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The volunteers of the Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee are pleased and excited to announce that the 2019 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal will be Sierra Madre's very own 2018 George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Awardee Bud Switzer.

Bud, also known as Mr. Pumpkin around these parts, has spent a life in service of others and giving back. Bud has lived in Sierra Madre since he was 10 years old, over 80 years. After High School he joined the National Guard and was activated to the Korean War in 1950. Upon returning home he attended UCLA, majoring in Geophysics working in the oil and aerospace industries. Bud has a lifelong love of hiking in the mountains of Southern California which has included dedicating time to maintenance of the hills of Sierra Madre. He has even run the Mount Wilson Trail Race over a dozen times. He has been involved in local Scouts, is a member of the Sierra Madre's VFW Post 3208 and the originating force behind the Halloween festivities on Alegria. He along with a dear friend were also the volunteers making the Veteran's Photo Wall a reality in Memorial Park. Bud is the best example of what is best about civic pride and service and a perfect Grand Marshal for the Sierra Madre 4th of July parade.

"The Grand Marshal is a person or persons whose efforts over a long period of time has been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person or persons' volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our community."

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/.

SCOUTS NEEDED FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee in conjunction with the City of Sierra Madre has begun planning for the 2019 Sierra Madre 4th of July Celebration. Events will take place July 3rd and July 4th. The Committee is seeking special assistance from local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in grades 6th – 12th to assist with this year's 4th of July Parade. This specific request is for any interested Scout in the required grade who would like to march in the parade on the 4th of July carrying banners for award recipients and dignitaries. Scouts will be required to be in dress uniform and able to carry a banner during the two mile parade route. The parade begins promptly at 10:00 am sharp with staging activities beginning at 9:00 am. This is an extraordinary opportunity for young leaders to represent themselves and the scouting community while participating in a small town celebration representing an All American City. Interested scouts should contact the Committee by emailing 4thofjulysiemmadre@gmail.com

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SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 1412 PROVIDING GENERAL CLEAN-UP OF VARIOUS CODE SECTIONS OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE (SMMC) INCLUDING TITLE 10-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND TITLE 17-ZONING

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

On May 14, 2019, the City Council introduced for second reading Ordinance 1412 recommending adoption of Municipal Code Text Amendment 19-02 providing general clean-up of various sections of the SMMC. This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance 1412 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. Ordinance 1412 will become effective on June 13, 2019. The purpose of Municipal Code Text Amendment 19-02 amends various sections of the SMMC with the intent to achieve consistency and clarity included within Title 10 "Vehicles and Traffic" and Title 17 "Zoning." The Municipal Code Text Amendments accomplish the following: To Adding "utility trailers" to the definition of recreational vehicle; to achieve consistency in notification procedures for ministerial and discretionary applications specific to mailed and posted notices; to utilize the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR Series 523) Forms to determine historic eligibility for structures 75 years of age and older and requiring architectural historians preparing such reports to be certified by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and establishing driveway width standards in the R-1 (One-Family Residential) and R-2 (Two-family residential) zoning districts to be not less than 10 feet in width. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The adoption of this ordinance qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at 626-355-7135.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1413 TO AMEND SECTIONS OF TITLE 17-ZONING TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS FOR LIGHTING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

On May 14, 2019, the City Council introduced for first reading and conducted a public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 1413. The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a second reading of Ordinance 1413 at the May 28, 2019 City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd. All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

Ordinance 1413 amends sections of the SMMC in Title 17 "Zoning" regarding lighting regulations in residential zones. The affected zones are: R-1 (One Family Residential), R-2 (Two Family Residential), R-3 (Medium/High Density), R-C (Residential Canyon), and HMZ (Hillside Management) Zones, respectively.

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On Monday, May 20th, N. Baldwin will be closed between Sierra Madre Blvd. and Carter Ave from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm for road construction purposes.

Temporary "NO PARKING" signs will be posted. Please remove your car from the street before 7:00 am on Monday, May 20, 2019. Regularly scheduled trash collection will occur early Monday morning.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

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

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL

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

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

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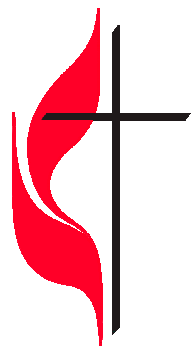
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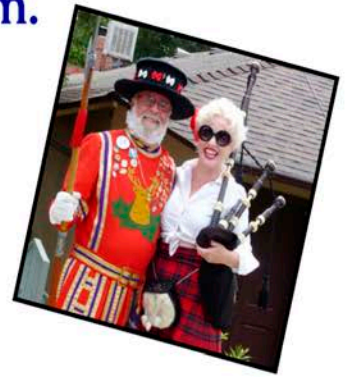
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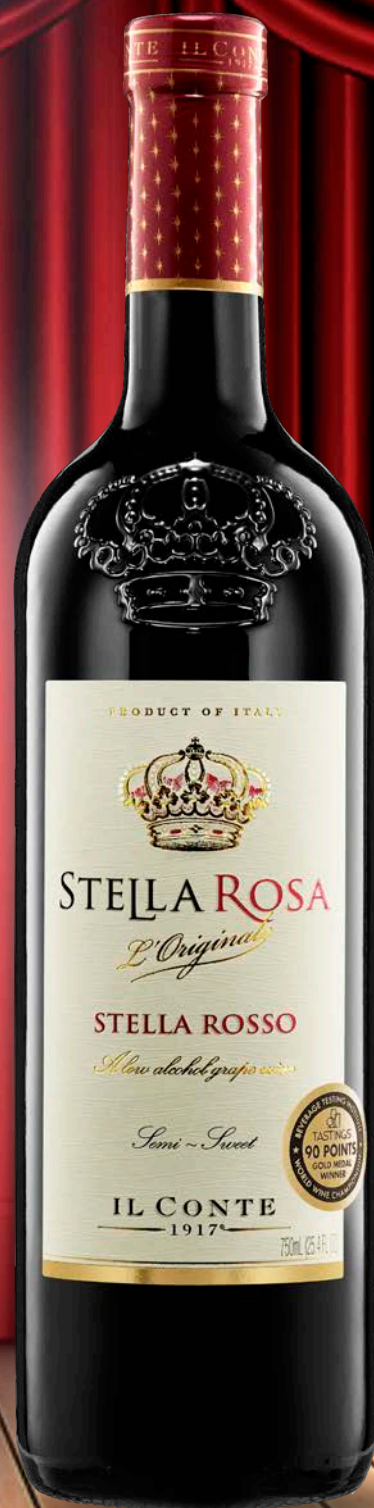
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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

May 5 to May 12, 2019

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 198 calls for service

Theft from a vehicle

Between 8:40AM and 9:00AM, on Monday, May 6, a vehicle burglary occurred in the 100 block of E. Bonita Street. The suspect(s) entered the locked camper shell of the victim's vehicle and removed the victim's gardening equipment. The suspect(s) then fled the scene.

Traffic Collision

On Wednesday, May 8, a traffic collision causing minor injuries and involving 3 vehicles occurred in the 00 block of S. Lima Street at about 1:29PM. The driver's complaint of pain was evaluated by Sierra Madre Paramedics at the scene. The driver was not taken to a hospital and all involved parties left the scene after exchanging information.

Warrant Arrest

Officers picked up a subject from the Claremont Police Department at about 10:43PM on May 9, who had an outstanding warrant from the Sierra Madre Police Department. The subject was taken to Pasadena PD Jail. The on duty jailer searched his property and found that the subject was also in possession of methamphetamine.

Case to DA's office

Suspicious Persons

Officers responded to the 200 block of Foothill Ave. at about 2:25PM on Friday,

May 10 regarding a suspicious vehicle occupied by 2 males and 1 female. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that one of the male subjects was in violation of a domestic violence restraining order. The female subject was found to be in possession of medication without a prescription and she had an outstanding outside agency warrant. Both subjects were arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail for booking. Case to DA's office

KATIE Tse....This and That



BRAIN FIZZLES: EPISODE 5 "8-1/2"

I'm so proud of myself! Despite having zero ideas for an article I still churned out another Brain Fizzle for your weekly pleasure. After four whole months my resolution of not recycling old articles is still live. (Patting my uninspired self on the back.)

The idea for this week's piece comes from one of my favorite movies, Federico Fellini's cult classic, "8-1/2." Maybe "cult classic" isn't the right description, but then "8-1/2" defies easy categorization. "Artsy," is probably more like it.

"8-1/2" is the kind of film moody teenagers gravitate to because they feel it speaks to their inner angst. At least that was my experience when I first saw it back in high school. It's individualistic, yet universal. Primal, yet sophisticated. Unprincipled, yet moral. Essentially the human condition in a nutshell.

The cinematography is great. Hopefully I don't sound like a film snob. I really don't know much about film, except that I know what I like. Movies should be like wine: we should enjoy what we enjoy without passing judgment or worrying about what others think.

Getting back to the cinematography, this is a very visually appealing film. The attached photo is my favorite shot of the main character played by Marcello Mastroianni (rabbit ears added). Is it just me, or do you sometimes feel like he looks? I read somewhere that he had little sandbags stuck under his eyes to make them look puffy and bloodshot. Ha, I'm all over that look without any enhancement necessary! But seriously, to me everything comes together in that shot. The angle, the lighting, his expression. The pathos of it all. Sheesh, I'm starting sound like snob again.

While at PCC I incorporated this picture of Mastroianni into a self portrait for an art class I was taking. They put our work up in the admissions building. Mine was right by where people lined up to wait for their forms to be processed. I'd be walking around campus and people would tell me they recognized me from their time in the line at admissions. My fifteen minutes of fame!



Another thing I love about this movie is the dialogue. I quoted Mastroianni's line in my portrait, "I have nothing to say, but I want to say it anyway." Who knows if that translation's even true to the original Italian. But it speaks to me today just as strongly as it did when I was 18.

Such a universal longing. The understanding that your experience and insight probably isn't new, exciting, or unique, but the desire to express it anyway. Maybe that's part of what makes us human. Maybe that's why I write for the paper. Till the next fizzle...

WALKING SIERRA MADRE by Deanne Davis

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to live." Nora Ephron

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt

"Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. Stay hungry. Stay foolish." Steve Jobs

Yes, friends and neighbors, it is indeed graduation season and Friday before last I attended a really splendid one. My grandson, Luke Matthew Simon, was graduating from the USC School of Dramatic Arts. Already an accomplished actor/dancer/singer, Luke has appeared in many productions. This relatively small graduation, compared to the mass graduation that took place earlier in the day which featured thousands of graduates all wearing cap and gown, accessorized with donuts, coffee and gum, took place in Bing Auditorium and Luke's mom, our daughter, Patti, got herself Uber-ed over there at 7 a.m. to save us all seats for the graduation which started at 11:00 a.m. We were in the second row and thrilled to be there, also thrilled that the rain which threatened all morning didn't materialize.



"Ranked as one of the top drama schools in the world and recognized as a leader in performing arts education, the USC School of Dramatic Arts nurtures artists who will lead, innovate and create the performance and storytelling of the future. Under the leadership of Dean David Bridel, the faculty and administration of the USC School of Dramatic Arts has begun to re-imagine and redefine what it means to train dramatic artists in the 21st Century without losing the rigorous foundational training that has been a hallmark of the School for over 70 years." (From the commencement program.)

Dean Bridel welcomed the graduates and their families by saying, "Thank you! Bon Voyage! Your future begins today. You will turn success into triumph!" Needless to say, there was tremendous applause here. He continued, "Thank you to the faculty who have guided you the last four years, and to the families who have supported you through them." Spirits were high, to say the least!

Two student speakers started the program: Angelica Sarkisyan (BA), told us that we need to be a good person. The most important lesson she learned was you can be a good person and help other people. And that you can give yourself permission to mess up! And to love yourself. That's pretty good advice. The other young woman who spoke, Caroline Haskins (BFA - Bachelor of Fine Arts) shared that art brings light into darkness and to be ready to fuel dreams with a warrior mentality! She ended with: Class of 2019...Break a leg!! These two young women were confident, eloquent, inspirational and brief.

The main graduation speaker was Kristen Bell, currently starring in the NBC series, The Good Place, with Ted Danson. She also just finished recording the sequel to Frozen, which is scheduled to hit theaters this fall. She will also be reprising her role as the main character in Veronica Mars. She is tiny, gorgeous, funny, and the first thing she told us was that she dropped out of college. Kristen's theme was to be nice, that she is nice, and it is amazing what can happen when you're nice. She told us to listen just as fiercely as you want to be heard and that dividends of your kindness will appear exactly when you need them and to build your tribe of friends as they will keep you alive. Kristen's remarks were just what these young people...and some of us not so young people... needed to hear.

The graduates each received their diploma to thunderous applause and a brief statement written by each one, read as they walked from their seat, thanking parents, siblings, professors, friends and, in one case, "my cat, Bobby!" Balloons were released, Pomp & Circumstance played and we were so proud of Luke, pictured here with Dean Bridel.

Hoping that all the graduations that you attended were as terrific as this one was, with a great speaker who was inspirational, funny, and, best of all, brief.

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Star of Wonder the CD is now on TuneCore! Take a look!

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A special thanks to Clime and their participants

We especially want to thank all of you who attended last Saturday's event and we look forward to seeing you again next year for a night of Boot-Skootin', Chili Tasting, and just having fun for a good cause.



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Local Area News Briefs

Suspect Breaks into Pasadena School with Knife

An armed suspect broke into St. Philip the Apostle School in the 1300 block of Cordova St. early Thursday morning, leaving behind a large knife. The kindergarten through eight grade private school is located across the street from Pasadena City College.

According to an email sent by Principal Jennifer Ramirez to parents, a man broke in the school by picking a lock in a girls restroom around 6 a.m.. The man ran off after an alarm went off, leaving behind a large kitchen knife in the restroom. The knife was later found by kids at the school.

Ramirez said she initially used the school's camera system to confirm there was an intruder and called police.

"The police have reviewed the video and conducted an investigation the included dusting for fingerprints and taking evidence," she wrote. "Our security company was on campus today [Thursday] conducting a review of all exterior and interior alarms."

Ramirez also said that there was no staff or students at the school at the time.

"I want to assure you that students were never in any danger," she said. "The safety of students and staff is extremely important to us."

Ramirez also stressed to parents that there was no reason to believe the suspect hid in the girl's restroom.

At press time, Pasadena police had not released a description or images of the suspect. The did however say the investigation is ongoing.

Willard Celebrates Civic Learning Award

Willard Elementary, an International Baccalaureate school, hosted an award presentation earlier this month to celebrate its Civic Learning Award of Distinction.

The Civic Learning Award presentation May 3 featured special guests including Second District Court of Appeal Presiding Justice Lee Smalley Edmon, who presented the award, L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek, Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Brian McDonald, and Board of Education members Elizabeth Pomeroy and Michelle Richardson Bailey.

Guests got a first-hand look at Willard Elementary's International Baccalaureate program, which emphasizes civic education and had an opportunity to interact with students and teachers.

The Civic Learning Award celebrates public schools' efforts to engage students in civic learning and identifies models that can be replicated in other schools. Willard is among six schools in California to earn the Award of Distinction this year.

The Civic Learning Awards are part of Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye's Civic Learning Initiative, a broad and far-reaching effort supported by statewide partners to improve civic learning and engagement in California. Among the initiative's newest programs is "Judges in the Classroom," a pilot effort in four counties to pair judges with local educators to teach students about the judicial branch.



Marines During Welcome Home Ceremony

A welcome home ceremony last week saluted over 200 Marines in front of Pasadena City Hall (pictured above). The event took place May 10.

Last year, these Marines were called to active duty and, during their deployment, conducted training exercises that spanned across four countries in the Indo-Pacific Area, including Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines officials said.

"I'm often reminded that people know Pasadena in a bunch of different ways... some people know us because of the [Rose] Parade on January 1," Mayor Terry Tornek said. "Some know Pasadena as the city of education because of the wonderful schools and institutions in education we have, some people know Pasadena as a city of science because the interstellar explorations housed at JPL and Caltech... some people know Pasadena as a city of prayer, we have lots of churches... and some

know us for nonprofits... but very few people would identify Pasadena as a military town. And yet, we have a nuclear submarine known as the USS Pasadena, and veterans service organizations but most of all we have you."

These Marines are part of the 2d Battalion, 23d Marine Regiment that was originally activated in July 1942 and participated in the World War II campaigns of Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. Of the Marines who seized Iwo Jima, it was said that "Uncommon valor was a common virtue."

Since World War II, Pasadena citizen-Marines have been mobilized many times: Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm; twice during Operation Enduring Freedom; and twice during Operation Iraqi Freedom, during which they participated in the capture of Baghdad. Recently, they were recognized as the best battalion in the entire Fourth Marine

Division.

Many of these Marines live and work in the local area. They provide their services for color guards and military funeral honors, and participate in the Toys for Tots program over the holidays. In case of a natural disaster or emergency, our Marines can augment Pasadena's resources for both planning and response. Six years ago, our citizen-Marines became the adopted sons and daughters of Pasadena when the City Council, joining a movement that has paired cities with U.S. military units since the 1960s, formally adopted the 2d Battalion, 23d Marine Regiment.

Photo by D.Lee/MVNews

Free Mental Health Event Today

Teens and adults are invited to learn about the challenges, societal stigmas, treatment options and other issues related to mental health and wellness at Pasadena's Mental Health Day. The free, educational event takes place today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pasadena Public Library, 285 E. Walnut St. See event agenda.

Pasadena Mental Health Day 2019: "HOME: A State of Mind – Helpful Opportunities for Mental Health Education" is designed to increase awareness of mental illness and challenges, and the resources and tools available to help teens and adults cope with and overcome these challenges.

The event features keynote speakers Tony and Ann Lancaster from Hope Café; a resource fair with helpful information and opportunities for empowerment, services and support; and panel discussions and workshops for teens and adults, including parents and seniors.

Interactive sessions will offer information and coping skills to help bring about healing and wellness. Sessions include Practical Exercises to Release Chronic Stress and Improve Sleep, Mindfulness Practice: Facing Life's Challenges with Awareness and Compassion, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Our Own Voice, and a Youth Empowerment Corner for 12- to 19-year-olds.

Pasadena Mental Health Day is presented by the Pasadena Mental Health Advisory Committee, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Public Health Department and Day One. This year's annual event is funded by the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative.

For more information and to sign up, email Deborah Niblick at d niblick@cityofpasadena.net or 626-744-7279.

Portantino Urges Action Over Space Bank Plan

State Senator Anthony Portantino (pictured) sent his own letter Tuesday requesting the Department of Toxic Substance Control to adopt the recommendations made by the City of Pasadena on the Space Bank Mini Storage Facility Draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW). This request follows up on a previous letter written by Senator Portantino on April 10 requesting an extension of the comment period.

The Pasadena city council voted Monday night in favor of sending a letter to the Department of Toxic Substance Control regarding the Draft Remedial Action Workplan (DRAW) for the proposed Pasadena Gateway Mixed-Use Project.

Portantino said the Pasadena City Council made important changes to a proposed letter to the State's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) stating the city's position on the cleanup on the East Pasadena site. The amendments made in the letter include six recommendations. Portantino added that he is in strong support of Pasadena's letter and is urging DTSC to follow them.

"I am in full support of the City of Pasadena's stance on this issue and urge the Department of Toxic Substance Control to amend and adopt the recommendations made by the city. I join the city's efforts as they pertain to these changes for the Space Bank Draft Removal Action Work Plan. Citizens in Pasadena deserve every possible environmental consideration to ensure the safety of this location," commented Senator Portantino.

In the letter the city is asking for better sampling to investigate



the presence of chemicals used in the design and testing of underwater weapons systems including, hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) and for 2,3,6 -trinitrotoluene (TNT).

The council's concerns also include, soil vapor confirmation sampling and mitigation measures to be implemented in the event soil vapor cleanup goals are not met. Other issues deal with groundwater studies and third-party oversight by an environmental consulting firm.

In related news, A group of residents is threatening to sue over the Space Bank project to build 550 apartments on a former U.S. Navy toxic waste site at 3200 E. Foothill Blvd. The group has set up a [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page with a goal of \$5,500 for legal expenses.

According to the group, The lawsuit would demand:

- FULL site testing and cleanup BEFORE any site development;
- The developer, Pasadena Gateway, LLC, must change building design/construction to include better pollution control---and must bear the full cost for 24/7 HVAC filtration systems and carbon air-filtration systems that will better protect residents from nearby freeway air pollution, including diesel particles and volatile organic compounds.

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Free Tours Set for Open Studios Alta/Pasa/Dena



Meet neighborhood artists, come curious and leave inspired, the descriptive phrase you'll see on the Open Studios promotional materials, and it's a truism. In its sixth year, the Open Studios Tour has grown from just a few artists and three locations participating in 2013, to 70 artists at 25 locations throughout the Altadena and Pasadena areas.

Open Studios Alta/Pasa/Dena offers a rare chance to look inside a real, functioning art studio. It also affords the ability to meet the artist, and to take the opportunity to get a close-up of their work. It's a great way to get to know an artist, expand your knowledge of their work, and interact with other art admirers.

It's also a great way to introduce yourself to retailers and venues around town who offer locally-sourced art, like Hoopla! Emporium on Fair Oaks Ave., McGinty's Gallery, and the Altadena Library, both on Mariposa Street. All three locations will be open and hosting artists during the Tour.

The Open Studios Tour happens every first weekend in June. This year will be Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2. Opening festivities will be held Friday night at the Altadena Library, where food, live music, and a silent art auction will be held. See openstudios.gallery for more information.

Memorial Day Service and a Call for Veterans

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

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ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, April 28th

12:48 AM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 300 block of W. Palm Street. Stolen: black cellphone. 10:00 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 3100 block of Lake Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: gray backpack containing ladies clothing. 1:00 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the area of Lake Avenue and Loma Alta Drive. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: black purse, burgundy wallet, credit cards and other personal documents.

Monday, April 29th

9:48 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2700 block of Marengo Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by prying the door lock. Stolen: unknown.

Tuesday, April 30th

9:00 AM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 3300 block of Rubio Crest Drive. Vehicle damage: shattered front and rear windshields. 11:30 AM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 3100 block of Glenrose Avenue. Suspect was taken into custody. 2:00 PM – A battery occurred in the 3100 block of Glenrose Avenue. Suspect was taken into custody.

Wednesday, May 1st

11:00 PM – Darin Robledo, 57 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of Altadena Drive and Fair Oaks Avenue for possession of a controlled substance

Thursday, May 2nd

4:00 PM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 3200 block of N. Olive Avenue. Stolen: credit cards and currency. 4:23 PM – Jacob Calderon, 37 years old of Cathedral City was arrested in the area of El Sereno Avenue and Woodbury Road for drunk in public. 7:20 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the area of Loma Alta Drive and Monterose Drive. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: beige cloth bag and blue towel. 8:30 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the area of Mount Curve Avenue and Marengo Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: black Michael Kors purse, black wallet, credit cards, iPhone 6, passports, and other personal documents. 5:15 PM – A commercial burglary occurred in the 2300 block of Lincoln Avenue.

Suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the front glass door. Stolen: currency. 6:00 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 300 block of Crosby Street. Stolen: white Schwinn cruiser bike.

Sunday, May 5th

3:15 AM – A battery occurred in the 3300 block of Laurice Avenue. Suspect was taken into custody.

7:12 AM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 400 block of W. Poppyfields Drive. Vehicle was recovered by LASD Altadena in the area of Dabney Avenue.

9:55 AM – Oddis Cole, 63 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 700 block of E. Altadena Drive for possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, May 7th

10:30 AM – A battery occurred in the 3100 block of Glenrose Avenue. Suspect has been identified.

Wednesday, May 8th

7:10 PM – A battery occurred in the 1500 block of Marengo Avenue. Suspect has been identified.

Thursday, May 9th

6:30 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 3100 block of Lincoln Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence by tearing the window screen. Loss: silver MacBook Pro and white Apple charger.

6:45 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 1300 block of E. Loma Alta Drive. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle via unknown means. Stolen: silver Lenovo laptop, black briefcase, keys, black cellphone charger, and a black/white lunch bag.

Friday, May 10th

12:00 AM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 2900 block of Santa Rosa Avenue. Stolen: brown wallet, blue bag, and currency.

12:00 PM – A grand theft occurred in the 1700 block of N. Holliston Avenue. Stolen: heart pendant and various gold jewelry items.

3:10 PM – A battery occurred in the 2100 block of N. Lake Avenue. Suspect has been identified.

3:30 PM – An attempt residential burglary occurred in the 2200 block of Midlothian Drive. Suspect(s) attempted to enter the residence by shattering a window.

4:45 PM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 3300 block of Dabney Avenue. Suspect was taken into custody.

Saturday, May 11th

11:30 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 2900 block of Bargen Way. Suspect was taken into custody.

South Pas Film Screening: To Climb a Gold Mountain



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

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

Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided by the

Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Hospitality Committee.

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

Director Alex Azmi's moving documentary tells the stories of four women of Asian descent who lived in America from the 1850s to the

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

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

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

PASADENA CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MONDAY MAY 20

Public Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall

100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249

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

Meets May 21, at 5:30 p.m. Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S245/S246 (Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

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

May 20 (Special Joint City Council/Finance Committee Meeting to commence at 2:30 p.m.), 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd floor)

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

Meets May 28 at 6:00 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S245/S246 (Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

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

Meets June 11 at 4:00 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (Council Chamber, 2nd Floor)

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

Meets June 19 at 6 p.m. Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (Council Chamber, 2nd Floor)

New Productions Announced at the Pasadena Playhouse



Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman announces four main stage productions for 2019/2020 including new productions of favorite musicals – Little Shop of Horrors with book and lyrics by Howard Ashman and music by Alan Menken, directed by Mike Donahue, and Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun with book by Herbert and Dorothy Fields, directed by Sarna Lapine – and two plays – the Los Angeles premiere of Lauren Yee's The Great Leap directed by BD Wong, a co-production with East West Players, and Alfred Molina starring in the critically acclaimed West End and Broadway hit The Father by Florian Zeller and directed by Jessica Kubzansky. One more production and additional programming will be announced at a later date.

Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman said, "These four exciting shows are a great reason to put down your phone, get off the couch, and head to the Playhouse. We've got two classic musicals with some of the best songs ever written for the theater, stunningly reborn and giving our audiences the chance to experience them in thrilling new ways. Add to that two extraordinary new dramas brought to the stage by two world-class artists, BD Wong and Alfred Molina. Our new lineup will take audiences on a bold theatrical adventure they

won't soon forget."

The two musicals are from different eras – Little Shop of Horrors (September 17 to October 13) is the 1980s R&B megahit while Annie Get Your Gun (Spring 2020) is a return to the Golden Age of Broadway. Both productions take a fresh new perspective to the classic musicals.

The Playhouse Membership Program, a new model of theater subscription, is the best way to see all season productions and experience everything the theater has to offer while supporting the theater and our outreach programs. With a Membership to the Playhouse, patrons simply purchase their package, then book their tickets throughout the year before they go on sale to the general public. They can choose when they want to attend and where they want to sit, and never be charged for tickets to season productions!

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Chu Commemorates 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad

Contributions of Chinese Railroad Workers

May 10 marked the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad, which linked the continental United States from coast to coast and ushered in a new era of American prosperity.

The completion of the railroad would not have been possible without the labor of over 12,000 Chinese railroad workers who helped to build this engineering marvel even in the face of great adversity and racial discrimination. Members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) hosted an event at the Library of Congress to honor the contributions these workers. Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27), chair of CAPAC, issued the following statement:

"150 years ago, the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad marked an inflection point in history that forever changed our nation. It brought tremendous change and growth to the United States by bridging our coasts and facilitating greater economic development and prosperity. But this engineering feat would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of the 12,000 Chinese laborers who made up over 80 percent of Central Pacific Railroad workforce.

They endured treacherous conditions and faced intense racial discrimination, yet their stories are often overlooked in U.S. history books. That's why I was so pleased to host an event at the Library of Congress to highlight the contributions of these Chinese laborers and to honor their role in shaping American history. 150 years after the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, it is more important now than ever that we continue to tell their stories and ensure these pioneers get the recognition they deserve."



SOUTH PASADENA CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

Next meeting June 5

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

Freeway and Transportation Commission

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room, Second Floor of City Hall, 1414 Mission Street

Staff Liaison: Margaret Lin, Manager of Long Range Planning and Economic Development

Phone: (626) 403-7236

Fourth of July / Festival of Balloons Committee

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chamber 1424 Mission Street

Staff Liaison: Anthony Kim, Community Services Coordinator

Phone: (626) 403-7382

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



A free public event to honor the aptly nicknamed "Freeway Fighters," will be presented in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 7. The event will feature the screening of about ten "digital stories" made by local residents.

In them they tell their personal stories about their vital involvement in the 70-year resistance movement to protect South Pasadena from the 4.5 mile Because of the Freeway Fighters' dedication and tenacity, still no freeway runs through it.

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

A partial list of prominent early "Freeway Fighters" includes John J. McCrory, Henry Dreyfuss, Thelma Clark, Ted Shaw, Bob and Bea Siev, Dorothy Cohen, Elizabeth Madley, Harry & Clarice Knapp, Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Wayna Kato, Jess Reynolds, Joanne Nuckols, Sam Knowles, Anita and Diana Stoney,

David Margrave, Jane Matyas, Bill & Mary Lee Harker, Jannie Kwok, Mary Ann Parada and "Fearless Leader" Alvalee Arnold. There are many, many others deserving credit for the still-continuing advocacy work during the duration of the not-yet-ended dispute.

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

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

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

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 5th, through Saturday, May 11th, the Police Department responded to 995 calls for service, of which 120 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 5:

1. Shortly before 1:27 p.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered two fraudulent withdrawals from his checking account. The victim believes the suspect altered legitimate checks and deposited the same check twice. The investigation is ongoing.

2. At approximately 9:57 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 00 block of South Second Avenue regarding a battery report. The officers determined the suspect, a 45-year-old male from Arcadia, was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage when he hit his neighbor. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, May 6:

3. Just after 4:47 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of West Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary report. Sometime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. on May 6th, an unknown suspect entered the home through an open window and fled with a tablet and laptop. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

4. At approximately 6:01 p.m., an officer responded to Savers, 16 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a 48-year-old male from El Monte stole the victim's cellphone from the cash register area. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, May 7:

5. Around 12:22 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime during the previous night, an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and fled with miscellaneous paperwork, the vehicle manual, and change. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

6. Just before 11:17 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Clark Street and Cogswell Road regarding a hit and run traffic collision. Officers located the driver and passenger, both who exhibited signs of being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the driver had a blood alcohol content of .213%. The 27-year-old male driver from El Monte and the passenger, a 25-year-old male from El Monte, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, May 8:

7. At about 8:48 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vandalism report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect spray painted threats in Chinese on her front door. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

8. Shortly after 3:30 p.m., an officer responded to Purrfect Auto, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., an unknown suspect entered a BMW M4 by unknown means and stole the victim's designer jacket and sunglasses. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, May 9:

9. Before 11:23 a.m., an officer responded to Lojeski Field, 601 North Second Avenue, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect used a cutting tool to break into the little league storage building and fled with property. The total loss is unknown at the time of this report. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

10. Around 12:35 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1800 block of Highland Oaks Avenue regarding a burglary report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect smashed a rear window, ransacked the home, and fled with earrings and other property. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, May 10:

11. At about 8:41 a.m., an officer responded to a residence under construction in the 200 block of West Duarte Road regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecured home and stole 19 electrical circuit breakers. The investigation is ongoing.

12. Just before 6:24 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 00 block of Christina Street regarding a threat report. An altercation ensued between two neighbors resulting in the suspect threatening to cut the victim with a knife. The 37-year-old male from Temple City was found to be in possession of a knife and was subsequently arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, May 11:

13. Shortly after 2:50 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Huntington Drive for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the 22-year-old male's breath. The Arcadia resident was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. At approximately 3:28 p.m., an officer responded to a bus stop at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. The victim was waiting for the bus when he witnessed the suspect display erratic behavior. After confronting the suspect, the 23-year-old male from Los Angeles punched the victim in the face. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Arcadia Fire responded and assessed the victim.

BACK AT THE GREAT RACE PLACE AND RACING NEWS

By Joan Schmidt

Can you believe our Flavien Prat was back at Santa Anita the day after he won the Kentucky Derby on Country House? I caught him after Race 1 and said, "I have a card for you." He asked "Why"? LOL! I said, "Congrats on getting married, your brand new daughter, and winning the Kentucky Derby".

There is so much controversy. First, Maximum Security did go into the paths of three other horses; that's why he was moved so far down in the results. However I know Luis Saez did NOT do that on purpose. Even Laffit Pincay Jr. said he agreed with the Derby decision, but had praise of Luis Saez, a very good jockey, felt it was unintentional on Luis' part, and Luis tried to pull him back. I challenge anyone to compete in a race and see what those guys have to do.

Secondly I am SICK of all the publicity about the deaths of horses at Santa Anita. Those deaths upset me. I cried when Battle of Midway was put down. And my personal opinion was racing at Santa Anita should have been halted sooner.

The NBC announcer for the Kentucky Derby infuriated me. He made such a big deal about Santa Anita as if it was the ONLY track, deaths occurred. SHORT MEMORY? A few years back, there were several equine deaths at Del Mar, so the surface was changed. I also learned from people in the horsing business that this has occurred at Gulfstream; also Arizona and other tracks, but it's kept quiet.

Laffit also said he is against 20 horses in a race and I totally agree. That's way too many. I question horses running on those muddy surfaces in torrential rain. However, I am VERY GLAD that Racing is making changes to ensure the safety of horses. Go to a barn and see how greatly loved they are by their trainers and owners. Outsiders don't realize horses are like family members to them.

This Sunday Bob and I went to Santa Anita for Mother's Day. SO great to see Evin Roman, now a Journeyman, who won the Eclipse Award as an Apprentice; Assael Espinosa, Victor's nephew; Ruben Fuentes, who's been winning a lot; and my favorite Cajun Kent Deosrmeaux, who won a great race. Also Iggy Puglisi, who keeps everyone in stitches, returned after an injury and won! Currently, it's a close race for jockey with most wins: Raffi (Bejarano) has one win more than Flavien. Looking forward to the Breeders Cup coming to Santa Anita this year!

COMMUNITY FORUM ON MEASURE A WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 AT 7:00PM AT SANTA ANITA PARK

May 16, 2019 – On March 5, 2019, the Arcadia City Council unanimously placed Measure A - a local ¾ cent sales tax measure on the June 4, 2019, All-Mail Ballot Special Municipal Election. If enacted by Arcadia voters, Measure A would provide locally-controlled funds to maintain public safety and other local services at current levels. Sponsored by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and hosted at Santa Anita Park, community members are invited to join us for a community forum on Measure A featuring Arcadia's City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto on Wednesday, May 22 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Santa Anita Park, Chandelier Room, located at 285 W. Huntington Drive.

"Come learn key background information on Measure A, how it relates to LA County, and what the City would put those funds towards, if this measure were approved by voters," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "We want to make sure community members are educated on the purpose of the sales tax increase."

This Community Forum on Measure A will be an opportunity to hear from City officials and get answers to questions related to the sales tax measure. If approved by voters, funding from Measure A can be used to maintain service priorities identified by the public such as:

- Preventing and investigating property crimes, like thefts and burglaries
- Keeping fire stations operating at current levels
- Maintaining police patrols around neighborhood schools and parks
- Cleaning and maintaining public areas including commercial districts, residential neighborhoods, and parks
- Retaining and attracting local business
- Maintaining the City's finances

Measure A requires annual independent financial audits and public review of expenditures. All funds remain in the City of Arcadia and cannot be taken by the county, state or federal governments.

For more information on Measure A, please contact the City Manager's Office at 574-5401 or visit: ArcadiaCA.gov/MeasureA.

DUARTE

DOG VACCINATION & LICENSING CLINIC ON SAT. JUNE 22 AT DUARTE PARK

DUARTE, CA, May 1, 2019 - In cooperation with VET CARE, the Duarte Public Safety Office has scheduled the annual, low cost Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, June 22, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The clinic will be held at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street, adjacent to the Teen Center.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$10 each, microchip registration for \$25, and other vaccinations will also be available upon request. Participants will also be able to purchase Duarte dog licenses which need to be renewed each year on July 1.

Dog Licensing Fees:

One Year, unaltered \$60

One Year, spayed/neutered \$25

Senior citizens, 65 years and older are eligible for one free dog license if the pet is spayed or neutered.

A \$60 late penalty will be added to the cost, if the license is purchased after August 31.

Remember, all dogs over the age of 4 months must be vaccinated for rabies to comply with state law. With the foothills in our back yard, the chance of your dog having contact with local wildlife is great. Don't hesitate... Vaccinate!

If you cannot make this event your license can be purchased at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. or at the Public Safety Office located in the Target Shopping Center, 1042 Huntington Dr. For more information, call Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.



Flavien Prat and Agent Derek Lawson
COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Duarte Seeks Volunteer to Fill District #7 City Council Vacancy

Application Deadline May 20 @ 6:00 pm

The City of Duarte is accepting applications through May 20 at 6:00 pm to fill the balance of the term for a City Council vacancy in District #7. The successful applicant appointed will serve the balance of the term for the seat that was originally elected in November 2018 and ending December 8, 2020.

City Council District #7 vacancy applications must be submitted to the City Manager's Office at Duarte City Hall (1600 Huntington Dr.) by 6 p.m. on May 20. Physical applications are available at City Hall, Public Safety, and the Duarte Teen and Senior Centers; and an easy to use fillable version is available on the City's website. Interested candidates will also need to submit a current résumé and a 200-word or less statement describing their background, qualifications, and objectives for serving on the Council.

City Councilmembers will interview qualified, prospective applicants during open session as part of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 28 beginning at 7 p.m. The actual appointment will then be made at a special City Council meeting on June 4, with the new City Councilmember formally taking their oath of office at the first June meeting on June 11, 2019.

For more information about how to apply for the District #7 vacancy or about Council service in general, call the Duarte City Manager's office at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

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Jake Pevsner

Jake Pevsner is the 2019 Walk to CURE Arthritis Honoree! Jake is currently 10 years old. He was diagnosed with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) at the age of 6 and diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 8. He has been hospitalized 6 times. Jake is kind, compassionate and athletic. He loves baseball and video games. Join our team and help support the efforts of the Arthritis Foundation who provide valuable resources and programs for kids like Jake.

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Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27)

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR YWCA PASADENA GIRLS RISE LEADERSHIP CAMP

From June 17th though July 12th, the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley will hold its Girls Rise Leadership Camp. This unique, all-girls summer camp will be based at the YWCA Pasadena offices, located at 50 N. Hill Ave, Suite 301, Pasadena, CA 91106, and will run Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

This exciting summer program emphasizes girls empowerment through workshops and team-building exercises, along with technology and art projects. The camp teaches life skills such as healthy relationships, nutrition, self-defense, and physical fitness. Summer camp also incorporates the value of culture through workshops and field trips to the Huntington Library & Gardens, Olvera Street, and the Broad. Additionally, this camp helps girls prepare for the future with diverse female guest speakers, tours of Caltech, Cal Poly Pomona, and Pasadena City College, as well as learning entrepreneurship and civic engagement.

“Our Girls Rise summer camp is a fun and empowering program where tween and teen girls are encouraged to become their best selves. Their self-confidence improves, they know how advocate for themselves, and they can picture themselves going to college or pursuing a career that they might not have previously identified before the summer program. It’s an amazing sight to see every year,” says Executive Director, Jessica Kubel.

The YWCA Pasadena also partners with the Huntington Library and Gardens to bring camp girls into the Huntington to explore art created by female artists, learn plant science, participate in art workshops and lessons in the gardens, and learn about conservation.

Registration for Girls Rise Summer Camp is \$750 for a full four week session, or \$200 per individual week. Scholarships will be given as funds are available on the basis of need. Camp registration forms and scholarship application forms can be found at : <http://bit.ly/GRLC2019>. The deadline to submit scholarship applications is May 31. For more info or questions about Girls Rise Leadership Camp, or to volunteer, please call 626-296-8433 or email Jomie Liu at jlui@ywca-pasadena.org.

About the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley: The YWCA acts via a wide range of programs that strive towards the elimination of racism and the empowerment of women and girls in Pasadena and throughout the Foothill Valley. Learn more and donate to the programs of the YWCA at www.ywca-pasadena.org. (626) 296-8433. The YWCA is located at 50 N. Hill Avenue, Suite 301, Pasadena, CA 91106.

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All Things

By Jeff Brown

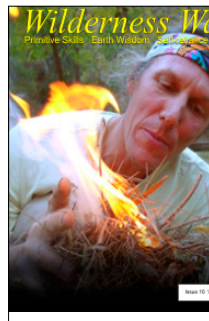
What could be worse than drunk driving? Researchers say the chance of a crash for any reason increased 23 times when the driver is texting. Beware of distracted drivers all the time!!! Americans are dependent on their vehicles, but there's growing proof that many are not fully focused when driving. Cellphone use is causing 1.6 million crashes each year, according to the National Safety Council. The council also reported nearly 330,000 injuries occur each year from accidents caused by texting while driving and that 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving. Here's another troubling finding: texting while driving diverts your eyes from the road for an average of five seconds. At 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. Just ask the

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PROVES FAR GREATER DANGER THAN DRUNK DRIVING

By B.Cornute

folks at Bommarito Automotive Group."It doesn't have to be texting; it can be talking on a phone. You see people going down the street distracted. It can be changing the radio station, messing with your navigation," said Chuck Wallis. Wallis said seven out of 10 cars in the shop are there because of distracted driving. The National Highway traffic Administration reports almost 3,500 Americans died in 2015 in motor vehicle crashes in which distracted drivers were involved. According to a AAA poll, 35 percent of teen drivers admitted to texting and driving, and 21 percent of teen drivers involved in fatal accidents were distracted by their cell phones. Please watch the road and nothing else! The life you lose may be your own and if not that then crippled for life.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



[Nyerges is the author of "Nuts and Berries of California," "Foraging California," and other books. He also leads regular field trips to learn about the uses of wild plants. He can be reached at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

The loquat, also sometimes known as the Japanese medlar, is one of those fruits that seems to be everywhere, and most of it just gets eaten by birds or falls to the ground and rots. It's maturing right now, all over town, and maybe in your yard.

This smallish tree – perhaps up to 15 feet tall -- produces some of the earliest fruit each spring. The plant is somewhat common in California, and fortunately, more and more people are getting to know it, and more importantly, more and more people are beginning to value this sweet fruit.

Loquat's native home is China, Japan, and North India, this evergreen's leaves are broad, and pointed at the end, averaging about 8 inches in length. Each leaf is darker green on the upper surface, and the under surface is lighter green, with a characteristic wooly surface.

The tree produces white flowers in the late autumn, and its golden-yellow fruits are often abundant on the trees. The small oblong fruits can be about two inches long, give or take. The flesh is sweet and free of fibre, and each fruit contains a few large brown seeds. The flavor is sweet, but with a slight sour tang. They're a bit addicting once you get used to them. The fruit is high in Vitamin A, dietary fibre, manganese, and potassium.

If the tree is cultivated in your yard, you can produce some bigger fruits by simply irrigating and fertilizing. If the trees are just allowed to go wild, the fruits tend to get smaller each year, though still delicious. Sometimes in our local wild areas, such as in the Arroyo Seco or along the foothill trails, you can see where someone stopped to have lunch and then spit out the brown seeds, which readily sprout.

I think loquats are great simply chilled and eat-



GETTING TO KNOW THE LOQUAT

LOQUAT (*Eriobotrya japonica*)

en fresh. You can remove the seeds, and serve a bunch of the fruit with some ice cream.

If you're on the trail and you happen upon some loquat trees in fruit at the time, just stop and enjoy a few! They make a great refreshing trail snack.

Once the large seeds are removed, the flesh is sweet and tender and can be readily made into jams or pie fillings. Just use a standard recipe that you already know and like for some other fruit, like peaches, and substitute loquats for the peaches. You'll find that these make an excellent jam or jelly.

Sometimes you'll see loquat jam or jelly at local stores or farmers' markets. Mary Sue Eller, who was a professional cook who sold loquat jelly at the Highland Park and other farmers markets, shared with me her recipes, which is printed in my "Nuts and Berries of California" book. She starts with four cups of fresh loquats, which she washes and deseeded. She puts them into a pot with a little water, 1 to 2 cups of sugar (depending on the desired sweetness), and the juice of one lemon. She cooks it all until it gets thick, and then puts them into sterilized jars. Eller suggests that first-time canners research all the details of such canning (in a book or website) before doing this.

It's pretty easy to grow new loquat trees, and they will produce fruit in a few years. Though they're drought tolerant, they will still produce better fruit if they are watered somewhat regularly and fertilized with some regularity.

The leaves of the loquat are used in Chinese medicine to make cough syrup. The demulcent effect of the leaves soothes the respiratory and digestive systems. I've noted that there is a popular cough remedy which I've purchased in Alhambra herb shops, which contains the extract of loquat leaf as one of the main ingredients. At one of my classes, we prepared a simple infusion with only the loquat leaf. It has a mild but pleasant flavor that everyone found agreeable.

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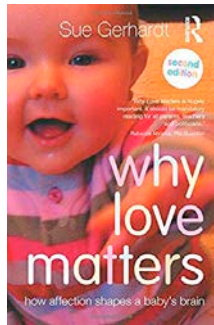
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Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

THE BIOLOGY OF BELIEF 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION: UNLEASHING THE POWER OF CONSCIOUSNESS, MATTER & MIRACLES

by Bruce H. Lipton

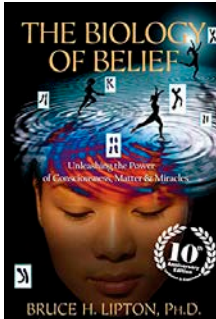


This 10th-anniversary edition of Bruce Lipton's best-selling book has been updated to bolster the book's central premise with the latest scientific discoveries—and there have been a lot in the last decade. The Biology of Belief is a groundbreaking work in the field of new biology. Former medical school professor and research scientist Bruce H. Lipton, Ph.D., presents his experiments, and those of other leading-edge scientists, which examine in great detail the mechanisms by which cells receive and process information. The implications of this research radically change our understanding of life, showing that genes and DNA do not control our biology; instead, DNA is controlled by signals from outside the cell, including the energetic messages emanating from our positive and negative thoughts. This profoundly hopeful synthesis of the latest and best research in cell biology and quantum physics has been hailed as a major breakthrough, showing that our bodies can be changed as we retrain our thinking.

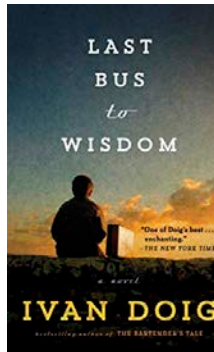
WHY LOVE MATTERS: HOW AFFECTION SHAPES A BABY'S BRAIN

by Sue Gerhardt

The book explains why loving relationships are essential to brain development in the early years, and how these early interactions can have lasting consequences for future emotional and physical health. This second edition follows on from the success of the first, updating the scientific research, covering recent findings in genetics and the mind/body connection, and including a new chapter highlighting our growing understanding of the part also played by pregnancy in shaping a baby's future emotional and physical well-being. Gerhardt focuses in particular on the wide-ranging effects of early stress on a baby or toddler's developing nervous system. When things go wrong with relationships in early life, the dependent child has to adapt; what we now know is that his or her brain adapts too. The brain's emotion and immune systems are particularly affected by early stress and can become less effective. This makes the child more vulnerable to a range of later difficulties such as depression, anti-social behavior, addictions or anorexia, as well as physical illness. Why Love Matters is an accessible, lively, account of the latest findings in neuroscience, developmental psychology and neurobiology – research which matters to us all. It is an invaluable and hugely popular guide for parents and professionals alike.



LAST BUS TO WISDOM: A NOVEL (Two Medicine Country) by Ivan Doig



The final novel from a great American storyteller. Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in Ivan Doig's beloved Two Medicine Country of the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an eleven-year-old's imagination. But when Gram has to have surgery for "female trouble" in the summer of 1951, all she can think to do is to ship Donal off to her sister in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin. There Donal is in for a rude surprise: Aunt Kate—bossy, opinionated, argumentative, and tyrannical—is nothing like her sister. She henpecks her good-natured husband, Herman the German, and Donal can't seem to get on her good side either. After one contretemps too many, Kate packs him back to the authorities in Montana on the next Greyhound. But as it turns out, Donal isn't traveling solo: Herman the German has decided to fly the coop with him. In the immortal American tradition, the pair light out for the territory together, meeting a classic Doigian ensemble of characters and having rollicking misadventures along the way. Charming, wise, and slyly funny, Last Bus to Wisdom is a last sweet gift from a writer whose books have bestowed untold pleasure on countless readers. The 3 reviews are from Amazon.com



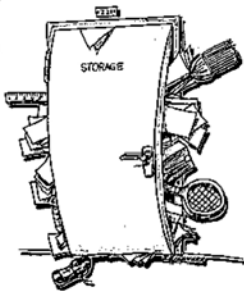
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Katnip News!



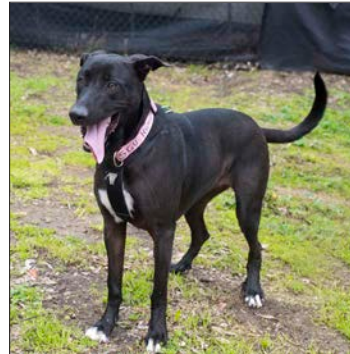
This orange tabby girl, age 2, is active, curious, and playful. She is happy and very friendly, too, especially if she is allowed to rule the roost, or maybe run her own country! She is lovey-dovey on her terms, and welcomes head and neck scratches! She's been waiting a long time, so let's get this deserving girl a forever home with adults only, where she can really blossom. Call to arrange a Meet & Greet, 626-449-1717 and see the adoption application at our website, www.lifelineforpets.org. See more pictures of Molly and her video at our Young Cats page.



GOOD NEWS: Adoptions pending on polydactyls Leo & Micah, and also on Tucker and Norma Jean.

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Pet of the Week

Hi, I'm Bubbles (A473712). My name kind of gives away my bubbly personality. I'm friendly and playful and love giving out kisses. I am known for my unique swagger when I first start out on my walk. I like to curiously zig zag to ensure I don't miss a thing around me! After a few seconds of exploring, my volunteer friends say I'm great on leash! I like going out on the Wiggle Waggle Waggin' on the weekends with my friends. I get to meet so many different people, even kids, who like to pet me! I have a wonderful temperament so I just go with the flow and get along with everyone. I also really like to play with my other dog friends, small or big they all get the same love from me. Come visit me at the Pasadena Humane Society today!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$140. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new home.

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

View photos of adoptable pets at



pasadenahumane.org. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

*** It's all the excitement of a summer music festival with a name to match (but a lot more cats) — it's Catapalooza! Come on down to the Pasadena Humane Society today and Sunday, May 19th for a FREE cat adoption weekend! Thanks to the Pet Care Foundation all adoption fees for cats are covered, and include the spay and neuter, microchip, and vaccines. Much like a music festival, you can check out the "lineup" (adoptable cats) in advance at pasadenahumane.org/pets.

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

JUST ASK!!

Just ask or Houston we have a problem. I think there is a gentlemen's agreement when you go out to eat, you know like unwritten rules.

Know the difference between a busboy and the server
Never snap your fingers at the server
Respect the reservation time
Kids and cell phone are fine but as long as both are on mute
Don't make the server split the check 10 ways
Don't blame the server for the kitchens mistake
Don't use the restaurant for your own personal supermarket



But there are two sides to every story, at least that is this writer's opinion!! One of my favorite restaurants is Houston's. It's called a steakhouse but they do a great job with just about everything on the menu, their communication skills could use a tune up. Recently I was at the aforementioned Houston's and planned for a 7 PM meal, I got there a bit early knowing that there would be a wait, see I am not sure if they take reservations or not, they have changed the policy a few times, checked in with the hostess and decided on a drink at the bar, well you also have to check in with the hostess for that as well, she granted me permission to stand at the bar, I noticed a couple leaving and thought here's my chance, bartender said did you check in? She said hold on, and my second wish was granted, I got to sit at the bar, ordered a \$15 martini, the drink was just about half full and never was asked how it was or offered my change from the \$20 dollar bill, 30 minutes were up and our table was ready right on time. Here's my unwritten rule in reverse, I ordered my steak medium done, and it came out charred (that's Ok) and rare, at no time was I asked how is your steak was it cooked the way you ordered it? For that matter the martini at the bar, so they just assume that everything is going great, I know there a few holes in my story. I should have spoken up!!! Just Ask!!

Listen in on more restaurant stories this Sunday Morning at 8 AM on Go Country 105

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

3 WARNING SIGNS OF A FINANCIAL SCAM



Nobody likes to admit they've fallen for a financial scam, but the fact is, it's easier than ever to get caught up in one. This is especially true in today's all-digital world, where practically every shred of data related to your personal and financial background can be found online.

While no one is forcing you to use the Internet to manage your financial accounts, purchase goods and services, or communicate with the outside world, these days it's nearly impossible to live your life without the web. This net-based existence can feel somewhat unnerving for those of us who came of age while the tech revolution was already underway, but for the elderly, who lived the vast majority of their lives offline, it can be absolutely overwhelming.

Given their lack of tech experience, coupled with the fact that many of them are undergoing varying levels of cognitive decline and sometimes live lonely, isolated lives, scammers view seniors as easy targets. And many of today's con artists are so sophisticated, even the most intelligent and educated can be duped.

To protect your aging loved ones (and yourself) from such predators, it's critical to know the warning signs of financial exploitation. The following are three big red flags to watch for:

1. Unexpected requests

If a family member or friend contacts you out of the blue asking for money, especially via email or text, you should be wary. If the request comes from an unfamiliar email address or phone number, you should be extremely wary. While such requests aren't totally unheard of, never send money unless you can verify the individual's identity.

A popular con, known as the Grandparent Scam, involves someone calling and pretending to be your grandchild. The "grandchild" explains he or she is in trouble and needs money immediately. The caller then asks you to wire the money or give it to a third party, usually someone posing as a lawyer or police officer.

No matter how urgent the caller may sound, you should always verify their identity. One of the easiest ways to do this is by having the person call you back on his or her phone. Or if the individual's phone is dead or lost, you can ask them questions only the actual person would know the answer to, such as the name of their first pet. If they refuse, seem unusually aggressive, or act odd, do not send money.

2. Unsolicited money-making ventures

Whether through a savvy business deal or by winning the lottery, we all fantasize about striking it rich. And if you're retired on a fixed income, this fantasy can be all-the-more alluring. Scammers know this and will use your dreams of easy money to trick you into investing in a too-good-to-be-true venture that promises big bucks for little or no effort.

There are endless variations on this popular con, from wealthy foreign nationals needing assistance transferring money to more legitimate-sounding business deals offering huge payoffs with no risk. These messages sometimes appear as if they were sent to you accidentally, making it feel like fortune has finally favored you—just like you always dreamed it would.

But in reality, strangers don't just randomly offer other strangers incredible money-making opportunities. What kind of trustworthy business person would seek to partner with someone they've never met? And if it's such a great investment, why not recruit someone they know or simply do it themselves? Indeed, any unsolicited money-making venture you receive online from a person you don't know is almost certainly a scam.

3. Requests for personal information

Whenever someone unfamiliar asks you for personal information like a credit card number, Social Security number, or your mother's maiden name, proceed with extreme caution. Ask them why they need this information. Request they verify their identity. Enquire about alternate methods of proceeding that do not require such private information.

Reputable sources will respect your privacy and be more than willing to provide you with identity verification, or at least offer an alternate way for you to proceed without the need for such personal data. For example, if you receive an email request for your credit card number, look up the organization's phone number using a source other than what they provide in the email, and ask if you can call and give your information over the phone instead. Protect your loved ones from all possible threats. By becoming familiar with how such deceptions work and knowing what to look for, you and your loved ones will be far less likely to be conned. At the same time, you should also do everything you can to safeguard your family's finances from other threats that have nothing to do with fraud.

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Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...May Birthdays*



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



HART PARK HOUSE MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May 15th "Mary Poppins Returns" PG 2hr 10 min.



Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time.



SENIOR EXCURSION

California Strawberry Festival (Oxnard)

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00

Level of Walking: High **Lunch will be on your own **Bring money for lunch and souvenirs

The California Strawberry Festival is among the top festivals in the nation with over 50 food booths, contests, rides and attractions, over 200 arts & crafts vendors, concerts, celebrity chef demonstrations and family fun! Direct from the field to the festival, strawberries are the main ingredients for festival fun. A variety of lip-smacking favorites include: strawberry na chos, strawberry pizza, straw-berry funnel cake, strawberry chimichangas, chocolate dipped strawberries, deep-fried strawberries, berry kabobs, strawberry tamales, strawberry shortcake, straw-berry beer, margaritas, smoothies and even strawberry popcorn.

Want to get your groove on? Hot jamz, cool tunes, or just plain rockin'. We've got them all in a spectacular music lineup form some fantastic groups including bands back by your demand. It's all happening throughout our 36th anniversary week-end. This year, we have not one, not two but three stages! That's because last year we expanded the festival grounds by 50%. So now you have more elbow room to bob your head, tap your feet or dance your heart out. Close to 200 artists and craft-ers from across the nation showcase their original works with a festive array of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, children's toys, accessories, photography, textiles, outdoor furniture, jewelry and more.

Non-Resident Registration begins May 2nd and last day to register May 17th.

ADAPTIVE GARDENING: TIPS AND TOOLS FOR OLDER GARDENERS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend some good tools and tips for senior gardeners? My 77-year-old mother loves to work in the garden but over the past few years has been plagued by injuries. Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned:

Aches, pains and injuries are not uncommon among older gardeners. Because gardening is such a physical activity that often requires a lot of bending and stooping, squatting and kneeling, gripping and lifting, it can be extremely taxing on an aging body.

Back pain and knee injuries are most common among older gardeners, along with carpal tunnel syndrome and tennis elbow. To help keep your mom injury-free this summer, here are some tips and gardening equipment ideas that can make gardening a little easier.

Warm Up

With gardening, good form is very important as well as not overdoing any one activity. A common problem is that gardeners often kneel or squat, putting extra pressure on their knees. Then, to spare their knees, they might stand and bend over for long stretches to weed, dig and plant, straining their back and spine.

To help your mom protect her body, she needs to warm up before beginning. Start by stretching, focusing on the legs and lower back. And keep changing positions and activities. Don't spend hours weeding a flowerbed. After 15 minutes of weeding, she should stand up, stretch, and switch to another activity like pruning the bushes or just take a break.

It's also important that she recognizes her physical limitations and doesn't try to do too much all at once. And, when lifting heavier objects, she needs to remember to use her legs to preserve her back. She can do this by keeping the item close to her body and squatting to keep her back as vertical as possible.

Labor-saving Tools

The right gardening equipment can help too.



Kneeling pads can protect knees, and garden seats or stools are both back and knee savers. Lightweight garden carts can make hauling bags of mulch, dirt, plants or other heavy objects much easier. And long-handled gardening tools can help ease the strain on the back by keeping your mom in a standing upright position versus bent over. There are also ergonomic gardening tools with fatter handles and other design features that can make lawn and garden activities a little easier.

Easier Watering

The chore of carrying water or handling a heavy, awkward hose can also be difficult for older gardeners. Some helpful options include lightweight fabric hoses instead of heavy rubber hoses; soaker or drip hoses that can be snaked throughout the garden; thin coil hoses that can be used on the patio or small areas; a hose caddy and reel for easier hose transport around the yard; and a self-winding hose chest that puts the hose up automatically. There are also a variety of ergonomic watering wands that are lightweight, easy to grip, and reach those hard-to-get-to plants.

To find ergonomic gardening tools and the recommended watering aids, check with local retail stores that sell lawn and garden supplies or try online retailers like Gardeners.com or RadiusGarden.com.

Container Gardening

If your mom's backyard garden has become too much for her to handle, she should consider elevated garden beds or container gardening – using big pots, window boxes, hanging baskets, barrels or tub planters. This is a much easier way to garden because it eliminates much of the bend and strain of gardening but still gives her the pleasure of making things grow. Trellises are another nice option that would allow her to garden vertically instead of horizontally.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

UNDERSTANDING THE GRANDPA RULES

As circumstance would have it, and I like to give circumstances due credit, I was visiting my grandchildren without the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Normally, if there is such a status, my wife travels with me when we visit the grandchildren. However, when she is along I do not have a chance. I will not say that she hogs the grandchildren, she does, I just will not say so. As a husband, I know when to speak my mind and when to mind my speaking. The inexperienced husband does not know the difference and pays for it.

With the opportunity before me to go solo with the grandchildren, I determined to make the best of it. I never know when this kind of a situation will repeat itself. When my wife is with me, she always holds the reins, but now I have nobody to curtail my visit with the grandchildren. I am a freelance grandpa.

What many people may not know are the rules governing the successful grandfather. Most people do not know these rules because the most prominent grandparent is usually the grandmother. I'm not complaining, just explaining. Somebody needs to explain this and the sooner the grandfather knows and understands these rules the sooner he can enjoy exploiting his role as grandpa.

The first rule that should be understood is simply this: whatever makes the grandchildren happy makes the grandfather happy. This brings out the unselfish nature of grandfatherhood. It is a wise, not to mention a happy, grandfather who invests his resources in making the grandchildren happy, whatever it takes. I say invest because there are marvelous dividends to be reaped.

This is perhaps the greatest burden the grandfather has to shoulder. Everybody knows how difficult it is to make and keep the children happy. In addition, during the grandfather's visit it should be one long happy adventure.

Another rule associated with grandfathers is rather basic. Jellybeans ARE fruit. Anybody with any kind of common sense can see the different colors of jellybeans and understand that they represent fruit. It is the dutiful responsibility of a grandfather to have an endless supply of jellybeans on his person at all times. After all, children do need their fruit.

While on the subject of food, another rule has to do with vegetables. Every grandfather knows that vegetables are not all that grandmothers say they are. And broccoli...is absolutely forbidden when grandpa is at the table. Another important aspect of eating at the table is, cleaning up everything on your plate is not necessary.

Also, when grandpa is at the table the order of the dinner is drastically changed. For example, the dessert should be eaten first because of the danger of eating too much and not having enough room for the dessert at the end of the

meal.

When going out to a restaurant together for a meal there is another rule that is most crucial. This is something dear to my heart and something I wish to pass on to my grandchildren. Simply put, it is this, a straw has many functions. And the beautiful thing about a straw is it comes with its own supply of ammunition. There are many wonderful things to be done with a "loaded straw."

Another grandpa rule is that noise is welcome and since grandpa is a little hard of hearing, the louder the better. A grandchild yelling like a wild banshee is the music of the gods. And the most important part of this music is all the grandchildren should be yelling at the same time. This idea of taking turns is something that only grandmothers think up.

With the children's health in mind, this next rule is crucial. Jumping on the furniture is good exercise, especially when grandpa hits the ceiling with his head. And because of the great deal of laughter involved in such exercise, it adds to their health and longevity. I read somewhere where laughter adds to your life. Whether it is true or not is immaterial, the fact is children need to laugh and laugh a lot. Grandmothers do not understand.

Then, as long as grandpa is staying overnight, bedtime is merely a goal. This idea of having an exact bedtime is not healthy, especially when grandpa is visiting. Bedtime should be a negotiable commodity, not something that is an exact science. What does science have to do with going to bed at night? Leave science at school where it belongs.

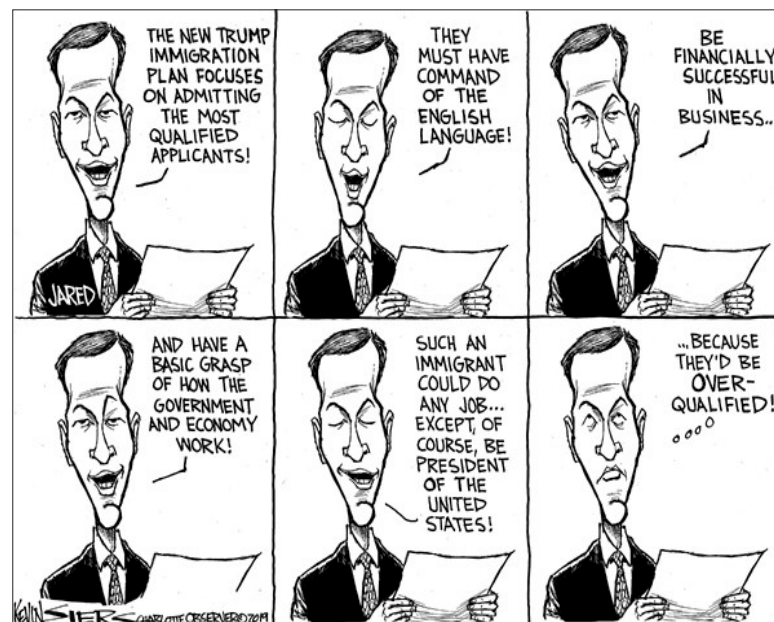
There is one last rule that I need to mention. Grandpa's rules trump everyone else's rules... except grandma's, which is why grandpa needs to visit the grandchildren by himself occasionally.

Understanding the rules enables everybody to enjoy the time together. Without rules, there would be chaos. With grandpa's rules, the chaos is a marvelous harmony of joy, excitement and fun. Every grandchild needs a grandpa who understands the grandpa rules and who has the opportunity to exploit those rules.

There is one rulebook that I go by implicitly. That is the Bible. It is the most profitable book I have ever discovered. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

When you know the rules of life, it becomes a wonderful and exciting adventure.

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TOM PURCELL 'DO OVER' PROMS PURSUE PERPETUAL ADOLESCENCE



Prom season is upon us. We all know what that means: More American adults are doing their proms all over again.

A New York Times headline about a growing number of adults says they are taking "A Second Shot to Have the Best Night of their Lives."

And carry on like a bunch of retrograde adolescents.

The modern prom, reports Slate, "may be traced to the Ivy League and the annual tradition of a 'presentation week,' during which formal dress and dancing accompanied a promenade concert."

Not content with only the well-to-do experiencing the awkwardness and misery of the prom, high schools across America embraced it, particularly after World War II. Now the prom is a rite of passage for American teens everywhere, with many blowing thousands of dollars on their big nights.

But I certainly wouldn't want to do my prom over.

I didn't know my date very well. She was in my photography class, very pretty and, more importantly, still available.

When she agreed to go with me, she greatly disrupted the Bethel Park High School prom-date pecking order. Whereas my date greatly raised my social status - even my friends and family were shocked she'd go with me - I lowered hers. She was awfully sore about it.

"I heard about you," she told me at our pre-prom date. "A regular class clown! You better not show up in a limo, wear a top hat or cane or do anything else to embarrass me!" That set the tone for an incredibly unpleasant weekend.

We got lost on the way to the prom, lost on the way to my friend Cook's cabin in Ohio and lost on the way home. My first foray into the adult world was rough, to be sure - a precursor, regrettably, of many more unpleasant adult experiences to come.

Similarly awkward prom experiences may motivate the growing number of adults trying to "get it right" during a second round.

But there are no "do overs" in life. Didn't novelist Thomas Wolfe make it clear that we "can't go home again"? The prom is supposed to be a teen's first foray into the adult world, not an adult's eager return to adolescence.

That's not stopping ever more "adults" from trying. Too many are not just doing their proms over, they're doing summer camps over, too - another hot trend.

To be sure, a growing desire for perpetual adolescence among today's "adults" is revealing itself all over the place - from delaying moving out of their parents' homes to delaying marriage and parenthood. That same desire leads Hollywood to keep recycling favorite movies and TV shows from their adolescence.

Look, if you had an unpleasant prom experience when you were 18, as I did, those are the breaks.

I wrote an earlier, light-hearted newspaper column about my experience. It was published all over the country.

After that piece ran, I bumped into my old prom date at the grocery store. She still looked great, but, boy, she was really sore now.

It turns out her husband was so delighted by her rare rude behavior - so delighted, for once, that she, not he, was the one deserving a lecture - he carries the column around in his wallet, showing it enthusiastically to total strangers.

The joy I get from that story almost makes my lousy prom experience worthwhile - but certainly not enough to make me want to do the prom all over again.

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WE'RE ONE SUPREME COURT CASE AWAY FROM OUTLAWING ABORTION

Anyone who still assumes that legal abortion is here to stay, and that Roe v. Wade is the settled law of the land, should take a hard look at what's happening right now in red America.

Indeed, to best understand Alabama's passage of a bill outlawing virtually all abortions (even in cases of rape and incest), and Georgia's passage last week of a bill outlawing virtually all abortions at six weeks (before most women even know they're pregnant), and the recent passage of similar six-week bans in Ohio, Mississippi, and Kentucky (even though Roe says that most abortions are legal up to 24 weeks), we need only reference the words of the current president. The same guy who used to give money to Planned Parenthood.

On the 2016 campaign trail, Trump morphed into an anti-abortion zealot. During a televised event in March of that year, when asked how he would ban abortion, Trump replied: "You'll go back to a position like they had where people go to illegal places. But you have to ban it. There has to be some form of punishment (for doctors)."

A ban that would force women to "go back" to back-alley illegal abortions? No wonder the religious right got so excited. Trump promised that, if elected, he'd remake the Supreme Court and ensure that Roe was erased. During an autumn debate, he vowed that his conservative appointees would overturn the 1973 ruling that gives women the right to control their bodies. In his words, "it will happen, automatically."

Duly inspired, the GOP's evangelical base suppressed its qualms about Trump's amoral character and forged a marriage of convenience. It delivered landslide support - favoring him over Hillary Clinton by 81 to 16 percent, the widest margin of any 2016 voting constituency.

And today, duly encouraged by the ascent of Supreme Court justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, conservative allies in various red-state legislatures are concocting draconian anti-abortion laws that are blatantly unconstitutional and will likely be tied up in litigation limbo. But that's precisely what they want, because they're playing a long game. As one key Alabama sponsor says, "What I'm trying to do here is get this case in front of the Supreme Court so Roe v. Wade can be overturned ... This is the way we get where we want to get eventually."

The days of incrementally undermining Roe at the margins - with state laws that require waiting periods, anti-abortion "counseling," various costly regulations that are impossible to meet - are decidedly over. Republicans now believe they finally have five high court votes to kill Roe entirely, thanks to Trump, and they're hoping that their new frontal attacks on abortion will wend their way to the bench for an historic decision.

Their strategy may not necessarily work. Linda Greenhouse, a Yale Law lecturer who covered the court for decades as a journalist, acknowledges that the anti-abortion extremism currently being unleashed in red states is "shockingly aggressive (and) purport to take us back to the pre-Roe regime where abortion was criminal." But Greenhouse also thinks the new laws in Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi and Kentucky are too extreme for John Roberts' majority coterie, and believes the court will simply continue to whittle away at Roe.

"If Roe finally falls, it'll fall with a little push of a pinkie, rather than a frontal assault," Greenhouse said.

Perhaps. But it's clear that the anti-abortion forces, with Washington winds at their back, have all the momentum - and there's a lesson in that for pro-Roe liberals and Democrats, a lesson that never seems to be learned.


Republicans and their religious right allies don't care what the polls say (according to the Pew Research Center, 58 percent of Americans want abortion to be legal in all or most cases, while only 37 percent say otherwise). Instead, they simply act on their convictions. They plan for the long haul and they execute that plan. They forged a transactional pact with Trump because they prioritized the importance of the Supreme Court.

Liberals and Democrats have never prioritized the Supreme Court. One might've assumed that the Democratic base would be ginned up about the court's future composition - given the fact that Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell spent most of 2016 burying President Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland - but nope.

So Democrats - and the majority of women who typically vote for Democrats - are now suffering the consequences. The protections for women, enshrined in Roe 46 years ago, now hang in the balance. In Linda Greenhouse's words, "It's all about the dignity and agency of the female half of the population. And that's what's at stake."

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Market Update :: **Monrovia**

This week the median list price for Monrovia, CA is \$873,500 with the market action index hovering around 46. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 45. Inventory has held steady at or around 52.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

The Market Action Index answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer.

Today

Last Month

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Strong Seller's Market

Home sales continue to outstrip supply and the Market Action Index has been moving higher for several weeks. This is a Seller's market so watch for upward pricing pressure in the near future if the trend continues.

MEDIAN LIST PRICE

MARKET SEGMENTS

Each segment below represents approximately 25% of the market ordered by price.

Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Bath	Age	New	Absorbed	DOM
\$1,838,000	3,620	0.5 - 1 acre	4	3	32	2	0	90
\$1,050,000	2,095	0.25 - 0.5 acre	3	0	66	1	0	86
\$795,000	1,597	6,500 - 8,000 sqft	3	1	78	3	0	45
\$648,000	1,294	6,500 - 8,000 sqft	3	1	63	4	5	65

REAL-TIME MARKET PROFILE

Median List Price

Per Square Foot

Days on Market

Price Decreased

Price Increased

Relisted

Inventory

Median House Rent

Most Expensive

Least Expensive

Market Action Index

\$873,500

\$494

71

27%

4%

10%

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\$3,000

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Strong Seller's Market

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9 Christina Street, Arcadia**\$1,598,000**

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