

SIERRA MADRE C.E.R.T.
RECEIVES GRANT

Photo by: Katherine Gjerde

Francisco Martinez, Southern California Edison Local Public Affairs Regional Manager, presented a \$1500 grant to the Sierra Madre Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to support community preparedness. Pictured above receiving the grant are De Alcorn, Martinez, and Robert Gjerde, shown by the "Sierra Madre CERT Emergency Response Trailer."

The grant will be used for outfitting the trailer, training, and for community education. The trailer is being equipped for emergency operations, communications, and with emergency supplies and equipment. It is a self-contained unit with solar panels, batteries, and a generator.

The Sierra Madre Civic Club also generously donated \$850 to help in this effort. The support of the community is greatly appreciated.

Sierra Madre CERT is a group of volunteers trained in all-risks and all-hazards during a major disaster. They are trained to take care of themselves and their neighbors, first. CERT is also trained to assist in case the limited staff of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department is overwhelmed.

A major function of CERT is to educate the community about being prepared for emergencies so that they can take care of

themselves and help their neighbors. This is done through handing out free informative materials at the CERT booth during public events. Training on related subjects is conducted at monthly meetings at the Hart emergency preparedness. Park House, the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM, all are welcome.

In addition CERT conducts an annual Basic CERT class in August. This is a twenty hour, hands-on class that teaches how to safely:

*Manage utilities and put out small fires
Treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock
Provide basic medical aid
Perform light search for and rescue operations
Organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers for disaster response
Collect disaster intelligence to support first responder's efforts*

Sierra Madre CERT operates under the authority of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department and follows FEMA guidelines.

For more information on the class and meetings please email info@sierramadrecert.org or visit our website at www.sierramadreemergency.org

Look for us at Memorial Park for upcoming events there, as well as the July 4th parade and activities.

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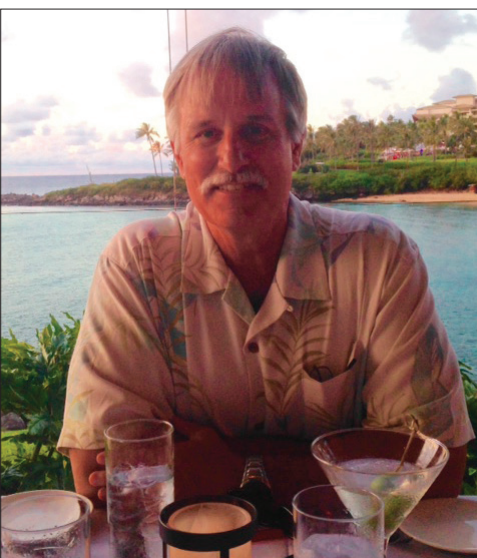
SM FIRE DEPARTMENT ENTERS COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT WITH MONROVIA FOR
BATTALLION CHIEF SERVICES

With the retirement of the last long time Sierra Madre Battalion Chief last week, City Manager Elaine Aguilar entered into an agreement with the City of Monrovia to begin providing Battalion Chief services to Sierra Madre. According to Aguilar, "The nature of volunteerism within the ranks of the Fire Department have changed. New volunteers want to become career firefighters and after spending a few years in Sierra Madre, they are ready to move on."

The city has been fortunate for years to have committed

residents to serve as Battalion Chiefs but in the last ten years, after decades of service, the department lost resident volunteers Michael Bamberger, Roger Lowe and on July 12th of this year Bob Burnett. Bob's retirement came after 34 years of service.

The arrangement with Monrovia is not contracting out says Aguilar. The new arrangement began on June 1st. MFD will provide "response services at the scene of fires and significant emergencies for the City of Sierra Madre.



After 34 years of volunteer service SMFD Battalion Chief Bob Burnett is taking it easy. Thanks Bob for all you've given us.

Aguilar says it would be cost prohibitive to hire full time Battalion Chiefs. BT's do not respond to every call, so the city's safety and response time will not be compromised with this new arrangement. Another benefit is that the SMFD personnel will be able to use the Monrovia fire training tower.

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COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON 2015-
16 BUDGET TUESDAY

Minimum Level I Cuts Expected -

After the most extensive community outreach regarding budget matters in Sierra Madre's recent history, the city council will have to make their final decision at Tuesday's council meeting. Based upon input from the community and discussions at the last council meeting, it appears that minimal cuts will be made to the 2015-16 Budget. Council meetings begin at 6:30

SUSPICIOUS DEVICE
FOUND NEAR SIERRA
MADRE ELEMENTARY

On Tuesday evening, at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Sierra Madre Police Department received a call for service regarding an explosion that was heard in the area of Sierra Madre Elementary's Lower Campus. Officers responded to the location, checked the vicinity, and were unable to locate any evidence of an explosion.

However, the following morning, around 8:30 A.M., SMPD received another call from another resident who had found remnants of an explosive device along with a suspicious bag that was hanging on the school fence near the west side of the lower campus.

Upon arrival, police located the suspicious object and immediately set up a containment of the area. The object was located on the fence on the east sidewalk of Hermosa between Highland and Laurel. The LASD Bomb Squad and Hazmat teams

were notified and responded to the location. The bomb squad rendered the device safe, but did confirm it was some type of destructive device. While the Bomb Squad and Hazmat team stayed in the area, SMPD officers canvassed the entire campus and did not locate any additional devices on or near the campus. The area has since been cleared.

School is out for the summer and the building was empty during the time.

The incident is now subject to a joint investigation between the Sierra Madre Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with any information pertaining to this incident, or if you observed anything or anyone suspicious, please call the Sierra Madre Detective Bureau at 626-355-1414.

Photo courtesy SMPD

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK

JUNE 13

PASADENA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA (Classical)
SATURDAY Sponsored by Pasadena Community Orchestra

JUNE 21

PAT O'BRIEN & THE PRIESTS OF LOVE (Blues)
Sponsored by Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association
Food Offered: Corfu & Ice Princess

JUNE 28

HEARTACHE TONIGHT (Eagles Tribute)
Sponsored by Sierra Madre Civic Club
Food Offered: Home Baked Goodness!!

JULY 5

SIERRA MADRE MUSIC (Local Talent!)
Sponsored by Sierra Madre Music
Food Offered: Corfu & Ice Princess

JULY 12

DECADES OF ROCK (Rock and Roll Covers)
Sponsored by Sierra Foundation
Food Offered: Peppertree Grill & The Ice Princess

JULY 19

SGT PEPPER (Beatles Tribute)
Sponsored by L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich & Senior Commission
Food Offered: Corfu & Free Popicles Courtesy of the Senior Commission

JULY 26

CASH UP FRONT (Johnny Cash Tribute)
Sponsored by Sierra Madre Community Foundation
Food Offered: Peppertree Grill & The Ice Princess

AUG 2

ELVIS (Elvis Tribute)
Sponsored by Sierra Madre Rotary Club
Food Offered: Rounds Burger Food Truck & The Ice Princess

AUG 9

GEM CITY JAZZ CATS (Big Band)
Sponsored by Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club & Friends of the Sierra Madre Library
Food Offered: Corfu & Free Coke Courtesy of Kiwanis Club!

All concerts are free and held from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Memorial Park Bandshell, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Seating is on the green. Be sure to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Alcohol is prohibited. Spectators are encouraged to support local organizations that may provide refreshments. For more information contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-7135.

WATER PENALTIES
TO BEGIN JULY 1ST

Sierra Madre City Council has approved enacting monetary penalties for water customers that exceed their Water Conservation Target beginning with the July 1, 2015 bill. This bill would include water usage during the months of May and June for customers on the East side of Baldwin Avenue. For customers on the west side of Baldwin Avenue the August bill will include penalties for water usage during the months of June and July. PENALTIES ONLY APPLY TO CUSTOMERS THAT EXCEED THEIR CONSERVATION TARGET.

Mandatory Water Conservation Regulations

- 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.
- Lawn, landscaping, and other turf areas cannot be watered between the hours of 10am and 4pm and cannot water the sidewalks or streets.
- Water leaks must be immediately fixed.
- Washing of sidewalks, walkways, patios, driveways, or parking areas cannot be done with a water hose.
- No water can be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system.
- The use of a hose to wash an automobile is prohibited, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.

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Mon:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 90s	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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
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



Regular City Council Meeting

June 23, 2015 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "05/05/2015" 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

Monday, June 22, 2015, 6:30pm
Community Services Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 24th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, June 24th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 25th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

City Hall Hours - Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm
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SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF
JULY FIRECRACKER FUN RUN

Registration is still available for the Firecracker Fun Run sponsored by the Spero Foundation. The run is Saturday, July 4th at 8:00am. Entry fees are \$26 for all ages. To register online, please visit our website. For more detailed event information click here.

SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF
JULY FESTIVITIES –
www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com

Pre-Parade Party & Picnic:

The fun begins on July 3rd from 5:30pm-10:30pm in Memorial Park. Grab a drink at the Friends of Sierra Madre Little League beer garden, dance to music from the band Groovy Lemon Pie and let your kids have fun with confetti eggs, bubble wrap fireworks, and a fun zone!

Fourth of July Parade:

Don't miss out on the biggest event in town, where the whole City is either in the parade or watching it! The action starts at 10:00am with the parade beginning on Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside. The parade route continues along Sierra Madre Blvd. until the conclusion at Sierra Vista Park. The Fourth of July Committee would like to thank the Kensington for being the 2015 Parade Sponsor!

Community Picnic & Celebration:

The festivities continue after the parade in Sierra Vista Park from 11am-3pm. Join us for live music, free entry into the pool, community games, kids' fun zone and food trucks. There will also be a free shuttle running to and from Sierra Vista Park from 12:00pm-3:45pm

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
NO.VS027398

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner FERNAND ALBERTO VELASCO HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT - SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:

FERNAND ALBERTO VELASCO

Proposed Name:

FERNAND ALBERT VELASCO

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/12/2015 at 1:30 PM in Dept. SE-C at 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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June 20, 27 and July 4 and 11, 2015

Fernand Alberto Valasco
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SHARE SOME
GOOD NEWS!

"The Kindness of Strangers" feature encourages readers to share their stories. I can assure you, they will be uplifting especially in contrast to all the challenges and issues we have to deal with daily. So, if you have something you would like to share, please submit it to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com.

It doesn't matter where you were or when it happened. Share your good experiences in hope that it might bring a little joy and/or inspire someone.

-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

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SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY

PRE-PARADE PARTY & PICNIC

FRIENDS OF SMLL BEER GARDEN NON-PROFIT BOOTHS **GROOVY LEMON PIE**
CIVIC CLUB CONFETTI EGGS DUNK TANK KIDS FUN ZONE **6:30pm - 9:30pm**
SIERRA MADRE PIZZA CO served by and benefiting **KIWANIS**
 Gourmet Genie - Slamin' Sliders - Taintamite - KimBobRex - D's Tacos - Rounds Burger
Bubblewrap Fireworks
8:00pm - 8:30pm

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Adults \$ 21.00 or Youth under 10 \$ 16.00 All participants are \$ 26.00 after June 15th
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FREE SHUTTLE JULY 4 12:00 - 2:00pm

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, June 7th, to Sunday, June 14th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 266 calls for service.

Monday, June 8th

At 2:39 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 700 block of East Sierra Madre Blvd regarding an auto burglary report. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the victim that she had parked and secured her vehicle about an hour earlier. When she came back she noticed her front passenger window had been smashed and her bag that was left on the seat was now missing. Her bag contained personal identification, expensive jewelry and several electronic devices. The estimated total loss was valued at over \$6,000. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

At 3:35 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 block of East Alegría Avenue regarding a welfare check. Officers were contacted by a local bank and informed that earlier that day, an elderly lady and two men entered the bank and attempted to close out the elderly lady's bank account. The employee stated the woman did not speak and appeared to have a black eye. Officers responded to the residence and met the elderly woman. Officers noticed the woman had a bruised eye and had bruising on her arms and legs. The woman stated the bruises were from her falling and that she often falls around her home. During questioning the woman was unable to answer questions or stated that she had forgot. She informed Officers the two men she was seen with were her grandsons, one of whom lives with her, and they had gone to the bank to make arrangements to have them receive her money when she passes. She stated her grandsons took care of her and never mistreated her. Officers inspected her home, and were assured that the home was very clean and good condition and that the woman had edible food in her kitchen. Officers notified adult protective services and this case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.



SIERRA MADRE'S RESIDENT BELLY DANCER KATRELYA ANGUS WILL MISS JULY 4TH FESTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 24 YEARS

Earlier this week, Katrelya Angus contacted the Mountain Views News with the following note to the community:

"I am very sad to announce that, on what would have been my 24th Anniversary of uninterrupted belly dancing in the Fourth of July Parade, I am physically unable to dance in the Parade this year due to a knee injury.

Most belly dance movements come from the knees, and a belly dancer must take good care of his or her knees in order to give good clean and safe performances. I am working very hard at speeding up my recovery and hope to be all better by Halloween and hope to be in top form, once again, by Christmas.

I may be able to dance at smaller parties and smaller venues in the meantime. I just want to give my fellow Sierra Madreans, those who work in Sierra Madre, and all of our wonderful guests the high-quality work that I have been striving to provide this town since 1977, when I first learned how to belly dance, at the Sierra Madre Rec Center, at age 16.

I am paying very close attention, and, even after my recovery, will continue to pay very close attention, to the trainers at Sierra Fitness for whom, without exception, I have the very deepest respect in regards to getting me strong, and keeping me strong.

I am looking very forward to the Fourth of July 2016, in which I hope to be back in the Parade, stronger than ever before!" Best Regards, Katrelya Angus (Photo MVNews Archives)

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Everything good, everything magical, happens between the months of June and August. Winters are simply a time to count the weeks until the next summer." Jerry Han

"Summer afternoons...to me those have always the two most beautiful words in the English language." Henry James

We're thinking summer, and it looks like it's upon us...but waking up to those wonderful drizzly mornings was kind of nice. It dampened the roses, refreshed the tomatoes, didn't really water anything, but made us think that rain might possibly be on the way. We still need to watch every drop of water and try even harder to use less. More Mediterranean gardens are popping up around town and these things are nice with gravel and different colors of mulch covering up the ground.

School is out, happy kids are running around all over the place, free at last from the desk and textbooks. Mothers are signing their little sweeties up for every VBS in town, regardless of denomination. Mother Moo is advertising popsicles and summer flavor ice creams, and the next thing we know, it will be hot and we can barbecue and eat outside, invite people over for a glass of wine and a salad and just enjoy our lives. We plucked and devoured our first tomato of the season. There are more ahead but that first one was beyond delicious. Let's go with ambrosia! Nothing like tomatoes you grow yourself. We've got cantaloupe sprouting, some more tomato seeds are coming up, the dahlias have started blooming and my favorite rose tree has given up the ghost. Ah well...

Have you noticed the new hair salon there on the northeast corner of The Kensington? It's Hair Studio 245 (that's the address of The Kensington). Met the delightful proprietress, Lynda Sheum, and her daughter, who happened to be hanging out with mom the day I stopped in. Lynda was formerly at Votre Salon in Arcadia but when the opportunity arose to open Hair Studio 245, Lynda went for it! She has another stylist, Kela Browning, with her and is looking for one more to complete the salon.

Originally from Indonesia, Lynda arrived in the United States in 1982 as a student and lived with her aunt in New York. Her husband owns a wholesale meat company and the family, including her daughter and a son live in West Covina. She says the thing she misses most about Indonesia is the food!

If you haven't peeked in the windows or walked into Hair Studio 245, you're going to want to do that. It's an absolutely exquisite place, décor matching that of The Kensington, with orchids in many shades placed around the salon. Soothing earth tones and some really nice pieces of art complete the look of a place where one could relax and enjoy just about anything imaginable in a full service salon. Lynda specializes in color and she's ready to give you Ombre colors, painting, highlights, all the latest newest



trends in style and color. Lynda is accomplished in cuts, and she also does roller sets, perms and just about anything to make you walk out looking and feeling fabulous. There will soon be a manicurist on hand, too.

Hair Studio 245 is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. This beautiful new salon is available to everyone, friends and neighbors, not just residents of The Kensington. You can stop by to make an appointment or give Lynda a call at (626) 355-5700. The address is 245 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. here in town.

Tomorrow is Father's Day. You've still got time to get your Dad a card, plan to make a phone call if he's far away, and tell him you love him, appreciate him, and be sure to share a laugh together.

And last, but certainly not least...There was an ad in the Star News stating, "Zombies Needed To march in the Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade. Please call A.S. Rogers/Zombie Players Association. Ask for Patty 626-282-2156. Make-up Artists Needed!" So, if you've always wanted to be a zombie in our parade, here's your chance!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
 Blog: www.authordeanne.com
 "Tablespoon of Love, Tablespoon of Laughter" is available there...

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FROM THE SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY:

Special Exhibit at our Museums

During WWII and for some time afterwards, there was a shortage of decorative pottery in the U.S. due to both the lack of imports during the war and the U.S.'s own pottery manufacturers having to devote themselves to war-related projects. In our own little Sierra Madre, which has always harbored artists, potteries sprang up, concentrated mostly on Montecito Ave., to meet the popular demand for decorative ceramic items. Many of these potteries grew to employ hundreds. Often employees could work from home, creating a cottage industry that particularly benefited the elderly. In addition, employment offered many the opportunity to accumulate desperately needed Social Security work credits, Social Security being a relatively new program at the time.

An extensive special exhibit at our museums focusing on Sierra Madre manufacturers, businesses and services from the 1930s through the 1950s will celebrate not only the potteries but also other Sierra Madre manufacturers, grocery stores (Roess and The Green Frog), pharmacies,

banks and even the Red Car. Most of the manufacturers, businesses and services are long gone, but some, such as Ward's, are still going strong. The museums are located at 167 E. Mira Monte (next to Mount Wilson Trail Park at the top of Mountain Trail Ave.) and are open from 10:00 a.m. - noon every Saturday.

This wonderful new exhibit will be spotlighted at the June 27th Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society's Chicken & Ravioli dinner which will be held in the park next to the museums. Please join us! Tickets are on sale at Arnold's Frontier Hardware, the library, Savor the Flavor, Mary's Market and Lizzie's Trail Inn. For further information, look for the posters around town, or visit our website www.smhps.org.

You can read more about Sierra Madre's potteries and their powerful boost to local employment in Michele Zack's award-winning history of Sierra Madre and the forces that shaped it, Southern California Story; Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre. Ms. Zack devotes several pages, rich with photographs, to Sierra Madre's many potteries. If you don't already own a copy of this delightfully written, lavishly illustrated history, you can purchase a copy at the museums, at the Historical Society booth at city festivals, and at the library, Vroman's, Arnold's Hardware and Bean Town.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena News Briefs

Man Arrested after Ditching Handgun

A Pasadena Police Sergeant was in old town on foot detail Sunday when he was approached by a citizen near Colorado Blvd. and Arroyo Parkway about 1:32 a.m. who pointed out a man saying he was armed with a gun.

According to police, Sergeant Peinado kept an eye on the man and called for backup. Officers De Sylva, Myles and Torres responded to the area although when the man observed the officers he fled toward Green Street. Officer Torres saw the male suspect reach into his waistband area and throw something into a nearby trashcan. The suspect was detained without incident and officers recovered a load .40 subcompact handgun. The suspect was arrested and booked at the Pasadena jail.

Man Shoots Gun into the Air, Threatens Suicide

Pasadena Police officers responded to the 2400 block of Las Lunas, June 13, at around, 3:30 p.m. regarding a domestic violence investigation. According to police, the caller, 17 year old female, stated her father was armed with a gun and was pointing it at her mother. Officers arrived quickly and on arrival they were met by the father and mother outside the residence. The officers learned the father had fired a round into the ground prior to their arrival and was planning to commit suicide. The man was booked at the Pasadena Jail on several felony charges.

Instigators Seize Drugs during Bust

Pasadena Police Department's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) conducted a narcotic investigation on June 9, in South El Monte. SIU was assisted by Canine Officer Widger and his K9 partner Nico. During the subsequent search, Nico located a total of 15 lbs. of methamphetamine that was concealed within the residence.

Report suspicious activity or persons to the Pasadena Police Department at 626-744-4241 or dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Pet of the Week



Loretta (A377371) is an 11-month-old spayed female. This all black beauty is extremely affectionate and also has a playful side. She loves getting petted and will purr the whole time she is with people. She also likes to be held.

As a long-term resident, Loretta's adoption fee is \$35, which includes the spay surgery, microchip, vaccinations and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A377371, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at pasadenahumane.org.



JPL Scientists Look to E3 for Inspiration

By Dean Lee

You would think it would be the other way around but NASA scientists working at JPL attended this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo Tuesday looking for video game innovations that they might apply to the agency's future missions.

"Video game technologies are more applicable to space exploration than many people would have expected," said Jeff Norris Mission Operations Innovation Lead for NASA/JPL. "It started out with us realizing things like, if you need a physical device to control a robot, you could go and make one from scratch or you could use a video game controller, they already know how to use it and it made for this."

E3 is the world's largest annual video game conference and show. It was held through Thursday at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

With companies like Sony, Samsung and Facebook's Oculus getting into the virtual reality market a large focus at E3 was VR. Both Norris and Victor Luo, NASA/JPL deputy lead of the Operations (Ops) Lab, said the applications for it go way beyond video games.

"For us., is enabling Mars scientists, the people who are

(Top) Gamer tries a VR demo of 505 Games ADRIFF at this year's E3. Photo by D.Lee/MVNNews

entrusted with controlling our spacecraft on Mars to work on Mars as if they were there," Norris said about VR. "It you think about a field geologist, they explore places on earth by physically going there... but when we are exploring things on other planets, those same geologists spend all this time staring at a computer screen. So what we're doing is letting them break out of that screen and let them walk around as if they were there."

This is the second round for VR, it was first popular in the mid 1990's.

"What's changed this time around is, thinking of the developers first, making sure there is a platform to build on top of," Luo said. "Making sure there are applications that people can experience so it's not just an arcade to check out."

When asked what games they like to play, both Luo and Norris gave general categories. Norris said he enjoys first person shooters that have deep story lines and real-time strategy, "Especially if they force me to think." Luo said tactical role playing games and the multi-play first person shooters.

Safety Urged 4th of July



All fireworks Illegal in Pasadena

The Pasadena Fire and Police Departments remind the public it is illegal to sell, use or possess fireworks in Pasadena. The City maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy for fireworks. Violators are subject to arrest; impound of vehicles; up to one year in jail and fines up to \$50,000.

Instead, celebrate the Fourth of July Holiday with family and friends by attending the 89th annual "Americafest," one of the best family-friendly, professional fireworks shows in Southern California at the beautiful Rose Bowl Stadium. Go to www.rosebowlstadium.com for event and ticket information.

Plenty of family fun begins outside America's Stadium at 2 p.m. Parking is \$25 per vehicle. Gates open at 6 p.m. for Americafest, with live motorcycle stunts; a tribute to our military personnel; performances by Liverpool Legends, the Ultimate Beatles Experience; the Ultimate Elvis Tribute show and Southern California's largest fireworks show, Pyro Spectaculars * by Souza.

If You See Something, Say Something! Call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 to report illegal fireworks and other suspicious activities.

Due to the high potential for fire hazards and injuries, Pasadena police and fire personnel will staff checkpoints around the Rose Bowl Stadium to seize all fireworks.

The Pasadena Fire Department will begin applying Phos-Chek Tuesday, June 16, 2015 to

brush areas surrounding the Rose Bowl Stadium. The main ingredients of this annual, preventative application of fire retardant are phosphates and fertilizers that help prevent trees and grasslands from burning and re-vegetate any burned wild land areas.

Pasadena's Fire Chief Bertral Washington and Police Chief Phillip Sanchez urge everyone to make safety their top priority while responsibly celebrating our Great Nation's Birthday. The City offers the following safety reminders: Pasadena has a "NO Fireworks, Zero Tolerance Policy" for enforcement. Celebrate responsibility, always designate a driver.

If outdoors, remember to use sunscreen, wear a brimmed hat for shade and stay hydrated.

Always have someone tending the barbecue and watching the swimming pool when in use. Call 9-1-1 for all life-threatening emergencies.

Call (626) 744-4241 for all other public safety needs. Speak calmly and give accurate information about your location and the reason for calling.

Visit www.readypasadena.net for emergency preparedness information and to register your telephones to receive Red Flag Alerts or other emergency notifications.

In addition to stadium checkpoints, multiple units of a Fireworks Task Force will patrol Pasadena's streets to confiscate fireworks and take appropriate enforcement action. Parking enforcement officers will ensure that vehicles illegally parked in Pasadena's hillside areas on July 4 are impounded.



Jeff Norris (left) and Victor Luo (right), both lead engineer at NASA/JPL, in the press room at this year's E3 conference. Photo by D.Lee/MVNNews.

Humane Society to Hold 'Free Adoption Day' Event

Second annual event honors PHS board member Steve Johnson

Looking to add a new furry friend to your family? The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA will hold its 2nd Annual "Free Adoption Day" on June 30. The shelter, located at 361 S. Raymond Ave in Pasadena, will be open for adoptions from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's event will be held in honor of board member Steve Johnson. Adoption fees will be waived for all available animals—including dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, pocket pets and reptiles—for the entire day. As the shelter fills to capacity during the warmer months, it is important to find new homes for pets as quickly as possible. The 2014 "Free Adoption Day" resulted in the adoption of 29 cats, 13 dogs, one parakeet, one lovebird, and one chicken.

"After last year's rousing success, we are incredibly excited to be hosting another free adoption day," says Kevin McManus, adoptions supervisor. "We hope to have just as many, if not more adoptions, this year."

All dog and cat adoptions include the spay or neuter surgery, a microchip and a set of vaccines. The 2015 "Free Adoption Day" coincides with the implementation of a mandatory spay and neuter ordinance in the City of Pasadena. As of July 1st, all dogs and cats 6 months of age and over must be spayed and neutered. Pasadena residents will have one year to comply.

The event is open to anyone looking to adopt a pet; not just residents of our service cities. Regular adoption policies and screening apply. To expedite the adoption process, download and print an adoption application in advance on our website.

Police Hold Father's Day Car Show

The Pasadena Police Department is inviting the community to come out and support our annual Father's Day Classic Car Show Sunday, the Pasadena Police Department will host their annual classic car show at the Paseo Colorado. All proceeds to support the Pasadena Police Explorers, Peace Over Violence and the PAL Program. We are encouraging our community to come out and support this event and support worthwhile causes for children. The event will be 300 East Green Street starting at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COUNCIL APPOINTS ANDY WILSON TO DISTRICT 7 SEAT

A divided city council voted Monday night during a special meeting to appoint technology entrepreneur Andy Wilson to fill the District 7 seat—left vacant after councilmember Terry Tornek became city mayor in May.

"We are very fortunate, district 7, that we don't have some of the issues that are maybe critical as other areas; by the way, I look at that as an obligation and opportunity for us to provide leadership at the city level because we are not necessarily fighting a fire. But we do have issues," Wilson said explaining that District 7 issues included mansionization and building guidelines, traffic and the vacant store fronts along South Lake Ave.

Council members Tyron Hampton and Margaret McAustin voted against Wilson. Tornek's favorable vote gave him the five needed to be appointed.

Wilson will serve as the appointed District 7 councilmember until Monday, May 1, 2017.

Wilson is co-founder/CEO of Rexter, a venture-backed software start-up focused on sales team productivity.



Previously, as founder of Momentum Ventures, he led more than a half-dozen SoCal tech start-ups and is an investor in almost a dozen other ventures.

In addition to being Rexter's CEO, Councilmember Wilson serves on the corporate boards and advisory boards of several prominent SoCal start-ups. He has extensive board experience in not-for-profit/community organizations including service on the Planning Commission, Design Commission and the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board of Directors.

He is also the co-founder and co-chair of Innovate Pasadena, a regional high-tech organization dedicated to advancing the the area as a vibrant, innovation community.

Fraudulent Fire Investigators Targeting Local Businesses

Businesses in Pasadena and across the state have been targeted by scam artists who wear official-looking blue shirts and pants and claim they are there to "inspect" the fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, or sprinkler systems. They ask an unsuspecting employee to sign a form authorizing the inspection. Weeks or months later, a bill comes to the business's owner for "work done" or "services rendered." The bill, sometimes for an annual inspection appears to have been signed by an employee, but occasionally is fraudulently signed once a responsible party is identified (i.e. manager, supervisor, lead person).

The Pasadena Fire Department wants area businesses to know that while local fire department officials do conduct such inspections, the bill for the

inspection comes from the City of Pasadena and not a private billing company. These inspections are conducted annually or bi-annually based on the occupancy. Before allowing any inspector to enter your business, require the individual to present government-issued identification. Pasadena Fire Department inspectors and firefighters all wear badges, and their uniforms will have a Pasadena Fire Department patch. Additionally, inspectors will be driving official Pasadena Fire Department vehicles with government license plates or an emergency vehicle.

If you suspect suspicious activity, or have been a victim of the fraudulent activity, contact the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241 or the Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 744-7184.

Free Concerts in the Park Hosted By the Senior Center



Photo, Great American Swing Band, Mariachi Bella

Residents do not have to be a member or even a senior to attend

Every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. from June 30 to Sept. 1 the Pasadena Senior Center presents free concerts at the Memorial Park band shell.

The one-hour concerts are open to people of all ages. Bring a picnic or purchase dinner at the BBQ snack bar.

June 30 - Pam Kay and The Tap Chicks entertain with lively dance routines, Vaudeville-style comedy and clever costumes.

July 7 - Janet Klein and her Parlor Boys perform jazz, ragtime, blues and novelty songs popular from 1900 to 1930.

July 14 - The all-female Mariachi Bella, dressed in traditional costumes, performs a mix of iconic and new mariachi music.

July 21 -- Susie Hansen Latin Band performs fiery jazz and salsa that will have the audience on their feet and dancing in the aisles.

July 28 - Pasadena Youth Chamber Orchestra features talented high school and college students performing classical music.

Aug. 4 - Billy and the Hillbillies perform a hilarious

act of bluegrass music mixed with comedy.

Aug. 11 - Inca, The Peruvian Ensemble offers a colorful array of music and dance from the Andes region using rare, authentic instruments.

Aug. 18 - Lisa Haley and the Zydekats is a Grammy Award-winning group that plays lively Cajun Zydeco music.

Aug. 25 - Alan Chapman's Movie Music Magic features memorable melodies from the silver screen performed by a dynamic ensemble.

Sept. 1 - The Great American Swing Band features the sounds of big band, rhythm and blues, jazz and Dixieland.

Additional concert sponsors include the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Pasadena Highlands and AGA Medicare Options.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Founded in 1959, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and over in a friendly environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMES TO ARCADIA

By Scott Hettrick, *Arcadia's Best*

Former Mayor Bob Harbicht and the Host Town Arcadia committee of about 20 volunteers have set a schedule of activities for the nearly 100 Special Olympics World Games athletes and mentors from island countries of Trinidad-Tobago and the eastern Europe country of Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan).

Host Town Arcadia Logo FB-170x300 The delegations will spend three nights in Arcadia from July 21 – July 24 as they acclimate and train before two weeks of competition in Los Angeles.

During their stay they will enjoy tours of Wilderness Park, the police station, Westfield Santa Anita mall, the Arboretum, and enjoy one of the cities weekly free summer concerts, where they will be treated to the playing of their national anthems by a Caribbean steel drum band. Lunches and dinners are being coordinated and paid for by local restaurants and donors as noted below.

Three local hotels — Embassy Suites Arcadia, Hilton Garden Inn, and Santa Anita Inn — are offering greatly discounted room rates and free daily breakfasts and WiFi service to accommodate all 100 guests all three nights.

The following schedule is tentative as of June 15 and all scheduling is tentative — changes may take place as the event nears.

Tuesday, July 21

- Early evening: Athletes/coaches will be transported to the three hotels in Arcadia by Special Olympics transportation.
- Two Girl Scouts and an adult with the Girl Scouts will greet them at the hotel with goodie bags. Four-to-six additional volunteers will be at each hotel to offer information and answer questions.

Wednesday, July 22

- 8 a.m.: Breakfast at each hotel. Four volunteers at each hotel will greet them and help them board buses.
- 9 a.m.: Two Arcadia Transit buses will pick up delegation to take them to Arcadia High School athletic field. 14 greeter volunteers to welcome them, provide water, and take care of any other needs.
- 9:30 a.m.: Warm-ups and workouts.
- 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Arcadia Transit bus picks up delegation to be transported to Wilderness Park.
- 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.: Half the group will take a guided tour of Wilderness Park and half will have lunch coordinated by Former Mayor George Fasching of Fasching's Car Wash until approximately 12:45, then each will switch. Ten lunch volunteers will help with the tour and moving delegates through the park.
- Lunch paid for by the Arcadia Rotary Club is to be an old-fashioned traditional American lunch: hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips and apple pie.
- 1:30 p.m.: Arcadia Transit buses to Arcadia Police Station. Volunteers will be waiting at the police station to greet the delegation and show them into the station.
- 2 p.m.: Greeting and welcome by Arcadia Police Chief Robert Guthrie, and a guided tour of the police station, including jail, evidence room, shooting range, etc.
- 3 p.m.: Delegates escorted by volunteers to City Hall lawn for torch run ceremony.
- 3:30 p.m.: Transportation by Arcadia Transit bus back to hotels. Two – five volunteers at each hotels to greet them.
- 4 p.m.: Rest time
- 5:30 p.m.: Walk with volunteers to Matt Denny's Ale House for dinner (those staying at Santa Anita Inn will be transported by Arcadia Transit bus).
- 6 p.m.: Gala Dinner provided courtesy of Matt Denny's Ale House, including Mayor, Council Members, Board of Education, and other dignitaries to meet and greet the delegation in 15-20-minute program. Volunteers will assist.
- 8 p.m.: Return to hotels (Arcadia Transit to Santa Anita Inn), accompanied by volunteers.

Thursday, July 23

- 8 a.m.: Breakfast at each hotel. Four volunteers at each hotel will greet them and help them board buses.
- 9 a.m.: Two Arcadia Transit buses will pick up delegation to take them to Arcadia High School athletic field. 14 greeter volunteers to welcome them, provide water, and take care of any other needs.
- 9:30 a.m.: Warm-ups and workouts. Nine student volunteers from Arcadia's Best's Arcadia Civic Youth Council plus some adult volunteers.
- 11 a.m.: Lunch donated by In 'N Out (\$1,300 value) – food truck at high school, with help from volunteers.
- 12:30 p.m.: Transportation by Arcadia Transit bus to Westfield Santa Anita mall, with volunteers.
- 1 p.m.: Enter Westfield Santa Anita mall at center court with help of volunteers. General Manager Ramon Oseguera to greet and welcome along with message from Bob Harbicht. Gift bags given to each delegate with goodies from mall merchants and commemorative pin.
- Delegates divided into groups of 10 plus three volunteers with each group to explore mall.
- 2:30 p.m.: Arcadia Transit bus to the Arboretum.
- 3 p.m.: L.A. County Arboretum visit and tour, led by Arboretum volunteers director Nancy Carlton, and accompanied by volunteers from Committee and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Again, delegates divided into groups of 10.
- 4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Arcadia Transit bus to hotels for a short rest period, with help from volunteers.
- 5:30 p.m.: Walk to City Hall, accompanied by volunteers (Arcadia Transit bus for those at Embassy Suites and Hilton)
- 6 p.m.: "Concert in the Park" and special buffet dinner inside police station provided by Arcadia Chinese Association on City Hall lawn. Volunteers 14 from the Women's Club, about a dozen Girl Scouts, and about ten others.
- Welcome greetings by Mayor Gary Kovacic, Bob Harbicht.
- Live music by "Upstream," a Caribbean steel drum band.
- 8 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Return to hotels accompanied by volunteers.

Friday, July 24

- 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.: Breakfast at each hotel. Volunteers will be at each hotel – after breakfast the delegation will pack their belongings and wait for the bus from Special Olympics to take them to the next stop.
- The World Games Opening Ceremony is on July 25 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Arcadia is one of 100 communities in the southern half of California that will be hosting about 10,000 athletes and coaches from 170 countries involved with the World Games.

ALDI GROCERY STORE COMING TO ARCADIA

By Scott Hettrick, *Arcadia's Best*

Arcadia will be among the first cities in California to open a new Aldi low-price grocery store in the coming months.

Aldi is owned by Aldi Nord, the same German-based company that owns Trader Joe's. In a recent Market Force Information consumer survey, Aldi was chosen as one of the top three favorite grocery store chains in America, as well as named the leading low-price grocery store for the fourth consecutive year.

Aldi targeted Arcadia months ago, with the former southern half of the CVS store at 1401 S. Baldwin Avenue in the retail strip mall at Naomi Avenue having been sealed off last winter in preparation for the reconfiguring of the space for the Aldi store.

Aldi director of real estate Paul Cornejo told ArcadiasBest.com that the company is leasing 25,000 square feet of space from CVS, which is remaining in the northern 18,000 square feet. The two spaces are owned by two different property owners.

City of Arcadia officials say they are progressing with Aldi officials and hope to get the store into the Plan Check phase soon.

Cornejo says that even though construction work will continue on the store and it will likely be ready to go in a few months, it will not open until March at the earliest because the company has yet to set up a regional distribution center (the closest one right now is in Texas). That center is being built in Moreno Valley. Once that is built, Aldi will begin the hiring and training of employees for the California stores, including Arcadia.

Aldi offers fresh, high-quality groceries, primarily under the store's own brand.

Aldi generates savings for its customers through a low-overhead, focused approach that includes:

- Volume purchasing: By concentrating its full buying power on 1,300 of the most commonly purchased grocery items in the most common size, Aldi secures sizable discounts.
- Exclusive brand products: More than 90 percent of products at Aldi are their own exclusive brands rather than national brands.

FOREIGN FILM EVENINGS

Escape to faraway places through the movie screen at the Arcadia Public Library. The Library is proud to present a series of foreign films with English subtitles each month for ages 18 years of age and older. Come early and bring your dinner. Dessert is provided. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. and may last until 9:00 p.m. depending upon the length of the movie. The upcoming movie for July 8, 2015 will be Together With You. There will be no movie in August but will resume again on September 9, 2015 with Osama. For more information about each movie, please visit the Internet Movie Database at <http://www.imdb.com/>.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Twitter and Facebook.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 7th, through Saturday, June 13th, the Police Department responded to 998 calls for service of which 144 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 7:

Just before 12:04 a.m., officers responded to Singpoli Plaza, 1107 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a business check due to loss of connection to the alarm system. Officers discovered the power had been disconnected and it appeared some of the electrical components to the electrical panels were missing. An area check did not locate any suspects or witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 6:15 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue regarding a hit and run non-injury traffic collision. Party-2 was parked at the limit line to the intersection when Party-1, a motorcycle, rode between the stopped cars, collided with Party-2's right-front fender, causing the motorcyclist to fall. Both parties pulled over to the side of the road, however, when Party-2 asked Party-1 for his insurance information, he fled on his motorcycle southbound on Santa Anita Avenue, and entered the eastbound 201 Freeway on-ramp. No other witnesses were located.

The suspect is described as a black male riding a black motorcycle.

Monday, June 8:

At about 3:55 a.m., officers responded to China Red Chinese Cuisine, 855 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a burglary report. Upon arrival to the location, officers noticed a small blue sedan accelerate away from the location. An area check did not locate the vehicle. Officers determined an unknown suspect used a pry tool to enter the business and to open the register before fleeing with approximately \$2,800.00. It is uncertain if the vehicle seen was involved. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 6:07 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a cold grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed an unidentified male suspect stole approximately 100 pieces of panties worth \$1,250.00.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 40's, heavy set, with a buzzed haircut. He was working in conjunction with a Hispanic female in her 40's with a medium build. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, June 9:

Just after 1:28 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of West Huntington Drive and La Cadena Avenue regarding a hit and run collision between a vehicle and bicyclist. Witnesses reported seeing the suspect vehicle drive onto the curb to purposely strike the bicyclist. After colliding with the victim's bicycle, the victim fell, but quickly stood up, and began running away from the suspect's vehicle. The suspect then repositioned her vehicle, driving against the flow of traffic, in an effort to hit the victim again, but was unsuccessful. The suspect and victim had fled the scene by the time officers arrived.

The suspect is described as an Asian or white female, between 25 and 35-years-old, with dark hair. The suspect vehicle is described as an older model, silver Honda Accord. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 8:34 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of Ralph's Market, 1101 West Huntington Drive, for having expired registration. The suspect, a 25-year-old male from Azusa, admitted to placing the fraudulent 2015 sticker on his vehicle. The suspect also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, June 10:

Shortly after 3:19 a.m., an officer responded to the Goodwill Store, 17 West Las Tunas Drive, regarding a fire behind the business. Arcadia Fire



“DREAMS AND DELUSIONS: THE SURREAL WORLD OF DEAN FLEMING”

Opening wine reception on July 11; 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. featuring the art work of Dean Fleming. Mr. Fleming was born in Aberdeen, Washington and spent his teenage years playing in garage bands around the Pacific Northwest. An interest in the visual arts led him to Southern California where he attended Art Center College of Design. His art utilizes impressive technique to blend symbolic imagery and visual puns into eerie, yet beautifully illustrated works. He has exhibited in numerous galleries in the U.S. and Europe, from Berlin to UK to New York to San Francisco to Brazil. This temporary exhibit will only be at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage for a limited time of July 11, 2015 through September 19, 2015.

For more information about this exhibit or about the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us>. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Arcadia Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1). Admission is always free. The Museum Education Center is located at 382 W. Huntington Drive where many special events also take place throughout the year.

About the City of Arcadia Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the “Community of Homes” and has twice been designated the “Best City in California in which to Raise Kids” by Business Week Magazine.

FRIDAY FILM MEDLEY

Too hot to play outside? Want to cool down and relax? Then visit the Library Friday afternoons July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7 at 2:30 p.m. and enjoy some melodious movies suitable for the whole family. Children under 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. While you are at the movie, it is the perfect time to remember to log your reading hours and pick up the weekly prize for the Summer Reading Program! For more information about the Film Medley, the Summer Reading Program, and many other fun and free activities, please visit the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Twitter and Facebook.

arrived and extinguished the fire. An investigation revealed the fire was intentional and the suspect used matches to set a pile of clothes on fire. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 2:54 p.m., officers responded to Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place, regarding a disturbance between a mother and her adult daughter. Officers discovered the mother, a 40-year-old female out of Los Angeles, had two outstanding felony warrants, 3 live rounds of ammunition, and an unloaded revolver in her handbag. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, June 11:

At approximately 7:50 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of South Fifth Avenue regarding a theft report. The victim gave a tour of her for-sale house to a suspect using the name “Andre” with Re/Max in Pasadena. During the tour, the victim left the suspect alone for a short time. The suspect abruptly left through the front door before the victim noticed her wedding ring was missing from her bedroom.

The suspect is described as a Middle Eastern male, medium complexion, 5'6”, 150 pounds, 30 to 40-years-old, with short brown hair. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 2:08 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a theft report. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) cut the lock to the victim's gardening equipment and stole his lawn mowers, weed trimmer, tree trimmer, and leaf blower from his vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

A witness described the suspect as a Hispanic male in his 30's, 5'6”, 230 pounds, with short black hair. The suspect was seen driving a new, silver Chevrolet pick-up truck.

Friday, June 12:

At about 2:10 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2500 block of Lee Avenue regarding a telephone scam report. The victim listened to a voice mail from a woman who identified herself as “Kate” from “Asset Verification.” She was calling to confirm the victim's address and place of employment. An internet search of the call back phone number (877) 630-3408 revealed other people had been involved in similar phone scams.

Just after 8:59 p.m., an officer initiated an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Diamond Street for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 25-year-old female from Glendora had an expired license. The suspect was cited and released in the field.

Saturday, June 13:

Just after 8:32 a.m., officers responded to the area of Virginia Road and Santa Anita Avenue regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver, a 57-year-old male from Irwindale, had a blood alcohol content of .53, was on probation for DUI, did not have the required ignition interlock device in his vehicle, and had three prior arrests for DUI. Once medically cleared, he was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 11:54 p.m., a Pasadena Fire Department Rescue Ambulance officer witnessed a hit and run traffic collision near the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Harvard Drive. The ambulance driver watched as one of the vehicles left the scene of the collision and drove toward an Arcadia Police Department DUI Checkpoint. Officers were informed of the situation and attempted to stop the vehicle, however, the driver failed to yield and fled from officers. A pursuit ensued and ended at the suspect's residence in the 2700 block of Longley Way. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol. A series of tests confirmed the 32-year-old female from Arcadia had been driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



THE CITY OF ARCADIA WELCOMES AMERICAN PHAROAH BACK TO SANTA ANITA AFTER HIS TRIPLE CROWN WIN, WITH APD ESCORT

The City of Arcadia welcomed American Pharoah back to the Santa Anita Race Track this morning.

Members of the Arcadia Police Department's Operations Division greeted the Triple Crown winner this morning as he arrived at the Ontario Airport and gave him a police escort back to his barn at Santa Anita.

American Pharoah is tentatively scheduled to make an appearance on the race course on June 27th, which would occur between races. Welcome back!



SANTA ANITA PARK BRIEFS

DRAMS FOR DADS SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Treat dad to a one-of-a-kind day at the races with this amazing Scotch tasting and brunch. Join Santa Anita and Master of Scotch, Rick Edwards for Glenlivet, a brunch buffet and world-class Thoroughbred racing. It's a day that you and your dad will never forget!

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT TURF TERRACE SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Enjoy the amazing view from Santa Anita Park's premier dining establishment, Turf Terrace, and treat Dad to a delicious 3 course brunch. Food, family and Thoroughbred racing in this great Father's Day package. Includes Club House admission and racing program!

MONROVIA - DUARTE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

COMMISSION / BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FINALIZED

Last week, after conducting an interview and assessment process, the City Council formalized City Commission and Board appointments. Many thanks to our new (and existing) Commissioners and Board Members for their volunteer efforts in helping to make Monrovia great! An overview of the new Commissioners and Board Members appointed is as follows:

Planning Commission
o Reappoint Bill Beebe
o Appoint Robert Parry
Historic Preservation Commission
o Reappoint Marianne Lee
o Appoint Mark Houston
o Appoint Nancy Burke
Community Services Commission
o Reappoint Tom Dittmar
o Reappoint Nancy Matthews
o Appoint Susan Hirsch
Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board
o Reappoint Diane Balsamo
o Reappoint Brian Germany

SERVICES HELD FOR HELEN KELLER BAKER, MOTHER OF CITY TREASURER / HISTORIAN STEVE BAKER

Just a quick note to let everyone know that services for Helen Keller Baker, mother of City Treasurer and City Historian Steve Baker, were held on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's, located at 122 South California Avenue here in Monrovia. The Baker family has requested that any memorials be forwarded to Children's Hospital in care of the Monrovia Guild at Post Office Box 1495, Monrovia, CA 91017. Mr. Baker shared that his mother was a patient at Children's Hospital in 1917, which formed the basis for how they established the institution where memorials in Helen Baker's honor should be sent.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUMMER TEEN EVENT COORDINATION CONTINUING

As you may recall, staff has of lately been working with the YMCA on developing the overall program for our Friday Night Summer Teen Event. An initial group meeting to help coordinate our volunteer efforts for the program took place on Monday, June 15, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Based on the work that has been done to date, our current plan is to start the actual Friday Night Summer Teen program on Friday, July 10, 2015, with the weekly event continuing through August 21, 2015.

SUPERINTENDENT THOROSSIAN'S HUSBAND PASSES AWAY

As you may have heard by now, Monrovia Unified School District Superintendent Kathy Thorossian's husband, Rafik Thorossian, passed away suddenly on the evening of June 9, 2015. During Superintendent Thorossian's absence, Assistant Superintendent Darwin Jackson and Assistant Superintendent Sue Kaiser will be supporting the needs of the Monrovia Unified School District.

MEETING WITH MOVE MONROVIA TO COORDINATE CITYWIDE BIKE PLAN HELD LAST WEEK

Last week, staff met with representatives of Move Monrovia to discuss the next steps in the development of an overall bike master plan for the City. As you may recall, as part of our recommended base Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, staff recommended allocating funds towards the development of an overall program geared towards creating engineered plans for bicycle connector routes throughout the City. We shared with Move Monrovia that we would be coordinating an additional review of each base CIP project on July 7, 2015, and pending City Council review of the proposed program, we would be looking to partner with their organization to develop an overall bike plan for Monrovia. Also, following that meeting, Move Monrovia shared with the City their proposal for bike connector routes through the community.

LIBRARY PARK PLAYGROUND PLAY SURFACE REPAIRS COMPLETED LAST WEEK

Just a quick FYI that the Library Park Playground was closed last Wednesday and Thursday to facilitate repairs to the flooring surface at the facility. The repairs were successfully completed with the guidance and expertise of our Parks Team, and the maintenance efforts have certainly helped to ensure a refreshed and revitalized playground for the community.

316 SOUTH MYRTLE FENCING ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED WITH PROPERTY OWNER

Last week, staff engaged the owners of 316 South Myrtle Avenue to discuss the next steps in their overall project. As part of the meeting, staff requested that the property owner remove the debris, fence, and other construction materials out of the public right-of-way. We will continue to monitor this situation and the progress being made at the construction site moving forward, and will engage the processes necessary to effectuate the clean-up of the site.

NEW POSTERS BEING INSTALLED THROUGHOUT OLD TOWN MONROVIA REGARDING MONROVIA FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY STREET FAIR

Just a note quick note to let you know that LA PartyWorks, Inc., will be working with the downtown merchants to display new posters that articulate the continuation of the Monrovia Friday Night Family Street Fair on July 3, 2015.

SIDEWALK CPR PROGRAM A SUCCESS

A Sidewalk CPR Program was held last Thursday in front of the Library. Monrovia Firefighters were on hand to show a video on how to perform the American Heart Association's hands-only CPR process, and to demonstrate proper body position and techniques to ensure adequate circulation in a person who has suffered a heart attack. Residents were also given an opportunity to practice their hands-only CPR skill on a manikin with advice from our Firefighters on the proper techniques to use. In total, 19 local residents participated in this life-saving training and now know the appropriate steps for saving a life, which includes calling 911 and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of the song, "Staying Alive Please see the video on the following link for more information on how the process works!
http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/CPRAndECC/HandsOnlyCPR/Hands-Only-CPR_UCM_440559_SubHomePage.jsp

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.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested On June 11 at 9:30 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of South Myrtle regarding a family disturbance. When they arrived they discovered a female with scratch marks on her face. She told the officers her boyfriend, whom she lives with, hit and pushed her causing the injuries. After investigating, officers arrested the male for domestic violence.

Vehicle Burglary On June 11 at 8:11 p.m., an officer responded to a business in the 900 block of West Huntington regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim reported his vehicle was broken into and his stereo and navigation system were taken. The vehicle's back window was smashed to gain access. The investigation is continuing

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Hit and Run Traffic Collision/Suspended License – Suspect Arrested On June 12 at 2:32 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Duarte Road regarding a call of a traffic collision that just occurred. Officers arrived and discovered a solo vehicle collision into a garage door. The driver had fled the area prior to officers arriving. A witness was located who described the driver of the vehicle and said he fled on foot. Officers located the driver of the vehicle within 10 minutes. The suspect admitted to fleeing the scene of the accident and drinking alcohol prior to the collision. The suspect was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, hit and run and suspended license.

Warrant - Suspect Arrest On June 12 at 2:16 p.m., an officer responded to the Monrovia Police lobby regarding a violation of court order. The subject's ex-girlfriend was in violation of child custody orders; however, he did not have the order with him. A computer check to view the order also revealed the male had an outstanding warrant for his arrest with a bail over \$200,000 and a request from LA County Probation to not release if arrested. The subject was taken into custody and arrested for the warrant.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Suspect Arrested On June 12 at 12:19 p.m., an officer on patrol stopped a motorist for a vehicle code violation in the 100 block of West Olive. A subsequent investigation revealed the motorist was intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Public Intoxication On June 13 at 12:16 p.m., an officer was flagged down by a security officer in the 300 block of South Myrtle. The security officer reported a male subject in front of the business who was intoxicated. It was determined he was unable to care for himself and arrested for public intoxication. He was later released after sobering. Medical Assist On June 13 at 12:37 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 300 block of South Myrtle regarding an unconscious subject. The subject was found to be extremely intoxicated and was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Fight in Progress On June 13 at 1:41 a.m., officers were dispatched to a business reporting a fight in progress in the 300 block of South Myrtle. During the evening a large group of subjects gathered at the bar and celebrated downstairs. Upstairs another group of subjects were playing pool. Between the two groups there were well over 300 patrons in the bar. A reporting party came to the police station to report subjects were "Mad Dogging" each other. Officers extra patrolled the bar and talked to the bar owner who agreed to close at 1:30 a.m. As the bar closed and subjects were leaving, three separate fights broke out. A large fight ensued on Myrtle Avenue in front of the bar. Monrovia officers, with the assistance of Arcadia and Sierra Madre Police Department arrived on scene. Numerous subjects dispersed spilling out onto neighboring streets. Due to the large crowd and subjects fighting each other, officers were unable to determine who was involved in the fight and no assault victims came forward. Officers were on scene for over 40 minutes.

Grand Theft Auto On June 14 at 10:15 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of East Central regarding a vehicle theft. The victim stated he left his locked vehicle on the street. The vehicle was taken between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. The vehicle taken was a black, 1995 Honda Accord. The investigation is continuing. Grand Theft Auto On June 14 at 10:03 p.m., an officer was dispatched to 1100 block of South Alta Vista regarding a stolen vehicle. The victim last saw her white, 1997 Honda Accord, on June 13, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. She noticed it missing from in front of her house on June 14, 2015, at 10:00 p.m. There was no evidence of forced entry. The investigation is continuing.

Homicide On June 12, a family member reported a woman, Lajoya McCoy,

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



OFF-SITE (Streets, Medians, Sidewalks and Freeway Underpass) WORK
WHEN: June 15 to June 19, 2015
WHERE: Myrtle, Duarte, California, Magnolia, Pomona, Primrose
WHAT: Paving has been confirmed to begin on June 15th. Beginning on June 15th, all two lane streets within the project will be restricted to one lane in each direction. Magnolia and Pomona will be restricted to one-way traffic. Primrose Ave between Evergreen and Pomona will be closed. The contractor will be grinding and paving on all streets until June 23rd. The outside lane (lane 2) will be closed on all streets initially. Once the paving of the outside lane is complete, the inside lane (lane 1) will be closed. Once the inside lane is complete, the road will be able to be re-opened to traffic.

It is expected that all lanes will be re-opened on June 23rd. The plan is subject to change, but all effort will be made to complete early or on time. The following week there may be periodic lane closures as necessary to complete any final paving work. Additional lane closures will be necessary for striping of the streets approximately one week after all paving is complete. Access to all business and residents will be maintained throughout the process and all businesses will remain open during construction. CONSTRUCTION HOTLINE 1 (800) 983-5416 (Griffith Company)

ON-SITE (Station Square Plaza, Park and Promenade) WORK
WHEN: June 15, 2015 to June 19, 2015
WHERE: Monrovia Park & Ride Lot

who lived in Monrovia as missing. The Monrovia Police Department began working on locating the missing person by contacting family, friends, and neighbors. On Monday June 15, Monrovia Police detectives investigating the case gathered information that caused them to suspect the missing person may have been the victim of a crime. Monrovia detectives asked for assistance on the case from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Monrovia Police officers conducted a grid search of the city for the missing person's vehicle. On June 16, around 5:30 AM, the missing person's vehicle was located in the 200 block of West Cypress. Inside the vehicle was the body of a female adult. Sheriff's Homicide Detectives and the Coroner responded to investigate. At the time of this report the Coroner has not yet confirmed the identity of the victim in the vehicle. Sheriff's homicide is responsible for the investigation of this case. Anyone with information about Lajoya McCoy is asked to contact the Los Angeles Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500.

72 Hour Mental Evaluation On June 16 at 3:03 p.m., dispatch received a call from a County Mental Health Worker in the 2600 block of California regarding mental patient running away. The subject ran from the office after he was notified he would be committed for a 72 hour evaluation. The security officer chased after the subject and caught him. Two hours later as they were preparing to transport the subject by ambulance to the hospital, the subject took off running again. An area search was conducted by health staff workers and day watch officers. Through investigation the officers were able to locate him on a transit bus, which was stopped by Monterey Park Police officers. The subject was then transported back to the hospital for a 72 hour hold.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested On June 16 at 7:14 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of South Myrtle regarding an intoxicated female battering a male transient. When officers arrived the male wished to remain anonymous and did not desire prosecution, but wanted the officers to check on the safety and welfare of the female believing she was too drunk to care for herself. The female was located in the park and she was detained. She did not know where she was or what the date or time were. She admitted to drinking some type of alcoholic beverage, but said she only had two drinks. It was the officer's opinion that she was intoxicated and if left alone she could injure herself, she was arrested for being drunk in public and held for sobering.

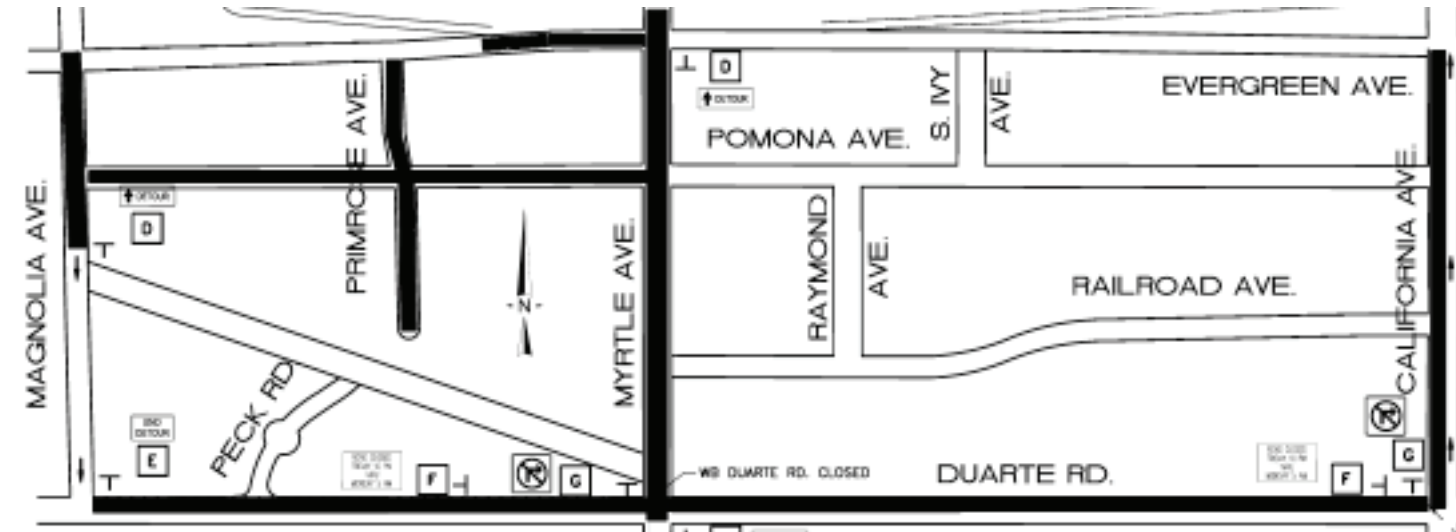
Possession of Burglary Tools / Expired License / Unsafe Turn – Suspects Arrested and Cited On June 17 at 2:49 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 900 block of West Foothill where he observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the parking lot of a business. There are usually no cars parked at the business at night. As he drove closer to it, he saw both car doors open. As the officer drove around to the alley to see what they were doing, the vehicle began to drive away. The vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation and was occupied by two males and one female. The officer smelled a strong odor of Marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A computer check revealed the driver was on probation and his license was expired. The officer conducted a search and found the male passenger in possession of tools used to commit burglaries. The male passenger was arrested for being in possession of burglary tools and the driver was cited for expired license and unsafe turn. Injury Traffic Collision On June 17 at 1:01 p.m., dispatch received a call from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department dispatch reporting they had patrol units at the scene of a traffic collision in the area of Mountain and Duarte. Officers responded and it was determined the traffic collision occurred in Monrovia's jurisdiction. Officers conducted an injury traffic collision investigation. During the course of the investigation it was determined one of the drivers was driving with a suspended license and had several outstanding warrants.

Identity Theft / Commercial Burglary / Forgery with a Counterfeit Access Card – Suspect Arrested On June 17 at 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to a business in the 200 block of South Myrtle regarding a fraud report. The reporting party said a male adult subject was inside the store attempting to cash fraudulent checks. Officers responded and established probable cause to arrest. The subject was arrested for the listed charges and taken into custody. Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Suspect Arrested On June 18 at 12:57 p.m., an officer was traveling north on Myrtle approaching the 210 freeway. As the officer passed under the freeway with a green light for northbound traffic at Central, a white Honda Civic went west on Central through a solid red light and turned left directly in front of the officer almost causing a collision. The officer made a u-turn and followed the vehicle south on Myrtle to Duarte Road, where a traffic stop was conducted. After contacting the male driver, the officer believed the driver was intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence. He was taken to the Monrovia City Jail, where he was booked and held for sobering.

WHAT: The contractor will be constructing the restroom building, water feature, and continuing construction of the site work. There are alternate parking spaces available at 123 W. Pomona Ave, Monrovia - northwest of the Park and Ride lot (see aerial map below). Signs showing the direction of the alternate parking are posted on site. Parking is now available on the west side of the building, in addition to the east and north sides of the building. Overnight parking is not allowed.

CONSTRUCTION HOTLINE
(949) 276-5589 (M.S. Construction Mgmt Group)

For More Information
For Construction Questions
Call (626) 932-5575 or email pwcomments@ci.monrovia.ca.us
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“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



VICTOR ESPINOSA: A REAL WINNER ON AND OFF THE TRACK

Four years ago, I couldn’t tell you the name of any jockey let alone Victor Espinosa. Twenty years ago, I chided my children for going to Santa Anita. But an interview at Ralph’s three years ago with jockey Joe Talamo changed all of that.

Now my hubby and I love going to the great Race Place, watching the horses and cheering the guys on. Most recently, all the hype about the Triple Crown has kept us on the edge of our seats. After California Chrome came so close last year only to suffer defeat, it (Triple Crown) seem even harder to achieve.

Last year before Victor traveled to New York for the Belmont race, I met him and was blown away. To me, he was the perfect role model. Success wasn’t easy. It was after a lot of hard work. What stood out to me was his donations and commitment to City of Hope-especially the visits to the Children’s cancer ward. When I asked him about it, Victor was emotional and said how it upset him to see these children suffering with that terrible disease.

This past Monday, Victor was home at Santa Anita and the Press was invited. There were many questions with detailed answers and then Victor repeated everything in Spanish to include the Hispanic Community.

Victor began telling us how nice it was to be home (Santa Anita) after being on the road for a few weeks. He really wasn’t ready for the win- all the publicity, excitement, commitments. He recently had thrown the first pitch at Yankee Stadium and that was a thrill. He was given #3=Babe Ruth’s number, but it represented the TRIPLE Crown.

Of course he was questioned about coming down the stretch in the race and his feelings. He explained how much he “loved American Pharoah and felt good, even the last 1/16 of the mile”, but he “didn’t want to get

excited till he crossed the wire; things can go wrong, by the 8th hole, I just wanted to make sure I crossed the wire.”

“That moment changed my life forever...to win after so many years...at Belmont I realized how special he is, a true champion...such a strong campaign.”

“For the first race, (he) not really ready, but ran a strong race-I rode him harder, he needed that race to win the Triple Crown...I was proud of him.”

“In the Preakness, I had never ridden a horse in so much rain. He ran so well, I got so much confidence. He was outstanding in his last two workouts.”

Victor went on and told us that he felt sooner or later someone would win the Triple Crown-it had been so many years. He saw American Pharoah at Del Mar last year and knew he was special-he wanted to ride him.

This humble man, one of twelve children, was raised on a small farm in Hidalgo, Mexico. Each morning he had to get up early and led the cattle up the hill for grazing. The Victor would come down and go off to school. He had the “best childhood” and “best parents”. At seventeen he moved to Mexico City and drove a bus to earn money for jockey school.

Victor told us your “health” is the most important thing. He works out hard every day. Victor has a mechanical horse and has videos of jockeys winning important races. He would put the videos in and go on the horse and do what they did.

Victor’s advice was to “Set Goals. NEVER GIVE UP...keep working until you achieve these goals...when you reach the top, work harder...everyone needs goals...mine is to win as many as I can.

Miguel Cabrera texted Victor, “Congratulations” and gave him his glove. Victor will probably give him his goggles.

Victor plans to stay at Santa Anita and ride here-immediate goal-get ready for Del Mar. What an awesome man.



WOMEN AT WORK

Women At Work presents its most popular event, Employer Forum, Monday, June 29, 2015, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Southern California Edison, Energy Education Center – Irwindale, 6090 North Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA 91702. The co-sponsors are Southern California Edison and Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

This event is ideal for anyone looking for meaningful employment. You can meet representatives from local companies, discuss employment opportunities and network. Representatives from a variety of industries and business sectors will be present and ready to share information about their companies and their employment opportunities.

Attendees should dress for business interviews and carry business cards. Bring lots of copies of your resume and consider making different versions to target different industries. Be sure to do your research about what companies do and what kind of positions they have available by checking their company websites. Frequently check the Women At Work website at www.womenatwork.org for the latest list of participating companies.

Come meet these employers:

Aluminum Precision Products
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
Athens Services
Cable Aircraft Company, Inc.
Caltech
Cintas Corporation
CitiStaff Solutions, Inc.
CLP Resources, Inc.
Community Bank
Decore-ative Specialties
H & R Block
Henley Companies
Kaiser Permanente
L.A. County Sheriff Department
Labor Ready, Inc.
Massage Envy
MTA
Parent Educator, Our Parenting Place
Real Estate Heaven
Select Staffing
Southern California Edison
Union Pacific
...and more to come!

Women At Work helps individuals reach their full employment and earnings potential in a supportive environment. Serving the greater Los Angeles area, Women At Work is supported by numerous community partners, such as members of chambers of commerce, other non-profit organizations and countless employers throughout the area. For more information, call 626-796-6870, email info@womenatwork.org or visit www.womenatwork.org.

HELP OUT – WE’RE IN A DROUGHT!

Assemblymember Holden Hosts Drought Workshop with Kidspace

Pasadena – California is in the midst of a historic drought with no end in sight.

That’s why Assemblymember Chris Holden and Kidspace Children’s Museum in Pasadena are teaming up for an evening of water-wise tips on living with the drought.

Come and learn ways to outsmart the drought: learn about rebates available, see live demonstrations and hear practical advice from:

- Jet Propulsion Lab – the science behind the drought

- California State Water Resources Control Board
- Pasadena Department of Water and Power
- Theodore Payne Foundation

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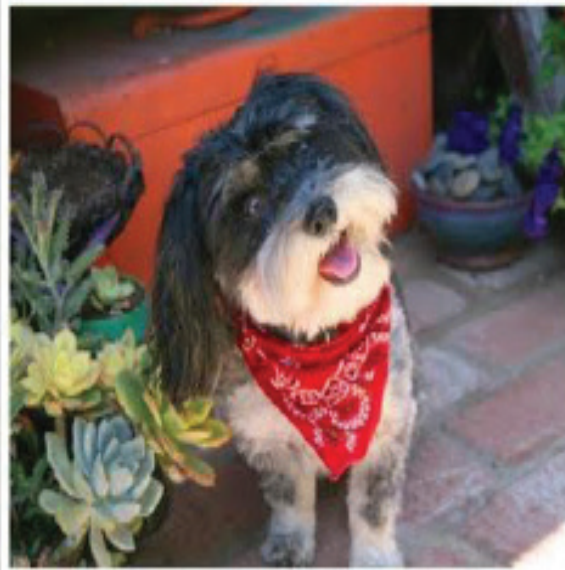
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'PAWS' FOR A LAUGH

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



A friend recently gave me a copy of a cute quip on what cats must be thinking about the canine counterparts they are forced to share their domestic space with. The whimsically written short story struck me as so funny I decided to put it in this week's column. I needed a bit of comic relief myself this week, and I hope you will enjoy it too.

Remember, it's all in good fun so please do not be offended on behalf of your precious pups. After all, they are smart enough to know better, and jovial enough to keep a good sense of humor about themselves. Perhaps next time I'll write a little something about what our doggies must think of their kitty counterparts. Meanwhile, please take a moment to pause and laugh.

Dear Human: A Letter From Your Cat by Janet Eve Josselyn

Dear Human,

Apparently you need to be reminded of the rules of this house. My house. The house I let you and that filthy dog share with me. Rule number one is you need to do what I want you to do when I want you to do it and I want you to get rid of the dim-witted dog. Now. Please.

Let me elaborate. He never cleans himself. Gross. He licks food off the floor. He also gets up on our bed as soon as you leave the house. Our bed. The one you and I sleep in. Despite the fact that he has his own smelly dog bed on the floor. So you see, he is mischievous and cannot be trusted.

You are partly to blame for this, however, as you have reinforced some of his bad behaviors. For example, when you throw your ball away and he goes and gets it and returns it to you, you act all happy and thankful and you tell him what a good boy he is. And then the two of you do it all over again while I watch in amazement at how neither of you ever learns from this experience. Like Sisyphus, you both are doomed to repeat the task over and over and over again. So sad, really.

And what about the dog's unbridled enthusiasm for every damned thing and person on the

face of the earth? "Oh yippee! It's the mailman!" "Oh, how glorious! It's the repairman!" That dog's clearly missing some kind of filter. But I do share his glee upon the arrival of the box delivery man because I end up with all of the boxes. I have no idea what he gets out of it.

In the spirit of unbridled candor, I want to share with you that it should be unacceptable to you to be paraded by that dog around the neighborhood on the leash day after day. How humiliating it must be for you to be seen collecting dog excrement in blue baggies every time he

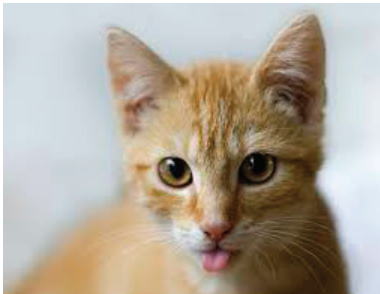
poops? What exactly to you think the neighbors think of you when they see you doing that? You don't need to live that way.

Lastly, the smelly dog also seems completely devoid of the ability to amuse himself for any length of time, especially if there are no shoes or gloves around to chew. I, on the other hand, can amuse myself for days and days on end without really moving a muscle.

You may think I am just staring out the window without a thought in my mind but I am actually reviewing scenarios for getting rid of the dog. Unfortunately, each one seems to require opposable thumbs so it's a work in progress and I need your help.

Clearly, we need to give him the heave-ho. The sooner, the better. What you say? Wanna scratch my head now? I will allow it. Just for a minute. Good talk. Give it some thought.

Many thanks to my dear animal-loving friend, Nancy Lockwood for passing the laughs along. Love and let live!



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PET OF THE WEEK JULIE: ANIMAL ID# A4841247

Great things can come in small packages, as is the case with Julie (A4841247)! Julie is a vibrant 1-year-old tan female Corgi and Jack Russell Terrier mix puppy who was found in Azusa on June 9th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing 22 pounds, Julie is an affectionate baby with extraordinarily darling looks.

Initially timid in the new and uncertain shelter environment, this girl blossoms almost instantly once out of her kennel and in the company of her humans. Julie is ready to ditch the shelter and learn her puppy training basics alongside her new forever family. She strikes volunteers as so loving and eager-to-please that she wants to go home in the arms of everyone she meets. What a sweetie! With her gorgeous hazel eyes and sweet spirit, Julie will make a beautiful and rewarding indoor pet for any active family. To watch a video of Julie, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/GXymIpgWdz4>



To meet Julie in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Julie, please reference her animal ID number: A4841247. The shelter is open

seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Julie or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin

Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit: <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY GEARS UP FOR BUSY 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

Experts say a current ID tag is your pet's best ticket home

PASADENA, Calif. (June 19, 2015) - - Nothing says 4th of July like a spectacular fireworks display; but how do fireworks affect our pets? Dogs, cats and other animals are easily frightened by the loud booms and bursts of fireworks and may run away. With the 4th of July falling on a Saturday this year, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) is expecting a considerable increase in stray animals over the holiday weekend.

In response, the shelter will be open additional hours to accommodate the reunification of pets with owners. All return to owner fees will be waived from Sunday to Tuesday for stray animals arriving over the holiday weekend.

- Friday, July 3: Normal business hours from 9am to 6pm.
- Saturday, July 4: Shelter closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday.
- Sunday, July 5: The office will open at 9am for pet reunification only. The shelter will be open from 11am to 5pm.
- Monday, July 6: The main office will be open from 9am to 1pm to facilitate pet reunification requests only.

•Tuesday, July 7: Normal business hours resume.

A current identification tag is the best way to ensure your pet is returned to you promptly. On July 3rd and 4th, PHS Animal Control Officers will be out in the field to return lost animals with current ID tags directly to their homes. If you live in our service area and see a stray animal, call (626) 792-7151 ext. 102.

Remember, it's best to keep your pets indoors over the 4th of July weekend. If your pet runs away, make sure to search the kennels of your local shelter and post signs in your neighborhood. PHS updates its website, www.pasadenahumane.org, hourly.

About the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is an open door, community-funded center, which provides all animals a place where they receive a safe haven, care and respect. The agency provides essential animal welfare and control services for the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena. For more information, visit www.pasadenahumane.org.

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friend?

He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas. To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Rocky, please stop by any time from 10:00am to

4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

His adoption fee is \$120 and includes neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Rocky. If you are interested in meeting Rocky or any of the other wonderful pets at the shelter, visit the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel, Calif., 91776, Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call (626) 286-1159. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

SGVHS Calendar Photo Contest: Pet photos wanted! If you have some great pet photos and want to share, the shelter welcomes your best photos in their second annual calendar contest. It's easy - just email your landscape (horizontal) format photos to sgvhscalendar@gmail.com. Tell your friends, family and co-workers! Everyone is invited to compete. The submission deadline is Saturday, July 11, 2015.

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AHS STUDENT DEMOCRAT OF YEAR



Emily with Assembly Member Ed Chau



Emily with Congresswoman Judy Chu

By Scott Hettrick

Arcadia High School senior Emily Zheng, who last week was named Valedictorian, has been named Democrat of the Year this week.

Emily, a longtime blogger for ArcadiasBest.com, was selected as the woman honoree from the 49th Assembly District for the 2015 Los Angeles County Democratic Party Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year Award. A man and woman winner from each of the 24 Assembly Districts will be honored at the annual awards dinner to be held in September or October where more than 600 guests are expected.

Emily is heading to Pomona College this fall to study Public Policy Analysis. She has been involved with the Democratic Party since she was in eighth grade at Dana Middle School when she

founded Young Democrats of Southern California to spark teen involvement in the community.

As a freshman in 2012 Emily was chosen by The Young Democrats of America as one of only 48 students in the country to attend a High School Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. That same year she also interned for the campaign of Arcadia-based California Assembly Member Edwin Chau and was a Finalist in then-Congressman (Republican) David Drier's Youth Volunteer Awards.

She was AHS's Young Democrats Club President for her entire four-year tenure and volunteered for campaigns ranging from City Council to Assembly to Presidential. Emily also attended Running Start's Young Women's Political Leadership Program.

2200 ARCADIA STUDENTS LIP DUB!

Arcadia's 3 middle schools celebrated the last day of school with the release of a four-minute video montage of every student set to music, while Arcadia High School recently produced another so-called "lip dub" video this year with the camera moving quickly amongst more than 2,000 students enthusiastically representing their more than 70 various academic clubs and sports and music groups as the students sing along with several songs in the seven-minute video.

Both videos made use of the District's new drone that was paid for with money from the Super Bowl commercial shot at Arcadia High this year.

Last year's first AHS lip dub video has generated more than 94,000 views in 150 different countries and been watched for more than 4,000 hours.

This year's lip dub video took several months to prepare.

JAMMIN' WITH CRAFTS
AT THE LIBRARY

Dance your way to the Library's Jammin' with Crafts program and make fun music themed crafts. This is a drop-in program just right for elementary aged children. The program will be held July 2, July 16, and July from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. or while supplies last. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult to assist with the crafts. This is also the perfect time to join the Summer Reading Program if you haven't already, or to log in your hours read and pick up your weekly prize. For more information about the Summer Reading Program and all of the fun and free activities, visit the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Twitter and Facebook.

JOIN THE BOOK DISCUSSION

Summer is the perfect time to read and discuss a book. The Arcadia Public Library hosts a monthly book discussion the fourth Tuesday and Thursday of every month of the year except November and December. Even if you don't finish reading the book, or you read it and either loved it or hated it, there is always an interesting discussion.

On tap for June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and June 25 at 7:00 p.m. is The Man In the Window by Jon Cohen. Extra copies of the book are available at the Library for checkout.

On July 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and July 23 at 7:00 p.m., the book discussion will feature A Clockwork Orange and on August 25 at 10:00 a.m. and August 27 at 7:00 p.m., the book discussion will feature Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk.

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READ TO THE RHYTHM SUMMER
READING PROGRAM

Get ready to have some fun this summer at the Arcadia Public Library. The Summer Reading Program is for everyone. There will be a wide assortment of programming and activities for all ages to bridge the summer gap while inspiring literacy, life-long learning, and a love of reading. The Arcadia Public Library invites the entire community to take the 5 Book Challenge and read 5 books! Reading

just five books during the summer can help prevent learning loss.

National research shows that students who participate in library summer reading programs score higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate. According to the Children's Reading Foundation, children need to hear and see books from birth. Reading with a child 20 minutes every day develops critical brain connections that determine future growth and learning! According to expert Colleen D. Multari, LMSW, research also shows that reading aloud to young children is not only one of the best activities to stimulate language and cognitive skills; it also builds motivation, curiosity, and memory.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up for the free Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Program beginning Sunday, June 21, 2015 online at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or come into the Arcadia Public Library any time beginning June 22, 2015 to sign up in person and start reading.

Other fun activities include weekly storytimes and special events throughout the summer. For more information visit the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or call 626.821.5566.

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PASADENA SYMPHONY AND
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Starting off the summer Kids Concerts on the Library Lawn is the Pasadena Symphony and Pops Brass Quintet performing Random Acts of Music. This fun and free concert for families of all ages will be held on the Arcadia Public Library lawn beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2015. The Pasadena Symphony and Pops will also have an instrument petting zoo right after the concert for children and their families to try out and ask questions.

The Kids Concerts will take place June 29, July 13, and July 27 and will feature various musicians and musical groups. As this program is outdoors on the lawn, be sure to bring comfortable seating or a blanket. For more information, please call 626.821.5566.

This is also the perfect opportunity to beat the summer reading slide and sign up for the Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Program while you are at the Library!

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show
SPY REVIEW

Melissa McCarthy has slowly been falling out of mainstream Hollywood, with several of her past few movies not performing well at the box office. Is 'Spy' a refreshing, new Melissa McCarthy film, or is it just another to add to a growing list of recent failures?

Susan Cooper (Melissa McCarthy) has been doing her job at the CIA for years: being the voice in the earpiece of some of the world's top spies. But when well-known terrorist Rayna Boyanov (Rose Byrne) obtains a tactical nuke, and learns the identities of all the active CIA agents, Cooper must get into the field before the world ends.

'Spy' is a great comedy. Not only are the jokes new and well thought out, their delivery is just as refreshing. The entire cast does a great job here with a script that has clearly been fine-tuned to be a lean, mean, comedy machine. 'Spy' may even go down as one of the great comedy classics, as it is so original and such a great restart for Melissa McCarthy's career.



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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEW
SPOTLIGHT ALBUMS IN JUNE

By Sean Kayden

Trails and Ways – Pathology – Oakland based band Trails and Ways have been creating lovely music cooperatively for numerous years now. “Pathology” marks the foursome’s long awaited debut LP Barsuk Records. Hannah Van Loon (lead guitar, synths), Ian Quirk (drums), Keith Browner Brown (rhythm guitar, synths), and Emma Oppen (bass) met during their period at UC Berkley. The unique thing about Trails and Ways is not that each member supply their own vocals for individual songs but how the sounds they create are inspired from the places they’ve lived over the years together. They resided as far as Ceara in Brazil and Galicia in Spain before heading back to Oakland to refine their craft. In fact, Brown has a proclivity for singing in Portuguese, while Oppen in Spanish. Trails and Ways are a special kind of indie-pop band since their political side always sounds remarkably jubilant and not disillusioned. Their beats, hooks, harmonies, and guitar lines are lush, rich, and sprightly. The structures for each song are beaming and unequivocally vibrant. Frankly, the band’s creativity is rather evident as “Pathology” is a 38-minute endeavor of enthusiasm. Their sound doesn’t fall into one specific category. The inspirations of echoes are grand as the songs all come together to form an exceedingly unified album. Trails and Ways add considerable complexity and superb value to their debut record with their worldly sounds, political assertions, and profound ingenuity. “Pathology” is a summertime soundtrack for anyone and the ideal vacation record no matter where you go—stateside

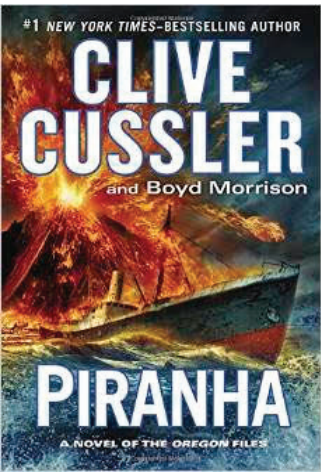
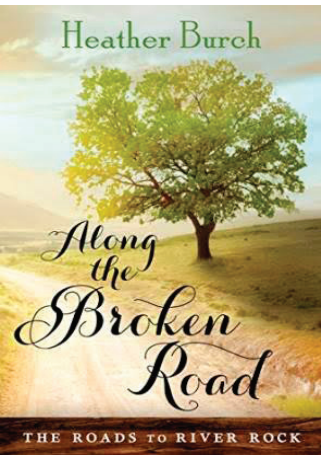


or abroad. Kid Wave – “Wonderlust” - London-based foursome, Kid Wave, is destined for big things. The group’s melodic dream-pop flair is both imposing and enthralling, which is shown in great strides on the debut LP, “Wonderlust” (via Heavenly Recordings). Lea Emmery (vocalist), Harry Deacon (bassist), Mattias Bhatt (guitarist), and Serra Petale (drummer) have released several singles leading up to “Wonderlust.” Now with an 11-track record ready for the world to hear, the band has progressed their delightful sense of style into new apexes. Most of the tracks inhabit an ethereal ambience. Jangly guitars, striking rhythmic drums, and sweet harmonies inhabit the scene on Kid Wave’s first full-length outing as well. The record has a supreme balance of dreamlike tracks and fast paced tunes giving the listener a full auditory experience. Emmery’s grungy vocals come in as a colossal enticement since many bands in the genre possess high-pitched, saccharine vocals. With each delivered statement, it is as if she’s hankering for something just out of reach. Nonetheless, it provides heavy emotional weight for the tracks that make up “Wonderlust.” While some tracks have an extra affecting result than others, Kid Wave easily provides a grand coming-of-age effort certainly positioning itself to connect with today’s youth culture. “Wonderlust” is enriching as it explores vivid atmospheres, meditative undertones, and melancholy lyrics. Luckily, the band’s examination of youth comes off immensely fulfilling for the listener as Kid Wave discovers that the great path is really no path at all.

Jeff’s Book Picks By Jeff Brown

Along the Broken Road (The Roads to River Rock Book 1)

by Heather Burch
Armed with only a journal and a promise, soldier Ian Carlisle returns home to fulfill his friend’s dying wish: to find the man’s daughter and read her his journal, one page at a time. The woman he finds in River Rock, Missouri, is just as warmhearted, artistic, and feisty as her father described. Ian had fallen in love with Charlee McKinley before he even met her, but he has no idea if she’ll ever return his feelings. Charlee loved her father—but she didn’t like him very much. Regimental and strict, Major Mack never approved of his daughter’s choices. So when a down-on-his-luck soldier arrives on Charlee’s doorstep, she’ll give him the benefit of the doubt, but not her heart. It isn’t until he starts reading to her that the beautiful, touching words begin to unlock something deep inside. But when Ian reveals a secret that shakes Charlee to her core, will she close herself off to love out of fear?



Piranha (Oregon Files) by Clive Cussler & Boyd Morrison
Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon return in the exciting new novel in the #1 New York Times–bestselling series by the grand master of adventure. In 1902, the volcano Mt. Pelée erupts on the island of Martinique, wiping out an entire city of thirty thousand—and sinking

a ship carrying a German scientist on the verge of an astonishing breakthrough. More than a century later, Juan Cabrillo will have to deal with that scientist’s legacy. During a covert operation, Cabrillo and the crew meticulously fake the sinking of the Oregon—but when an unknown adversary tracks them down despite their planning and attempts to assassinate them, Cabrillo and his team struggle to fight back against an enemy who seems to be able to anticipate their every move. They discover that a traitorous American weapons designer has completed the German scientist’s work, and now wields extraordinary power, sending the Oregon on a race against time to stop an attack that could lead to one man ruling over the largest empire the world has ever known.

Natural Pain Relief: A Practical Handbook for Self-Help by Jan Sadler
This guide introduces self-help techniques to reduce, control and manage on-going pain in a natural and caring way, maximizing the body’s own healing potential. A range of techniques are provided to allow the reader to break free from the pain cycle and to take control of their own pain management.

BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



HOW TO PASS REAL ESTATE TO YOUR KIDS (AND HOW NOT TO)

Many parents believe that by adding children’s names to a property deed, they can easily pass along that property to their children. Unfortunately, those who act on that belief often find they have invited more problems than they have avoided. This is because in California, when more than one person owns property together and they are not married, the default form of title ownership is referred to as tenants in common. This means that if one of the owners dies, his or her ownership share does not transfer to the other owner(s). Instead, it goes to the deceased owner’s heirs through probate. The problems of probate (and there are many) can be avoided if the deed designates property ownership as joint tenants with the right of survivorship. However, there are several big reasons why it may not be advisable for you to deed real estate to your children in this manner, with adverse tax consequences topping the list. This is because deeding property to children is actually considered

a gift, and the cost basis for that gift is what you paid for your home. For example, let’s say you paid \$150,000 for your home many years ago. You then add your children to the deed at some point, which the IRS deems a gift. After you die, the children sell the home for the current market value of, let’s say, \$550,000. They will be taxed on the difference between the cost basis of \$150,000 and the sale price of \$550,000 – or \$400,000. That’s a huge tax burden you’ve left for your children. It would be better if your children inherited the property via your will, then selling it under the scenario described above would not create the same tax liability because their cost basis would be what the property was worth when they inherited it (that being the current market value of \$550,000). But there is an even better way; much better in fact. While inheriting property through a will does avoid some of the tax issues discussed above, it does NOT avoid probate. The way to avoid tax issues AND probate is by creating a living trust and titling the property in the name of the trust, and naming your children as the trust’s beneficiaries. You avoid – or more accurately, your kids avoid – the problems and costs of probate and do so in a tax-advantaged way. So if you own real estate, give us a call today. We will review your current deed and advise you on the easiest and most cost effective ways to pass it to your children. To your family’s health, wealth, and happiness,

MARC

A local attorney, father, and CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children), Marc Garlett 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. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.



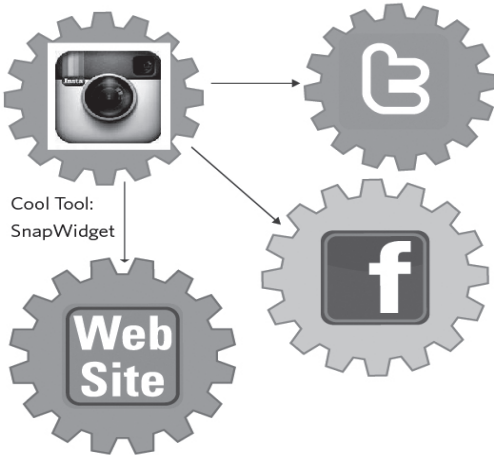
Social Media
Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

INSTAGRAM SYSTEM: Post Once, Populate Many

Building systems for your social media will save you time and help you get your message out. There are lots of ways to set up your tools so you can post in one place and populate others. Instagram is a great starting tool in a system. You can take a picture from your smart phone, post it on Instagram and it will automatically post on Twitter, Facebook and your website. Here are two easy steps that will build a system for your Instagram posts:
1. Instagram settings: choose “share settings.” Select Facebook and Twitter and follow the instructions to link to your accounts. You can set up your Facebook feed to go to your personal profile page or to a business page you admin.
2. Add a feed to your website: Use a widget maker like Snapwidget.com to create code that you can install on your website. There are several widget format types to choose from (grid, slide show, scrolling etc.) This is a great way to keep images current on your website. Setting up systems saves you time and extends the reach of your content.



Post Once, Populate Many:
Post to Instagram, feed your website through an installed widget, feed your Twitter and Facebook Page through Instagram share settings.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Internet Marketing strategies and Social Media. They offer social media management services and help their clients build a strong on-line presence. “Like” them on Facebook for trending news in social media, internet marketing and other helpful tips, www.facebook.com/hutdogs.

On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

Playhouse
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2015 SEASON

THE ODD COUPLE ★ May 8 to June 27, 2015
By Neil Simon
Directed by Alan Brooks
The classic comedy about two very unlikely friends, both divorced men, trying to share one apartment in 1965.

ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE ★ July 31 to Sept 12, 2015
By Ted Swindley
Directed by Robert Marra
Patsy Cline sings 19 of her greatest hits and meets her number one fan - A rollicking good time musical.

DEATHTRAP ★ Oct 2 to Nov 7, 2015
By Ira Levin
Directed by Christian Lebano
After four flops in a row, Sidney Bruhl, a playwright who was once Broadway's brightest light is so desperate to come up with another hit, he says he would kill for one. Is he joking?

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY ★ Nov 27 to Dec 27, 2015
Based on a Story by Truman Capote
Book by Duane Poole
Music by Larry Grossman
Lyrics by Carol Hall
Directed by Alison Eliel Kalmus
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HAPPY SUMMER! STAY COOL

Summer is my favorite time of year! I love the carefree nature of Summer. Mostly, it is filled with fun, heat and delightful outdoor activities, like trips to the beach. If there's one phrase that exemplifies summer, it's "Stay Cool"! There are many ways we can stay cool this summer, using yoga, pranayama and some simple principles of Ayurveda.

With our yoga practice, and other exercise for that matter, we want to avoid strenuous, rigorous heating practices. If you prefer a more rigorous practice, make sure to do it early in coolest point in the morning. You can do sun salutes with slow, rhythmic breath. Low lunges are excellent any time of year. Belly backbending such as cobra pose, locust or bow pose are wonderful choices. Don't hesitate to add in gentle twists and forward bends generously.

A wonderful, effective cooling pranayama is Shitali. It's like an air-conditioner for the body. To perform this pranayama, you'll curl your tongue like a tube and begin to gather saliva on it. Inhale, carrying the cool breath and the saliva down and into the body. Close the mouth and exhale softly through the nose. Perform about 10 more times. If the tongue is hard to curl, alternately you may bite the teeth together and inhale through the teeth, carrying cool air into the body. Close the mouth, and softly exhale out the nose.

Remember to stay out the sun, swim in cool water and taking evening walks to bathe in the moonlight. Enjoy cool fruits such as melons and mango. See you in class in the cool of the A/C.

Namaste,
Keely Totten



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5 HERBS FOR BETTER DIGESTION

Many people suffer in silence from digestive issues because they find the symptoms hard to discuss. Yet digestion issues may well be the most common issue facing Americans on a daily basis. Besides making lifestyle changes like eating more fiber and eating dinner at least 2 ½ to 3 hours before bedtime, there are herbs that you can use to flavor your food that can also aid in digestion. Most people know that peppermint calms an upset stomach but did you know these herbs were also good for digestion:

Oregano: Oregano is a highly alkaline herb, so it fights acidity and thus lowers inflammation. It also stimulates the digestive system which helps prevent constipation.

Rosemary: It is a great remedy for indigestion, bloating, gas pain and constipation. It has antifungal properties so it can help prevent an overgrowth of yeast in the digestive tract.

Sage: Sage is a calming, soothing herb. It can help keep the digestive system running smoothly. It helps the stomach digest protein, and also helps to eliminate gas.

Thyme: Thyme is another soothing herb which makes it great for dealing with an upset stomach. Thyme is also antiviral which can help your system to ward off digestive system viruses.

Lavender: Not only does lavender smell great but it is also known as one of the best calming herbs. When we become stressed and anxious our digestion slows which can cause many issues. Lavender used to flavor foods can calm our digestive tract. It is also an alkaline food, so it aids in reducing acidity and inflammation.

Herbs and spices were widely used by our ancestors for increased health and well-being. If you are looking to find a healthier way of living try, using more herbs as part of your meals. They provide many other benefits besides aiding in digestion. Be creative, you never know what you might come up with!



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FOOD & DRINK

Reader Jack Theil, a Pasadena legend and my former dentist, wrote to me about my term "picnic" wines. It seems that Jack thinks we don't go out on picnics anymore, which got me thinking he might be right. Although the term is used as a metaphor on the quality of the wine that I am reviewing, in layman's terms when this writer says "picnic wine" it usually means a wine that you could bring as a gift or as a contribution to a backyard BBQ without being scrutinized on how much you paid for the wine. With the overcast days of May in our rear view mirrors, and the promise of a bright June in the forecast, I went back to an old friend for this week's appraisal.

Kim Crawford's 2014 Sauvignon Blanc is indeed the quintessential picnic wine. Priced right at around \$13 (actually \$2 less than the 2011 I sampled two years ago), it actually breaks my longstanding fear of screw-top bottles. Sauvignon blanc is a white wine grape from western France, now successfully grown in emerging and established wine regions all over the world including New Zealand. This is one sauvignon blanc that goes well with a spicy shrimp dish, oysters, lobster, or any shellfish for that matter. I first discovered Kim Crawford at a wine tasting a few years back - it's always ready to drink upon opening, and you will see a light straw-like color and smell a hint of grapefruit (or at least a tropical fruit). This sauvignon Blanc doesn't have the long finish of a red wine, but its still got a delightful aftertaste. As I mentioned previously, I sip and never swirl!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

THE DILLS SCORE

I start with a base of 50, adding 7 for color, 7 for aroma or "nose", 10 for taste and 7 for finish and a 9 for my overall impression including value. Score: 90

Brief History: The Winery was opened in 1996 by winemaker Kim Crawford, first purchasing grapes from local sources. In 1998 they started exporting to the US, and in 2000 bought their own winery to produce estate-bottled wine. Retail priced at \$18; on sale at major supermarkets for about \$13.

Tune into Dining with Dills on Radio Station AM 830 KLAA Sunday at 6 PM. Follow the Dills Report on twitter kingofcuisine

Save The Date: The 8th Annual Uncorked Wine Tasting event is happening at the Santa Anita Race Track on Saturday, June 27th. Proceeds benefit local charities. I'll be there. (626) 574-race. I'll be there. Tickets go fast call today.



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HOW SENIORS CAN TAME PET CARE COSTS

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you recommend to help senior pet owners with their veterinary bills? I have two cats and a dog that are family to me, but their vet bills have become unaffordable.
Fix Income Frankie

Dear Frankie,

The high cost of veterinar care has become a problem for millions of pet owners today, but it can be especially difficult for seniors living on a fixed income. Routine medical care can cost hundreds of dollars, while urgent/specialized treatments and procedures can run into the thousands. But, it is possible to reduce your pet care costs without sacrificing their health. Here are some tips that can help you save.

Shop around: If you're not attached to a particular veterinarian, call some different vet clinics in your area and compare costs. When you call, get price quotes on basic services like annual exams and vaccinations, as well as bigger-ticket items, like to repair a broken leg, so you can compare. Also, check to see if you live near a veterinary medical school (see aavmc.org for a listing). Many schools provide low-cost care provided by students who are overseen by their professors.

Ask your vet for help: To help make your vet bills more manageable, see if your vet's office accepts monthly payments so you don't have to pay the entire cost up front. Also, find out if your vet offers discounts to senior citizens or reduces fees for annual checkups if you bring in multiple pets.

Search for low-cost care: Many municipal and nonprofit animal shelters offer free or low-cost spaying and neutering programs and vaccinations, and some work with local vets who are willing to provide care at reduced prices for low-income and senior pet owners. Call your local shelter or humane society to find out what's available in your area.

Look for financial assistance: There are a number of state and national organizations that provide financial assistance to pet owners in need. To locate these programs, the U.S. Humane Society provides a listing on their website that you can access at humanesociety.org/petfinancialaid.



Buy cheaper medicine: Medicine purchased at the vet's office is usually much more expensive than you can get from a regular pharmacy or online. Instead, get a prescription from your vet (ask for generic is possible) so you can shop for the best price.

Most pharmacies such as Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Kmart, Rite Aid and Target fill prescriptions for pets inexpensively, so long as that same drug is also prescribed to humans. And, many pharmacies offer pet discount savings programs too.

You can also save by shopping online at one of the Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites accredited by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, like 1-800-PetMeds (1800petmeds.com), Drs. Foster & Smith (drsfostersmith.com), KV Supply (kvsupply.com), and PetCareRx (petcarerx.com).

Consider pet insurance: If you can afford it, pet insurance is another option worth looking into. You can get a basic policy for under \$10 per month, and some insurers provide discounts for insuring multiple pets. See petinsurancereview.com to compare policies. Membership discount plans like Pet Assure (petassure.com) are another way to save, but you'll need to use a vet in their network.

Look for other ways to save: In addition to cutting your veterinary bills, you can also save on pet food and other supplies depending on where you shop. Target, Walmart, Costco and the dollar stores typically offer much lower prices than supermarkets and specialty retailers like Petco and PetSmart. You can also save on treats and toys at sites like coupaw.com and doggyloot.com.

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



ZZZQUIL --NOT JUST FOR SLEEP!

Did you have a good night's sleep? If so, be thankful! I would not go so far as to say that I suffer from anything as serious as clinical insomnia, but there are times when I simply can't sleep. This can be particularly bad when it happens on a work night. I feel a wave of panic every time I look at the clock and realize another half hour has passed and I'm still wide awake. It's times like those that caused me to develop the habit of routinely taking some precautionary ZzzQuil before I hit the sack. (The bottle claims it's non-habit forming.)

Technically, what I take is not ZzzQuil. It's either the CVS or Rite Aid brand of Diphenhydramine HCl, but "ZzzQuil" rolls off the tongue easier, so I'll continue to refer to it as that. I don't remember when I started my relationship with ZzzQuil, but we've been going steady for a while. As you probably know, liquid medicine usually comes with a little plastic cup for easy dosage. Needless to say, I've accumulated a whole truckload of little plastic cups! Most people would just toss these, but I've kept them and wondered for a long time what I would possibly use them for, other than shots of ZzzQuil.

After much consideration, I had the hair-brained idea to cut an X on the bottom of each cup, dye them a nice light blue, and pop them on clear Christmas lights. I can hear you thinking, "Someone has too much time on her hands!" I honestly thought this would be a fast, easy way to turn these otherwise useless items into something aesthetic. What can I say? I have a flair for creativity --albeit a misguided flair. So, I embarked on my artistic journey with ZzzQuil.

Cutting the X's was fairly easy. Dyeing them would have been, too, had I bothered to actually

research the proper dye for knock-off brand plastic. Rit dye has a fascinating site with many video tutorials on dyeing everything you've ever even remotely thought about dyeing. Inspired, I ordered two small bottles of different blue dyes and waited for them with excited anticipation.

When they arrived, the instructions said that the dye would work on nylon and some plastics. I inspected one of the 50 newly "X-ed" plastic cups, but did not see any indication of their specific plastic content. I guess the manufacturers weren't expecting people to use them for art projects. A more thorough search of the Rit site indicated that "Rit DyeMore" would have worked better for dyeing plastic in general. "Oh well," I thought,

"The instructions warn that what I bought could stain certain containers. So if it can stain certain containers then maybe it can 'stain' ZzzQuil cups, too!" Undeterred, I proceeded with the dyeing as planned.

After a few days, I had the first batch of ten cups in varying shades of blue, from nearly white to light bluish. It had taken about five dye baths to achieve this great feat, and I had 40 more cups to go! My parents, always supportive, despite my many mishaps, suggested that I simply buy Rit DyeMore and start over. "Yeah, I guess," I said, "But I already bought the regular dye, and I would have to pay for shipping and all that." They smiled at me sympathetically instead of pointing out, "Yes, but that didn't stop you from wasting time and money on it in the first place!" Ah, the plans of mice and men, and ZzzQuil users... Here's a little jingle that my mom came up with on the spot to go along with this story. Sing it to the tune of the Christmas classic "Silver Bells."

"ZzzQuil cups... fill them up! It's sleepy time in the city. Round and blue... just for you! Soon it will be snoozing time!"



TRANSPORTATION CHANGES BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2015

Beginning June 1, 2015 Dial-A-Ride services in Sierra Madre will operate Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 10:30am and 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Dial-A-Ride services are available to Sierra Madre residents that are 62 years of age or older, or have a signed form by a physician attesting to a disability that hinders mobility. The cost of a one-way fare is \$2.00. Dial-A-Ride users must submit an application prior to using the service for the first time.

Beginning June 1, 2015 the Gateway Coach fixed-route services operates Monday through Friday from 11:00am – 2:00pm. The Gateway Coach is free for anyone to use. The Gateway Coach stops at various points throughout the City including City parks, the library, City Hall, Senior Center, and schools. In addition the Gateway Coach stops in Hastings Ranch. To download a copy of the new Sierra Madre Public Transportation Brochure, please visit the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com/transportation. For additional information contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-7135.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HELPFUL HINT: White vinegar is an inexpensive way to keep your dishes sparkling, just pour white vinegar in the compartment of your dishwasher instead of a liquid rinse product.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

Paul, late for an important meeting, was searching desperately for a parking spot in a parking lot. Looking up to the heaven's he entreated "God if you find me a parking spot, I promise to start going to church again." The words were barely out of his mouth, when a spot opened up right in front of his car. Paul looked back up, "never mind I found one."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... June Birthdays*



Joanne Thrane, Nellie Haynes, Dorothy McKay, George Enyedi, Theresa Daley, Ann Dugierian, Donna Doss, Marilyn McKernan, Pat Fujiwara, John Shier, Beth Smith-Kellock, Mary Carney, Ann Disbrow, Joan Ellison, Irene Kudirka, Anne Montgomery, Trini Ornelas, Martha Spriggs, Pat Starkey, Kathleen Coyne, Suzanne Decker, Halcyon Koerber, Jacque Persing, Jeanne Peterson and Grace Sanders.

*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:

Seize the moment. Remember all the women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart. - Erma Bombeck



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

HAWAIIAN AND POLYNESIAN DANCE CLASS: Every Tuesday morning from 10am to 11am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

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

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11am to 12pm. No appt. is necessary.

CASE MANAGEMENT: Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. Case Management services are provided by the YWCA and provide assistance in a variety of areas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the HPH Office at 626-355-7394.

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.

TAX ASSISTANCE: Every Thursday February 5th through April 9th from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Don Brunner is available for income tax consultation. Appointments are required, call 626-355-7394.

FREE STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS: Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

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



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

THE ALPACA HACIENDA (TEMECULA)

Date: June 30, 2015

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$12.00 (Does not include lunch)

Description: Learn about the history of the alpaca, why we raise them and how we care for them. You'll learn some of their quirky traits and other interesting facts. You may hand feed the alpacas if you like; this is a great opportunity for photographs! This tour includes a mini-seminar on how we work with the fiber, from washing and carding, to spinning and felting, and will give you a brief history of spinning fibers into yarn. Spend some time in our boutique where you can find beautiful, handmade items by local fiber artists made from alpaca fiber, as well as luxurious scarves, hats, sweater and gloves. Lunch will be on your own at Old Town Temecula. Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Last day to register is Wednesday, June 24th. Level of Walking: Medium

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LONELY GALAXY “LOST IN SPACE,” SCHOOLBOY DISCOVERS A NEW PLANET

Space is big, dark, and lonely. But some parts of it are more lonely than others.

Most galaxies are clumped together in groups or clusters. A neighboring galaxy is never far away. But one galaxy, known as NGC 6503, has found itself in a lonely position, at the edge of a strangely empty patch of space called the Local Void.

The Local Void is a huge stretch of space that is at least 150 million light-years across. It seems completely empty of stars or galaxies. The galaxy’s odd location on the edge of this never-land led stargazer Stephen James O’Meara to dub it the “Lost-in-Space galaxy” in his 2007 book, Hidden Treasures.

NGC 6503 is 18 million light-years away from us in the northern circumpolar constellation of Draco the Dragon. It is some 30,000 light-years in diameter, about one-third the size of our own home galaxy, the Milky Way.

WORK-EXPERIENCE SCHOOLBOY DISCOVERS A NEW PLANET. A 15-year-old schoolboy has discovered a new planet orbiting a star 1,000 light years away in our galaxy. Tom Wagg was doing work-experience at Keele University, Staffordshire, England, when he spotted the planet by finding a tiny dip in the light of a star as a planet passed in front of it.

“I’m hugely excited to have a found a new planet, and I’m very impressed that we can find them so far away,” says Tom, now aged 17. (It has taken two years of further observations to prove that Tom’s discovery really is a planet.)

Tom found the planet by looking at data collected by the WASP (Wide Angle Search for Planets) project, which surveys the night skies monitoring millions of stars to look for the tell-tale tiny dips (transits) caused by planets passing in front of their host star.

Tom’s planet has been given the catalogue number WASP-142b, being the 142nd discovery by the WASP collaboration. It is in the Southern constellation of Hydra the Water Snake. While astronomers worldwide have now found over 1,000 extra-solar planets, Tom is possibly the youngest ever to have done so.

“The WASP software was impressive, enabling me to search through hundreds of different stars, looking for ones that have a planet,” says Tom. The planet is the same size as Jupiter, but orbits its star in only two days. With such a short orbital



period, the transits occur frequently, making such planets much easier to find.

Tom, a pupil at Newcastle-under-Lyme School, who has always been deeply interested in science, asked for the work-experience week after learning that Keele University had a research group studying extra-solar planets.

“Tom is keen to learn about science, so it was easy to train him to look for planets,” says Professor Coel Hellier, who leads the WASP project at Keele.

The planet does not yet have a name, though the International Astronomical Union has started a contest to name extra-solar planets. Tom is looking forward to making a suggestion for his planet.

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HOW I EARNED AN INCOME AND LEARNED TO SPEND LESS

By Christopher Nyerges
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I had no regular job during this period, though I earned \$5 each week by writing an outdoor column for the Pasadena Star News. It wasn’t much money, but it seemed to add up when I got a check at the end of each month. It also got my name out there, and I began to get requests to give talks to local groups and to lead walks for schools.

Even though I paid no rent, I did have a utility and phone bill to pay, so I needed a bit more than \$5 a week. I sought out part time work here and there which would still allow me to attend the various small classes offered by the non-profit during the week.

I found work doing such tasks as roofing, framing, writing magazine articles.

I landed a part-time job doing typesetting, which also led to my writing for that little newspaper, the Altadena Chronicle, owned by Sue and Rich Redman. I thought I was on top of the world with that income and my \$5 a week income from the Pasadena Star News. I also ended up doing some framing and painting at the newspaper office when they remodeled.

In reality, I was on the edge of poverty financially, and yet I felt good, at peace most of the time, and loved to try new things and experiment. My primary source of mental stimulation was through my classes and involvement with the non-profit next door, and I believed this was the most important work I could do. In fact, there was no reason why I could not have gotten some full-time job like all my friends, or enrolled back into college full-time and gotten a degree that would enable me to earn a reasonable income. But somehow I convinced myself that -- for better or worse -- my “free” lifestyle was more important for the solace of my soul, and for the salvation of the planet. Still, my soul wasn’t always solaced by my “lifestyle” because I always had a nagging fear anytime anyone came up the driveway. Furthermore, I constantly wavered between confidence and doubt that my way of life had any effect whatsoever on the direction the planet was taking.

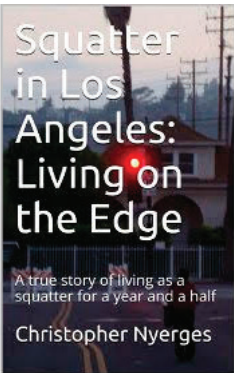
My time was divided between my work, my studies and research with the non-profit organization that brought me to Highland Park in the first place.

I drove a Honda 90 motorcycle at the time that got 100 miles to the gallon so my transportation costs were very low.

I derived great pleasure from experimenting and learning all the ways I could provide for my daily needs, and even my wants, using things that I made, grew, found on the property, or obtained from discards. Had I been married with children, I believe this would have been an impossible pursuit, for obvious reasons. But I was essentially alone. Yes, there was a girlfriend who visited occasionally, and two “roommates,” and though our lives intersected, I was free to try things and experiment and live a very simple life.

Simple, but not easy, and basic, but not without its challenges.

I read Thoreau’s Walden Pond for the first time



during this period, and found my state of mind frequently resonating with the basic themes in the book. Remember, Thoreau wasn’t a bum, or a drop-out, or an alcoholic. Actually, for that matter, he was no squatter either, for the land where he was given permission to do his “experiment” was owned by fellow writer and friend William Emerson. He built for himself a little house (a “shack” by most accounts), and did a lot of his writing there. He stayed there by himself, probably realizing even back then that many commercial interests in our society vie for our time and money, finding ever-more clever ways to convince us that we need objects which previous millennia of humans survived without. It would be accurate to say that Thoreau – like me – was profoundly interested in the very meaning of life and wanted to discover the point of all the rushing about to get somewhere. Unable to discover these answers in his town, Thoreau built and moved into his little shack in the woods and learned how to grow the food that he ate, and found it nourishing and satisfying. He also ate purslane, an import from the old world, which even then was common throughout the eastern United States in tilled soil. He wrote “I learned that a man may use as simple a diet as the animals, and yet retain health and strength. I have made a satisfactory dinner off a dish of purslane which I gathered and boiled. Yet men have come to such a pass that they frequently starve, not from want of necessities, but for want of luxuries.” Indians and trappers would visit and talk, and somehow through this unprejudiced intercourse, he found that all people were more alike then different, and a life lived for purely material reasons is a life wasted.

Now I found myself in a similar setting, though it wasn’t in the woods but a ruralish part of Los Angeles. There was purslane and chickweed growing right outside my door. I had no pond nearby, but I did manage to get over the Arroyo Seco which was as close to my personal Walden Pond as I felt I would get.

At night, thinking over the day’s classes and studies, typing up my notes and insights, I often ruminated over how life should be lived, and wondered why we take up so much time and waste so much of life on trivial pursuits. I felt that it was important to live simply, to grow food, to discover nature’s secrets, and to find answers through thinking and through research. I wondered why others did not think like me. And with the purslane growing right in my yard, I could eat it for lunch in my salad and fancy myself some sort of urban Thoreau as I thought over these ideas.

I did learn some years later when Thoreau was mentioned by the academics he was regarded as a brilliant intellectual who discovered the simple reality that was right in front of everyone. Be here now. Imagine. The kingdom is within. Which is why I naturally assumed that his own peers would have regarded him as a saint and savior. Wrong! I have actually spoken to descendants of Thoreau’s peers and they said that in the day, Thoreau was by no means universally respected. Rather, many regarded him as a bum, an outsider, someone who had rejected society to hang out with the Indians in the woods. I was starting to see that there were more parallels with me and Thoreau than were originally apparent.

So I did my best – though usually unsuccessfully – to not be seen as a freeloading bum who chose not to work and who just sat around listening to the birds and who saw secret messages in the clouds.



OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FATHERS GONE?

Around this time of the year, my thoughts wander back to my father. He has been gone quite a spell but his memory lingers. I often wonder what he would think of what is happening in our world today if he were to come back.

I grew up with a father who believed in being the father. I confess he was not always right all the time, but what he said was law in our house. That is, of course, unless his wife contradicted him. Then it was time for us kids to seek sanctuary outside where we could not hear what was going on.

I cannot help but believe that some of the problems we are having in our society today would not be such a problem if we had fathers. How many families are there where children grow up not knowing their father? No wonder they have no respect for authority.

Although my father was not a very well educated person, he knew how to use the Board of Education on the Seat of Learning for all of us children. Some of the stuff he did back in “the day,” would bring him some real legal problems today.

For example. My father believed he had the right to be judge, jury and executioner concerning the things in his children’s life, with no appeal to a higher authority.

In the kitchen hanging next to the door to go outside was a very interesting parenting tool, at least in my father’s eyes. It was a paddle with a religious inscription, “I Need Thee Every Hour.” The inscription was quite true to the reality of life in our home.

Spanking was a routine exercise in our home. My father had the idea that if you were in trouble in school you were also in trouble at home. He had this fantastic idea that the teacher was right and I was wrong. I guess he knew me and that I could take a little bit of truth and spin it into a lie. I wonder who I learned that from?

Several times I got in trouble at school, which involved a spanking down at the principal’s office. The first time this happened, I well remember walking into the kitchen and saw my father standing there holding in his hand that infamous paddle. Within a few moments, the paddle was doing its duty and I was doing the “paddle dance.”

After the paddling, my father sat down with me and said, “Okay, what trouble did you get into at school requiring the principal to paddle you?” I wished he had asked me before the paddling, because now I had no incentive whatsoever to lie. Looking back, maybe that was the whole purpose of the paddling.

I well remember one time out in the backyard, I did something requiring parental action. My father looked at me and said, “Go get me a switch. You need to be taught a lesson.”

At the time, I thought it was funny, however, after the fact I could see no humor whatsoever in it. I went to get the “switch,” according to my father’s instructions and came back with a twig. I thought it was funny, but my father had no sense of humor about this. In a few moments, my sense of humor evaporated because my father went and got a switch, which is a whole lot different from a twig, just ask my backside.

Ruminating over these things, I tried to figure out how many spankings I actually got during my lifetime. Let me just say, it was significant. More than that. It taught me respect for authority.

I wonder if some of these young people getting into trouble today ever had a spanking? Of course, today that is completely against PC. My father did not believe in PC, but he did believe emphatically in BS (Back Side). I think if parents today would focus more on BS than PC, things might be a lot different.

Today, people think those old-fashioned spankings represent cruel and unusual punishment. However, if you look at this generation that has not had an old-fashioned spanking, I think the evidence speaks for itself. To spank or not to spank, that is the dilemma today. Most gravitate towards the “not to spank” aspect unaware that they are creating a lot of damage for the next generation.

I must say that my father was not too much interested in what we call “love” today. He was more interested in respecting authority. In fact, as I think about this, when you are respecting authority you are exhibiting love. People today do not know how to love because they do not know how to respect authority.

I think if some of these youngsters could spend a week with my father and his infamous “paddle” they would grow to respect authority. Unfortunately, there is no authority figure in most homes today. Even those homes that have fathers are coerced into believing the father has no real significance in the family.

All I can do is to quote a famous psychologist, “How’s that working?”

Well, how is that working?

The wisest man in the world, Solomon, said, “For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth” (Proverbs 3:12).

True love always corrects that which is wrong, especially in the person they love.

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sends its people, they're not sending the best. They're not sending you, they're sending people that have lots of problems and they're bringing those problems. They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime. They're rapists and some, I assume, are good people, but I speak to border guards and they're telling us what we're getting."

WEDNESDAY: 21 year old Dylan Roof in the midst of a killing rampage that took the lives of 9 innocent people in church said of African Americans: *"You rape our women and you're taking over our country."*

The week didn't get any better. On **THURSDAY**, the landscape became even more polluted when NRA Board Member and Attorney Charles Cotton told the Associated Press what he posted on social media - that Pastor Pinckney, who was murdered in the church massacre, was to blame for the deaths because as an elected official he (Pinckney) blocked legislation that would have allowed the members of the church to carry their own guns. Cotton's statement implied that if everyone had come to Prayer Meeting with their guns, they'd be alive today. Absolutely asinine. By the way, Pinckney, according to the AP, ".....a search of legislative archives could not immediately find any such measure."

I don't know about you, but for me, this week has been a national disaster. For me, it isn't possible to just stick my head in the ground and ignore what is happening around us. It isn't possible to watch powerful, self-serving egomaniacs make a mockery of the way we choose our leaders. It isn't possible to listen to such a person, certainly not a man, although that is his stated gender identification, spew forth such ignorance and hatred by denigrating people based on their race. Ironically he chooses words that some could use to describe him and his business practices over the years. It is also not possible for me to continue to ignore the proliferation of the kind of

TUESDAY WAS NOT A GOOD DAY IN AMERICA, WEDNESDAY WAS WORSE. AND TOMORROW ISN'T LOOK GOOD EITHER!

TUESDAY: Donald Trump, in his announcement that he was seeking the nomination as the Republican Candidate for President said, *"When Mexico*

hateful rhetoric that the likes of the NRA's Cotton uses in order to try to prove themselves right.

And, it isn't possible for me not to notice that Roof, a 21 year old, has picked up some of the same hateful rhetoric and used it to justify killing innocent people who were worshipping in church.

It is not possible for me to ignore it, and it shouldn't be possible for you to ignore it either. Ignoring it just spreads the contagion like a virus, and makes life in these United States unsafe for everyone.

The tragedy in Charleston goes beyond the death of the nine victims. It goes to the very core of what is wrong with our nation today. Where is our future headed when a mere 21 year old can be so full of hatred that he lost his humanity?

Roof did not sink to that level of depravity without help. He is the product of his environment and that environment is not limited to his family. Our society bears a lot of the blame. This young man, who was allowed to guarantee his failure in life by dropping out of school in the 9th grade, (no educational program to save him?) learned from the people and the world around him.

We tolerate a culture of fear and hatred. We tolerate a culture of oppression, a culture of instant gratification regardless of the damage caused. We waste time bickering over who is right and who is wrong rather than WHAT is right and wrong. We will not work together to identify and prioritize our problems and find solutions for them. Our priorities aren't about preserving future generations. It has become all about what? I'm not certain.

But I do know that we just keep on sticking our heads in the sand and the tragedies just keep coming. And, with each tragedy, we continue to skip right over the real problems and latch on to the sensational.

In President Obama's remarks he said, *"I've had to make statements like this too many times. Communities like this have had to endure tragedies like this too many times."*

But let's be clear: At some point, we as a country will have to reckon with the fact that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries. It doesn't happen in other places with this kind of frequency. And it is in our power to do something about it."

No, this hasn't been a good week for America. Question is, what are we going to do about it?



TINA Dupuy

RACHEL DOLEZAL IS ACTING LIKE A CHILD ABUSE VICTIM ACTS

In the wake of the Duggar molestation scandal and now the quirky case of Rachel Dolezal, one thing is clear: We as a public don't know what child abuse looks like.

The CDC estimates that one in four American children experience some form of abuse and yet we're not quick to spot it or identify with it. Instead there's a tendency to be irked that "this stuff" is even being discussed publicly. Or as we've seen with the Duggars and the Dolezals, we default into our preexisting paradigms of partisanship: The Duggars are rightwingers and are typical of those people and Dolezal is a liberal Obama's America "transracial" fruitcake.

But both these cases also feature fringe Christian movements protecting their ideals over their daughters.

The saga of reality show subject Josh Duggar, who admittedly sexually abused five girls (four of whom were his own sisters), was a grotesque display of what religious zeal conditions people to be able to rationalize. "They didn't even know he had done it," said Michelle Duggar during the soft-focus Fox News Megyn Kelly interview.

I've talked to sexual abuse victims who didn't realize what had happened to them until decades later. They had fears and phobias and things they just avoided, seemingly without reason—but they didn't put two and two together. So the idea of child abuse being contingent on the victim's memory, identification or understanding is just wrong. Being asleep, unconscious or blocking it out—doesn't make one not a victim. And it surely doesn't mean it didn't happen.

Kelly, to her credit, repeatedly asked the Duggars about their daughters and they repeatedly answered by talking about their son, the abuser. To me it was Christian-based traditional gender-role activists valuing the man and his sexual proclivities over anything their own daughters might undergo.

And another painfully public tale of throwing your daughter under the bus is Rachel Dolezal. While the national discourse instantly tee-heed and tsk-tsked at a white woman identifying herself as black, immediately branding her as a freak, a fraud and a phony—we all missed the real story. Why are her parents on TV at all? Their daughter wasn't hurting anyone. She had adopted a new persona. She had found another father who loves

her—a community who embraced her. She didn't get a salary from her position at her local chapter of the NAACP. She was fighting for the marginalized as an unpaid volunteer. She was trying to help people and further a cause of justice. Loving and compassionate parents don't go on media tours calling their daughter a liar and a disappointment—especially when, by every measure, she was successful and just living her life.

Then it came out that this is yet another story hingering on child abuse. "Joshua Dolezal, 39, was charged in 2013 with four felony counts of sex abuse of a victim who was a minor at the time, sources and court records confirmed," reported the NY Daily News. Rachel is, of course, supporting the victim and that threatens these home-schooling young Earth fundamentalists. To them, if Rachel is a liar, everything can go back to the way it was.

Rachel's birth parents are abusive. Two of the other children in the family (so far) have corroborated Rachel's claims of abuse: physical labor, forced isolation and physical violence.

Rachel is acting like an abuse victim acts. She's estranged from her birth parents for a reason. And when she says she can't prove that Ruthanne and Larry Dolezal are really her parents, she's divorcing herself from them. She's trying to move on and move past them. I haven't called my neglectful and emotionally abusive birth parents "mom" and "dad" in over a decade. And if you ask me if they're my parents, I'll say no. I have parents; they didn't give birth to me.

When Rachel says she identifies as a black woman and says she understands struggle, I think she does. Something about oppression resonates with her. Also, in seeing herself as black, she becomes the opposite of the people who hurt her. She's running away from them—and she's told us why.

Surviving is messy. It's complicated and it compels people to do seemingly absurd things. Some recreate their trauma by acquiring different abusers; some pass on their trauma by abusing others. Some hurt themselves, or in my case blame themselves. One became Oprah. And some vow to protect others—advocate for others—and dedicate their lives to helping others sporting a spray tan and a weave to tap into a culture noted for strength, endurance and triumph in the face of adversity.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Democrats' obnoxious strategy to use women as political pawns was rejected in 2014 and will be again in 2016"

- Andrea Bozek, spokeswoman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee

Actually, it was 2012 that saw popularization of the "war on women" accusation against Republicans. That was the year Rep. Todd

Akin (R-MO), while campaigning for the Senate, explained how in becoming pregnant the body tries to "shut that whole thing down" in cases of "legitimate rape". Also arguing against rape and incest exceptions for abortion bans, Richard Mourdock, Senate candidate from Indiana, suggested we instead just accept any resulting pregnancy as "something God had intended to happen". Tom Smith, Senate candidate from Pennsylvania, characterized pregnancy from rape as simply an out-of-wedlock pregnancy. (All three lost their races.)

2012 saw strong opposition from Congressional Republicans to renewal of the Violence Against Women Act. In Wisconsin, current GOP presidential candidate Gov. Scott Walker saw to repeal of his state's Equal Pay Enforcement Act, describing it as little more than a boon for trial lawyers and an attack on the "job creators". In support, Republican State Sen. Glenn Grothman added, "You could argue that money is more important for men . . . maybe because they expect to be a bread-winner someday, may be a little more money-conscious." (Grothman now serves in the U.S. Congress.)

The "war" became apparent in 2011, as the new Republican Congressional majority took over. They insisted the modifier "forcible" be included in legislation, so that an exception to the ban on abortion funding could not be made simply for "rape" - it had to be "forcible rape". Further clarifications protected doctors and hospitals that not only refused to perform abortions themselves, but refused to arrange patient transfers to facilities that did, even in emergency situations where the life of the mother was at stake. Rep. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) said such legislation showed a "heinous disregard for the health and well-being of women in America."

Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) that year introduced legislation to promote contraception for wild horses, while at the same time he and his colleagues tried to deny it for women by eliminating funding for Title X, the federal family planning program for humans. On the state level, a Republican legislator tried to change Georgia's criminal codes so that a rape "victim" would henceforth be referred to as the "accuser".

We're now seeing consequences of these actions. Two months ago, Indiana Republican Gov. Mike Pence instituted an emergency needle-exchange program to combat an unprecedented HIV outbreak in the rural parts of his state, caused by intravenous drug use. A few years earlier, Republican funding cuts forced the closure of five rural Planned Parenthood clinics in the areas hardest hit. None provided abortions; all provided HIV testing.

As Gov. Pence was taking these emergency actions, the legislature in Texas, a state with the third-highest HIV infection rate in the country, was passing a measure to transfer \$3 million in funding from HIV/STD prevention over to programs promoting abstinence-only sex education. When the sponsor was asked how much more funding would have to be taken from these other programs, he answered as much as it takes for as long as people continue having sex before marriage.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission estimated the state's closing of Planned Parenthood and other facilities a few years ago would bring 23,760 additional births to low-income families over 2014-2015, at an additional cost to taxpayers of \$273 million in Medicaid and other medical expenses.

This past week, House Republicans again passed a budget eliminating funds for Title X, which for over forty years has been helping provide millions of low-income Americans contraceptive care, sexually-transmitted disease screening, AIDS / HIV testing, cervical cancer screenings, etc. (Title X has never been involved with abortions.) Along with Title X, they're targeting sex education programs and teen pregnancy prevention. Even after the Supreme Court's "Hobby Lobby" decision, they want to make it easier still for employers to dictate what is covered under their female employees' health plans.

House Republicans have passed these cuts before - but now it's not so clear whether they can be stopped in the Senate as they've been in the past with the Senate under Democratic control.

25% of the 4.7 million served by Title X are here in California. According to Julie Rabinovitz, President of the California Family Health Council, the program helps prevent 1.2 unintended pregnancies in the state every year. There's also \$7 taxpayers' money saved for every \$1 spent on family planning.

The concern of Republican spokeswoman Andrea Bozek, quoted above, seems to be over how Democrats' exploitation of such issues might affect next year's campaigns. The concern for most of us, though, is how these real issues affect real Americans and real families today. As Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund puts it, "If Republican leaders in Congress think they can take away millions of women's access to health care and shut down programs that are reducing teen pregnancy without one hell of a fight, they have another thing coming."

In 1967, Rep. George H.W. Bush (R-TX) urged federal agencies to "work even more closely with going private agencies like Planned Parenthood" to achieve universal access to family planning. A year before signing Title X into law in 1970, President Nixon wrote, "It is my view that no American woman should be denied access to family planning assistance because of her economic condition."

Forty years ago, issues such as women's health, family planning and preventing teen pregnancy didn't seem to be partisan issues to fight about. When Republicans take party-line actions stripping these programs and protections from those who need them most, however, they should be neither surprised nor offended to see them re-emerge as campaign issues in 2016.

MICHAEL Reagan

DONALD TRUMP'S CIRCUS ACT

Poor Jeb.

He's Donald Trump's first Republican victim, but he won't be his last.

On Monday Bush officially declared he was a Republican candidate for president, something everyone knew was coming.

Jeb gave a serious, by-the-book announcement speech, explaining his many qualifications, making his claim that he's a true conservative and promising to make America great again.

It was boringly Bush, and maybe a little too moderate for hardline conservatives. But it was mature and dignified. Presidential even.

The mainstream media gave Jeb token coverage for about a day. Some were especially impressed by his fluency in Spanish.

But then on Tuesday the one-man, one-ring, Donald Trump circus rolled into Republican town.

The Donald wasted no time proving to everyone why he should not be president. He also proved why he's going to spell trouble for the GOP primary process.

Winging it without a written speech or a Teleprompter, Trump mangled lots of facts about the economy, attacked Republicans Jeb and Marco Rubio, offended the Mexican nation and admitted proudly that he was absurdly rich and ready to spend millions electing himself.

Entertaining and scary at the same time, Trump was a speeding political train wreck before he got a chance to leave the station.

He said horrible and untrue things about illegal Mexican immigrants, saying they were mostly criminals and murderers while admitting only "some of them may be good people."

Yet Trump surely hit some nerves when he said we've become a country of losers because our leaders are a bunch of losers who can't get it right in Iraq, Iran, Washington or anywhere else.

And who's going to argue with the Donald when he says the Chinese are winning every trade deal we make with them? Or that we're stuck with crumbling Third World airports like LAX and LaGuardia. It was Trump in all his self-powered glory.

The media began bashing and mocking him immediately, mainly by merely repeating some of the dumb or outlandish things he blurted.



Trump is not the Ross Perot of 2016. Perot was a serious businessman who wanted to fix the economy and balance the federal budget.

Trump is a vanity candidate. He's also the wild-and-crazy GOP guy the liberal media have been praying for.

Jon Stewart — whose progressive shtick on the "Daily Show" usually reflects the worst ideas and values of the Democrat faithful — thanked the heavens for Trump's decision to run.

The Donald is a gift that will keep Hollywood's comedy sector supplied with a steady stream of material guaranteed to get laughs and always reflect poorly on Republicans.

Another thing. When Trump's on the stage, he becomes the center of attention and sucks the air out of the room with his wild and crazy personality.

Trump might actually possess some right answers for dealing with the legacy of problems the Obama gang will leave behind.

But he will not be able to get anything done because to fix things in government, you have to know how to work with other people.

Trump doesn't. He's a solo act, an ego in chief, an order-giving business exec. He isn't used to negotiating or working with others.

Everyone knows Trump can't win. He knows it too. He's a dangerous distraction and a stain on the GOP brand, but conservatives stuck with him.

For him the 2016 GOP primary is just another TV reality show. But this time it's a show with real consequences, domestically and internationally.

He'll create lots of late-night laughs. He might even force substantive candidates to address important subjects they'd prefer to dodge, like immigration reform.

But as long as Trump's in the race, he can only hurt the Republican cause, whether it's by making the party's primary process look like a clown convention or bumping someone smart and fiery like Carly Fiorina off the TV debate stage.

The Donald and his multi-billions have crashed the GOP's exclusive 2016 party for now. But in the long run, he'll be the joker who'll be trumped.

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