

WATER IS THE ISSUE....CONSERVATION IS A MUST

Phase III Mandatory Water Conservation Approved; Building and Water Conservation Moratoria Passed Unanimously

By Susan Henderson

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre City Council made a decision that may very well become known as the “defining moment” in the city’s history. Unanimously, Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Councilmembers Gene Goss, Rachelle Arizmendi and Denise Delmar voted to implement Phase III of the Mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance and passed both the moratoria on new water hookups and on building. The votes will place the city in a better position to manage its water resources for the duration of the drought, however long that is.

The council chambers were filled with residents, some of whom had never before attended a council meeting and most of whom shared rational arguments and/or suggestions on what they wanted the councilmembers to do. Many brought to the attention to the council and members of the public needs for the ordinances that had not previously been discussed or considered.

Former Mayor Clem Bartolai, one of the first speakers, noted that any further drain on the city’s resources would be unsustainable. Those comments were reiterated in many different

ways throughout the night.

Both the audience and the council made it crystal clear that the issue was WATER and not the development of pending projects throughout the city. “Running out of water is not an option”, said Matthew Bryant, a new resident and community leader.

Speakers included several youth including 16 year old Chase Cruz who has been watching the political operations of the town for his own edification.

What Do Residents Do Now

The implementation of Phase III of the Mandatory Conservation Ordinance will have the broadest impact on residents. It will require an immediate 30% reduction of water consumption by all users. Resident Bill Pete asked the council, “How do I meet these new requirements”, as he has already removed his lawn and implemented several water conservation efforts long before the original ordinance went into effect. However, one resident, Chris Cowell who lived in Tuscan before coming to Sierra Madre suggested that residents, “Get over having a lawn”. Her comment brought laughter from the audience even though the truth in her statement was difficult to swallow for some.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar explained to the audience that the baseline for the 30% reduction was their usage in 2012. An example given was that if a resident had already reduced their water consumption by 20% over the 2012 usage, they would only be required to reduce another 10% in order to be compliant. She also noted that there is a minimum usage level (11 unites) and those households that are already at that level

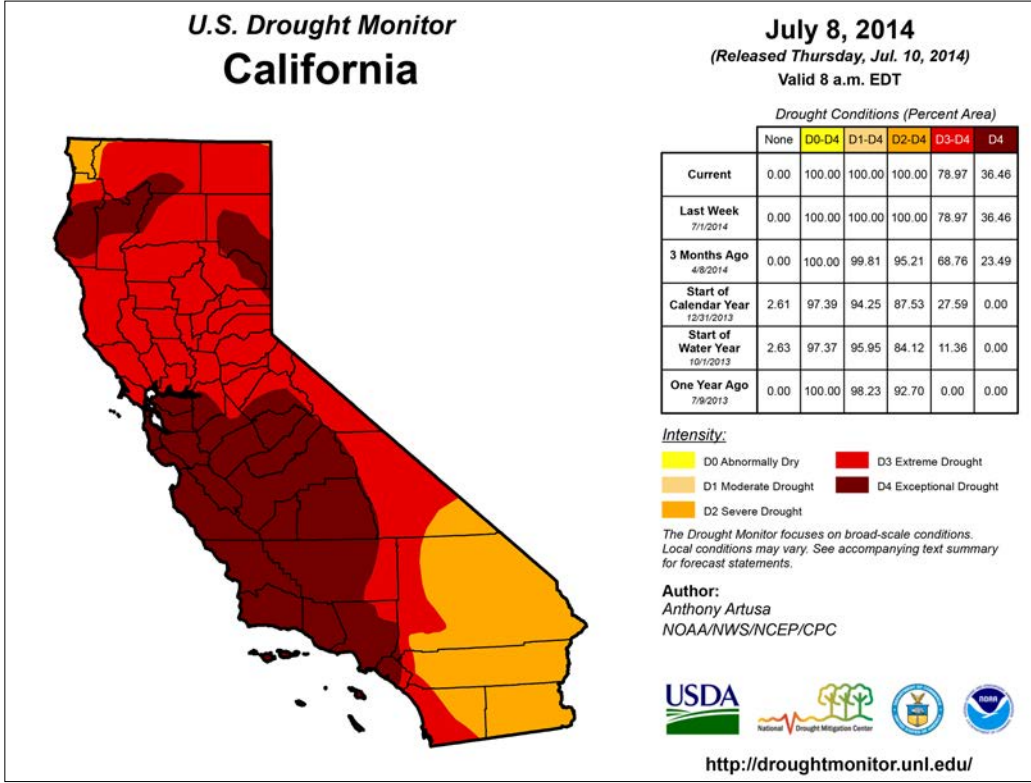
will not have to conserve any further.

Penalties

The issue of penalties was discussed with several residents encouraging them. Councilman Gene Goss, who said he was moved by “the level and depth” of the public comments informed the public that the goal was to establish rules that were equitable and would treat people fairly. He acknowledged the challenge that residents face because of the discolored water (where it is necessary to run the water until it is clear before using), and indicated that no penalties will be leveled against anyone while that remains an issue. The council is currently scheduled to review penalties for non-compliance in November.

Sierra Madre has its own water company that manages its underground wells. Due to the drought, the levels have dropped to the point that water is now purchased from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) via our membership with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, until the wells reach a sustainable level. The MWD connection has caused a great deal of concern among water users as the quality is inferior compared to the water drawn from the city’s own wells. Further, the MWD water is treated with chloramine which interacts in an unpleasant manner with Sierra Madre’s current water system, causing discoloration that is offensive. While the claims are that the water quality is still acceptable for human consumption, the town is anxious to get cut its dependence on imported water. In the meantime, the city has hired an environmental engineer to seek solutions to the problems should a long term dependence on imported water become inevitable. The city will notify residents of the specific steps they will need to take.

STATE TO VOTE ON ADDITIONAL WATER RESTRICTIONS TUESDAY



On Tuesday, July 15th, the State Water Board is set to consider emergency regulations in response to the Governor’s State of Emergency Drought Declaration and his Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency. If passed as submitted, water suppliers with 3,000 customers or more will be required to implement mandatory conservation measures and submit monthly data on water production, limitations on outdoor watering and more. Sierra Madre’s water company will be subject to the new regulations. Until it passes, the city will not know to what steps additional measures may have to be taken. The above chart, showing the severity of the state’s water situation was released earlier this week.

“THERE IS NO WATER EMERGENCY”

Attorney’s For The Stonegate Project Declare A Non Water Emergency In Letter Submitted To Council

During public comment at Tuesday’s Council meeting, there was one very determined voice of dissent, the attorney’s for the Stonegate (1 Carter) development. Attorney Francisco Nicholas cited a letter that he distributed to the council which declared that *no water emergency existed* and included several allegations against the city. His comments came despite the obvious, that the city, county and state were all suffering from a severe drought with no foreseeable resolution in sight.

Nicholas’ statement that no emergency existed was loudly protested by those in attendance and appears to be frivolous in the face of all the evidence to the contrary statewide.

Said one resident, “The suggestion that we use up all of our water and resources before we declare an emergency is extraordinarily irresponsible.”

Director Tom Love from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, of which Sierra Madre is a member told the council of a few resources that may be available, water that was ‘stored’ in various locations but also reminded the audience of the dire situation with the State Water project, the Bay Delta issues and the water levels of the Colorado River, all caused by the drought.

As Director Bruce Inman has indicated on numerous occasions, a two year water supply is all we know of at this point.

The letter, written by Attorney Richard McDonald, also from the firm representing Stonegate, suggested that the MWD had an agreement to supply water to Sierra Madre until 2035. An attachment to the letter from Jeffrey Kightlinger, President of the MWD states that MWD has an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District through 2035. Kightlinger goes on to mention the relationship that the city has with SGVMWD. He notes that MWD has been supplying water to the city and in a rather polluted statement says that they (MWD) will do so as long as the agreement exists, through 2035. However, except for the two year agreement that the city entered into in October, 2013, no other commitment has been made by the MWD to Sierra Madre.

It should also be noted that the source of water to the MWD is also in jeopardy and if the drought continues as it has, it is questionable whether the agency will have water to sell to anyone.

As indicated by Love at the council meeting, and by Inman, water from MWD is via the SGVMWD and is only a temporary measure to be used an emergency.

SGVMWD is only to be used as a “supplemental” source during “emergencies”. That emergency manifested itself last October when the Sierra Madre wells fell below the required 500’ level.

Sierra Madre Mayor John Harabedian, also an attorney, said that, “It is obvious that

they are trying to create a record in case they decide to sue the city.” “Our actions are completely defensible”, said Harabedian. The Mayor also reiterated that water obtained from SGVMWD via MWD, cannot be used to sustain or support growth. “We need to get back to our own wells”, he said.

Another resident, after viewing the meeting on TV was wondering if perhaps the developer had access to a direct pipeline from the Midwest to Sierra Madre. “That’s about the only reliable water source in the entire country right now”.

While developers may not like the actions taken by the council on Tuesday, those actions were clearly in the best interest of the residents of Sierra Madre.

When and if the city is able to lift the Moratoria and Conservation requirements remains to be seen.

Resident Tom Brady made a comment that all developers might want to take into consideration. He suggested that as they criticize the city for preserving its’ resources, perhaps they should note that we’ve not only got a shortage of water but we also have a 100 year old system that needs a lot of maintenance work done. He said, “...while I see developers pushing us to stretch our resources to accommodate their projects, I don’t see them waiving million dollar checks to help us preserve our city.”

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SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION’S ROB STOCKLY TO SPEAK TO KIWANIS



On Tuesday, Rob Stockly of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation which speak at the Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon. Stockley will give an overview of the groups history and its plans for the future.

SMCF serves as a steward for individuals, families, foundations and business organizations seeking to maximize their long-term philanthropic impact for the benefit of the Sierra Madre community. The Foundation serves as a resource for building and preserving permanently endowed funds that enhance the welfare of the residents and generally enrich the quality of life in Sierra Madre.

Further, the Foundation serves as a catalyst for collaborative efforts with organizations having similar missions. SMCF also builds partnerships with other local organizations with a focus on making Sierra Madre a better place to live.

Come out and learn more about both valuable organizations. The program will begin at 12:30 and is free. Lunch is served at noon and costs \$10. Call 626-355-0728 for reservations.

The club meets at The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. Ample parking in the back of the building.

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	80s	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, July 22nd, 2014
6:30 pm

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

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

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

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- 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.



SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

City Council

Next City Council Meeting
July 22, 2014 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "07/08/2014" for the complete agenda packet.

At the July 8th meeting, the City Council will continue the discussion on water moratoriums in light of the drought and water shortage.

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE DARK THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Tuesday, July 22
City Council, 6:30pm*

Wednesday, July 16:
Energy, Environment, Natural Resources, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 17:
Planning Commission, 7:00pm*

Agendas and staff reports will be posted online 72 hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

*These meetings will be recorded and aired live on Time Warner, Channel 3 and streamed online.

Third Thursday Book Club

Thursday, July 17, 11 am. Read, discuss and enjoy this month's book selection: *Lady at the OK Corral* by Ann Kirschner.

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JULY 20
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JULY 27
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AUG 3
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AUG 10
GEM CITY JAZZ CATS (Big Band)
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AUG 17
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The Social Side

By Deanne Davis

"Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms." George Eliot

"The best doctor in the world is a veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what's the matter - he's just got to know." Will Rogers

I met our new veterinarian today! Dr. Walter Cailleteau, (pronounced: Ki-toe) new owner of the **Sierra Madre Animal Hospital**. If you and your pet haven't been in to visit Dr. Cailleteau yet, you need to go! He has totally transformed his space there at 927 No. Michillinda. You know, in the center where Albertson's Market is. Actually, if you haven't taken a look, that whole front building has been transformed. It's been painted! Dr. Cailleteau, himself, went out with gallons of Round-Up and got rid of all the weeds. Inside is gorgeous! The floors have been redone, all clutter removed, it's all spotless and shiny with beautiful exam rooms where any dog or cat would feel comfortable and at ease!

Dr. Cailleteau moved into the center on November 5, 2013 and has been busy renovating, remodeling and reorganizing his new animal practice into a place where patients and owners alike will be happy. The Grand Opening of Sierra Madre Animal Hospital is coming up Saturday, July 19th, and there will be veterinarian suppliers with free goodies and snacks for anybody who wants to take a look around and meet Dr. Cailleteau and his staff. The official ribbon-cutting will be Friday evening, July 18th at 5:30 p.m. I think we should all go, meet the Doctor, and check out this fabulous new facility, which we've really needed.

Dr. Cailleteau is originally from Houston, Texas and, yes, you can hear it when he talks. Attended Texas A & M, has been a veterinarian for about twenty years and, obviously, loves what he does. He was the Medical Director of VCA Animal Hospital in West Hollywood for the past five years but is thrilled and excited to be the owner of his very own practice right here with us. He's a newlywed, too! Married last October 27th and starting work in Sierra Madre on November 5th! His wife, Shayani, is finishing school to become a Physician's Assistant and she's been at his side all along the way as they renovated and renewed.

I asked Dr. Cailleteau if he was a dog whisperer and he said, "well, not really, but I do know I'm good with behavior issues and a calm, quiet approach does wonders!" Well, I gotta tell ya, folks, that works really well with all of us. Currently Sierra Madre Animal Hospital deals principally with smaller animals, i.e., our dogs and cats. There is boarding available for cats and small to medium dogs, with one large dog run.

Being a General Practitioner, Dr. Cailleteau is concerned with preventative health care and screenings. He strongly feels that regular checkups are a real necessity for our pets as physical exams are an extremely important thing for pet health. A huge percentage of pets have periodontal disease while senior pet health is another huge issue. 10% of pets over the age of ten have bladder disease and, as older cats and dogs hide their illnesses, we frequently can't see that they are sick. Just a few minutes for a checkup can make an enormous difference in our pet's good health. Yes, he is also a surgeon and can do that tooth work and also soft tissue work, such as growth removal.

Prices at Sierra Madre Animal Hospital are now much more competitive and Dr. Cailleteau stressed that walk-in's are really truly welcome. Hours are now much more do-able as the office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and...this is really great... Saturdays! Yes! Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon!

I had the best time meeting our new veterinarian and you will, too! He is tremendously excited about being a Sierra Madre vet, and meeting even more of the pet owners of our community. Let's face it, we've all got a beloved four-legged family member and Dr. Cailleteau is so delighted to be serving our community and he promises to take the best care possible of our pets. I'm going to that Grand Opening! Hope you'll be there, too!

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mathatma Ghandi

My book: "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter" is available on Amazon.com; or at <https://www.createpace.com/4561071> and at the Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene Book Store!

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 29th to Sunday, July 6th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 343 calls for service.

Wednesday, July 2nd
At approximately 6:52 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 500 West Block of Highland Avenue regarding an indecent exposure report. Upon making contact with the reporting party, Officers were informed that a wife was returning to her residence after a walk when she came upon a pick-up truck with a young male inside, parked along the curb. When she looked into the truck as she passed, she saw the male's genitals were fully exposed and it appeared he was fondling himself. She went unnoticed by the man and continued home to report what she encountered to her husband. The husband went outside and was able to get the vehicle's license plate number before it sped off. Officers were able to track the suspect to his residence. Upon making contact he informed Officers that he had exposed himself because he spilled a large amount of water on himself and was changing. When Officers collected the clothes the suspect was wearing when he got wet, the clothes were not wet, damp, or had any traces of liquid on them. Through the reporting party's positive identification of the suspect, the man was arrested and cited for Indecent Exposure.

Thursday, July 3rd
At approximately 9:40 pm, Sierra Madre Police conducted a traffic stop on Santa Anita Ave after observing a vehicle swerve in and out of its lane and failing to stop at a stop sign. When Officers made contact with the suspect, they were overcome by the smell of alcohol and observed blood shot eyes and slurred speech. When questioned, the suspect informed Officers that she only had two drinks prior at an event. The suspect agreed to allow Officer's to perform a Field Sobriety test, which she subsequently failed. The suspect was arrested and cited for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Saturday, July 5th
At around 10:52 pm, Sierra Madre Police performed a traffic stop on Michillinda Ave on a vehicle that was swerving in and out of two lanes. When Officer's made contact with the driver, she informed them she did not have a license and was never issued one. While gathering more information from the driver, Officer's observed her watery eyes, slurred speech, and frequent attempts to cover her mouth with her hand when she talked. Officers also observed several empty beer containers littered throughout the floor of the vehicle. Officer's performed a Field Sobriety test on the driver, which she subsequently failed. The driver was arrested and cited for: Driving Under the Influence, Unlicensed Driver, Unlawful display and registration, and Child endangerment as she had a minor in the vehicle while driving under the influence.

Sunday, July 6th
At around 7:23 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 300 East Block of Laurel Avenue regarding a domestic violence incident. When Officers arrived on scene, they made contact with a male suspect who stated him and his wife had an altercation. Officer's observed several small cuts on his face that were bleeding. When Officer's questioned the wife about what had occurred, she informed them her husband accused her of cheating and began choking her and forcing her to the floor. Upon inspection, Officer's did not see any bruises or marks on the suspect. When Officer's questioned the husband, he stated they had got into an altercation regarding his wife not coming home the previous night, she became upset and began hitting him with closed fists. He stated he "bear-hugged" her to get her to stop, and he then left to the bedroom where his wife followed and then struck his face multiple times with closed fists. Through further investigation, Officer's determined the wife to be the primary aggressor and placed her under arrest. She was charged with Spousal Battery.

ORDINANCE NO. 13560

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY, TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL SHORTAGE ENDS

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre is a public water supply distributor for customers within its jurisdiction, within the meaning of California Water Code section 350 et. seq.; and
WHEREAS, Water Code sections 350 et seq. authorizes the City Council, as the governing body of a public water supply distributor, to declare that water shortage emergency conditions prevail within the area served by such distributor whenever it finds and determines that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the distributor to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code sections 351 and 352, a public hearing on this declaration was duly noticed at least seven days prior to the public hearing and held on July 8, 2014; and
WHEREAS, Water Code section 353 provides that upon declaration of a water shortage emergency, the governing body shall adopt such regulations and restrictions on the delivery of water and the consumption within said area of water supplied for public use as will, in the sound discretion of the City Council, conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit with regard to domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 354, after allocating and setting aside the amount of water which in the opinion of the governing body will be necessary to supply water needed for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection, the adopted regulations may establish priorities in the use of water for other purposes and provide for the allocation, distribution, and delivery of water for such other purposes, without discrimination between consumers using water for the same purpose or purposes; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 355, the City Council’s regulations and restrictions shall remain in full force and effect until the supply of water available for distribution within such area has been replenished or augmented; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 356, the regulations and restrictions may include the right to deny applications for new or additional service connections, and may also include provision for their enforcement by discontinuing service to consumers wilfully violating the regulations and restrictions; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 357, if the adopted regulations and restrictions on delivery and consumption of water conflict with any law establishing the rights of individual consumers to receive either specific or proportionate amounts of the water supply available for distribution within such service area, the regulations and restrictions shall prevail over the provisions of such laws relating to water rights for the duration of the period of emergency; and
WHEREAS, Water Code section 375 authorizes any public entity, including a city, which supplies water at retail or wholesale for the benefit of persons within the service area of the jurisdiction of the public entity to adopt and enforce a water conservation program to reduce the quantity of water used by those persons for the purpose of conserving the water supplies of the public entity, by ordinance or resolution adoption by majority of the members of the governing body after holding a noticed public hearing and making appropriate findings of necessity for the adoption of a water conservation program; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Section 376, any ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to Section 375 is effective upon adoption and shall be published pursuant to Government Code Section 6061 in full within 10 days of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, acting as the governing body of the City’s Water Department, a public water supply distributor, hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings of Water Shortage Emergency Conditions.

The City Council makes the following findings:

- On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to current drought conditions in the state; and
- The Governor’s proclamation also noted that the snowpack in California’s mountains are approximately 20 percent of the normal average for January 2014, and that the state is experiencing extremely dry conditions that have persisted since at least 2012; and
- The Governor’s proclamation called upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and
- On January 17, 2014, the California State Water Resources Control

Board notified all water rights holders in California that the coming months, if dry weather persists, the State Water Board will notify water rights holders in critically dry watersheds of the requirement to limit or stop diversions of water under their water right, based upon the priority of their rights; and

5. Sierra Madre is a public water supply distributor to the resident customers within its jurisdiction and produces and delivers potable water from four wells located with the Eastern Unit of the Raymond Basin; and

6. Sierra Madre has the adjudicated right to extract up to 1,764 acre feet annually of ground water from the Eastern Unit of the Raymond Basin, plus the amount of water it can salvage through its efforts to spread water and recharge the Eastern Unit of the Raymond Basin; and

7. The average annual water consumption in Sierra Madre is 3,003 acre feet, exceeding the adjudicated right; and the annual additional groundwater production is allowable and offset by the amount of rainwater captured and spread for recharge; and

8. During the rainy season of 2012-2013 the City received only 9.72 inches of precipitation, compared to the City’s 50 year mean of 23.76 inches; because of the lack of rainfall and the restriction on diversion of water, Sierra Madre, which is the only entity which spreads water in the East Raymond Basin for recharge, has been able to capture and spread only a fraction of the necessary water at the spreading grounds; and

9. On May 28, 2013 City implemented mandatory Phase II (20% reduction in use) water conservation on its existing customers and may consider implementing Phase III (30% reduction in use); and

10. The historically low precipitation, low recharge and continued pumping of ground water have led to an over-draft of the East Raymond Basin such that the water levels in the aquifer have fallen below 500 feet above mean sea level; accordingly, the Raymond Basin Management Board acting in its capacity as Watermaster of the Raymond Basin, has enacted the “500 foot rule” which reduces Sierra Madre’s adjudicated ground water extraction right by 47%;

11. Since October, 2013, due to the extended drought and over draft condition of the Eastern Unit of the Raymond Basin, the water levels of the aquifer have fallen to the extent that Sierra Madre cannot pump water for delivery from any of its four production wells; and

12. For 107 years, except for a brief period where we experienced ground water contamination, Sierra Madre’s traditional sources of horizontal tunnels and groundwater wells has been sufficient to meet its water needs without having to import water from a supplemental source; and

13. The citizens of Sierra Madre take great pride in the quality of the water that is produced from its traditional sources, and such water is a distinguishing and defining characteristic of Sierra Madre, and such water significantly contributes to Sierra Madre’s identity and sense of “place”; and

14. For the first time in the history of the water department, Sierra Madre has become completely dependent on imported water from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) via the Metropolitan Water District (“MWD”) to serve its existing customers, utilizing 1) 4,000 acre feet of water it had purchased and stored several years ago—however, this source of water will be exhausted by fall 2014 and 2) an additional 2,703 acre feet recently purchased from MWD, which is anticipated to be exhausted by March 2015; and

15. Recital I of the September 9, 2013 Agreement for Exchange and Purchase of Water between Metropolitan Water District and the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District under which Sierra Madre receives its imported water supply states, “It is not intended that the service connection will be used by Sierra Madre or others to increase the total amount of available water to accommodate growth or to accommodate sale or leasing of Sierra Madre’s groundwater supplies to any other agency;” and,

16. The current use of MWD water, which is of a slightly different chemistry from the City’s groundwater, has produced water discoloration problems for many of its existing customers, which is likely due to chemical reaction with the city’s distribution system or the customer’s plumbing. Although the City has hired a consultant to study the problem and provide potential solutions and options, in the meantime the customer must let the water run to flush the system in an attempt to clear the discolored water from the pipes, thereby using extra water during a period of mandatory conservation; and

17. During the rainy season of 2013-2014, the City received only 5.9 inches of precipitation, compared to the City’s 50 year mean of 23.76 inches; worsening the drought and further reducing the City’s ability to capture rain water for groundwater recharge; and

18. It is estimated that even with a return of normal rainfall and the renewed ability to spread water for effective recharge, that it will take at least three to five years for the East Raymond Basin aquifer water levels to recover sufficiently to enable the City to return to the use of its four wells for extraction and deliver any portion of its adjudicated ground water to its existing water customers; and

19. Given the overdraft condition of the East Raymond Basin, the Raymond Basin Management Board may engage a study of the Basin and review its safe yield. A reduction in the safe yield of the East Raymond Basin will further negatively impact the City’s ability to access sufficient ground water to supply its existing water customers; and

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WHEREAS, the current use of MWD water, which is of a slightly different chemistry from the City’s groundwater, has produced water discoloration problems for many of its existing customers, which is likely due to chemical reaction with the city’s distribution system or the customer’s plumbing. Although the City has hired a consultant to study the problem and provide potential solutions and options, in the meantime the customer must let the water run to flush the system in an attempt to clear the discolored water from the pipes, thereby using extra water during a period of mandatory conservation; and

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WHEREAS, given the over draft condition of the East Raymond Basin, the Raymond Basin Management Board may engage a study of the Basin and review its safe yield. A reduction in the safe yield of the East Raymond Basin will further negatively impact the City’s ability to access sufficient ground water to supply its existing water customers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sierra Madre is located in a high fire hazard area, and the on-going drought and the overdraft condition of the East Raymond Basin increase the danger of fire, especially in the high fire season of the summer months, which increases the need for a reliable and sustainable supply of water; and

WHEREAS, there is no Sierra Madre “right” to continue to purchase water from MWD, which must provide water service first to its existing customers; and
WHEREAS, the City Council intends to review and update the provisions of its development and zoning code to implement new zoning and development requirements and conditions of approval which will address water conservation requirements for all development, provide additional review of the Water Resources chapter and Land Use element of the General Plan to address water conservation policies, and consider mitigation measures, such as “in lieu impact fees,” and regulations creating “no net water use increase;” and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken scientific studies of the composition of its well water and imported water to determine the feasibility of mixing water sources in order to for allow supplementation of local water sources with imported water rather than the current replacement of local water sources with imported water, and until completion of said studies the amount of water available to the City in any given year cannot be accurately forecasted; and

WHEREAS, oscillation between using ground water from the East Raymond Basin and imported MWD water will not resolve the discoloration problems that many customers are having with the water. It is important to stabilize conditions in the East Raymond Basin to enable the City to return to the use of its four wells for production, delivery and distribution of its adjudicated ground water and a return of customer confidence in the water quality; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Madre’s citizens wish to return to their traditional source of water and avoid importation of water unless the necessity of importation is established by extraordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Madre’ external and supplemental source of water is the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, whose only supply source is the California’s State Water Project, which is currently allocating only 5% of requests to its customers; and

WHEREAS, if construction, that requires a new connection to the city’s water system, continues in light of the present water shortage conditions and without the benefit of additional regulations and conditions requiring water conservation measures which do not presently exist, the water shortage conditions faced by the City will be exacerbated; and

WHEREAS, if construction, that requires a new connection to the city’s water system, continues without a better understanding of the amount of water that the City can plan on in the long term the water shortage conditions faced by the City may be exacerbated; and

WHEREAS, these issues constitute a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, within the meaning of Government Code Section

20. The City of Sierra Madre is located in a high fire hazard area, and the on-going drought and the overdraft condition of the East Raymond Basin increase the danger of fire, especially in the high fire season of the summer months, which increases the need for a reliable and sustainable supply of water; and

21. There is no Sierra Madre “right” to continue to purchase water from MWD, which must provide water service first to its existing customers; and

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23. Oscillation between using ground water from the East Raymond Basin and imported MWD water will not resolve the discoloration problems that many customers are having with the water. It is important to stabilize conditions in the East Raymond Basin to enable the City to return to the use of its four wells for production, delivery and distribution of its adjudicated ground water and a return of customer confidence in the water quality; and

24. Sierra Madre’s citizens wish to return to their traditional source of water and avoid importation of water unless the necessity of importation is established by extraordinary circumstances; and

25. Sierra Madre’ external and supplemental source of water is the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, whose only supply source is the California’s State Water Project, which is currently allocating only 5% of requests to its customers; and

26. If additional construction, where no current water service connection exists, continues in light of the present water shortage conditions and without the benefit of additional regulations and conditions requiring water conservation measures which do not presently exist, the water shortage conditions faced by the City will be exacerbated; and

27. If additional construction, where no current water service connection exists, continues without a better understanding of the amount of water that the City can plan on in the long term the water shortage conditions faced by the City may be exacerbated.

Section 2. Declaration of Water Shortage Emergency.

Pursuant to Water Code section 350 et. seq. and based upon the factual findings specified above, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, acting as the governing board of the City’s Water Department, a public water supply distributor, hereby determines that unless and until the aquifer in the East Raymond Basin recovers sufficiently to allow the City to resume pumping its full adjudicated ground water rights (1,740 acre feet per year) and to spread sufficient water for recharge and to access its water salvage credits, that the City cannot satisfy the ordinary demands and requirements of its existing customers and for firefighting supply. Therefore, the City Council, acting as the governing body of the City’s Water Department, declares that an interim water shortage emergency condition exists in the City.

Section 3. Moratorium on New or Additional Water Service Connections

A. Pursuant to Water Code section 350 et seq., the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, acting as the governing body of the Water Department, hereby imposes a moratorium on all new or additional water service connections through the City.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, no new or additional water service connections shall be approved or permitted during the moratorium period. Further, no “will serve” letters shall issue during the moratorium period.

C. This Ordinance shall apply through the City and to all applications for new or additional water service connections within the City that have not yet received final approval as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

D. This Ordinance shall not apply to the repair or replacement of water service connections that are lawfully existing as of the effective date of this Ordinance, where the repair or replacement complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

E. This Ordinance shall not apply to the replacement of an existing water service connection with a higher capacity water service connection, where necessary to accommodate installation of fire sprinklers or other fire protection facilities consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations

Section 4. Publication, Duration and Effective Date.

A. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption upon 4/5 vote.

B. This Ordinance shall remain in effect during the period of the emergency declared herein and until the ground water levels in the East Raymond Basin recover sufficiently to permit the City to pump its full adjudicated ground water supply from its four wells for distribution to its existing customers within the City.

C. This Ordinance, within 10 days after its passage and adoption, shall be published once in its entity in a newspaper of general circulation and shall also be posted at three public places within the City.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 8th day of July, 2014 by the following vote:

65858; and
WHEREAS, approval of any additional subdivisions, use permits, variances, building permits or any other applicable entitlement for use which would require a new water service connection, which are not authorized by this Ordinance would result in these threats to the public health, safety and welfare; and
WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65858, a provision of the State Planning and Zoning Law, authorizes an interim, urgency zoning ordinance to prevent development which may be inconsistent with a plan under development—such as the City’s intended update of its development and zoning codes to enact more stringent water conservation requirements—pending adoption of that plan.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE FURTHER FINDS that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public safety, health and welfare by ensuring well-planned and water efficient development of properties in the City necessary to conserve the finite water resources for all customers and that it should adopt this interim urgency zoning ordinance as authorized by Government Code Section 65858 and

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code or any other ordinance of the City of Sierra Madre, and except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no building permit, grading permit, conditional use permit, variance or other land use approval, permit or “will-serve” letter shall be issued for the construction or development of new construction where the development would require a new water service connection, on any lot in any zone within the City.

Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not apply to any of the following:

(a) Repair, maintenance or renovation of existing structures or facilities which already have water service connections; or to the repair or replacement of water service connections that lawfully exist as of the effective date of this Ordinance, where the repair or replacement complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

(b) Replacement of an existing water service connection with a higher capacity water service connection, where necessary to accommodate installation of fire sprinklers or other fire protection facilities consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

(c) Repair or maintenance work which the City Manager or her designee determines is necessary to abate a threat to public health or safety;

(d) Any project for which all necessary discretionary approvals have been granted and for which a building permit has been issued by the Building Department before the close of business on the day this Ordinance takes effect;

(e) New construction where an existing water service connection already exists before the close of business on the day this Ordinance takes effect.

Section 3. Taking. If a person can demonstrate that the application of this ordinance to his or her property would constitute a taking in violation of the federal or California Constitution or would otherwise be unlawful, an exception to this moratorium can be made pursuant to a variance approved under Section Chapter 17.60 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. No variance application shall be required if the Director, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines that an exception to this Ordinance is legally required. In such case, an approval may be granted only if the approving officer or body of the City finds that the exception is legally required.

Section 4. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person, parcel or circumstance, be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any other person, parcel or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted by a 4/5 vote of the Sierra Madre City Council, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption as provided by Government Code Section 65858, and shall be of no further force at 11:59 p.m. on August 22, 2014, unless extended or terminated by further action of the City Council.

Section 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 8th day of July, 2014 by the following vote:
AYES: NOES:

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THE RIALTO THEATRE UP FOR SALE

Bids, on the iconic South Pasadena landmark, to close Wednesday.

After shutting down in 2007, and red-tagged four years ago for safety, the Rialto Theatre went on the market last month —the first time the theater has been for sale since it was built in the late 1920s.

The building at 1023 Fair Oaks Avenue is registered as a national landmark.

Neighbors have pushed to save the 1,200-seat movie theater hoping any new owners will too. There are no preconditions for bids so the building could become anything. Historic status does not dictate what type of business can be there, only that the property stays in good condition.

The Jebbia Family Trust, long with its trustee, Wells Fargo Bank, have partnered with the city of South Pasadena to find a buyer.

In a statement, Josh Levy, senior managing director of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank capital markets said, “The area’s residents are great backers of the arts and the city remains supportive of redevelopment plans that are not only thoughtful of the theater’s rich history but also create viable and sustainable uses onsite,”

The theater has survived numerous fire including 1933, 1938 and 1971, the last, which led to the removal of the pipe organ.

The last movie shown at the Rialto was “The Simpson Movie” on August 19, 2007 and on December 29, 2007, the theater held a farewell performance of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.”

In 2010, after heavy rain a piece of the building façade fell onto the sidewalk prompting fire officials to deem the building unsafe.

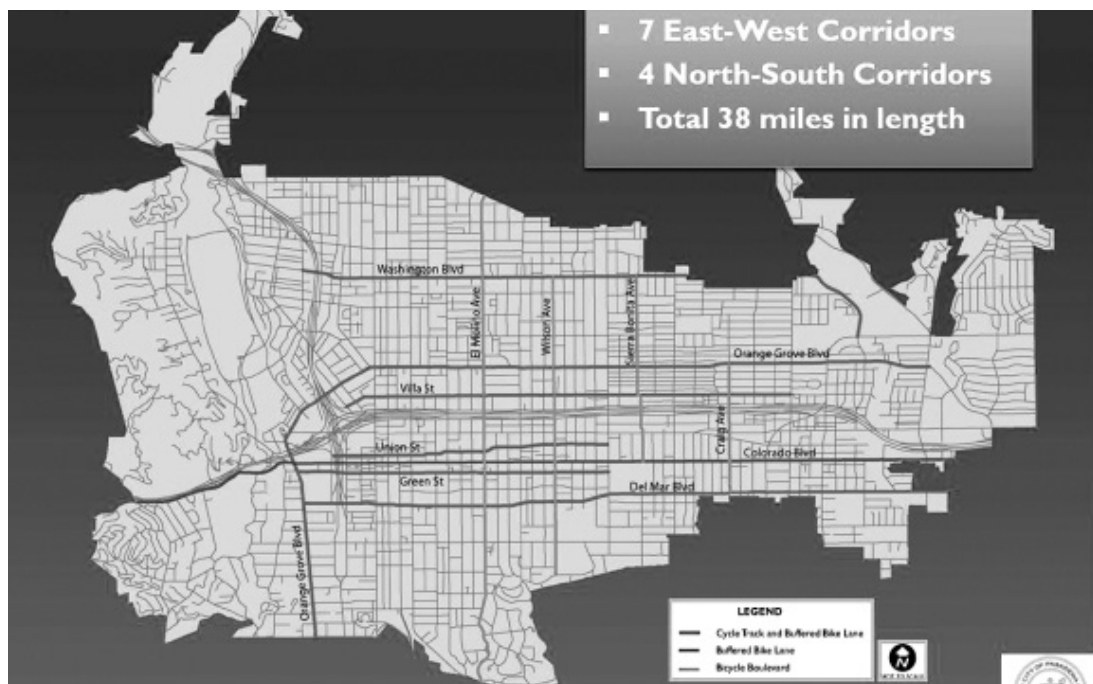
Pet of the Week



Larry is a six-year-old red tabby. He’s very friendly and loves to purr. Larry’s front paws are clawed so he would do well as an indoor only cat.

Larry’s regular adoption fee is \$70, 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. Since Larry is 6 years old, he also qualifies for our “Seniors for Seniors” program in which the adoption fee is waived for for adopters 60 years old and older. 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.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A358598, 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.



Officials Look at Citywide Bike Plan

To ease bicycling conditions on city streets, the Municipal Services Committee Monday heard a plan to install 38 miles of cycle tracks or buffered bike lanes and bicycle boulevards, off-limits to vehicles, similar to the bike path along Marengo Avenue, from Orange Grove Boulevard to Washington Boulevard.

If implemented, the Bikeway Analysis and Feasibility Study also looked at the possible elimination of thousands of parking spaces including 602 spaces to accommodate a proposed buffered bike lane along Villa Street from Los Robles Ave to Altadena Dr.

Other heavily impacted areas would include a buffered bike lane on Washington from Lincoln Ave to Hill, possibly eliminating 358 parking spaces, and a buffered lane on Orange Grove Blvd, from Columbia Street to Green Street, possibly eliminating 390 parking spaces.

Strong opposition, to

eliminating parking, has come from Paul Little President of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce who said there needed to be a balance between businesspeople, where parking is vital to retail success and cyclists.

The plan divides the city bike paths into north-south corridors and east-west corridors.

East-west streets include Washington, Orange Grove, Villa, Union, Green Street, Del Mar and Colorado.

North-south streets include El Molino Ave., Wilson Ave., Sierra Bonita Ave., and Craig Ave.

The study looked at three types of corridors, Bike Boulevard, Cycle Track and Buffered Bike Lane calling for cycle tracks or buffered bike lanes on east-west corridors and bicycle boulevards on north-south corridors.

“Cycle tracks are bikeways located in roadway right-of-way but separated from vehicle lanes by physical barriers,” according to the study.

Adaptive Art Show to Open



Image is from this year’s art booklet by Alan League.

The City’s Adaptive Recreation Art Program debuts artwork created by local artists with disabilities beginning today, at the Armory Center for the Arts. The public is invited to a free opening reception 3-5 p.m., at the Armory Center for the Arts Community Room, 145 N. Raymond Ave.

The “Rain or Shine” exhibit will be on display at the Armory Center for the Arts through Sept. 7, with “Rain or Shine”-themed poems and pictures illustrating the artists’ day-to-day hopes and challenges.

“Rain or Shine” art booklets will be available at the event for a \$10 donation. Donations are tax deductible through the Pasadena Recreation and Parks Foundation.

The City of Pasadena Adaptive Recreation Program, part of the City’s Human Services and Recreation Department, provides weekly art activities for artists with disabilities who live in the Pasadena/Altadena area.

For more information, please contact Jackie Scott, adaptive recreation specialist, at (626) 744-7257 or jackiescott@cityofpasadena.net.

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Planned

Pasadena Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, July 25 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.

In California, this deadly crime led to 802 deaths in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. “Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 4

lives and resulted in 69 injury crashes harming 95 of our friends and neighbors,” said Pasadena Police Chief Phillip L. Sanchez.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems.

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.

Bike Boulevard shares the roads with some preferential treatment for bicycles.

Construction cost estimates topped \$10 million.

The study will again be heard at a future Transportation Advisory Committee meeting the next, of July 14, 2014.

La Pintaresca Library to Close for Repairs

La Pintaresca Branch Library will close Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18 for building repairs. The branch will reopen on Saturday, July 19 at 9 a.m.

Library customers are directed to two nearby library sites; Santa Catalina Branch Library and Central Library while the building is closed. Santa Catalina Branch is located at 999 E. Washington Blvd. and is open Monday through Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. Central Library is located at 285 E. Walnut St. and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Book holds for delivery to La Pintaresca customers may be picked up at Santa Catalina Branch during the brief closure.

La Pintaresca Branch Library is located at 1355 N. Raymond Ave. For more information, call (626) 744-4066.

Speeders to be Targeted by Police



The Pasadena Police Department will conduct a Speed Enforcement Program Monday. This operation will commence at 6:00 a.m. and will continue throughout the morning hours according to police.

They said, speeding is the third highest cause of traffic deaths and the number one cause of serious injuries on California’s roadways. The Pasadena Police Department is committed to reducing the number of traffic collisions and injuries resulting from excessive speed. The program has shown to be an effective tool in educating the public in regards to safer driving habits.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Planetary Society to Launch LightSail Project

The Planetary Society, the world’s largest and most influential space interest group, based in Pasadena, has said that its LightSail solar sail spacecraft will reach space on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy launch in 2016. The announcement was made Wednesday.

“It’s fantastic that at last we have a launch date for this pioneering mission,” said Planetary Society CEO Bill Nye The Science Guy. “When I was in engineering school, I read the book about solar sailing by my predecessor, Society co-founder Louis Friedman. But the dream of sailing on light alone goes back much further.”

LightSail Project is the first solar sail to be entirely funded by Planetary Society members and other citizen supporters. Technologies developed for LightSail may enable other small, interplanetary spacecraft to achieve success. The creation and launch of CubeSats is within reach of universities and other organizations that could once only dream of flying their own missions.

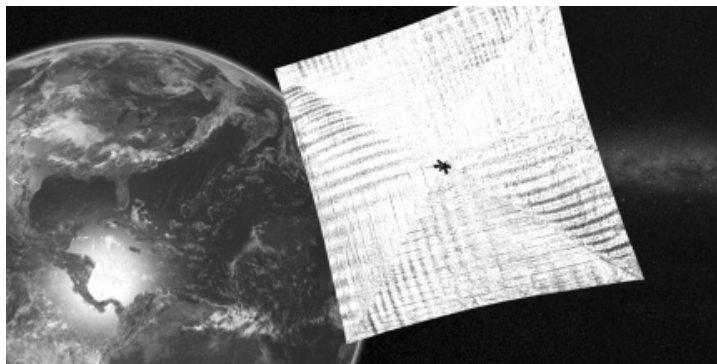
CubeSats utilize a standard design based on 10-centimeter

(about 4-inch) cubes. LightSail is three cubes, or just 30 centimeters long. Tucked inside this tiny package are four ultra-thin Mylar sails that will be deployed a few weeks after orbital insertion. These brilliantly reflective wings will expand to 32 square meters (344 square feet), making LightSail easily visible to naked eye observers on Earth.

LightSail will reach Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) stored inside another innovative spacecraft: Prox-1. Prox-1 has been developed by the Georgia Institute of Technology to demonstrate new technologies enabling two spacecraft to work in close proximity. After ejecting LightSail, the largely student-built Prox-1 will track and image LightSail, including the sail deployment.

Carrying Prox-1 and LightSail to MEO will be the new Falcon Heavy, the most powerful rocket ever built by SpaceX of Hawthorne, California, and the largest since the Saturn V that delivered Apollo astronauts to the Moon.

A test flight of LightSail on a smaller rocket may also be conducted in 2015.



LightSail, image by the Planetary Society

City Holds Social Media Photo Contest ‘At My Park’

Pasadena residents can join the fun with the City’s “At My Park” photo challenge to win prizes by submitting your best park-themed photos through July 31, 2014.

The family friendly social media campaign challenges residents ages 16 and older to share their Pasadena park experiences creatively through photos submitted to the City via its Twitter, www.twitter.com/PasadenaGov, and Facebook, www.facebook.com/CityofPasadena sites.

The “At My Park” social media campaign celebrates Parks Make Life Better Month, which occurs every July in California. The photo contest revolves around the City’s six park themes, two of which are being announced every Monday through the end of July; including Play, Nature, Exercise, Positive Spaces, Gathering Places and Forever.

To enter, participants must tweet their photos to @PasadenaGov using the #AtMyPark hashtag on Twitter, or post their photos to the City’s Facebook event page with the #AtMyPark hashtag. The park theme must be mentioned in each post. Contest rules are at www.cityofpasadena.net/AtMyPark.

Winning photos will be announced weekly on the City’s Twitter and Facebook pages

and online at the city’s website.

Week 2: Photos must be submitted from 12 a.m. July 14 until 11:59 p.m. July 19

Exercise
Positive Spaces

Week 3: Photos must be submitted from 12 a.m. July 21 until 11:59 p.m. July 26

Gathering Places
Forever

Week 4 Grand Prize: Photos must be submitted from 12 a.m. July 28 until 11:59 p.m. July 31

One photo best representing all six themes

The GRAND PRIZE includes two tickets to the One Direction concert Sept. 11 at the Rose Bowl Stadium and an autographed football by 11 Heisman Trophy Winners, including Ricky Williams, Billy Sims, George Rogers and “RGIII.” Photos for the Grand Prize Challenge must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. July 31. No late entries will be accepted. The decisions made by the City are final.



Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

New Citizen Journalism training starts Wednesday nights, learn how to report news using social media skills.



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crewmembers. In addition, on-going training will soon be available in citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to PASADENAMEDIA.ORG and explore what Pasadena Media has to offer.

Class Offerings 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Nightly

Producers’ Training

Monday July 14 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Advanced Studio Lighting

Wednesday July 16 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Citizen Journalism Training

Wednesday July 16 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Basic Editing

Thursday July 17 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Orientation and Tour

Monday July 21 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A VERY SPECIAL MAN: PARAMEDIC MIKE HERDMAN

Yesterday I attended the heart retching services for Arcadia Paramedic FireFighter Mike Herdman, who died tragically during a backpacking trip. The service was held at the Arcadia H.S. Performing Arts Center and was well attended by family, friends, and coworkers. Many fire agencies came to pay respects from nearby Monrovia, Sierra Madre, and Duarte's (LA County Fire) Station as well as distances such as Oxnard, Downey, and Torrance-just to name a few. At the center stage was his casket, guarded by two firemen with axes, a few photographs, surfboard, bicycle and backpack. I listened to speaker after speaker and was so amazed that one man could achieve so much and touch so many people in his short time on earth. I cannot even imagine the unmeasurable grief and loss his family must endure - wife Bridget, daughter Sienna, parents Debi and Rob, sisters Tracy and Carrie and their families as well as his family at the Arcadia Fire Department.

Reverend Castillo read from Ecclesiastics 3, but "none of us expected this. It came all too soon". Reverend Castillo spoke of Mike's passion for life and the love of his family, wife Bridget and daughter Sienna After Beth Stogner sang, "Alleluia", Jeff Patterson read the obituary written by Mike's sisters Tracey and Carrie: Mike lived life with a passion, always searching for a new adventure. As a kid, he searched his Dad's construction sites in Laguna Niguel for shark's teeth...moved to Laguna Beach in 1990, took up snorkeling, surfing and skateboarded everywhere...in High School, found out he had outstanding track and athletic ability...went to CAL POLY San Luis Obispo, and found the three loves of his life-Bridget, cycling and dog Maverick. In 2003, Bridget and Mike married; in 2007, Sienna was born. Mike shared the love of outdoors with Sienna, and they went on many adventures together. Mike's family challenges everyone to carry on Mike's "love for challenge, family and life".

Arcadia Fire Chief Kurt Norwood began expressing gratitude for the 1000's of hours- spent (many were volunteers who traveled to the Sespe Wilderness) searching for Mike, the effort of county, state and federal agencies, and a special thanks to Ventura County Fire and Sheriff's Departments...to locate Mike and bring him home."

For Chief Norwood and Mike's coworkers, it was very difficult to hold back tears. There is a special bond they form-the type of work they do- working together to save lives, fighting dangerous fires, and living like a family during those long shifts- no wonder they are a family! Chief Norwood told us that "Everyday Mike



celebrated life. I listened to him, laughed, and shook my head...his enthusiasm, energy, never in a bad mood...When he went to Paramedic School, he made such an impression...their instructors wanted to know where did I find this guy...everyday Mike came to work with a smile...one word to describe him...infectious.

Chief Norwood also felt blessed to spend time with Debbie and Rob, Mike's parents and thanked them for what they instilled in Mike. Mike's mom read, "Do Not Weep", and then Joel Rodas, Mike's partner spoke of the deep void in his heart and missing Mike's larger than life personality.

Mike was "one of a kind", who brought a smile to briefing. After dinner, there was always a new bet or insane challenge, "What are the chances?" Captain Richard Oishi spoke of Mike's thirst for life and how Mike always "pepped up" the stakes in the challenges, and quoted Mike on his relationship with his daughter, "You should never be too tired to play with your kid. Enjoy every second because you don't know when it will be your last.

A video presentation traced Mike's life, and there were no dry eyes after it was completed.

At the end of the service, Bridget Herdman was presented with a folded flag, his uniform hat and a framed box of metals. Good-bye to a real hero. May we follow your example and live life to the fullest.

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SPEAKER FOR JULY 17TH IS JUDY NELSON, MAYOR OF GLENDORA

Judy has been a strong fighter against the conservancy. We are in danger of losing our water rights to the Federal Government and even your home may be impacted if you live on the hillside because the final boundaries have not been drawn. It is important you be here and invite your friends. Gentlemen always welcome. Coffee at 10, meeting at 11, speaker at 11:30, lunch at 12 at the cost of \$17. For information call Carolyn Papp 626-353-7443.

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"What's Going On?" News and Views from Joan Schmidt



Our Annual Mayflower Village Parade may not be the largest or most spectacular but it has a unique history. On July 4, 1987 Liz Alonso decided, she wanted her children to grow up without an attitude of "parades are dumb", and understand the significance of Independence Day. So Liz dressed up 2-year-old Eric and 3-year-old Karen in paper hats, gave them flags to wave and walked them around the block. Since then the community's homegrown expression of love of country has blossomed into an

annual event.

In the 90's, it seemed like EVERYONE in the neighborhood participated. Children decorated their bikes; parents did strollers or wagons for the little ones and even the family pet! Neighborhood kids like the Vallejo's and Randal's designed and signed tee-shirts sold to raise

THE 27TH ANNUAL HOMEGROWN MAYFLOWER VILLAGE PARADE

money for the red, white and blue popsicles handed out after the parade. Lois, the puppeteer did a show and children participated in a great talent show.

Life goes on and people move on. Liz stepped down; her sister Kathy Robbins oversaw the parade for a while. Kathy relocated to Colorado, Carrie De Ritter took over, and the parade is great as ever! Carrie and a friend held the banner at the beginning and Carrie's husband and children also participated. Karen Randall lives in South Arcadia, but returns to the parade with her family to represent the family who began it all. I loved seeing many former students-all grown up- and even their parents still participate. A few included the Vallejo's, Torres', and Brayton's. Carrie's sister, Keely participated with her hubby and children. Thank you Carrie, for a job well done, and thanks to your Dad, Mr. Baggett for directing traffic! Thanks to the many volunteers and participants who made this such a unique parade! All who came out had a great time!

INTERACTIVE "GET BACK TO WORK BOOT CAMP" SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 13 AT DUARTE LIBRARY

DUARTE, CA, July 9, 2014 - Duarte residents are invited to attend a free, four-hour

workshop designed to jump-start their career search and become job ready at the "Get Back to Work Boot Camp" scheduled for Saturday September 13th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Duarte Library. The Duarte County Library is located at 1301 Buena Vista Street and participants are encouraged to pre-register for the workshop.

Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to learn current job search strategies from the experts at the Foothill Workforce Investment Board and from the City's very own Councilmember Sam Kang. Various topics will be presented throughout the day including; how to market your skill sets; resume writing and interviewing skills; creating a LinkedIn profile in addition to having access to the Foothill Workforce Investment Board's state of the art mobile job placement center which will be on site throughout the course of the workshop.

This collaborative venture is sponsored by the City of Duarte, the Foothill Workforce Investment Board, the office of Assembly Member Roger Hernandez, Panda Express of Duarte, the Duarte County Library, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. The office of Assembly Member Roger Hernandez will provide morning refreshments and Panda Express will provide lunch. For further information contact Karen Herrera at 626-357-7931 (herrera@accessduarte.com) or visit www.accessduarte.com. Registration limited to 50. Pre-registration available at EventBrite http://www.eventbrite.com/e/

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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, June 29th, through Saturday, July 5th, the Police Department responded to 1,015 calls for service of which 131 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 29:

1. Around 3:20 a.m., an officer responded to Monarch Donuts, 15 West Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a side door and stole approximately \$100 from the cash register. No evidence was located and no one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

2. Just after 7:50 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft investigation. A female subject concealed merchandise inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. As a Macy's loss prevention officer attempted to detain the suspect, the suspect resisted and struck the officer multiple times on her upper torso. During the altercation, the suspect's shirt and bra came off. The 44-year-old Asian female ran to her car topless and left behind her purse containing her driver's license. A witness recorded the license plate number as the suspect fled the location in a white Mercedes. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Monday, June 30:

3. At about 4:34 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Fairview Avenue regarding a welfare check on a male subject passed out in the driver's seat of his vehicle. The vehicle was stopped at the stop sign, but still running. An investigation revealed the 26-year-old Hispanic male was under the influence with a blood alcohol content greater than 0.08 percent. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At approximately 10:47 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Colorado Street and Monte Vista Road regarding a transient encampment. The officer made contact with a subject who was sleeping inside a tent. A records check revealed the 35-year-old White male had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, July 1:

5. Just after 6:25 a.m., an officer conducted a follow-up check on the transient camp located in the area of Colorado Street and Monte Vista Road. The officer made contact with two subjects who were lying down inside of a tent. An investigation revealed one of the subjects, a 43-year-old White female, was in possession of a controlled substance and had three outstanding misdemeanor warrants. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The other subject, a 46-year-old White male, was cited for Unlawful Camping and released in the field without incident.

6. Around 10:56 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Terrace and Santa Anita Avenue for a warrant attached to the license plate. The officer discovered the warrant belonged to the driver, a 22-year-old Hispanic male. An investigation revealed he had a suspended license and was in possession of 72 illegal fireworks. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, July 2:

7. Shortly after midnight, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a bicyclist for riding on the sidewalk in the business district area of South First Avenue and Diamond Street. An investigation revealed the 19-year-old Hispanic male was on felony probation for Vehicle Theft and in possession of burglary tools. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. At about 11:21 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Second Avenue for expired registration. A search of the vehicle revealed the 19-year-old White female driver was in possession of marijuana and over 60 packages of illegal fireworks. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, July 3:

9. At approximately 12:19 p.m., and officer was dispatched to Sport Chalet at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. An 18-year-old Hispanic male concealed clothing inside his backpack and exited the store without making payment. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. Around 7:49 p.m., officers working DUI enforcement conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle for driving with no head lights on in the area of Live Oak Avenue and Sixth Avenue. A records check revealed the 60-year-old Hispanic male had an outstanding felony warrant. Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were also located on his person. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Vandalism

July 7 at 7:51 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the high school in the 800 block of West Colorado on the report of vandalism. Campus security arrived in the morning after the 4th of July weekend and discovered someone had written graffiti on the auto shop building. The investigation is continuing.

Attempt Grand Theft Auto / Vehicle Burglary

July 7 at 11:10 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of North Lincoln called police to report that someone had attempted to take his vehicle. The victim parked his vehicle on the street and secured it on July 3. When he returned to his vehicle on July 7, he discovered the driver side door lock was punched. The suspect tore the steering column apart, attempting to take the vehicle, but it appears they couldn't start it. The suspects took some welding books from inside the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Honey Oil - Suspect Arrested

July 7 at 3:24 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 100 block of West Greystone came upon a vehicle with the door left open. When he stopped and looked inside, he saw approximately 50 butane bottles and a pipe with possible honey oil on it. The driver of the vehicle could not be located and the vehicle was registered out of town. Due to the extreme hot weather and the butane bottles sitting in the sun, the Monrovia Fire Department was requested and responded to the scene. A resident from the 300 block of Stedman told officers the vehicle belonged to his son's friend, who was inside the house. The 19-year-old suspect was located and arrested for manufacturing honey oil.

Vehicle Tampering - Suspects Arrested

July 7 at 12:21 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of Fowler Drive saw two male subjects lift the door handle to his vehicle, checking to see if the door was unlocked. He chased the suspects, but wasn't able to keep up. A few minutes later, a security officer from an alarm company who was patrolling the 700 block of West Foothill saw the two males running. He called the police and then detained the suspects, who cooperated. The victim arrived just as officers arrived and placed the two under private persons arrest for vehicle tampering. The suspects were taken into custody.

Strong-arm Robbery - Suspect Arrested

July 9 at 6:35 p.m., officers responded to a business parking lot at Foothill and Myrtle regarding a robbery. Two male adults who knew each other began arguing in the shopping center parking lot. One of the subjects took the other subjects headphones and then demanded the subject's wrist watch. The victim did not attempt to recover the headphones out of fear for his safety and attempted to walk away; however, the suspect wanted the watch and began hitting the victim, attempting to remove it from the victim's wrist. A bystander broke up the fight and the suspect fled in a vehicle with the victim's headphones. The victim was able to identify the suspect, and he was located and apprehended by police, as the vehicle was still in the area.

County to help meet California's 20% renewable energy goals.

Edison has been informing the community in a variety of ways about the project through mailings and door-to-door outreach. In addition, there is also a link on the sce.com/trtp website that opens to a Duarte Construction Information page where residents can view up to the minute construction updates throughout the duration of the project. Residents and businesses also have the opportunity to sign up to receive email construction alerts. For more information about the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), please call (877) 795-8787 or visit www.sce.com/tehachapi

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO GIVE



On Friday, little misses Katerina and Corwin Carr visited the Monrovia Center to deliver the money they raised from their lemonade stand. They raised \$57.19 which they donated for homeless services.

BELOVED ST. RITA STAFF MEMBER RETIRES

Sierra Madre, CA – The St. Rita community, past and present, gathered at their last week's picnic to say goodbye to Cathie Sterling Kay. The much-loved staff member is retiring this year after 31 years, which includes the time she spent there as a parent.

If you've had an occasion to visit the school's office over the years, you were most likely greeted by Mrs. Kay with her big smile and trademark red-rimmed glasses. Students and parents returning in the Fall will miss being called "Honey" and the comfortable, "everyone's family" feeling she brought to the office.

While she said she will miss the school families, she's also looking forward to getting to projects she's wanted to take on but hasn't had the time, including gardening and training her new puppy Bo. If you're hoping to run into her in her retirement, Starbucks might be a good bet!



HOW THE INTERNET CAN KEEP KIDS EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING THIS SUMMER

(StatePoint) In summer, keeping kids busy means camp, pool time and outdoor games. But all that sun, fun and physical activity should also be well-balanced with mental exercise.

With that in mind, here are several ways kids and parents can use the Internet to focus on education when class is not in session:

Online Tutoring

Nothing beats one-on-one learning time to improve grades and build confidence and yet most kids learn in large groups all school year. Students can get that one-to-one time this summer with online tutoring. Available 24/7 with expert tutors in more than 40 subjects, Tutor.com is a great way to help students brush up on concepts and keep their skills sharp all in a secure online learning environment that is accessible from any computer or mobile device.

Personalized College Prep

It's never too early to work on college applications. Investigate online services, tools and resources that can assist, such as Parchment. The company's newest tool, College Match, uses a proprietary algorithm to generate personalized college recommendations, enabling students to discover schools for which they may be well-positioned to be accepted.

Parchment also makes ordering, tracking and sending transcripts to schools an easy, online process. Visit www.Parchment.com to get started.

Summer Reading

Free summer reading resources can help avoid "summer slump." Check out Scholastic's suite of free tools available at www.Scholastic.com/summer.

Consider registering children in grades K-8 for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, a free, global online reading program. Kids can log reading minutes, win prizes and help beat last year's summer reading world record of 176,438,473 minutes read.

You can use the summer calendar app on the Scholastic Parents Facebook page, which features expert tips, articles and activities. Every Friday, parents can enter for the chance to win a Freebie Friday prize, including great books for kids.

Monitor children's progress and log reading minutes on-the-go using the free Scholastic Reading Timer app.

Additionally, summer-friendly literature recommendations are available from Scholastic experts. Their book list features more than 700 books for children in Pre-K-8, including this year's "Reading Under the Stars" themed list, which showcases books about space, stars and astronomy, as well as spooky stories to read by a campfire.

Learning on-the-Go

Even in summer, parents and kids are busy. Luckily, GreatSchools.org, a nonprofit website for parents that has reviews of more than 200,000 prek-12 schools, is launching smartphone-friendly tools like GreatKids, which provides advice and activities that can be used in just a few minutes. Its free, personalized stream of reading activities for parents and kids is a nice antidote to summer brain drain, and its mobile-based activities build reading comprehension, knowledge and perseverance.

A bit of learning and preparation during the dog days of summer will serve kids well when they return from break

"TWO DECADES OF AMAZING!"

PASADENA MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

This summer the Pasadena Musical Theatre Program (formerly the GATE Summer Musical Program) celebrates twenty years as one of the premiere musical theatre education programs in the Los Angeles area with "Two Decades of Amazing," a performance event on Sunday, July 20, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Pasadena Playhouse's Carrie Hamilton Theatre. The PMTP20 Celebration will not only serve as a reunion but will also showcase performances from former students who have gone on to become everything from opera singers to lawyers. Highlights will include performances by Artistic Director Ryan Scott Oliver, hailed by Entertainment Weekly as "a major new voice in musical theater," as well as Junior Company Director Emily Clark and many surprise guests.

From 3 to 6 p.m., performances will focus on the years 1995 through 2003, while performances between 7 and 9 p.m. will showcase 2004 to 2013. Between performances, there will be a dinner break from 6 to 7 p.m. featuring local food trucks. In addition to the performances, there will be sing-alongs to the music from the shows presented over the years, a display of playbills and archival footage. Admission will include a souvenir dog tag necklace with a special PMTP20 logo. Tickets for the entire day (not including dinner) are \$20 and will be available at the door. Reservations can also be made online at pasadenamusicaltheatre.org

Founded twenty years ago as the GATE Summer Musical Program by Sierra Madre educator Gayle Blumel, the program originally started as a family project, an opportunity to make sure her own children had a meaningful and nurturing summer program which was free and open to all GATE students in the Pasadena School District. Since then PMTP has served thousands of Pasadena elementary, middle and high school students, teaching them "to put on a show, in the very literal sense of the word," according to Emily Clark, junior company director, PMTP alumna and Blumel's daughter. "Our students not only learn to how to act, sing and dance, but are instrumental in creating the shows they put on - building sets, putting together costumes, creating props, assisting our directors, and oftentimes, developing entirely new work." The professional experience is something that makes the award-winning program unique, in its staging of original musicals written for the company, including "Jasper in Deadland" which recently had its off-Broadway premiere.



The Frog Prince Continued

PMTP prides itself in making theatre accessible to all students, those with leanings towards a professional career and those who simply love to perform. Ryan Scott Oliver, alumnus and Senior Company director adds, "PMTP is a chance to use performing arts to create professional young adults. Some will go on to fulfill big Broadway dreams; others will use their stage time to inspire great careers in other areas-- but all will learn what it takes to be expressive, engaging and responsible." Blumel also cites the "friendships and alliances that have lasted all these years" as another benefit of the "long legacy" of the program.

In addition to the PMTP 20th Anniversary, the program is presenting two shows this summer, the Junior Company show "The Pirates of Penzance" July 17-19 and the Senior Company show "The Many Selves of Mia Scott" July 24-27 -- an original musical about a 13-year old girl who clones herself when the demands of her life become too much, with hilarious and harrowing results.

What will the next twenty years bring? Not one to rest on his laurels, Ryan Scott Oliver says it all with the word "more": "More original musicals, more outreach, more drama!"

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION

By now, the audience should know what to expect from "Transformers" movies: big, CGI robots fighting, loose plot lines, and big explosions. That has how the last three films in the franchise have done. What sets 'Extinction' apart is that through all the exploding and robots crunching, there is something very original and very different about this movie.

Taking place several years after the third movie, Cade (Mark Wahlberg) and his daughter, Tessa (Nicolas Peltz) find themselves in a tough situation. Cade is struggling to get his inventions to work and Tessa is trying to get into college. But when Cade, Tessa, and their friend Lucas (T.J. Miller) meet the beat-up Optimus Prime (voiced by Peter Cullen), they must forget their problems and join the Autobot resistance to fight a human-Transformer alliance.

The robots are shinier and the explosions are bigger. It is a Michael Bay movie, after all. Yet, what makes this a good 'Transformers' movie is the screenplay. Yes, it is nearly three hours long, but it is worth it. The story and the characters are the focus of this movie, not the pyrotechnics. This movie set 'Transformers' in a new, interesting direction. Take a chance and seen 'Age of Extinction'. You may find that you will enjoy it more than you think.



WINE MAKER DAVID GUFFY DOES IT AGAIN

My focus for the near future will be California wines under \$15. This seems like a reasonable request given the hundreds, if not thousands, of wineries of all sizes covering the “wine country” from San Diego to Eureka. The Hess Select 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is from the North Coast, the region from Mendocino to Sonoma and Napa, where the Hess Family Vineyards calls home. The area has a relatively mild climate with predictable heating and cooling. The 2011 season had unexpected fall rains, and while the yields and alcohol content were lower this Cabernet still made my list of above-average wines under \$15. I found the taste to be soft, even pleasant, with likeable tannins and a hint of spice, and I also appreciated the cedary notes from the oak aging. No matter the cost of wine if you like it, enjoy it and share with friends. This cab is ready to drink now. This a perfect BBQ wine, so roast up some sweet peppers, BBQ shrimp or caramelized sweet onions. Yum!!!

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Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or “nose”, 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Total Score 89

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- 1 (8 ounce) package farfalle (bow tie) pasta
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- 1/2 pound cucumber, sliced
- 8 ounces smoked salmon, chopped
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- 1 small red bell pepper, julienned
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup fat free blue cheese salad dressing

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil, and add farfalle pasta. Cook until al dente, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain, and rinse under cold water. Transfer to a serving bowl, and gently toss with the olive oil until all the pasta is coated. Cover, and chill at least 30 minutes.
2. Arrange the cucumber slices around the edges of the pasta. Top pasta with smoked salmon, tomato, and red bell pepper. Season with salt and pepper. Top with Monterey Jack cheese and salad dressing to serve.

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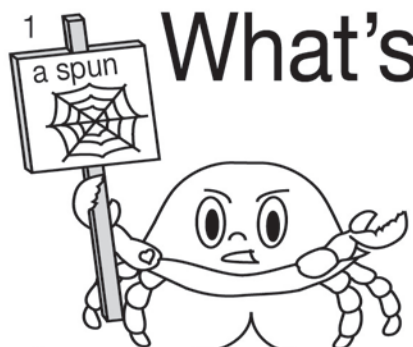
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What's Hiding All Around Us?

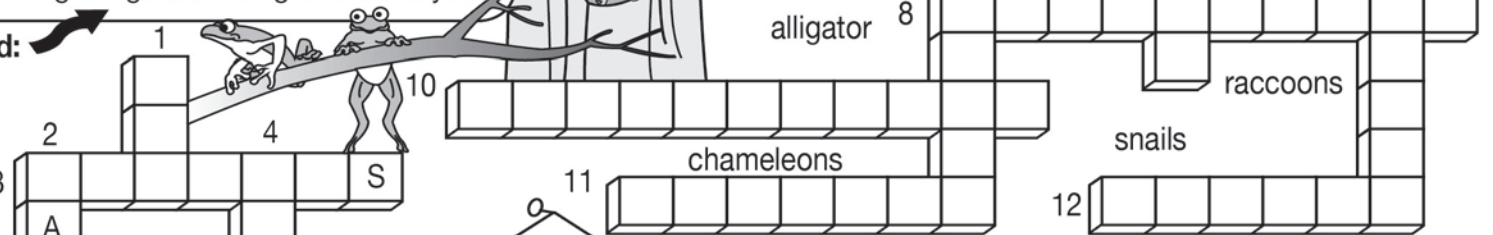


I live by the ocean. When birds swoop too near or people's feet come too close, I quickly bury myself in the mud. You may see a tiny ripple and some air bubbles in the sand where I have “disappeared.”

When you scurry through woods or fields, near ponds or in your own yard, you miss many creatures of nature. Try walking very slowly. Creep at a snail's pace. If you are very quiet, you will have many surprises. Living things are hiding all around you!

Read the clues to fill in the BIG crossword:

1. has a stiff back and dark coloring – looks like a floating log in the swamp
2. these babies in a nest are often the same color as twigs and branches: brown, striped, spotted
3. gila _____ hide in saguaro cacti to stay out of the heat (New Mexico) and keep safe from coyotes, hawks, snakes
4. hide in base of hollowed out trees to keep out of sight from bobcats, coyotes while sleeping all day
5. brown fur lets them hide in fields and sneak up on prey
6. stay hidden in trees; sleep until the sun goes down, then hunt for food
7. tree _____ hide from birds, snakes; green skin blends with leaves, pond scum, lilypads
8. live in trees; can change color to match the green or brown leaves they are on
9. have shells to protect their soft bodies; pull back inside their shells to escape danger
10. may blend in with flowers or dead leaves so that hungry birds pass by them
11. hide in mud; only eyes and nostrils show; shells can look like a rocks in the water
12. boneless sea creatures; change their skin color or patterns; squirt ‘ink’ to escape



How many of these 6 “signs” that animals may leave behind have you seen? Fill in the **SMALL** crossword!

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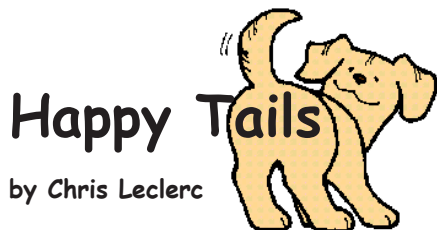


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Every now and then, I hear someone say they went to a shelter, adopted a dog, did their best to make it work out, but ended up having to return the dog because it was simply "too hyperactive" or had "way too much energy" to fit into the dynamic of their home. I understand how that can happen, especially when there are children or other animals involved, and I give those would-be adopting families credit for giving it their best try. Still, the sad side of the story is that when dogs are taken home only to be returned to the shelter, they often get labeled as "un-adoptable," which means they stand a higher chance of falling to the fate of euthanasia, regardless of their age or physical condition.

According to statistics I found on the Humane Society of the United States website (updated Nov. 2009) approximately 3-4 million dogs and cats are euthanized in this country every year. In a civilized society such as ours, I find that fact simply disheartening and, quite frankly, unacceptable. How tragic it is that we as a nation – with so many advantages and advances, both socially and technologically – are still allowing free reign on breeding dogs and cats, knowing how many will likely end up in shelters where they are put to sleep if not adopted within a few short weeks?

I recently read an article about shelter dogs that had been labeled as un-adoptable due to hyperactivity, but were eventually rescued mainly because they possess that very trait. That's right – dogs with extreme and intense energy levels, who are considered uncontrollable for the average family, have proven to be of use in the search and rescue field. It warmed my heart to know that the reason a dog is more apt to be put to sleep could turn out to be the very reason its life is saved, and that they could be trained to save people. It is rather ironic, don't you think? Well, I think that is the kind of irony we can live with!

The Search Dog Foundation (SDF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Ojai, California, whose mission is to strengthen disaster preparedness in America by partnering rescued dogs with firefighters to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters. Their teams (a dog and its handler) are provided at no cost to fire departments and other emergency service agencies throughout the country.

SDF was founded by Wilma Melville in 1995 in the wake of the tragic Oklahoma City bombing. Prior to the Oklahoma attack, Wilma had left the comfort of her cozy home on a beautiful piece of property in Ojai to live in a plane hanger where she thought she could simplify her life and indulge in her beloved hobby of small craft aviation. Now, 17 years later, "simple" is

definitely not a word one would use to describe Wilma's life. After visiting the Oklahoma City disaster site, Wilma was compelled to forego her original plan of simplifying her life; she started an organization that provides canine search teams that are trained to rescue victims buried under the rubble of disasters such as the one that occurred that fateful day in Oklahoma City.

SDF has grown by leaps and bounds since it was founded in 1995, and today they provide canine disaster search teams first-responders throughout the country. Included among the numerous emergency response deployments taken on by SDF-trained teams over the years are the 9/11 WTC attack, various California mudslides, train derailments & accidents in Los Angeles, the Haiti earthquake, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, floods in New York, the Japan earthquake and tsunami and many more.

Although SDF has succeeded in carrying out and completing numerous deployments over the years, thanks to the many volunteers and supporters who have gotten involved, their job would be much easier if they had access to a training headquarters. At this point, there is no facility in the US dedicated solely to training canine disaster search teams, so SDF has taken on the challenge of bringing this resource to the nation. They are building a National Training Center 90 minutes north of Los Angeles in Santa Paula, CA, featuring a Disaster Training Zone where 1st responders will get highly advanced training to face the most challenging disaster deployments. When the project is complete, Search Teams from across the country and around the world will come to take advantage of the unique disaster simulation scenarios that will be available at the Zone.

The Zone will be a 3-acre, one-of-a-kind simulation site that will include collapsed buildings, part of a collapsed freeway, a giant rubble pile, mudslides, areas for deep victim searches and train derailments. Each of the elements will be changeable so the teams will encounter new challenges each time they visit the site. It will involve innovative design, engineering, construction and installation.

This important and unique project will require funding to complete, so SDF is appealing to new and existing partners to help complete the National Training Center. As potential beneficiaries of canine disaster search teams being provided through volunteer efforts, we should all be willing to help make this project happen. For more information about how you can partner with SDF to make the National Training Center a success, please visit their website at www.searchdogfoundation.org. Every bit counts, and most of us are indeed in the position to do at least a little. For the dogs, and for the victims of disaster, please do what you can!

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Looking For A Best Friend?? To share the summer fun with? So is Bernie!

He is approximately 5 years old and is quite adorable. He is most likely a Chihuahua mix, but he has the face of a little fox. He is a beautiful chestnut color and has a short, smooth coat that would be easy to groom.

Bernie had an old hip injury that has completely healed. He walks without any difficulty at all, but you will notice when he has to relieve himself, he will do a "hand stand" on his two front legs. It is quite comical and surprising the first time you see him do it. He probably learned to accommodate the hip injury and just never gave up his gymnastic talent. It only adds to his unique personality and charm.

Bernie gets along well with his kennel mate and other dogs he has met at the shelter. He will sniff and interact with other dogs, but he is also happy exploring on his own. He has a calm energy level and enjoys going for walks and is very easy to handle on leash.

Bernie likes people, but he does not demand attention. He is quite comfortable and happy sitting



in a lap and being carried, but will also lie quietly at your feet. He would be an excellent companion dog for someone who wants to share a home with a calm, sweet dog. He'd be happier in a more quiet setting than in a very active household, and would be a great choice for an older person or couple looking for a new best friend.

Please come meet Bernie and see if he would be a good addition to your

He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel with his roommate. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas.

To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Bernie, 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 Bernie.

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

PET OF THE WEEK: ZEKE

Animal ID #A4727152

GRIFFIN

Meet a real charmer with supermodel potential, Griffin (A4727152)! Griffin is an endearing 2- to 3-year-old buff Cocker Spaniel who was found in West Covina and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on June 27th. Weighing 35 lbs, he is a sweet and affectionate dog who has experienced some neglect and would benefit from TLC, most especially regular grooming so he can be the gorgeous dog we know he is! Good with other dogs, Griffin walks nicely on leash and is all around an easygoing pet. Griffin will be a loyal indoor pet and best friend to an individual or family living in an apartment or a single-family home. To see a video of Griffin please visit the following link: http://youtu.be/0ko8Xp_c4h8

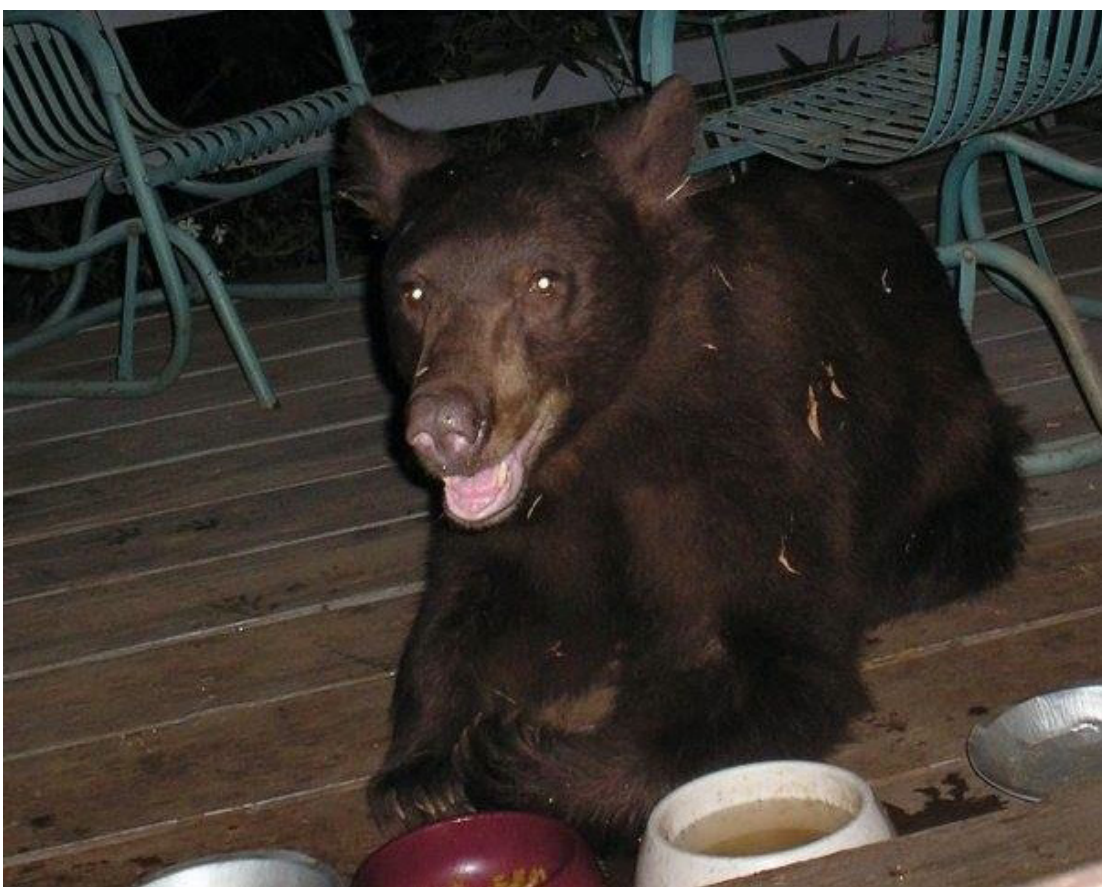
To meet Griffin in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Griffin, please reference his animal ID number: A4727152. The shelter is open seven days a



week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Griffin or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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IT'S IN THE STILLNESS THAT WE HEAR



In the morning there are so many birds chirping. The mocking bird outside my window starts around 2:00 or 3:00 AM. Before that, it is still. So his repertoire bursts through the silence emphasizing the stillness in-between. He is silent by the time I get up. Other birds have joined the chorus and drowned him out. Then the parrots come swooping by and it's almost deafening in Sierra Madre. The aftermath is quiet for a bit and then the blowers and mowers start. The silences are what we normally don't even give the time of day. Our attention is drawn to the sounds, the distractions from our sleep, our tasks, our paper and coffee. We hear the siren and briefly we pause, and carry on with our tasks - until we sit to meditate.

The sounds then become the greatest of distractions. The silences uncomfortable. Our mind quickly fills up any gaps with chatter we can't control. We struggle. We want to meditate, but there are things to get done! With the momentum

of the day, it is even harder to sit and be still. Successful meditation comes in moments. Moments of silence that are profound. Moments where our inner teacher, the voice of God, speak to us, in the quiet.

So how do we find the quiet? Start early. Before the blowers if possible. Wake, use the bathroom, brush the teeth and sit. Breath practices learned from your teacher are best. The more we concentrate the energy at the mid-brain, the better. A little movement (yoga asana) can help even more. Then practice stillness. Watch the thoughts roll by, without participating. See what continues to come up. The silences will speak volumes - just like the moments before the mockingbird.

One little note here for the parents (I'm a mother of three boys....), do not fret about your meditation if the kids come to cuddle, enjoy it. Do it later, after they get to school or when they are sleeping. It will help you be a calmer parent, but not if you stress over it.

For everyone else, get up and do it, you will hear the most amazing and wonderful things - in the silence. Namaste, Rene



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In regards to your health, are you a contributor or a taker? Did you fail to contribute to your self with good habits this past year or were you overcome by bad habits, the worst being neglect?

Did you neglect to eat healthy foods regularly? Did you neglect to exercise regularly? Did you neglect to get proper rest? Did you neglect to maintain a healthy positive attitude? Did you neglect to have good posture? Did you neglect to keep your spine and nervous system functioning and in balance?

If you neglected any or all of these areas, you were making withdrawals from your health

resources without putting anything in. In fact were you overdrawn? How can you tell?

Were you sick, tired, lacking focus or motivation? Were you negative, distrustful and unhappy? Do you find it hard to sleep and were you impatient and frustrated regularly?

If so you are definitely overdrawn and you need to start making some deposits immediately to get out of debt.

Contribution to your self are like making regular deposits in stocks and mutual funds. You make these deposits to earn interest on your money to build wealth. The same is true if you make regular deposits in your self, you earn self interest and have resources available to you to avoid illness and injury, give you focus and motivations, keep you positive, trustful and happy, help you to sleep, be patient and in control.

Start today to contribute daily in your own self interest and build a wealth of health. If you do the rewards will be abundant and allow you to be a contributor in other areas to build and elevate your world.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM HARMFUL UV RAYS

(StatePoint) Ultraviolet (UV) rays are a danger to skin and eyes year-round, playing a contributing factor to skin damage, skin cancer and eye disorders like cataracts. With people spending more time outdoors in the summer months, it's a great time to protect your family.

"The more time you spend outdoors without protecting your eyes, the greater your risk for ocular damage," says Dr. James Winnick, an optometrist with VSP Vision Care, the largest not-for-profit vision benefits company in the United States.

Rather than avoid the problem entirely by seeking refuge inside, take steps to mitigate your risk in the sun.

Consider Risk Factors

While all people need to protect their eyes from UV radiation, some populations are more sensitive than others to the sun. For example, children don't yet have the natural protection in their eyes that adults have, so they get most of their exposure before they are 18. Additionally, people living with diabetes have increased light sensitivity.

No matter who you are, protecting your eyes outdoors is crucial, say experts.

"One of the most convenient ways to ensure you're

constantly protecting your eyes from UV rays and excess light is to opt for photochromic lenses, which are lenses that darken automatically to changing sunlight conditions when outdoors," says Winnick. "These lenses can be especially useful for kids and adults who have trouble remembering to switch from their regular glasses to sunglasses throughout the day."

Protection for Entire Family

Photochromic lenses are a great way to ensure everyone in the family is getting automatic and constant protection from UV radiation -- whether it's playing in the backyard or walking from the car into the office. And an added benefit is that your eyes will be much more comfortable in all light conditions, helping reduce eye strain and squinting.

Choose Wisely

It's important to look for a brand of photochromic lenses that both darken and fade back quickly. For example, a new type of photochromic lenses called sunsync starts darkening within seconds of UV exposure and returns to clear within just minutes of going indoors. More information about sunsync lenses can be found at www.vsp.com/sunsync.

Reflected Light is a Concern

Sunlight is reflected off water, sidewalks, buildings -- almost everything -- and it goes in every direction. While sunglasses and photochromic lenses protect from UV light passing through the front of the lenses, a new trend in eye protection takes on the back side of lenses as well.

A special anti-reflective treatment can now be added to the back of lenses that helps prevent UV radiation from reflecting off of them and into your eyes. The great news is that some lens brands, like UNITY, offer this "backside UV" treatment at no additional cost depending on the options you choose for your new photochromic lenses.

Don't wait for UV exposure to get the best of your eye health. Just as you use sunblock, you should have some protection for your eyes throughout the day. This summer, take steps to better protect your family.

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ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend any advocacy organizations for seniors other than AARP? I cut up my AARP card a few years back when they supported Obamacare, and am now looking for another organization that better represents me.

Conservative Senior

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SENIOR

Dear Conservative:

There are actually a quite a few senior advocacy organizations out there promoting themselves as conservative alternatives to AARP.

While AARP, with a membership of almost 38 million, is by far the biggest and most powerful advocacy group for people age 50 and older, there are millions of older Americans that don't like or agree with their stance on various issues. Many believe AARP leans to far to the left despite its stated nonpartisan nature.

For seniors that are anti-AARP, there are numerous conservative leaning groups that you can join that may better represent your views, and most of them offer discount benefits too. Here are several to look into.

The Seniors Coalition: Established in 1990, this nonprofit organization has around four million supporters. Their key issues are to protect Social Security benefits, save Medicare, repeal Obamacare, eliminate the death tax and reform the Social Security COLA system. Members also get access to deals on travel, shopping, car insurance and a discount healthcare program. Annual membership fees to join run \$10 for one person per, or \$13.50 per couple. To learn more visit Senior.org, or call 202-261-3594.

60 Plus Association: Established in 1992, this nonprofit group that claims over 7.2 million supporters, believes in smaller government and lower taxes. Their top priorities include the fight to end the inheritance tax, and taking steps to help save social security for future generations. There's no membership fee to join 60 Plus, but they do take donations for those who want to support their effort. They also don't offer discounts to their members. 60plus.org, 703-807-2070.

American Seniors Association: Open to all ages, this for-profit group stands on what they call the five foundations of security for America's seniors. These include rebuilding the national values respecting seniors, Social Security and Medicare reform, tax code reform, and control of government overspending. Fees to join run \$15 per year, and members receive access to a variety of discounts on travel, health care, office supplies and more. AmericanSeniors.org, 800-951-0017.

Association of Mature American Citizens: With more than one million members, this for-profit organization was started in 2007 for people age 50 and older. Their mission is to help seniors fight high taxes, reduce excessive government involvement in our day-to-day lives, and preserve American values. They also offer member discounts on auto insurance, travel, vision, dental, prescription drugs, and much more. Membership fees run \$16 per year, or less if you join for multiple years. Amac.us, 888-262-2006.

The National Association of Conservative Seniors: Founded in 2012, this for-profit organization emphasizes two key missions. One is to provide members, age 60 and older, with services and benefits that include discounts on travel, quality of life opportunities, better insurance and financial programs at competitive prices, and savings on household goods, food, and fun. And the second is to uphold conservative values in the United States. Membership is free the first year, but costs \$12 the second year. Or, for \$5 per month you can become a "Gold Patriot" member and receive their "Click to Call" feature, which gives members direct connection to government officials. Naocs.us, 800-570-7769.

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.

KATIE Tse.....This and That



AIRBORNE

Summer's here in all its sweaty, sticky glory! I love it! And summer just wouldn't be summer without a vacation! Now, if you're low key like me, a couple hours drive up or down the coast is all that's needed to feel free from the daily grind. Others embark on elaborate galas touring

places to buy things. Weary travelers tend to have that glazed look similar to gamblers who camp out at slot machines and absently punch buttons for hours. And also like Vegas, parking at airports is a nightmare.

But whatever dislike I have for airports pales in comparison to my feelings about flight. I know I'm not alone here. All of us fearful flyers know



how every hiccup of the plane causes us to grip the armrest with white knuckles, bracing for a plunge. Any expression less than a wide smile on the flight attendants' faces indicates secret danger in the cockpit. The announcement to fasten your seatbelts is code for "We're going down!"

Hollywood tries to glamorize flying with films like "Up in the Air." Notice how they had to get George Clooney, (voted People Magazine's "sexiest man alive" --twice),

to make flying seem desirable. Even "Criminal Minds" makes the team's frequent flights seem more like a visit to a spa instead of a plane. Whenever my husband and I watch a film that shows people flying we both call out, "It's not that smooth!" "Look! His glass isn't even shaking!"

I think one of my favorite authors, Zadie Smith, put it best in her novel, The Autograph Man. "At no point does anyone suggest that [the main character] and three hundred other strangers of unknown mental health status are trapped in a four-hundred-ton aircraft flying thirty thousand feet up in the air relying on equations of energy and velocity that no one aboard could sketch out in even their most basic form."

So you can probably guess I won't be sending any postcards from Italy or Tahiti. But if you're flying to some exotic destination, I hope you have a fabulous time. Hey, you might even run into George Clooney at the airport!

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Quote of the Week: "Let freedom never perish in your hands." ~ Joseph Addison



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: Every 3rd Monday, from 11:00 to 11:45 am with Shannon. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed. Canceled for the month of July.

Hawaiian and Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday morning from 10:00am to 11:00am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

Bingo: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00pm. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be canceled if less than 5 people.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: Held 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11:00am to 12:00pm. No appointment is necessary.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, July 23rd from 10:00am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. For an appointment call 626-355-7394.

Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am, except on the third Monday of the month when the balance class is held. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

Birthday Celebrations: Every second Thursday of the month the Hart Park House Senior Center celebrates birthdays of our patrons. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 1:00pm. A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use. Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

Senior Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Brown bag lunch at 11:30 am. Club meeting at noon. Bingo 12:30-3:30 pm. Annual membership is only \$10.00.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

California Science Center (Los Angeles, CA)

Date: Friday, July 18, 2014 • Time: 9:15am to 3:30 pm

Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center

Cost: \$25.00 (does not include lunch)

Experience the California Science Center's feature exhibition, "Pompeii," which offers a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle and tragic end of this ancient Roman society. Relive the volcano's catastrophic eruption through an immersive multimedia experience. The trip also includes the National Geographic film "Forces of Nature" and which showcases the power of volcanoes, earthquakes, and severe storms on the 7-story IMAX screen. Participants are asked to bring additional money for souvenirs and lunch; two restaurants are available onsite. Last day to register is Thursday, July 10. Level of Walking: Moderate



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July 2nd: Nine (2009)
Famous film director Guido Contini struggles to find harmony in his professional and personal lives as he engages in dramatic relationships with his wife, his mistress, his muse, his agent, and his mother. Rated PG-13, Start time: 1:00 pm (run time 118 minutes)
Featuring: Daniel Day-Lewis, Judi Dench, Nicole Kidman, Marion Cotillard, Sophia Loren, Kate Hudson, and Penelope Cruz

July 16th: Blue Jasmine (2013)
After everything in her life falls to pieces, including her marriage to wealthy businessman Hal, elegant New York socialite Jasmine moves into her sister Ginger's modest apartment in San Francisco to try to pull herself back together again. Rated PG-13, Start time: 1:00 pm (run time 98 minutes) Featuring: Cate Blanchett, Alec Baldwin, and Peter Sarsgaard

SEASONAL FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Word Puzzle Competition • July 14-18, 2014

Come to the Senior Center during the week of July 14 to exercise your brain and enjoy the company of other puzzle enthusiasts! Try a different word puzzle everyday and enter for a chance to win a \$20 gift card. Featured puzzles include word searches, crosswords, kriss kross, sudoku, and rebus puzzles. For each puzzle you complete, you will receive one raffle ticket. Puzzles may

be completed at home, but they must be returned to the Senior Center by Monday, July 21 at 11:00 am to be considered for the drawing. Tickets will be drawn and winners announced on Monday, July 21 at 12:15 pm. Prizes include a \$20 Domino's gift card and two \$20 Trader Joe's gift cards.

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Wednesday, July 30, 2014 • 12:00 to 1:00 pm

This presentation was rescheduled from October 2013. Listen to Reiki Master Kristen as she explains the benefits of Salt Therapy. Discover the all-natural, drug-free treatments that are offered at The Salt Studio such as salt therapy, massage therapy, and Reiki. These forms of treatment are helpful with many conditions that affect the body including: Arthritis, Chronic Obstructive

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LET THE BRAIN GAMES BEGIN

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 • 11:00 am to Noon

Improve your memory and strengthen your brain with fun, hands-on activities. Each month brings new games and contests to facilitate brain stimulation. Be sure to bring your friends as you engage in friendly competition for prizes. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, Community Liaison for ComForcare Senior Services in Pasadena. Questions? Contact the Senior Center at 626-355-7394.

Tech Talk: Technology Assistance

Mondays, July 14 and 28 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Tech-savvy youth from Sierra Madre Middle School will provide assistance with the operation of cell phones, tablets, and computers. Participants should bring the device with which they need assistance; computers are available at the Senior Center for general instruction. The class is free of charge, but registration is required. To register, or for questions regarding the program call 626.355.7394.

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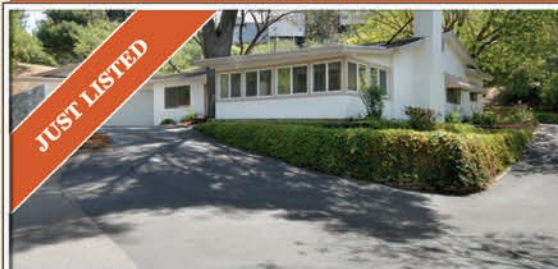
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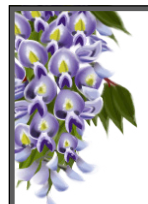


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Foothill Gold Line Update: Metro's SRTP Goes to the Board

In advance of Metro board consideration later this month, Metro staff has released their report on the Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP). The staff report (attached) includes highlights of the comments received on the SRTP, as well as proposed changes to the SRTP in response to those comments. Although new language added to the SRTP states that the plan does not program "any new funds for any new projects," in reality billions of dollars of new funding is assumed in the SRTP to accelerate completion of the Measure R transit capital program - including currently unfunded segments of certain chosen projects. The list of projects to be accelerated (Attachment E of the staff report), is included below. The Foothill Gold Line to Claremont is not on the list.

Unfortunately, the proposed changes to the SRTP do nothing to resolve the underlying disparity which continues to exist for the Foothill Gold Line to Claremont - it is the only Measure R transit capital project not assumed for completion within the SRTP. To justify this, staff has added new language to explain that the projects included for acceleration in the SRTP are "in accordance with the project priorities and funding schedules of the 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)." However, the 2009 LRTP passed with a motion by County Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Mike Antonovich, and Director John Fasana, which

specified the Foothill Gold Line to Claremont as a first priority project for new funding. This first priority funding status has been removed from the revised SRTP, and any plan to fund completion of the project is absent.

The SRTP now advances to the Metro board, where the following should be corrected:

- (1) The "first priority for new funding to close any funding gaps" designation for the Foothill Gold Line to Claremont should be added back in the SRTP;
- (2) The SRTP's funding assumptions should be updated to accurately reflect completion of the Foothill Gold Line to its statute-defined endpoint of Claremont - the total cost estimate is \$1.86 billion (including a \$1 billion funding gap) and the expected project completion year is 2022, assuming funding is made available; and
- (3) The Foothill Gold Line to Claremont must be included in the list of projects to be accelerated within the SRTP timeframe, if new funding sources - like an additional or new tax - are identified.

The SRTP will be considered for approval first at the July 16th Planning and Programming Committee, and then at the board meeting on Thursday, July 24. It will also surely be discussed at a San Gabriel Valley Transportation Roundtable meeting being organized by Assemblyman Chris Holden in the City of Claremont.

AN ECOLOGICAL METHOD OF INSECT CONTROL: BATS

Tips for installing a bat house

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of "How To Survive Anywhere," "Self-Sufficient Home," and other books. He can be reached at School of Self-Reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

Many people believe that bats are dangerous because they've been watching too many movies. In fact, bats are an important way to control insects. They do eat mosquitoes too, but this part of their reputation is a bit over-rated because bats tend to fly a bit higher than mosquitoes. Still, they do eat mosquitoes. Encouraging bats to live around your place is an easy, natural way to control unwanted insect populations. In nature, bats would reside in hollow trees, which are abundant in the forest, but less common in the urban areas.

This is why you'll probably need to install a bat house if you want to encourage them to live around your place. Bat houses can be purchased at garden supply shops and on-line catalogs. They can also be made from scrap lumber, and rough lumber is better because bats need something to cling onto.

The location of your bat house is important because bats are a bit choosy as to where they make their home. Just tacking a bat house up on the wall doesn't guarantee that bats will occupy it. Bat Conservation International offers a few suggestions for properly installing a bat house. Make sure that the bat house gets a lot of sunlight. The bats don't like the sunlight, per se, but they need the warmth to raise their young. So a bat house should be situated where it get a lot of sun, ideally on a free-standing pole if possible. The bat house can also be painted black to help with heat retention.

Bats are more likely to occupy a house that is about 15 to 20 feet above the ground. A pre-made bat house should be well-anchored to the house, or pole, and studies have shown that the bats are less likely to use the pre-made house that is anchored to a tree.

Make sure there are no obstructions to the entry of the bat house within 20 feet.



Assuming you've done all this, you should still give the bats time to notice the house. If there are no bats in the house within two years, try moving it to another location.

Even if bats occupy the house you've provided for them, don't expect miracles. They are not going to reduce your mosquito population to zero, but they will eat mosquitoes and other insects, and you won't have to use harmful insecticides on your property to take advantage of their free service.

And because the needs of bats are very specific, it turns out that many bat house that are pre-made are not ideal. Bat Conservation International provides a list of bat house manufacturers which conform to the needs of bats. They also provide free plans for building your own. Just check their web site at www.batcon.org.

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Captain Christopher Reed: New to Altadena, But an Old Friend to the M.A.D Area

By Joan Schmidt

Captain Chris Reed may be the newly assigned Commander to Altadena Sheriff's Station, but he is an old friend to Temple Sheriff's Station and the MAD area.

I met Deputy Chris Reed in the early 90's, when Temple Station's Deputies were all introduced at the Community Meeting at Maxwell School, Duarte. (This was the beginning of the formation of the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council.) Deputy Reed was assigned to the "MAD" area under Training Deputy Tony Van Beek. Those were the days when Pamela Park and surrounding areas were VERY dangerous: I remember hovering helicopters and wondering if we made a mistake buying a home in the area.

Last week, at the Beach Boys Concert at the Arboretum, I saw Reservist Commander Gary Jones and we were speaking of changes in the Sheriff's Department. I mentioned John Benedict was being transferred from Altadena and Gary said, "Chris Reed will be the new Commander." I was flabbergasted because I still thought of Chris as the young conscientious qualified deputy who did my area!

I called Captain Reed to congratulate him and his new assignment and asked if I could do a story to introduce him to the Community.

Friday I drove up to Altadena, and Captain Reed looked to same to me, although it's been 20+ years since I first met him! I asked about his career with the Sheriff's Department; it has spanned 27 years. After the Academy, his custody assignment was Wayside. (Pitchess Detention Center) for two-and-a-half years) From there, he came to Temple Station (1991) and did his training there. He worked at Temple till 2000 when he promoted to Sergeant and was transferred to Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. In 2004, his promotion to Lieutenant brought Reed to Pico Rivera Station where he worked until 2007, when he went to work in Court Services under Richard Barrantes. (Barrantes had been our Lieutenant/Liaison to the "MAD" area for many years and has recently promoted to Assistant Sheriff.) In 2013, Reed promoted to Captain and was



assigned to the newly formed Civil Management Bureau, responsible for all civil law enforcement operations throughout the county, including court ordered evictions and seizures. On June 22, 2014 began his position of Altadena Station Commander.

Captain Reed holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Social Science from Citrus College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science/ Public Administration from Cal Poly Pomona. I asked what his plans were and Captain Reed wants to meet key members of the Altadena Community- such as the members of the Town Council and Chamber of Commerce, and of course residents of the community. He acknowledged how involved Captain Benedict was with the community, the great rapport he had with the community and all he accomplished. Captain Reed hopes to continue all of Benedict's fine work.

I asked about family, and Captain Reed is very proud of his three sons, one who is on the Department also. I found this very interesting- I know many members of LASD who followed their parents in their careers. In his spare time, Captain Reed enjoys running and restoring classic cars.

Altadena Station has been assigned a very fine Captain and I wish him much success in his time there.



Duarte Kiwanis Provides Shoes for Children in El Salvador

The children of Central America are near and dear to Reyna Diaz' heart and as a member of Duarte Kiwanis, Reyna is an excellent spokesperson for the needs of the children. The club has been instrumental in many ways over the years, providing toys at the holidays, helping house the El Salvador High School Marching band when they visited for the Rose Parade and even in the delivery of an ambulance for their community. This Spring, the focus was very basic - children in El Salvador and Guatemala need shoes! So with the support

of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, Reyna was able to provide a total of 500 pairs of shoes for children in need. In August, Reyna will be traveling again, this time to help provide supplies needed for children to participate in the Special Olympics in El Salvador.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

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SEAN’S SHAMELESS
REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

STRAND OF OAKS

“HEAL” is the new record from Timothy Showalter, who performs under the name Strand of Oaks. The Philadelphia native started the project back in 2006. This marks his fourth studio album. Showalter has cited Jeff Buckley to Richard Pryor as influences. Previous efforts showcased Showalter as folk singer. With “HEAL,” the sound is bigger and brawnier. In addition to his previous sound, Showalter isn’t writing about fictional or fantasy themes. “Heal” feels more autobiographical. His tumultuous years on the road led him to a strained marriage, disappointment in his last album (“Dark Shores”), and his own hurting. It was indeed a troubled time for Showalter. However, as the fourth record proves to be his loudest ever, its the stories here to be as potent as ever.

The journey of “HEAL isn’t the easiest to experience. The best songs here are the slow, morose ones. Opener “Goshen 97” retells Showalter living in his parent’s basement. He sings about finding his dad’s old tape machine, having fun but was experiencing loneliness. He was also singing “pumpkins in the mirror,” which came at a time the Smashing Pumpkins were one of the biggest rock acts in the world.

This song is a loud one, featuring ferocious guitar work by J. Mascis from Dinosaur Jr. “Shut In” is the best track here with beautifully bright guitars, reflective lyrics, and buoyant melodies. Then it comes down to a slow, peaceful end. “Woke Up To The Light” is one of the low tempo tracks I was referring to. Showalter is at his best when he strips down a slower pace, where the lyrics are at the forefront, and the yearning is as powerful as the beauty found within sound being played. “Plymouth” is tender as a night sky. “Sometimes I move like shadows. Sometimes I move like wind. But most days I start where I begin.” I’m sure we all can relate to Showalter’s plight. The bittersweet song is clearly about his broken heart. A lot of the

lyrics come full circle back to this ever so common theme with singer/songwriters. Showalter’s appreciation for 70s ballads, 80s electronics, and 90s alternative rock are all readily noticeable. His music has a little everything and sometimes that’s a good thing. While loving every track wasn’t going to be the case, I definitely didn’t shun away from any tracks. The deeply layered and masterfully crafted, “HEAL,” will please many of those searching for something a bit raw, something reminiscent of an

Artist:	Strand Of Oaks
Album:	HEAL
Label:	Dead Oceans
Release Date:	June 24th, 2014

earlier rock sound that seems to be severely lacking in this current generation.

“Wait For Love” is the closer, a fitting title due to Showalter’s own personal quandary with romance. It starts off with a mellow piano until it explodes into something much, much greater. It’s a bold, powerful, and a pure rock anthem type tune. In the end, “HEAL” has a lot to offer, even if everything being offered isn’t what you’re always looking for. A lyric, a track, a particular beat will appeal to you in some way. I’m not saying this is album to mend any broken hearts or allowing one to discovery their own journey through the eyes of another. But Strand Of Oaks’ “HEAL” is dark, personal and surprisingly cautiously optimistic. The name of the album is in all caps and it’s more of a shout than just another carelessly dismissed title. I’m not saying it can fully do the trick, but if you’re in need of healing, you might want to look no further.

Grade: 7.1 out of 10

Key Tracks: “Shut In,” “Woke Up To The Light,” “Plymouth,” “Wait For Me”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jeff’s Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

LUCKY BALDWIN: THE STORY OF AN UNCONVENTIONAL SUCCESS

by Carl B. Glasscock

One of the most spectacular of the famous California pioneers, Elias L. (Lucky) Baldwin’s life is truly the story of an unconventional success. Glasscock’s biography chronicles Baldwin’s early years in San Francisco; his involvement with the famous mines and financial giants of the Comstock; the building of San Francisco’s first luxury hotel and theatre and Lake Tahoe’s premier resort-hotel, Tallac; his numerous love affairs and seductions; and finally, his closing years as a famous Southern California land developer and racing enthusiast. Lucky Baldwin has been spoken of as “the embodiment of the immoral frontier” and this story of his life and times, written by an early twentieth century journalist, is a fascinating narrative, mixing history with yarns about people and places in a unique way. This classic is certain to be enjoyed by all who love the Old West. Old fashioned writing, but entertaining material.

HENRY EDWARDS HUNTINGTON: HIS LIFE AND COLLECTIONS

by Selena A. Spurgeon

A refreshing view of the lives of Henry Edwards and Arabella Huntington and the institution they created, drawn from original documents and letters in the Huntington archives. Written by a longtime Huntington docent, the book documents Huntington’s business enterprises, including the development of the railroads in Southern California. It also records what we know about Arabella Huntington’s mysterious background and

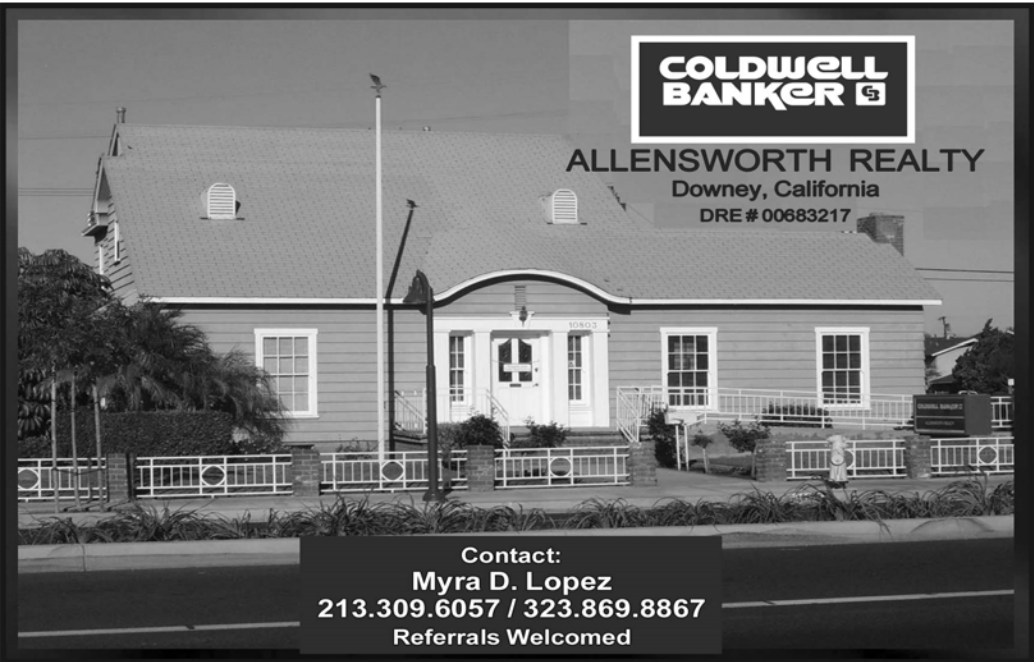


first marriage to Collis Huntington. The purchase of the ranch in San Marino, the subsequent development of the library and art collections, and the creation of the gardens are also described. A final chapter, “Arrangements for the Future,” provides insight into the way the founder’s plans shaped the unique educational and cultural institution of today.

DON BENITO WILSON FROM MOUNTAIN MAN TO MAYOR

by Nat B. Read

Don Benito Wilson is remembered as the namesake of Mount Wilson, but few know he was the second mayor of Los Angeles, that his landholdings become the sites of Pasadena, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Riverside and more. As Captain Wilson, he fought to in the Mexican War of 1846-1847, was taken prisoner and almost executed. True to his roots, Wilson’s grandson, General George S. Patton Jr., was a warrior and statesman who was born to defend his homeland. Historian Read tells the amazing story of Don Benito, with vintage photos and illustrations. As a Los Angeles County supervisor he oversaw a Los Angeles County that included what is today Orange, San Bernardino and Kern Counties. His Wilson College was the predecessor of the mighty University of Southern California. Many of the railroads he helped bring to Southern California still haul freight over the original rights of way that he helped determine. Southern California will perhaps never again see a person who made such a mark on so many different fields as Don Benito Wilson.



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with Bob Eklund



ATHENA OBSERVATORY TO PENETRATE X-RAY UNIVERSE

If a lot of us on Earth feel baffled by simply how to survive the next 24 hours, space scientists are taking a longer view—way out to the year 2028.

That’s when the European Space Agency (ESA) plans to launch the Athena orbiting X-ray Observatory as its second ‘large-class’ science mission in the 21st century. Athena will be the largest X-ray telescope ever built, with a 120-inch diameter X-ray mirror.

It will observe the X-ray emission from material swallowed by black holes just before it disappears, providing vital information about the extreme gravitational environment around the black hole and the spin of the black hole itself. This will allow for a greater understanding of how black holes grow and the vital role they play in the formation and evolution of the universe.

Observing the universe’s radiation at the extreme short-wave end of the electromagnetic spectrum, ESA’s Athena X-ray Observatory will have capabilities matching NASA’s James Webb Telescope, which is designed to detect near-infrared light at the long-wave end of the visible spectrum. Between them, these space telescopes will vastly improve our ability to learn about two kinds of objects undreamed of just a few decades ago—black holes and exoplanets.

ARCHAEO-ASTRONOMY STEPS OUT FROM SHADOWS OF THE PAST

While most astronomers may be looking toward outer space and the far future, others are turning their gaze to the distant past. This week, a developing field of research that merges astronomical techniques with the study of ancient man-made features and the surrounding landscapes is being highlighted at the National Astronomy Meeting (NAM) 2014 in Portsmouth, UK. From the “Crystal Pathway” that links stone circles on Cornwall’s Bodmin Moor to star-aligned megaliths in central Portugal, archaeo-astronomers are finding evidence that Neolithic and Bronze Age people were acute observers of the Sun, as well as the Moon and stars, and that they embedded astronomical references within their local landscapes.

“There’s more to archaeo-astronomy than Stonehenge,” says Dr. Daniel Brown

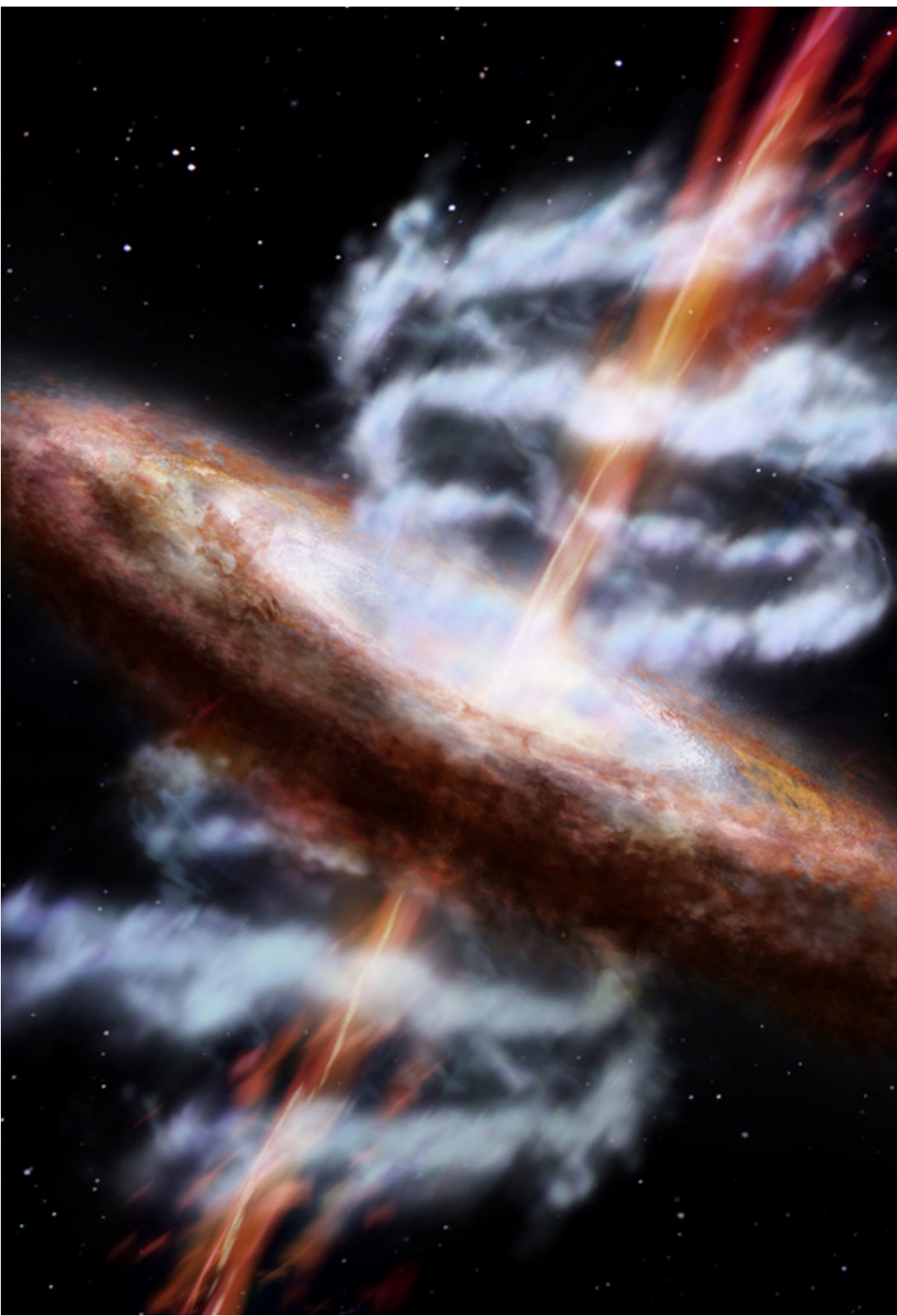
of Nottingham Trent University, who will present updates on his work on the 4,000-year-old astronomically aligned standing stone at Gardom’s Edge in the UK’s Peak District. “Modern archaeo-astronomy encompasses many other research areas such as anthropology and ethno-astronomy.”

In response to this more cross-fertilized approach, some researchers are proposing to rename the field “skyscape archaeology.” Dr. Fabio Silva, co-editor of the recently established Journal for Skyscape Archaeology, says, “We have much to gain if the fields of astronomy and archaeology come together to a fuller and more balanced understanding of European megaliths and the societies that built them.

Silva’s studies of European megaliths focus on 6,000-year-old winter occupation sites and megalithic structures in the Mondego Valley in central Portugal. He has found that the entrance corridors of all passage graves in a given necropolis are aligned with the seasonal rising over nearby mountains of the star Aldebaran, the brightest star of Taurus. This link between the appearance of the star in springtime and the mountains where the dolmen builders would have spent their summers has echoes in local folklore about how the Serra da Estrela or ‘Mountain Range of the Star’ received its name from a Mondego Valley shepherd and his dog following a star.

Brian Sheen and Gary Cutts of the Roseland Observatory have worked together with Jacky Nowakowski, of Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment Service, to explore an important Bronze Age astro-landscape extending over several square miles on Bodmin Moor in Cornwall. At its heart lie Britain’s only triple stone circles, The Hurlers, of which two are linked by the 4,000-year-old granite pavement, dubbed the Crystal Pathway. The team has confirmed that Bronze Age inhabitants used a calendar controlled by the movements of the Sun. The four cardinal points are marked together with the solstices and equinoxes.

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By Marc Garlett



A PLAN FOR PROTECTING YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET: YOUR CHILDREN

If you have young children, chances are your summer activities include some careful planning to keep them safe from harm. Unfortunately, even with proper precautions in place, accidents do happen - and not just to children. Have you planned for what would happen to your children if you were the one involved in a tragic accident? If you don't put the proper legal protections in place and the unthinkable happens to you, any number of things could happen to your children, and none of them are good:

Your children could be put in the care of Child Protective Services. You never want strangers determining your children's fate, even temporarily.

Your children could be put in the custody of someone you would never want to have control over them by a judge who does not know anything about you or your family dynamics.

Your family could get into a fight over the custody of your children (and control of any assets you leave your children).

Your estate can be thrown into probate, with a large portion of your assets going to court costs and legal fees -- money that your children could have used in the future.

Whatever is left over would go to your children as soon as they turn 18, in one lump sum they will likely not be prepared to handle properly.

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Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

THREE MARKETING INITIATIVES TO WORK ON THIS SUMMER

1. List building: If you work hard on list building this summer, your year-end holiday campaigns will be more effective. Set a goal and stick with an action plan.

Start a social campaign where people enter for a chance to win one of your summer products or a service. This type of campaign collects a Facebook "Like" and an email (builds your list). Constant Contact's social campaign tool works well for this type of give-away.

2. Engagement: Survey your audience and ask them to participate in some type of decision that you are working on. Maybe you are designing a new product line and you want them to choose the color they like best. Create a simple survey and have them vote. Getting people involved can help create brand loyalty and positive word of mouth.

3. Humanize your brand. Add a human touch to your posts. Most people tend to do business with people they like and trust. Talk about the people behind your brand. Show behind-the-scenes photos from your business. Tell your story. Why you started your business and why you are passionate about it. Share fun slices of your business life.

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In spring and summer, it's easy to envision ways to enhance your home's curb appeal with a trimmed lawn, planted and potted flowers, and patios and decks arranged with outdoor furniture and an inviting grill. But when the leaves fall and the temperatures drop, even homes in temperate climates undergo a winter transformation that can challenge a seller to create exterior appeal.

When it comes to landscaping and colorful plants, there are plenty of ornamental grasses and plants that look great in wintertime. Purple cabbages, fountain grasses, and potted evergreens along pathways and by the door all add seasonal color and appeal. And obviously, your sidewalk, entry path, patio and deck should be clear of leaves

and/or snow.

Be sure to keep in mind that shorter days mean that buyers are that much more likely to see your home after sunset, so make sure all your floodlights are clean and in working order, highlighting your home's exterior features. Lamps with soft lighting in all your windows will also offer a warm invitation.

Finally, just to cover your bases, have photos available of your home in all its glory during the spring and summer months.

This gives buyers a better sense of your home's appeal during all the seasons of the year. Your agent will have more tips for attracting buyers in any kind of weather.

WHEN SHOULD YOU SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE

By Greg Welborn

As with a number of government programs, there is some confusion about Medicare, especially in terms of when or whether to sign up for each component. Below is a short guide to make the process a bit easier.

Signing up for Medicare Part A is almost a no-brainer. It covers in-patient hospital care, usually without a premium, although you pay a deductible and share costs. We recommend signing up 3 months before you turn 65.

Medicare Part B covers doctor's visits and outpatient care. There is a monthly premium as well as a deductible and coinsurance. If you're collecting Social Security when you turn 65, you'll be automatically enrolled, but you might want to opt out if you still have employer coverage. Dates are important here. When you lose employer coverage, you have 8 months to sign up. Miss that deadline, and you have to wait til open enrollment (Jan 1 - Mar 31) but your premium permanently increases by 10% for every 12 months you delay.

Medigap (Medicare Supplement Coverage) covers part or all of the costs you would pay under parts A & B. Benefits are standardized but insurers set their own premiums. You have 6 months to enroll from the first day of the month you turn 65 or older AND are enrolled in Medicare Part B. Don't miss this deadline or you could be denied coverage due to preexisting conditions.

Medicare Part D is provided by private insurers and covers prescription drugs. There is a premium, along with co-pays and coinsurance. Some of the plans have



deductibles. The plans cover a certain amount each year, after which you pay a higher share of costs ("the doughnut hole"), but after you reach a yearly maximum, your share goes way down until year end, then it starts over again. You may enroll during your Medigap initial enrollment period. If you don't subscribe and go more than 62 days without "credible coverage" from somewhere else, then when you enroll, there will be a penalty charge.

One last option to consider is a Medicare Advantage Plan. These combine medical, prescription drug, and other benefits. They are offered through private insurers. You can enroll during your initial enrollment period or open enrollment (Oct 15 - Dec 7 for this one).

While not exhaustive, we hope the above provides at least a primer and some structure and timelines for the various options. More information is available at www.medicare.gov/ or at www.ssa.gov/medicare/.

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An entrepreneur client recently confided that she felt like a failure. She sighted the diverse career paths she had traveled over the years as evidence. Now, she was about to embark on a new venture, and she was concerned about what other people would think.

As a coach, there was a lot to that little conversation. Things that could potentially hold her back from success. I thought I would share them with you, so you too could benefit. We entrepreneurs tend to think alike. And we all want to succeed. Simple tools can make the difference. Look for them over the next few articles.

Let's start with our need to please. It seems built into us. We want to be accepted, loved, and so we concern ourselves with making other people happy. If we do things that make them happy, then we are happy. If our actions don't result in them being happy, then unfortunately, we aren't. Do you see that it's their response to our actions that is determining how we feel? We are not in control. They are.

And how we feel determines what we do.

If we're happy and energized, we work hard. If we're not, we don't. So to go even deeper, in essence, their reactions are determining our business success. Ugh! That's no way to reach our potential.

No, to give your venture a great chance at success, you must be in charge of your feelings. Your business is your business, no one else's. Don't look around. They may not approve... and that's okay. It's their business how they feel, not yours. Your job is to do what you've been put on this earth to do. No one has that same work to do. Or skill.

Finding your right path won't come from them. It can only come from you. What truly excites you? Follow that! And watch how things magically fall into place.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"In My line of work you've got to keep repeating things over and over and over again . . . to kind of catapult the propaganda."

- President George W. Bush, May 2005

It's the first time this happened in the five years of this column. I received a pre-publication note (not from Susan) informing me of a factual misstatement in my submission, warranting correction before going to press.

I went back to my research and found that I had, in fact, been correct – but offered more precise alternate language. Unfortunately, what ended up in print was something else entirely that made no biological sense.

Normally, I would've let it slide. It appeared that a fact I'd stated was in conflict with a certain bogus talking point; one that has attained a degree of acceptance and credibility by virtue of being repeated "over and over and over again". But since the issue in question was also the stated "key issue" in the Right Turn column appearing opposite mine last week, I thought I'd better straighten it out – though the propaganda has already been catapulted.

In her debut column last week (congratulations and welcome), Abigail Welborn dismisses the result of the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision as "making someone pay for their own abortionification procedures". She states, "The key issue in this case was whether a closely-held company, owned by deeply religious people who object to abortion on well-documented religious beliefs, should be forced to pay for medications which cause a women's (sic) body to self-abort a fetus (the medication known as an abortifacient)." Her observation is that "Four Liberal justices believe that an American can be forced to violate their religious beliefs to pay for another person's abortion."

Coverage for abortion is banned under the Affordable Care Act, as is coverage for drugs serving that purpose (such as RU486 and Mifeprex). That's how it was passed by Congress and signed into law by the president.

The four methods at issue in the Hobby Lobby case don't involve "abortionification", "abortifacients", means to "self-abort a fetus" or abortion-whatever. The groups promoting the case through to the Supreme Court realized that arguing for a corporation's "right" to determine contraception access for its female employees was a non-starter. Make it about "abortion", however, and you're guaranteed to fire up the base.

For the record, the four methods Hobby Lobby objected to were:

- 1) Plan B: Functions by inhibiting ovulation
- 2) ella (the manufacturer gives it the small "e"): Inhibits ovulation, though a dose higher than the standard 30 mg may affect the uterine lining
- 3) Mirena: a hormonal IUD, changes cervical mucus to block sperm
- 4) ParaGard: a copper IUD, acts as a spermicide

As noted by Susan Woods, former director of the FDA's Office of Women's Health, "their only connection to abortion is that they can prevent the need for one."

Physicians for Reproductive Health and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists spelled it out in

LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

GREG Welborn

IMMIGRATION HYPOCRISY



That we have a humanitarian crisis on our southern border is beyond question. One doesn't need to be a bleeding-heart liberal to be deeply moved and concerned by the plight of children being thrown on the tops of trains to make a thousand mile trek across very hostile territory with the desperate hope that they will reach safety at journey's end. Whether you're a parent or simply someone with a smidgen of compassion, you have to be saddened and angered by the wave of desperate, vulnerable humanity that's being manipulated by traffickers and the liberal elite. Americans rightly ask why we can't come together to solve this problem, only to find that the barricades to resolution are manned by the hypocrites of the Left.

The numbers are staggering. Unaccompanied alien children (UACs) were fewer than 1,000 five years ago. By 2011, there were 16,067, then 24,481 in 2012 and 38,833 in 2013. Significant numbers that are dwarfed by the 90,000 projected for 2014, made all the more devastating by the fact that the composition has shifted from Mexican children to those of Central America, thus geometrically increasing the length and dangers of the trip. Even the simple question of why finds its answer at the doorstep of this President's hypocrisy. People make journeys of this length and danger because of both desperation and promise. People may be tempted to leave their homeland to escape its desperate environment, but they only actually make that journey when there's some degree of promise they will be able to stay somewhere better.

The crisis of civil war and drug violence in Central America actually peaked in 2009, and the situation is less desperate now than it was five years ago. So why the increase in UACs over those same 5 years? Because, Americans are not the only ones who realize this President selectively enforces the immigration laws. While he uses a press conference to counsel Central American parents not to send their kids, his actions belie another reality. Fox News Latino reported that upwards of 80% of these Central American children are entitled to some form of protection, extended stay, visas or asylum. This president (like another I can remember) can look squarely into a camera to say one thing while practicing another.

But the hypocrisy doesn't stop with the President. There are many on the Left who are swift to vilify Americans who want a legitimate solution to the immigration problem yet secretly benefit from the current escalating problem. Their names are not foreign to us: Reid, Pelosi, Silicon Valley and Wall Street CEOs, and ethnic activists. Their only policy proposal at this juncture is to guilt trip Americans into \$3.7 billion of supplemental emergency spending which will pointedly not allocate one thin dime to additional border security. We're to believe that spending more in humanitarian aid without securing the border won't simply entice more to make the journey in hopes of receiving expanded aid benefits.

But let's consider the personal costs and burdens. Nancy Pelosi vilifies those who won't grant immigration amnesty, knowing she's rich enough to not feel a burden from the increased taxes necessary to pay for expanded social services. Liberal Silicon Valley and Wall Street donors will not see their neighborhoods impacted by the influx, nor will they see the quality of their childrens' private school educations disturbed, but they will benefit from cheap labor for their factories. The rest of us have to do the hard – but I would add, the very American – work of actually folding in the newly arrived to our schools, neighborhoods and hospitals. This is not to denigrate in any way the charitable and welcoming nature which is quintessentially American, only to make the obvious point that there limits to what our already overburdened system can further bear.

Then there are the cynical political calculations, which are more than tinged with a nasty bigotry of their own. We witness the immigration activists who try to rally illegal immigrants under the banner of "Viva La Raza" – loosely translated as "long-live the race" while simultaneously spitting accusations of bigotry against those of us who feel the nation is better off when all immigrants – of any color or ethnicity – assimilate into American society rather than to maintain an allegiance to narrow ethnicity. The angrier and more aggrieved newly arrived immigrants feel, the greater the constituency for the activists. One wonders whether they will ever really want "the problem" solved.

Vote counting motives also extend to the leadership in the Democratic Party. Those who rely heavily on the government for support and sustenance are unlikely to vote for reasonable controls on the escalating costs of inefficient government aid programs. Maintaining an open, unsecured border while enticing the world's masses with the promise of ample benefits upon arrival may be good election strategy, but it will hurt the country. When the number of people taking from the system exceeds the number contributing to the system, the country will decline, but those making the promises calculate they will retain the privileges of power and position.

Despite the chants, slogans and contemptible slurs thrown at us, Conservatives want a reasonable solution. We're not advocating the deportation of millions who have made homes here and are contributing members of our society. But at the same time, we suffer the predicament of those who have remained in their own countries dutifully obeying our laws while on immigration waiting lists. We want to help those who are really in need, but want make sure we don't simply encourage millions more to unnecessarily burden the system. In short, we stand ready to negotiate a comprehensive solution with reliable negotiating partners. We just can't find any of those in the current crop of Liberal hypocrites.

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OUT TO PASTOR HAVE A BLESSED DAY; NOW FIRE ME IF YOU DARE!

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



I must confess to a severe case of poverty. I never took a vow of poverty; it just seems to have worked out that way for me. I am so poor the church mice have packed their bags and moved on.

If I knew where they moved to, I might join them.

Being poor can have its advantages, but I have yet to run across any.

I am so poor I am not able to pay attention, especially when watching some television program with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. This has caused no small problem with my wife. We love an evening of unwinding before the TV watching some of our favorite programs. I must confess those programs are getting less and less each year. Soon we are going to have to go back to reading books.

Together we will be watching a program, and when I say "we," I do it with certain modifications. My wife will get up and go to the kitchen for something and when she returns, she asks me a question, "What happened?"

I look at her with one of my infamous quizzical looks and respond, "Where?"

She then explains she is talking about what happened on the TV program while she was away. I then tell her, "I'm sorry, I wasn't paying attention."

This seems to be a source of real frustration for her.

"If you can't afford to pay attention," she will say sarcastically while rolling her eyes, "couldn't you at least rent some attention some time?"

I tried explaining to her that old age is making me a little more forgetful. She, however, is not buying it, so there goes my income stream.

For me, watching television is not an obsession; it is more like a distraction. I do not follow every little bit on the television screen. For me it is not a matter of

life or death, it is just a matter of recreation. I know that nothing on TV is real. We can be in the middle of the next program and I do not realize that the first program has ended. Talk about confusing!

When something does catch my attention, boy does it have my attention.

"Did you," I ask my wife, "hear that?"

Then it is role reversal in prime time. I will not say she acts like me, just that it comes pretty close to it. Not quite Oscar material, but close.

"What?" She said with a very confused look on her face.

So I had to explain the news story that I just happened to catch. I do not know all of the details, I was not paying that much attention, just that someone was fired from their job for saying to a customer, "Have a blessed day."

I have met many customer service people that said things that I would want them to be fired from, but this has never been on my list.

My wife then asked the question I was thinking. "What is wrong with telling someone to have a blessed day?"

I could not figure it out. It is like at Christmas time some places do not want their employees to say to the customer, "Merry Christmas." The reasoning is, it might offend someone. What about us who are offended when somebody does not say Merry Christmas to us? This matter of being offended can go both ways. There should be an equal offended person law. There is a law for everything else.

I just would like to meet the person who is offended by somebody saying to them, "Have a blessed day."

Later that evening I was watching a new crime/detective story on TV and all of a sudden, I heard some words that were offensive. They were saying curse

words that I have never heard on TV before. I have always believed that if you have to use curse words, it is because your vocabulary is drastically lacking in intellectual responses to the world around you.

Here is my dilemma. Why can you say curse words on TV, which everybody knows is scripted, but you cannot say, "Have a blessed day," without getting fired?

If I was in business I would want my employees to greet my clients with a cheerful, "Have a blessed day" and not some awful curse words.

I was complaining about this to a friend of mine who explained to me that curse words on television are considered "literary license." Who is paying for that license I am wondering.

All of this has to do with the PC syndrome in our country today. The problem is what was PC yesterday is no longer PC today. Who knows what tomorrow's PC will be.

What I cannot accept is the fact that being crude and rude is PC and saying something nice is not. Have we reverted to the caveman mentality? Is being nice is no longer acceptable behavior?

I like what David says, "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalms 103:1).

Perhaps the reason people are offended by that phrase is because they know that only God has the power to bless. If I am being blessed by God, I am going to turn around and bless people around me.

So, for those offended by that phrase let me say, "Have a blessed day. And fire me if you dare."

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER INN MOTEL, 975 W. HOLT AVE., POMONA, CA 91768. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SARATHI CORPORATION, 975 W. HOLT AVE., POMONA, CA 91768. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SHAILESH B. PATEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/19/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/26/1994. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-162355

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TB SHOP, 9640 S. VERMONT AVE. UNIT C, L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TONY YACOUB, 1507 WALNUT AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744, KAMAL GERGES, 13240 DEMING AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: TONY YACOUB. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/16/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-168263

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOP LOGISTICS, 2553 S. GARFIELD AVE. #118, COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FEI HONG EXPRESS, INC., 2553 S. GARFIELD AVE. #118, COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BO YAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/20/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-166188

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWILIGHT REALTY, 131 N. EL MOLINO AVE. STE 310, PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EUGENE S. ALKANA, 131 N. WILSON #2, PASADENA, CA 91101. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EUGENE S. ALKANA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/19/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/16/2014. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-166702

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ULTIMATE BODY NUTRITION, ULTIMATE BODY FITNESS, 1780 BRIDGEN RD., PASADENA, CA 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOVANES JOHN SEROPYAN, 1780 BRIDGEN RD., PASADENA, CA 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HOVANES JOHN SEROPYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/19/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/11/2009. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-166632

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNFORGETTABLE ATTORNEY SERVICES; TIFANY'S ATTORNEY SERVICES, 1122 N. STONEMAN AVE. UNIT E, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIFANY JIANG, 1122 N. STONEMAN AVE. UNIT E, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIFANY JIANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/19/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-164075

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: US FAIRYTALES; GINO GIOVANNI; JOHNNIE LENE; SARA LENE; SARA TOYO, 1031 S. BROADWAY ST. UNIT 515, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FLASH COLLECTION, INC., 1031 S. BROADWAY ST. UNIT 515, L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KAMY ITZHAKOV. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/17/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-162861

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIDEO PLUS, 8540 1/2 ROSECRANS AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TONG LE, 12646 MORGAN LN., GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TONG LE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/16/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-168264

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WM INTERNATIONAL TRADING; CHARMING BEAUTY SUPPLY, 1009 S. BENITO AVE. #E, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MEI WU, 1009 S. BENITO AVE. #E, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MEI WU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/20/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-168265

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YOYO MESSAGE SPA; BEIJING MESSAGE; HOLLY MESSAGE SPA; HOLLY MESSAGE, 1238 S. EVANWOOD AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) XINXIAN WANG, 1238 S. EVANWOOD AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: XINXIAN WANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/20/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-168320

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZHENGDA WELDING, 1229 S. 2nd ST. #B, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GAO FENG LU, 1229 S. 2nd ST. #B, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GAO FENG LU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/20/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2014-165074
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) LIU YUEBING, 117 W. GARREY AVE. #298, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. ZHAOJUAN CHEN, 3345 SEAMAN AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91733, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: FU GUI FOOT SPA, 301 W. VALLEY BLVD. #116, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. The original file number of 2014121519. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/18/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: LIU YUEBING/GENERAL PARTNER. Publish: Monrovia Weekly/JDC
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FILE NO. 2014-165531
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) FELIX ROMERO, 7508 COMPTON AVE., L.A., CA 90001, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: RADIOCHAMPAS1620AM, 7508 COMPTON AVE., L.A., CA 90001. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/18/14, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 55042. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/18/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: FELIX ROMERO. Publish: Monrovia Weekly/JDC
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FILE NO. 2014-168059
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) NAHUM CAZAREZ, 1620 EDMON WAY, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501, JOSE LUIS COLLAZO HERNANDEZ, 15323 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: PEEK A BOO TUTU BOUTIQUE, 15323 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed 01/09/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013060617. The business was conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/20/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: JOSE LUIS COLLAZO HERNANDEZ/ PARTNER. Publish: Monrovia Weekly/JDC
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Saturday 9th 8:00-5:30
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Wednesday 13th 6:30-9:30
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Jim Short, CPA,
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of the Ryan Law Firm, on "How to Avoid Piercing of the Corporate Veil."



Peter O'Campo
of Alpha Actual on "Cloud Computing for Small Businesses."



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The Seminar will be held on **August 6, 2014** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hart Park House located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

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WHAT ON 98

July 14 – July 20 , 2014

The Most Dangerous Game is playing Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Released on September 16, 1932: A horror murder thriller about a wild game hunter that hunts for and murders . . . people.

There have been several movies with the basic plot of a demented hunter who gets his excitement from hunting down men for sport. But I believe that this one is the first, and possibly the most terrifying. The great British actor Leslie Banks is Count Zaroff, a madman with a head wound that inhabits a strange island and after getting bored with hunting wild animals, decides to trap and hunt humans. He sets up false bouy lights in the harbor of his remote island, and as unsuspecting ships pass between the lights, their ships crash and the survivors wash up on his shore, giving him his next victims.

Joel McCrea is a wild animal hunter washed up on shore, who discovers the Count, along with guests from a previous shipwreck that includes the beautiful Fay Wray as Eve, and her brother Martin. Martin becomes the hunted that night, and soon Bob and Eve discover the evil Count's real goal - to hunt the most dangerous game - man. The next morning Bob and Eve are set loose on the island with one knife, and given until sundown to escape the small island before he goes hunting for them. Can they out-wit the master hunter and gain their freedom, or will the evil Count Zaroff hunt and kill them in his search for the most dangerous game? Trust me, this one will keep your interest right up till the final scene. Enjoy!

by Jimbo Berkey

This is how the schedule works:

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| 7-9 | Crime movies |
| 9-11 | Mystery movies |
| 11- Noon | Comedy movies |
| 1-3 | Film Noir movies and Dragnet |
| 3-5 | Romance movies |
| 5-6 | Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie |
| 7-6 | Comedy movies and A Taste of Theater |
| 9-10 | Comedy movies |

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My Picks of the Week

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| Monday | The Time of your Life |
| Tuesday | Treasure of Fear |
| Wednesday | Concrete Cowboys |
| Thursday | The Most Dangerous Game |
| Friday | Swing It Sailor |
| Saturday | Adventures of Gallant Bess |
| Sunday | One Year Later |

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7 to 8 am	The Hooded Terror & Speed Reporter
9 to 10 am	The Sphinx
11 to 12 pm	With Words and Music
1 to 2 pm	Jamaica Inn
3 to 4 pm	Algiers
5 to 6 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
7 to 8 pm	The Time of your Life & Dumbs The Word
9 to 10 pm	Clancy Street Boys & Black Gold
Tuesday 7.15.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	The Lost Jungle
9 to 10 am	Port of Missing Girls
11 to 12 pm	Trocadero and Little-Women
1 to 2 pm	They Won't Forget
3 to 4 pm	A Matter of Life and Death
5 to 6 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
7 to 8 pm	The Lady Vanishes
9 to 10 pm	Treasure of Fear
Wednesday 7.16.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	The Dark Hour & Sunset Range
9 to 10 am	Midnight Manhunt
11 to 12 pm	The Terror of Tiny Town & Get That Man
1 to 2 pm	T Men
3 to 4 pm	That Brennan Girl
5 to 6 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
7 to 8 pm	Concrete Cowboys
9 to 10 pm	Just My Luck & Sky Bandits
Thursday 7.17.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Double Exposure & Yukon Flight
9 to 10 am	The Perils of Pauline
11 to 12 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1 to 2 pm	Tulsa
3 to 4 pm	They Made Me A Criminal
5 to 6 pm	Swing Hostess & Ambush Valley
7 to 8 pm	The Most Dangerous Game
9 to 10 pm	I'll Name the Murderer & The Devils Daughter
Friday 7.18.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Twin Husbands and His Brothers Ghost
9 to 10 am	She Gods of Shark Reef
11 to 12 pm	Sitting on the Moon & Ticket to Paradise
1 to 2 pm	Good Time Girl
3 to 4 pm	Sidewalks of London
5 to 6 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
7 to 8 pm	The Divorce of Lady X
9 to 10 pm	Swing It Sailor
Saturday 7.19.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Salome Where She Danced
9 to 10 am	My Pal Trigger and Arizona Days
11 to 12 pm	The Bells of San Angelo
1 to 2 pm	Adventures of Gallant Bess & The Red Blood of Courage
3 to 4 pm	The Girl Who Came Back & Ghost Town Gold
5 to 6 pm	Red Lights Ahead & Trail Riders
7 to 8 pm	Boys Will Be Boys & Songs of the Saddles
9 to 10 pm	Big Bluff & The Lawless Frontier
Sunday 7.20.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Our Gang Follies & Behind Stone Walls
9 to 11 am	Kids A Cookin - 2 hours of kids cooking shows
11 to 12 pm	Telephone Operator & Little Pal
1 to 2 pm	With Love and Kisses & Paradise Express
3 to 4 pm	One Year Later & Young Buffalo Bill
5 to 6 pm	Keep Your Seats Please
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Free admission

When someone you love has Alzheimer's disease or dementia, communicating is less about WHAT you say and more about HOW you say it. As skill in processing verbal information declines, the importance of nonverbal interaction increases. Alternatives to the spoken word—such as body language, music and aromas—become essential.

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