I LOVE writing these weekly articles. I can make any point I want and develop my thoughts or reread what I have typed and rework it into something precious. Well actually I don't do that very much because generally, at first I don't like what I have written. All right, what's it to you? Sure, I could take more time but you probably won't even take time to time to read it much less think about it. You don't even know who I am and you probably don't even exist.

Well, as you can tell I often have problems with people, even imaginary ones. Recently, I had a cell phone conversation with a former in-law. As far as two person conversations go it was pretty interesting and I told the guy I would send him one of my articles to clarify something. He actually said, "Please don't send me any of your articles." I don't remember what else he said, I guess I stopped listening; but more, importantly I got the clear impression that he had better things to do with his life than read my articles. Well, I never heard such a thing and never want to hear it again. I was shocked! There should be laws restricting what people can say in the presence or telephone presence of another. Now I can't forget what he said or delete it, I have learned my lesson. I will write my articles and allow them to be read only by imaginary people. If anyone actually reads the article I will have forgotten what I wrote about and will be immune to any criticism because I'll be in the process of writing another article and may be able to use the information constructively. Other people can be so helpful, especially when they are not annoyingly in your face.

Actually, I used to love talking to other people. What happened? Modern life, modern complexities, old age, and modern technology that lets us avoid so much that is potentially disagreeable until we notice that there is no one left to talk to but ourselves.

Oh, I almost forgot—HAPPY NEW YEAR---but don't make such a big deal about it!

MICHAEL REAGAN

WORKERS RESIST CALIFORNIA'S NEWEST BAD LAW



I'd like to see everyone have a happy and prosperous New Year.

But I'm afraid a lot of freelancers and independent contractors in California are going to have it tough in 2020.

Thanks to Democrat lawmakers in Sacramento, in fact, hundreds of thousands of part-time Uber drivers and freelance writers like me could lose their jobs or face drastic cuts in their incomes.

The culprit is Assembly Bill 5, the "progressive" new state law that rewrites the rules for part-time "gig" workers and forces companies to reclassify their independent contractors and turn them into full-time employees.

As of Jan. 2, Uber and Lyft drivers, independent truckers, freelance writers, photographers, artists and musicians and the companies who hire their services have to abide by AB 5.

The law, which was originally concocted to destroy the business models of Uber and Lyft and has exemptions for 50 professions, is a cynical and transparent gift to unions from the same Democrats who have been wrecking my one-party state for decades.

AB 5's proud mother, leftwing Democrat Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez of San Diego, claims it's intended to protect part-timers and freelancers from being "exploited" by their evil, greedy employers.

Her law is supposed to provide independent contractors with the same benefits and workplace protections that full-time employees get and – most important to the Democrats – therefore make it possible for them to unionize.

Given its leftist genes, it's not surprising that when AB 5 was signed into law last September unions, progressives and the Uber-hating liberal media were equally thrilled.

The liberal web site Vox, calling AB 5's passage "a historic moment" for U.S. labor, ran the headline "Gig workers' win in California is a victory for workers everywhere."

Ironically, however, Vox itself has become a victim of AB 5.

The law's many arbitrary and inflexible rules about who can work for whom and for how often include restricting freelance contractors at places like Vox from writing more than 35 columns or submissions per year.

Until the other day, Vox's parent company, Vox Media, had about 200 part-time freelancers from California under contract to write for its sports blogging network, SB Nation.

The media company could have reclassified the California freelancers as full-time employees to comply with AB 5, as it's in favor of forcing other companies to do.

Instead, the hypocrites running Vox Media reportedly decided to replace 200 freelancers with just 20 new part-time and full-time staffers.

Meanwhile, AB 5's completely arbitrary number of 35 contributions per year, per "independent contractor" affects me, too.

I'm still figuring out how to legally comply with law, but I can assure that I'm not planning to move out of the state.

The good news in this latest act of liberal political lunacy is that the legal experts say there will be years of court battles over the enforcement of AB5, which has been accused, correctly, of being "irrational, vague and incoherent," not to mention unconstitutional.

The resistance has already begun.

The California Trucking Association has filed a lawsuit seeking an exemption for its 70,000 independent truckers.

Earlier this week Uber and Postmates, the courier services provider, asked a federal court to block the law.

And California's freelance photographers and writers are also seeking a restraining order, arguing that AB 5's rules will destroy their livelihoods.

I wish all the lawyers well in their fight against AB 5, but in the long run, it's probably going take a U.S. Supreme Court decision to undo all its predictably bad and unintended consequences.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: B CUSTOM SHADES 540 N CENTRAL AVE APT 506, GLENDALE, CA. 91203. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIGRAN BABAKHANYAN 540 N CENTRAL AVE APT 506, GLENDALE, CA. 91203. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIGRAN BABAKHANYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/3/2019. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2015. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business 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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File No. 2019320320
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIGNATURE INTERIOR DESIGN 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364; SIGNATURE REALTY LA 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364; SIGNATURE INTERIOR DESIGN LA 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364; SIGNATURE MORTGAGE 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364; SIGNATURE MORTGAGE GROUP 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364; SIGNATURE REALTY 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364; SIGNATURE REALTY GROUP 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SA SIGNATURE HOMES, INC. 2177 VENTURA BLVD #253, WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364. This Business is conducted by: CORPORATION. Signed: SA SIGNATURE HOMES, INC., SONIA KEESEE, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/2019. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2015. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business 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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What's better than a hot drink to warm up everyone during the colder winter months? Coffee, tea and rich, sweet hot chocolate are favorites. What does your family like?

1. sweetener

2. people do this with tea to check its quality

3. hot _____ is needed

4. late afternoon

5. some people "read" tea _____

6. used for boiling water

7. largest grower

of tea

Coffee!

1. _____ - world's largest coffee producer

2. the coffee bean is beanlike, but it is really a _____

3. planted seeds

grow into coffee _____

4. takes about

3-4 years for a coffee tree to grow red _____,

called "cherries" - each

holding 2 coffee beans

5. 100 _____ of coffee cherries only

supplies 20 _____ of coffee beans

6. beans must be _____ (usually in the sun) before they can be stored

7. after drying, _____ remove any layers of skin from the beans

8. beans are green, but they are _____ brown and ground

Tea!

8. teapot + sugar bowl + cream pitcher

+ teacups + saucers = a tea _____

9. cover to keep teapot warm

10. to make a drink by putting tea

leaves in hot water for a while

11. tea grows on a _____

12. lightens the tea

Cocoa!

1. cocoa trees were originally grown

in South and Central _____

2. fruits, called _____, grow on the

branches and trunks of cocoa trees

3. inside them are the _____, called

cocoa beans, which are white

4. the beans turn brown while _____ (sun)

5. a little inside piece of the bean (nib)

is taken from the bean and

crushed into a _____ form

6. the liquid is then mixed with _____,

cocoa butter and vanilla

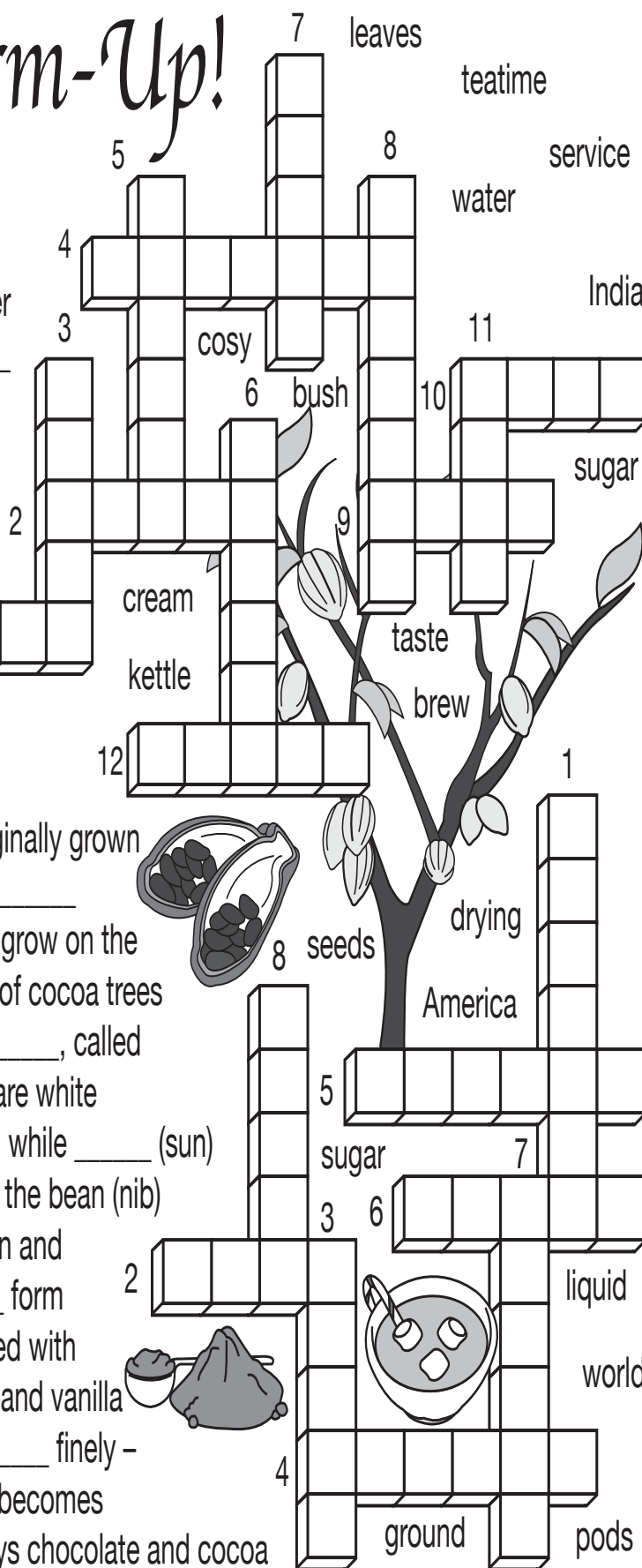
7. the new mixture is _____ finely -

the finer, the richer it becomes

8. the whole _____ enjoys chocolate and cocoa

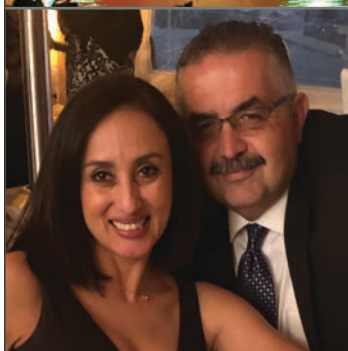
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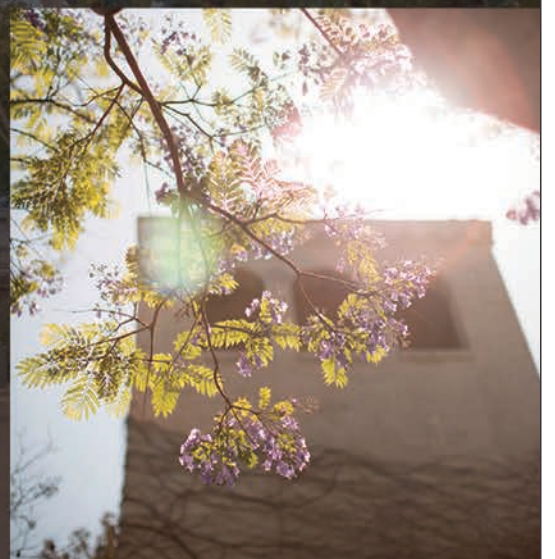
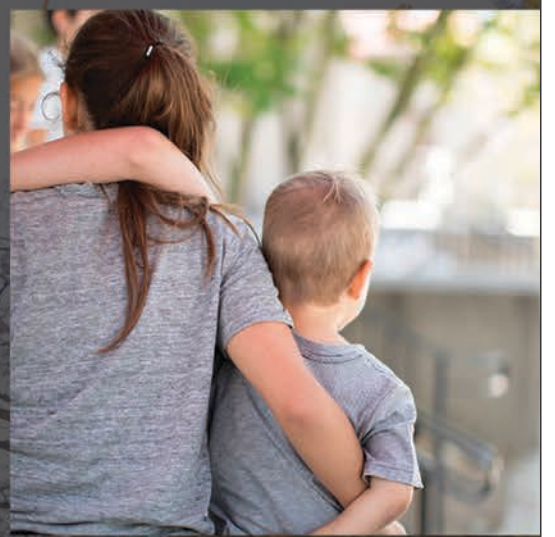
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