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DE AND PAT ALCORN CHOSEN AS 4TH OF JULY PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

SM Search and Rescue Also Chosen As Hometown Heroes

The volunteers of the Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee are pleased and excited to announce that the 2014 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal will be Sierra Madre's very own Pat and De Alcorn. "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." Pat & De are the perfect examples of this.



These two Sierra Madreans embody exactly what the Grand Marshal criteria is for the 4th of July. Between the two they dedicate hundreds of hours each year to make Sierra Madre a better place. There is not an event in town these two don't attend or help out with. Both Pat & De go above and beyond continuing the betterment of Sierra Madre. The Alcorns attend most City Council meetings, Pat serves on the Community Services Commission, the 4th of July Committee, Sierra Madre Civic Club, Friends of the Library, they are both CERT volunteers and together work the poles during all the elections, and more that we are sure we don't even know about. Pat & De living the Sierra Madre spirit everyday, Sierra Madreans that make a difference.

Additionally, the Committee is proud and honored to announce that the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue has been selected at "Hometown Heroes". The volunteers of the SMSR are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year - anywhere, anytime, any weather. Since 1951 the SMSR has been educating Sierra Madre with Wilderness Safety, Community Education Events, saving our community and our community visitors. The Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Team was the first search & rescue team formed in California. They originated the Mount Wilson Trail Race and continue each year to assist with this event. They dedicate thousands of hours each year to be trained and skilled to enter the tough San Gabriel Mountains, anytime someone is in need. These men and women are

truly one of Sierra Madre's best treasures. Please join us in honoring them.

Lastly, the Committee is pleased to announce the Official Sponsor of the 2014 Parade is The Kensington. The Kensington-Sierra Madre is an assisted living and memory care residence currently under construction in the heart of Sierra Madre. The committee thanks them for their partnership this year as we work together to bring the community and outstanding All-American Celebration.

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....

The Social Side By Deanne Davis

"Everything you can imagine is real." Pablo Picasso

"Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one." Stella Adler

And the 52nd Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair this past weekend did exactly that! I hope you took a few minutes to visit Memorial Park this past weekend and revel in the wonderful, joyful art surrounding us for just one glorious weekend! Taken were so many things just needing to be taken home. Van Noppen Glass took my breath away. His Venetian-style glass sculptures of bowls, vases, vegetables, flowers, and hanging gardens had me reaching for my credit card! David Van Noppen is a glass blower and he says, "Learning to master glassblowing demands patience, flexibility and a vision. For me, it also captures the wonder of spontaneity, often eclipsed in the hurried pace of everyday life." His pieces are beautiful to see and touch and, even better, bring home! Take a look: www.vannoppen.com

David Abernathy's booth, "Grain in Focus" featured lovely hand-mounted note cards, but for us, his best items were the steel drums made out of - you won't believe this - propane tanks! New, unused tanks are tuned to different scales and sound exactly like the ones you'd hear in Jamaica! They are beautifully painted and the drum surface is the bottom of the tank. He had one out in front of his space which said, "Please Play Me!" and plenty of people did exactly that. If you missed it, here's his email: graininfoocus@yahoo.com

My Art Fair companion, the art-appreciating John, and I paused for a few minutes under the trees in front of the meditation fountain to cool off a bit, enjoy the sound of water flowing and talk me down as far as buying too much more; moved on, and were dazzled by Tina Curran's Art Quilts, really lovely piecework quilts, a skill which I appreciate as I am completely without the patience to deal with all those tiny pieces of fabric and millions of tiny stitches!

Laura Saldarriaga's water color paintings were charming, Jennifur E Gilmore's Upcycled Glassware was delightful. Jennifur has gorgeous etched wine glasses which are - you won't believe this either - made out of recycled wine bottles. As Jennifur says, "Saving the world - one wine bottle at a time!"

The Creative Arts Group's kid's project, giant butterflies to decorate was a big success, the Sierra Madre Garden Club had some really cute pots and containers filled with various succulents. We're seeing those things more and more now. We've got 'em all over our yard and really love the fact that you can break off a piece, stick it in the ground and... voila! More succulents!

John bought this year's shirt, we enjoyed the Celtic band, "Flowers of the Flock," who were playing down by the playground... and if you haven't seen that lately or taken your kids down there to play, you need to! There are all sorts of new playground structures, including a giant fly teeter-totter. Peeking over the fence at the Community Gardens, we kind of think that some new folks need to take on a plot as a lot of them are just sitting there growing a great crop of weeds. Lots of others with tomatoes, though.

We saw amazingly soft chenille scarves, Storyteller Keys necklaces, earrings, bracelets - "What do they unlock? Make up your own story." Antique silverware and bronzeware made into charming rings, bracelets and on and on. So much unique pottery, ceramics, paintings, photos, jewelry. The work of featured artist, Beverly Jones, was enchanting. All I can say is you had to be there. Overheard as we were meandering out of the park, "Some things you can look at and some things you just have to touch!" He got that right! So many beautiful things right there to touch and it all benefits the Sierra Madre Public Library!

"Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does, the better!" Andre Gide

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SCOTT PHELPS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kim Kenne Elected Vice President; Tyron



Hampton Elected Clerk

The Board of Education of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) at its annual organizational meeting held Monday, May 5 voted to elect Scott Phelps as board president for the 2014-2015 board year by a 5-1 (abstain) vote. Also at the organizational meeting, Kim Kenne was elected vice president and Tyron Hampton was elected clerk. The board elects officers for one year terms.

"As Board President, I hope to foster greater understanding between district staff and the community, which includes parents and the board," said Phelps. "We need to work together in the most productive and collaborative way possible in order to achieve the goals we all have for the education of children in Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre."

Scott Phelps served as coordinator of the Science, Engineering and Technology Academy at John Muir High School and taught high school chemistry, physics, planetary science (astronomy), physical science, and math during the course of 15 years of teaching in PUSD schools before being elected to the PUSD Board of Education in 2005. With his extensive experience in developing hands-on science curricula and project-based integrated curricula, Phelps was a member of the founding staff of Learning Works Charter School in Pasadena, teaching science labs. Mr. Phelps is currently teaching mathematics and astronomy at the University of La Verne, Mt. San Antonio College and Chaffey College and is a consultant for external evaluations of federal and state school reform grants received by school districts. Phelps lives in Northwest Pasadena with his wife Lisa and their two children who attend PUSD's McKinley School.

"I look forward to working closely with Mr. Phelps addressing topics of concern to the district and the community," said PUSD Superintendent Jon R. Gundry. "We have had a good working relationship that I know will continue during his tenure as board president."

Regular board meetings will continue to be held monthly. Meetings will be on the 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month with an earlier start time of 5 p.m.



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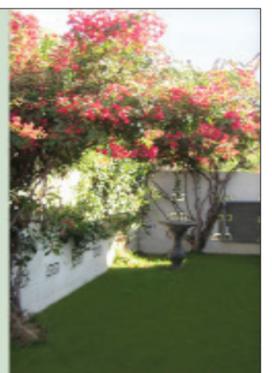
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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 100s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 100s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 100s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
6:30 pm

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO &
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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.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



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The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is hosting the 4th Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. located in the Sierra Vista Park (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd). Community organizations and members are invited to come together with their neighbors to participate in a community yard sale. Participants have the opportunity to clean out their garages, attics, storage sheds and closets without sending those items to landfill.

The fee for a selling space is \$30.00 and a yard sale permit does not need to be purchased; proceeds will benefit senior programs and activities. Alternatively, you may donate items to the Senior Community Commission booth to be sold on the Commission's behalf. If you would like to participate in the Community Yard Sale, you must register in person at the Community Services Office, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Community Yard Sale is expanding for 2014 and will encompass the west parking lot and basketball court in Sierra Vista Park. The deadline to register is Thursday, May 29 or until spaces are filled. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Participants must provide their own tables, chairs, canopies (10'x10' maximum) and cash boxes if needed. No electricity will be provided. Live animals, large canopies, and selling of food or drinks are prohibited. All business must be conducted within your space. Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

A limited number of spaces are available. Registration will open Wednesday, April 16th. For more information please call the Community Services Office at (626) 355-5278.



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JOIN THE SIERRA MADRE GARDEN CLUB -
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

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Come to the May Garden Club Meeting and hear guest speaker Richard Schulhof, CEO, of the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

His program, The L.A. Arboretum Through Time, will include an exploration of the evolving Arboretum and Southern California gardens.

At the Arboretum, Richard focuses on programs that promote sustainability and water conservation, preserve the Arboretum's rich history, and make known the essential role of plants in sustaining life of Earth. Do not miss this very special program!

Everyone is invited. Dinner begins at 6:30 P.M. followed by the program at 7:15 P.M. Catered dinner is \$10; reservations for dinner must be made by May 9th at 626-836-4945. There is no charge for attending only the program.

Location: Hart Park House, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. For information call the reservation number or visit www.smgarden.org

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FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 27, 2014 TO MAY 4, 2014

During the week of Sunday, April 27, to Sunday May 4th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 312 calls for service.

Tuesday April 29, 2014

At 9:28 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 700 block of N. Sunnyside regarding a vandalism. Reporting party advised at approximately 7:45 am he discovered that the side gate off of Carter, lock had been cut, and gate was damaged. The area was checked for any other damage, none found. Case was forwarded to Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Thursday May 1, 2014

At 11:48 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. Reporting party stated that a male subject approached him, pulled a knife on him and threatened to harm him. Officers found a subject matching the description in the 200 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Subject was searched and officers found a small black pocket knife in the subjects' right rear pocket. Subject was positively identified by reporting party, as the person who threatened him. Suspect was taken into custody.

At 1:42 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 300 block of W. Orange Grove regarding a vandalism. Resident reported that someone pulled her Christmas lights off, which caused damage to the front of her residence.

Friday May 2, 2014

At 5:50 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the Sierra Madre Police Department lobby, in regards to a grand theft. Resident sated they were scammed by telephone, from a person claiming to be a Police Officer. Caller told victim, that a friend of hers was in trouble and needed money for bail. Victim stated she believed the caller and sent a large amount of money to help facilitate a payment, she thought was for a friend.

At 6:40 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to 100 block of E Grandview regarding a disturbance. Officers made contact with residence who advised they were in a verbal argument. Both parties were advised and counseled by officers.

Saturday May 3, 2014

At 1:23 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 block of N. Mountain Trail in regards to a disturbance. Officers made contact with residence who advised they were involved in a verbal argument. Both parties advised by Officers prior to leaving the location.

Women's Republican Club
of
Arcadia

Ann-Marie Murrell has her own Radio Show. She is anchor and director of Politic hocks She has been a quest on the Penn us Preger show, Fox news, Dr Phil, Blaze TV. She is a fantastic speaker. She will be speaking May 15th at the Arcadia Women's Republican Club in the Sunset Room at the Arcadia Golf Course on Santa Anita. Coffee at 10:30, meeting at 11:00 and Lunch for \$17 at 12.
Call Carolyn Papp at 353-7443 for more information.

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SURVIVING A WILDFIRE - VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Sierra Madre, CA. May 8, 2014 - Year after year, Sierra Madre is faced with the potential for disaster. As we get closer to brush fire season with its high temperatures and low humidity the once green vegetation that surrounds our City starts to turn brown as the moisture is pulled from it by the Santa Ana winds that blow in off the deserts. The thick, volatile chaparral that blankets our hillsides are like bombs waiting for their fuses to be lit. We have all heard the term "firestorm" used to describe the incredible temperatures and tremendous winds that are generated in a raging chaparral fire. Hardly any house can withstand direct exposure to such a storm. Wildland fires usually pass by fast and furiously. Typically, they're controllable only when the wind dies out or they run out of fuel. If you reduce the amount of combustible brush around your house, you have taken the first step to preventing disaster.

The success over the 2008 Santa Anita fire that occurred six years ago this month was no accident. The Fire Department put up a good fight; however, we could not have done it without the help of the homeowners who gave us a "fighting chance" by maintaining proper brush clearance around their homes.

Each year, The Sierra Madre Fire Department works with the residents in the foothills to help provide that "fighting chance" that is desperately needed to prevent a disastrous fire. This is done through an aggressive brush management program and by educating the residents on what to do before, during, and after a brush fire.

Here is a list of the brush clearance requirements that you can use to protect your home:

- Maintain the first 30 feet around any structure free of native brush and hazardous vegetation.
- Aggressively thin and trim the vegetation 30 to 100 feet around any structure.
- Remove dead branches from trees and keep all branches 6 feet off the ground.
- Clear vegetation 10 feet from roadways.
- Remove tree limbs that are within 10 feet of a chimney outlet.
- Maintain 5 feet of vertical clearance between your roof and overhanging vegetation.
- Keep all roof surfaces clear of dead leaves and twigs.
- Post your street number on your house so it is visible from the street.

In Sierra Madre, we have a conscientious community of educated, resourceful and dedicated citizens concerned about fire prevention. The need for fire prevention needs to be known. You can help us combat urban wildfire in your neighborhood, but you must start around your own home.

This year's Brush Inspections will begin mid-May.

Working together, we can accomplish a common goal; abatement of hazardous vegetation. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact the Sierra Madre Fire Prevention Bureau at 355-3611.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MAY 22, 2014, 6:00 P.M. SIERRA MADRE CITY HALL

City staff and Heritage Housing Partners (HHP) are hosting a Neighborhood meeting regarding preliminary plans to adaptively reuse the former Gloria Dei Lutheran Church building at 186 W. Highland Avenue into three affordable/workforce housing units.

In June of 2013, the City of Sierra Madre entered into an agreement with HHP, a non-profit affordable housing development company, to explore development of the existing building as "for-purchase workforce housing". HHP specializes in preservation and neighborhood revitalization and the development of affordable housing options for first-time home buyers. City staff and HHP will present preliminary plans and would like to receive input and feedback from neighbors and other interested community members at this meeting. We encourage all interested persons to attend.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Danny Castro, Director of Development Services at 626.355.7138.

JOIN THE CITY TEAM – APPLY TO BE A CITY COMMISSIONER TODAY - We want you to be a part of our City Team!

The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions. Currently, there are five citizen commissions established by the Council to advise and assist them in dealing with specific problems.

Applications to serve on a commission may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at <http://cityofsierramadre.com/commissions-boards-committees>. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however, it is recommended that applications for appointment for the beginning of the 2014-2015 fiscal year be submitted by Friday, May 23, 2014 to the City Manager's Office. There are currently vacancies on the following commissions:

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the general use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's arts and recreational service needs. The Commission provides information and recommendations to the City Council in these areas. Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The responsibilities of the Library Board include the following: establishing Library policies and programs to ensure that quality programs are provided to the community, recommending an annual budget to the City Council for approval, and ensuring that efficient and effective services are provided at the Library. Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION

The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories: consideration of current land-use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendments, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land-use decisions); and advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City's General Plan. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers

The advisory bodies study a variety of topics in detail. After gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notices on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act.

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PCC Student Killed in Ferrari Crash

A Pasadena City College student was killed and another injured early Saturday morning when the Ferrari they were traveling in was broadsided by a suspected drunk driver — the accident occurred in Monterey Park.

According to reports, Fu Duan of Temple City was driving a Ferrari 458 Italia when it was struck by a late model Hyundai around 2 a.m. at the intersection of New Avenue and Garvey Avenue in Monterey Park.

"The College extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Fu Duan and offers its support to the Duan and Zhao families," said PCC Superintendent /President Mark Rocha. "The College is working with the Office of the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles to provide assistance to both families. Words cannot begin to express the grief that our campus family feels today."

Duan's passenger, Shihao Zhao was taken to a nearby hospital in critical condition. Duan died at the scene.

According to police, the driver of the Hyundai Omar Placencia was driving westbound and the Ferrari was going southbound. One of the vehicles ran the red light although which one was still to be determined. It was also not known if speed was a factor they said. Placencia was also taken to the hospital in critical condition and was expected to be arrested for vehicular manslaughter. Investigators will also determine if Duan had any alcohol or drugs in his system.

Rocha said students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to utilize campus resources available to aid in this time of grief. Counseling services are available through. For information call 626-585-7272.

Pet of the Week



Andy is an eight-month-old Akita/German shepherd mix. He's very playful and has a lot of puppy energy so an experienced owner would be a perfect match for him. He loves attention and enjoys being petted.

Andy's adoption normal fee is \$125, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoption counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A354341, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Olympian Named Parade Grand Marshal

At 97, Olympian and World War II prisoner of war, Louis Zamperini will again make history, as the oldest Tournament of Roses Grand Marsh, come Jan. 1, when the true American hero rides down Colorado Blvd. as part of the 126th Rose Parade.

"It is such an honor to be the Grand Marshal of the 126th Rose Parade," Zamperini said. "Growing up in Torrance, the parade route on Colorado Boulevard is one I have been familiar with my whole life. I look forward to sharing the experience with my family and all the fans of the Rose Parade who will be watching."

Tournament of Roses President, Richard Chinen, made the announcement Friday morning.

"Louis Zamperini's life story illustrates the strength of human spirit in many ways. From becoming a young sports hero in Southern California to surviving for 47 days on an

inflatable raft in the Pacific Ocean and then persevering for more than two years held in captivity in Japan, Louis now lives as an enduring symbol of perseverance, heroism and forgiveness. His life is truly a series of 'Inspiring Stories,' and I am elated and humbled that he accepted our invitation to be the 2015 Grand Marshal."

Zamperini's life story was documented in the New York Times best-selling book, "Unbroken," written by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Laura Hillenbrand. In December 2014, Universal Pictures will release the movie, "Unbroken," a feature adaptation of the book. Zamperini ran in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, he was America's top finisher in the 5000 meter run, finishing the final lap in 56 seconds and causing Adolf Hitler to request a personal meeting with the track star.

During World War II,

Public Hearing Dates Set on City Annual Budget



The Pasadena City Council encourages the public to learn more about the City's annual finances and to participate in the upcoming public hearings in May and June for the Recommended Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget. By law, the City Council must approve a balanced budget prior to the start of the new fiscal year that begins July 1, 2014.

Four public hearing dates on the proposed budget are currently scheduled for May 12, May 19, June 2 and June 9 with special joint meetings of the Finance Committee and the City Council. The joint meetings are tentatively scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Second Floor, but actual start times may vary.

The hearings are also scheduled to continue on those same dates at the City Council meetings beginning at 7 p.m.

Meetings will be broadcast live on KPAS, the City's cable access TV station

The City's proposed FY 2015 Operating Budget totals about \$675.2 million, including about \$209.5 million in the General Fund to help pay for police and fire services, parks and other

public services. About \$251 million is included in the budget to pay for the salaries, medical insurance and other benefits for the City's approximately 2,170 full- and part-time employees. The new proposed budget represents a slight decrease from the adopted FY 2014 Budget of \$677.5 million.

The City's proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2015-19 is about \$901 million, including about \$72 million recommended for new appropriations in FY 2015 and about \$643 million in identified needs, but no funding sources. The report for adoption of the CIP will be discussed at the May 12 joint meeting.

Copies of the Recommended Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget will be available for inspection at the public counter for the City Manager/City Clerk's Office, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228, and the Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., during normal business hours, and on the City's website.

Written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office prior to the final public hearing on the budget June 9 by regular mail or by email to cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net.

DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned

Pasadena Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, May 23, 2014, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

"Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 4 lives and resulted in 67 injury crashes harming 93 of

our friends and neighbors," said Pasadena Police Chief Phillip L. Sanchez.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Nearly 90 percent of California drivers approve of DUI checkpoints.

DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Zamperini's aircraft crashed into the Pacific Ocean. He and a crewmate survived for 47 days in shark-infested waters eventually drifting into a Japanese-controlled region where he was held and tortured for another two years. The U.S. government had pronounced him dead.

Zamperini will ride the 5.5 mile route down Colorado Boulevard Thursday Jan. 1.

Reg. Still Open for Lawnmower Exchange

Pasadena residents can still register to get up to 75 percent in savings on a new electric lawn mower with the South Coast AQMD's popular Lawn Mower Exchange Program. The lawnmower exchange event in Pasadena is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 17, near the Rose Bowl Stadium. Registration spots are still open for the Pasadena event.

To take advantage of this great offer, residents must pre-register at www.aqmd.gov, or calling 1-888-425-6247. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

"By participating in the Lawn Mower Exchange Program, residents will get a brand new mower that is easier to operate and quieter than a gas model for just a fraction of the retail price," said William A. Burke, Ed.D., SCAQMD's Governing Board Chairman. "In addition to taking advantage of this great offer, residents will also help better their community by eliminating air pollution from old gas mowers."

In fact, an older gas-powered lawn mower can spew more pollution into the air in a single year than a car driven more than 22,000 miles.

Residents must be at least 18 years old to participate in the program. Gas-powered mowers must be in working order and only one mower per household can be exchanged. Cash, check or major credit cards are accepted for payment.

Residents have the opportunity to register and choose from one of five Black & Decker and Greenstation battery electric models ranging from \$100 to \$250.

Convention Center; Artisan Jewelry Show

The Artisan Jewelry Show 2014 will feature artisans presenting original forged, cast, carved, hammered, soldered, beaded, fabricated, gold, silver, semi-precious and precious jewelry. Each artisan will be on hand to meet with the public and discuss his or her work. All work is available for purchase. Held over Mother's Day weekend, the event is perfect for purchasing that one-of-a-kind piece of art jewelry for your mother, yourself or another loved one. There is something for every taste and budget, from simple gifts to the keepsake of a lifetime.

Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; free at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St.

CITY TO HOLD FORUM OVER EMBATTLED HEALTH DIRECTOR

The city will move forward with plans to organize a community forum to address a rash of prejudiced statements made by Pasadena Public Health Director Eric Walsh and other actions by Pasadena City College after The Human Relations Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to hold the event.

The Commission did not give a date, time or location for the forum.

Commissioners said they wanted to discuss the offending events from different perspectives. They also said Walsh's comments could put the city at risk for a possible lawsuit. They will also discuss racist issues surrounding L.A. Clippers owner Donald Sterling.

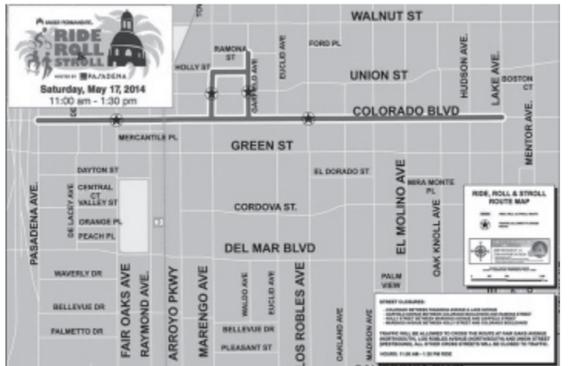
Walsh had publicly denounced Walt Disney Studios saying Disney is full of witchcraft and superstition. He made the comment during a speech, "Evolution and the Sorcerer's Stone" July 22, 2012 in South



Gate. Walsh also made comments about comic books, including Batman and Wonder Woman considered by some to be anti-Catholic and homophobic. Walsh had made a number of other similar comments in other speeches including as an associate Seventh-day Adventist church pastor in Altadena.

City officials said last week they had launched an investigation into the comments. Walsh remains on paid leave.

Experience a Car-Free Colorado Boulevard



Experience a unique, car-free Colorado Boulevard like never before on May 17 during the Mayor's Ride, Roll and Stroll sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. The Ride, Roll and Stroll caps a series of family fun events during Pasadena's Bike Week, May 11-17, that culminates just hours later as dozens of professional cyclists blaze through the streets of Downtown Pasadena to the Stage 7 Finish Line at historic City Hall as part of the exciting Amgen Tour of California race!

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mayor Bill Bogaard and others will ride bikes, skateboard, jog, roller skate, stroll and otherwise enjoy a car-free Colorado Boulevard during Kaiser Permanente's Ride, Roll and Stroll event.

Bogaard, along with thousands of bicyclists are expected to gather with in front of City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., at Holly Street, to start the event with a non-competitive bike ride. Following the bike riders will be walkers, joggers, skaters and anyone else who wants to experience a car-free Colorado Boulevard between Pasadena Avenue and Lake Avenue. Pets are also welcome.

Everyone is also invited to stay to watch the dazzling finish of the Amgen Tour of California Stage 7 where it ends at City

Hall. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 17, the Pasadena Visitors and Convention Bureau's Visitor Hotline, (626) 795-9311, will take calls about event activities and road closures.

Motorists are advised that portions of Colorado Boulevard will be closed for both events. During the Ride, Roll and Stroll, motorists will be able to cross Colorado Boulevard at Fair Oaks Avenue or Los Robles Avenue. For more information, including a route map, visit www.pasadenacal.com/riderollstroll or contact the City's Department of Transportation at (626) 744-7464.

Attendees and participants are reminded:

This is not a race. Take time to enjoy the ride.

Share the road. Slower bicyclists and walkers please stay to the right.

Stay hydrated by drinking water and use sunscreen throughout the day's event.

Wear a helmet and other safety gear as appropriate.

Police will begin clearing streets at 1:30 p.m. to clear course for Amgen race participants.

"If You See Something, Say Something."

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

With the opening of the new Pasadena Media studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you.

Producers' Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered to volunteer crewmembers. In addition, on-going training will soon be



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Monday May 12 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Introduction to Field Production Training

Wednesday May 14 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Producers Training

Monday May 19 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Orientation Training

Monday May 26 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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ARCADIA MAYOR JOHN WUO PROCLAIMED MAY 5-9 METHODIST HOSPITAL WEEK

ARCADIA – Dozens of hospital staff, board members and local officials were on hand Monday morning for a very special presentation at Methodist Hospital of Southern California.

In one of his first official acts this term, new Arcadia Mayor John Wuo presented a formal certificate to hospital President and CEO Dan Ausman and proclaimed the week of May 5 – 9 “Methodist Hospital Week.” Also present to witness the auspicious occasion were newly elected city council members Tom Beck and Sho Tay. Beck is also a director emeritus of Methodist Hospital Foundation.

Ausman welcomed the crowd and recognized special guests before introducing Methodist Hospital Board Chair Kathy Ellison, who expressed appreciation for all staff members for their dedication and care for patients, visitors and the community.

The event kicked off a week of activities at the hospital. This week is also Nurses Week, and nurses were treated to a lunch (or dinner for night shift) on Monday. Other activities scheduled during the week include a vendor and benefit fair, food and clothing drive, a staff lunch from Panda Express, free ice cream provided by Sodexo and a game day. The week will conclude in the hospital’s chapel with a traditional “blessing of the hands” service on Friday.

About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903 and currently licensed for 400 beds, Methodist Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital serving the greater San Gabriel Valley. Services include a 24/7 emergency department, outpatient surgery, labor and delivery, neonatal intensive care, neurosurgery, acute physical rehab and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is a Los Angeles County-certified stroke center, an approved STEMI receiving center for heart attack patients, and a recognized center of excellence for heart care, knee and hip replacement, cancer care and bariatric surgery.

Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission with advanced certification in heart failure and stroke and is accredited as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. For more information, visit www.methodisthospital.org



Above: Arcadia Mayor John Wuo presents a city proclamation to Methodist Hospital President and CEO Dan Ausman in honor of National Hospital Week. Methodist Hospital Chief Operating Officer Steve Sisto experiences a flashback as he greets two staff nurses dressed in “retro” nursing uniforms. Flanking him are Irma Cooper, RN, and Leslie Olson, RN.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, April 27th, through Saturday, May 3rd, the Police Department responded to 1,121 calls for service of which 125 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 27:

1. Just after 3:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Rite Aid, 165 East Foothill Boulevard, in reference to a robbery that just occurred. A male suspect concealed a beer inside his sweatshirt and was confronted by the store manager as he attempted to exit through the front doors. The suspect punched the manager in the face and fled through the parking lot. The suspect is described as Hispanic, approximately 25-years-old, 5’8” tall, 190 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes, wearing baggy black shorts and a dirty white t-shirt. Officers conducted an area check, but the suspect was not located.

2. At approximately 5:43 p.m., an officer patrolling the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, observed two vehicles doing “burn outs” and driving erratically in the parking lot of Gate 6. An investigation revealed one of the drivers, a 20-year-old Hispanic male, was driving under the influence of alcohol and had his juvenile brother inside the vehicle. He was arrested for DUI, Reckless Driving, and Child Endangerment. He was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The other driver, a 25-year-old Hispanic male, was cited for Reckless Driving and released in the field without incident.

Monday, April 28:

3. Around 6:36 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a bicyclist in the area of Live Oak Avenue and Louise Avenue. The officer discovered the subject was under the influence of a controlled substance. The 44-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. Shortly before 10:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of Christina Street regarding a suspicious subject. An investigation revealed a 47-year-old White male was drunk in public and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, April 29:

5. At approximately 2:51 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim mailed a check to Southern California Edison and discovered her payment never posted. The victim’s bank explained the check had been cashed by unknown suspect(s) who altered the check and cashed it for \$380. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

6. Around 1:00 p.m., an officer made consensual contact with two subjects standing in front of Denny’s, 7 East Huntington Drive. An investigation revealed one of the subjects, a 36-year-old White male, was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, April 30:

7. Around 1:27 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a solo vehicle traffic accident in the area of Orange Grove Avenue and Lima Street. While the driver fell asleep behind the wheel, her vehicle struck a trash can and collided into a parked vehicle. The driver complained of chest pain, but she refused medical transportation.

8. At about 8:45 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving with no lights on in the area of Wheeler Avenue and First Avenue. The officer discovered the 48-year-old White female had a suspended license and was in possession of illegal narcotics. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, May 1:

9. At approximately 3:15 p.m., an officer responded to Macy’s at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. A 48-year-old female of unknown race concealed two shirts and jewelry inside her purse before she exited the store without making payment. She was cited and released in the field without incident.

10. At about 7:00 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 5000 block of Peck Road for expired registration. The officer discovered the driver was displaying a fraudulent registration tag, which he made himself using old stickers. The sticker looked like a 2014 tag, but it was really a “2009” tag with cut outs of “1” and “4” attached. The 64-year-old Hispanic male was arrested for Altering Vehicle Registration and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, May 2:

11. Shortly after 9:50 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the 100 block of East Camino Real Avenue for a broken tail light. The officer discovered the 51-year-old Hispanic male driver had an expired license. He was cited in the field without incident and his vehicle was impounded.

12. At approximately 6:20 p.m., an officer was conducting surveillance as part of a burglary suppression detail in the 200 block of East Huntington Drive – an area known to be experiencing an increase in vehicle burglaries. From the officer’s position, he noticed a suspicious subject looking into vehicles parked at Embassy Suites and attempting to break into a van. Once the subject made eye contact with the officer, he ran northbound on Second Avenue. After a prolonged foot pursuit with airship assistance, the 21-year-old Hispanic male was located in the area of Santa Clara Street and Fifth Avenue. He was arrested for Attempted Vehicle Burglary and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check revealed he was also on parole for Vehicle Theft.

Saturday, May 3:

13. Around 7:52 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Stanford Drive. An investigation revealed the 32-year-old White male passenger was in possession of hydrocodone pills without a prescription. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The 27-year-old Hispanic male driver was cited for Possession of Marijuana and released in the field without incident.

14. At about 10:27 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of East Laurel Avenue in reference to a vandalism report. A male suspect accompanied by two other subjects shattered several windows and vandalized a vehicle parked in the driveway. The victim knew the suspect and provided the officer with his address. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



ARCADIA’S FORMER MAYOR BOB HARBICHT IS WHY TERM LIMITS MUST BE CHANGED

If every voter in Arcadia attended the recent Chamber’s Monthly Government Forum Meeting, there would be immediate action to end the term limits for the Arcadia City Council. This foolish law allows a person to serve two consecutive terms, but then they must step down for two years. After two years, they may run for office again. How crazy is that?

Former Mayor/ Council Member Bob Harbicht was guest speaker. I have listened to him speak on numerous occasions these last three years, and his knowledge will NO NOTES never cease to amaze me.

Mr. Harbicht, now retired, founded a Marketing/Research Company which he ran for 30+ years. He explained that Arcadia as a Charter City lays out laws. The two consecutive terms, then two-year off council, seem to say, “Less experience is better.”

The City of Arcadia has a \$50 million dollar budget, and is a day to day operation. Only two employees are hired by the City: the City Attorney and the City Manager who hires both the Police and Fire Chiefs. That is why it’s so important for Council Members to have business experience, “We’re running a business.”



Jack Orswell made presentation to Bob Harbicht on behalf of Arcadia Chamber

Twenty years ago, the city adopted a water plan. Sometimes it’s difficult to be on a Council; you may have to vote when one must sometimes say “No” to friends on various issues.

What makes a situation more difficult is the media goes after “wrongs” and doesn’t always print the correct information. Mr. Harbicht feels it’s better not to respond because it would just bring up the issue again. There is no simple explanation to complex problems.

Mr. Harbicht said Arcadia is known as the City of Homes, but twenty-four years ago, “We realized we needed to be more than ‘homes’. We have the Mall and Santa Anita Park...have become more business-friendly, and are very aggressive to bring businesses into the community.”

Santa Anita Park has been around since the 1930’s. But Hollywood Park has closed and Mr. Harbicht feels very few tracks will survive. Years ago, 30,000 attended the races all the time. Last weekend, there were only 3800. The parking lot has been rezoned commercial. Caruso planned to develop that but left after 6 or 7 years, and the parking lot is still vacant. (Wayne Williams explained that people voted against Caruso development because of potential traffic problems)

Mr. Harbicht is in favor of slot machines at racing facilities as is done back East. But it’s up to the State of California to change a state law.

Other topic covered were CALPERS and the 1978 Clean Water Act by the Federal government.

Upcoming events:

June 14-
Education Center opens at Gilb Museum.
September
27-Thoroughbred Walk of Champions
October 31
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THE KINGS AND QUEENS ROCKED, BUT DIDN'T RULE, THE WORLDS



The young ladies of Monrovia High School's robotics team "The Kings And Queens" returned from the FIRST FTC Robotics World Championships held in St. Louis April 23-26 successful, but not triumphant. As the team's mentor, Brian Johnson, says, "We knew going in that the competition on the field would be fierce. When you start with nearly 4,000 teams and winnow them down over the season to the 128 best, those that remain are very, very good. Since this was our first time competing at this level, we didn't know what to expect so we had a few basic goals of giving a good account of ourselves on the field, making an impression on the FIRST community, learning as much as we could, and having fun."

On the field the team posted a respectable three wins and six losses and finished ranked 100 out of 128. Two of the matches were lost by less than ten points each, a difference of scoring just two of the plastic blocks that are the primary task for the robots. It was the goal of "making an

impression" where the team really shined. Holding court from the purple and gold pavilion that was their home base and marketing billboard, the ladies in the purple velvet dresses charmed one and all. They opened the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper one morning to a story about girls in robotics and found two of the team members in a photo accompanying the article. The team was asked by the FIRST organization to co-star in a video to be used to promote FTC Robotics next season. The team pavilion became a favored stop for VIPs, sponsors and dignitaries as they were escorted around the event by FIRST guides, and many people made a special trip to see "the cool purple robot with all the jewels."

"Going to the World Championship was a great experience for the team," says Johnson, "they made a lot of friends, and really put Monrovia on the map in the FIRST Robotics world. They are already making plans for next year to earn their way back to the Championship in 2015 and be a much stronger competitor by applying

what they learned this year. Now they know exactly what it takes." As an example to work toward, The Kings And Queens can look to the tournament champion team, "Hot Wired" from Portland, Oregon and the overall top Inspire Award winner, "The Bears" from Mexico City, Mexico.

The Kings And Queens thank the Monrovia business community, the Monrovia Unified School District, Monrovia High School and the people of Monrovia for supporting them so enthusiastically. Without the financial support and encouragement they received, they could never have accomplished so much.

The Monrovia High School Robotics Program will be putting on a robotics demonstration as part of the Monrovia Day festivities at Library Park on May 17. Stop by and meet the Kings And Queens and all the Monrovia robotics teams and see the robots in action.

Above: The Queens with FTC World Championship Tournament Director Joe Perrotto.

CONGRATULATIONS, EAGLE SCOUT JASON RICHARDSON

By Joan Schmidt

On Thursday, April 24, 2014, Monrovia's Jason Richardson of Annunciation Boy Scout Troop # 140 held his Eagle Court of Honor at the Church. Besides fellow troop members, many friends and family members attended.

Master of Ceremony was Troop 140's Scout Master David Bond who assisted Jason on his trail to Eagle, from 2008-2013. Jason's badges included Art, Camping, Canoeing, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Climbing, Communication, Crime Prevention, Environmental Science, Family Life, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Horsemanship, Law, Leatherwork, Lifesaving, Mammal Study, Oceanography, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Pottery, Pulp and Paper, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Shotgun Shooting, Sports, Swimming and Wood Carving.

Jason's Eagle Project was repair, sand, and paint picnic tables at Monrovia Canyon Park. He wanted to help out his community by beautifying the park and making it a better place to visit. Jason thanked his parents for their unconditional love and support; also Mr. Bond, fellow scouts and all who helped him achieve this great honor.



Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for May 5-7, 2014

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 426 service events, resulting in 86 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

Theft From an Unlocked Vehicle

On May 5 at 4:56 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Myrtle. The victim parked the vehicle in front of their apartment complex. During the night, unknown suspects entered the vehicle and took a small amount of cash. The investigation is continuing.

Armed Robbery

On May 5, at approximately 11:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to a restaurant located in the 800 block of West Huntington Drive on the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Employees reported that the suspect appeared in the kitchen as the restaurant was closing. The suspect was wearing a black ski mask over his face and was armed with an unknown caliber handgun. The suspect contacted the manager and directed him to the office, where the safe was open and money was being prepared for deposit. The suspect had a shopping bag in his possession and directed the manager to place the money inside. Upon receiving the money, the suspect directed the five employees to stay in the office and count to 100. The suspect then fled the location in an unknown direction.

The suspect is described as male, 5'07" to 5'08" tall, thin build, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark pants. Monrovia officers searched the area for the suspect with assistance from the Foothill Air Support helicopter and CHP officers from the Altadena Station who were in the area and responded, but the suspect was not located. The investigation is continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle

On May 6 at 9:14 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Violet. The victim parked her vehicle in the evening, but was unsure if she left her vehicle unlocked or not. The next morning, she found her vehicle ransacked. Her work identification badge and an iPod were taken. The investigation is continuing.

Illegal Hydroponics Marijuana Cultivation Discovered - Suspects Arrested

On May 6 at 1:26 p.m., several tenants in a business complex complained of strong chemical fumes coming from a unit occupied by tenants claiming to operate a water filtration company. The fumes were strong enough to cause headaches and nausea. Patrol and detective resources, city code enforcement officials and hazardous material fire personnel responded to investigate. The unit was being subleased by the original tenant and police personnel were able to speak with one of the people subleasing the unit. Consent to search the premises was obtained from the lessee, who claimed there were no toxic chemicals or anything illegal inside the unit. Hazardous materials specialists entered the unit, stating they recognized the odor of an indoor hydroponic grow of marijuana inside. Once the unit was confirmed to be clear of any immediate hazard, police personnel searched and discovered a fully developed hydroponic grow in process. The two responsible subjects for the illegal marijuana cultivation were arrested and booked on the charges. Additional violations including municipal code and health and safety code violations may be sought.

Injury Traffic Collision

On May 6 at 1:34 p.m., police responded to an injury traffic collision reported at Magnolia and Olive. A driver was headed southbound on Magnolia when he slowly veered left and accelerated into a parked truck, hitting it head on, pushing it in to other vehicles. The driver sustained visible injuries and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Warrant / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested

On May 6 at 10:34 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 200 block of South Myrtle observed a male suspect he knew had a warrant out for his arrest. After confirming the warrant, he contacted the suspect and arrested him for the warrant. A subsequent search revealed the suspect was in possession of a hypodermic syringe containing an unknown liquid substance believed to be methamphetamine. He was also charged for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Vandalism - Suspect Arrested

May 7 at 6:16 p.m., an officer was sent to Alta Vista and Huntington regarding the report of vandalism in progress. A witness called police to report a male suspect spray painting graffiti on the public street. An officer arrived and detained the suspect, who was positively identified by a witness. The male juvenile suspect admitted to the crime. The juvenile suspect was arrested and later released to the custody of his mother on a citation to appear in court. The reporting party will be receiving Monrovia Police Department's Graffiti Bounty. If a citizen reports an incident of graffiti in the City of Monrovia that leads to the arrest of the suspect, the citizen will receive a \$100 bill.



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GOODEN SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS IMPRESS CALTECH STUDENT JUDGES



Sierra Madre -- With science experiments ranging from the effect of seed color on birds to the way microwaves affect plants to how to drive someone insane, students in grades six through eight at The Gooden School eagerly presented their projects to some tough judges -- Caltech undergrads who brought both academic scrutiny and pure joy to the school's annual science fair.

"I want them to get a picture of how fun science really is, as well as understand the importance of critical thinking," said Alison Lui, an undergraduate chemical engineering major at Caltech. "I could see myself in these students," she added with a smile. "It was really fun. I'll be back."

Tiana Lopez, an 8th grader, was a stand-out winner, having received the highest score three years in a row for her science fair projects. This year, Tiana posed the question: Does electromagnetic radiation have a harmful effect on the growth of green lentil plants? Her conclusion: "I'm getting rid of our microwave."

"The judges were simply 'impressed' with Tiana," said Laurie Tortell, Science teacher. "Her presentation was stellar, her experiment was incredibly detailed, her research was outstanding."

Students in Tortell's science classes concentrate on science fair projects from March

1 through the end of April. "We bring in Caltech students as judges to get our students out of their comfort zones," said Tortell. "What's exciting for me is that they've taken what they've learned in class and applied it to something new."

First place winners in 7th grade were Michael Antonucci and Conner Walker, who asked "Does the color of the seed affect whether or not the bird likes it?" Judges noted the project was "well thought out, researched and executed." Michael was able to answer questions "like an old pro."

First place winner in 6th grade was Emmett Sloan who explored "which soil do earthworms prefer?" Judges remarked he had a great idea and his presentation "showed individual thinking...his hypothesis was clear and specific."

One of the judges, Val Lambert, a Caltech physics major, remarked, "I want to challenge the students when they choose an idea to think of all the possible factors that relate to that idea; to go outside the box."

Other science fair winners were:

2nd Place, 8th grade: Natalie Boberg -- "How does temperature and pH affect enzymes and their activity?"

2nd Place, 7th grade: Maddie Bove -- "Does music affect studying?"

2nd Place, 6th grade: Natalie Brown and Aspen Helgeson -- "Frozen erosion -- examining the effects of freezing and thawing on the weathering of rocks."

3rd Place, 8th grade: Sam Christopher and Michael Brennan -- "What effect does temperature have on viscosity and surface tension?"

3rd Place, 7th grade (tie): Russell Moore ("How does sugar affect the growth of yeast?") and the team of Danny Walsh and Lauren Anastacia ("How to drive someone insane").

3rd Place, 6th grade: Kathryn Fong: "How fast do seismic waves travel?"

Founded in 1975, The Gooden School is an independent Episcopal School, K-8, where academics and the arts come together. Reflecting Gooden's high academic standards, and reputation for the arts and service-learning, graduates are accepted by many of the finest high schools in the area including Campbell Hall, Flintridge Prep, Flintridge Sacred Heart, La Salle, Loyola, Mayfield Sr., St. Francis, and Westridge. For more information, visit www.goodenschool.org.

Above: Eighth grader Tiana Lopez is the first place winner -- three years in a row -- of the science fair at Gooden.

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The camp slots are limited and will be filling up with both male and female participants, said Deputy Scott Rule. "Many parents have already requested that we do a second camp session due to vacations, and we will offer one later this summer if there is continued interest."

The first teen CSI camp will be June 9th through the 13th at the Farnsworth Park Davies Building in Altadena. The camp runs from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information about the Teen CSI Camp and the daily schedule, contact Deputy Scott Rule during regular business hours at the Altadena Sheriff's Station at (626) 798-1131 or email Deputy Rule at SARULE@LASD.ORG

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

THE QUIET ONES



I try to take all horror movies seriously. I say 'try' because many of them end up being downright ridiculous or hilarious... or both. Sadly, that is how 'The Quiet Ones' plays out.

Set in 1970s England, Professor Joseph Coupland (Jared Harris) and his team of students begin performing experiments on a girl, Jane Harper (Olivia Cooke), to prove that the supernatural entity haunting her is nothing more than a manifestation of her mind. However, as the experiment goes on, and the relationship between doctor and patient blurs, the team of students unravel the mystery behind the Professor, Jane Harper, and a mysterious boy named David Q.

While the movie started off as a solid horror film, it slowly deteriorated to become a laughable mess. To give you an idea of how bad 'The Quiet Ones' got by the end, I will just say this: it got more laughs than any comedy movie I have seen recently. 'The Quiet Ones' had potential, and some good moments, but it will not be remembered as a new horror classic.

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To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Sherbert (aka...5079), please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

His adoption fee is \$120 which includes a microchip, neuter surgery, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Sherbert.

See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our available pets.



PET OF THE WEEK: JUSTIN

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To meet Justin in person, or for more information on this great dog, please contact United Hope for Animals volunteer, Katja at katja@hope4animals.org or (951)973-2757. He is already neutered, up-to-date on his shots and ready to go to his forever home. Whoever is lucky enough to get this guy will hit the puppy jackpot!

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How can we begin to show our love and thanks to our mothers,

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Mothers have been honored in many ways, even before they got their own holiday. Some children picked wildflowers to surprise their mothers. Some thanked or remembered their mothers by attending religious services or banquets that honored them. Mother's Day became a national holiday in the United States in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be a day of "...public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." How will you show your mother your love?

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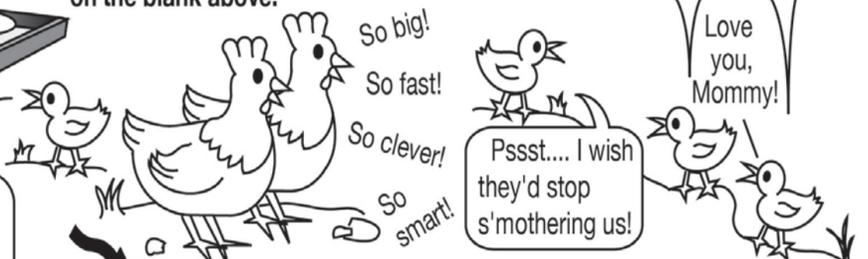
1. Mother _____ - old woman in nursery rhyme
2. mother _____ - the nation of a family
3. Mother _____ - our planet
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5. Mother _____ - controlling force of life, events
6. mother-of- _____ - hard, shimmery layer in shell
7. Mother _____ - "author" of children's rhymes
8. mother _____ - protects/services smaller vessels
9. mother _____ - being a female who has children and is caring for them
10. mother _____ - main vein of gold in the hills



Wow! There's a nice idea. Breakfast on a tray for Mom's special day!

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Chili Cook -Off

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Chili Cook-Off is just days away!! I judged last year and I was absolutely impressed with the quality of entrants. My idea of a true chili is one that has no beans, but I have a feeling that there will be all sorts of entrants that I will state "This is Chili?"... See everyone Saturday Night at the Sierra Madre Room 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre.



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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound uncooked pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast meat - cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 (14 ounce) can marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 lemons, wedged, for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente; drain.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and onion, and saute for 2 minutes. Stir in the chicken. Cook, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink and the juices run clear, about 5 to 6 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium-low, and add the artichoke hearts, tomato, feta cheese, parsley, lemon juice, oregano and cooked pasta. Stir until heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove from heat, season to taste with salt and pepper, and garnish with lemon wedges.

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Here are just a few of the latest sauces that incorporate spices and ingredients

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- Tikki Masala - This robust Indian sauce enjoyed worldwide will take your taste buds to a new level with the flavors of Fire Roasted Tomatoes, Ginger, Cream and Lime. Makes a fantastic addition to chicken or even pasta.
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- Harissa - A flavorful Tunisian blend of Peppers, Herbs and Olive Oil make a captivating aroma that kicks up everything from roasted potatoes to scrambled eggs.
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- Truffle Sauce - Considered a culinary delicacy, this rare and aromatic mushroom sauce can be used in a multitude of ways on meat, salads, risotto or macaroni and cheese.

We encourage you to experiment with these sauces and use them in any way that you like - there are no rules and we are always interested to know how you made them your own.

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THE JOY OF YOGA GOOD VIBRATIONS



One day before class I had to be on the phone with Verizon. I had been on hold for a loooooong time. The person helping me was unhelpful. I was not happy. As I got in my car to drive to the studio I wondered how I could possible change my attitude so that I could teach a good class. As I sat in my car wondering, an oldie but goodie came on the radio - Good Vibrations. But of course, all I had to do was change how I felt. How to go from angry and frustrated to upbeat and happy? Singing along with the song was half the battle won. Really. The power of mantra, or the power of sound is mighty. Do not listen to sad music when you have a broken heart. Listen to upbeat music, or better yet, pray. Sing the praises

of the Divine. And laugh. Laughter has fabulous healing powers. You have heard of laughing yoga - right?

BKS Iyengar says that when you are depressed, all you have to do is show your pits. Try it. It is hard to be depressed when you have your arms spread wide in the air.

There are breath practices and of course, yoga poses that can also change your attitude. When the cup looks half empty, get into a yoga class. It will fill up. Mantra, pranayama and asana can change your energy fast. Just cranking up the endorphins helps, but to sustain, you need to do the rest. In fact, the measure of how to tell if your practice is the right one for you, is how much your life is improving.

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- 1. BPA:** Awareness of this toxin is on the increase. An industrial chemical used in two common synthetics, Polycarbonate and Epoxy Resins. Polycarbonates are used to make certain plastics and the resins are used to coat the linings of billions of food and beverage cans in the US. BPA is a synthetic estrogen, that even in small amounts, can disrupt the body's endocrine system. It has been linked to breast and reproductive system cancer, early puberty, obesity and behavioral problems in children. So how do you avoid BPA's in our world of conveniences? Limit your purchases of canned food and instead buy food in glass jars, or waxed lined cartons. You can also look for BPA Free labeled products or better yet, buy fresh.
- 2. Atrazine:** The most widely used herbicide in the US to control weeds. But this toxin is turning up more and more in our ground and drinking water. Banned in the European Union in 2005, this hormone disrupter has actually turned male frogs into egg laying females. It's been linked to breast tumors, delayed puberty and possible prostate cancer. So how do we avoid this when we have to drink water and eat? Buy organic produce where atrazine is not used. And use a water filter certified to remove atrazine.
- 3. Phthalates:** Did you know its normal for 50 billion cells in our body to die each day? There is a specific signal that programs our cells to die. Studies have shown that chemicals called phthalates can trigger the "death-inducing signal" in testicular cells, making them die earlier than they normally would. Men, are you listening? If that's not enough, researchers linked phthalates to lower sperm count, less active sperm and birth defects in the male reproductive systems just to name a few. So how do we avoid these machismo lessening events? We can start by avoiding plastic food containers, plastic wrap made from PVC (has a recycling label #3) and some personal care products.

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Patient Educator

Dear Educator:

You're right. Studies have shown that patients who help their doctors by providing important health information and preparing themselves for appointments tend to get better care than patients who don't. Here are some simple things we can all do to help maximize our next visit to the doctor.



Before Your Appointment

Gathering your health information and getting organized before your appointment are the key steps to ensuring a productive meeting with your doctor. This is especially important if you're seeing multiple doctors or are meeting with a new physician for the first time. Specifically, you need to:

Get your test results: Make sure the doctor you're seeing has copies of your latest X-ray, MRI or any other test or lab results, including reports from other doctors that you've seen. In most cases, you'll need to do the leg work yourself which may only require a phone call to your previous doctor asking them to send it, or you may need to go pick it up and take it yourself.

List your medications: Make a list of all the medications you're taking (prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements) along with the dosages and take it with you to your appointment. Or, just gather up all your pill bottles and put them in a bag and bring them with you.

Gather your health history: Your doctor also needs to know about any previous hospitalizations, as well as any current or past medical problems, even if they are not the reason you are going to the doctor this time. Genetics matter too, so having your family's health history can be helpful. The U.S. Surgeon General offers a free web-based tool called "My Family Health Portrait" (see familyhistory.hhs.gov) that can help you put one together.

Prepare a list of questions: Make a written list of the top three or four issues you want to discuss with your doctor. Since most appointments last between 10 and 15 minutes, this can help you stay on track and ensure you address your most pressing concerns first. If you're in for a diagnostic visit, you should prepare a detailed description of your symptoms.

During Your Appointment

The best advice when you meet with your doctor is to speak up. Don't wait to be asked. Be direct, honest and as specific as possible when recounting your symptoms or expressing your concerns. Many patients are reluctant or embarrassed to talk about their symptoms, which makes the doctor's job a lot harder to do. It's also a good idea to bringing along a family member or friend to your appointment. They can help you ask questions, listen to what the doctor is telling you and give you support.

Also consider taking some notes or ask the doctor if you can record the session for later review. If you don't understand what the doctor is telling you, ask him or her to explain it in simple terms so you can understand. And if you run out of time and don't get your questions answered, ask if you can follow up by phone or email, make another appointment, or seek help from the doctor's nurse.

Savvy tip: The National Institute on Aging offers a booklet called "Talking With Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People" that provides great information including a variety of questions to ask that can help you be a more informed patient. To get a free copy mailed to you, call 800-222-2225 or visit www.nia.nih.gov.

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

FYI - STC (SENIOR TEXTING CODES) from Jonathon McKee

Since more and more seniors citizens are texting and tweeting, there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code). If you qualify for senior discounts, these are the codes for you:

- ATD: At The Doctor's
- BFF: Best Friend Farted
- BTW: Bring The Wheelchair
- BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM: Covered By Medicare
- CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center
- DWI: Driving While Incontinent
- FWB: Friend With Beta Blockers
- FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
- FYI: Found Your Insulin
- GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!
- GHA: Got Heartburn Again
- IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?
- LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out
- LOL: Living On Liptor
- LWO: Lawrence Welk's On
- OMMR: On My Massage Recliner
- OMSG: Oh My! Sorry, Gas.
- ROFL... CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing... Can't Get Up
- TTYL: Talk To You Louder
- WAITT: Who Am I Talking To?
- WTP: Where's The Prunes?
- WWNO: Walker Wheels Need Oil



HELPFUL HINT: Got Ants? To banish ants from the kitchen, find out where they are coming in and cover the hole with petroleum jelly. Ants won't trek through the jelly. If they are coming under a door, draw a line on the floor with chalk. The little bugs also won't cross a line of chalk.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead!"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... May Birthdays*

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Quote of the Week:

"Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around."
Henry David Thoreau



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

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.)
All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

Free Balance Class: Monday, January 27th 11:00 to 11:45 with Shannon Vandevelde. A variety of balance exercises are practiced; all ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: Held Second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: No appointment necessary.

Bingo: Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Cards are only .25c each!

Chair Yoga Update: This class has become so popular that Instructor Paul Hagen has agreed to offer another class. Starting Monday, April 7th chair yoga will meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am, except on the third Monday of the month when the balance class is held. Due to the demand for this class and Paul Hagen's time a suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by or give us a call 626.355.7394

Free Legal Consultation: Pasadena attorney Lem Makupson volunteers on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. He focuses on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate, conservatorships and business law. *Appointments are a must! Please call: 626.355.7394 to make yours

Birthday Celebrations: The 2nd Thursday of the month the Senior Center celebrates the birthdays of our patrons at 12:30 pm. Please join us for free cake and ice cream and "celebration." (The cakes are provided due to a generous donation from the Sierra Madre Civic Club.)

Game Day: Every Thursday at 1:00pm. Poker is usually the game of choice, or should I say chance? Board games and other card games are also available.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 1:00 pm -1:45 pm Conducted by long-time volunteer, Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low-impact resistance training. Weights are provided by the Sierra Madre Senior Center.

Senior Citizens Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House (Senior Center). Brown bag lunch at 11:30am; Club meeting at Noon; Bingo 12:30- 3:30 pm. Only .25c per card.

LUNCH & LEARN: EXTREME HEAT Wednesday, May 28th • 12:00 to 1:00 pm

As you prepare for the summer season it is important to take preventative measures to avoid heat related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Debra Watson, LVN from Home Care Providers, will provide educational materials and tips to avoid these dangerous conditions. Mark your calendars and don't miss this great presentation with valuable information. If you would like to have lunch during the talk please call the Senior Lunch Café at 626.355.0256 or bring your own.

SEASONAL FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

On Thursday, May 15th join us and the Garden Club in making FREE Succulent Gardens. You will be able to create your own mini garden to take home. The activity will take place from 10:30 to 11:45, reservations are required. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by or give us a call at 626.355.7394.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum (Simi Valley, CA) Date: Friday, May 16, 2014
Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm
Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$20.00 (does not include lunch)
Spend the day exploring the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. The guided tour is approximately 2 hours and includes an opportunity to see Air Force One, a replica of the Oval Office, and the exhibit "Honoring Legends of Baseball," a limited time engagement. The special exhibit will display extraordinary artifacts from Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig, Jackie Robinson, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and scores of other historically important players and organizations. Participants are asked to bring additional money for souvenirs and lunch; two restaurants are available on site. Last day to register is Thursday, May 1. **Level of Walking: Moderate**

SENIOR CINEMA: 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY

Change in Venue Shown at the Hart Park House Senior Center

May 7th: Saving Mr. Banks (2013)

Author P.L. Travers reflects on her childhood after reluctantly meeting with Walt Disney, who seeks to adapt her Mary Poppins books for the big screen. Rated PG-13, Start time: 1:00 pm (run time 125 minutes) Featuring: Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks, and Annie Rose Buckley

May 21st: Captain Phillips (2013)

The true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years. Rated PG-13, Start time: 1:00 pm (run time 143 minutes) Featuring: Tom Hanks and Barkhad Abdirahman.

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KATIE TseThis and That EMBARRASSMENT: AND OTHER STRONG MOTIVATORS

Organization has never come naturally to me. As a child, I remember somewhat helplessly stuffing school papers into my desk or backpack. My parents would question my "filing system" as I retrieved months-old crumpled papers. "Hey, I'd say, 'I didn't lose them!' I grew up with the adage, 'A place for everything and everything in its place.'" The only problem was that I kept changing the places for things, and then forget where those places were.

You'd think that surviving through higher education would instill great organizational skills in me. Nope! I don't think my problem is that I can't categorize things, it is more that some things can fit into several categories. This puts me at a loss of where to categorize them. Every so often I feel compelled to devote serious time to organizing my things. However, after half an hour of shuffling through papers, I'm no farther along than I was when I started. It's at this point that I sigh and stuff everything back where I had it (hoping that I'd remember its location if I ever needed to!). Often "where I had it" is either an overflowing filing cabinet, or in the case of my work, a burgeoning supply closet.

I refer to this storage space as "the closet of doom." On my own behalf, I wasn't totally at fault because it was already stuffed beyond capacity when I inherited my job from my predecessor. My company isn't the sort of place where people pack all their office belongings into a tidy little box when they leave. Oh no --they leave all their materials for the next guy. Of course I was extremely grateful for the surplus of supplies available to me when I first started out. However, even then it was hard walking into another person's organization system and trying to make sense of it. There were many things I never used, but felt unable to toss, since they were "the company's." And since the lady before me found them useful, who was I to get rid of them? These were inevitably stuffed into the closet of doom.

The door-less closet of doom stayed dormant for years. Occasionally its contents would pile up around the entrance, creating a potential avalanche. I shuddered every time I put anything in there. This year, I actually asked my mom to sew me a curtain to hide the mess, which she did (thanks, Mom!). Who knows how long this closet could have kept growing if not for a recent request from my new boss!

My old boss retired recently, and we now have a new commander in chief. He's been very sweet, and so far, we've all had nothing but good experiences with him. However, it's always prudent to please your boss --especially during the "first impressions" phase.

Last week, my new boss casually informed me that another new employee would need to store some boxes in my office, and asked if I could please make room for say --forty banker boxes. Whoa! I can barely hide my own junk! (But that's not a great admission to make.) "Sure." I replied via email, "Send the boxes over!"

Let me tell you, I've never embodied the phrase, "bust and move" until now! Not only did I clear away my own junk, but I excavated specimens from the 90's, 80's, and (yes) 70's! It was like an archaeological dig, without the sexiness of Indiana Jones. At last I saw something I'd never before laid eyes upon --the back wall of my supply closet. I doubt it's seen the light of day in thirty years. Unfortunately, there were some things I actually wanted to save. So I heaped them in the middle of my office until the closet had been filled with whatever my co-worker needed to store. So, to anyone walking by, it looked like I had a pile of rubble in my office.

Nevertheless, I wanted to "share the moment" with someone, but admitting my poor organizational skills to my coworkers would've killed the joy I felt. (I'm sure they've suspected it all this time, but admission only confirms their suspicions.)

Finally ready, I called the custodian (who doubles as the ultimate tech-support for the company, but that's another story) to start loading up my closet with my new co-worker's things. He stopped in his tracks at the sight of my empty closet and breathed, "Whoa...." I was proud.

"You know, though," he said, "The board is visiting this week, so we won't be able to load the boxes until next week, or maybe the week after." I was still smiling at him like an idiot when he clarified the situation for me, "You'll need to move all this stuff back (the stuff in the middle of my office). Maybe we can load the new things next week." Even though most of my co-workers have now seen the junk heap in my office, I don't mind. Even though the custodian/tech genius probably thinks I'm too quick to jump the gun, I still don't mind. I've seen the back wall of my closet, which I know I would've never seen if all this hadn't taken place. If for no other reason, I'm glad it gave me the impetus to actually CLEAN my closet. Who knows how many decades it would've sat untouched otherwise...

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Los Angeles Children's Chorus (LACC), one of the nation's leading children's choirs, is holding auditions for boys and girls ages 8 (by September 1, 2014) to 12 on June 5-8, 2014, in Pasadena. Previous singing experience is not necessary, but audition appointments are required.

LACC's program focuses on training children who may not necessarily have had previous singing

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experience, but who love to sing. Successful candidates will demonstrate the ability to match pitch, follow instructions, and thrive in a structured, but supportive learning environment. Children audition in groups of five to ensure their comfort, and no preparation is necessary.

Under the artistic direction of Anne Tomlinson, Los Angeles Children's Chorus, currently in its 28th season, provides a comprehensive music education and performance program for children of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds in Los Angeles County. LACC comprises 6 progressively experienced choirs with choristers ranging in age from 8 to 18 who hail from 50 communities throughout Southern California. (Younger singers are encouraged to enroll in LACC's First Experiences in Singing classes for 6- and 7-year-olds offered in Pasadena.)

Rehearsals for entry-level choirs are once a week at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. In addition, all children starting in Apprentice Choir take musicianship classes (a seven level curriculum) and receive individual vocal training. They receive mid- and end-of-year evaluations as well. Repertoire is selected to fit each choir's skill level and focuses on classical works, but also encompasses folk music from around the world, spirituals, gospel songs and jazz, as well as new music.

High-profile performance opportunities are an important and integral part of the program and include two culminating Winter and Spring concerts each year, plus performances at major civic events. LACC's premier choirs perform with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, LA Opera, Los Angeles Master Chorale, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, among other prestigious music presenters.

There is a \$50 charge per audition. Audition scholarships are need-based and scholarship applications are available upon request. Auditions will be held at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, located at 585 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California 91101.

For more information or to make an audition appointment, please call (626) 793-4231 or visit www.lachildrenschorus.org.

HILLSIDES MOTHER AND DAUGHTER LEARN WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THIS MOTHER'S DAY

(PASADENA, CA) For some women, Mother's Day is a joyous occasion to honor their moms. For others, it's more a rite of obligation. And for still others, who are dealing with a chronic illness of a mother, the holiday takes on a special poignancy.

Hillside's Chief Advancement Officer Nancy Garni was diagnosed with leukemia in January. She's undergone three rounds of chemotherapy, is soon to face a fourth, and is awaiting a stem cell transplant that will give her the best chance of a recovery. Besides being a driving force at Hillside's where Garni has worked for more than 25 years, she is also a mother. Her daughter, Kati Farina, is 23 and also works at Hillside's.

Mother's Day has always meant a lot to Farina because she is an only child and was raised primarily by her mother after her parents split up when she was two. But this year, said Farina, "I've never been more grateful to have my mom in my life. I've realized that everything I have and who I am today, is because of her. She is so kind and generous, and has such a strong spirit. I am so happy to be able to be with her that day and enjoy the time with her."

The months since Garni's diagnosis have not been easy for Farina, but she says she has gained strength from the way her mother has handled her illness. "Her commitment to and persistence in beating this [disease] makes me even much more appreciative of being her daughter," she said.

Garni draws her strength in part from her decision to control what she can in her life. "I refuse to be defined as a sick person," she said. "Every day, I get up, and think about two - three things I want to get done in the day, and this sustains me."

She's a person of faith, she adds. "I have to believe there is a cure on the horizon for me." She also feels she is in the best hands possible - those of Dr. Stephen Forman at City of Hope in Duarte, CA. Dr. Forman is a co-leader of the Hematologic Malignancies Program and an international expert in leukemia and lymphoma.

In addition, Garni is focused on giving back, just as she has for the last quarter of the century at Hillside's. She is dedicated to spreading the message about the need for stem cell donors for patients with leukemia and other blood cancers. "This keeps me focused on hope, rather than on the reality of my disease," she said.

Both mom and daughter have discovered that unforeseen benefits have come along with the illness. "I try to see it as a blessing as it's helped me crystallize what's really



important in my life, my family: Kati, and my husband Mike," said Garni.

Farina's priorities have changed as well. "The trauma I've experienced has been like nothing else, and it's jolted me into realizing I have to take care of myself," she said. She now makes sure to eat healthy and most nights after work, walks the three-mile loop around the Pasadena Rose Bowl.

For Mother's Day, Farina, Garni, Garni's husband, and some friends will be going out to one of Garni's favorite restaurants for lunch and then will sit in Garni's English garden at her home in Pasadena, CA for dessert and presents.

Both are real treats for Garni. Due to the risk of infection caused by a low white blood cell count, since starting treatment she has been unable to go out in public or enjoy her garden where she used to spend hours tending her hydrangeas, rhododendrons, and lavender plants.

Garni's blood cell count is currently stable enough for her to spend time in the garden on Mother's Day and to even don a pair of gardening gloves and help her daughter and husband do some planting.

"We've both learned to appreciate the moment," said Farina. "That's what we will be doing, surrounded by family and friends, this Sunday."

Above: Nancy Garni and her daughter, Kati Farina. Photo courtesy of Jerry Camarillo, fotoaztecstudio.com.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

WYE OAK

On the band's forth full length album, Baltimore duo Wye Oak ditch guitars for bass and synthesizers. It's a bold move given their trademark sound over the course of eight plus years. Singer Jenn Wasner appears confident while making the departure from indie folk-rock/dream pop style to echoing the likes of synth-based, '80s pop music. Andy Stack provides much of the background sound with drums, synthesizers and other electronics. The advancement in their sound was probably needed despite the critical acclaim of their previous effort, "Civilian." However, "Shriek" offers an uneven passage as the band travels to unexplored territory. Many of these new songs require some extra time settling in. There are certain aspects worth praising, but the overall experience comes up quite a bit short.

Artist:	Wye Oak
Album:	Shriek
Label:	Merge Records
Release Date:	April 29th, 2014

"Before" opens up the album heavy on sound effects, but dark in tone. It feels as if the song is in slow motion as the catharsis is in full force. This specific vibe is planted throughout the album. Majority of the tracks found on "Shriek" may feel extensive, however, no songs reach five minutes in duration. The title track secures the top spot for best song here. The warm bass lines and Wasner's croon work wonders. "The Tower" is a close second for standout track. While Wasner previously mumbled while she sung, she is clear and confident this time around. Overall, "Shriek" should be considered a reinvention of a band that found success at what they were known for doing. The change in pace might be considered shocking. While it doesn't always hit all the right notes, it's still a meritorious effort. "Sick Talk" has one of the best choruses found on "Shriek." Unfortunately, the rest of the song is difficult to engage. Wasner is ranting more than she's actually singing. "Despicable Animal" acts the same way with a beautiful sounding chorus only to be drowned by murky verses. Like most of the other tracks, there are certain aspects to songs to have a predilection for, but rarely, if ever, did I find myself liking an entire track from beginning to end without any hesitation.

Wye Oak's "Shriek" is a difficult album to grasp. There are parts of it I enjoyed. My participation in listening to the album wasn't entirely desirable. In fact, it was rather frustrating because I wanted to like it so much. In a weird way, I do welcome the band's latest sound, but returning for multiple listens will be rather unlikely. The songs I mentioned above I'll definitely listen to throughout the summer. As for the rest of the album, those tracks will fall to the wayside. "Shriek" never connects the way I would have wanted. The repetitive tone, inconsistency found within most songs, and nebulous meanings behind some tracks makes "Shriek" disappointing. Despite the dissatisfaction, "Shriek" can be rewarding in very small parts, but why waste your time when one can seek uncompromising enjoyment elsewhere?

Grade: 6 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Before," "Shriek,"

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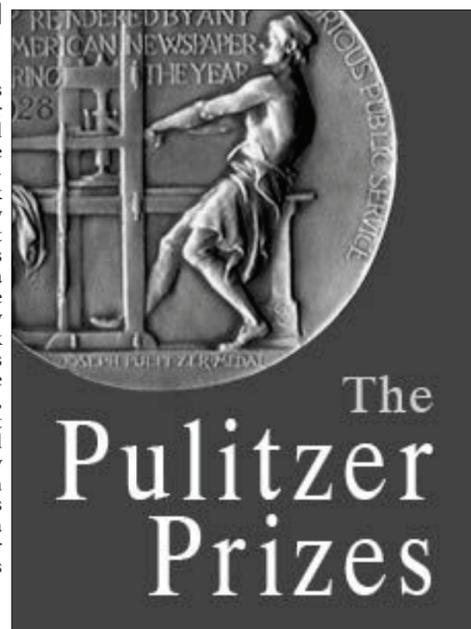
Jeff's Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

The Goldfinch: A Novel (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)

by Donna Tartt

"The Goldfinch is a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade, a smartly written literary novel that connects with the heart as well as the mind...an extraordinary work of fiction." -Stephen King, New York Times Book Review. Theo Decker, a 13-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by his longing for his mother, he clings to the one thing that reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the underworld of art. As an adult, Theo moves silkily between the drawing rooms of the rich and the dusty labyrinth of an antiques store where he works. The Goldfinch is a mesmerizing, stay up all night, tell your friends triumph. A book that stimulates the mind and touches the heart.



Margaret Fuller: A New American Life (Pulitzer Prize for Biography)

by Megan Marshall

A richly researched book that tells the remarkable story of a 19th century author, journalist, critic and pioneering advocate of women's rights. Margaret Fuller was Thoreau's first editor, Emerson's close friend, daring war correspondent, tragic heroine. After her untimely death in a shipwreck, the sense and passion of her life's work were eclipsed by scandal. Marshall's inspired narrative brings her back to indelible life. Whether detailing her front page New York Tribune editorials against conditions in the city's prisons and mental hospitals, or illuminating her hunger for passionate experience, Marshall's biography gives the most thorough and compassionate view of an extraordinary woman. "Megan Marshall's brilliant Margaret Fuller brings us as close as we are ever likely to get to this astonishing creature. She rushes out at us from her nineteenth century, always several steps ahead, inspiring, heartbreaking, magnificent." Rebecca Newberger Goldstein

Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation (Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction)

by Dan Fagin

The riveting true story of a small town ravaged by industrial pollution, Toms River melds hard-hitting investigative reporting, a fascinating scientific detective story, and an unforgettable cast of characters into a sweeping narrative. One of New Jersey's seemingly quiet seaside towns, Toms River became the unlikely setting for a decades long drama that culminated in 2001 with one of the largest legal settlements in the annals of toxic dumping. Dan Fagin recounts the saga of rampant pollution and inadequate oversight that made Toms River a cautionary example for fast growing industrial towns from South Jersey to South China. He tells the stories of the pioneering scientists and physicians who first identified pollutants as a cause of cancer, and brings to life the everyday heroes in Toms River who struggled for justice: A gripping human drama rooted in a centuries old scientific quest. It's a tale of dumpers at midnight and deceptions in broad daylight, of corporate avarice and government neglect, and of a few brave individuals who refused to keep silent until the truth was exposed.

THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



BEAUTY FROM CHAOS ON MARS

Beautiful streamlined islands and narrow gorges were carved by fast-flowing water pounding through a small plateau region near the southeastern margin of the vast Vallis Marineris canyon system.

Images captured on 7 December 2013 by the European Space Agency's Mars Express show the central portion of Osuga Valles, which has a total length of 164 km. It is some 170 km south of Eos Chaos, which lies in the far eastern section of Vallis Marineris.

Osuga Valles is an outflow channel that emanates from a region of chaotic terrain at the edge of Eos Chaos to the west (top in the main images). Such landscape is dominated by randomly oriented and heavily eroded blocks of terrain. Another example is seen at the bottom of this scene, filling the 2.5 km-deep depression into which Osuga Valles empties.

Catastrophic flooding is thought to have created the heavily eroded Osuga Valles and the features within it. Streamlines around the islands in the valley indicate that the direction of flow was towards the northeast (bottom right in the main color, topographic and 3D images shown here) and sets of parallel, narrow grooves on the floor of the channel suggest that the water was fast-flowing.

Differences in elevation within the feature, along with the presence and cross-cutting relationships of channels carved onto the islands, suggest that Osuga Valles experienced several episodes of flooding. The perspective view, which is oriented with the direction of the water flow towards the top of the image, shows the details of the grooved valley floor and the channels carved into the islands more clearly.

Close to the northern-most (far right) part of the channel in the main images, two large irregular-shaped blocks appear to have broken away from the surrounding terrain, but do not seem to have experienced as much erosion as the rounded islands.

The floodwater eventually emptied into the deep depression of chaotic terrain at the bottom of the main images, but it is not yet known whether the water drained away into the subsurface or formed a temporary lake.



ASTROPOETRY CONTEST EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 31

The deadline for submitting entries to the Astronomers Without Borders (AWB) annual astropoetry contest has been extended to May 31. Poems submitted to the contest can be in any form, but they should relate in some way to stars, planets, sun, moon, space exploration, or the night sky. Poems should be submitted on the special entry form provided. For the 2014 contest details and a link to the submission form, see:

<http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2014-programs/astroarts/1467-astropoetry-contest-for-gam2014.html>

AWB is an international organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the universe among all peoples. See their website at: www.astronomerswithoutborders.org

Here's the first-place winning poem from the 2013 contest, Young Adult Division:

I LOOK UP AT THE SKY
BY ZIQI LU, XINXIANG CITY, HENAN PROVINCE, CHINA
I look up at the sky
Starlight, slowly pour like the firefly
Together we feel the night
feel the starlight
The sun shines bright
The moon light, warm and soft
But the many many starlight
They are lovely and I like

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.

SWINGING FOR THE KIDS



The Sierra Madre Schools' Inaugural Golf Tournament made its debut at Brookside's E.O. Nay Course #2 on Tuesday, May 6th. Fifty-two players enjoyed great weather, wonderful food, and a day of great golf in this initial outing, which raised over \$5,800 for PUSD's Sierra Madre Schools' Annual Fund.

The SM Annual Fund raises critical unrestricted funds specifically for Sierra Madre's two public schools; Sierra Madre Elementary and Sierra Madre Middle School.

Wound Care Advantage and Santa Anita Park

were the Platinum and Gold sponsors respectively.

Principal Esther Salinas was among many honored guests who attended the awards banquet immediately following the tournament to celebrate Stuart Shaklan's team victory (pictured above), with the low score of 58. Dave Andres, Greg Howorth, and Rob Nishikawa rounded out the winning foursome.

In second place, shooting 60, was Von's Credit Union, while Montrose Travel brought home the third place trophy with a 67.

BOSCO TECH GOLF TEAM QUALIFIES FOR CIF DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS



ROSEMEAD, CA. -Don Bosco Technical Institute's (Bosco Tech) varsity golf team has qualified for the CIF Team Division Championship to be held at Talega Golf Club in San Clemente on Monday, May 19.

The team defeated Bishop Amat Memorial High School's varsity team 218 to 227 in the Del Rey League preliminaries on May 5 at the Rancho Park Golf Course in Los Angeles to take the top spot in the Del Rey League.

In addition, six of the team's seven golfers individually qualified for the league finals to be held on May 8 at the Wilson Golf Course in Griffith Park. Out of five competing schools, the Bosco Tech team took six of only 16 spots available. They are: senior Alex Trinh (ranked first in the tournament), senior Alex Renzi, sophomore Justin Bohol, senior Andres Gonzalez 9, sophomore David Moreno, and senior David Rodriguez.

After Thursday's competition, the top seven finishing golfers will be considered "first team all-league" and the top four will advance to the CIF Individual Regional Championship on May 12 at Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach. The winner will be named league MVP.

"We're so proud of our players," said Claude LeBlanc, Bosco Tech varsity golf coach. "They have shown tremendous diligence and focus throughout the season. They have played extremely well as a team and strongly as individuals."

Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines rigorous college-preparatory and innovative technological education. The science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) curriculum allows students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of several applied science and engineering programs. For more information about Bosco Tech, call (626) 940-2000.

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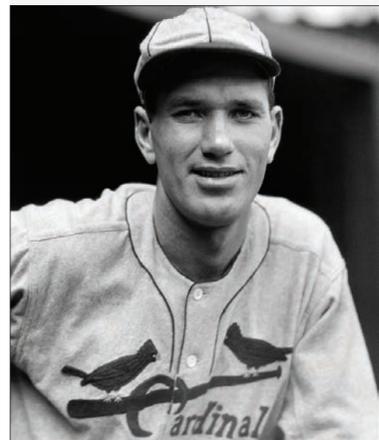
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THE BASEBALL RELIQUARY ANNOUNCES DIZZY DEAN, DON ZIMMER, AND RACHEL ROBINSON ELECTED TO THE SHRINE OF THE ETERNALS FOR 2014

The Board of Directors of the Baseball Reliquary, Inc., a Southern California-based nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering an appreciation of American art and culture through the context of baseball history, is pleased to announce the sixteenth class of electees to the Shrine of the Eternals. The Shrine of the Eternals is the national organization's equivalent to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Dizzy Dean, Don Zimmer, and Rachel Robinson were elected upon receiving the highest number of votes in balloting conducted during the month of April 2014 by the membership of the Baseball Reliquary. The three electees will be formally inducted into the Shrine of the Eternals in a public ceremony on Sunday, July 20, 2014 at the Donald R. Wright Auditorium in the Pasadena Central Library, Pasadena, California.

Of the fifty eligible candidates on the 2014 ballot, Dizzy Dean received the highest voting percentage, being named on 37% of the ballots returned. Following Dean were Don Zimmer with 33% and Rachel Robinson with 31%. Runners-up in this year's election included Bo Jackson (29%), Glenn Burke (27%), Sy Berger (26%), Effa Manley (25%), Charlie Brown (24%), Bob Costas (24%), Ernie Harwell (24%), Steve Bilko (23%), and Rocky Colavito (23%). Voting percentages for all fifty candidates appear at the end of this announcement.



Elected to the Shrine of the Eternals in his fourteenth year on the ballot, hurler, free-spirit, and malapropster extraordinaire, **DIZZY DEAN** (1910-1974), had a long and eventful life in baseball, both as a pitcher and a broadcaster. The son of an Arkansas sharecropper, Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean signed in 1930 with the St. Louis Cardinals and spent the next two seasons in the minors, peaking with Houston in the Texas League in 1931. Promoted to the big club permanently

Rays in the area of community affairs), Zimmer wears the number 66, representing his 66th year in professional baseball. He has noted often, and proudly, that every paycheck he's ever gotten came from baseball, and has never held a job in any other profession. Zimmer was told his playing days were over after a disastrous beaming in the minor leagues in 1953, but he made it to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1954, beginning a twelve-year big league career as an infielder. After the Los Angeles Dodgers' World Championship season in 1959, Zimmer bounced around with a series of truly bad teams, including the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets, before retiring as a major leaguer with the Washington Senators in 1965. In 1971, he began a long tenure as a coach and manager for major league teams all over North America, including the Montreal Expos, San Diego Padres, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers, Chicago Cubs, San Francisco Giants, and Colorado Rockies. Zimmer served three coaching stints for the New York Yankees, the last one finding him dispensing his baseball wisdom as bench coach/yogi from 1996-2003, during which time the team won four World Series titles under the helm of Joe Torre. Zimmer is often remembered for his "brawl" with Pedro Martinez during the 2003 AL Championship series, when he ran at and was thrown to the ground by the Red Sox pitcher. Nicknamed "Popeye" for his facial resemblance to the cartoon character, Zimmer is still a warrior at age 83. He has written two autobiographies, *Zim: A Baseball Life* and *The Zen of Zim*, and serves as a member of the advisory board of the Baseball Assistance Team, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping former players through financial and medical difficulties.



Elected to the Shrine of the Eternals in her first year on the ballot, **RACHEL ROBINSON** (born 1922) is arguably the most important woman in baseball history, as the widow of baseball and civil rights pioneer Jackie Robinson. Rachel met Jackie while they were students at UCLA and they were married in 1946, the year before Jackie broke major league baseball's color barrier and changed America forever. Rachel counseled, consoled, and supported Jackie throughout his career, giving him strength when his will faltered, and she endured with him countless affronts to their dignity. Jackie often attested, without his wife, he could never have withstood the intense pressures of being the first African American in the major leagues. Once described by Dodger baseball executive Branch Rickey as Jackie's "tower to lean on," Rachel kept her husband's legacy alive after his premature death in 1972 by founding the New York-based Jackie Robinson Foundation, a nonprofit with the mandate of providing college scholarships and leadership training to promising and talented young people. "As a nurse [Robinson] has devoted her life to caring for others," writes Albert Kilchesty, the Baseball Reliquary's Archivist and Historian. "She has been honored and celebrated in and out of baseball, and has always been gracious when being acknowledged for her husband's courage and determination. But she is more than deserving of applause and recognition on her own merits. I have never met her. I have never spoken to her. Yet I have more admiration and respect for her than nearly any other woman in public life. She has never played the game - she is the game."



Dizzy Dean, Don Zimmer, and Rachel Robinson will join 45 other baseball luminaries who have been inducted into the Shrine of the Eternals since elections began in 1999, including, in alphabetical order, Jim Abbott, Dick Allen, Roger Angell, Emmett Ashford, Moe Berg, Yogi Berra, Ila Borders, Jim Bouton, Jim Brosnan, Bill Buckner, Roberto Clemente, Steve Dalkowski, Rod Dedeaux, Jim Eisenreich, Dock Ellis, Eddie Feigner, Mark Fidrych, Curt Flood, Ted Giannoulas, Josh Gibson, Jim "Mudcat" Grant, Pete Gray, William "Dummy" Hoy, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Bill James, Dr. Frank Jobe, Bill "Spaceman" Lee, Roger Maris, Marvin Miller, Minnie Minoso, Manny Mota, Lefty O'Doul, Buck O'Neil, Satchel Paige, Jimmy

Piersall, Pam Postema, Jackie Robinson, Lester Rodney, Pete Rose, Casey Stengel, Luis Tiant, Fernando Valenzuela, Bill Veck, Jr., Maury Wills, and Kenichi Zenimura.

In the coming weeks, leading up to the Shrine of the Eternals Induction Day on Sunday, July 20, 2014, further details will be announced, including the recipients of the 2014 Hilda Award (named in memory of Hilda Chester and honoring a baseball fan's exceptional devotion to the game) and the 2014 Tony Salin Memorial Award (presented annually to an individual dedicated to the preservation of baseball history).

Paul Dickson, the prolific author and historian, and former recipient of the Tony Salin Memorial Award (2011), will be the keynote speaker for the Shrine of the Eternals 2014 Induction Day. Dickson's books include the award-winning *Bill Veck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick* and the most authoritative and comprehensive guide to baseball terminology ever compiled, *The Dickson Baseball Dictionary*.

THE SHRINE OF THE ETERNALS: 2014 VOTING PERCENTAGES

(Rounded off to nearest percentage point)

Dizzy Dean	37%
Don Zimmer	33%
Jackie Robinson	31%
Bo Jackson	29%
Glenn Burke	27%
Sy Berger	26%
Effa Manley	25%
Charlie Brown	24%
Bob Costas	24%
Ernie Harwell	24%
Steve Bilko	23%
Rocky Colavito	23%
Chet Brewer	22%
Mamie Johnson	22%
Pete Reiser	22%
Rusty Staub	21%
Rube Waddell	20%
Dr. Mike Marshall	19%
Denny McLain	19%
Vic Power	19%
J.R. Richard	19%
Charlie Finley	18%
Tug McGraw	18%
Phil Pote	18%
Bert Campaneris	16%
Octavius V. Catto	16%
Lisa Fernandez	16%
Rube Foster	16%
Fred Merkle	16%
Hideo Nomo	16%
Dan Quisenberry	16%
Annie Savoy	16%
Joe Pepitone	15%
John Young	15%
Eliot Asinof	14%
Charles M. Conlon	14%
Jose Canseco	13%
John Montgomery Ward	13%
Dave Parker	11%
Fay Vincent	11%
David N. Mullany	10%
George Brunet	8%
Margaret Donahue	6%
Annabelle Lee	6%
Hy Turkin	6%
Harvey Dorfman	4%
John "Bonesetter" Reese	2%
Bill Faul	1%
Laurie Brady	0.7%
Charles Fairbanks	0.7%

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



7 STEPS TO CREATING AN ESTATE PLAN THAT KEEPS YOUR FAMILY OUT OF COURT

Many people fail to create an estate plan because they don't truly understand what their family will go through without a plan in place. Creating an estate plan during your lifetime is far less complicated than what your family will deal with after you are gone, if you don't.

1. Create a Trust. When most people think of preparing for the end of life, they think of writing a Will, but having a Will without a Trust is fast track to put your family in Probate Court after you are gone. Instead, to keep your family out of the Courthouse, you'll want to set up a Trust and title all of your assets to be owned by that Trust. While it might feel like a lot of effort, it will save your family a LOT of trouble after you are gone.
2. Designate beneficiaries. Designating beneficiaries for your retirement accounts and insurance policies is critical because these assets do not pass through your Will or Trust. Filling out beneficiary designation forms for each of your accounts will ensure these assets pass to the people you want without Court involvement. Be sure to review your beneficiary designations periodically to ensure they align with your current circumstances. Hot tip: never name minor children as beneficiaries of your retirement account or life insurance policies AND if you have more than \$150,000 in a retirement account, consider a special trust called a Retirement Trust to ensure the most beneficial tax treatment for your loved ones.
3. Avoid estate taxes. Most of us will not have to worry about estate taxes since the federal estate and gift tax exemption is \$5.34 million (\$10.68 million for married couples) in 2014 and indexed every year for inflation. However, if you are married and wish to take advantage of portability - where spouses are entitled to each other's unused exemption - the surviving spouse must file the required paperwork to claim the exemption.
4. Leave a letter of instruction. Not everything you may wish to pass on to your heirs - like instructions for your funeral - should be put in your will or Trust. Leaving a letter of instruction with your family or attorney can ensure your final wishes are respected. And take it one step

further with a Family Legacy CD or DVD in which you record your values, insights, stories and experiences for your loved ones to refer back to for generations to come. We provide this service at no additional charge for our clients because we know this is one of the things families value the most and is least often handled.

5. Sign a durable power of attorney. Estate planning is not just about death, but also ensuring your family can handle things in the event you become incapacitated. Signing a durable power of attorney that designates someone to handle your financial affairs will save time, money and Court hassles for your family. In fact, not having this one simple document in place could end up costing your family tens of thousands of dollars.
 6. Create an Advance Healthcare Directive. This document designates a decision maker of your choosing to make sure your wishes are followed when it comes to the medical care you want - or do not want - to receive when you are incapacitated or near death. You will also need to sign a HIPAA release form so your medical records can be released to your health care agent enabling your doctors to discuss your medical care with that person.
 7. Organize your paperwork and digital files. Since many of us live our lives online these days, make sure your executor has access to all your digital information, including website addresses and the log-in information for those sites. Put all your important paperwork - deeds, insurance policies, bank and brokerage statements, etc. - in one file and let your executor know where it is.
- Bonus tip: If you have minor children at home (or adult children with special needs), don't rely on naming guardians in your Will alone. Create a comprehensive Kids Protection Plan to ensure your children's care is covered not just for the long-term, but for the short term as well and no one you don't want raising your kids ever has a chance to take control.
- Contact us at 626.355.4000 or www.GarlettLaw.com about scheduling a Family Estate Planning Session so we can sit down and talk about designing a plan that fits the needs of you and your family.

DO MORNINGSTAR STARS MATTER?

By Gregory J. Welborn

Morningstar has done such a good job of marketing their ranking system that not a few careers rest on whether a fund makes it to the 5-Star level. Unfortunately, the ranking system is seriously flawed in its measurement of success and predictive capabilities. Laggards and leaders, tortoises and hares are not so easily determined.

First, let's point out the obvious. If there's a mutual fund with a really good historical track record out there, it's almost guaranteed to receive 5 stars. But this doesn't mean its future will be good.

Now, let's point out the not-so-obvious. If there's a really great mutual fund that hasn't had a particularly good run recently, but is nonetheless a fantastic fund which will bounce back, Morningstar may still ding it. Why might this be so? There are two primary reasons.

Morningstar doesn't attempt to cover all mutual funds. If the best mutual fund manager in the world steps out on his or her own to open a new fund, there is absolutely no guarantee that Morningstar will review the fund. That's a pretty glaring error, but hey, it's the large mutual fund companies that advertise the most.

The other reason Morningstar stars don't have predictive capability is that they have no way of mitigating the fact that almost all mutual funds with superior 10 year track records have under-performed for at least 3 consecutive years of those 10 years. In one recent study of mutual funds that exceeded the market by 2% per year over a 10-year period, 71% of them had a bad 3-year run where they under-performed by 5% per year.

It takes a lot of patience to stay with a mutual fund that is under-performing 5% per year for 3 years straight. The media reports will be lousy, and Morningstar will probably give it a fairly low rating. And yet, patience is exactly what's needed. In order to out perform the market over the full 10 years, investors have to stay with a great mutual fund like this for 10 years. Morningstar's stars don't help you do that.

The bottom line here is that Stars, bells or whistles are not very good reasons to buy or sell a mutual fund. Knowing who is managing the fund, what strategy they are following, and whether that strategy is going to be successful in the future are really the important criteria. But those can't be distilled down to a cute star ranking system.

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Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed
by Luther Tsinoglou

FINAL EXAM

You're ready to celebrate: your offer was accepted, you got your dream home under contract, your financing has been approved, appraisal and inspections performed, and settlement and closing are only a handful of days away. What important step have you yet to take? It's the final walk-through.

It may seem minor, but this real estate tradition is critical before you take possession. This is the last opportunity for you and your agent to verify all is prepared - and repaired - according to your contract.

Make a checklist and begin with the plumbing, starting the dishwasher and clothes washer upon your arrival. Check under the sinks for any signs of leaks, turn on the shower and kitchen and bath faucets, and flush all the toilets so you know all is in working order. Move on to the electrical systems, by turning on all the light switches, starting up the clothes dryer, and making sure the oven and stovetop heating elements are working. Open and close the garage door while you're at it. Be sure the sellers have left you any manuals and warranties for the appliances.

Don't forget to open and close all the windows and any sliding glass doors. Sure, your inspector is supposed to check and report on all these items, but this is your last chance to avoid any oversights or surprises!

Social Media
Tips & Tricks
By Merri Jill Finstrom



KEEP LEARNING: MEGA MARKETING EVENT THIS WEEK IN PASADENA

It's important to keep learning when it comes to on-line marketing. The tools constantly change and it's important to get fresh ideas for your marketing efforts and see what other people are doing.

Instead of writing my usual "how to" column this week, I thought I'd share information about a great event sponsored by Constant Contact that you can take advantage of in Pasadena this week on Tuesday, May 13. It will be a day of learning, networking and resources for your business and will cover the hottest online marketing topics and tools.

It's free to attend and even includes lunch!

You can choose from several break-out sessions taught by local experts including:

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LORI KOOP

the creative entrepreneur

by Lori Koop, Business Coach

Tears came as she talked. It had been suggested by another business coach that she raise her massage prices. I asked her what her body said. She said his prices felt too high, but she felt obligated to listen. After they stopped working together, she changed them back.

When we spoke, I gave her permission to charge what she wanted. After all, it was her business. And she gets to feel good about what and how she offers her services. Why would she walk away from money? Sometimes we don't know why, we're just following our gut. Maybe her calling is to help economically disadvantaged clients. In fact, many of her clients were retired or struggling... her long time customers, and she wanted to continue serving them. Maybe there's some person she's supposed to meet. In any case, it's important she follow her intuition.

This is one method I use when helping clients price their goods. I have clients write the various options on a piece of paper and starting with the first one, listen to how it feels in their body... it's "rightness." Pretty quickly they feel a "it's too high" or "it's too low" feeling. Comparing the first two, they find the "winner." Then compare it with the third. Down the list we go, one by one, eliminating those that just don't feel right ... until one last guy is standing. The winner! And the right price.

In fact, my client's practice was full... all from word of mouth. No advertising. No social media. No networking. She had come to me ready to expand. She had a dream of a bigger place with other, like-minded professionals working along side her. This is how she wanted to increase her income, not thru a price increase.

Our job as entrepreneurs and as individuals is to remain TRU. We do this by listening to our spirit and doing what it says. I'm sure she could have charged more, and she probably will someday, but that's not what her spirit was telling her today. I know because of the tears. She knew the right price. She just needed to be reminded.

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SUSAN Henderson MOTHER'S DAY 2014



Tomorrow most Americans will take time to thank the person who probably is the most important person in their lives, their Mother. And, although one day is certainly not adequate to thank Mom's for all they do, it is greatly appreciated. I can honestly say that I am thankful to my children for all they do every day (well almost every day) and I am eternally grateful to have the privilege of being both Mom and Grandmom.

My children, Paul, Patricia, Fred and Doreen, don't have to worry about taking me out to dinner, or buying flowers, or presents. They could give me the very best present if they joined the worldwide efforts to comfort those women who have no idea where their daughters are. I am speaking of the Mothers of the missing girls in Nigeria.

You've heard it said so many times, how we as Americans take so much for granted, and no one will argue with that because we do. But there comes a time when we need to open our eyes and see the world as it really is, not just as it appears to be in our immediate environment. In most of this world, females, regardless of age, are not valued and it goes far beyond not having the right to vote. In most of the world, women would be happy just to be able to feel as if they had the right to live - the right to live without fear of being abused, mistreated, maimed, or murdered.

Can you imagine armed men invading a school and taking 200 girls hostage and then have the news surprised for weeks

by the government? Can you imagine these girls being removed from the school because these men believe that women should not be educated and are better used as slaves or bartering chips?

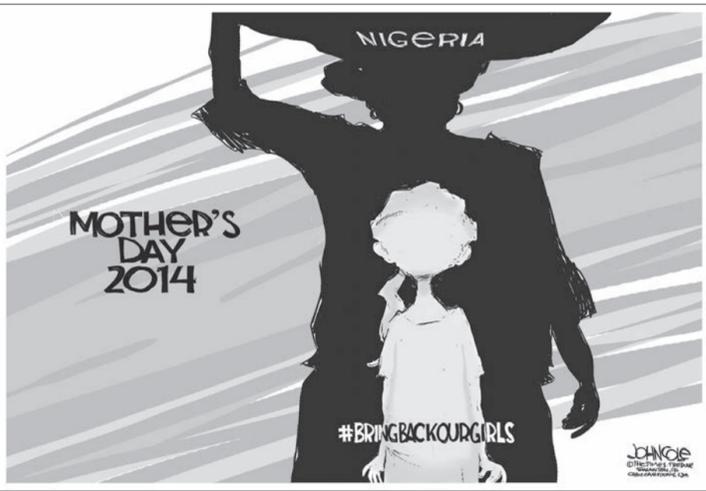
To those familiar with life outside of these United States the story isn't that shocking. But I have no doubt that many of you reading this column have turned past pages in the news that talked about Women's Rights in Africa or India or China because it didn't impact your life. Maybe this incident will.

I don't know exactly what can be done to save those young women, but I do know that the knowledge of this atrocity should compel every right thinking adult to take an active role in fighting against such atrocities which are deeply rooted in hate.

Wouldn't it be the best Mother's Day present if we all could commit to making a conscious effort to fight against the proliferation of hatred of others because of their race or gender or lifestyle? Whether it be in the form of donating to causes that fight to protect those who are not able to protect themselves, or it is refraining from supporting businesses and/or organizations that enable the inhumane treatment of others we need to do more than just shake our heads in disbelief. I don't have the answers on exactly what to do, but I am a firm believer that we all have a responsibility to do more than just take care of our own.

And to my children and grandchildren, I love you dearly and I'm sure you know that. If you want to give me a present that will make me even more proud of you, don't do anything for me. Do something to help someone else.

Happy Mother's Day To All



LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"It may seem like a juicy story to have this confrontation between California and Texas, but that was not the case."

- Jim Lentz, Toyota North America CEO, on his company's moving 3,000 jobs from Torrance to Plano.

Last week, Greg Welborn addressed Toyota's move to Texas by explaining, "Tax rates and an insane regulatory environment were the cause." Republican legislators and conservative commentators around California were saying the same thing.

Toyota, however, wasn't. They said it was simple geography.

Thirty years ago, most Toyotas on our streets were Japanese imports, and it made sense to have Sales and Marketing near the ports. Today, the manufacturing of Toyotas sold in the U.S. is centered in Kentucky - with Plano being closer by two-thirds than Torrance.

With effected jobs being white-collar rather than industrial, "insane regulations" wasn't a factor. Nor, apparently, was Gov. Rick Perry's \$40 million in taxpayer-funded inducements.

It's true; Texas doesn't have a state income tax. A lot of that is compensated for by having the third highest average property tax rate in the nation, at 1.81% of assessed value. (California, at 0.74%, ranks 32nd.)

Cost-of-living was a factor. What's considered a half-million-dollar home here might be had for \$200,000 around Plano. Other factors involved not so much a "confrontation between California and Texas", but competition within Texas itself.

Dallas was another community that fought to secure the Toyota headquarters. According to Mayor Mike Rawlings, "We don't get Toyota in Dallas because of the school system. We've talked to them. They want to be in Plano." He said it was made clear by Toyota's real estate advisors that "one of the main criteria is K-12 schools. It was clear that the Plano situation offered a better situation."

Mayor Rawlings went through the same thing last month when 7-Eleven moved their headquarters to nearby Irving; "The 7-Eleven CEO said, 'I need to be where our families are sending their kids to school, and they are not sending them to (Dallas Independent School District)'. 'It shouldn't be a big surprise', the mayor explained, 'that one of our barriers to recruiting a large corporation is our neighborhoods and our schools. The CEO of 7-Eleven told me this very clearly.'"

Geography, affordability for employees and quality of the local schools were the major factors in this move. Lower taxes and lax regulation may benefit corporate officers and shareholders, but they don't determine the communities that companies, their employees and families, decide to become a part of.

Greg mentioned Pfizer "investing in Britain to reduce taxes". Here it's not a matter of moving factories, jobs, or corporate offices, but shopping around for the most tax-friendly place in which to declare your profits.

Pfizer is still headquartered in NYC. Along with companies like Apple and Starbucks, it

gets substantial income from royalty payments for its "intellectual property"; patents, brands, recipes for mocha lattes, etc. Whether in Dublin or Amsterdam, foreign subsidiaries are set up not to take jobs from the USA, but to control these IP rights - so royalty income can be declared and taxed in the most favorable places.

Britain just lowered their royalty tax rate and added another bonus: dividends are tax-free when transferred between units of the same company. This means a subsidiary in another country can transfer its royalty income to a British branch in the form of dividends, and it's tax-free.

They'll still complain about our 35% top corporate tax rate - even though hardly anybody pays it. Pfizer, still a U.S. company, reported \$15.7 billion in worldwide earnings last year, with a federal tax cost of \$142 million. That works out to an effective rate of 0.9%. The year before, they figured we owed them a tax refund of \$941 million.

As Jia Lynn Yang points out in the Washington Post, what's been happening in the U.S. is now played out between countries: A company threatens to leave and take a chunk of a community's tax base with it, other communities compete trying to out-do each other in offering tax breaks and other inducements, and then, after all those breaks are figured in, when the company does move there's really no additional tax base that comes with it - and the only winner is the company.

Greg says he'd be the "first to argue against a system of government enforced rules which reward a chosen group of people at the expense of others." That system of rules is called the tax code, and the "chosen group" consists of those who bankroll the lobby outfits that write the tax code and purchase the congressmen who push it through.

Most of us don't have the option of declaring our income in whatever state or country offers the best tax deal; we can't write-off expenses on a corporate jet for personal travel. We pay taxes at the full rate on income we work for, not at half-rate on income from playing with other people's money.

Last month, House Republicans on the tax-writing committee killed a bill costing \$12 million over ten years to address the problem of sex trafficking of kids from foster care, because it wasn't paid for. They approved tax breaks for big business costing \$310 billion over ten years, including a \$20 billion break for companies like Pfizer to continue socking untaxed profits offshore. These breaks weren't "paid for", either - but the understanding is that the rest of us will somehow pick up the slack.

We also pick up the slack for the progeny of Sam Walton. A House Committee report last year figured a 300-employee Walmart Supercenter costs us \$904,000 a year in public assistance to subsidize low wages.

It's hard to know exactly what brings a company to set roots and become part of a community, as opposed to merely exploiting a workforce subsidized by public assistance or renting a mail drop in the Cayman Islands as a tax dodge. But, as Dallas Mayor Rawlings can testify, good schools and a nice neighborhood can't hurt.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY MOTHER'S DAY CARD QUANDRY

Another year has gone by and I find myself facing the same quandary I faced last year. I was hoping somehow this year would be different, but, alas, it is not. Many people complain about how fast things are changing, I complain about those things that do not change at all.

Interestingly, the things you want to change refuse to do so and the things you want to stay the same never do. I wish someone would figure out how to reverse this tedious trend of life. I have worked on it but to no success.

I am referring to the annual Mother's Day card fetish. I am not sure where this started or why, but I have my suspicions. I think we can safely rule out husbands and men as suspects.

I could see a man doing it one year, but to do it year after year is not within the scope of a man's ability. If a man does something one time and it is successful he never chances doing it the second time when it may be a failure.

Now we have on our hands tremendous pressure to purchase a yearly Mother's Day card. When it comes to card buying, I simply do not know where to go. Oh, I know where to get them; I simply do not know which one to purchase.

If it was up to me, and let me point out very quickly, it is not, I would have one card for sale each year. Maybe I would modify the card each year and perhaps write something different in it, but how many ways can you say "Happy Mother's Day?"

To be efficient the choice would only be one Mother's Day card per year.

As it stands (and I wish it would sit down and rest for a while), there are more Mother's Day cards than stars in the heavens. It is virtually impossible to pick out the right Mother's Day card. Since I do not keep up with the latest trends in this regard I am at quite a disadvantage.

One year I tried to remedy my Mother's Day card-buying dilemma by buying a box of 50 cards that were on sale right after Mother's Day. I thought I had hit the mother lode, so to speak.

With this purchase, I had enough Mother's Day cards to last my entire lifetime. Unless, of course, I live to be 129.

This lasted for two years.

The first year I presented my Mother's Day card to my wife and she gave me all kinds of smiles and hugs. I was relieved to have solved a big problem in my home. I now could rest and focus on solving other problems in my life, of which there are many.

It was the second year that kicked me in the teeth.

As usual, that year, I presented my wife

with her Mother's Day card. Trust me; I was not fully geared up for the response I got. I was expecting smiles and hugs like the year before. What I got was a glare and a shrug.

She looked at me and said something I shall never forget. "Isn't this the same card you gave me last year?"

How do wives remember these things? The only reason I knew it was the same card as last year is I had more just like it in the box it came from.

Apparently, good protocol rules out giving the same card two years in a row. Who knew? I didn't.

To have a problem unsolved is a very nerve-racking experience, to be sure. Now I must go back and start the whole Mother's Day card buying process over again.

This brings me to the second part of my quandary.

When did it become necessary for husbands to buy their wives Mother's Day cards?

Sure, she washes my clothes, cooks my meals and bosses me about. She still is not my mother.

It starts out rather innocently enough as most things do. Then, in my opinion, it gets out of hand.

When the children start coming into the home it is quite natural, because they are too young to make such important decisions, for the father to buy the Mother's Day card on behalf of the children.

I still remember that first Mother's Day card. Our first baby was only seven months old and had no idea what was going on in the world or even in the home.

I gave my wife her first Mother's Day card. She was so excited. Because she was excited, so was I. This is where the whole nonsense starts.

What I want to know is when do husbands stop buying Mother's Day cards for their wives? Looking back over my experience, I can see no way where I can opt out of this annual event.

The last child in our home left more than 15 years ago and still I find myself under the awesome pressure of purchasing a Mother's Day card for my wife. When do the children take control of this yearly responsibility?

In spite of my quandary, it is important to honor both fathers and mothers.

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise); That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

Would anybody want to buy a box of 48 Mother's Day cards, cheap?

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES GREG Welborn IT MAKE?

Those are the words with which former Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, hoped to dismiss any and all inquiries into the Benghazi attack as just so much political muck-raking. The words make a good, tight sound-bite, but they convey volumes about her fitness for the position she seeks. How someone reacts to the deaths of innocent victims demonstrates their moral legitimacy and qualifications to lead a great nation.

There is a time for politics and time to put politics aside for the good of the nation. A true leader, a person morally qualified to hold the most powerful position in the country, understands this and makes the right hard decisions. They do not standby when subordinates who've trusted them are pleading for help to save their lives, they do not lie about their own actions, and they do not purposely wrongly cast blame onto someone else. Those are the actions of a coward, of a heartless calloused soul, of a person grown so cynically manipulative that they've forfeited any right to leadership.

So, it is important that we get to the truth of the Benghazi attacks because a sitting president seeks to retain the legitimate moral mantle to lead, and an aspiring candidate claims she possesses the same.

So, we must investigate all the facts to determine whether this was an accidental calamity or callous indifference to the suffering of others because of a political agenda. What we know now mandates further investigation and does not bode well for two of the most powerful public servants in our country. Thanks to the work of Peter Kirsanow of the National Review, here is what we know.

April 19 - July 9, 2012: Ambassador Stevens twice asks State Department for more security, and is twice rejected. August 8, 2012: The number of security personnel at Benghazi reduced by State Department.

September 11, 2012 3:40 p.m. (D.C. time): Stevens alerts the deputy chief in Tripoli that the consulate in Benghazi is under attack. 4:00 p.m.: The White House is advised that the consulate is under attack. 6:00 p.m.: U.S. Embassy in Tripoli advises the White House and the State Department that al-Qaeda affiliate Ansar al-Sharia has claimed responsibility.

10:00 p.m.: Clinton & Obama talk. She does not request, he does not authorize, military aid for the consulate. 10:30 p.m.: Clinton issues a statement linking the attack to an inflammatory video.

11:00-11:30 p.m.: American personnel in Benghazi are killed.

September 13, 2012: A State Department memo and DIA independently blame the

attack on terrorists.

September 13, 2012: Clinton contradicts State Department and condemns violence due to a video. Jay Carney condemns attack due to a video.

September 14, 2012: Obama and Clinton receive the families of the fallen; blame the attack on a video. Clinton tells Ty Woods's father, Charles, that they will "get" the producer of the video.

September 14, 2012, 8:00 p.m.: Deputy national-security adviser Ben Rhodes sends an e-mail regarding preparation for the Sunday talk shows underscoring the video rather than "a broader failure of policy."

September 15 - 24, 2012: Obama, Clinton & Rice appear on air collectively 10 times blaming the video. Clinton and Obama specifically run a Pakistani T.V. ad apologizing for the video.

August 2013: The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requests Benghazi e-mails. The Ben Rhodes e-mail is not among those produced.

April 18, 2014: Federal court orders administration to release documents to Judicial Watch, wherein the hidden Ben Rhodes e-mail is found and the cover-up is shown.

May 5, 2014: Jay Carney will not say whether White House will cooperate with the Congressional investigation.

Four Americans were murdered. They put themselves in harm's way at the administration's request with the belief they would be protected when needed. That administration refused to help them, blamed their deaths on an innocent film-maker, has yet to punish the real perpetrators, and attempted to cover-up their culpability.

Such actions (or inactions) are beneath callous, beneath heartless, beneath vile and contemptible, and certainly beneath any standard of leadership of a civilized society. Are Liberals so committed to their politics that they will allow Obama or Clinton to lead them anywhere? I shouldn't have to ask this question. That's why Benghazi matters.

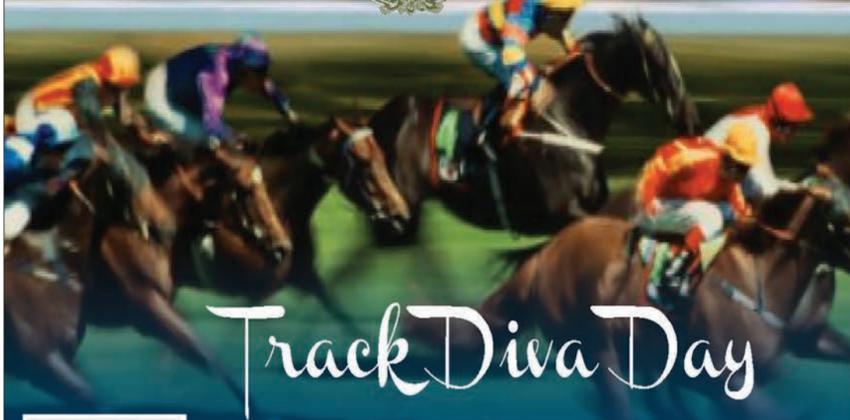
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