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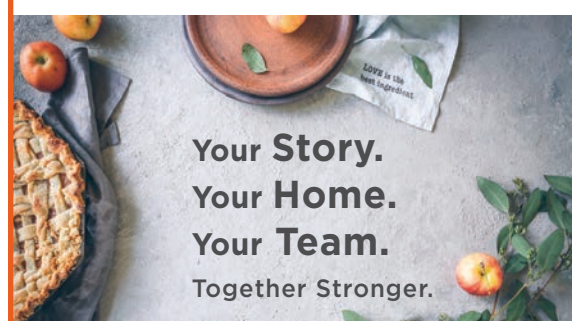
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2. Reprogram the **garage door opener**.
3. Locate the **water shutoffs**.
4. Locate the main **circuit breaker**.
5. Test the **smoke detectors** & carbon **monoxide detectors**.
6. Figure out a strategy to use if you get **locked out** of your home.
7. Read up on your **HVAC system**.
8. Make a list of all your **lightbulbs** inside & outside, and buy **energy efficient** replacements.
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MARGARET QUIGLEY NAMED SIERRA MADRE "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" LEONORA MOSS SELECTED AS "BUSINESS OF THE YEAR"



Above: Margaret Quigley (left) with Chamber VP Carol Cantur-bury and Dr. Quigley in the background. Right: Judith Brandley and the team at Leonora Moss. Photos by MVNews

Exemplary Service Award for outstanding performance as a city employee will be presented to **James Mc Gowan and Kenny Bullock**.

Awardees were selected from nominations received from members of the community.

The awards will be presented at the Honors Dinner on December 4, 2019 in the Sierra Madre Room at the Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. This is the third joint event, as in previous years the Chamber held the Citizens of the Year Dinner and the city held its Volunteer Awards separately.

The event is free, however reservations are required. Please call 626-355-6214 to reserve your seat.

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sierra Madre announced their choices for awardees at the annual Honors Dinner to be held on December 4, 2019. The event will honor those who have made major contributions to the community during the year in an effort to preserve the jewel of the foothills known as Sierra Madre.

Mrs. Quigley was nominated and selected for her tireless volunteer efforts over the years including her current work supporting the Sierra Madre Library.

Leonora Moss, a floral shop located in Kersting Court has been serving the community for more than 20 years and been an active supporter of the community.

Other honorees include:

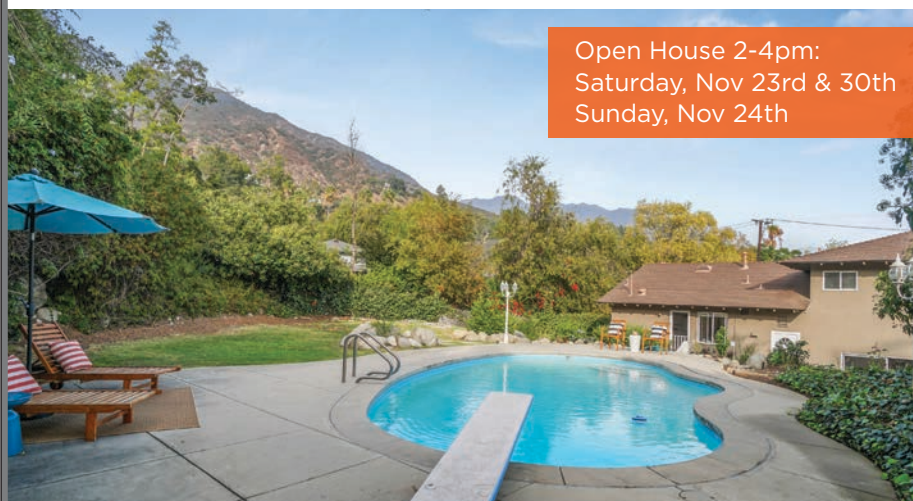
The George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism will be awarded to **Robert Spears**

The Wistaria Award recognizing a City/Community Partnership that assists with providing community wide programs and services will be awarded to **Danny Osti/Osti Tree Service**

The Public Safety Award for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre will be presented to **Brent Bartlett and Lilian Shaw**



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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

November 10, to November 17, 2019

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DUI Arrest

On 11-11-19 at 2:24AM in the 200 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. officers stopped a motorist for a vehicle code violation. During the field investigation it was determined that the driver was driving under the influence, had a suspended/revoked license, was driving without an interlock device, and was in possession of a controlled substance. The driver was arrested and taken to Pasadena jail for booking. Case to DA's office for filing consideration

Traffic collision

On 11/11/2019, at 1:31PM, a vehicle traveling on N. Mountain Trail Ave. at Sturtevant Dr. struck a parked vehicle. Officers stopped the vehicle a few blocks away and the driver was cited.

Theft from a Vehicle

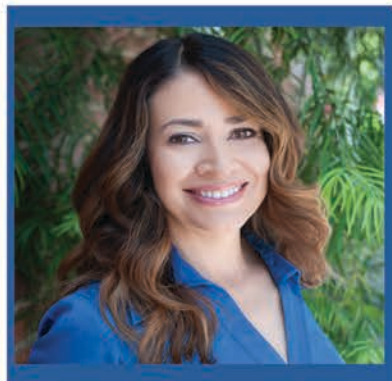
On 11-12-19 at 7:44PM a resident filed a report that an unknown person(s) entered his unlocked vehicle parked in the 100 block of E. Laurel Ave. and stole a guitar and other personal items. Case to Detectives

Traffic Collision

On 11-14-19 at 1:33PM an officer responded to an injury traffic collision between two vehicles at N. Baldwin Ave. and Highland Ave. One driver was transported to a local hospital for treatment by SMFD Paramedics.

Theft from a Vehicle

A vehicle burglary occurred in the 200 block of N. Mountain Trail Ave., sometime between 11-14-19 at 6:30PM and 11-15-19 at 4:00AM. The suspect(s) smashed open a left rear passenger window of the victim's vehicle and took items from the interior of the vehicle. The suspect(s) fled the scene in an unknown direction, by unknown means. Case to Detectives for follow up



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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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

City Council
November 12th at 6:30PM
November 26th at 6:30PM CANCELED

Planning Commission
November 21st 7:00pm, 2019

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

Senior Community Commission
December 5th

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

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission
November 20, 2019 at 7:00PM

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

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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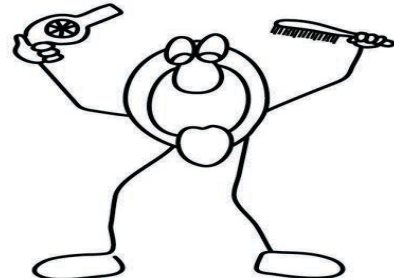
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GIVING THANKS.....

Sierra Madre Women's Club brings the community together for their annual Prayer Breakfast held on last Wednesday.



Above: Members of the club prepared breakfast for more than 100 guests. High School Senior Maila Thomas prepared muffins for the group.

Below, while waiting for breakfast the Welcome was given by President Carol Handley, music was provided by Helen Reese, announcements by Mary Carney and JoAnn Williams served as MC. Ministers from Ascension Episcopal Church, the Baha'i Faith, Bethany Church, the Church of Christ, Mater Dolorosa Monastery and St. Rita's Catholic Church also spoke. Bottom photo: Assemblyman Chris Holden, Councilman John Capoccia, and City Manager Gabe Engeland smile for the camera.



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TURKEY

An inspired title. Well, it's that time of year again. Time for me to recycle my turkey article. This isn't a cherished family recipe for the perfect, mouth-watering bird. It's a comedy of errors that will make you feel better about your culinary skills by comparison.

One year we bought a turkey. Even though we were going to Thanksgiving at our families, we'd never roasted a turkey before, and sometimes it's good to challenge yourself just to see what you're made of.

The cares and concerns of life distracted us, and our turkey languished in the freezer from Thanksgiving till Memorial Day. With a three day weekend stretching out before us, we figured it was finally time to roast our long term freezer guest.

We took him out to thaw, and by Friday he seemed soft to the touch, through the plastic anyway. My husband researched roasting methods and decided brining sounded good. We got Diamond Kosher salt and some infrequently used seasonings. Then my husband noticed that our turkey was "Enhanced."

"Enhanced, huh? Does that mean it wears a double D cup or something?" I joked.

Raising his eyebrows, "It means it's already marinated and we should just go ahead and bake it."

Turkeys go through a complex transformation on their way from slaughter to plate. They get a pop-up timer implant, and their legs are bound with a plastic ring resembling hand cuffs, except these are anchored deep inside its body cavity. Freeing this leg brace wasn't made easier by the fact that, although the skin was soft, inside our turkey was still rock solid.

We weren't supposed to rinse the turkey because its hibernation liquid was the brining solution, but we ended up holding him under running water in an attempt to defrost him. His cavity filled up with water and overflowed into the sink. All the while I'm recalling those antibacterial spray ads that show germs lighting up kitchen counters like a Christmas tree. After much work digging around the turkey's knees, my husband finally dislodged the last icebergs of turkey juice and freed the legs from their handcuffs.

Then came the rub. My husband managed to massage a mixture of herbs and spices into all the unwieldy turkey's nooks and crannies. Turkeys get their revenge by being particularly clumsy to handle, shifting their weight in sagging skin as soon as you get a grip on them. In doing so, my husband discovered a few feathers that had somehow made it through the packing plant.

"Door prizes!" I told him.

Every so often we checked back with the directions. They told us to remove the neck, giblets, and a gravy bag from the body cavity. Just like a treasure hunt. Try as we did, we couldn't find the giblets. It also didn't help that neither of us were sure what giblets looked like.

"It's not that big in there," my husband said. "There aren't a lot of places they can hide."

We gave up and figured if we came across them it'd be like finding a toy in a Cracker Jacks box. One of the Food Network chefs had suggested putting an apple inside with cinnamon sticks. We didn't have cinnamon sticks, so I cut up an apple and sprinkled it with cinnamon before stuffing it inside. That was my sole contribution, other than moral support.

When it was finally time to pop our turkey in the oven, we realized with its legs free, he overhung the baking dish. We searched for a larger container but found nothing.

"Maybe I can put the ankle braces back on," my husband said, fishing the cuffs out of the sink.

After a short struggle he refastened the legs in their restraints and secured the whole thing back in the cavity. By now we were ready for a break while the bird baked.

For the next few hours we checked the turkey and speculated on whether the drippings were burning, since dry-brined birds weren't supposed to produce much liquid. But at the eleventh hour (not really, but it felt like it) the turkey exuded a lot of juice and that we were able to use with the gravy pack.

When it was finally done, my husband freed the legs from their ankle cuffs and peered inside the cavity.

"Oh my gosh, I found the giblets!" he exclaimed. "They exploded!"

The exploded giblets turned out to just be the apple slices, a bit puffy from the heat. At last the turkey was ready to eat, and for first timers, it turned out better than expected. After a few days of eating it, we even came across the giblets, still encased in their little bag. Like a prize at the end of the rainbow.

*Have a great Thanksgiving, and check out my novel, "A Year at Apex" in paperback and ebook on Amazon and Barnes & Noble! It's got more excitement than a of couple first-time cooks roasting a Memorial Day turkey.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

Commentary - My last of a three part series

IS THE CUSTOMER ALWAYS RIGHT?

What ever happened to the TV and Radio Commentary? A commentary is simple, one person's opinion on an event, a happening or a live event, well that's what I got when I googled it. I plan to offer a commentary here every now and then. Obviously these are social commentaries and are not aimed at a person, ethnicity or any certain restaurant. Basically things that happen to you and me on a daily basis. If you have a counterpoint I'd love to hear it, these commentaries are also available in print, you just need to join my mailing list! That is easy just go to my website diningwithdills.com and contact me and of course on Tuesday we have our podcast available just type in Peter Dills and subscribe.

Here we go again!! , Last week we spoke of why we apologize when we know darn well we did nothing wrong. This week I discuss the age old is the customer always right? First off NO !!! I know here in California our restaurants resources are being squeezed with rising costs, especially

minimum wage. I read a story on a passenger on Southwest airlines that every time she flew, which apparently was very frequent, she'd send a letter of complaint. After 15 of these letters the "complaint" dept gave all the letters to the CEO, his response, he wrote her a handwritten letter simply saying best of luck we'll miss you!! Andrew Cherng owner of Panda Express tells me that the customer isn't always right but we have the mindset that we want them to be satisfied. I hear stories from friends that own restaurants of the customer eating the entire dish and then complaining that they want their money back. The phrase "The customer is always right" was originally coined by Harry Gordon Selfridge, the founder of Selfridge's department store in London in 1909, and is typically used by businesses to:

Convince customers that they will get good service at this company
Convince employees to give customers good service
Fortunately more and more businesses are abandoning this maxim – ironically because it leads to bad customer service.

My opinion? I gave it away but I know there are just people out there that complain, the customer is usually right, but some people and restaurants just don't Mix !!

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

Walking Sierra Madre, Arizona or just about anywhere this time of year is a delight, pure and simple. There are still pumpkins here and there on folks' porches, which will last for months, till the squirrels, or in my case, the rabbits, find a weak spot and devour them. The bunnies, lovingly referred to here as "Spawn of Satan" as they will consume plants overnight that one has lovingly planted, hoping the rotten bunnies won't like it. The little stinkers seem to eschew oleanders, Mexican Petunias, lavender, cactus and lantana. Yes, it's OK to have pumpkins and Christmas lights simultaneously and I can hardly wait to get my laser light projectors shining snowflakes all over the front of the house. And I won't even mention the lighted reindeer with nodding heads John absolutely loathed but I simply adore!

Our Thanksgiving menu is planned with the old traditional favorites to go along with the turkey, but I'm adding a pumpkin-cream cheese pie which made my mouth water just reading the recipe. Mashed potatoes, turkey breast, honey baked ham, creamed spinach as always, but best of all, is inviting family and friends to share the feast and all the familiar family stories. Like this one, but I know none of you folks have ever had the following experience...

The Ghost of Thanksgivings Past

The Festive Bird is in the stove,
And time now for a nap.
I laid me down, closed my eyes,
And at the window heard a tap.

It's far too soon for guests to come,
I need a little peace!
The stuffing's ready, cranberries chillin',
Pies overflow with pumpkin fillin'.

The tap just keeps on at my window,
But I'm not gonna look!
There's nothing more for me to do,
This is one tired and sleepy cook.

So I snuggled deep down in my afghan,
Turned my head the other way.
I don't care who's at that window,
They can tap all day.

Off I went to slumberland and dreamed a lovely dream,
A kitchen, clean and washed and spotless,
everything just right.
But then I dreamt a dreadful dream,
That made me shriek with fright!

The tapping at my window,
More insistent grew.
And what was out there tapping,
I'll now describe to you.

The Ghost of my Thanksgivings Past,
A turkey that was huge!
Tapped his enormous beak at my window,
And loudly gobbled.... "J' accuse!"

"Fifty Thanksgivings, and more," he said,
"Since you walked down the aisle.
So many turkeys you've served up,
With sweet potatoes and a smile."



"All those turkeys come and gone,
And still your gravy's awful!
And the year the turkey hit the floor,
Should be declared... unlawful!"

"Most of them were nicely done, I'll give you that," he said.
"But some were cooked so badly,
You should have ordered Chinese instead!"
What an awful dream, I thought, as I cowered in my bed.

The Ghostly Turkey wasn't finished,
With his accusations many.
And I, offering excuses,
Discovered I hadn't any!

But then he smiled and said to me,
"Your crimes are all forgiven.
For those who've gathered at your table,
Have rejoiced and laughed for hours."

"We turkeys relish meals like these,
They are sweet as summer flowers!"

Enjoy today, with friends and family,
gathered 'round your table,
Give thanks for health and joy and peace...
Then share this Thanksgiving fable."

And with a last gobble...gobble, the Ghost of
Thanksgivings Past,
Flew up, up, and away...
And I heard him exclaim, ere he flew out of sight...

"Happy Thanksgiving to all...
And for heaven's sake, learn to make better gravy!"

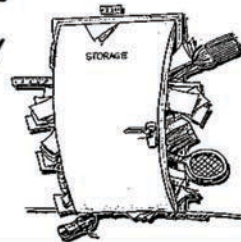
Hope your Thanksgiving will be the best one ever!

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Thanksgiving Holiday Closures and Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and most City services will be closed on Thursday, and Friday, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Specific closures, exceptions and reminders are noted below.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. Always call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies. For non-emergencies, call (626) 744-4241. If you "See Something, Say Something," Report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and make payments through the automated phone system at (626) 744-4005 or online at: PWPweb.com.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be closed Thanksgiving Day and will reopen Friday, from 8 a.m.-noon. You can contact the CSC via the web or by calling (626) 744-7311. Regular trash and recycling collection for Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) will occur on Friday and Friday's collection will occur on Saturday, Nov. 30. Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride transportation programs will not operate on Thursday but will resume regular service on Friday. All parking meters are free and parking time limits will not be enforced on Thanksgiving Day, but shoppers are advised that all regular meter enforcement will resume on Friday. Violations for overnight parking restrictions, red curb parking and blocking fire hydrants will continue to be issued both days.

All Pasadena Public Library sites will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday and will remain closed the following two days. The City's Permit Center and Payment Centers will also be closed Thursday and Friday.

All recreation and community centers operated by the City's Human Services and Recreation Department will be closed on Thursday and Friday but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

Celebrate responsibly and always designate a sober driver.

For more info visit: cityofpasadena.net.



Auto Dealership Could Displace Charter School

By Dean Lee

The city council Monday night heard, for the first time, a proposed 100,080 square-foot vehicle sales and service development proposed at 2915 E. Colorado Boulevard by Rusnak Group. If approved, the project could displace artWORKS part of Learning Works Charter School.

Rusnak submitted to the city a Predevelopment Plan Review (PPR) application proposing a two-story vehicles sales and service building, accessory battery/parts storage building, and an automated car wash. City Manager Steve Mermell said it would be a new Porsche dealership.

The project would also completely remove Nina Street at Sunnyslope Ave. and demolish buildings at 2914 East Walnut Street something both city council members and Pasadena Heritage members took issue with. In 1994 the buildings became an eligible historic resource. The site is also home to artWORKS school.

"It's a school that takes in all of the Pasadena Unified School District's expelled kids," Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton said. "So, when looking to do this I hope there is some sort of plan, maybe from us on our side, or the property owners as to where this school would go? Because, without this school, Pasadena Unified School District would not be able to serve the needy population of

kids that Learning Works and artWORKS takes on."

Mermell said the city would explore any options for the school and PUSD to be helpful.

Councilmember Gene Masuda also said he was concerned with the building being historic, "I'm hope there could be something that could somehow built around it?"

Andrew Salimian Pasadena Heritage Preservation Director said the 2914 East Walnut building and the new project overlap slightly.

"We invite Porsche to come here and we think it's a great project, we just want them to move it 25 feet to the east and I think we can get everything that we want without sacrificing anything and they get a historic building."

According to the city staff report "In the last 10 to 15 years, Pasadena has experienced the closure or relocation of many vehicle sales businesses from the city, including Ford, Chevrolet, Acura, Mercedes, Saab, Chrysler, and Jeep." This has had a large impact on tax revenue they said.

Councilmember Andy Wilson said Rusnak was moving Rusnak/Pasadena Porsche from 325 W Colorado Blvd to 2915 E. Colorado Blvd., something confirmed by city staff.

The project still needs Environmental Review, Public hearing review, Design Commission review and final approval by the city council.



artWORKS, 2914 East Walnut Street. Top 2915 E. Colorado Blvd. Photos D. Lee/MVNews

Operation Letters to Santa

As the Pasadena Jaycees' longest running project, Operation Santa has touched the lives of thousands of children since 1934. Letters to Santa can be sent through December 20.

Children in the Pasadena area can write letters to "Santa," and a team of volunteers will read and record it. From there, toys are donated, collected and purchased to best meet the requests of each individual child. Children with greater needs will be given higher priority. While Operation Santa was originally rooted in the Christmas holiday, children from all backgrounds and religions are encouraged to write letters to celebrate the season. Do you or someone you know want a visit from Santa over the holidays? Or do you know someone in your community who could use a little extra support at Christmastime? Details about writing letters to Santa below.

Letters can be submitted at opsanta.com or by mail to: Santa Claus, 474 W. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91103. Be a Santa

Every year Pasadena Jaycees send out roughly 60 Santa teams to fulfill the toy delivery. Each team is given their own route, commonly with between 5 and 10 homes to deliver toys to in the evening on Christmas Eve. Sign-in and costume check-out will occur in the morning, and the Santa teams will regroup in the late afternoon for a group meal and to receive instructions and head out on their routes! Interested in being part of a Santa team?

On December 24, those groups of Santas, Mrs. Clauses and elves will hand deliver the collected toys to each child who wrote a letter. Sign-ups for those interested in volunteering as part of a Santa team or volunteering for more non-Santa roles (letter reading, toy sorting, etc.) visit: opsanta.com.

Donate Toys.

Want to donate toys to Operation Santa? You are welcome to purchase the toys of your choosing and drop them off at our office (please email opsanta@pasadenajaycees.org to coordinate a drop off). We also offer toy barrels and gift tag garlands for you to have at your office or place of business.

Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade this Sunday



The Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade celebrates 42 years of irreverent frolicking on the streets of Pasadena this Sunday with over 85 unique entries joining in the fun from all over Southern California.

Queen Jesselynn Desmond and Grand Marshals Seismo Sue and the Seismo Sistahs lead dozens of inventive, if zany, if zany, art cars, floats, and a legion of revelers past the mom-n-pop shops along East Pasadena's shady tree-lined streets with a memorable cast of local eccentrics, disruptors, political pundits, lone wolves, steam punks, makers, and merrymakers.

Doo Dah steps off at 11am. Immediately following the event, many after-parties will take place in the Parade vicinity. The Parade loops along Colorado Boulevard, between Altadena Drive and San Gabriel Boulevard, in East Pasadena. Start location is 2627 E. Colorado Blvd. The event is always free-of-charge to the public.

Doo Dah will also welcome first-time entries Heads of Hair Band, Mother Earth & Monarch, When Life Gives You Lemons, Nova Star, Cookie Monster, The Church of the SubGenius, Running with the Clowns, Tiki Kiki's Moon Girl, Piano Team, Taco Car, Universal Basic Income YangBots, Monkey Boy and the Wild Tiger, and Tortilla Village. Entries also include perennial favorites: the Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums, RoboBee, Flying Baby, LA Derby Dolls, Wisdom Arts Lab, Golffin, Rock 'n Roll Preservation Society, Murrugun the Mystic sword swallower,

Recumbent Revolution, the Auto-ettes, Firewall of China, Toy Soldiers, Samatronics, among many others. Jingle Balls Junior College Marching Band will close the parade and ring in the holiday season. And... not a rose will be harmed in the making of this parade!

Known as the twisted sister of the conventional Rose Parade, the Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade began as a grassroots event in 1978 to gain national attention for its eccentric and, often, irreverent satire. The parade which has spawned numerous off-beat replicants across the country was even highlighted in last year's Wall Street Journal. It was also named by Readers Digest's "America's Best Parade," and was featured in the book 50 Places You Must Visit Before You Die. To recount the fascinating and confusing history of Pasadena Doo Dah Parade since 1978, please visit our website's ARCHIVES page. Anyone wishing to participate, visit our website or call!

Plenty of street parking is available ~ Parade route is also just west of the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station (at Colorado Blvd. and Sierra Madre Villa). City busses go directly to the area. Call Uber or a cab.

Official After-party: American Legion, 179 N. Vinedo St. (2 blocks from Parade at Vinedo & Walnut) immediately following the event. New Astroturf and Queen Ruby Chard & the FunGuys, dancing, cheap food and drinks!! \$3 cover.

For more information go to: pasadenadoodahparade.info.

Thanksgiving at Senior Center

Membership in the Pasadena Senior Center is not required

Gobble gobble! The Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will offer a traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings Thursday, Nov. 28, at noon. They'll even do all the cooking and cleanup, so all anyone has to do is come! Diners will sit comfortably

at beautifully decorated tables and enjoy a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving meal in a festive and fun atmosphere, accompanied by piano music performed by Morey Wolfson. Prepaid reservations must be received at the Welcome Desk no later than Tuesday, Nov. 26. The cost is only \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members of all ages.

For more information visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

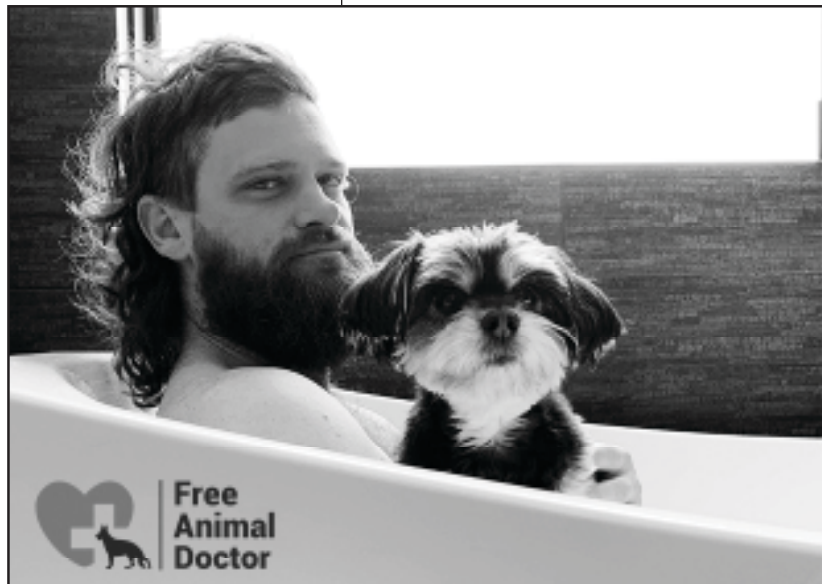
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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 10th, through Saturday, November 16th, the Police Department responded to 977 calls for service, of which 113 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 10:

1. Shortly before 10:49 a.m., an officer responded to an apartment complex in the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a mail theft report. The officer discovered the community mail box had been pried open and mail had been stolen. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
2. At approximately 11:52 a.m., an officer responded to the 99 Ranch Market parking lot, 1300 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a lone child locked inside a parked vehicle. An investigation revealed the child's father, a 64-year-old male from Temple City, left him inside the vehicle while he went grocery shopping. Arcadia Fire responded to evaluate the child. The father was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, November 11:

3. Just after 4:33 a.m., an officer responded to a carport in the 1100 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim witnessed the suspect enter his vehicle by unknown means and flee with tools and a cellphone. The suspect is described as a heavy-set female in a hooded sweatshirt. She fled in a SUV. The investigation is ongoing.
4. At approximately 8:59 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Longden Ave regarding a residential burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) burglarized a home that was under a fumigation tent sometime between November 9th and November 11th. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, November 12:

5. Just before 8:34 a.m., an officer responded to Hampton Inn, 311 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed a female suspect entered the hotel then entered various unsecured rooms and fled with an unknown amount of stolen property. The suspect is described as a female in her early 30's with dark hair. The investigation is ongoing.
6. Around 9:43 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department regarding a telephone report of a battery that occurred at Holy Angels Church, 370 Campus Drive, on November 7th. During a funeral service for a family member, an estranged mother grabbed her daughter by the arm leaving the victim with abrasions and a laceration. The suspect, a 60-year-old female, is outstanding at the time of this report.

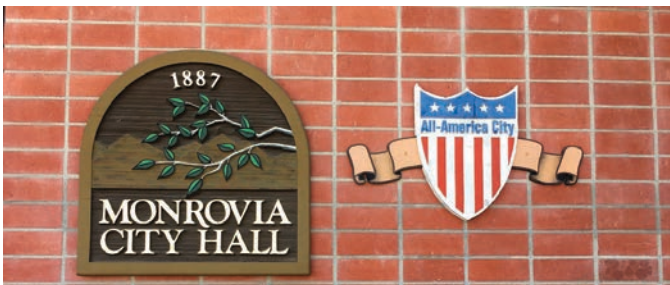
Wednesday, November 13:

7. Around 7:35 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2300 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect opened a fraudulent account in her name and charged \$1,229.00. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information or the identity of the suspect.
8. Shortly after 2:49 p.m., an officer responded to Rite-Aid, 165 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a robbery report. An investigation revealed two unknown suspects stole various bottles of medication before being confronted by a store employee. The employee attempted to hold onto the basket containing the stolen merchandise but the suspects held onto the basket causing the employee to fall. Both suspects fled in a black, four-door sedan. The suspects are described as a black male and a Hispanic female. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, November 14:

9. Before 9:20 a.m., an officer responded to Church in Arcadia, 630 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke a window sometime during the previous evening. The investigation is ongoing.
10. Around 9:18 a.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed the female suspect used a fraudulent ID to open a line of credit at Kevin Jewelers and made a fraudulent purchase of \$5,400.00. The suspect is described as a 35 to 45-year-old Hispanic female. The investigation is ongoing.

RESPONSE TO STATE AUDITOR REPORT LISTING MONROVIA AS BEING IN POOR FINANCIAL HEALTH



From The Office of the Monrovia City Manager

Recently, the California State Auditor released a report that named Monrovia as the #10 California city facing fiscal challenges. Regrettably, the State Auditor did not reach out to the City for the latest financial data before publishing these findings, and the information used was outdated and focused on narrow pieces of data. Over the past week, the City thoroughly reviewed the State Auditor's report, and we wanted to take this opportunity to respond to these findings:

The City previously posted the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is the most recent audited financial document, not the Fiscal Year 2016-17 report, which is what the State claims.

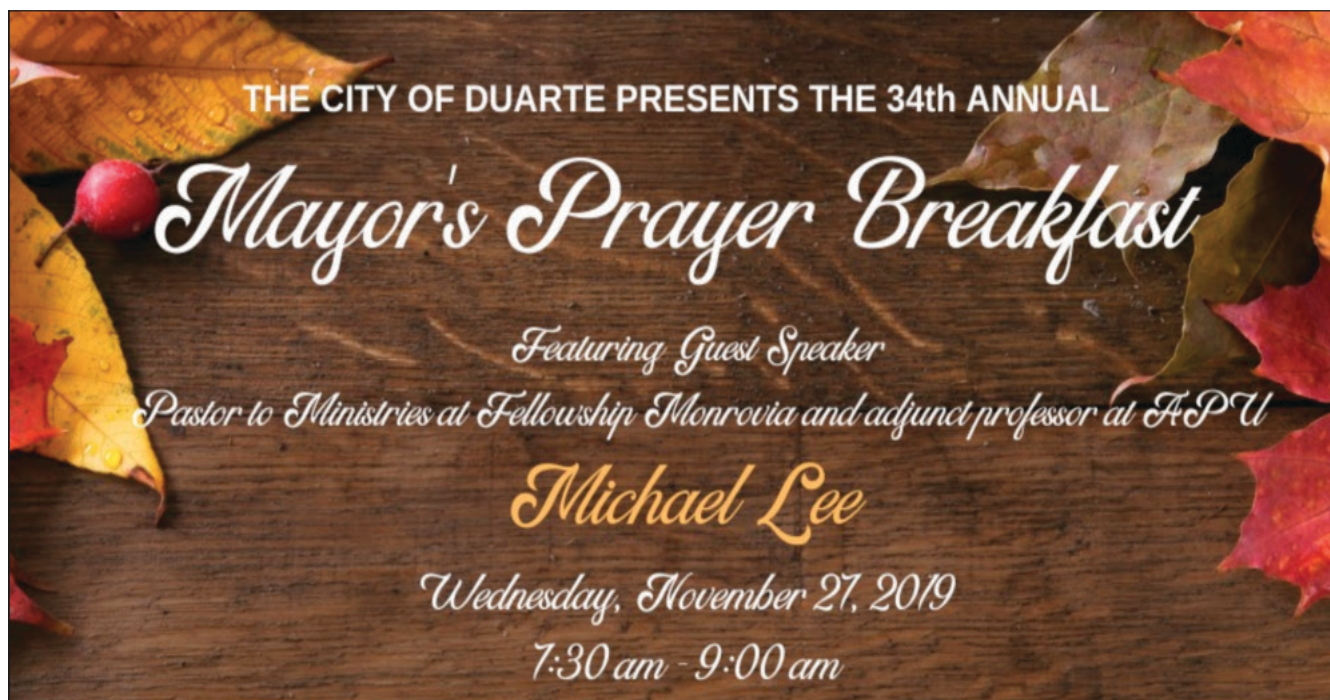
The City has undertaken several significant and meaningful actions between 2015 and the present to address the financial condition of the City, including the CalPERS Response Plan, the Fiscal Resiliency Plan, Issuing \$112M in pension obligation bonds, 5-year Water and Wastewater Rate Increases, Increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Bed Tax) by 2%, establishing Community Facilities Districts on new significant developments, and many other activities that have helped put the City on a solid financial footing. So far, none of this appears to be included in the State Auditor's Report.

The State Auditor's Report had a very strong focus on debt burden and retirement obligations. The City issued Pension Obligation Bonds in December 2017 to pay off all of the City's existing unfunded accrued liability and pension liability debt, thereby stabilizing pension liability payments at a uniform and level annual amount. The issuance of these bonds is expected to save the City over \$43 million in interest costs over the next 30 years. Additionally, Council has adopted a funding policy that outlines how and when any new future pension liabilities that arise are paid off. Additionally, employees are participating in a giveback program that results in \$300,000 additional savings each year, and reduced retirement benefit plans through PEPPRA will save the City money moving forward.

The City has strong ongoing revenues to support our operations, especially our property and sales tax revenues. Sales tax has been strong over the years and trends at a 2-3% annual increase, on average. Property tax is also strong, and trends at about a 4% increase per year. The City has included a 4% increase in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget to maintain a conservative approach, but industry expert analysis is estimating a 5.6% increase in Monrovia.

Finally, it is important to note that many of the strategic fiscal policies put into place aim to bring about long-term financial stability, and do not show up when looking at the short-term financial impact. Projects like Monrovia Renewal take on large debt up front, in order to address urgent community infrastructure needs now, and then are paid down over time. Where we will really see a significant benefit is in the long-term savings that the City will achieve, and in the ability for the City to better manage and forecast our annual cash flows going forward.

In conclusion, the State Auditor Report is missing a significant amount of crucial information in their analysis, as the City has made significant strides since 2016-17 to improve our financial position. The City is on stable financial footing, and fiscal responsibility and sustainability remains a top priority for the City Council.



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This is a huge confirmation of the community's pride and appreciation for our public safety responders, who dedicate their lives to keeping our community safe. Because of our community's support, San Marino will be able to continue providing these top-notch public safety services for years to come.

On behalf of the City Council, I thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for continuing our community's vocal support of our public safety responders. They truly appreciate your trust, and do take the responsibility given to them lightly.

Sincerely,
Mayor Steven W. Huang, DDS

SOUTH PASADENA CITY MEETINGS Regular City Council Meeting

December 4

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.

Public Safety Commission

Monday Dec 9 at 8:30 a.m.
Fire Department EOC Room
817 Mound Avenue
Staff Liaison: Joe Ortiz, Police Chief
jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov
Phone: (626) 403-7300

Library Board of Trustees

Thursday Dec 12 at 7 p.m.
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Ray Bradbury Conference Room
1100 Oxley Street
Staff Liaison: Cathy Billings, Acting Director of Library, Arts, and Culture
Phone: (626) 403-7330

ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, November 10th

Between 12:00 PM and 10:45 AM (Monday) – A commercial vandalism occurred in the 2400 block of N. Lake Avenue. Damage: shattered window.

7:36 PM – Danny Collazo, 30 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Lincoln avenue and Montana Street for under the influence of a controlled substance.

9:27 PM – Steven Bonilla, 54 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2700 block of Lincoln Avenue for vehicle vandalism.

Monday, November 11th
Between 5:00 PM and 5:55 AM (Wednesday) – A grand theft occurred in the 400 block of W. Mariposa Street. Stolen: black motorcycle seat, saddlebags and a black luggage pack.

9:48 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon (possible road rage) occurred in the 200 block of Laurel Drive.

Tuesday, November 12th
Between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 400 block of N. Crosby Street. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle via unknown means. Stolen: black fanny pack, currency and credit cards.
11:00 PM – Rodrigo Zavala, 27 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of Howard Street and El Sereno Avenue

for possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, Nov 13th

Between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 3300 block of E. Villa Knolls Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the rear bedroom sliding door. Stolen: (2) Olympic gold chips, jewelry and currency.

Between 2:00 PM and 12:15 PM (Thursday) – A theft of a catalytic converter occurred in the 2100 block of Raymond Avenue. Stolen: catalytic converter to a 1995 Ford F350.

Thursday, November 14th
Between 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM (Friday) – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1100 block of E. Mendocino Street. Stolen: black wallet and personal documents.

Friday, November 15th
Between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of W. Mountain View Street. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the bathroom window. Stolen: unknown.

Saturday, November 16th
Between 9:00 PM and 12:30 AM (Sunday) – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1900 block of N. Allen Avenue. Damage: shattered window.

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BILL TO EXPAND PROTECTIONS OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS



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The United States House Natural Resources Committee voted 20-13 Tuesday in favor of H.R. 2215, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act. Introduced by Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27), H.R. 2215 would expand the borders of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument to include the western Angeles National Forest. It would also establishes a National Recreation Area to enhance conservation, increase access for all communities by connecting park poor areas to open space, and improve the management of the area through improved resources, education, and public engagement. The 15,878 acres of expanded wilderness and 15,191 acres of new wilderness areas will benefit from the highest form of protection of any federal wildland. These areas of untouched nature will remain open to hiking, camping, and other recreation activities encouraged in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, but commercial activities and motorized vehicles will be prohibited in order to prevent over-development, pollution, and habitat destruction. Private property and other existing rights and claims will be unchanged. In the Senate, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) introduced a companion bill.

"I am so grateful to the House Natural Resources Committee for today's markup to advance this legislation, which is so important to my district and the entire Los Angeles area," said Rep. Chu. "The San Gabriel Mountains provide some of the only outdoor spaces for millions of Angelenos. They're especially important for communities of color and lower-income communities who have the least access to green spaces. That is why I have been working for years to expand wilderness protections and improve access so that these areas can be safely enjoyed by millions for generations to come. And with today's vote, we are closer than ever."

"Millions of people travel near and far to enjoy the pristine beauty of the San Gabriel Mountains, a treasured natural gem. The designation of a National Monument was meant to preserve and enhance the natural, historic, and scenic resources of the San Gabriel Mountains and the valley," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "When I was in Congress, I led the effort to seek federal protection for the San Gabriel Mountains, and I am grateful to Congresswoman Judy Chu for her leadership in achieving National Monument status for the area. We must continue to enhance conservation, increase access for all visitors to this unique space, and improve management through additional resources, education, and community engagement."

JUDGE REJECTS ATTEMPT TO DELAY CALIFORNIA'S LANDMARK ANIMAL PROTECTION MEASURE

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Friday, the Honorable Christina A. Snyder of the Central District of California rejected a request by the North American Meat Institute to issue a preliminary injunction against Proposition 12. On Election Day 2018, California voters overwhelmingly approved Prop 12, banning the inhumane confinement of egg-laying hens, mother pigs and baby veal calves in cages so small they can barely move.

"This frivolous lawsuit is yet another desperate attempt by corporations that profit off animal abuse to maintain the status quo and block the will of California voters," says Jon Lovvorn, Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel of the Humane Society of the United States. "The pork industry is notorious for its cruelty to animals, including forcing mother pigs to languish in cages where they can't turn around for years on end."

Courts have consistently ruled in favor of California's existing animal welfare standards for eggs produced and sold in the state, as evidenced by three unsuccessful challenges to Proposition 2, predecessor to Prop 12. Further, states with sales restrictions that apply evenhandedly to in-state and out-of-state goods (such as Prop 12) have withstood legal challenges throughout the country. California may prevent animal cruelty by phasing out the sale of substandard, cruel products. Based on well-established precedent, HSUS is confident this current challenge will suffer the same fate as the attempts that came before it.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



BUYER BEWARE: THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF DIY ESTATE PLANNING—PART 2

Last week, I shared the first part of this series on the dangers of do-it-yourself estate planning. Here, we'll look at how

online legal documents can also put your minor children at risk.

Given how far web-based technology has evolved, you might think online legal document services have advanced to the point where they're a viable alternative to having your estate plan prepared by a lawyer.

After all, you've been able to prepare and file your taxes online for years, so what makes estate planning different? Aren't lawyers using the very same forms you find on these document websites?

This kind of reasoning is exactly what do-it-yourself (DIY) planning services would like you to believe—but it's far from true. Indeed, relying on generic, fill-in-blank planning documents can be one of the costliest planning mistakes you can make for your loved ones.

Online planning documents may appear to save you time and money, but keep in mind, just because you created "legal" documents doesn't mean they will actually work when you (or most importantly, the people you love) need them. Without a thorough understanding of how the legal process works and impacts family dynamics upon your death or incapacity, you'll likely make serious mistakes when creating a DIY plan.

Even worse, these mistakes won't be discovered until it's too late—and the loved ones you were trying to protect will be the very ones forced to clean up your mess or get stuck with a huge nightmare.

Putting your children at risk. Knowing that your DIY plan could fail and force your family into court and conflict is distressing enough. But imagine how you'd feel if you knew that your attempt to save money on your estate plan caused your children to be taken into the care of strangers, even temporarily.

Yet this is exactly what could happen if you rely on a generic will and/or other legal documents you find online to name legal guardians for your kids. In fact, this could happen even if you create a plan with a lawyer who isn't trained to plan for the unique needs of parents with minor children.

Naming and legally documenting guardians for your kids might seem like a straightforward process, but it entails a number of complexities most people aren't aware of. Even lawyers with decades of experience typically make at least one of six mistakes when naming long-term legal guardians.

What's so complicated about naming guardians? Some DIY wills allow you to name legal guardians for your kids in the event of your death, and that's a good start. But does it allow you to name back-up candidates in case your first choice is unable to serve?

If you named a married couple to serve and one of them is unavailable due to injury, death, or divorce, what happens then? Would it still be okay if only one of them can serve as your child's guardian? And does it matter which one it is?

What would happen if you become incapacitated by illness or injury and are unable to care for your kids? You might assume the guardians named in

your DIY will would automatically get custody, but did you know that a will only goes into effect upon your death and does nothing to protect your kids in the event of your incapacity?

Do the guardians you named live far from your home? If so, how long would it take them to make it to your house to pick up your kids: a few hours, a few days, a few weeks? Who would care for your kids until those guardians arrive? Did you know that without legally binding arrangements for the immediate care of your children, they are likely to be placed with child protective services until those guardians arrive?

Even if you name family who live nearby as guardians, what happens if they are out of town or otherwise can't get to your kids right away?

And assuming the guardians you named can immediately get to your home to pick up your kids, do they even know where your will is located? How will they prove they're your children's legal guardians if they can't find your planning documents?

These are just a few of the potential complications that could arise if you try to create your own plan naming legal guardians for your kids. And if just one of these contingencies were to occur, your children would more than likely be placed into the care of strangers, even if it's only for a short period of time.

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Seeing all of the things that could go wrong, you should never trust the safety and care of your children to a DIY plan—or for that matter, a plan created by a lawyer unfamiliar with the unique needs of planning for parents of minor children. To ensure your children are never raised by someone you don't trust or taken into the custody of strangers, even temporarily, consider creating a Child Protection Plan™ - a comprehensive system designed specifically to address the inherent gaps in the way most estate plans document legal guardians.

Consider what's at stake

The DIY approach might be a good idea if you're looking to build a new deck for your backyard, but when it comes to estate planning, it's one of the worst choices you can make. Are you really willing to put your family's well-being and wealth at risk just to save a few bucks?

If you've yet to do any planning, stop putting it off and get started today - especially if you have minor children.

If you've already created a plan—whether it's a DIY job or one created with another lawyer's help—contact us if you'd like to schedule an Estate Plan Review and Check-Up. We'll ensure your plan is not only properly drafted and updated, but that it has all the protections in place to prevent your children from ever being placed in the care of strangers or anyone you'd never want to raise them.

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SWAZZLE PUPPETS AT ARCADIA MUSEUM FOR HOLIDAYS

favorites "Swazzle Puppets" will present an amazing "Holiday Extravaganza" on Saturday, December 7, at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. In this year's production, Reggie is a self-centered reindeer who thinks the holidays are just about getting presents. His world is turned upside down when a magical sugar-plum fairy-in-training sends him on a quest for "The Best Gift in the Entire World!" No spoiler alerts here: come by and learn what happens to Reggie in his adventure!

Two shows are scheduled: one at 10 am and one at 11:30 am. The Friends of the Gilb Museum will be selling hot chocolate and other treats. Make a day of it by visiting the Arcadia Community Center's "Snow-fest," which runs from 9 am to 2 pm that day.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at www.ArcadiaCa.gov/museum. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum Education Center is located at 382 W. Huntington Drive. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1). Admission is always free. You can also follow the Museum on Facebook and Twitter.



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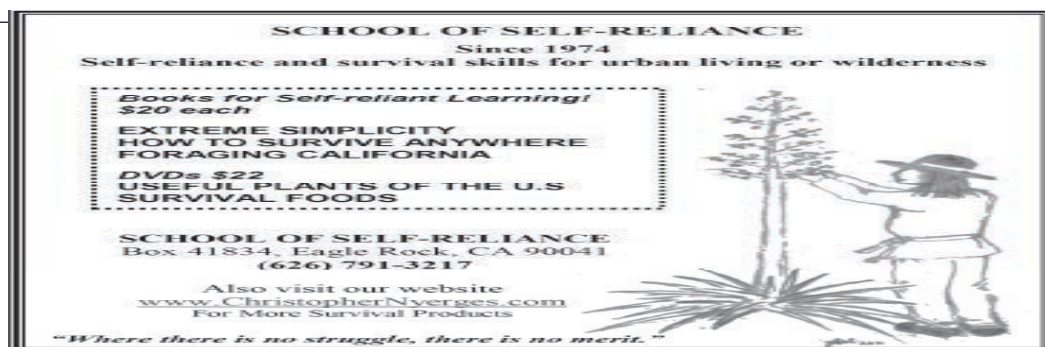
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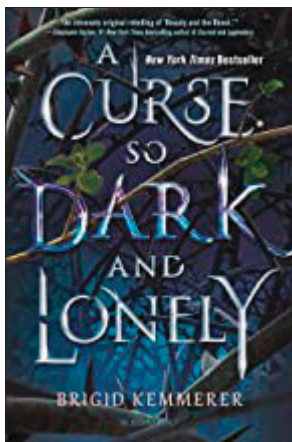
Pictured, from left, Dr. Marianne Cintron and Duarte Kiwanis Club President, Kaye Biggs. If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com



Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

A CURSE SO DARK AND LONELY (Young Adult Fantasy) by Brigid Kemmerer

"Absolutely spellbinding." - Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Caraval and Legendary. In a lush, contemporary fantasy retelling of Beauty and the Beast, Brigid Kemmerer gives readers another compulsively readable romance perfect for fans of Marissa Meyer. Fall in love, break the curse. It once seemed so easy to Prince Rhen, the heir to Emberfall. Cursed by a powerful enchantress to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year over and over, he knew he could be saved if a girl fell for him. But that was before he learned that at the end of each autumn, he would turn into a vicious beast hell-bent on destruction. That was before he destroyed his castle, his family, and every last shred of hope. Nothing has ever been easy for Harper. With her father long gone, her mother dying, and her brother barely holding their family together while constantly underestimating her because of her cerebral palsy, she learned to be tough enough to survive. But when she tries to save someone else on the streets of Washington, DC, she's instead somehow sucked into Rhen's cursed world. Break the curse, save the kingdom. A prince? A monster? A curse? Harper doesn't know where she is or what to believe. But as she spends time with Rhen in this enchanted land, she begins to understand what's at stake. And as Rhen realizes Harper is not just another girl to charm, his hope comes flooding back. But powerful forces are standing against Emberfall... and it will take more than a broken curse to save Harper, Rhen, and his people from utter ruin.



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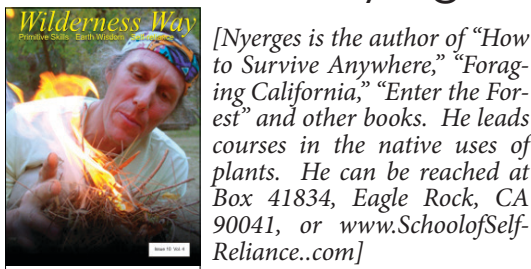


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I was at a local coffee shop and met a man who had read something I previously wrote about the historical origins of Thanksgiving, and what happened, and what didn't happen.

“I was a little puzzled after I read it,” Burt told me. “I understand that the first historical Thanksgiving may have not happened the way we are told as children,” he told me, “but how did we get to where we are to-day? What I understood from your writing that there are historical roots, and that we today remember those roots and try to be very thankful, but the connection was unclear.” Burt and I then had a very long conversation.

A newspaper column is typically not long enough to provide the “big picture” of the entire foundation of such a commemoration, as well as all the twists and turns that have occurred along the way. But here is the condensed version of what I told my new friend Burt.

First, try reading any of the many books that are available that describe the first so-called “first Thanks-giving” at the Plymouth colony that at least attempts to also show the Indigenous perspective. You will quickly see that this was not simply the European pilgrims and the native people sitting down to a great meal and giving thanks to their respective Gods, though that might have occurred. In fact, both the indigenous peoples and the newcomers had thanksgiving days on a pretty regular basis.

As you take the time to explore the motives of the many key players of our so-called “first Thanks-giv-ing,” in the context of that time, you will see that though the Europeans were now increasingly flowing into the eastern seaboard, their long-term presence had not been allowed – until this point. Massasoit was the political-military leader of the Wampanoag confederation, which was the stronger native group in the area. However, after disease had wiped out many of the native people, Massasoit was worried about the neighboring long-time enemies – the Narragansett -- to the west. The gathering of the European lead-ers of the Plimouth Colony and Massasoit and entourage had been more-or-less brokered by Tisquantum (aka Squanto) who spoke English.

Yes, there had been much interaction between the new colonists and native people for some time, and this gathering of 3 days in 1621 was intended to seal the deal between the colonists aligning with Massa-soit. The exact date is unknown, but it was sometime between September 21 and November 9.

Yes, historians say that a grand meal followed, including mostly meat. The colony remained and there was relative peace for the next 10 to 50 years, depending on which historians were correct in their reading of the meager notes. The historical record indicates that the new colonists learned how to hunt, forage, practice medicine, make canoes and moccasins, and much more, from the indigenous people. Even Tisquantum taught the

colonists how to farm using fish scraps, ironically, a bit of farming detail he picked up during his few years in Europe.

Politicians and religious leaders continued to practice the giving of thanks, in their churches and in their communities, and that is a good thing. They would hearken back to what gradually became known as the “first Thanksgiving” in order to give thanks for all the bounty they found and created in this new world, always giving thanks to God! But clearly, the indigenous people would have a very different view of the consequences of this 1621 pact, which gradually and inevitably meant the loss of their lands and further decimation of their peoples from disease. Of course, there was not yet a “United States of America,” and it was with a bit of nostalgia and selective memory that we refer to this semi-obscure gathering of two peoples as some sort of foundational event in the development of the United States. And it is un-derstandable from the perspective of a national mythology that the native people were forgotten and the “gifts from God” remembered.

My new friend Burt was nodding his head, beginning to see that there was much under the surface of this holiday. I recommended that he read such books as “1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus” by Mann, “Native American History: Idiot's Guide” by Fleming, and others.

As I still believe, giving thanks is a good thing – good for the soul and good for the society. Just be sure to always give thanks where it is due!

Eventually, in the centuries that followed, Thanksgiving was celebrated on various days in various plac-es. George Washington declared it an official Thanksgiving in 1789. However, the day did not become standardized as the final Thursday each November until 1863 with a proclamation by Abraham Lincoln.

The gross commercialization of Thanksgiving is a somewhat recent manifestation of the way in which we have tried to extract money from just about anything. One way to break that cycle is to just choose to do something different.

When I used to visit my parents' home for annual Thanksgiving gatherings, I disliked the loud arguing and banter, the loud TV in the background, and the way everyone (including me) ate so much that we had stomach aches! I felt that Thanksgiving should be about something more than all that. I changed that by simply no longer attending, and then visiting my parents the following day with a quiet meal. It took my parents a few years to get used to my changes, but eventually they did.

These days, most holidays have a whole host of diverse symbols, and Thanksgiving is no different. And like most modern holidays, their real meanings are now nearly-hopelessly obscured by the massive commercialism. Nevertheless, despite the tide that is against us, we can always choose to do something different. Holidays are our holy days where we ought to take the time to reflect upon the deeper meanings. By so doing, we are not necessarily “saving” the holiday, but we are saving our-selves. As we work to discover the original history and meanings of each holiday, we wake up our minds and discover a neglected world hidden in plain sight.

CAT OF THE WEEK

Katnip News!



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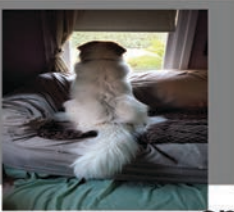
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Dear Savvy Senior: Can you recommend any resources that provide free or low-cost legal services to seniors? I'm 68 and need some professional legal assistance but have limited funds. Need Help

Dear Need:

There are actually a number of free and low-cost legal resources that can help seniors in need, but what's available to you will depend on where you live, the type legal assistance you need and your financial situation. Here are several options to check into.

Legal Aid: Directed by the Legal Services Corporation, legal aid offers free legal assistance to low-income people of all ages. Each community program will differ slightly in the services they offer and income qualifications. See LSC.gov/find-legal-aid to locate a program in your area.

Free Legal Answers: This is an online program created by the American Bar Association that matches low-income clients with volunteer lawyers who agree to provide brief answers online for free. This service will not answer criminal law questions, and it's not available in every state. Visit ABAFreeLegalAnswers.org to look for a program in your state.

Pro Bono and Senior Legal Hotlines: Usually sponsored by state or local bar associations, pro bono programs help low-income people find volunteer lawyers who are willing to handle their cases for free.

There are also a number of states that still offer senior legal hotlines, where all seniors over age 60 have access to free legal advice over the telephone. To find out if either of these services are available in your state, go to LawHelp.org, and click on "Find help near you."

Senior Legal Services: Coordinated by the Administration on Aging, this service may offer free or low-cost legal advice, legal assistance or access to legal representation to people over the age of 60. Your Area Agency on Aging can tell you what's available in your community. Call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 to get your local number.

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Other Options

If you can't get help from one of these programs, or find that you aren't eligible, another option is to contact your state or local bar association, which may be able to refer you to a low-fee lawyer. Or, you may want to consider hiring a lawyer for only part of the legal work and doing other parts yourself. This is known as "un-bundled legal services."

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To contact your state or local bar association, go to www.FindLegalHelp.org.

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



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November Birthdays



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

HART PARK HOUSE MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday Morning from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join the class with Instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the art of Hula!



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

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

Brain Games: Every third Thursday of the month at 12:45-1:45pm Join us for Scattergories, a creative thinking game by naming objects within a set of categories; or Jenga, a block-building challenge that keeps you stacking and balancing your tower. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. A great way to strengthen your mind and make new friends... Games are facilitated by Senior Volunteers. **Will Resume in September 2019**

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, August 14th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

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

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

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

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

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NOVEMBER EXCURSION

Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul. - Emily Dickinson

NOVEMBER 15, 2019 (SANTA BARBARA) 10:15 A.M.-5:45 P.M.

The Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of unwanted, abused, and orphaned companion parrots. Our sanctuary is currently home to more than 60 large parrots, many of which have behavioral or medical conditions that prevent them from being adopted. With a lifespan of up to 80 years and the intelligence level of a 3 year old child, these birds require an enormous commitment that the average person finds difficult to fulfill.

Following a self-guided tour of the facility our group will enjoy the W.O.W. (World of Wings) program where we can get up-close and personal with their flock of avian ambassadors. Discover a vast array of species in all their glorious shapes, colors and sized as we explore their geographical distribution. **Learn about personality and behavioral traits attributed to different types of parrots; which ones talk, who is sweet and cuddly, and who is the most intelligent. \$25.00 ****Level of Walking: LOW Money for lunch and souvenirs is optional. Sierra Madre registration is 10/29-11/4. Non resident begins 11/5 online or in person.**

MEALS - ON - WHEELS PROGRAM

The Home Delivered Meals Program provides healthy meals to homebound Seniors 60 and above. Seven frozen meals, milk, bread and fruit are included and delivered once a week. \$3 Donation per meal is suggested but remains completely anonymous and voluntary. Clients must be eligible and we invite you to contact YWCA Intervale Senior Services at 626-214-9467. **SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE SUGGESTED DONATION \$3.00 1% LOW FAT MILK INCLUDED**

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

FROM ONE TURKEY TO ANOTHER



As a child, my favorite holiday was Christmas, second only to my birthday. These holidays were important because of the gifts I received. Oh, did I look forward to those holidays and all the presents I was going to delight in. And delight, I certainly did to the extreme.

Then slowly things changed. I got married and we began having children. It was then I discovered Christmas was different. I was the one paying for all the Christmas presents, not to mention the tree and the ornaments. I never realized how much Christmas cost. The older the kids got, the more expensive it was.

By the time Christmas is over, I am officially broke. My New Year's resolution is usually, "I'm never going to do that again." I keep it until Thanksgiving, which throws me off my game.

I soon discovered a holiday I could delight in. That holiday was Thanksgiving.

At Thanksgiving, there are no presents to buy, so my checkbook remained closed for that holiday. Of course, I did get the bill for the turkey we were having but that usually came in August. Outside of that, I could enjoy Thanksgiving without it costing me an arm and a leg.

Also, this is the only holiday where I can neglect my diet and get away with it. I can set around the table with family and friends and eat to my "stomach's" content. Believe me; it takes an awful lot to get to that point of contentment.

I will not say that I abuse the opportunity, although I do, I just will not admit to it. I love saying, "Can I have another piece of pumpkin pie?"

The stare the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage throws in my direction is priceless. I usually throw a smile back at her. Then I hear somebody say, "Of course you can. Let me have your plate."

The smile on my face at that time stays with me for days, because nothing my wife can do with so many witnesses.

This is not to say I do not get in trouble at Thanksgiving time. I do not know a holiday in which I do not get in trouble. For many years, Thanksgiving has been free from trouble.

Thanksgiving trouble was inserted this year to my deep regret.

A couple of days before our Thanksgiving dinner I was sitting in my easy chair. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was out in the kitchen putting together the Thanksgiving dinner. I was not paying attention; I was watching something on TV. I then heard a strange word from the kitchen.

"Could you come and help put the turkey in the oven?"

What took me as strange is the fact that I never have been allowed to do any kind of work in the kitchen. Believe me, there is a story behind that. An invitation to come to the kitchen to do some work took me off my guard. But just for a second.

As I got up from my chair, a crazy thought began dancing in my head. I began to chuckle to myself. I quietly asked myself, "Will it work?"

You do not know something is going to work until you do that something. I thought I could catch my wife off her guard.

I asked her to repeat herself and she said, "Can you put the turkey in the oven?" I thought I heard her correctly and this was confirmation.

"I sure can."

Walking into the kitchen, the oven door was open, I walked over to my wife acting like I was going to pick her up and put her in the oven. It was all I could do to keep from laughing at this point.

As I got near, I could hear her say, "Touch me and the wrong turkey's going into the oven."

For a while, I could not stop laughing and finally, she started laughing.

I was able to stop long enough to put the "real turkey" in the oven.

She said something weird, "I'm not going to thank you because you've already gotten enough thanks."

I left the kitchen and headed for my chair and I heard her softly say, "I better not read this in your column next week."

Pretending that I did not hear comes rather naturally to me. As I evaluated that last statement, I concluded that she did not say I could not write about it in my column. She just said that she better not read it in my column. So, I think I'm on good ground.

So, from one turkey to another, Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the good things. It is a time to laugh at situations that any other time of the year would not be laughable.

Sitting at the Thanksgiving dinner table with all the family and friends around us I was smiling. Then I looked at the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She looked back with "one of those stares" shook her head and mouthed "no."

This turkey knows when not to gobble.

Peter understood this when he wrote, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (1 Peter 3:10).

I have discovered there is a time to speak and then there is a time to wallow in silence.

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"BE THANKFUL"

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those

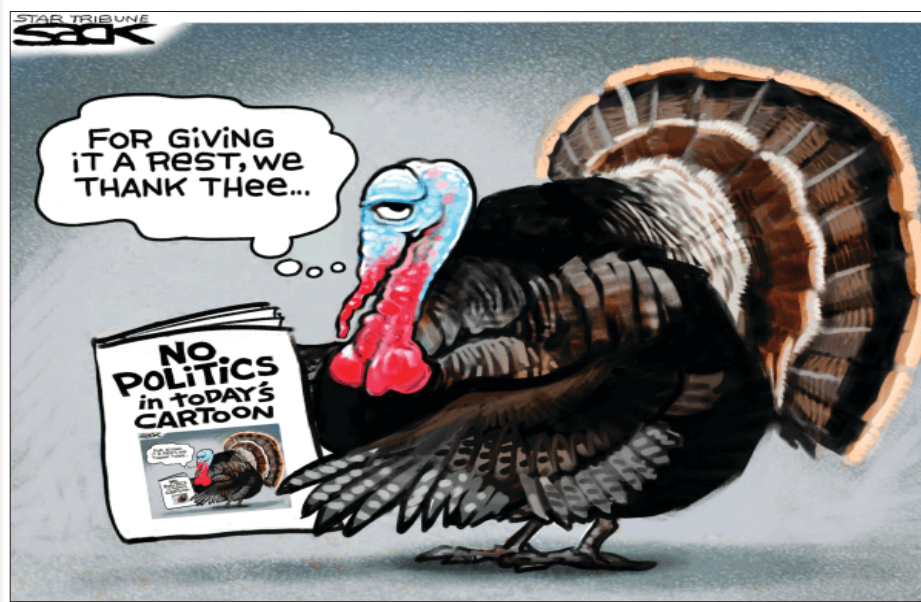
who are also thankful for the setbacks.

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me in my imagination on this morning's sunrise walk around the canyon.

First thing we hear this morning is our neighbor across the street greeting us with "Another day in paradise." Do you hear me say to him "yeah, so far"? Okay, let's keep walking. Here with us now is the mother deer and her two fawns. Look they know me so well that they don't even flee. She and her kids trot right along with us and look at the squirrels leaping about from tree to tree. Oops, they heard something and are now disappearing down that steep hill. Amazing.

You're right this canyon is still a paradise, a hidden enclosed area almost like a garden. Yeah, last week some wiseass writer guy told me that enclosed garden was the original meaning of "paradise." Beautiful and enclosed and therefore SAFE. Sierra Madre Canyon, the lower canyon we call it, is surely still beautiful but not quite the safe removed paradise as it was before. Gradually things have changed. First I noticed that the stars were just not as numerous as they were before; I guess that's the result of light pollution. Then I noticed that it isn't as quiet as it used to be. There's construction everywhere and the little 600 square foot cabins that were built years ago as healthful escapes from urban pollution have been gradually replaced by multi-storied houses, like mine, which involved the removal of really sacred trees. Now you can barely drive or even walk around the circle as giant trucks and work crews are everywhere and the roads are blocked and everywhere there is a detour. Still new arrivals seem to try and race around the curves. After all they have paid a lot to get here.

Well even though it doesn't feel safe we made it back home and I've turned on the TV news hearing about global warming and that nothing is being done to stop it. Next, the ongoing war in the Ukraine and the possible involvement of our President in a bribery scheme. When I hear any talk about the Ukraine I immediately experience a chill. In the Ukraine were villages called shtetels where Jews were allowed to live for centuries. I am pretty well versed in that history

LOSING PARADISE: SIERRA MADRE TO CHERNOBYL

because that was where my father was born and lived for the first ten years of his life in an area right next to Chernobyl, the location of the unspeakably horrific nuclear disaster that occurred on my birthday, April 26, 1986. About 65 years earlier, soon after the Russian Revolution, the persecution of the Jews increased. My father had explained to me that there always had been some persecution but for the Jews living there the place was a kind of Paradise. In this small area Jews had been allowed to live for centuries very close to their gentile neighbors. Right after the Russian Revolution the persecution increased and specifically a group of Jewish women returning from a fare were attacked, raped, and murdered by Cossacks. Some of the older Jewish Men in the shtetl somehow managed to capture the leaders of the murdering gang and kill them. The bodies of these men had been thrown into a giant oven that was used to heat the water on the land where my father and his family lived. Very soon thereafter the brass buttons from the uniforms of the Cossacks were found unmelted in the stove. My father said that fear overcame his whole fatherless family at that time and that very night they took all they could carry and began the walk across Poland catching, somehow, a ship to Liverpool where they stayed for a year before they could get to America.

Of course that wasn't the end of disaster on Chernobyl. About 65 later the huge nuclear explosion occurred (if you don't know about it there's actually a successful TV series describing the disaster that threatened the world which you can watch right now. I haven't watched it—it scares me). That's my point. I know you probably don't get why I connect Chernobyl with Sierra Madre. For centuries things were relatively safe and then they get worse and eventually the whole place became uninhabitable. Where my father lived is now within the Nuclear Wilderness and no one can live there.

Do you get it? The same thing could be happening here. For a long time it was a safe hide-away and then it became not so safe and then eventually it was the end for everybody. Oh you think I'm overdramatizing and there is no connection and all this fear I feel is imaginary just like you are. Okay if you don't like it find another paper to read but if you want me hopefully I'll still be here, unlisted, hidden in the back pages trying to make us feel better if I can. As Leonard Cohen said "Here I am. I'm your man."

MR. THANKSGIVING ADVICE MAN:

OPEN THE BAR BEFORE NOON, AND MAKE SURE TO GET VID-EO OF THE FAMILY FIGHT



Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man has been busy becoming woke and preparing for the holiday but he did make time to help you with all your Thanksgiving so-cial and culinary needs.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, is it justifiable homicide if you kill the guest that you catch hiding in the kitchen, stealing turkey skin? Asking for a friend. DW

I have no mercy for turkey skin thieves. But best you should make it look like a "kitchen accident" involving lime Jell-O with those floating fruit chunks.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, do you prefer carving ahead of time with a nice display on a platter, or carving at the table "al fresco" style? BK

I'd rather carve al fresco, which I hope means "wearing clothing." But carving at the table also requires a platter. And platters should be reserved for the pre-meal Thanksgiving ritual, "The Presentation of The Bongs."

Before digging into Thanksgiving dinner, a family I know goes around the table and says what they're thankful for. One of the senior members is always tempted to give thanks he was not given any federal jail time during the past year, and that none of the bodies (metaphorically speaking) have been accidentally dug up. But he's worried how the grandchildren might react. What's your opinion Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man? Should he say how he really feels or mouth the usual platitudes? Asking for a friend. RS.

Tell the kids the truth. No one else will. Then have them call the feds.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, my cousin is going to bring fried okra. He's also going to bring a really good pie. Would it be too rude to make him keep the okra on a card table in the garage while we eat the pie in the living room? MK

Eat the pie and keep the barbarian in the garage where he belongs. Fried okra? Yuk!

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, how many cocktails for obnoxious uncles before dinner? How many for small children? Is it OK to let them sleep through the meal, thus eliminating the children's table and the (uncles) political blathering? LT

As an obnoxious uncle myself, I expect many cocktails with a generous pour. And when primed, I'll sing the name of "the so-called whistleblower" and a bawdy limerick comparing Adam Schiff to Robespierre. As for the little ones, our parents used to let us pluck the maraschino cherries from the Manhattans. Try it, that should calm them.

Dear Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, what is the proper response when your host does/doesn't have the television on during the game? Alcohol accompanying the start could lead to many unintended consequences later in the day. GR

Thanksgiving without football? What are we, commies? And drinking should begin by 11 a.m., because there's nothing like a big family fight later, with the kids screaming and everyone in the driveway throwing punches, with much hair grabbing and heavy breathing, and your sister-in-law weeping as she calls 911. That's how families make lasting holiday memories. Don't forget to video the whole thing.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man has one more thing to say: Happy Thanksgiving everyone. (Excerpts from his Chicago Tribune column by permission)

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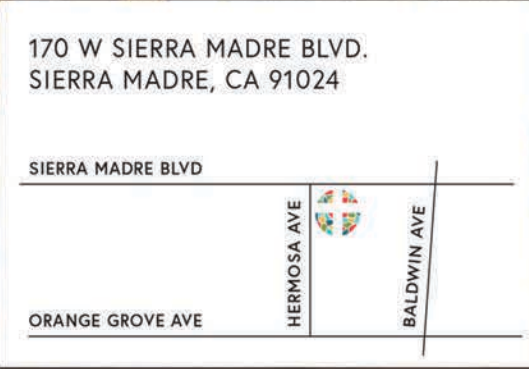
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