

27TH ANNUAL SMFD FIRE PREVENTION FESTIVAL


The 27th Annual Fire Prevention Festival and open house presented by the Sierra Madre Fire Department will be held Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Station located at 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre.

There will be a variety of exhibits and displays at the festival to include; emergency medical and firefighting equipment, Earthquake preparedness and home fire safety information.

There will also be representatives from Sierra Madre Police, Sierra Madre CERT, Southern California Gas Company, Post Alarm and others, to answer any safety questions you might have.

There will be hot dogs, popcorn, coloring books and badges for all of the children who attend. There will also be a coloring contest with prizes and a bounce house.

Your Sierra Madre Fire Firefighters look forward to seeing you there!



Octoberfest

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014

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ALBERTSONS CLOSING

Employees at the Albertsons Supermarket on Sierra Madre Blvd., expressed their surprise when they were informed that their store, located on the Pasadena/Sierra Madre border was closing its doors on November 6th. While most are confident they will be reassigned to other locations, most that were interviewed for this story were more disturbed at the abruptness of the notice.

At press time we were unable to verify with Albertson's corporate office the reasons for the store closing. Earlier this year, the company announced the closing of 11 stores in Southern California but the Hastings Ranch location was not on that list.

There is speculation as to why the sudden decision to close. Theories range from the owner of the property having plans for a 'big box' store to replace Albertson's. Several people felt that the entire shopping center may be converted into housing. And at least one person thought that perhaps Albertson's (corporate) was going to change the existing store to a Pavillion's or Von's, supermarkets owned by the same parent company.

The store will be missed in the Sierra Madre community. The management and staff have been good neighbors supporting local charitable activities and even providing volunteers to assist with



On Friday, the lights on the Albertson's sign were struggling to stay lit, flickering constantly, perhaps a signal that they would soon be off for good.

the cleanup of Bailey Canyon in years past. When the Sierra Madre hillside caught fire a few years ago, the store provided nourishment for the various fire and police departments who used the parking lot as their command center.

The owners of the property in recent months had been working on the exterior of the buildings and some in the community thought that an effort was being made to upgrade the site. Neighbors in both Pasadena and Sierra Madre have complained for years that the shopping center was an eyesore because of the lack of attention to the exterior of the buildings and the parking lot. Now there is concern as to whether or not the Albertson's building will be vacant for a

prolonged period of time.

Owners of the property could not be reached at press time. The property, which was built in 1954 and had its last major facelift in 1974, changed ownership in 2010 and 2012, the latter referenced as an "inter-family" transfer according to public records.

What the future holds for the location remains to be seen. Said one neighbor, "I just hope it doesn't turn into another gas station situation", a reference to the abandoned gas station that sat for years on Michillinda boarded up and in disrepair.

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It was a wonderful experience to again witness the activation of the old 'fire horn' and to remember some of the highlights in its long history, and its predecessors, for warning certain residents to respond one way or the other.

The volunteer fire fighters were notified, by the (Drip and Tinkle Phone Company that was composed of the telephone company and the water department, hence its name), telephone operator that would activate the phones of fire department numbers that had dots alongside them to indicate they were firefighters, or Search and Rescue numbers on her board. She would give the address of the emergency. In addition the bell in the tower of the Old North Church, at the corner of Hermosa and Sierra Mare Blvd., that was also used to summon volunteers of the organizations.

Then came the sirens until it was noted to be confused with the air raid siren so they installed the 'Giant Frog', as the horn was referred to, in the hose-drying tower of the fire station, which at that time was located at the corner of Windsor Lane and S.M. Blvd.

The city numbered certain corners that were assigned numbers from which you could, supposedly, see the scene of the emergency. The horn was blown a certain number of times to indicate that intersection, for instance two then three for location 23. Almost every household had a chart in their kitchen cabinets to refer to when the horn blew.

The next step was the installation of Plectron radios that every fire department member had in his home. The police/fire dispatcher could turn on these radios with an 'alerting tone', which activated the radio and she would give the location of the emergency and 'blow' the horn located in the hose-drying tower of the fire station, also located in the city hall. Later on small pocket-size radios were issued to each firefighter that had the same capabilities.

The ISO, the commission that sets fire insurance rates, required that the audible system continued to be used as a back-up to preserve the new lowered insurance rates. They also demanded that the system be tested every week and this



Waiting patiently left to right: James Carlson, SMFD Chief Steve Heydorff, SMFD Marshal Rich Snyder, Councilman John Capoccia and George Maurer.

was usually at 7 P.M. on Fridays. This coincided with the fire department's meeting and drills on the second and fourth Fridays.

A sidelight, when a fireman's wife had a baby and the fireman was returning to his home from the hospital he would stop by the fire station and pull the lanyard hooked to the fire horn and set off the 'Giant Frog croaking' to celebrate. When the fire station was moved to its present location, which at that time, was opposite the Sierra Made Hospital, it was decided to move the 'horn' to the corner of Montecito and Baldwin and to 'blow' it at noon. Following some protests the horn use was discontinued until a petition with hundreds of signatures was presented to the city council requesting the return of the horn. Many prominent citizens were wearing tee shirts with drawing of the horn and the saying "let'er blow" and appeared at a council meeting asking for the reactivation the horn.

Not too long ago the horn' was silenced and was declared inoperable. The Sierra Madre Kiwanis club raised money to again get it activated and has led the fight to bring about one of the most complete warning systems in the state. We have a local radio station broadcasting 24/7 and ready to broadcast emergency messages as needed. The ex-president of the Kiwanis Club was a broadcast engineer and disc jockey with the local commercial station in its early stages, and built our

radio system and got it on the air. The club has been a constant backer of the reactivation process and provided some funding and manpower for the effort.

With the present testing, under review, the club has made an offer to help continued expanding the system if found necessary for complete coverage. They also prepared a brochure pointing out the many possible emergencies when the horn could prove a life saver, such as a major water main break or contamination of the system, major road closure, closure of roads because of major brush fire, etc. It can also be used to announce non-profit events in the city.

The only other city that we are aware of, that has such a complete system is Santa Barbara. We need to count out blessings for so many people and city council willing to become involved.

We are looking forward to the next step, completing the link with city hall so that the signal can be operated remotely. With the air tanks kept fully charged, the loss of electricity will not prevent its use and a remote system that does not depend on 'telephone' lines will continue to make our system almost 100 per cent fail-proof.

Let's hope the system is never needed but it is comforting to know it will work when needed..

-SUBMITTED BY GEORGE MAURER

EVERY DROP COUNTS! *Be aware of the new restrictions on watering.*

Even-numbered addresses are limited to landscape irrigation on Mondays and Thursdays. Odd-numbered addresses and addresses ending in fractions are limited to landscape irrigation on Tuesdays and Fridays.

If you would like to report water waste you can now do so on the City's website or by emailing water@cityofsierramadre.com.

Please describe how water is being wasted, include the location, and a photo if available. We will then send a courtesy notice to the property so the issue can be fixed.

You can also send an Email to water@cityofsierramadre.com OR use the form on the city's website: www.cityofsierramadre.com

HOW TO CONSERVE WATER

With all the concern about dealing with California's drought and the Sierra Madre water conservation efforts, the Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre will have a special presentation on the who, what, when and how of water conservation.

The forum will be held on Tuesday, October 7th at 12 noon at The Lodge, (formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Lunch will be served at noon (\$10). The program is free and will begin at 12:30. For reservations please call 626-355-0728



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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
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, OCTOBER 7, 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:

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

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

SIERRA MADRE CITY
MEETINGS

City Council

Next City Council Meeting*
OCTOBER 7, 2014 - 6:30 pm

*This is a special meeting to discuss the GENERAL PLAN

The final agenda and staff reports will available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "09/30/2014" for the complete agenda packet.

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.

Upcoming Public Meetings

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.

Thursday, October 2:**
Planning Commission, 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 7:**
Special City Council Mtg re: General Plan, 6:30

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

INVITING ALL ARTISTS!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is getting ready for the annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event to be held on Friday February 20th, 2015 and we want you to be involved! Those artists interested in having their artwork featured on our flyers, postcards, media and the poster for our 45th annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting fundraising event may get an entry form from the following website: sierramadrelibrary.org.

Forms are also available to pick up at the Sierra Madre City Hall. All proceeds from the Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event go to support the Sierra Madre Library. For more information or questions by email, please contact robertandmarsha.newton@gmail.com.

DEADLINE FOR HALLOWEEN
WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST
APPROACHES

Applications and guidelines for Sierra Madre's Halloween Window Painting Contest were distributed in local schools the week of September 8 and can also be picked up from the Community Services office at the recreation center and at the front desk of City Hall. Please note that completed applications are due back to these City locations by 5 PM on Thursday, October 9.

Students aged 9 -17 can work in teams of up to four students of the same age group on a window design. At least one participant must be a Sierra Madre resident. Painting will be done from 2:30-6:00 PM on Friday, October 24th and from 7:30-10:00 AM on Saturday, October 25th. Judging will follow and awards will be given by age groups at 12:15 that Saturday.

This year's Halloween Window Painting Contest is sponsored and underwritten by the Sierra Madre Civic Club and is free to participants. Specific questions may be directed to Marcia Bent, event chair, at 626 355-5372. We look forward to your participation in this annual event.

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- Elder Law Attorneys
- Financial Planners
- Tax Attorneys
- Certified Professional Accountants
- Medical Professionals
- Senior Living Directors & Managers
- Families and Caretakers

The consultation is free and there is no obligation or pressure!

Free with consultation – a copy of Jane Wolf Waterman's *Oh, My God! We're Parenting Our Parents, How to Transform the Remarkable Challenge into a Journey of Love.*



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REMEMBRANCE

SUSAN ELIZABETH BROWN CAMPBELL

Long time resident of Sierra Madre, Susan Elizabeth Brown Campbell died in her home September 25, 2014 at age 64. Susan had battled uterine cancer since September 2011 until her passing.

Susan enjoyed gardening, walking, collecting arts and crafts furniture, traveling, spending time with close family members in California and extended family in Chicago.

She was born in Palo Alto, CA in 1949. After she received her Masters in Public Administration she expanded her career as Executive Director for several non-profit organizations.

Susan is survived by her son Ian Robert Brown Campbell; her siblings Barbara Shilling, Chris Brown, Pricilla Brown, Pamela Walters, sister-in-law Pam Farrimond; and nephews Jason Brown, Alex Brown, John Wardlaw, Aaron Walters and Noah Walters.

A memorial service will be held in celebration of her life on Saturday, October 4th at 3:00pm at Mountain View Cemetery 2400 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Altadena, CA 91001.



LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Hi everyone!

We hope you can join us for our Library Open House on:

Saturday, October 11

9 am – 12 pm

We have much to show you!

9-12 pm – Local Author Tables - Dianne Dixon, Vimla Kapoor, Leonard Zane, Ken Goldstein, Richard Salzberg, Jonathan Hennessey, B. K. De Paolis, Jackie Fisher, Michele Zack, and Boualem Bousselob.

9:00 am – Refreshments (coffee, juice, and sweet treats)

9:30 am – Bubblemania Family Program

10:30 am – Teen Docent Local History Tour

11:00 am – Live Classical Guitar Music

Test drive an iPad, Nook, Kindle, or other eReader and learn to download eBooks!

Discover “[ancestry.com](#)” or get the latest information on new materials in the library through “New Book Alerts”.

Replace your lost or damaged library card for free.

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Discover the free programs we offer monthly including Baby Rhyme Time, Adult and Teen Book Clubs, Preschool Storytimes, Teen Docents Tours.

I am looking forward to our Open House, and hope to see you there,

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, September 21st to Sunday, September 28th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 326 calls for service.

Tuesday, September 23rd

At 10:40 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 Block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd regarding a missing person investigation. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the caretaker that the missing person suffers from mild retardation and has a mental capacity of a 10 year old. While the reported missing person was interacting with another subject, she became upset and began to cry. She walked away to cool off for a few minutes. When the caretaker came back to check on the subject, she was nowhere to be found. While canvasing the area, the Officers discovered the subjects backpack in the rear of the building. Officers notified Metro bus of the missing person, as well as canvasing the area with flyers containing the subject's picture and information. At 3:30 pm, the subject's mother notified Sierra Madre Police that the subject had returned to her residence in Monrovia. The subject informed Officers that after becoming upset, she walked home.

Friday, September 26th

At 9:56 pm, Sierra Madre Police performed a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying expired tags. Upon making contact with the driver, he informed Officers that he did not have any identification on him because he left his wallet at home. Gathering his information, Officers conducted a records check, and were informed the driver's license was suspended for a DUI conviction. Officers were also informed the subject was currently on probation. When questioned by Officers if he had been drinking, the subject stated he had one beer approximately 15 minutes prior. The subject complied with submitting to a Preliminary Alcohol Screening. The subject's results read 0.011%, which was in violation of his probation terms. The subject was arrested and cited with Driving while suspended for DUI and DUI while on court probation.

Saturday, September 27th

At 12:27 am, Sierra Madre Police performed a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to yield before making a right-hand turn at a red light. Upon making contact, Officers noticed the driver appeared to be very nervous and had shaky hands. When questioned why he was nervous, the subject stated the vehicle belonged to a friend and his driver's license was suspended due to a DUI conviction. When questioned if he had been drinking or if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, the subject stated no to both. The subject complied with a Preliminary Alcohol Screening, which results read as a BAC of 0.00%. The subject consented to a vehicle search. During the search, Officers located the subject's wallet that contained over \$2,000 in cash, three cellphones that belonged to the subject, a small digital scale, and a small zip lock bag containing a white powdery substance, which later tested positive for cocaine. The subject was arrested and transported to Pasadena Jail Facility.

JOIN THE SIERRA MADRE GARDEN CLUB – MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2014

PROGRAM: Gardening with California Native Plants

SPEAKER: Orchid Black, Garden Designer and owner of Native Sanctuary

Now is a good time of year to select and begin planting native plants, and the October 13th meeting will definitely get you enthused and motivated to do so.

The speaker, Orchid Black, writes and lectures extensively about native plants, water saving strategies and sustainable gardening. She also consults on native plants, habitat creation and design.

Orchid has generously donated expertise, time and energy to redesigning, revitalizing and replanting the gardens at the Historic Richardson House at the foot of the Mount Wilson Trail in Sierra Madre.

Everyone is invited. Dinner begins at 6:30 P.M. followed by the program at 7:15. Catered dinner is \$10; reservations for dinner must be made by October 10th at 626-836-4945. There is no charge for attending only the program. Location: Hart Park House, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. For information call the reservation number or visit [www.smgarden.org](#)

TEEN DOCENT-FALL LOCAL HISTORY TRAINING

Sierra Madre, CA. – September 25, 2014 – Teens, 12 years old through seniors in high school, who are interested in local history, public speaking, and earning community service hours should contact the Sierra Madre Public Library to sign up for the Teen History Docent program. Teens will be trained on Thursdays and Saturdays throughout the fall, and give tours to local groups, classes, family, and friends to share their new local history knowledge!

For more information email Teen Docent Coordinator, Diane Siegel, at [dsiegel@cityofsierramadre.com](#), call 626.355.7186, or visit our website at [http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/teen-services](#).

Dr. Bill Patzert To Speak At SMEAC Meeting

Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) announces its 2014 General Meeting Thursday, October 16, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Nature Friends Lodge 423 Yucca Trail, Sierra Madre Canyon

S.M.E.A.C. invites all members and the public to gather for conversation and a casual potluck supper- beverages provided- under the shady oaks of the rustic Nature Friends Lodge, to be followed by **special guest speaker, Dr. William Patzert**, a well-known NASA/JPL oceanographer & climatologist. Often called the “Prophet of California climate,” Dr. Patzert has been a scientist at the California Institute of Technology’s NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California for 31 years. Working on numerous NASA space missions, Dr. Patzert’s research is focused on improving our understanding of important environmental problems ranging from El Niño and La Niña to longer-term climate change. A media favorite, Dr. Patzert is often sought out by reporters and is regularly seen on local and national television representing NASA and JPL.

In a recent article, he was named as one



of the West’s most influential individuals in dealing with water issues.

Please come to learn more from Dr. Patzert’s presentation, Drought, Are We In or Out? and more about the S.M.E.A.C. organization.

Being true to our mission “to promote environmental quality through continued education and action programs and projects,” S.M.E.A.C. looks forward to this being an evening of provocative exchange and camaraderie that will expand our understanding of climate issues and our commitment to thoughtful stewardship of the environment.

Free will donations for the evening will be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Alison Snow, 355-1544, to help us plan parking and menu. Looking forward to seeing you there!

DOGS, CATS, BIRDS, LLAMAS, GOATS, CHICKENS, BUNNIES AND HAMSTERS, OH MY – IT’S A CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS – JOIN SIERRA MADRE’S VILLAGE CHURCH’S (ASCENSION) BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sierra Madre’s Village Church (Ascension) will be holding its annual “Blessing of the Animals” ceremony on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 11:45 am in the Outdoor Worship Area. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments and pet treats provided.

Blessing of the Animals is conducted in commemoration of the October Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, arguably the most beloved of the named Saints, was particularly fond of animals of all breeds. The community is invited to bring your animals, no matter how big

or small, breed or religion. Some animals may require a leash or a container, so keep that in mind. All of God’s creatures are welcome! Free pet sitting available during the 10:15 am Mass.

Church of the Ascension is located at 25 East Laurel on the corner of Baldwin and Laurel in Sierra Madre.

This event makes for a wonderful family outing to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: [www.ascension-sierramadre.com](#).

THE OCTOBER BEST USED BOOK SALE

The October Best Used Book Sale will be held on Friday October 3, from 3:00p.m. 7:00p.m. and Saturday, October 4 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Featured in the basement will be cookbooks, crafts, gardening, home repair and decorating books (sorry, the half-price sale will not include Table Books).

Additional items in the basement: American Bungalow magazines Children’s/Teen fiction/non-fiction titles 2014 adult fiction and non-fiction titles Complete set of Tim LaHaye’s *Left Behind* series

Coffee-table books on history, culture, art, cooking and sports

In the parking lot, we will again have boxes of teacher resources and materials ready for the classroom as well as references sets. Children’s titles are priced from 25 cents each or 5/\$1.00 and our popular boxed Bargain Books are only \$1.00 each.

The sale will be held behind the Library at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. and is sponsored by The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. All proceeds are used to support the library. Come early for the best selection!

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side by Deanne Davis

*“October’s the month when the smallest breeze,
Gives us a shower of autumn leaves.
Bonfires and pumpkins, leaves sailing down -
October is red and golden and brown.”*

Can Teach Songs

Didn’t you love the rain last Sunday? Only a few minutes, but what a joy to see those drops falling from the sky! Speaking of falling, the leaves are doing exactly that, telling us Fall is here and if we can just ignore the temperatures which keep soaring way higher than anybody needs, we can feel Fabulously Fall-ish!

Pumpkins all over the place. Pumpkin bin at Taylor’s Market and some huge ones at Albertson’s. Good time to pick out a few for Halloween jack-o-lanterns.

All around town, up Baldwin and down,
The scarecrows multiply daily.

Saw this nifty postal worker scarecrow, hands filled with junk mail, sunglasses and cap in place on his/her Priority Mail box head, up in the Canyon. Keep an eye out, friends and neighbors, they’re popping up everywhere! It’s so cool that Sierra Madre gets behind fun things like the Scarecrow Competition. My Ghostbuster Buddy, John, and I have already seen a few ghosts in trees and Halloween lights being strung. More proof that everybody is ready to leave Summer behind and move on into Fall. Water, of course, continues to be a huge topic everywhere you go...

The water’s brown all over town.
Our lawns are fried and we’re about to decide,

To move on to a waterless garden.
Succulents beckon, barrel cactuses flirt,
We hear yucca can thrive on a diet of dirt.

We are doing our best to conserve every drop but it’s kind of annoying, isn’t it, when we hear another story about a water main collapsing and gazillions of gallons of water heading heedlessly out to sea!

Water woes! Water woes!
Ask us how our garden grows,
And we’ll moan and groan about water woes.

College football is back and we’re planning our weekends and Thursday nights around who’s playing when. The Multigrain Tortilla Chips and the Quinoa & Black Bean Tortilla Chips at Trader Joe’s are splendid with a little hummus or guacamole, maybe a glass of something adult oriented, and even if it is over a hundred degrees, you’ll feel like Fall! Go Trojans! OK, and Bruins!

The Wine, Rhythm & Brews Walk, benefitting City of Hope (Family Resource Center); The Year Beyond Program at Methodist Hospital and other local philanthropies, is this Saturday from 4-7. Craft beers, fine wine, local cuisine, live music and a silent auction...what’s not to like!

Dear Walking Sierra Madre Friends, I have a really neat book out! “A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter” is available on Amazon.com at [www.createospace.com/4561071](#)

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CALAWARE SUES PCC BOARD OVER BROWN ACT

The government watchdog group, Californians Aware, is suing the Pasadena City College board of trustees over violation of open meeting laws, “seeking a court-ordered reversal of a recent board-approved \$400,000 severance award to its retiring superintendent, Dr. Mark Rocha,” according to a statement by the group last week.

Californians Aware claims that the college board of trustees voted in secrete to award Rocha the retirement and severance package in violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The lawsuit also claims that his retirement package never appeared on a PCC board agenda.

Terry Francke, General Counsel, for Californians Aware said in a statement, “[Rocha’s] approval was hatched in two closed sessions labeled as dealing with “anticipated litigation” without explaining what litigation was anticipated, or why, or who the potential plaintiff was. The board’s attorney calls the \$400,000 a “settlement and release of claims,” without revealing what the claims were. CalAware argues the closed sessions were about compensation beyond the amount Dr. Rocha was entitled to under his contract and that the closed session agendas were misleadingly worded to avoid public awareness of the planned award.”

According to Francke, the money was part of the terms of Rocha’s contract and not part of any litigation. The PCC board voted, in closed session, unanimously Aug. 6 to approve the severance package. Open meeting law required the board to make the vote public within 24 hours something Board President Anthony Fellow failed to do, even at the request of journalists.

Pet of the Week



Europa is a 2-year-old Calico. She is sweet, extremely affectionate, and enjoys being held and scratched. She would love to find a forever home.

Europa’s adoption fee is \$70, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A361054, 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.



Thousands Take Part in Wiggle Waggle

By Dean Lee

Nearly 3,000 people and 1,500 dogs put their best paws forward Sunday during the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA’s 16th annual Wiggle Waggle Walk.

Pasadena Humane Society Community Relations Associate Zahra Nealy said the walk — a community fundraiser for animals – at Brookside Park adjacent to the Rose Bowl, raised \$325,000, just shy of the

organization’s goal of \$375,000. “We’re still tallying donations,” Nealy said. “People from as far as Denver attended, as well as people from Lompoc, Yucaipa and Lancaster.”

“The Wiggle Waggle Walk is a community event for animal lovers,” says Steve McNall, president and CEO of the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. “This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We would not be able to provide the level

of care to all the animals in our nine-city service area without the community’s support.”

Nealy said the money goes to food, shelter and medical care to stray animals, of which, nearly 12,000 are taken in by the organization every year.

Walkers and their dogs chose a one-mile or three-mile route around the outside of the Rose Bowl stadium before enjoying a free Pet Expo at Brookside Park.

2015 Royal Court to be Announced

After a month-long process, seven young women will be named to the 2015 Royal Court during a ceremony Monday morning at the Tournament House grounds.

More than 700 young women participated in the tryout process; 31 of them advanced to the finals. The Royal Court will make as many as 100 media and community appearances and reign over the 126th Rose Parade presented by Honda, themed “Inspiring Stories,” and attend the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual on January 1, 2015. From the Royal Court a Rose Queen will be selected during a Coronation Ceremony Oct. 21 at the Civic Auditorium.

JPL to Hold Open House

JPL opens its doors to the public at its Open House. This year’s theme is “Welcome to Our Universe.” Visitors can see a life-size model of the Mars Science Laboratory rover, Curiosity, and check out demonstrations from numerous space missions. Attractions include mission control; JPL’s machine shop, where highly precise robotic spacecraft parts are built; and the Microdevices Lab, where engineers and scientists use tiny technology to revolutionize space exploration. Admission is free. Parking is limited, but free. The event takes place Saturday, Oct. 11, and Sunday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Star Wars Read Day at the Altadena Library

Come celebrate Star Wars Reads Day at the Altadena Library. Stop by the Youth Services department between 11:00am - 4:00 pm for Star Wars origami crafts and fun! Free Star Wars book giveaways, while supplies last. Costumes are definitely encouraged!

Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. It was launched in 2012 by Lucasfilm and its publishing partners — Abrams, Chronicle Books, Dark Horse, Del Rey, DK Publishing, Klutz, Random House Audio, Scholastic, and Workman Publishing.

Chairman of Armenian Genocide Memorial Resigns

Former Pasadena Mayor William Paparian, announced Tuesday his resignation as chairman of the board of directors of the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial.

Paparian claims that the board treasurer provided fraudulent background information about himself and that the treasurer failed to follow California law regarding legal filings — other board members also failed to address the issue according to Paparian.

Paparian said that on Aug. 6, the webmaster and social media coordinator for the memorial reported to the board that the bio of the treasurer had been removed from the website (www.pasagmc.org) due to the discovery that his claims of being a certified treasury professional and a former paid employee of the cities of West Hollywood, Sierra Madre and Pasadena were false.

The Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Board of Directors severed ties with the webmaster and took no action on the allegations against the treasurer Paparian said.

On Aug. 27, Paparian was informed by the board’s independent certified public accountant that the treasurer had never registered the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial with the California attorney general’s Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by state law, although the treasurer informed the board on May 19, 2013, that he had filed the



registration.

Paparian also learned that no financial reports had been filed by the treasurer for the past two years with the California attorney general as required by state law. Paparian said he was shocked to learn that the board had been unintentionally receiving donations for the memorial illegally as a result.

“California law requires that the board of directors carry out their responsibilities in good faith and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as would be used by an ordinarily prudent person,” said Paparian. “It is my belief that the board has failed in that fiduciary obligation owed to the community.”

The memorial, approved by the Pasadena City Council in September 2013, has been scheduled to be completed and dedicated at the north side of Memorial Park in April 2015 to mark the 100th anniversary of the killing of 1.5 million Armenians over a three-year period beginning in 1915.

PCC Writer in Residence to Hold Writing Workshop



lives they have always wanted. But when one’s husband leaves her and a neighbor is murdered, her world comes crashing down, especially after she suspects her friend may be the next target.

At 6 p.m. Block will conduct a writing workshop that will provide focused instruction and practice in the craft of storytelling, from basic writing concepts to character and conflict development.

Both events are free and open to the public and are made possible by the Pasadena Festival of Women Authors.

Block is the author of more than 25 books of fiction, non-fiction, short stories and poetry. She has been the recipient of the Spectrum Award, Phoenix Award, American Library Association Rainbow Award and Margaret A. Edwards Lifetime Achievement Award as well as positive reviews from the New York Times Book Review, School Library Journal and Publishers Weekly.

For more information call 626-585-7371. Seating is limited for the writing workshop. To make a reservation, call 626-795-4331.

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

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

With the opening of the new Pasadena Media studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers’ Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training

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Wednesday Oct. 6 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday Oct. 7. at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Producers Training

Wednesday Oct. 8 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Oct. 8 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Citizen Journalism Training

Wednesday Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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is also offered to volunteer 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.

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HAI DI LAO WINS BEST OF SHOW AT TASTE OF ARCADIA

Five Culinary Contest winners include three new Arcadia eateries

ARCADIA, CA – Three new local restaurants claimed three of the five Culinary Contest awards at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Arcadia Sept. 22 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum:

- Hai Di Lao hot pot restaurant on the Promenade at the Westfield Santa Anita mall won the Best in Show award. It featured meats, noodles and vegetables boiled on the spot, while a worker entertained attendees with his "dancing noodle" act of swinging an elongated uncooked noodle like a cowboy with a rope lariat.

- Most Innovative award went to Rita's Shaved Ice at 733 W. Naomi Blvd., which also blends gelato, frozen custard, and snacks with its shave ice.

- Villa Catrina Mexican Restaurant, which opened on Cinco de Mayo this year at 251 N. Santa Anita Avenue at the former location of Domenico's, was also a new first-time winner for Most Savory Dish. At Taste, Villa Catrina offered flautas, tacquitos, enchiladas, tacos, and desserts to the 1,500 attendees.

A quartet of radio and TV food and wine experts served as judges: radio and TV personality Peter "King of Cuisine" Dills of AM 830 KLA; Food Network personalities Jyll Everman ("Next Food Network Star") and Cassandra Pugh ("Guy's Grocery Games"); and David Flood, local private chef and consultant. Judging was based on three criteria: Appearance, Flavor, and Originality.

- The Peacock Grille at Embassy Suites Arcadia on Huntington Drive at Second Avenue, which won for Best Presentation. The offerings at Peacock Grille's booth included bleu cheese and honeycombed grilled sandwiches as well as Chinese chicken salad and cheesecake bites.

- Sweet Nothings Cake Shop, 1849 Huntington Drive in Duarte, which offered a plethora of delicious cupcakes and cookies.



SAVE THE DATE FOR: CITY OF ARCADIA AND BREEDERS' CUP - HALLOWEEN FRIGHT DAY! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014 – 12NOON TO 5PM!

Join us in the Santa Anita Park Infield, 285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia on Breeders' Cup Friday, October 31, 2014 for a Halloween Fright Day from 12-5pm! All ages welcome! Best of all, admission to the event is FREE for Arcadia residents (with valid resident ID) and children! Admission for non-resident adults is \$5. The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department and Breeders' Cup are excited to announce this special Halloween event. Just show up at the Infield Entrance – Gate 6 on Colorado Place, parking is \$10.

On Fright Day enjoy trick or treating with local businesses, carnival rides, carnival games, pumpkin painting, pony rides, music with themed performances, Haunted Maze, bounce houses and more! Wear your best costume for a chance to win Breeders' Cup's Best Dressed! Full-face masks for adults 14 and older are not permitted. For more information please call 626.574.5113 or visit: www.breederscup.com/Halloween or www.ci.arcadia.ca.us.

SEMI-ANNUAL 50% OFF BOOK SALE

October 13, Monday, through October 18, Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

Great bargains, terrific prices, and an ever-changing supply of books, records, DVDs, and a host of other items are available at the Friends Book Sale the week of October 13 through October 18. Come browse and buy at half-price between 10 am and 5 pm Monday through Saturday. Supporting the Friends Book Sale means supporting the library because all funds raised are donated to the library for support programs, materials and services, including summer reading programs. Be a Friend! See you there!

Location: Arcadia Public Library Friends Book (inside the front door of library) 20 W. Duarte Rd.

THE UPCOMING ELECTION

Barbara Shell Stone, a former National Republican Woman of the year, who is active in all levels of the Federation Returns by popular request as a guest speaker of the Arcadia Women's Republication Club. She is a retired professor of political science at Cal State Fullerton where she served on the faculty for 25 years. She will talk about the upcoming elect on Thursday Oct 16th. Meeting Starts at 10:30 with coffee, short meeting at 11am, speaker 11:30, lunch at 12. Cost is \$1700.

Meeting is at The Santa Anita Golf Course in the Sunset room at 405 Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia.

Call Carolyn Papp for more information. [626-446-5769](tel:626-446-5769)

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, September 21st, through Saturday, September 27th, the Police Department responded to 1,117 calls for service of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 21:

Just before 12:43 a.m., an officer initiated consensual contact with three men gathering in the parking lot of Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place. An investigation revealed two of the men were in possession of glass pipes typically used to smoke methamphetamine, with one of them also smoking marijuana. The 43-year-old White male was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia and the 33-year-old White male was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 6:54 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Volante Drive regarding a burglary report. The officer determined that unknown suspect(s) cut the chain link fence and stole various building materials totaling a loss of \$19,000. Surveillance footage captured a U-Haul truck parked in front of the location during the time frame when the crime could have occurred. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, September 22:

At about 4:09 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Ave, regarding a petty theft report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect concealed various items of merchandise in a shopping bag and exited the store without making payment. The 39-year-old Korean female was cited and released in the field.

At approximately 8:38 p.m., officers responded to Albertson's, 298 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a burglary that had just occurred. An investigation revealed a 46-year-old Hispanic female and a 53-year-old Hispanic male selected \$447.00 worth of groceries and exited the store without making payment. The suspects were located and arrested. During the arrest, the officer located a glass pipe, commonly used to smoke methamphetamine, in the female's purse. Both suspects were arrested for Commercial Burglary and the female was also charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both were transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for medical clearance prior to booking.

Tuesday, September 23:

Around 12:25 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Oak Meadow Road regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked rear door and stole handbags, shoes, and jewelry. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just after 1:58 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Fano Street and First Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary that had just occurred. Officers determined an unknown suspect broke a window of the vehicle and stole the victim's purse from the front seat. The victim's stolen credit cards were used a short time later at numerous local stores. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, September 24:

Shortly after 2:00 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Baldwin Avenue for unsafely

stopping. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 35-year-old Hispanic male was never issued a driver's license. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was impounded.

At about 6:40 a.m., an officer initiated consensual contact with an individual loitering near closed businesses. A records check of the 51-year-old Hispanic male revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, September 25:

At approximately 1:48 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of East Orange Grove Avenue regarding a package theft report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's package from their porch and discarded the empty box nearby in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Around 5:02 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Arcadia Avenue regarding an injury traffic collision. The officers discovered Vehicle-1 collided with Vehicle-2 while making a left turn in front of on-coming traffic. Party-2, the driver of Vehicle-2, was a juvenile under the influence of alcohol with a suspended license. Party-2 and two passengers were transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. Party-2 was cited for Driving Under the Influence Causing Bodily Injury and Driving with a Suspended License. The 17-year-old male juvenile was released to his parents.

Friday, September 26:

Just after 1:45 a.m., officers responded to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, in reference to a suspicious occupied vehicle. A records check revealed one of the occupants, a 19-year-old Hispanic female, had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. During a search of the vehicle, the officer located a bag containing a white rock substance resembling methamphetamine. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 4:45 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Live Oak Avenue and El Monte Avenue regarding a hit and run traffic collision. The collision occurred when Party-1 turned into Party-2's path of travel. Party-1 fled the scene prior to exchanging information. Vehicle-1 is registered out of Glendale. The investigation is on-going.

Saturday, September 27:

Just after 1:45 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for abruptly reversing and making a U-turn without signaling. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. The driver, a 23-year-old Hispanic male, would not submit to a breath test and stated he would not pass. Due to his performance in the field sobriety tests, the officer determined he could not safely operate his vehicle. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of Cornell Drive regarding a stolen vehicle report. The officer determined the victim left their unlocked vehicle parked on the street, and a short time later, the victim saw a White adult male drive his vehicle eastbound toward Santa Anita Avenue.

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LIEUTENANT EZEQUIEL CERECEREZ RETIRES AFTER 29+ YEARS WITH MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Joan Schmidt

If you heard someone retired after almost thirty years with a local Police Department, you would take notice. But there is even more to Lieutenant "Zeke" Cerecerez than his brilliant career with Monrovia PD.

This fine man had dreams of becoming a physician, but often things don't go as planned. He was in the Navy before he began law enforcement career. Then there was Desert Storm and a stint in the Army in the midst of his MPD career.

I can't even remember when I met Zeke, a Patrol Officer-easily 27+ years ago! He became a canine officer and came twice to my Sixth Grade classroom at Annunciation School. Zeke had "Ike" from Czechoslovakia and Officers Weiss and Lee had "Dyster" much to the students' delight.

How did his fantastic law enforcement career begin? He became a Police Recruit in August, 1985 and on November 1, officially became a Police Officer; on July 26, 1992, an Agent, and on May 30, 1999, became a member of the SET. (Special Enforcement Team) Zeke was part of the joint effort between MPD and LASD to combat gang and drug problems in Monrovia/ Duarte areas. In August 2001, Zeke promoted to Sergeant and returned to SET; January 2002, and went to Community Policing in April 2003. He promoted to Lieutenant, February, 2005.

During the program, Sergeants Glen Coleman and Rob Wilken gave a career overview; noted involvement in charities, such as the Law Enforcement Special Olympic Run. Zeke was a kind, compassionate man, wanting to help others. In April, 2014, he attended the LAPD Leadership Academy, wanting to advance his career and gather more knowledge. (He had a psychology degree.)

When my husband Bob and I arrived, we met retired Police Chief Roger Johnson, and retirees Carlos Calderon and Steve Cofield. Shortly after, we spotted Chief Jim Hunt, Captain Alan Sanvictores, Lieutenant Mike Lee, wife Teri, Lieutenant Tom Loy, Lieutenant Jaime Alfaro and Agent John Donchig. During festivities, Zeke's wife Ava was presented flowers by Chief Hunt who acknowledged the great sacrifices made by law enforcement officers' families. When Zeke spoke, he acknowledged her and how she supported him throughout his entire career. He thanked her and their three sons for all the support and understanding all these years. (Zeke's great four sisters were at the next table and many other family members attended as well as retired Arcadia Lieutenant Tom Levesque!) Zeke also thanked his outstanding training officers with MPD.

Mayor Pro Tem Becky Shevlin and Council Member Larry Spicer stopped by and wished Zeke well. Presentations were by Interim City Manager Fran Delach; Monrovia Police Officers Association President, Agent John Donchig; and Chief Hunt, a retirement Badge. (There was also a framed collage of awards/badges.)

We sat with Monrovia/Duarte Historian Steve Baker and Agent Jim Emmet and his lovely wife- known throughout the community for her great volunteerism with community policing/neighborhood watch programs.

It was truly a wonderful evening and everyone wished Zeke and Ava a long happy retirement.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Drunk in Public – Suspect Arrested

On September 26 at 12:21 a.m., an officer noticed a male subject standing, looking as if he was off balance, in the 300 block of West Duarte Road. When the subject saw the police car, he completely lost his balance and fell backwards into a bush. The officer stopped to check on the welfare of the man and determined he was so intoxicated that he was unable to care for his own safety. The subject was arrested for being drunk in public and was taken into custody and held for sobering.

Driving Under the Influence / Warrant – Suspect Arrested

On September 28 at 1:50 a.m., an officer followed a vehicle onto the 210 Freeway for a vehicle code violation. He attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle continued traveling west at 35 miles per hour, then exited at Baldwin in the city of Arcadia, where it stopped. After investigation, the driver was determined to be intoxicated and was arrested for driving under the influence. The suspect also had a no-bail warrant for his arrest for a previous DUI, which was added to his charges.

Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance / Weapons Offense – Suspect Arrested

On September 28 at 4:39 a.m., a hotel in the 700 block of West Huntington called police to report that a male subject had entered the hotel and was yelling that someone was going to kill him. The subject had a large knife and went up to the ninth floor. Officers arrived and detained the subject, who was in possession of a dagger. The suspect admitted he had just used methamphetamine. He was hallucinating and believed something was chasing him. The suspect was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance; he was arrested and taken into custody.

DUARTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM A GREAT "FIELD TRIP"

The Duarte Kiwanis Club had the pleasure of traveling to the Duarte Historical Museum for a recent "Field Trip" meeting. Historical Museum Board member, Claudia Heller, is a wealth of information. She shared a bit of the history of the building itself. The house was originally built in the 1920's and was on the site of the church at the corner of Cotter and Royal Oaks. The Historical Museum bought the house for \$1.00 and then had to make arrangements to move it to the current site. The house was actually cut into two portions as was moved on a Saturday morning – followed by the High School Marching Band!

She shared stories of the great flood in the 1930's and how the bridge running parallel to Huntington Drive was washed out in the deluge. Members were reminded of the plane crash of 1971 and the great fire of 1980 and of Duarte's most famous former resident – Glen Miller. The Duarte Kiwanis Club will be donating their original charter from 1955 to the museum later this year. Pictured are members of the club with Claudia Heller (right).

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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CHALK4PEACE Day at The Gooden School

More than 120 students, in Kindergarten through eighth grade, became artful ambassadors for peace on CHALK4PEACE Day, Sept. 25, at The Gooden School in Sierra Madre.

The students used chalk as their medium and pavement as their canvas as they created artworks reflecting their visions of peace for themselves, others and the world. "Peace feels like a warm hug," said a third-grader. "Peace sounds like sizzling bacon," said another student. Beginning as a single event in Arlington, Virginia, in 2003, CHALK4PEACE has grown into a multitude of events in cities throughout the U.S. and the world. chalk4peace.org.

Founded in 1975, The Gooden School is an independent Episcopal school, K-8, where academics and the arts come together. Open houses and orientation sessions will be held on October 14, November 5 and 15, December 9 and January 10. For more information visit www.goodenschool.org, or call 626.355.2410.

ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE

More than half of the student body will serve as officers in the Alverno Student Union

Sierra Madre, CA (September 29, 2014) – More than half of the Alverno High School student body recently took the Oath of Office during Alverno's annual Inauguration on the terrace.

Modeled after the government of the United States, Alverno High School boasts a unique system of government that allows for more than 50 percent of students to be involved. Rather than the traditional "Associated Student Body" model, Alverno High School's government is overseen by the Alverno Constitution and students are considered citizens of the Alverno Student Union. The Alverno Student Union includes the federal, legislative, and judicial branches as well as individual state governments.

At the federal level are the President and Vice-President, Katia Jauregui and Alexia Palomino, who were elected as a ticket at Alverno's annual Convention in April. The federal level is completed with a presidential cabinet, which includes positions like Chief of Domestic Protocol, Secretary of Activities, Secretary of Campus Ministry, Secretary of Performing Arts, and many more. Including President Jauregui and Vice-President Palomino, twenty-one sophomores, juniors, and seniors make up the federal level of the Alverno Student Union.

The legislative branch is composed of the Alverno Congress, which includes three representatives from each class, or state as they are known at Alverno. Congress drafts, passes, and approves bills and resolutions that affect the entire student body on a wide spectrum of policies. A judicial branch includes two Supreme Court justices from each state and a Chief Justice. The Supreme Court must agree a bill is constitutional before it may go into effect.

Finally, each state has its own Constitution as well as the following positions: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, and nine assemblywomen. These young women are responsible for making decisions specific to their own state.

"I believe that Alverno gives each and every one of its students the

resources that we need to live to our highest potential during our four years here and the ones that come after," said ASU President Katia Jauregui. "ASU is working hard to make this a great year for Alverno and together with Vice-President Palomino and our cabinet I know we are not only making changes for the present but for future years as well. ASU and I are completely dedicated to Alverno and I hope that we can empower other students to become involved in our community."

"Our unique student government program is a perfect example of the monumental role our young women play in our school community. Each of the young women elected has made not only a commitment to Alverno, but a commitment to her peers to be an effective, compassionate, and servant leader," said Alverno's Head of School, Julia V. Fanara. "These values are basic tenets of the Alverno philosophy and our leadership program is just one of the ways Alverno empowers each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be."

About Alverno High School

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show THE MAZE RUNNER REVIEW

Yet another young adult, dystopian future movie based on a book. At this point, everyone basically knows what's going on before they walk into the theater: the government has done something bad and the teenagers must save the day. How do they accomplish that monumental task in this movie? Running through a concrete maze.

The boys of the Glade are being forced to live there and do nothing else but survive and try to figure a way out of the maze that traps them. However, when Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) arrives, everything these boys can remember is questioned as the game they are playing changes.

At this point, everyone knows how they feel about these things, love 'em or hate 'em. The only major difference between this and any other film adapted from a young adult books nowadays, is that this film has no mushy love story. That is about all this movie has going for it. The acting is dreadful, the directing is sloppy, and the screenwriting leaves so much out from the book that film feels disjointed. 'The Maze Runner' is, sadly, another dime-a-dozen, teenager focused action film.



We all know restaurant locations throughout Sierra Madre and Pasadena that seem to turn over every fall. I have heard the word "cursed" used for several locations many times. For instance, the location on the corner of San Gabriel and Colorado seems to be one that is cursed for sure – it started as the Vault, then it became Rio Rio, then Ta Vu, and then a sushi joint (which I actually loved because the prices were right). Now I understand it will be a chicken wing restaurant. Well, I love wings so let's see what happens. For another "cursed" location, remember Jerry's Famous Deli in Old Pasadena? Let's name all the restaurants that went through that location: Union Cattle Company, Pasadena Brewing, Brix, Haven Gastro Pub... and it started as a gym!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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When interviewing existing owners, they often point the fingers at the landlords saying the rents are too high. The excitement and the confidence of "I'll do it better" might be too strong of a lure for restaurateurs to handle. I was bewildered that El Chollo moved from Fair Oaks (Old John Bull) to the Paseo. As the building sat empty for a few years, I thought isn't some rent better than no rent at all? Celebrity Chef Rocco said on his TV show that the mortality rate for restaurants is 90% the first year. My father said he'd rather have open heart surgery than own a restaurant.

Let's look at this fact: the survival rate is higher than 10%, and these numbers are not specific to our area. Several years ago, researchers at Cornell University and Michigan State University conducted a study of restaurants in three local markets over a 10-year period. They concluded the following: after the first year, 27% of restaurant startups failed; after three years, 50% of those restaurants were no longer in business; and after five years 60% had gone south. At the end of 10 years, 70% of the restaurants that had opened for business a decade before had failed. Those are far different numbers than the 90% first-year failure rate quoted by our television star chef. Another academic research study concluded that 81.4% of all small business failures result from forces within the control of the owners/managers. The bottom line is that even if the failure rate is a little daunting, failure is not inevitable.

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INGREDIENTS

4 to 5 pound chicken

For the seasoning rub:

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon salt

2 sprigs thyme, leaves stripped and minced

For the cooking liquid:

2 lemons, quartered

1 head garlic, cloves separated, but left in their skins

2 chicken bouillon cubes or 1 teaspoon bouillon paste, divided (optional for richer flavor)

2 sprigs thyme

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1/4 cup chicken broth

2 sprigs rosemary

For the gravy:

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

DIRECTIONS:

Remove the bag of gizzards and discard (or reserve for stock). Pat the chicken dry with paper towels.

Mix all the seasoning ingredients together in a bowl. Gently work your fingers under the skin covering the breast meat and slide them back and forth to separate the skin from the meat without tearing it. Scoop up a dollop of the seasoning and work it under the skin covering both breasts. Rub any remaining seasoning over the drumsticks and thighs. Transfer the chicken to the slow cooker, breast-side up.

Squeeze and reserve the juice from one of the lemons. Stuff the rinds into the cavity of the chicken along with one whole bouillon cube and a few garlic cloves. Crumble the other bouillon cube over the chicken and rub it into the skin. Arrange the remaining lemon quarters, the rest of garlic cloves, and the thyme around the chicken. Combine the reserved lemon juice, the soy sauce, and the broth, and pour it over the chicken.

Place the lid on the slow cooker and cook on high heat for 4 or for 6 hours (according to your slow-cooker's instructions and particular settings). Thirty minutes or so before the time is done, add the rosemary sprigs.

Remove chicken from the slow-cooker and allow it to rest on a baking sheet, tented with foil, for about 20 minutes. The wings and drumsticks may fall away as you lift the chicken; this is normal.

While the chicken is resting, strain the cooking liquid into a sauce pan and bring to a rapid simmer. Scoop out a half cup of the liquid and whisk it with the flour in a separate bowl. Slowly pour the flour slurry back into the cooking liquid while whisking. Continue simmering and whisking until the gravy thickens. Taste and add salt and pepper as desired.

When ready to serve, remove the skin from the chicken and discard. Use your fingers to pull the meat away off the bones; it should come away easily with gentle pressure or use a knife as needed. Serve the breasts, thighs, and drumsticks right away and tear the remaining meat into shreds for using in leftovers. Serve with the gravy alongside.

Notes:

- Rosemary tends to get bitter if cooked for too long. Adding it in the last half hour of cooking helps give the dish rosemary flavor without the bitterness.

- The garlic cloves cooked with the chicken make an excellent spread. Pop them out of their skins, mash with a bit of salt, and serve with slices of crusty bread.

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by Chris Leclerc

WHO'S WHO AMONG HOLLYWOOD'S CAST OF CANINE CHARACTERS?

I'll never forget how embarrassed I was, when at age 7, I cried openly while watching the movie, *Lassie Come Home*. I was spending the night at a friend's house, and it was the last scene of the movie, where Lassie appears on the hilltop and runs down to meet Timmy, who takes her into his arms and begins crying his own tears of joy over having her back home.

There I was, centered between my friend and the rest of her family of 5, sobbing about a fictional dog who'd gone missing and ended up being the hero of the show. I was a basket case! The next morning at breakfast, I was ribbed by my friend's 2 older brothers for my display of emotions, after which I packed my bag and headed home. The hardest part was living it down at school the following week, when my friend's brothers shared the ordeal with the rest of my class mates. At the time, I considered myself to be a big baby, blubbering over Lassie, but in retrospect I give myself a break, and even a pat on the back for caring about the welfare of a dog, any dog, even an actor dog!

This nostalgic memory inspired me to look up some of my favorite famous canine characters, hoping to find as much information as I could about who they really were. I started my search with Lassie, since she was the one who brought this idea to mind. I found out that although the Lassie character was a female in the movie, the dog who played her part was actually a male Rough Collie named "Pal". Pal was born on June 4, 1940 at Cherry Osborne's Glamis Kennels in Hollywood, and had his first film debut in *Lassie Come Home* (1943) - the one that brought on my embarrassing blubbering ordeal. He went on to play the same part in 6 more MGM *Lassie* features, after which he starred in two pilots of the TV series, then retired and finally died in 1958. During his life of 18 years, "Pal" must have touched the hearts of more youngsters than any other canine ever cast in film.

My second favorite famous dog was "Duke" on *The Beverly Hillbillies*. The part of Duke was played by a wrinkly purebred Bloodhound named "Stretch". At 13 years of age, Stretch was replaced by a younger bloodhound who continued to play the part of Duke until the final episode. Following his 10 year career as Duke on *The Beverly Hillbillies*, Stretch appeared in the military comedy film entitled *No Time for Sargents* (1958), starring Andy Griffith as newly recruited army private Will Stockdale. I couldn't find any information about who owned Stretch, or how he was discovered, but I will say he is one of the reasons I fell in love with bloodhounds, and chose that breed as my own pet. My dog Tater is so much like Duke. The resemblance is undeniable, and like Duke, Tater would much rather lay

around than take a walk or perform a service, such as hunting or tracking, as bloodhounds are bred to do.

During my quest to identify the canines that were cast as Hollywood characters, I remembered a show that featured an enormous dog with bigger-than-life facial features, but because I was only about 5 when I watched the reruns, I couldn't remember the title of the show. After some internet research, I figured out that the TV comedy series was *Topper*, all about a couple buried in an avalanche with their guide dog, "Neil" while skiing in Switzerland. After the accident, they return as ghosts (including the dog) and carry out a plethora of shenanigans that keep the new home owner, "Topper" on his toes.

The part of Neil was played by a gorgeous Saint Bernard named "Buck". Buck was raised by Beatrice Knight of the Sanctuary Kennels in Oregon. I couldn't find much information about Buck, but I did learn that there was a feature film entitled *Topper*, based on the same novel, and in the movie the canine character is a Wire-haired Terrier named "Mr. Atlas", played by a dog named "Skippy", and that Skippy later played the part of "Asta" in the TV series, *The Thin Man*.

Another Hollywood-cast canine that I really enjoyed as a kid, appeared in the movie trilogy, *Benji*. To my delight, I found out that the remarkably talented pup who played the part of Benji was actually a mixed-breed, rescued shelter dog named "Higgins", who was trained by Frank Inn, and that one of his offspring, "Benjean" played the same part in subsequent films.

There are so many other doggie actors that I could include in this article, but unfortunately I don't have the time or space, so I hope you've enjoyed the bits of information that I did share about the famous canines I treasured growing up. I am personally very impressed with the dog's ability to be trained to entertain, and it means a lot to me have had so many canine characters who played an important part of entertaining me as a child.



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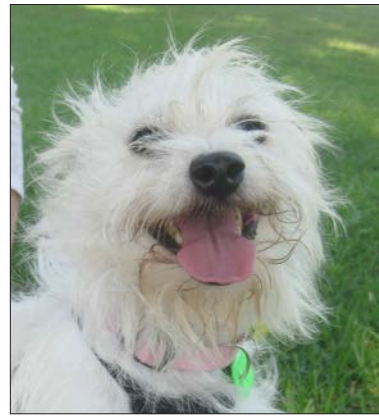
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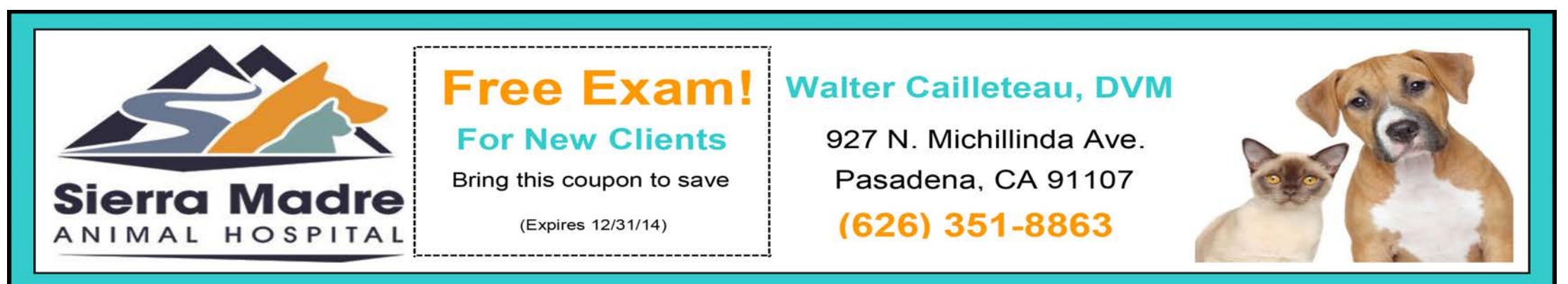
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So here is a question I get often, does it matter if we eat canned beans or do we need to make them from scratch? Canned beans are convenient but

are they as nutritious as home cooked? If we do use canned, should we drain them or not? A recent study published in Food and Nutrition Sciences gave us the answer.

Nutrition-wise, cooked and canned are about the same, but the sodium content of canned beans can be 100 times more than home cooked. Draining and rinsing the canned beans can get rid of about half the sodium, but you're also draining and rinsing away some of the nutrition. I recommend, when buying canned beans, get the no-salt added varieties, and to keep and use the bean juice whenever possible. For example, if you are making soup, the bean juice is great to use in the stock. The researchers also determined that beans are not just healthy but they are cheap. They did some bean counting, and a serving of beans costs between 10 cents and 40 cents. Canned beans do cost three times as much as dried beans but the drawback to dried beans is that they can take 2 hours to cook and they usually need to soak first. I splurge and buy the pre-cooked beans. But the beans I buy are organic and come in a paper carton from Whole Foods. So I'm not getting any BPA's from the lining of the can.

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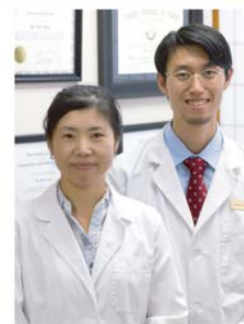
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HOW TO CHECK UP ON YOUR HOSPITAL

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What resources can you recommend for researching hospitals? I need to get a knee replacement next year, and want to find a good, safe hospital to have it done in.
Shopping Around

Dear Shopping:
Most people don't give much thought when it comes to choosing a hospital, but selecting the right one can be as important as the doctor you choose. Here are some tips and resources to help you research and check up on your area hospitals.

Hospital Shopping
While you may not always have the opportunity to choose your hospital, especially in the case of an emergency, having a planned procedure can offer you a variety of choices.
When shopping for a hospital, the most important criterion is to find one that has a strong department in your area of need. A facility that excels in coronary bypass surgery, for example, may not be the best choice for a knee replacement. Research shows that patients tend to have better results when they're treated in hospitals that have extensive experience with their specific condition.
In order to choose a hospital that's best for you, it is important to discuss your concerns and alternatives with the doctor who is treating you. Some doctors may be affiliated with several hospitals from which you can choose. Or, if you've yet to select a doctor, finding a top hospital that has expertise with your condition can help you determine which physician to actually choose.
Another important reason to do some research is the all too frequent occurrence of hospital infections, which kill around 75,000 people in the U.S. each year. So checking your hospital's infection rates and cleanliness procedures is also a wise move.

Researching Tools

Today, there are a number of online resources that provide hospital safety and performance data to help you research and compare facilities. Because hospitals are such complex places, it's wise to get information from a variety of sources. Here is a summary of some top guides.

Hospital Compare (medicare.gov/hospitalcompare): Operated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, this free tool lets you compare general quality of care, as well as care for many medical conditions and surgical procedures in more than 4,000 U.S. hospitals.



Consumer Reports Hospital Rankings (consumerreports.org/hospitalratings): If you don't mind spending a few dollars (\$7 for one month or \$30 per year), Consumer Reports ranks 4,500 hospitals in all 50 states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. The reliable resource provides information on up to 34 performance and safety measures.

U.S. News & World Report (usnews.com/best-hospitals): This online publishing resource identifies the best hospitals for 16 specialties, and provides rankings by metro area and by specialty for free.

Healthgrades (healthgrades.com): A private, for-profit organization, they provide free hospital ratings on patient safety and medical procedures, and scores hospitals using a 5-star scale.

The Commonwealth Fund (whynotthebest.org): This is a private foundation that provides free performance data on all U.S. hospitals.

The Joint Commission (qualitycheck.org): This is a not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs in the U.S. Hospitals receive a checkmark for each set of measures they have met. But there's no way to tell whether a hospital is stronger in one area over another.

Hospital Inspections (hospitalinspections.org): Established by the Association of Health Care Journalist, this focuses on violations and inspection reports.

The Leapfrog Group (hospitalsafetyscore.org): This national, not-for-profit organization grades hospitals on their overall performance in keeping patients safe. Use your city, state or ZIP code to search more than 2,500 hospitals.

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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
THE MOST UN-HOLIDAY HOLIDAY, AND WHY WE LOVE IT!

Walking around town, I can't help but notice all the elaborate Halloween decorations that have been springing up since the last weeks of September. Aside from the folks who celebrate Christmas by festooning their houses and yards with giant Santas and mammoth-sized reindeer, Halloween seems to be the holiday for which people "go all out."

Why is Halloween so popular? Of course it's fun for kids to dress up and binge on candy, but why do I to all the effort of transforming your yard into a labyrinth of doom? After careful consideration, I've come up with a few possible explanations.

Halloween's place in the order of holidays allows for more energy to be spent on it. After the Fourth of July, we get the rest of July and all of August to relax. There's Labor Day in September, but who decorates for that? Some people might have a BBQ, but it's not really big on the holiday hit parade. Columbus Day is in October, but you never hear of Columbus parties, either. (Besides, modern culture has vilified Columbus so much that hardly anyone even gets the day off.) So, there's been a lot of latent holiday energy building since the last firework fizzled away on July 4th.

Thanksgiving is a big energy drainer, especially if you're responsible for cooking or hosting. Then there are the Black Friday warriors. I envy their stamina. Duking it out for the best deals on toys and electronics with a bunch of other crazed individuals must be exhausting.

Some holidays lazily roll around, but Christmas sneaks up on you like a crouching tiger! There are people who thrive on the excitement of shopping in crowds and throwing parties. But for others (like me), these activities drain the life blood out of them.

Another possible reason that Halloween is so popular is that it's not a "family event." By this, I mean extended family. When you stake a severed head in your yard or stretch a cottony cobweb over your entry way, you don't have to worry about any pesky sister-in-law deriding your unkempt lawn or poor taste in decorations. The fact that Halloween is generally spent with strangers takes away some of the anxiety.

Also, Halloween isn't a "milestone" holiday. As kids, we all enjoyed our birthdays. But as we get older, we chide ourselves for failing to achieve whatever goals we've set out to accomplish. We say, "I'm 30 (or whatever age is significant for you), and I'm still not married, earned my masters, bought a house, or (fill in the blank)." New Year is another "celebration" famous for this kind of melancholy. Heck, just listening to "Old Lang Zine" is depressing enough!

Yes, out of the calendar of holidays, you can count on Halloween to not be sentimental. There are no tear-jerker songs like "I'll be home for Halloween," or "Have Yourself a Merry Little Halloween." So, deck your lawn with tombstones and stock up on Snickers and Twix. But be sure to save some Twix bars for yourself --you'll need the energy for Thanksgiving and all that lies beyond. Come to think of it, you might as well save all the Snickers for yourself as well. So many kids have peanut allergies these days. "Happy Snacking" --I mean, "Haunting!"



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... October Birthdays*



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

Quote of the Week:

"Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him." ~ Hal Borlund



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.

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. Canceled on August 5th and 12th.

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

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, August 27th 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 12:45pm. 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.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS
Oasis Camel Dairy & Julian (Julian, CA)

Date: Friday, October 17, 2014

Time: 8:00am to 6:00pm Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center
Cost: \$20.00 (does not include lunch)

Join us as we visit the Oasis Camel Dairy and Julian, California. The adventure begins with an "All About the Oasis Camel Dairy" tour led by Camel Dairy Owner's Gil and Nancy Riegler. This intimate, candid tour includes a seated "show" presentation where camels come to you followed by a leisurely, short stroll to the camel enclosures for some camel cuddling. There is also an opportunity for a camel ride, please see below for information about camel rides.

Following the dairy we visit the historic town of Julian to eat lunch, shop, experience the fall foliage, and enjoy the tastes of homemade apple pie, cider & much more. Lunch will be on your own and there are a few restaurants to choose from in Julian; participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Last day to register is Thursday, October 9th. Level of Walking: Medium to Low.

Camel Rides

Camel rides are available after the group tour. The camel rides are the county fair, around in a big circle, handled kind of ride. The price is \$10.00 per person and we need a minimum of 15 people to sign up for the camel rides to occur. If you are interested in the ride please let staff know when you register for the excursion. If the minimum number is met, staff will follow up with you regarding payment. Please note that there is a 200lb weight limit to ride the camels.

Excursion Refund Policy: Notification of the cancellation must be made at least 3 business days before the excursion. A refund will only be issued 1) for a medical excuse or 2) if the Department is able to fill the patrons spot from a waiting list. This refund will be issued in the form of a credit which will be applied to the patron's account with the City, less a \$10 cancellation fee. The credit will remain on your account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Community Services Department.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION • GET A SENIOR TAP CARD

Thursday, October 9th from 9:00am-10:00am

Learn the ins and outs of public transportation while enjoying each other's company over coffee, tea, and pastries. On Thursday, October 9th at 9:00 am, a representative from Metro will be presenting information on MTA buses and the Metro Rail. Attendees will learn trip planning strategies, gain a better understanding of their transportation options, and become master TAP card users. Also, attendees who are 62 years of age and older will be given the opportunity to apply for a Senior TAP card on site.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMING SOON

Beginning on Thursday, October 9th, Case Management services from the YWCA San Gabriel Valley will be provided every 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to assist in linking and helping seniors apply for supportive services. Schedule an appointment to learn more about the supportive services available to seniors living in the San Gabriel Valley and those that specifically cater to your own individual needs. Appointments last approximately 30 minutes and reservations need to be made in advance. To schedule an appointment, contact the Senior Center at 355-7394. Please call the YWCA Case Management Intake line at (626) 214-9465 if service is required at any time other than the 2nd Thursday of the month. The case manager can schedule an appointment to meet with you either at the Senior Center or at your home.

Furthermore, all individuals interested in utilizing the service are encouraged to come into the Senior Center on September 18th at 11:45am to learn more about the YWCA Case Management Program and meet the case manager who has been assigned to our location.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Tues. October 21 and Wed. October 22 from 9am to 1pm This class focuses on learning current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll also learn how you can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Many states including California offer discounts on auto insurance rates for those who complete this course. Class held at the Community Recreation Center located in Sierra Vista Park, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Must attend both dates in order to complete course.

Cost: \$15.00 AARP members, \$20.00 non-members (Payment due to instructor on the first day of class) Registration is required, for more info or to register call 626.355.7394.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: An Overlooked Album Of The Year

By Sean Kayden

NYC indie pop band, The Pains of Being Pure At Heart have released their third LP, "Days of Abandon," the follow-up to 2011's critically successful album, "Belong." With the group's first two albums plus one EP record behind them, the band has shifted slightly into a new direction away from their signature sound. Their new chapter explores the likes of more joyful, brighter sounding material while still remaining lyrically dark. They still infuse a 90s alternative rock sound from their adoration of bands during that time. There is this stigma to the band for their wimpy sound, but that should be put to rest. Frontman Kip Berman's still retains his soft lilt while singing. "Days Of Abandon" consists of ten superb indie-pop tracks that are relatable and evoke so many mixed emotions. The Pains Of Being Pure At Heart have always written songs drawn from personal experiences as well as emotions. When interviewed about the inspiration behind the new record, Berman was quoted by saying, "recognizing that sometimes the most difficult things to do in life are the most straightforward and the most seemingly simple." "Days Of Abandon" is the record for anyone simply living life because it captures every moment, noticeable and imperceptible.

The record is incredibly beautiful all the way through. For two of the tracks, "Kelly" and "Life After Life," Jen Goma, from A Sunny Day In Glasgow provides her glossy vocals. Longest track, "Beautiful You" is melancholic but never maudlin. "Coral and Gold" is another one that settles the mood. It offers this sort of yearning sensation. The strong progression the band has made between the three years from their last record is quite evident. "Days Of Abandon" is

hopefully optimistic through any darkness that may unexpectedly arrive. Each song is impeccably crafted, effortlessly performed, and sharply executed. The combination of 90s alternative rock alongside shoegaze with Berman's passion and reflective lyrics is brilliantly interconnected together. The final track, "The Asp In My Chest," is tenderly soft while being an appropriate closing song for a record that hits nearly every emotion.

"Days Of Abandon" is filled with love, heart, and longing. It exudes tenderness but also enthusiasm. It's a confident, rare album that balances the likes of melancholy with merriment. Personally, I find this to be the band's finest

Artist: The Pains Of Being Pure at Heart
Album: Days of Abandon
Label: Yebo
Release Date: April 22nd, 2014 (original)
Review By: Sean Kayden

record thus far. The craftsmanship parallel with the musicianship appears to be tighter than ever. The record may only be thirty-seven minutes in duration, but repeated listens will be imminent. It's bold, bright, and a blast from beginning to end. It hits you with highs, with lows and melodies too good to ignore. The Pains of Being Pure At Heart's latest is simply luminously remarkable. "Days Of Abandon" will hold you over endlessly. It just might become a modern day classic.

"Days of Abandon" deluxe version was released on September 19, 2014 via Yebo. It includes 5 bonus tracks. The Pains Of Being Pure At Heart are currently on a nationwide tour.

Grade: 9.4 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Simple And Sure," "Coral and Gold," "Eurydice," "Until The Sun Explodes"

Jeff's Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

PASSAGE TO JUNEAU: A SEA AND ITS MEANINGS

by Jonathan Raban
With the same rigorous observation (natural and social), invigorating stylishness, and encyclopedic learning that he brought to his National Book Award-winning *Bad Land*, Jonathan Raban conducts readers along the *Inside Passage* from Seattle to Juneau. The physical distance is 1,000 miles of difficult and often treacherous-water, which Raban navigates solo in a 35-foot sailboat. But *Passage to Juneau* also traverses a gulf of centuries and cultures: the immeasurable divide between the Northwest's Indians and its first European explorers between its embattled fishermen and loggers and its pampered new class. Along the way, Raban offers captivating discourses on art, philosophy, and navigation and an unsparing narrative of personal loss.

A SPY AMONG FRIENDS: KIM PHILBY AND THE GREAT BETRAYAL

by Ben Macintyre



MI6 SECURITY SERVICE

Kim Philby was the greatest spy in history, a brilliant and charming man who rose to head Britain's counterintelligence against the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War, while he was secretly working for the enemy. And nobody thought he knew Philby like Nicholas Elliott, Philby's best friend and fellow officer in MI6. The two men had gone to the same schools, belonged to the same clubs, grown close through the crucible of wartime intelligence work and long nights of drink and revelry. It was madness for one to think the other might be a communist spy, bent on subverting Western values and the power of the free world. But Philby was secretly betraying his friend. Every word Elliott breathed to Philby was transmitted back to Moscow—and not just Elliott's words, for in America, Philby had made another powerful friend: James

Jesus Angleton, the head of CIA counterintelligence. Angleton's and Elliott's unwitting disclosures helped Philby sink almost every important Anglo-American spy operation for twenty years, leading countless operatives to their doom. The stunning truth of his betrayal would have devastating consequences on the two men who thought they knew him best, and on the intelligence services he left crippled in his wake. Told with heart-pounding suspense and keen psychological insight, and based on personal papers and never-before-seen British intelligence files.

DR. MUTTER'S MARVELS: A TRUE TALE OF INTRIGUE AND INNOVATION AT THE DAWN OF MODERN MEDICINE

by Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz
A mesmerizing biography of the brilliant and eccentric medical innovator who revolutionized American surgery and founded the country's most famous museum of medical oddities. Imagine undergoing an operation without anesthesia performed by a surgeon who refuses to sterilize his tools—or

even wash his hands. This was the world of medicine when Mutter began his trailblazing career as a plastic surgeon in Philadelphia during the middle of the nineteenth century. Although he died at just forty-eight, Mutter was an audacious medical innovator who pioneered the use of ether as anesthesia, the sterilization of surgical tools, and a compassion-based vision for helping the severely deformed. Brilliant, outspoken, and brazenly handsome, he was flamboyant in every aspect of his life. He wore pink silk suits to perform surgery, and amassed an immense collection of medical oddities that would later form the basis of Philadelphia's Mutter Museum. Award-winning writer Aptowicz vividly chronicles how Mutter's efforts helped establish Philadelphia as a global mecca for medical innovation—despite intense resistance from his numerous rivals. The book interweaves an eye-opening portrait of 19th century medicine with the riveting biography of a man once described as the "P.T. Barnum of the surgery room."

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By Artistic Director,
Christian Lebano

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I was very clear with the Board when I was named Artistic Director that honoring our relationship to Sierra Madre and the surrounding communities was vital to our success. That is why I am so pleased with how three community partners came through for us on our current production of 4000 Miles. The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library allowed me to raid their stacks so we could fill the bookshelves on our set; Centric Bike gave us much technical advice, loaned us a bike with panniers, AND allowed us to have our opening night reception in their store; and Christian Boehr of Atomic Threshold very generously made our gorgeous set possible by loaning us pieces of vintage Scandinavian Modern furniture.

Here's what Christian Boehr had to say:

"I was thrilled to partner with Christian Lebano and the team at SMP. It's an honor collaborate with such a longstanding theatrical venue in our community. After hearing about the premise of the play and the overall intended atmosphere, I knew using Scandinavian furnishings would help bring a certain level of authenticity and cohesion to the setting of the production." He goes on to say: "I had the privilege of attending the opening night of 4000 Miles, and the hard work of the cast and crew really paid off. The set looks fantastic, the acting is compelling, and the production has an enchanting, yet provocative character that's nicely balanced."

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Building these kind of partnerships is so important to me and vital to the health and future of our theater. For our next show, A Little House Christmas based on the Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, I hope to fill the lobby with local crafts and artisanal items - featuring the shops and craftspeople that live in Sierra Madre and the surrounding towns. Declaring again that we are a theater of our community.

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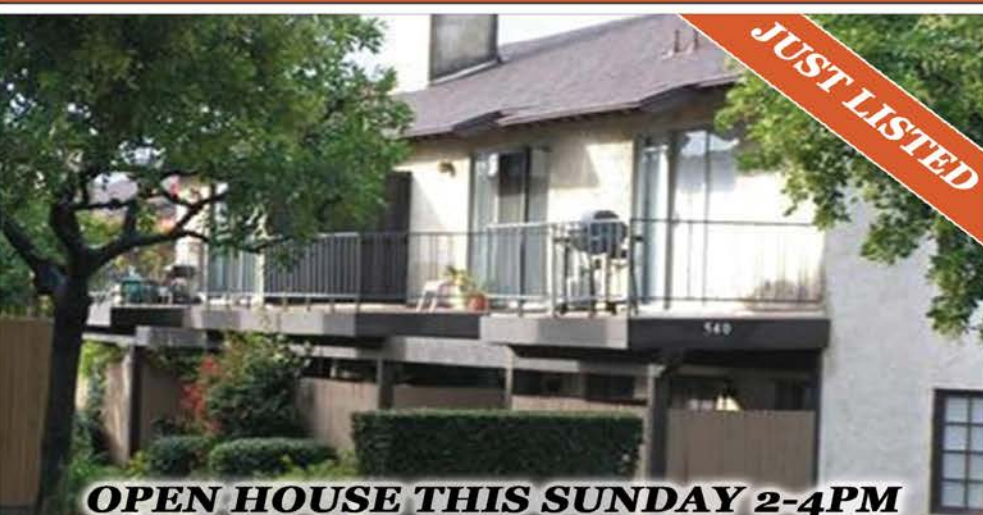
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TESLA MOTORS CHIEF DESIGNER RECOGNIZED FOR 2014 CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY AWARD

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — At the Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich recognized Tesla Motors Chief Designer Franz von Holzhausen, recipient of the 2014 California Air Quality Award – for his efforts to revolutionize the electric vehicle through his Tesla Model-S design.

As Chief Designer, Franz is responsible for driving the overall design direction of Tesla, and developing all future Tesla design concepts and production vehicles. Prior to joining Tesla, Franz was Director of Design at Mazda where he led the design of the RX-8, Tribute, and Mazda 3,4, and 5. He was also the lead designer at General Motors where he designed the Pontiac Solstice, Saturn Sky, and Opel GT.

Franz began his career as Assistant Chief Designer at Volkswagen, where he was involved in projects from Concept One to the Microbus.

Franz is a graduate of Syracuse University and an alumnus of the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena where he majored in transportation design. Initiated in 1930 and ranked among the top 20 graduate schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, the Art Center College of Design offers undergraduate and graduate programs in a



Supervisor Antonovich and Franz von Holzhausen, Tesla Motors Chief Designer

wide variety of art and design fields, as well as public programs for children and high school students, and continuing studies for adults.

HOLDEN SCORES LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES IN 2014 TERM

Sacramento – Assemblymember Chris Holden (Pasadena) winds up the 2014 session representing the 41st Assembly District with an impressive list of accomplishments. Among the bills authored by Assemblymember Holden and signed into law are:

AB 1557 Higher Education: Specifies that members of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors should be inclusive and representative of the many demographic groups in the state including disabled persons, veterans, and the spectrum of races and genders.

AB 1566 Kitchen Grease Theft: gives law enforcement stronger tools to combat the growing problem of kitchen grease theft. Since kitchen grease became an essential part of biofuel, it has become a target for grease thieves.

AB 1147 Massage Businesses:

gives local governments more control over regulating massage businesses in their cities and helps communities to weed out the bad businesses that have become fronts for prostitution.

AB 1767 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: increases penalties on vandalism and littering along the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Penalties will be used to fund cleanup efforts in the many parks and wild lands throughout Southern California.

AB 1912 Education – President Obama: encourages the State Board of Education to provide academic curriculum on the election of President Obama and its historic impact.

SB 955 Human Trafficking: principal co-author, allows courts to authorize wiretapping for the investigation of human trafficking. The bill ensures that

investigators have the tools they need to pursue the most serious trafficking cases often involving minors as young as 12 or 13.

SB 35 Wiretapping: principal, co-author: extends the wiretapping sunset extension for five years until January 1, 2020

AJR 33 calls on Department of Defense to “set the record straight” by adding the names of 74 sailors from the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. Their ship went down during exercises in the South China Seas during the Vietnam War, but they have been excluded from the Memorial.

ACR 170 Pasadena Police Agent Memorial Highway: designates a portion of State Highway 210 as Pasadena Police Agent Richard Morris Memorial Highway. Agent Morris was killed in the line-of-duty on March 13, 1969.



1051 East Altadena Drive ♦ Altadena Rare Prairie-School Mansion

A prime example of Altadena’s finest historical mansions, 1051 was constructed from 1914-1915 for fashion designer Kate Duncan. Built on a grand scale with many original features intact, this 5,372 sq.ft. residence possesses a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired floor plan—one room flowing into another—making it perfect for entertaining and living in style. The home is set back from the Drive on a raised park-like corner lot and generously insulated. Undergirded with massive California Redwood beams, 1051 was restored to its authentic Prairie-School color palette and architectural details by its current owners.

- 5,372 sq.ft. house, per assessor
- 23,198 sq.ft. corner lot, per assessor- over half-acre - w/circular driveway in rear
- 5 bedrooms/3 bathrooms (5th bedroom currently used as executive office)
- Master suite includes master bedroom with fireplace, sitting room, sleeping porch, master bath, two walk-in closets and executive office
- Third-floor artist studio with spectacular views of Los Angeles County
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- Updated Electrical
- Two-car detached garage with separate workroom
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STAY INFORMED - NOVEMBER 4th IS ELECTION DAY

PROP. 1: WATER BOND FUNDING FOR WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, TREATMENT, AND STORAGE PROJECTS.

Authorizes \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds for various water supply infrastructure projects.
*Support: \$1,999,600 raised in total Opposition: \$40,000 raised in total Total: \$2,039,600

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1

YES ON PROPOSITION 1 ENSURES A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR FARMS AND BUSINESSES DURING SEVERE DROUGHT—PROTECTING BOTH THE ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT California is in a severe, multi-year drought and has an aging water infrastructure. That is why Republicans and Democrats and leaders from all over California Came together in nearly unanimous fashion to place this fiscally responsible measure on the ballot.

YES ON 1 SUPPORTS A COMPREHENSIVE STATE WATER PLAN

- Provides safe drinking water for all communities
- Expands water storage capacity • Ensures that our farms and businesses get the water they need during dry years
- Manages and prepares for droughts • Invests in water conservation, recycling and improved local water supplies
- Increases flood protection
- Funds groundwater cleanup
- Cleans up polluted rivers and streams • Restores the environment for fish and wildlife

YES ON 1 IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE Proposition 1 will not raise taxes. It is a no-frills investment in critical projects that doesn't break the bank—it even reallocates money from unused bonds to make better use of the money.

YES ON 1 GROWS CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY California's economy depends on a reliable water supply. Proposition 1 secures our water future, keeps our family farms and businesses productive, and puts Californians to work building the new facilities we need to store, deliver, and treat water.

YES ON 1 SAFEGUARDS OUR EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES Proposition 1 will clean up our contaminated groundwater which serves as a critical buffer against drought by providing additional water in years when there is not enough rainfall or snow.

Proposition 1 expands water recycling and efficiency improvements making the best use of our existing supplies.

Proposition 1 provides funding for clean drinking water in communities where water is contaminated.

YES ON 1 STORES WATER WHEN WE HAVE IT Proposition 1 invests in new water storage increasing the amount of water that can be stored during wet years for the dry years that will continue to challenge California.

YES ON 1 PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT Proposition 1 protects California's rivers, lakes, and streams from pollution and contamination and provides for the restoration of our fish and wildlife resources.

PROPOSITION 1 CONTAINS STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING ANNUAL AUDITS, OVERSIGHT AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE TO ENSURE THE MONEY IS PROPERLY SPENT.

YES ON 1—Supported by REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, FARMERS, LOCAL WATER SUPPLIERS, CONSERVATION GROUPS, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS INCLUDING:

- United States Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Audubon California
- Delta Counties Coalition
- Ducks Unlimited
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- San Diego Water Authority
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- State Building and Construction Trades Council of California
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- Northern California Water Association
- Association of California Water Agencies
- Western Growers
- Paul Wenger, President
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- The Nature Conservancy

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 1

While there are many good things in Proposition 1: water conservation, efficiency reuse and recycling as well as restoration of our watersheds, the serious flaws outweigh the benefits to the people of California.

The water bond passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor has many attractive elements, but at the end of the day, this bond measure is bad news for the people of California.

Proposition 1 wrongly focuses on building more dams. More than a third of the \$7.5 billion total is Earmarked for surface storage, which almost certainly will mean new dams—increasing pressure to over-pump and divert more water from Northern California rivers including the Trinity, the Klamath, and Sacramento rivers. This places them at great risk at a time when a severe and prolonged drought has significantly reduced existing snow packs.

Furthermore, the \$2.7 billion for speculative new dams will not produce new water. All the most productive and cost-effective dam sites in California have already been developed. Proposition 1's new dam projects increase California's total water supply by as little as 1%, while costing nearly \$9 billion to build. These dams would not even be usable for decades.

In a major historic departure for water storage projects, the costs of these new dams and reservoirs will be paid from the state General Fund, and California taxpayers will share the burden of paying off bonds that will drain \$500 million a year from the General Fund.

It's an issue of fairness. The 1960 bond act that financed the State Water Project directed that beneficiaries pay those costs through their water rates. If private water users won't fund these projects on their own, taxpayers should not be required to underwrite their construction, and then purchase the water later at higher prices. Private water users who are the beneficiaries, not taxpayers, should pay for the cost of these projects.

As the drought deepens, the impact to Californians and fisheries along the California Coast will increase. Our northern rivers are some of the last remaining refuge for endangered salmon species that are on the brink of extinction. Additionally, our rivers provide important spawning habitat for fish that are important to the entire state, up and down the West Coast. This water bond short-changes both the North Coast and California.

Under Proposition 1, water storage money would not be available for Central and North Coast regions. It restricts storage spending to benefit a limited geography in the state, mainly the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys and Southern California.

Proposition 1 is the wrong investment: it does little for drought relief in the near-term, doesn't adequately promote needed regional water self-sufficiency, or reduce dependency on an already water-deprived Delta ecosystem. As evidenced by shrinking reservoirs and collapsing aquifers, no amount of water storage will produce more rain and snow. Please join us in voting no on Proposition 1.

Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro, Chair
Natural Resources Committee
Conner Everts, Executive Director
Southern California Watershed Alliance
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Restore the Delta

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund



The Water in Your Bottle Might Be Older Than the Sun

Up to half of the water on Earth is likely older than the solar system itself, University of Michigan astronomers theorize.

The researchers' work, published in the current issue of Science, helps to settle a debate about just how far back in galactic history our planet and our solar system's water formed. Were the molecules in comet ices and terrestrial oceans born with the system itself—in the planet-forming disk of dust and gas that circled the young sun 4.6 billion years ago? Or did the water originate even earlier, in the cold, ancient molecular cloud that spawned the Sun and that planet-forming disk?

Between 30 and 50 percent came from the molecular cloud, says Ilse Cleeves, an astronomy Ph.D. student in the U-M College of Literature, Science and the Arts. That would make it roughly a million years older than the solar system.

To arrive at that estimate, Cleeves and Ted Bergin, a professor of astronomy, simulated the chemistry that went on as our solar system formed. They focused on the ratio of two slightly different varieties of water: the common kind and a heavier version. Today, comets and Earth's oceans hold particular ratios of heavy water—higher ratios than the Sun contains.

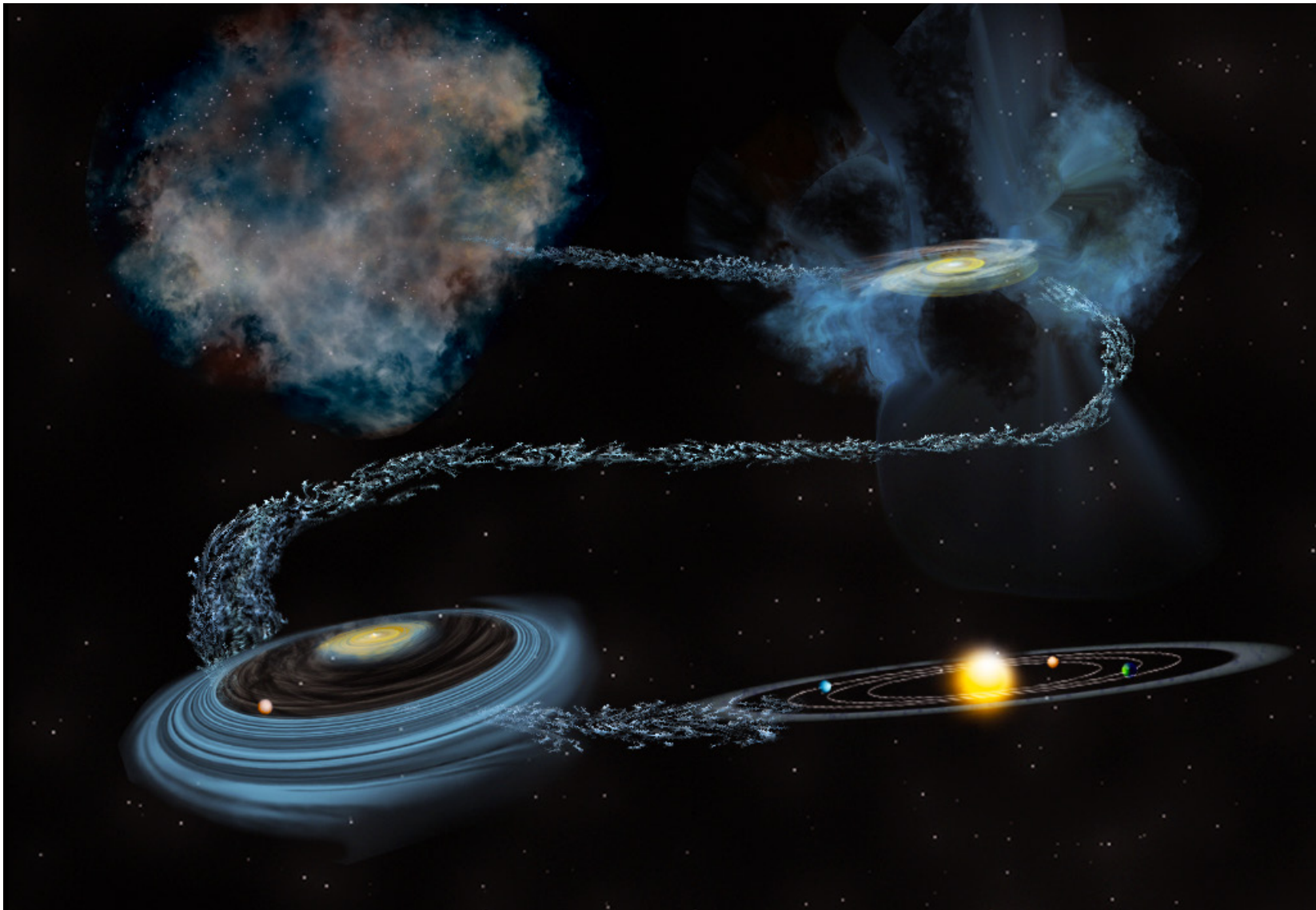
"Chemistry tells us that Earth received a contribution of water from some source that was very cold, only tens of degrees above absolute zero; while the Sun, being substantially hotter, has erased this deuterium, or heavy water, fingerprint," Bergin said.

To start their solar system simulation, the scientists wound back the clock and zeroed out the heavy water. They hit "go" and waited to see if eons of solar system formation could lead to the ratios we see today on Earth and in comets.

"We let the chemistry evolve for a million years—the typical lifetime of a planet-forming disk—and we found that chemical processes in the disk were inefficient at making heavy water throughout the solar system," Bergin explained. "What this implies is that if the planetary disk didn't make the water, it inherited it. Consequently, some fraction of the water in our solar system pre-dates the Sun."

All life on Earth depends on water. Understanding when and where it came from can help scientists estimate how abundant water might be throughout the galaxy.

"The implications of these findings are pretty exciting," Cleeves said. "If water formation had been a local process that occurs in individual stellar



systems, the amount of water and other important chemical ingredients necessary for the formation of life might vary from system to system. But because some of the chemically rich ices from the molecular cloud are directly inherited, young planetary systems have access to these important ingredients.

"Based on our simulations and our growing astronomical understanding," Bergin added, "the formation of water from hydrogen and oxygen atoms is a ubiquitous component of the early stages of stellar birth. It is this water, which we know

from astronomical observations forms at only 10 degrees above absolute zero—before the birth of the star—that is provided to nascent stellar systems everywhere."

TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE OCTOBER 8th. An eclipse of the Moon will be visible locally during the night of October 7-8. The good news is that the eclipse will be total—always an exciting sight. The

bad news is that it'll occur between 1:15 and 5:45 a.m., with the maximum of totality at 3:54 a.m. Not the best time for Moon-viewing, but just in case you're up...

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SAVING WATER AND LIVING BETTER

By Christopher Nyerges

Water conservation is good all the time, especially for anyone living here in Los Angeles County. After all, there are far too many of us living here in this wonderful climate which is a coastal desert

plain. That's right – we live in a desert! That's why most of our water is imported from hundreds of miles away.

Water conservation makes sense. It's the way we should be living all the time, not just when we're forced to by circumstances.

But the suggestion to just stop watering trees and shrubs and plants and let them die off is not a viable suggestion. Consider the great mystery of trees and the wonderful things they do. They draw water up to the surface with their deep roots. They constantly transpire water vapour into the surrounding environment, meaning, it is always cooler around trees and other plants can live more readily than in a barren wasteland. Due to this effect of transpiration, trees also create little microclimates – they create weather – and even localized wind can be created by the updraft of water vapour from trees. We do NOT want to just let our trees die off for the short-sighted goal of "saving water."

Through water conservation and water-saving efforts, the land so worked can be cooler when it is hotter and drier elsewhere, and to be more fruitful from an ecological point of view.

For example, all household water (minus the toilet) can be easily recycled back into the yard to water the garden, the trees, and even the drought-tolerant plants.

Assuming the lay of your land is somewhat downhill, you can disconnect the washing machine drain pipe, connect a long hose and let the water drain to your yard or garden. (Buy biodegradable soaps). One load of wash and rinse can use 30 plus gallons, depending on your system. All that water can wash your clothes, and feed your yard.

I have always disconnected bath tub lines and let the water drain into the yard. This is simple plumbing which most folks should be able to do in a few hours. Building and Safety takes a dim view of these practices since they don't want people breeding mosquitoes for the entire neighborhood, so give careful thought to how you do this, and make sure your system doesn't become a problem.

Oh, I just remembered: all the officials constantly declare that we should take showers since "showers use less water." Really? Have you ever actually measured the amount of water you use in a shower? How long do you stay in there? If you're disciplined, you could take a water-efficient shower, and let that water flow into the yard. I have actually taken solar showers in the back yard, and the water all went to the grapefruit tree.

But typically, I take baths. I don't fill up the entire tub and then get in. Rather, I turn on the hot water, get in, and add a few small clothes items

that I always wash by hand, thus relieving the load on the washing machine. Plus, it is much healthier to sit in the tub a bit and to scrub, rather than to race through the process. When I am done with the bath, I save some water in one-gallon jugs and use recycle it by using it to flush the water. I let the remaining water drain out into my garden. I am using that water and getting much more out of it, and keeping my landscape alive and thriving and producing water-vapor-filled oxygen.

For dishwater, you can simply take the dish basin out into your yard and empty it on trees, roses, garden, etc. All the little food scraps will actually be a sort of fertilizer for the plants.

Be a part of the solution. Recycle all your water and keep your oxygen-producing plants alive.

I do agree with DWP that a lawn is pointless. Plant succulents, cactus, fruit trees – things that are useful and don't require excessive water. Some good and useful drought-tolerant plants include Peruvian mint, wandering Jew, New Zealand spinach, jade, aloes, prickly pear cactus, and many, many others.

We can live here in this desert and we can live here well. We just need to adapt to the desert, rather than arrogantly thinking that the desert should adapt to us.

[Nyerges' latest book, "Self-Sufficient Home," which includes a chapter on water-saving methods, will be available everywhere in September. He can be reached at www.ChristopherNyerges.com, or Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041. WTT's water saving class can be seen on-line at www.wtinc.info]

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



The 4 Key Life Skills Your Children Need to Have Before They Inherit

Inherited wealth need not be “an albatross around the neck of the children” as Sting so succinctly put it recently when asked if he was leaving his wealth to his children.

I – and many other parents – share Sting’s concerns. But proper preparation for inheritance can ensure the assets you leave for your children benefit, rather than impede, the upward trajectory of their lives.

Part of that preparation comes from how you and your attorney actually set up your estate plan. Part of it comes from helping your children develop the critical skills needed before receiving and productively managing an inheritance. There are four main skills nearly all successful inheritors possess:

The ability to earn their own money and live off what they make. Children raised with wealth feel they are the most successful when they earn enough on their own to support themselves without the family money. Children without this skill often develop feelings of entitlement or personal inadequacy which negatively impact their ability to lead productive, meaningful lives.

The ability to set and pursue their own work goals. Children of wealth who are encouraged to find work they enjoy are much more likely to find satisfaction in that work if they are taught that it takes time and perseverance to reach this goal and that they should focus on learning from every job and give it their best.

The ability to develop self-worth that is separate from family wealth. Children who develop a core identity based on their own accomplishments and

the choices they make in life are much happier and more successful.

The ability to be resilient and bounce back from adversity. Family wealth can cushion many blows, but the most successful inheritors are those who were allowed to experience and navigate failure on their own instead of being bailed out of every tough spot.

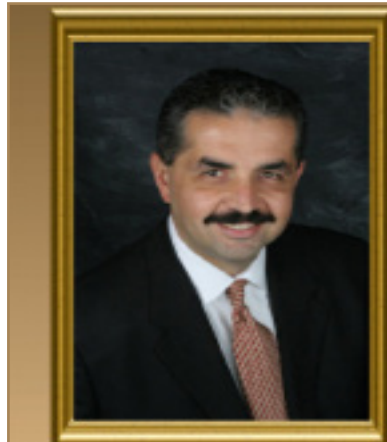
Comprehensive planning, taking all of this into account, can help your children avoid the many dangers and pitfalls inherited wealth can create. And if you’re anything like me, protecting your children from those inherent dangers is just as important as protecting the assets you’ll eventually pass to them.

The great news is that proper planning can accomplish both objectives.

As always, I wish all the best to you and your family,

MARC

Marc, a local attorney, father, and CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children) is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Call 626.355.4000 to schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial support for your family, or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT IT

These days, particularly with so many foreclosures on the market, ordering an inspection when you’ve made an offer is not only recommended, it’s critical. Otherwise, you’re relying on the seller (in some cases, the bank) to provide you with a list of defects.

An inspection provides an objective report about the home’s exterior, interior, and “internal organs” - the wiring, the plumbing, the heating and cooling system, etc. While your agent may supply a list of recommended inspectors, you are free to select any professional you wish.

The seller and their representative will not see the report without your permission. The inspection of a 2,000 square foot home should take two to three

hours to complete, and once the report has been delivered to you, you can discuss the findings with the inspector.

Expect your home inspector to walk the roof and explore the attic and crawlspace (if present). Electrical panels, outlets and switches will be tested. Drains, water pressure, toilets and pipes will all be checked in the plumbing system. Walls, ceilings and floors will be inspected and all the doors and windows will be checked for functionality.

All the items in the report will depend on the particular home’s features, but the findings give you an opportunity to estimate repair costs and renegotiate your offer. Never bypass this critical aspect of a purchase.

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RICH Johnson



AGING

To be truthful and forthcoming, I am well into my fifties. At the end of this month I will turn fifty-thirteen.

It seems that just a few seconds ago I was sixteen. Let me pass on a little secret to you young people: Older people (okay, at least me), don't feel any different than when we were 16. Well, except for all the aches and pains. The only other difference I feel is I don't make mistakes with the frequency as I did at 16. Okay, fewer mistakes.

A few people have some interesting perspectives on aging and I thought I would pass them along to you.

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there." *George Burns*

"Never ask old people how they are doing if you have anything else to do that day." *Joe Restivo*

"Errol Flynn died on a seventy-foot yacht with a seventeen year old girl. Walter's always wanted to go that way, but he's going to settle for a seventeen footer and a seventy-year old." *Mrs. Walter Cronkite*

If your friend is a woman this one works: "An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her." *Agatha Christie*

"If I'd known I was gonna live this long, I'd taken better care of myself." *Unknown*

"I'm in the prime of my senility." *Joel Chandler Harris (at age 58)*

"I'm not young enough to know everything." *Oscar Wilde*

Now, if I can only get through my sixty-third year I will have outlived Wilt Chamberlain, Audrey Hepburn, Mickey Mantle, Rembrandt, and FDR. If I make it through my sixty-fourth year I will have outlived Sammy Davis, Jr., LBJ, C.S. Lewis, Karl Marx and Wilson Pickett. I'm really shooting for living through year sixty-five and beating Johann Sebastian Bach, Francis Bacon, Lewis Carroll (author of Alice in Wonderland), Walt Disney, Shari Lewis and Richard Pryor.

In conclusion, a few anonymous comments on middle age and aging.

Middle age: When you can do just as much as ever, but would rather not.

Middle age: When the only thing you exercise is caution.

I know I'm old cause its now taking me longer to rest than it is to get tired.

I've hit the metallic age. Gold in my teeth, silver in my hair and lead in my pants.

I can only give good advice at my age. I'm too old to set bad examples anymore.

And the single best part of being my age (it's a biggie). Nobody asks you anymore to help them move. YAY!



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PEOPLE, AFTER ALL, ARE JUST PEOPLE

Dr. James L. Snyder I believe many people put too high importance on certain people as if they were special. Everybody wants to be considered special, but then if everybody is special then nobody is special.

Whatever anybody else thinks, I am growing weary of celebrities. We have a terrible, incurable disease in our country called celebrititis. In my research, I have not found any cure for this. And believe me, I have searched.

Celebrities come in all sizes and shapes; sports, music, movies, TV, news reporters and even religious leaders have gotten into this game. In our culture today, nothing really happens unless some celebrity does it or says it.

Frankly, I am tired of all of that nonsense. I do not know one celebrity I would take anything from that resembled the truth. A celebrity cannot think on his or her own, but must always rely upon a script. We all know what happens when they go off script.

There is this phenomenon out in Hollywood called the red carpet. I am not sure exactly what the red carpet is except that it is a carpet in the color red, thus The Red Carpet. And yet, if one of these celebrities walks on this so-called red carpet, everybody wants to take a picture of them.

I cannot think of a celebrity anywhere, living or dead, that I would like a photo. Have you ever seen one of these celebrities without their makeup? You would not recognize him or her.

If I want a photograph these days, I want it to be of my family. In my book, my family is all the celebrity I need. If I want to sit down and go through some pictures, I want it to be of my family, people that I know and love. I do not want it to be some made-up picture that has been photoshopped by some expert. Anybody who has a photograph taken of them and then has somebody touch it up and make it look better is a hypocrite. That is not the way they really look.

Is there a celebrity anywhere that wants anybody to see them as they really look?

Celebrities are just people and we need to start treating them like the people they are.

A person is not important because they make a certain amount of money. A person is not important because everybody recognizes them.

Newscasters today have become celebrities in their own right or left depending on their political position. Somehow, they have tricked us into thinking because they are celebrities and they look like \$1 million, that what they have to say is something I want to hear.

When I was young, I watched the Three Stooges. They could make stupid things funny.

Now when they were making these stupid movies they were doing so on purpose. I laughed at them because what they did had an agenda to make me laugh. Nobody ever took what they did seriously.

Now we have the Three-Stooges-syndrome in our newsrooms today. I often wonder if they know how ridiculous they look and sound when they are touting their opinion about something going on in the world? Actually, when you think of it, they would make the Three Stooges envious.

I think if our country is ever going to be saved, we are going to have to somehow get rid of all of the celebrities. I know it is going to be hard, I know we will have severe withdrawals, but it will serve us well in the end.

I am tired of celebrities and I want to see something real for a change.

Of course, we have on television now what is called reality shows. In reality, these reality shows have not an ounce of reality to them. The thing that is so significant to me is, many people think it is reality.

The only reality about these reality shows is the money these people are making pretending to be real. The money is real, but the moneymakers are about as false as my grandmother's teeth.

I have come to the place where I do not believe anything I see on television. If it is on television, it has been tweaked so that somebody can make MONEY. After all, the only purpose of television is to make some people rich, filthy rich. And the richer they are the filthier they are.

My premise is still the same; people are just people. When will everybody come to that conclusion? I think the sooner we come to that the more we will realize that nobody is better than anybody else. I do not have to take a second seat to some person starring in the movies. How can you say somebody is important when they have to memorize a script somebody else wrote and then they have to shoot it 17 times to get it right? That is a celebrity?

Where are the good honest hard-working people that made this country what it used to be?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage reminded me of something Jesus said. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

It is comforting to know that people, after all, are just people and I count myself to be one of those "just people."

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"You have enemies? Good. That means you stood up for something in your life."
- Winston Churchill

In his column last week, Greg Welborn complained that "California is ruled by a liberal aristocracy

huddled together in their thin blue coastal ribbon", outside the "overwhelmingly wider red (Conservative) landmass in the rest of the state".

Californians on the coast do call the shots, because that's where most of us live. Those dozen counties in that "narrow strip of blue (Liberal) population from San Diego up through San Francisco" themselves hold 57% of California's population. Adding the four coastal counties north of Marin brings it to 60%.

Half of California resides in its seventy largest cities (populations more than 100,000), while 80% of our water goes to agriculture - 10% of it for almonds. With the current drought, more wells are tapped to drain remaining groundwater, while California remains the only state where the practice is unregulated. Many in the red part of the state want to keep it that way; especially those in corporate agri-business more concerned with next quarter's profit statement than in preserving resources for future Californians.

The current press release of the National Science Foundation leads, "Cause of California drought linked to climate change - Extreme atmospheric conditions responsible for drought more likely to occur in current global warming". It cites a just-released study out of Stanford University finding that "a persistent region of high atmospheric pressure over the Pacific Ocean - one that diverted storms away from California - was much more likely to form in the presence of modern greenhouse gas concentrations."

Planting oil platforms off our coast and fracking our hillsides won't help. Pumping more oil to send elsewhere (U.S. exports currently top 400,000 barrels a day) won't address California's energy needs. Those in blue California want to address those needs with 21st Century technology and awareness, regardless of whatever nostalgia those in the red part might retain for the Industrial Age.

A lot relates to science. Greg wants taxpayers to pick up at least part of the tab ("vouchers") for those who don't want to send their kids to public school and don't want to pay for a private one, either. In the red parts, this often means schools that conflate "science" with "belief", and teach an ideologically-censored history.

The red and blue approaches to raising kids was contrasted last month in a poll from the Pew Research Center, where liberals and conservatives were asked what values were important to instill in their children. Some, like "responsibility" and "hard work", ranked high across the spectrum. But there were differences:

Among conservatives, 81% thought it "especially important" that a religious faith be instilled in their kids, but only 26% of liberals thought so. 67% of conservatives felt the same about obedience, while just 35% of liberals found it "especially important". A number of values were considered

"especially important" by larger percentages of liberals than of conservatives; such as curiosity (82% of liberals ranking it "especially important" v. 57% of conservatives), creativity (85% v. 63%), empathy (86% v. 55%) and tolerance (88% v. 41%).

Aside from personal views, we can be thankful the blue part of our state is in control by comparing ourselves to the red states - as judged by Wall Street.

A couple weeks ago, both Standard & Poor's and Fitch downgraded the bond rating for New Jersey under Gov. Chris Christie (R) - making eight downgrades since he took office in 2010. S&P explained Christie's reneging on his agreement to fund public pensions "has significant negative implications for the state's liability profile."

Moody's gave another downgrade to Kansas. Gov. Sam Brownback (R) blew a \$600 million surplus while giving \$1.5 billion in tax cuts to the "job creators". Kansas now trails the whole country in job creation, and by some reports could go bankrupt in two years. Brownback blames President Obama.

Last summer both Fitch and S&P downgraded Michigan's credit under Gov. Rich Snyder (R), finding "softening of projected 2014 revenues, expected slow economic growth". There always seemed to be enough to support tax cuts for corporations and the rich, but nothing for struggling cities, school districts and pension obligations.

In the meantime, there's been at least five upgrades in California's rating under Gov. Jerry Brown (D). Last June, Moody's cited "the state's rapidly improving financial position . . . strong liquidity and robust employment growth" in bringing our rating to its highest level in 13 years.

Whatever the differences between the red and blue, Wall Street confirms the observation of former Gov. Howard Dean (D-VT) that "Republicans just can't handle money".

As for this week's opening quote, I found it atop a column by Trevor LaFauci at PoliticusUSA.com on the legacy of Atty. Gen. Eric Holder. The column describes his role in advancing marriage equality, his actions leading to the Supreme Court's overturning the Defense of Marriage Act. There was his work addressing draconian drug sentencing, the extreme racial disparity in the prison population and pushing for rehabilitation over incarceration.

He used the Justice Department to take on states restricting people's right to vote. He launched a federal probe into the shooting of Michael Brown, then came and shared with the people of Ferguson personal experiences of humiliation and anger "and the impact it had on me".

LaFauci's column ends with a quote from Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of murdered civil rights leader Medgar Evers; "There has been no greater ally in the fight for justice, civil rights, equal rights and voting rights than Attorney General Holder." Following the dictum of his boss, Holder sees not blue states and red states but a United States of America.

Still, I'd like to draw one more blue / red distinction. Most of us on the blue California coast regard the cause of "justice, civil rights, equal rights and voting rights" as defining the character and strength of our country. Listening to Fox News, though, others call it "divisive".

GREG Welborn

Character Matters, Ideology Shouldn't



President Obama sits in the White House in no small part because of his criticisms of President Bush for relying on bad intelligence and lying, so there's some irony in Obama's false claim that our intelligence services have mislead him in their assessment of the ISIS threat. But irony aside, President Obama's predicament illustrates that character matters, ideology shouldn't, and that when all is said and done, Obama's character flaws and subservience to ideology are destroying his presidency and endangering the nation.

The ability to admit error and take responsibility is a necessary prerequisite to successfully lead the country.

Honesty is also critically important - not the little, political (I voted against something after I voted for it) white lie variety, but the bold, in-your-face, substantive variety. It is obvious by now that president Obama possesses neither the ability to admit error or the capacity to deal honestly with issues or the country as we saw last Sunday when Mr. Obama used "60 Minutes" as an opportunity to blame the intelligence community for his own failures. He said, "well I think our head of the intelligence community, Jim Clapper, has acknowledged that I think they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria".

Notice who committed the error; he hadn't messed up; he didn't make a poor judgment. Mr. Clapper and the spooks are to blame. But here's the problem. This stands in stark, glaring contrast to the facts known by the intelligence head and by the President. Mr. Clapper is an intelligent guy. It is inconceivable that he was unaware of Lt. Gen. Flynn's Feb 11, 2014 Senate testimony in which he stated that ISIS was strong, was growing and would attempt to take more territory. Nor would Mr. Clapper be unaware of articles written by Senators McCain and Graham over the course of the last 15 months or so pointing out the very same reality. As of this writing, we now know that Mr. Clapper was aware of these things and that the President had in fact been briefed on them for many months.

To all who want to see, it is as clear as the sun rising in the east that Islamic terrorism is on the rise and poses a grave threat. And yet, The President makes his bold-faced denial of any knowledge of ISIS' rise and significance. This administration was also quick to deny that Islamic terrorism has again surfaced on our shores. I do not believe even 48 hours had passed before the Oklahoma beheading was being described as "workplace violence"- as if disgruntled recent converts to the Methodist denomination behead people.

"President Obama is a smart guy. But he is not a wise man because ideology

and personality are in the way. He is wedded to a Leftist ideology that insists America is the cause of almost all that's wrong in the world, that there are no problems with a religion in which 10% to 20% of its adherents believe terrorism is justified, and that every foe can be reasoned into peace and harmony. Over and over again we hear apologies for our past sins, excuses that Islam is peaceful, and that resets and negotiations will solve our problems. This is not the real world; it is the mythical world of leftist ideology.

'Secondarily, and perhaps more significantly, there is a deep narcissism in Mr. Obama that forces him to see all issues through the prism of how they affect him, not the country. For those who doubt that narcissism is present, remember this is the man who told his chief of staff that he could do every job at the White House better than the person holding the position. That leak was the tip of an iceberg which convinced at least one Harvard-trained psychiatrist to publicly explain Obama's behavior as extreme narcissism.

'Since he sees himself as the only one truly capable of "transforming the United States", of fully implementing a leftist ideology he believes will save the world, which he's espoused since young adulthood, he cannot possibly see or admit to the folly of his world view, his policies or the danger they represent to the country.

"Because of this, his presidency is failing. Because of this, America is failing in its responsibilities to its allies and to the civilized world. Because of this, President Obama cannot do the things which would rescue his presidency and our nation. For most people, these things are simple things: stop calling your predecessor a liar, stop demonizing Republicans, acknowledge there's some wisdom on both sides of the aisle, compromise, learn some humility and admit you - not someone else - made a mistake.

'If he could do these things, he might have a chance to save his presidency, protect us, and defend those who desperately need an active, muscular U.S. Because he cannot, it's going to be a long 28 months of recurring examples of why character matters and ideology shouldn't.

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OMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s)
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 of the person(s) is (are) JENNY LAUSON, 1226
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 conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JENNY
 LAUSON. This statement was filed with the County
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TRT DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name
registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE VOGELER-
BONSON, 16028 MART DR., LA MIRADA,
CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: AN
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FTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s)
b) VICTOR M. SAUCEDO, 8465 MOUNTAIN
/ AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This
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The following person(s) K & K SCUBA, INC., 210 WHITLEY AVE., AVALON, CA 90704, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CATALINA SNORKELING ADVENTURES, 103 PEBBLEY BEACH RD., AVALON, CA 90704. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/18/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013053004. The business was conducted by: A CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/09/2014. 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: ANN KUNS/PRES.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) PASADENA LUMBER & SUPPLIES, INC., 1464 LINCOLN AVE., PASADENA, CA 91103, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: PASADENA LUMBER AND SUPPLIES, INC., PASADENA, CA 91103. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/01/2010, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2010755447. The business was conducted by: A CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/05/2014. 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: RUBEN VILLEGAS/PRES.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**SAMANTHA PEREZ-BOILES
CASE NO. BP155754**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SAMANTHA PEREZ-BOILES.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANIEL BOILES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIEL BOILES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/30/14 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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 ☐ Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
 ☐ Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
 ☐ Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
 ☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
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4. Firefighters can send _____ by remote control into dangerous fires to fight them.
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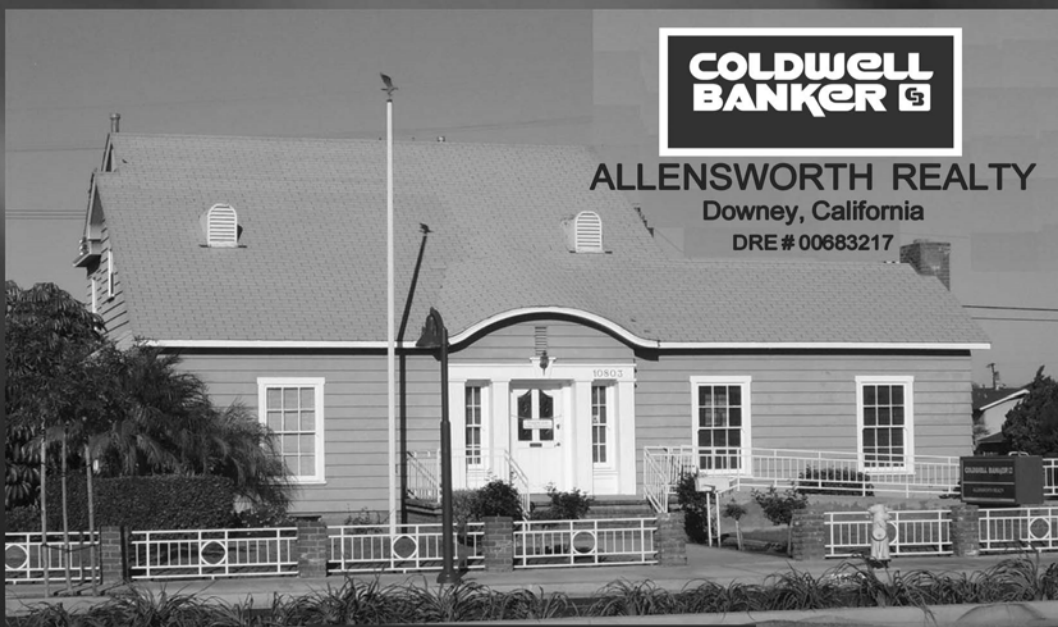
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