

CELEBRATING THE SUPREME COURT’S WISDOM



People gathered Friday night on Lake Ave. at the 210 freeway overpass, near the Metro Gold Line Station to celebrate the long awaited Supreme Court protecting the Constitutional rights of same-sex couples. Friday’s rally was organized by All Saints Church, Planned Parenthood and the Pasadena Pride Center among others.

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DEADLINE FOR FILLING COMMISSION VACANCIES FAST APPROACHING

Why not share your talents and be a part of Sierra Madre’s solutions! Apply to become a member of one of the city’s commissions and take a proactive step in preserving our cherished village.

The deadline to apply to be a Planning Commissioner (2 vacancies) or Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commissioner (3 vacancies) is July 9, 2015. Applications can be downloaded from the City’s website and returned in person to City Hall or emailed to [laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com). The City is also collecting applications for the following Commissions:

- Community Services - 1 vacancy
- Library Board of Trustees - 1 vacancy
- Senior Community Commission - 2 vacancies

For more information please visit the City’s website or call 626.355.7135.

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL HONORS HOMETOWN HERO - VICTOR ESPINOZA



Sierra Madre Mayor John Capoccia, left, congratulates the city’s latest Hometown Hero, Victor Espinoza. Espinoza became the first jockey to win horse racing’s Triple Crown in 37 years when he crossed the finish line with American Pharoah at the Belmont Stakes earlier this month. Said Espinoza, “It is an honor for me to say that I live in Sierra Madre. Sierra Madre is a lucky town”.

Photo courtesy of the City of Sierra Madre

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COUNCIL PASSES 2015-2016 BUDGET

Tuesday’s council meeting began on a solemn note with a moving prayer by Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss remembering the families of the violent tragedy in South Carolina and extended his prayers for the nation and the city. Following that, and perhaps because of it, the Sierra Madre City Council held one of the most contention free budget meetings for as long as anyone can remember.

The main focus of the evening was a continuation of the discussion on what services needed to be cut, to what extent and for how long. After listening to the results of the extensive community outreach to residents, it was decided at the last meeting that an effort would be made to cut services as little as possible and, if necessary use general fund reserves to fill any deficit for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which begins July 1st.

During public comment, it was apparent that everyone who spoke realized the critical situation that the city was in and the need to consider new or alternative revenue sources if the city wanted to avoid further cuts in 2016-2017.

In the end, the council decided to adopt a \$22 million dollar budget that would keep most services at the current level. The library, which had been faced with a reduction of \$70,000 was spared one part time position, a savings of \$19,000, reducing the budget cuts for the Library to \$51,000. In regards to cutting expenditures,

the city has been ‘paying it forward’ in terms of contributions to the employee retirement fund. As a result, all contributions for the 2015-2016 fiscal year have already been paid. The council agreed that no advanced payments would be made this year, however Mayor Capoccia reminded everyone that our policy of paying in advance should resume as soon as feasible, hopefully by the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Because of a one time windfall from the State regarding Redevelopment Funds, the anticipated deficit was reduced noticeably. However, City Manager Elaine Aguilar informed the council that all requests for RDA funds from the state had finally been paid and there were no other ‘windfalls’ in the future.

For this fiscal year, the General Fund surplus will fill the gap. However, in planning for the future, the council has established three committees to investigate other ways to manage both expenditures and revenues for the next fiscal year.

The committees, which will be consist of council members and current commissioners are:  
Library Committee  
Public Safety Committee and  
Revenue Committee.

Final selection of who will serve will be fast tracked so that they can begin working asap.

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## 6-Day Forecast

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Mon:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com)

## Pre-Parade Party &amp; 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 &amp; 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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Fernand Alberto Valasco  
6235 Haviland Ave.  
Whittier, Ca. 90601  
Petitioner Appearing Pro Per



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you would like to  
share, please submit  
it to: [editor@](mailto:editor@mtnews.com)

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-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

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## SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY

### PRE-PARADE PARTY & PICNIC

**JULY 3**  
5:30pm - 10:30pm  
Memorial Park

**FRIENDS OF SMALL BEER GARDEN NON-PROFIT BOOTHS**  
**GROOVY LEMON PIE**  
6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Bubblewrap Fireworks  
8:00pm - 8:30pm

**CIVIC CLUB CONFETTI EGGS DUNK TANK KIDS FUN ZONE**  
**SIERRA MADRE PIZZA CO** served by and benefiting **KIWANIS**  
Gourmet Gentle - Slamin' Sliders - Taintamite - KimBobRex - D's Tacos - Rounds Burger  
Palazzolo's Sorbetto & Gelato & the Ice Princess \*FOOD TRUCKS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

### THE SPERO FOUNDATION'S 5TH ANNUAL FIRECRACKER FUN RUN

**JULY 4**  
8:00am - 9:30am  
(check in 7:00am - 7:45am)  
Kersting Court

Adults \$ 21.00 or Youth under 10 \$ 16.00 All participants are \$ 26.00 after June 15th  
THIS UNTIMED, 5K FUN RUN IS PERFECT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY  
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Prizes will be awarded for best display of USA  
REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.SIERRAMADRE4THOFJULY.COM; FUN RUN TAB

### SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB

**JULY 4**  
8:00am - 10:00am  
550 Sierra Madre Blvd  
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Annual 4th of July Pre-Parade Open House  
Complimentary Continental Breakfast - OPEN TO ALL

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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Gourmet Gentle SLAMMIN' SLIDERS KimBobRex ICE PRINCESS  
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**JULY 4**  
11:00am - 2:00pm  
CIVIC CLUB COMMUNITY GAMES  
12:00pm (approximately)

### FREE SHUTTLE JULY 4 12:00 - 2:00pm

COMMUNITY PICNIC AT SIERRA VISTA PARK STOPS ON SIERRA MADRE BLVD @ SUNNYSIDE, MEMORIAL PARK, BALDWIN & SIERRA VISTA PARK

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## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

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JUNE 21	<b>PASADENA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA (Classical)</b> *SATURDAY* Sponsored by Pasadena Community Orchestra
JUNE 28	<b>PAT O'BRIEN &amp; THE PRIESTS OF LOVE (Blues)</b> Sponsored by Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association Food Offered: Corfu & Ice Princess
JULY 5	<b>HEARTACHE TONIGHT (Eagles Tribute)</b> Sponsored by Sierra Madre Civic Club Food Offered: Home Baked Goodness!!
JULY 12	<b>SIERRA MADRE MUSIC (Local Talent!)</b> Sponsored by Sierra Madre Music Food Offered: Corfu & Ice Princess
JULY 19	<b>DECADES OF ROCK (Rock and Roll Covers)</b> Sponsored by Spero Foundation Food Offered: Peppertree Grill & The Ice Princess
JULY 26	<b>SGT PEPPER (Beatles Tribute)</b> Sponsored by L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich & Senior Commission Food Offered: Corfu & Free Popsicles Courtesy of the Senior Commission
AUG 2	<b>CASH UP FRONT (Johnny Cash Tribute)</b> Sponsored by Sierra Madre Community Foundation Food Offered: Peppertree Grill & The Ice Princess
AUG 9	<b>ELVIS (Elvis Tribute)</b> Sponsored by Sierra Madre Rotary Club Food Offered: Rounds Burger Food Truck & The Ice Princess
	<b>GEM CITY JAZZ CATS (Big Band)</b> Sponsored by Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club & Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Food Offered: Corfu & Free Cake 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.

## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my barbeque!"  
Mark Twain

"Grilling, broiling, barbeque - whatever you want to call it - is an art, not just a matter of building a pyre and throwing on a piece of meat as a sacrifice to the gods of the stomach!" James Beard

Our esteemed editor, Susan Henderson, posted a comment on Facebook a few days ago stating, and I quote, "OMG! Bean Town in Sierra Madre now has a smoker and is selling FANTASTIC BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken sandwiches. Soooooo Gooooood! I said I was only going to eat 1/2 of my sandwich this evening. Ha! It was gone before I realized it!! Great job <https://www.facebook.com/matthew.krantz.94> Matthew Krantz!!"

Upon reading Susan's enthusiastic endorsement, we realized, my BBQ loving buddy, John, and I, that we needed to get ourselves in there ASAP! We had the Pulled Chicken sandwich, split it, and couldn't believe how great it was. Half a sandwich was NOT ENOUGH! Fortunately, it came with coleslaw and a heap of green salad. Gotta tell you, friends and neighbors, we'll be going back to try all of the new BBQ Menu. And, trust me on this, you've got to get in there, too, to check it out. In addition to the chicken, Bean Town has slow smoked pulled pork, half chicken and Tri-tip sandwiches. This is brand new to Bean Town, along with this really nifty smoker they've got out back. Bean Town barista and all around nice guy, Matt Vidimos, shown here with the smoker, let me have a look and it's pretty impressive.

Remember that thing about raising revenues here in town? Stop by Bean Town, have a Smoked BBQ sandwich and raise a little revenue! You can choose between Mac & Cheese (their own recipe), Western Beans, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, and the aforementioned Coleslaw for your side dish. Don't forget Bean Town is also home to an assortment of Gourmet Burgers. They're giving new meaning to creative innovation in there, folks!

How are you doing with your water? We're doing better with not wasting any more in the kitchen than absolutely necessary. I'm taking our plastic sink water collection bowl out every day and giving some poor thirsty plant a drink. I'm losing a few things, got a really pretty Sweet Pea plant at Home Depot, which said it could tolerate dry soil - which is certainly what we have - but it just dried up and gave up. I'm thinking of cutting it back and seeing if it will come back. Hope springs eternal. The succulents are doing great!

Just picked tomato #2 of the season and we'll be enjoying that tonight with a little romaine and avocado. I'm not seeing anybody's tomato plants

## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, June 14th, to Sunday, June 23rd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 272 calls for service.

### Thursday, June 18th

At 7:52 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 30 block of West Bonita Avenue regarding a suspicious person report. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the victim that while in her home, she noticed the suspect on the east side of her property prowling near her trash bins. While calling police, the suspect left the property. The victim provided a description of the suspect and Officers located a male matching the description on the corner of Baldwin Avenue and Bonita Avenue. Upon interviewing the suspect, Officers were informed that the man was a transient and was trying to make his way back to Los Angeles. The suspect was arrested and cited for wandering upon the private property of another.

At 3:41 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 block of Auburn Avenue regarding a possible residential burglary. Upon arrival, the victim informed Officers that at approximately 5:35 pm, he closed both the rear and front door of his residence but did not lock them. While down stairs, the victim stated he heard footsteps in his pantry area. The victim yelled out and informed the suspect(s) that he was there and armed. Soon after he heard a loud noise followed by footsteps running out of the rear door. The victim ran out front in an attempt to locate the possible suspect(s). No items or valuables were reported stolen. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

### Saturday, June 20th

At 11:45 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 block of East Alegria Avenue after the victim reported he had just been jumped and robbed at gun point in the La Crescenta area. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the victim that the night before, he attended a house gathering in Altadena. At some point during the night, a fight broke out and he jumped in to help break up the fight, which resulted in him hitting a man in the face. The gathering was broken up by the police. The following night, he and his friends attended another house gathering in the La Crescenta area. While at the gathering, the victim noticed several men arrive and recognized one of the men to be the man he had punched the night before. The victim decided it was time to leave, and while walking to his friend's vehicle, he was approached and surrounded by more than 15 men who were questioning him about the incident the night before. The victim fled but was followed by two vehicles in which some of the men hopped in to. The victim was cornered and was ultimately assaulted by the group of men. The victim then stated one man brandished a gun and pointed it towards his head. The man threatened the victim's life, then robbed the victim of his wallet, before fleeing with the group of men. The vehicles were described as a silver Scion and a black BMW. The suspect with the gun was described as a male Armenian having a faded beard, buzz haircut wearing a black jacket and blue jeans. Due to the incident happening outside of the city, Officers took the police report and forwarded to the Sheriff's Department for the area it occurred.

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## Veterans patrol Suicide Bridge

They started Tuesday night as hundreds of military veterans patrolled the Colorado Street Bridge bringing awareness to suicide prevention as part of Wellness Works' Not on My Watch.

Veterans, from across the country, took, one hour shifts patrolling the bridge 24 hours a day through today. According to the nonprofit group's website the veteran suicide rate is 23 per day. The website also states that, currently, there are more Veteran deaths attributed to suicide than killed in action in both wars fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Not on my watch event bring the community to an awareness that veterans can be helped, all you have to do is just understand their trails," Kathy Lynch a therapist for Wellness Works told news reporters.

The group said they use a holistic therapy approach to help veterans deal with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Along with patrolling the bridge, they placed American flags along the bridge along with a fallen soldier memorial as part of PTSD Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day, today.

The Colorado Street got the nick name "Suicide Bridge" in 1932. It is thought that over a hundred people have committed suicide jumping from the 150 foot high structure. In August of 2013 city officials installed metal signs, at each end of the bridge, that include suicide prevention hotline number 1-800-784-2433.



Maddie A367089 is an energetic, 11-month-old, spayed female Chihuahua mix. This 13lb pup is an affectionate young girl who enjoys being held. She is quite the social butterfly and enjoys going on walks. She already knows her sit and down command.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$125, which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. The Pasadena Humane Society will be having a "Free Adoption Day" on June 30 from 9am-5pm. Adoption fees will be waived for all available animals. Regular adoption screening applies.

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 A373396, 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](http://pasadenahumane.org).

## Chalk Fest Winners Announced

Hundreds of artists spent Father's Day weekend creating over 210 murals at the 23rd Annual Pasadena Chalk Festival at the Paseo Colorado and Convention Center.

"I say this every year but the art just keeps getting better," said Tom Coston one of the event organizers and president of Light Bringer Project. The festival started in 1993 by the Light Bringer Project.

The best of festival went to artist Moe Notsu for her tiled collage of artists, Renoir, Basquiat, Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, and Monet.

Best in Festival - 2nd Place went to Shuji Nishimura's portrait of John Lennon (Pictured right) and Best in Festival - 3rd Place went to Arlou Somo for a girl in a bathing suit. Other winners included, Best 3D Effect went to Julio Jimenez painting of painting at the chalk fest. Most Humorous went to Edwin Aguilar for a portrait of a baby in a dragon costume. Best New Artist went to Michael Flowers for an illustration of DuckTales.

## Pasadena POPS Celebrates Best of the Beatles Music



The Pasadena POPS celebrates the best of the music of The Beatles with Classical Mystery Tour on Saturday, July 11 at the Los Angeles Arboretum. Back by Popular demand, Classical Mystery Tour brings the timeless hits of The Beatles to life with a fresh set list of favorites. Spanning The Beatles' vast catalog, a smattering of tracks from Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band including "Strawberry Fields Forever," "Penny Lane," "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and "A Day in the Life" round out early and later hits like "Yesterday" and "Let It Be".

The Fabulous Four performers include Jim Owen (John Lennon), Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney), Joe Bithorn (George Harrison) and Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr). The



Amanda Casas won Best Use of Color, Most Inspirational went to Peggy and Tiffany Jordan, Best Technique was won by Shaina Joel, Best in Animation went to Alley Jennifer Swain, Best in Chalk of Fame went to Charlotte Scoville, Best Recreation of

a Masterpiece was won by Ryan Slight, and Kathleen Sanders won On the Way to MOCA.

Other murals included Bert and Ernie, Star Wars and Game of Thrones. The winners can be found at [lightbringerproject.com](http://lightbringerproject.com).

## Fireworks are Illegal in Altadena

The Altadena Sheriff's Station reminds all residents and visitors that the best way to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with family and friends is by attending professional fireworks shows such as Americafest at the Pasadena Rose Bowl Stadium. Fireworks Celebration at Altadena Town & Country Club on Wednesday, July 1st. Party begins at 6:00 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. Please RSVP with the Front Desk, 2290 Country Club Dr. Altadena, CA 91001, (626) 794-7163.

The sale or possession of all fireworks is illegal in Altadena. Violators are subject to confiscation and impound of vehicles; up to one year in jail and fines up to \$50,000. Call Altadena Sheriff's at (626) 798-1131 to report illegal fireworks.

Altadena Sheriff's Captain Christopher Reed urges everyone to make safety a priority on July 4th.

Even sparklers, which many people consider safe, can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, causing serious burns and starting fires. Adults normally don't allow their children to get near anything that hot, but for some reason they think it's acceptable to put sparklers in the hands of little ones on the Fourth of July.

**Note to parents:** If your child has any fireworks prior to June 28th, the items are probably illegal and dangerous and should be turned over to your fire department or local police agency!

Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

For more information visit the web site of the Los Angeles County Fire Department at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov>

## 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.

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

Visit [www.readypasadena.net](http://www.readypasadena.net) for emergency preparedness information and to register your telephones to receive Red Flag Alerts or other emergency notifications.

## City Files Lawsuit Trying to Recover Embezzled Funds

Pasadena officials filed a civil lawsuit Wednesday seeking recovery of money allegedly embezzled from the Underground Utilities Fund, Pasadena City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris announced.

According to Bagneris, the lawsuit was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court against former city employee Danny Wooten; his wife, Laveta Wooten; Tyrone Collins, Collins Electric; the Southern California Evangelistic Jurisdiction Center; New Covenant Christian Fellowship Center and Melody Jenkins.

A city audit completed in November 2014 documented as many as 296 potentially fraudulent invoices had been submitted to the city for check payments in excess of \$6.4 million. The money came from the Underground Utilities Fund that pays for moving overhead power and communications lines underground. Revenues to the fund come from the Underground Surtax paid by electric customers. The audit is posted on the city's website at [www.cityofpasadena.net/invoiceinvestigation](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/invoiceinvestigation).

"The city council is determined to seek full recovery of the funds lost and to restore the public's trust that the City is acting in a fully responsible manner," Mayor Terry Tornek said.

The civil lawsuit alleges that the defendants conspired to embezzle the Underground Utilities Fund money from the city and that they participated



Danny Wooten

in a scheme to submit false claims for payment of invoices.

"The taxpayers are entitled to expect that the city will use all available legal remedies to bring wrongdoers to justice, and to seek recovery of the embezzled funds," City Attorney Bagneris said. Ms. Bagneris is named as a plaintiff in the lawsuit in addition to the City, in her capacity as the City's prosecuting authority under the California False Claims Act.

A City Council Ad Hoc Committee that is overseeing the city's efforts to recover the embezzled funds is also guiding the city in the civil lawsuit. The committee is chaired by Councilmember Steve Madison and includes Councilmembers Victor Gordo, John Kennedy, and Margaret McAustin.

Wooten, Collins and Jenkins are being criminally prosecuted by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office for their alleged roles in the embezzlement officials said.

## Pasadena set for Sunday's 129th Birthday Celebration

Pasadena Museum of History and the City of Pasadena announced this week the theme "Happy Birthday Pasadena: Forward Motion," marking the city's 129th year since incorporation. Mayor Terry Tornek will cut the cake on Sunday at 2:30. This will be Tornek's first official cutting of the city's birthday cake.

This year's theme will include cars, bicycles, and other vehicles that were innovative for their time – both a century ago and today. There will also be exhibitions When Johnny Came Marching West: How the Civil War Shaped Pasadena and Thaddeus Lowe: Chief Aeronaut of the Union Army. Complimentary birthday cake will also be served along with entertainment, and a craft workshop.

Go Metro to the Pasadena Museum of History and receive a free stylized map of Pasadena! For more details,

click here. Take the Metro Gold Line to Memorial Park Station and walk a few blocks west on Walnut St. towards Orange Grove Blvd. Happy Birthday Pasadena will take place June 28, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pasadena Museum of History 470 W. Walnut Street, Pasadena. For more information call 626-577-1660.



## Altadena Crime Blotter

### Sunday, June 14th

9:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2600 block of Visscher Place. Suspect(s) entered the location by prying the garage door. Property stolen: orange Santa Cruz Heckler mountain bike and a red Bianchi touring bike.

10:28 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon (knife) occurred in the 3300 block of N. Marengo Avenue. The victim was confronted by the suspect, Glenn Carlton, his roommate, regarding smoking marijuana inside of the apartment. During the verbal altercation, the suspect retrieved a knife and stabbed the victim. The victim's injuries are not life-threatening. The suspect was taken into custody.

### Monday, June 15th

8:41 PM – Brian Alexander was arrested in the 700 block of Ventura Street for violation of a restraining order and a subsequent felony vandalism to a patrol vehicle when he kicked out the rear side window while handcuffed in the back seat.

### Tuesday, June 16th

12:00 AM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1300 block of N. Altadena Drive. Property stolen: \$500.00 cash.

8:42 AM – A vandalism occurred at Masjid ATaqwah Mosque, 2180 N. Lake Avenue. The suspect dispensed oil inside the mailbox and on the door. Suspect described as a male, Black, 507-510, 160, wearing a blue long sleeve shirt and blue jeans.

10:30 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the area of Garfias Drive and Valencia Avenue. Suspect(s) slashed the convertible top of a vehicle.

### Wednesday, June 17th

4:45 PM – Kyle Oliver was arrested in the area of Lake Av. and Fontanet Way for possession of a controlled substance.

7:12 PM – Jimmie Kirk was arrested at Ralph's, 2270 N. Lake Avenue for petty theft.

### Thursday, June 18th

5:39 PM – A petty theft occurred at Super King, 2260 N. Lincoln Avenue. Property stolen: W.I.C vouchers.

### Friday, June 19th

4:00 PM – A grand theft occurred in the 1900 block of E. Washington Boulevard. Property stolen: Volvo Penta boat engine, propeller.

6:39 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon (gun) occurred in the 600 block of W. Altadena Drive. The victims were outside of their residence when a vehicle occupied with three males pulled up to the front of location. The passenger pulled out a black semi-automatic handgun and pulled the trigger. The gun jammed and the suspects fled the area. Pasadena Police Department officers later located the suspect's vehicle in their city and the occupants were taken into custody.

### Saturday, June 20th

4:00 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2300 block of E. Washington Boulevard. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the rear passenger side window. Property stolen: toolbox, keys.



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## ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® OF ARCADIA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Featuring the theme of the incoming President, “We Treasure Our Volunteers”, the Assistance League of Arcadia held its Meeting and Annual Luncheon at the Altadena Country Club. President, Kay Kinsler, passed her title to incoming President, Barbara Parrott. Dressed as a jovial pirate, Diane Lucas, installed the crew of new officers for their 2015—2016 voyage. Assisted by her costumed parrots, Lucy Mao and Karyn Chien, Captain Diane presented each officer with a treasure from her chest to assist them on their impending adventure. Sheryl Schreiber, Karen Tanner, and the Social Committee created a festive atmosphere with colorful parrot centerpieces, surrounded by golden coins, reflecting the pirate theme. Highlighting the afternoon, were two special award presentations for outstanding service to the Arcadia ALA Chapter. The “Most Valuable Member Award” was given to Suzanne Warren and the “ADA Edwards Laughlin Award” was given to Betsy Burcham. Both deserving honorees were given standing ovations of appreciation by their fellow members.

Members volunteer over 28,000 hours annually in Assistance League of Arcadia Community service projects as they fulfill National Assistance League’s values of “Caring and Commitment in Action.” Assistance League’s charitable programs touch the lives of children, families, and seniors. Funding for these programs is provided by proceeds from their thrift store sales, donations, and grants. These programs rely on the involvement of more than 340 hands on, unpaid volunteer members. Arcadia Assistance League is always looking for new members to join their ranks for volunteer opportunities and community fellowship. Visit their website for additional information and membership opportunities, at [ALArcadia.org](http://ALArcadia.org)



Displaying ALA's Pirate Flag are President Barbara Parrott & Installing Officer Diane Lucas

## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, June 14th, through Saturday, June 20th, the Police Department responded to 1,025 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, June 14:

Just before 1:48 p.m., an officer responded to Macy’s at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a 28-year-old female from Pasadena concealed over \$1,300.00 worth of merchandise in shopping bags before exiting the store and failing to make payment. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 6:31 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Las Tunas Drive and Santa Anita Avenue for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 19-year-old male from Los Angeles was driving with a suspended license. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The suspect’s vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

### Monday, June 15:

At about 10:37 a.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of 99 Ranch Market, 1300 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a suspicious subject harassing customers. During a consensual search of the subject, the officer discovered the suspect was in possession of a stolen driver’s license. The 21-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 6:42 p.m., an officer responded to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The victim’s lock was forced open and his backpack, wallet, and phone had been stolen from a locker. Two other lockers in the men’s locker room had also been forcibly broken into. The investigation is ongoing.

### Tuesday, June 16:

Around 8:20 a.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of Fano Street regarding an attempted stolen vehicle report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect opened the trunk of the vehicle, bent “The Club” that was securing the steering wheel, and tampered with the ignition cylinder in an effort to steal the vehicle. However, the unknown suspect was unsuccessful. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just after 9:38 p.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a vehicle theft that had just occurred. The victim witnessed an unknown suspect stealing his vehicle. The victim followed the suspect to the 800 block where the suspect stopped the car and fled on foot. An area check did not locate the suspect.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 25-years-old, and 5’7” tall.

### Wednesday, June 17:

Shortly after 11:06 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of

Colorado Boulevard and First Avenue regarding a subject sleeping behind the businesses. The officer located the subject and determined a 50-year-old male from Arcadia was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 3:13 p.m., an officer responded to Extended Stay, 401 East Santa Clara Street, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke the lock to the vehicle and took various tools. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Thursday, June 18:

At approximately 7:26 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a bicyclist in the area of South Baldwin Avenue and West Huntington Drive for riding on the sidewalk. While talking to the subject, the 24-year-old male from West Covina admitted to having a methamphetamine pipe on him. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 4:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of North First Avenue regarding a disturbance report. An investigation revealed a male and female were arguing when the female threw the male subject’s glass smoking pipe on the ground. She pushed him causing him to fall and cut his hand on the broken glass. The 21-year-old female of Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Friday, June 19:

At about 10:00 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2400 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim received a phone call from “John Frazier with the IRS” indicating he was being pursued for tax evasion. The caller convinced the victim to wire transfer in excess of \$15,000. After transferring the money, the victim realized he had been a victim of a telephone scam. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 6:14 p.m., an officer responded to Macy’s at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a 58-year-old female from El Monte concealed merchandise in her purse before exiting the store and failing to make payment. She was cited and released in the field due to medical concerns.

### Saturday, June 20:

Just after 10:00 a.m., an officer responded to Longley Way School, 2601 Longley Way, regarding a burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect(s) used bolt cutters to bypass the fence and trailer shed in an effort to steal various tools. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 6:45 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect left two deep scratches in the side of her vehicle for no apparent reason. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

## CITY OF ARCADIA - SUMMER CONCERT & MOVIES IN THE PARK SERIES!



The Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department proudly announces the Summer Concert and Movie Series for 2015!

Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia’s FREE summer concert series is approaching fast, so make sure you don’t miss out on the fun in the sun! The summer concerts are held on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30-8pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Bring the kids out to participate in the FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, the City is pleased to announce The Grilled Cheese Truck at all of the 2015 Summer Concert Series! We look forward to making your hearts melt with all of our cheesy goodness. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department! For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Listed below is the line-up for this summer.

Yard Sale (Popular Music) and Environmental Fair – July 9, 2015

Yard Sale is a high-energy, 8-piece, horn-driven band that covers all the best dance tunes from the 70s through today. In addition to the 45+ summer concert series events they have done, Yard Sale is proud to say they’ve been rockin’ the Downtown Disney stage since 2013, and they’re ready to bring that top quality, family-friendly entertainment straight to you! From Earth, Wind and Fire, Stevie Wonder, Pat Benetar, and Van Halen to Adele, Katy Perry, Pharrell Williams and Bruno Mars - this band truly does it all. Plus - there will be fun stuff tossed out to the kids, beach balls flying, and dancing galore! No amateurs here...the band consists of touring/studio musicians and music educators who have been doing this for 20+ years. In short, Yard Sale is a bootie-shakin’, old school, funky sounding, hard rockin’ band that will truly knock your socks off! Also tonight we will be hosting an environmental fair to kick off the summer. Start this summer off right, visit these booths for useful information!

The Late Bloomers (Folk Rock) – July 16, 2015

Dan Ames, Gayle Bluemel, Ross Johnsen and Scott Shepherd are the Late Bloomers, an acoustic folk-rock band that have been performing together since 2006. Now two married couples, their early experiences began with music from Dylan, Neil Young and Paul Simon while still in high school in the sixties. They have since found their own sound by not only putting their individual stamp on favorites from that era, but by performing many new original tunes as well. They have individually been part of the Pasadena and LA music scene for many years and have played with other bands and are now enjoying their collaboration as the Late Bloomers.

Upstream (Caribbean Music) and Special Olympics Celebration – July 23, 2015

Upstream has been spreading their message of love and positivity through their exhilarating Caribbean Music, namely, Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steel Drum Music. Through the years they have mesmerized audiences with a multi-talented line up of some of the most experienced and enlightened musicians in their camp. Bandleader and Lead Singer/Guitarist “Haile Blackman” is originally from The Republic of Trinidad & Tobago and the Son of the Legendary Creator of Soca Music, the late Ras Shorty I. Steel Drum Extraordinaire “Derek Brewstafari” is also a Trinidad and Tobago native and will tug at your heartstrings with his melodic Steel Drum tones. You will not want to miss their exciting live concerts. Upstream invites you to come to the West Indian boogie - a great time is guaranteed to be had by all! - Also come help us celebrate Arcadia being a Special Olympics host city and cheer the athletes on from Trinidad, Tobago and the Kyrgyz Republic before they go onto compete in the Special Olympics.

Dustbowl Revival (Modern & Contemporary Jazz) – July 30, 2015

The Dustbowl Revival is a Venice, California-based collective that merges old school bluegrass, gospel, pre-war blues and the hot swing of New Orleans to form a spicy roots cocktail. Known for their roaring live sets, Dustbowl bravely brings together many styles of traditional American music. Named “Best Live Band in LA” by The LA Weekly, each Dustbowl performance promises to be a white-knuckle ride through the history of American folk music that rarely stays just on the stage. Call it the new old-timey dance hall sound made fresh by some of the best soloists in the business!

USO – Big Band (Patriotic) – August 6, 2015

National Night Out & Arcadia’s 112th Birthday! National Night Out promotes crime prevention and awareness through police-community partnerships. Arcadia’s Police and Fire Department will be joining us for this very special occasion. Free fingerprinting for the kids, crime prevention materials and other information will be available. Stop by and show your support to Arcadia’s finest.

But wait...that is not it! Help Arcadia celebrate our 112th birthday by enjoying some birthday cake (while supplies last).

Listening to this Orchestra is like taking a time-machine back to a World War Two U.S.O. show. And with a female vocalist, a hot, driving rhythmic section, and a horn section, the “classic-swing” sound is both full and authentic! And when you add in their “armed-forces style” khaki-colored uniforms, it’s all there! Formed in November of 1997, they have already established themselves as one of the premier Big-Bands of Southern California. Arcadia will love this show!

Cold Duck (70s top 40) – August 13, 2015

Back again by popular demand! Join us once again for this special celebration... Since its inception over two decades ago, Cold Duck’s philosophy has been directly responsible for their continued success: “Give the people what they want to hear and have a good time delivering it!” With this solid experienced musicianship, it should come as no surprise that Cold Duck is renowned for being one of the most versatile bands in existence. Cold Duck continues its tradition of excellent musicianship and groovin’ rhythms. So prepare to have a good time dancing the night away!

Rubber Soul (Tribute to the Beatles) – August 20, 2015

In the beginning of 1960, who would have thought that four young lads from Liverpool, England would have such an impact on the music world? John, Paul, George and Ringo became the most popular rock-n-roll group of all time.

Rubber Soul celebrates them and their music. Not by impersonating, but by duplicating the music we have all come to know and love. Being committed to detail Rubber Soul gives attention to all the parts played in the original Beatles songs. Performed live the music is given a new freshness and excitement. Hearing and seeing Rubber Soul becomes an entertaining experience you’ll love.

### Movies in the Park

The Movies in the Park are held on Friday evenings with activities starting at 6:30pm and movies starting at dusk on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Movies in the Park provided in partnership with CHOICESS Arcadia.

Hook (PG) – July 10, 2015

A grown up Peter Pan returns to Neverland when Captain Hook kidnaps his children. The exciting chase is on! Join us for the first movie of the summer.

Frozen Sing-Along with Olaf and Elsa (PG) – July 17, 2015

Kick off the summer and cool off in family style and sing along with Elsa and your favorite snow buddy, Olaf.

A Goofy Movie (G) – July 24, 2015

Join Goofy and his son Max on this hilarious cross country adventure full of fun!

Big Hero 6 (PG) – July 31, 2015

Need a magical protector in your life? Meet Hero 6 who will keep you safe and tickle your funny bone!

Cars 2 (G) – August 7, 2015

Star race car Lightning McQueen and his pal Mater take off to compete in an international World Grand Prix and get caught up in a spy adventure along the way.

Back to the Future 2 (PG) – August 14, 2015

Marty McFly needs to return to 1955 after his visit to 2015 to stop a disaster that will happen in 1985. But how will he do it?

Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) – August 21, 2015

A zany group of intergalactic criminals band together to protect their universe in this action filled funfest!

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 known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. 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.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP AND SPORTS CAMP! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

The Recreation and Community Services Department offers the Outdoor Adventure Day Camp at Wilderness Park with 8 weeks left from June 29th to August 21st. There are still some spots available but hurry because they are filling up fast. Each camp features a variety of fun summer activities for youth ages 5-12.

The Sports Camp is held at Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia and two weeks are still available starting August 10th to August 21st. The week of August 10th is for youth ages 11-15 and the week of August 17th is for youth ages 6-10. There is limited space in the sports camps as well! This camp utilizes the school’s athletic facilities and features a variety of fun sports activities for youth including swimming, flag football, basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball and other fun group games. Each week there are two excursions and two swim days.

Both day and sports camps are \$110 per week. To get a copy of the summer “Buzz” go to the city’s website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) under the Recreation and Community Services Department to download a copy. To register in person, please come by the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia. The “Buzz” also displays programs and classes for the 2015 summer season in our new, more user-friendly format for you and your family. Do you want to know what the “Buzz” is about in Arcadia? Look on line to check out the latest copy of “The Peacock Buzz” to find out! For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

## FREE SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SEMINAR OFFERED AT METHODIST HOSPITAL

ARCADIA – Methodist Hospital offers several free classes and seminars to the community each month.

More than one-third of adults in the U.S. are obese—that’s 78.6 million people.

Explore the opportunities and advantages of laparoscopic gastric bypass and gastric sleeve surgeries.

Talk to physicians and ask questions of patients who have had the procedures.

Program will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, in Lewis Hall, Methodist Hospital, 300 Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. Reservations are necessary: 626-898-8843.

About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital of Southern California is a not-for-profit hospital serving the greater San Gabriel Valley. Licensed for 400 beds, the hospital offers services that include a 24/7 emergency department, outpatient surgery, labor and delivery, neonatal intensive care, neurosurgery, acute physical rehab and complete cardiovascular services. Methodist Hospital is a Los Angeles County-certified stroke center, as well as an approved STEMI receiving center for heart attack patients.

A recognized center of excellence for heart care, knee and hip replacement and cancer care, Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission with advanced certification in heart failure and stroke and is accredited as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. For more information, visit [www.methodisthospital.org](http://www.methodisthospital.org).



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## MAXWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EARNS INTERNATIONAL BACCULAUREATE AUTHORIZATON

*Duarte Unified Kindergarten-Grade Six School Becomes Official IB Primary Years Programme School*



Courtesy photo attached taken by Maxwell Elementary staff member, Lilly Almaraz

Maxwell Elementary School is now an official International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB-PYP) school. The school's leadership, teachers and students completed a multiyear training and implementation path to achieve recognition as one of an elite group of elementary school programs worldwide that teach high-level academics to all students. IB-PYP teaches students through the philosophy of educating the whole child to be an inquirer, both in the classroom and the outside world.

The entire Maxwell Elementary learning community is to be congratulated as they are officially recognized internationally for what we have known to be true for years, Maxwell is the jewel of our district and they will now shine across the world," said Duarte Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Terry Nichols. "This three year process would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication shown by the faculty, staff, parents and students of Maxwell. In this age, knowing a rote response to an answer will no longer suffice. For success in the future, our students must know how to ask the right questions. This is what the International Baccalaureate program demands and provides."

The Duarte Unified Board of Education, at its meeting on June 25, accepted a letter of authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) conferring the IB-PYP status on Maxwell Elementary. The authorization, dated June 19, 2015, makes Maxwell Elementary one of only 52 IB-PYP schools in California, and one of 444 IB-PYP schools in the United States.

"Offering the Primary Years Programme to the students at Maxwell is an opportunity for us to change the course of their lives. Developing students that can think critically about concepts and issues, be compassionate about the world around them and be creative problem solvers will undeniably change their lives and the communities they live in. Our students deserve the best educational experience possible. As an IB World School offering the PYP, our teachers, students and parents will embark on a journey into learning that will propel them to take actions that can change the world," said Principal Kelly Buckley.

Three years of dedication, pedagogical transformation, personal growth, and professional osmosis by the Maxwell Team lead to this great achievement. Both students and teachers were challenged in their thinking, communicating, understanding and willingness to learn.

As an IB World School, Maxwell is now part of a global community of schools committed to developing knowledgeable, caring young people who will be ready to negotiate their futures successfully and make contributions resulting in a more harmonious and peaceful world.

Among the key components of IB-PYP at Maxwell Elementary are teaching international-mindedness: who we are in our school, in our community and in the world; focusing on the social, emotional and academic well-being of students; learning a foreign language (all kindergarten through sixth-grade students study Mandarin); continuing professional development for teachers to expand their knowledge and expertise in teaching IB-PYP to high international benchmarks; and regular evaluation visits by the International Baccalaureate Organization to affirm the quality of the program.

"Joining the IB global community of educators and students is a noteworthy feat", said Principal Kelly Buckley. "I could not be more proud or honored to lead such an amazing group of true professionals and students. Our school's mantra is Succeeding to the Max +1 and we are doing just that!" Maxwell Elementary will host a school-wide celebration commemorating their official IB PYP authorization in the Fall of 2015.

Community members are invited to visit the school to see the IB Primary Years Programme in action at Maxwell Elementary. To schedule a campus tour and for school enrollment information, contact Principal Kelly Buckley at 626-599-5301.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

*Highlighted Activity for June 22-24, 2015*

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 440 service events, resulting in 71 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

### Bicycle Accident

June 22 at 9:39 a.m., an officer responded with Monrovia Fire Department paramedics to the dirt fire road in the Angeles National Forest above Monrovia's Canyon Park. A male adult bicyclist reportedly fell off his bike on the trail. This incident was reported by a Park Ranger. The bicyclist suffered minor injuries and was treated by paramedics.

### Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested

June 22 at 11:43 a.m., a motorist reported a female driver in a vehicle traveling in front of him that he believed was intoxicated. Both vehicles stopped at hamrock and Colorado. Officers arrived and detained the driver. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was arrested for DUI. She was taken into custody and held for sobering. She was later released with a citation to appear in court.

### Vehicle Burglary

June 23 at 12:23 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Madison Avenue. The rear window of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe was broken open and the suspect(s) stole the rear seat from the vehicle. Time of occurrence is unknown. The investigation is continuing.

### Residential Burglary

June 24 at 6:03 a.m., a house sitter was staying at a residence in the 300 block of Highland Place and was asleep upstairs all night at the home. Sometime during the night, the house was toilet papered, and it appears that someone entered an unlocked side window and ransacked the house, stealing a computer tablet and a small amount of cash. The house sitter did not wake up during the incident. The investigation is continuing.

### Driving Under the Influence/ Possession of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested

June 24 at 8:34 p.m., officers observed a male subject driving a motorcycle at night with the headlight off. He rove through the intersection of Colorado and Monterey at approximately 35 mile per hour, honking as he drove through, failing to stop for the stop sign, and swerving back and forth. The officers stopped the driver at Violet and Lime. The driver appeared to be intoxicated. Standard field sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was arrested for DUI. He was also found to be in possession of a controlled substance. The suspect was taken into custody and held for sobering. He was later released with a citation to appear in court.

*From The Desk of the Monrovia City Manager*

### PRESSURE WASHING IN OLD TOWN

The Public Services Department recently received a complaint related to the pressure washing of hardscape at Library Park. City staff certainly understands the negative perception this type of maintenance activity can create and we wanted to provide some additional information regarding these efforts. Hosing off hardscape is not allowed under the State or the City Water Conservation Order, unless it is for health and safety reasons, as Health and Safety Codes supersedes the Water Conservation Order. Pressure washing our parks, trash enclosures, and Old Town sidewalks is done on an as-needed (about 2 times per month) basis.

It is also important to note that the high pressure washing system utilized by the City has a mechanism that forces air out with the water heated to about 240 degrees, which results in the less water being used than would typically be found with a traditional high pressure washing system. Also, this type of pressure washing activity is only done on select Fridays and occurs from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The amount of water used during those weeks for pressure washing purposes is about 180 gallons.

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## Art Walk

Saturday, June 27th

Myrtle Avenue 7 pm

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## 4TH OF JULY CONCERT AND FIREWORKS SHOW

Just a quick reminder that the City of Monrovia's renowned 4th of July Concert and Fireworks Show is scheduled to take place in Library Park (321 South Myrtle Avenue) on Saturday, July 4, 2015. After saving seats for the Fireworks show, those who attend the event can look forward to great shopping and dining along Myrtle Avenue. Live entertainment featuring the band Person to Person will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the free 20-minute spectacular Fireworks Show at 9:00 p.m.

Spectators may reserve a park space no larger than 10' x 10' which must be supervised at all times. A new program that will be offered this year is a decorating contest, where spectators display their patriotic decorations within their 10' x 10' park space, with a chance to win a prize for most patriotic, most creative, or the judges award! It should be a tremendous event and we hope that the entire community will come on out to join us for the fun and festivities!



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## GOODEN SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS TO MARCH IN SIERRA MADRE'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE



Sierra Madre, CA – Crowds lining the parade route for this year's Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade will be entertained in style by Gooden School student band members. The fifth through eighth-grade students will play patriotic tunes as they march the 1.3 miles of the route, lead by Gooden band leader and music teacher Nadya Ewen.

Gooden school families will follow the band in the parade on foot, in wagons, on decorated tricycles, bicycles and scooters. "It's a lot of fun for our students, their families and parade watchers alike," said Ewen.

A small town event that brings Norman Rockwell to mind, the Sierra Madre parade committee touts the parade on its website as

"an annual tradition that is an integral part of the Sierra Madre community. The hometown parade features community members, organizations, classic cars, (The Gooden School) marching band, kids on decorated bikes and more."

The parade will take place from 10 am – 12 noon, Saturday, July 4. The 1.3 mile route begins at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside Avenue, and will travel the length of Sierra Madre Blvd. to Sierra Vista Park, in Sierra Madre.

Established in 1975, The Gooden School is an independent Episcopal school, K – 8th grade, where academics and the arts come together, in Sierra Madre, CA. For more information, visit [www.goodenschool.org](http://www.goodenschool.org) or call (626) 355-2410.

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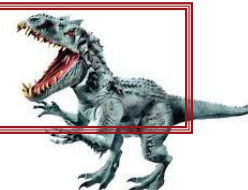
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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show JURASSIC WORLD REVIEW



Any good sequel should they are there, build upon the story elements however, a from the first film, continue the top secret characters' development, and in- project - cre-troduce new ideas in similar a ated by the owners of the park ways to the first. However, if a escapes and wreaks havoc like sequel is the fourth film in a fran- nothing that has ever been seen chise and has come out fourteen before in the world of dinosaurs. years after the last sequel, many 'Jurassic World', while things could have changed to not having any of the characters make making it a good sequel dif- from the original film or any of its ficult. Does 'Jurassic World' live up sequels, is itself a great sequel. It to the quality of the original film, develops the central idea from the or will it be more like the more first film (a park of dinosaurs open and more unpopular sequels? to the public) and sees it to its com- Two brothers (Ty Simp- pletion, presenting the viewer with kins and Nick Robinson) have new and entertaining scenarios that been sent to the very popular and have not been explored before. 'Ju- lucrative resort, Jurassic World' revitalized the 'Juras- the dream of John Hammond sic Park' franchise, while also being (Richard Attenborough). While the perfect summer blockbuster.



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Dogs that are trained for the purpose of meeting the human's practical day-to-day needs always amaze me! Those fabulous, furry four-footers seem to truly enjoy helping their human companions by performing basic day-to-day tasks on their behalf. We're talking about some pretty special dogs here. Dogs that are committed to being true-blue friends through thick or thin, and it just makes me love them all the more.

The first time I witnessed a blind person walking with a seeing eye dog was when I was about 10 years old. I was shopping with my mom at the mall, and being the animal lover that I am, I reached out to pet the dog. The owner promptly warned me that I needed to keep my distance because he was a service dog "on the job" so it would not be appropriate for him to socialize with me at that time.

At first I thought the lady was just being snobby, but I later learned that service dogs are trained to focus on their master's needs while out and about, so they are not in the position to interact with strangers in public. When I thought about the concept of canines catering to the needs of humans in that unique way, I was thrilled that a dog would be such a willing servant on behalf of a human. Over the years I have come to know many more amazing facts about dogs and what they are capable of when given proper training, support and love.

The idea of a canine helping a blind person make their way through the day is a common concept to most of us, but the idea of a dog assisting a deaf person in an effective way to help them through the day is rather new, at least to me. Until I heard about an organization called "Dogs for the Deaf", I had not given much thought to the idea of canines being trained to assist people with hearing loss. As it turns out, dogs understand way more than most of us think they do, and indeed they can be trained to help bridge the gap between sound and silence for hearing impaired individuals who are willing to accept the assistance of a dog.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. is an Oregon-based non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing shelter dogs that they train to assist people with a variety of challenges and needs, including individuals who struggle with hearing impairment and autism. They also have a program devoted to creating

## DOGS FOR THE DEAF

*He Who Has Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear*  
~ Matt. 11:15

"canine co-workers", where they train the dogs to help professionals such as physicians, teachers, counselors, and court room advocates by assisting in the treatment of patients and working with clients.

When I heard about this organization, I immediately wanted to support them, because they adopt otherwise euthanized dogs, and give them a second chance at life as well as the opportunity to carry out their instinctual desire to make their master happy! This is another one of those win/win deals, where folks come together on a worthwhile cause to help both dogs and humans alike. The physical services provided by those courageous canines is life-changing for the humans they are assigned to, but equally important is the unconditional love they share. There is nothing quite like it! For more information about Dogs for the Deaf go to: [www.dogsforthe deaf.org](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org)

### JUSTICE FOR GRACIE UPDATE

If you happen to have read my article four weeks ago entitled 'Justice for Gracie', you may be wondering what, if anything has happened in the case of Gracie's tragic and senseless sudden death. I received word from a reliable source this past week that Gracie's necropsy report and the veterinarian's findings both support what all involved had suspected to be her cause of death. Blunt force resulting in liver damage, ultimately causing her death. Gracie was an otherwise very healthy 1 ½-year-old husky pup, with no indications of illness or injury but that which she mysteriously sustained on that dreadful morning.

The Pasadena Humane Society told Gracie's owner that they are recommending the case to the district attorney, in light of the suspicious circumstances surrounding her dog's death. As of now, this is all of the information I have been given. Please continue to pray that Justice will prevail for Gracie, and many thanks to those who donated to the owner's veterinarian fees. It is my hope that the perpetrator will never have the opportunity to take out his rage on an innocent and helpless animal again. Rest in Peace, precious Gracie.

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## PET OF THE WEEK STARLET: ANIMAL ID #A4840843

Like fine wine, pups only get better with age. Such is the case with the beautiful soul Starlet (A4840843).

Sweet little Starlet is a sparkly 10-year-old white-and-brown female Chihuahua mix who was found in Covina on June 9th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing almost 5 whole pounds, Starlet may make a wonderful piece of arm candy as a lap or purse dog, but she plays second fiddle to no one. She definitely deserves the spotlight, and she is not shy to take it! Peppy, energetic, active, and curious, this lady does enjoy being held and carried around (don't get her wrong), but she delights in walking on leash and meet-and-greeting with people and other dogs, too. She displays decent leash skills, strikes us as most likely housebroken, and relishes in dispensing kisses to her human companions!

We suspect that Starlet may have either a skin cyst or mammary gland mass, and so she should be examined by an outside veterinarian upon adoption. Starlet continues to act easily half her age, though! She is one special dog who will make a stellar indoor pet for just about anyone eager to share the joys of helping the rest of her senior years really shimmer and shine! This dog is a gem and would make a great companion for anyone willing to give her a loving chance. To watch a video of the amazing Starlet, please visit the following link: HYPERLINK "https://youtu.be/fydUtBqkpI0" https://youtu.be/fydUtBqkpI0

To meet Starlet 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 Starlet, please reference her animal ID number: A4840843. 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 Starlet or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [Samantha@hope4animals.org](mailto:Samantha@hope4animals.org). To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Meet Captain! He is a great looking mixed breed dog who is thought to have some Great Dane in his history. He has a beautiful coat of gray fur with white highlights. His fur is short and requires little care, other than regular bathing and brushing. Captain has had a few grooming sessions while at the Humane Society, and is very tolerant while being bathed and loves the attention.

Captain is about five years old and weighs 80 pounds. He was found as a stray, and although he had a microchip, the owner could not be located, and he has been at the shelter for several months.

Captain is a friendly dog who will greet you as you approach his kennel. He is a big dog with a big bark, but he is just happy to have visitors. Captain gets very excited when he knows dog treats are being offered, and will tap his feet from side to side, doing his happy dance. He knows the "sit" command will often get him a treat, and if one is offered, he will take it gently. He also is quite skillful at catching one that is tossed to him.

Captain is eager to go on walks, but because of his size and strength, he needs a strong, experienced handler. He would benefit from some training classes with his new owner to help him become a better walker. He would make a great running or hiking companion once he masters his walking skills.

Captain has youthful energy and enjoys fetching toys during playtime. He would do well with a big yard where he can have the chance to run and play with his forever



family, as well as a daily walk or two to help channel his energy.

If you are a fan of large breed dogs, please come in to meet our handsome Captain. He's a great dog who deserves a secure and loving home to call his own.

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 Captain, please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

His adoption fee is \$135 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 Captain.

If you are interested in meeting Captain 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](http://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 [sgvhsclalendar@gmail.com](mailto:sgvhsclalendar@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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## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY NOW LET'S EAT SOME HOT DOGS ERRR PASTRAMI.

**TABLE FOR TWO** by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

What could be more American than a Hot Dog, so why am I writing about Pastrami, read on my loyal readers. My late Pappy always told me, "Son, never debate sex, politics or religion. I am going to have to add one additional item to his list, a Sandwich/Dip. You probably couldn't go more than a couple blocks in most cities and not come across one, an American Sandwich Shop. It may be the most versatile food item ever created. I eat them for lunch, dinner and sometimes, even for breakfast. We are lucky for in the San Gabriel area we have a number of All-Stars sandwich shops to choose from. There is Tops on Walnut, Connel's Grinders on E. Washington, and The Hat, which has several locations. The Hat has been around since 1951, and I glad to say, it is a family run business. They are actively involved in the community, and that fact was fully demonstrated to me when Ron "Corky" Conzonire held the position of President of the Tournament of Roses, from 2008-2009.

The Pastrami Sandwich or "Dip," as the menu proffers, is the Hat's signature dish. Sure, they have burgers, hot dogs and salads, but the menu item that keeps them coming back is the "Pastrami Dip." It is a World Famous plunge of sandwich into au jus. I am planning on a trip to South America

next month and I am going to ask everyone I meet, about LA' based World Famous Dishes. I'm just kidding... a little. But, I do develop a chuckle in that self anointed phrase. The World Famous Pastrami Sandwich is priced at a reasonable (\$6.99). The meat is thinly sliced and the portion is generous. The bread is light and fluffy; it may be a little too light and fluffy in my opinion. For my next visit I will try it on regular sandwich bread. My sources inform me that the Hat goes through 14 tons of Pastrami per week. By my calculations, that is a lot of sandwiches. My dining companion "Mike" had the Hot Dog and a huge portion of fries. He is on a diet it appears. The prices are right at The Hat, everything is under (\$10). If you



haven't checked it out, you will love the Dip. For the location near you, they have a slick web site [www.thehat.com](http://www.thehat.com).

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July I'll be at Denny Berry's House though he said it's water-less this year. Listen to my radio show on KLAA AM 830 on Sundays.



## Old-Fashioned Homemade Ice Cream



- 6 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 13-ounce can evaporated milk (1-1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons)
- 1 gallon whole milk
- chipped ice
- rock salt

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add sugar gradually, stirring constantly. Add salt, vanilla and canned milk. Add about a pint of the fresh milk and mix.

Pour mixture into ice cream freezer can. Add enough of the remainder of the milk to fill can to the middle of the top board of dasher. (If the freezer can has a "fill" line on it, fill no higher than that line.)

Assemble the ice cream freezer. Add alternating layers of chipped ice and rock salt to barrel around freezer can. Crank freezer until ice cream begins to freeze (cranking will become harder as ice cream freezes), adding more ice and salt, as needed. When handle becomes difficult-to-impossible to turn, remove turning mechanism, and carefully remove top from freezer can; remove dasher. Replace top. Cover can with more ice and salt. Cover ice with an old towel, allowing ice cream to "cure" for at least 1 hour. If yours is an electric freezer, follow manufacturer's directions, but the curing step is essential.

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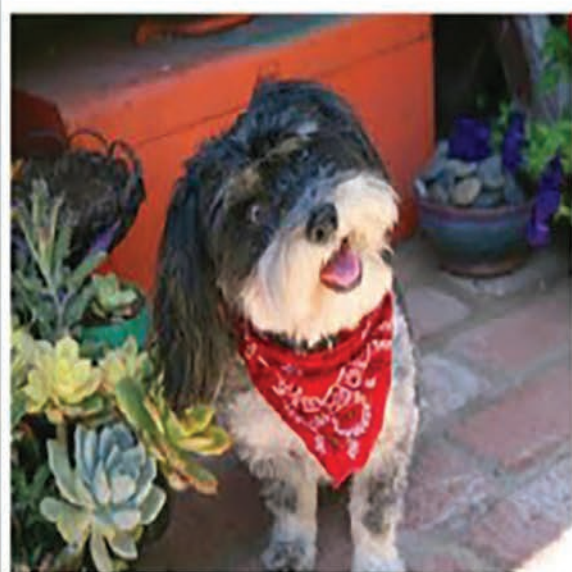
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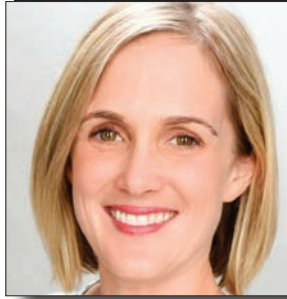
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To cultivate your awareness of prana, start with a fundamental breath exercise. Close the eyes. Begin inhaling from the opening of the nostril up the bridge of your nose, directly to the third eye (space between the eyebrows). Envision prana, vital life force energy, riding in on the breath. Exhale back down the bridge of the nose, air leaving the nostrils. Continue breathing that way, collecting prana at the third eye. Envision this collection of prana enlivening the third eye, the place of intuition and wisdom. Settle into an experience of waking up your own inner space.

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## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR SKIN AGAINST SUN DAMAGE



*Dr. Tina is a traditional naturopath and nutritionist at Vibrant Living Wellness Center*

Too much of any good thing can become a bad thing. This is true of sun light. Too much sun affects our skin's elasticity which promotes early aging of the skin. Now we have this dilemma, how do we get the life giving, health promoting benefits from the sun but avoid premature aging or permanent skin damage? Unfortunately, this dilemma causes many people to be frighten from getting any sun at all.

The way best way to protect against sun damage and to maintain healthy skin is from the inside out. Research shows that what you put into your body may be just as important, as or more important than the protection you place on your skin. Basically

Who doesn't like the feeling of warm sunlight hitting their skin? Depending on the time of year this feeling can be pure heaven. Without the sun we would not exist. It has the most wonderful life giving power. The sun helps us to produce vitamin D, a hormone necessary for bone health and optimal immune function.

We have to make sure we are eating foods that will keep us protected. Antioxidants do just that. Antioxidants are powerful natural UV protectants. Some can be very helpful for protecting us against accelerated skin aging due to UV exposure.

There is evidence that the spices turmeric and ginger, both antioxidants, have protective effects on skin health. Both of these spices are a wonderful ways to add flavor to meals but they can both be taken as supplements too. White tea, one of the least processed varieties of tea and high in antioxidants, has been shown to be protective against early wrinkle formation.

Any plant food that is a natural source of vitamin C or E is also an antioxidant. Most fruits and vegetables contain some amount of Vitamin C. Some great sources vitamin E are sunflower seeds, almonds, spinach and avocado. Lycopene, a compound found in tomatoes, has been shown to be protective against free radicals brought on by too much sunlight exposure. Studies show that organic tomato paste appears to have higher levels of lycopene than raw tomatoes. Tomatoes also contain a number of other antioxidants, including a high amount of vitamin C which complements lycopene's protective action.

My advice is to make sure you get some sunshine on a regular basis and at the same time make sure you are consuming nature's natural sun protectors!

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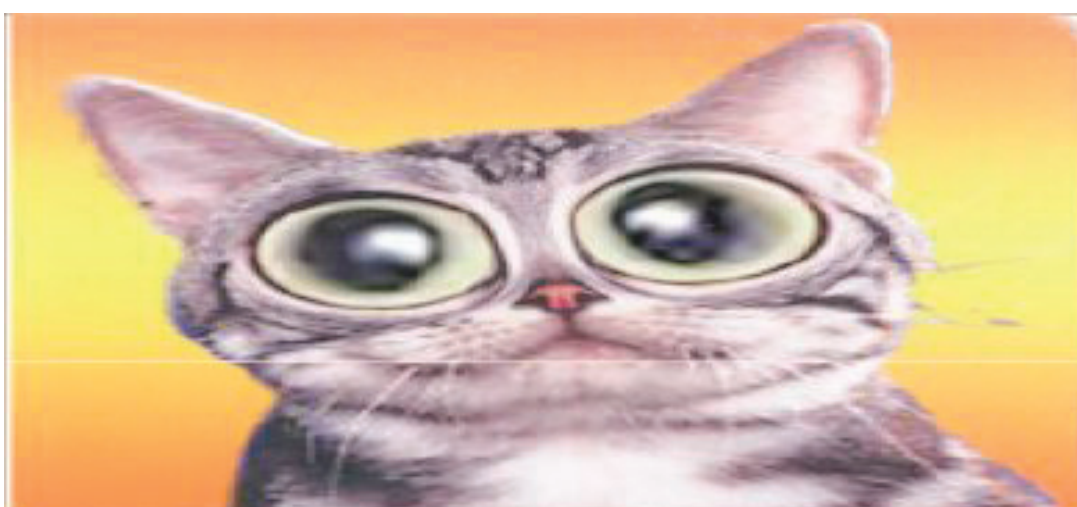
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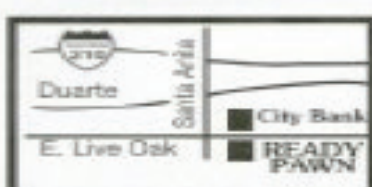
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## SIMPLIFIED CELLPHONES FOR SENIORS WITH HEARING PROBLEMS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend some basic simplified cellphones for seniors with hearing loss? My 82-year-old father needs to get a new cellphone for occasional calls or emergencies, but he needs something that's easy to use and one that he can hear on. Looking Around



Dear Looking;

There are several simplified cellphones on the market today that are specifically designed for seniors – including those with hearing loss. These are basic cellphones that come with big buttons, easy to navigate menus, SOS emergency buttons, enhanced sound and are hearing aid compatible too. Here are some top options.

Senior-Friendly Phones

If your dad isn't locked into a cellphone contract, there are three senior-friendly options to consider, all from no-contract cellphone companies.

One of best is GreatCall's Jitterbug5 ([greatcall.com](http://greatcall.com), 800-918-8543). This custom designed Samsung flip-phone offers a backlit keypad with big buttons, large text on a brightly colored screen, and "YES" and "NO" buttons to access the phone's menu of options versus confusing icons.

It also offers voice dialing, a powerful speakerphone, a built-in camera, and a variety of optional health and safety features like the "5Star" medical alert button that would let your dad call for help and speak to a certified agent 24/7 that could identify his location and dispatch help as needed. "Urgent Care," which provides access to registered nurses and doctors for advice and diagnoses. And "GreatCall Link," which keeps family members informed through your dad's phone activities.

The Jitterbug5 sells for \$99 with a one-time \$35 activation fee, no-contract, and calling plans that start at \$15 per month.

If you're looking for something a little less expensive, the Doro PhoneEasy 626 sold through Consumer Cellular ([consumercellular.com](http://consumercellular.com), 888-345-5509) is an excellent option.

This flip phone offers a backlit, separated keypad that can speak the numbers as you push them, which is a nice feature for seniors with vision problems. It also has a big easy to read color display screen that offers large text with different color themes.

Other handy features include two speed dial buttons, shortcut buttons to texting and the

camera, a powerful two-way speakerphone, and a ICE (in case of emergency) button on the back of the phone that will automatically dial one preprogramed number.

The Doro 626 sells for \$50 with service plans starting at \$10 per month, and no long-term contract. They even offer discounts to AARP members.

Another budget-friendly cellphone you should look into is the Snapfon ezTWO for seniors ([snapfon.com](http://snapfon.com), 800-937-1532), which costs under \$20, with a \$35 activation fee, no-contract, and monthly service plans that start at \$10. If you don't want the Snapfon service plan (you can go through AT&T or T-Mobile), the phone is \$80.

This is a bar-style phone that provides big buttons, a color screen, enhanced volume with a speaker phone, a speaking keypad, and an SOS emergency alert button on the back of the phone that can sound an alert when pushed and held down for five seconds. It then sends a text message to as many as five emergency contacts and calls those contacts in order until the call is answered. Or, for an additional \$15 per month you can subscribe to their SOS monitoring service that will dispatch help as needed.

Shared Plan Options

If you want to get your dad a simple cellphone through your cellphone provider, most carriers – like AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile – still offer a few basic cellphones that are inexpensive and hearing aid compatible.

If you're an AT&T customer the option is the "LG A380." For Verizon users, there's the "Samsung Gusto 3" and "LG Revere 3." If you're a Sprint customer there's the "Kyocera Kona" and "Alcatel OneTouch Retro." And for T-Mobile users there's the "LG 450."

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

## KATIE Tse.....This and That



### JOB'S WIFE

My mom and I started reading "The Bible through a Year." It is not a book, but rather a pacing guide for scripture reading that is included in many daily devotionals, such as "Our Daily Bread," "My Utmost for His Highest," etc. Each day there is scripture from the Old and New Testaments. Therefore, everyone following along in "The Bible Through a Year" is currently in the book of Job and the Acts of the Apostles.

The story of Job is an answer to the age-old question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" The account begins in Heaven, when the angels appeared before God, and Satan was there also. Like a proud father, God asked Satan if he had noticed His faithful servant, Job. Satan challenged Job by claiming that he was only faithful because God had blessed him so much. Essentially, Satan called Job a mercenary who would reject God if the good things in his life were taken away.

Therefore, God allowed Satan to strip Job of all he had held dear. In that same hour four of Job's servants ran to him with different messages of doom. A band of Sabceans had killed his oxen, donkeys, and the servants attending them. Another band of Chaldeans had killed his camels and the servants attending them. Fire from heaven consumed Job's sheep and their attending servants. And the house in which his ten children were eating and drinking suddenly collapsed upon them by a strong wind. Job tore his robe and fell down in dismay at this news. But he did not sin by charging God with wrong doing.

The next time the angels and Satan appeared before God, God asked Satan again if he had noticed His faithful servant, Job, (since Satan's ploy to turn Job away from God had not worked). Satan said that as long as Job had his health, he would remain faithful, but if not for that, he would curse God. So God allowed Satan to strike Job with painful boils from the top of his head to the soles of his feet.

Job sat mourning in a heap of ashes. His wife suggested that he give it up, "curse God and die!" Job did not do this, but cursed the day of his birth instead. (One is reminded of Jimmy Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life" when he wished he'd never been born.) Job's three friends visited him and silently supported him for a week, but then spouted off bad advice. They accused Job of secretly sinning, and that was why God was judging him. They didn't understand why bad things happen to good people any better than we do. Since Job was suffering, he must have done something to deserve it. Job responded to them and the four men discussed different philosophical views of life. (I said that in a few sentences, but they took 37 chapters!) "Miserable comforters!" Job called them.

Interestingly, when describing the mysteries of God, Job said that "He hangs the earth on nothing." (26:7). At a time when others theorized that the earth was held between Atlas' shoulders or carried on the back of a turtle, the God of the Bible was accurately credited with the concept of the planets existing in space.

Finally God responded to Job in a series of questions that illustrated the infinite distance between human knowledge and the wisdom of God. In the end, Job admitted his lack of understanding in view of God's omniscience ("I know that You can do everything." "Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand.") God rebuked Job's friends for having "not spoken of Me what is right" and restored Job to good health. He also blessed Job with ten children and double the number of live stock.

Although I knew the story, I just recently realized that, when Job was being stripped of all the things that brought him pleasure and comfort, Satan let Job's wife remain. So it seems Job did not have a happy marriage! Since his wife's only recorded words were negative at best, and hateful at worst, it suggests that she wasn't a great supporter of his. There are many lessons to be learned from the book of Job, but I think Job's wife offers an additional insight --don't be like her!

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## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

(Originally published in 2013)

### FYI - PREVENTING FALLS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE HOME

Falls are one of the leading causes of accidental injury and death among Americans, particularly with children, seniors and the elderly. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year 1 in every 3 adults ages 65 and older falls and 2 million are treated in emergency departments for fall-related injuries. Four basic fall prevention tips are recommended by the CDC and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is as follows: **1) Get regular exercise:** lack of exercise can lead to weak legs and increase the chances of falling. Walking and exercise programs (e.g. Tai Chi) can increase your strength and improve your balance. **2) Ask your physician and pharmacist to review all your medications:** Some medications or combinations of medicines can have risky side effects like dizziness or drowsiness that make falling more likely. **3) Have your vision checked:** Make sure you are seeing clearly by having your eyes examined annually; verify that your glasses and/or contact lenses have the correct prescription strength. **4) Make your home safer by eliminating potential fall hazards:** About 50 percent of all falls happen at home. Conduct a home safety check with a trusted friend or relative to identify potential hazards that need to be addressed, like poor lighting, clutter and electrical cords in walking paths and stairways, worn or loose carpet, etc. Some home improvements or repairs may be necessary to reduce fall risks depending on one's particular situation, like installation of grab bars inside and next to tub or shower and next to toilet, etc. Check the website of the CDC [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) as well as AARP at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

**HELPFUL HINT:** Use a magnet to find nails and studs in your walls.

### FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

On a business trip to New Orleans, my son-in-law bought a set of expensive kitchen knives for his wife. His coworker was surprised. "You shouldn't buy such an expensive gift for your wife on a business trip," he said. "She'll think you've been up to something." "If I'd been up to something," Mike replied, "I wouldn't be bringing knives."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... June Birthdays\*

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



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

### TRANSPORTATION CHANGES EFFECTIVE 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](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/transportation). For additional information contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-7135.



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SECTION B

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### “What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

## REMEMBRANCE:

### JOHN JOSEPH NICOLORO JULY 21, 1933-JUNE 4, 2015

Last week, we said “Good-bye” to John Nicoloro, a member of the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council for eleven-and a half years.

When I stepped down in from the Town Council in 2004, John stepped up and assumed office with much enthusiasm. There is so much to this great man; I don’t know where to begin. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Most don’t realize John had a four year scholarship to Harvard University where he received his degree. John was that kind of man-very modest. Everyone always said how knowledgeable he was, but we assumed from his extensive reading and always doing research on every topic/issue going on.

Most important to John was his family-his beloved wife Lucy of 53 and their four children, Michael, Christine, Johnny, and Nancy. John loved his children very much and was so proud they graduated from college. And of course the grandkids were all very special to him.

Tuesday evening there was a Rosary at Annunciation Church. From Duarte, Council Member Liz Reilly and School Board Member Tom Reyes attended. The Town Council was represented by David Hall, Yvonne Bullock and Linda Sells. Although he is no longer the Commander at Temple Station, Captain Nee came. At the end of the Rosary, people were invited up to speak. Captain Nee told of how hard-working John was, and that in his 28 year career, Captain Nee had never met anyone so dedicated to serving the community as John.

At the funeral the next day, besides the above-mentioned Town Council Members, Terrence Williams came as well as Captain Nee, Captain Coronne Jacob, current Commander of Temple Station, Deputy April Nelsen, Community Liaison, Brian Mejia, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich, Kevin Paris, Probation Officer, LA County, Irving Montenegro from Arcadia County Park, and a great volunteer woman from Pamela Park.

For quite a few years John attended the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Government Forum Meeting every month, so he could share Arcadia news at the Town Council Meeting.

The City of Arcadia and the Board of Supervisors both adjourned meetings in John’s honor. The Mass was beautiful; music was by Jon Alman, and Dion Ramos, son of Linda Sells. (Her granddaughter Jazzmyn was the Altar Server.)

Father Eugene Herbert officiated and John’s children and grandchildren did the readings and brought up the gifts: John Thomas Pico Nicoloro, Christine Nicoloro-Moore, Jordan Moore, Claire Moore, Nancy Nicoloro, Isaiah Hooper, Chloe Hooper, Kaylan Tanner. The beautiful Eulogy was by John’s younger brother Paul who told great stories of their childhood and how proud the family was of John. John worked 38 years as a Senior Construction Inspector for the City of Los Angeles.

Following the Mass, there was a special luncheon at the Nicoloro House-catered by Claro’s and a John J. Nicoloro Memorial Bookshelf in the driveway. We were invited to take a book or two!

At the Wednesday, August 19th Town Council Meeting, at Annunciation Church Hall, the Town Council will remember their beloved co-council member and friend, John Nicoloro. Please join them as they thank John’s family for sharing him all these year. It is at 7:00pm; address: 1307 East Longden Ave., Arcadia.

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### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Irwindale, CA—The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership announced the approval of its Executive Board of Directors nominations for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The new appointments are effective as of July 1st, 2015.

David Reyno, Director of Government Relations for Foothill Transit, will serve as the Board and Executive Committee Chair. Carlos Illingworth, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Albertsons, Vons & Pavilions was elected Vice Chair. Reyna Del Haro, Director of Public Affairs and Brand Communication of Kaiser Permanente was elected Secretary and Tina Javid Regional Affairs Manager of So Cal Gas Company will become Treasurer.

Bart Doyle, Attorney at Law and Paul Talbot, City Manager of the City of Monterey Park return to the Board and Executive Committee as Past Chair and City Manager Representative respectively.

Cynthia Kurtz, the Partnership’s President and CEO said “We

are looking forward to a very exciting year under the guidance of this strong leadership committee. While the economy in the region is slowly recovering, there is still much work to be done. I know the Partnership can be an effective facilitator of the success of the San Gabriel Valley under the direction of such committed leadership.” About the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley. A collaboration of businesses, local government, higher education institutions, and non-profits, the Partnership pursues this commitment by fostering the success of business, engaging in public policy, marketing the San Gabriel Valley and connecting people, companies, and organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. For more information, contact the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership at (626) 856-3400 or visit at [www.valleyconnect.com](http://www.valleyconnect.com).

## THE BASEBALL RELIQUARY PRESENTS A BASEBALL BUFFET EXHIBITION: JULY 5-JULY 30, 2015

Location: Pasadena Central Library  
Address: 285 E. Walnut St Pasadena,  
Information: (626) 791-7647 or  
[terymar@earthlink.net](mailto:terymar@earthlink.net)

The Baseball Reliquary presents a sumptuous feast for the eyes, A Baseball Buffet, an exhibition at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut Street, from July 5-July 30, 2015. The exhibition incorporates a variety of themes and subject matter, utilizing photographs, artworks, and artifacts. Displays include “Culinary Baseball: Dishing Up the National Pastime,” artist Pat Riot’s bubblegum portrait of Eddie Murray, “Greg Jezewski’s Reliquary,” “Ghosts of Hoboken,” “You Could Look It Up,” and “Bingo Bango Bilko!” Sample the dishes, or consume the full meal – we guarantee that you will leave well satisfied. Here’s a sneak peek of the entrees to be served:

For appetizers, in the North Entry display cases, “Culinary Baseball: Dishing Up the National Pastime” explores the historic relationship between food and baseball, featuring trading cards issued to promote food products; menus, napkins, and matchbooks from restaurants owned by former ballplayers; and artifacts which could only appear in the “Culinary Wing” of the Baseball Reliquary.

In the Reading Wing, the first course spotlights a couple of displays that are truly out of left field. One case will house Los Angeles artist Pat Riot’s large portrait of Baltimore Orioles slugger and Hall of Famer Eddie Murray, made of chewed bubblegum on an aluminum panel, part of a series of artworks featuring baseball heroes from his youth. Riot describes working on these pointillist-style bubblegum portraits like this: “The inside of my mouth feels like a family of little sugar birds has built a nest made of plastic grass and gummy-worm skin. My jawbone sounds like fresh rubber snapping when I chew solid foods, and the joints on my thumb and index finger of my right hand have been ground-down like old brake pads by the incessant pinching and rolling of ten thousand little gum balls.” After twelve weeks of masticating for one show, Riot’s dentist and internist diagnosed him with tempromandibular disorder (TMD). An arduous and at times painful art form, indeed, but the finished work is astounding and must be seen to be believed!

In a second case in the Reading Wing will be “Greg Jezewski’s Reliquary.” Those who are familiar with the Reliquary know that its collection is unique only from the standpoint that it exists as a public entity with a nonprofit status. There are many collectors who have their own unique baseball reliquaries, consisting of fabulous artifacts and ephemera, which often are seen only by a small circle of friends and fellow fanatics. One such reliquary belongs to Los Angeles artist Greg Jezewski, whose magnificent paintings, assemblages, and mixed-media works have been featured over the years at numerous exhibitions sponsored by the Baseball Reliquary and

the Institute for Baseball Studies. Consider this display as similar to looking through a knothole and catching a glimpse of Greg’s wonderfully eclectic collection. It might even inspire you to start your own baseball reliquary!

On to the Humanities Wing for the next course, the viewer will travel through another dimension into a wondrous land of baseball history. The first stop, entitled “Ghosts of Hoboken,” spotlights Hoboken, New Jersey, where the first baseball game between two organized teams took place in 1846 at Elysian Fields, just a short ferry ride from Manhattan. That game, which was played under the first written rules of modern baseball, positioned Hoboken as a baseball mecca in the mid-19th century. On view will be one of the world’s most sacrosanct baseball relics, whose acquisition by the Baseball Reliquary in 1997 startled the sporting world: a clump of soil removed from the area in front of the batter’s box at Elysian Fields in 1853 and preserved by the Orr family of Reading, Pennsylvania for over a century. Then we cross over into the Twilight Zone with an homage to the Hoboken Zephyrs and a robot named Casey, who just happened to be the fastest pitcher of all-time, courtesy of the bountiful imagination of one Rod Serling.

The final entrée in the Humanities Wing, “You Could Look It Up,” is a tribute to Eddie Gaedel, the patron saint of Little Leaguers, whose one at-bat for Bill Veeck’s St. Louis Browns in 1951 is the stuff of legends. On that day in Sportsman’s Park, the 3’7” Gaedel, weighing all of 65 pounds and wearing jersey number 1/8, walked into baseball immortality. In honor of his 90th birthday, the Baseball Reliquary teams with the Spokane, Washington-based Eddie Gaedel Society and its founder, 2015 Hilda Award recipient Tom Keefe, to look back at the legacy of a player who had a perfect on-base percentage and whose autograph is now worth more than Babe Ruth’s!

Dessert will be provided in the Centennial Room, where “Bingo Bango Bilko!” highlights the life and times of Los Angeles baseball luminary Steve Bilko, who will be inducted into the Baseball Reliquary’s Shrine of the Eternals on July 19. While it never developed into the legendary refrain of an early 20th century Chicago Cubs double play combination (“Tinker to Evers to Chance”), “Bingo to Bango to Bilko” had a nice ring to it even if the triumvirate



Sample imagery of the national pasttime.

– Ernie Banks, Gene Baker, and Steve Bilko – didn’t play together long; in fact, Bilko appeared in only 47 games for the Cubs in 1954. But Chicago’s loss would become L.A.’s good fortune, because from 1955-1957 “Stout Steve” became the greatest slugging star in the city’s history, using Wrigley Field as his own personal launching pad, blasting 148 home runs for the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League. The “Slugging Seraph,” as he was called, developed such a cult following that comedian Phil Silvers named his famous television character, Sergeant Bilko, after the first baseman.

Pasadena Central Library hours for A Baseball Buffet are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. For further information, contact the Baseball Reliquary by e-mail at [terymar@earthlink.net](mailto:terymar@earthlink.net), or by phone at (626) 791-7647. For directions to the Pasadena Central Library, phone (626) 744-4066 during library hours. The exhibition is made possible, in part, by a grant to the Baseball Reliquary from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

## PASADENA CITY COLLEGE GRADUATE TOM SELINSKE HAS ANNOUNCED HIS DESIRE TO SERVE AS A TRUSTEE AT PCC.



“Selinske is back,” a spokesperson said. “He will definitely be on the ballot this November 3rd.” The man who started the PCC Flea Market in 1977 — which has grown to generate over \$150,000 per year for scholarships and student activities - is back to take up the cause of Greater Student Access at the legendary community college. “We’re slowing our kids down through lack of access to key classes, which costs them time and money,” Selinske said in a recent interview. His goal is to prepare PCC students for meaningful, fulfilling employment in a modern world where technology is king. Selinske has a track record of proven results. He distinguished himself by winning two 4-year terms as a Board Member for the Pasadena Unified School District (2007 and 2011). He currently teaches Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Management Strategy at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising. His other community leadership include top roles with The Pasadena Educational Foundation and Leadership Pasadena. Selinske has garnered broad support among the PCC community and the surrounding electorate.

For more information about Tom and his campaign initiatives please contact: Tom Selinske for PCC Trustee 984 E. Topeka Street, Pasadena CA 91104 (626) 233-4252





## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

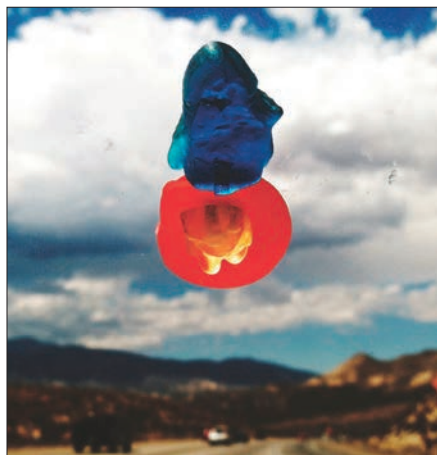
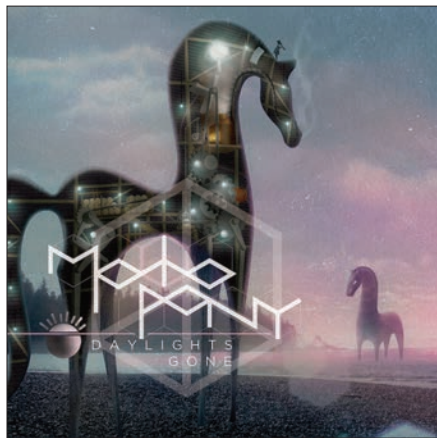
### ALBUMS WORTH CHECKING OUT FROM THIS WEEK

Motopony – “Welcome You” - Seattle based group Motopony released their sophomore LP, “Welcome You” via eOne Music / Fast Plastic on June 23rd. The record is the follow

up to Motopony's 2011 self-titled debut LP. “Welcome You” is the outcome of the previous four years of shape-shifting, rigorous songwriting, transforming, and revitalizing. While Motopony was formed in 2009 with songwriter Daniel Blue, co-producer Buddy Ross, drummer Forrest Mauvais, and guitarist Brantley Cady. Shortly after the band's formation and the release of 2011 S/T record, they added guitarist Mike Notter to tour in support of the record. The group didn't have too many updates throughout the years, but in early 2014, they added new members Andrew Butler, Nate Daley (in place of Buddy Ross), and Terry Mattson (in place of Brantley Cady). Motopony switched record homes and in late 2014 released the EP, “Idle Beauty,” the band's first new music in over three years at the time. While not one of those songs appears on this new LP, it was still a welcoming release to know the Washington sextet was still making good music. Now in 2015, the product known as “Welcome You” is an indie-pop folk album with sweeping psychedelic vibes that merge collectively to generate an invigorating, honest, and convivial echo. There's a certain style, a charismatic approach to Blue's singing abilities. It's uplifting because his delivery and tone is uncommon in this realm of indie folk. This gleaming piece of work is an example of Motopony finding fortitude in

redefining their unique style without compromising any of their artistic expressions.

Bully – “Feels Like” - In the awakening of '90s alt-rock revivalists, Bully has emerged with the most vigorous sound from the long list of their peers. The secret to their early buzz and success is Alicia Bognanno. The singer/songwriter/guitarist masterminded her band's debut record, Feels Like—an assortment of fuzzed out tracks that percolate in the mind long after first listen. The wide-ranging sound shaped by Bognanno, Stewart Copeland, Clayton Parker, and Reece Lazarus feels like an integration of Nirvana and Hole, but this is certainly not a reread by any measures. “Feels Like” benefits vastly from the brisk pacing as well as the razor sharp guitars, thunderous drums, and Bognanno's edgy attitude. The singer/songwriter's character gives off a no care image, but she can back it all up with much pizzazz. The Nashville foursome's major label debut with Columbia Records is a compactly produced effort that whizzes by before you can even catch your breath. Nonetheless that's all part of the exhilaration you'll experience here as Bully bursts through gates with a completely untamed record. The time consumed with Bully is way too short-lived, but inadvertently feels naturally complete. From simplicity to density and ferociousness to effervescence, Bully journeys to the 90s, but ends up coming back with something quite beguiling—or a the very least something that sticks with the listener beyond the first listen.



## On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

### WHO WE'VE BEEN...AND WHO WE'LL BE

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

The Playhouse has been a fixture on the Boulevard since 1923. It was built as a theater and a vaudeville before evolving into the special Playhouse that we now have. I've heard from many patrons that this is the theater in which they had their first movie experience. And I love that this same building is one in which many young people are having their first theatrical experience in our Field Trip Series of plays for school youth.

Unbelievably, the accompanying picture is the only one we have of the Playhouse in its movie house incarnation. We would love to have more. We are planning a major renovation of our website and I hope to have a section on the history of the building since 1923 – I would also like to feature the pictures in our lobby. We have had some encouraging support from Maggie Ellis and Laura Ziff of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society who have told us that they have some leads to images. Please, if any of you have any photos of the building in your albums and would be willing to share copies of them with us, we would be so very grateful.

The marquee has been such a prominent feature of the Boulevard for so long that I am sure that it figures in many a picture. We would

also like to collect stories and photos from the early days of the theater – both in its movie house incarnation and as the Playhouse. I'm sure there are even readers who worked here as kids – in concessions or as ticket takers.

The photo below is of Olivia DeHaviland in our box office circa 1950.

As we look forward to the 100th anniversary of the building in 1923, it is important to collect documentation of our past. We are in the beginning stages of planning a yearly gala fundraising event which lead up to a special year-long celebration of our centenary and it would be great to connect with anyone who has stories or pictures that we can collect. Please contact me at [ArtisticDirector@SierraMadrePlayhouse.org](mailto:ArtisticDirector@SierraMadrePlayhouse.org) to arrange a time to talk or to make a copy of your picture.

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By the time you read this The Odd Couple may have closed. I know that we are sold out for Friday night and Saturday matinee but as of right now we still have tickets for Saturday night's closing performance. If you haven't seen it yet, this is your last chance! It has been a delight to have this cast and crew with us these last months. Always sad to say goodbye, but we've made some good friends amongst this company and I'm sure you'll be seeing these wonderful actors in other shows at the Playhouse.

Always...Patsy Cline is now in rehearsal and I can tell it is going to be fantastic. Tickets are selling well for this one already – don't miss out, buy yours now! The show opens July 31. Remember we give 20% discounts for groups of 10 or more who purchase their tickets ahead of their attendance date. Please call Mary Bavage at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.



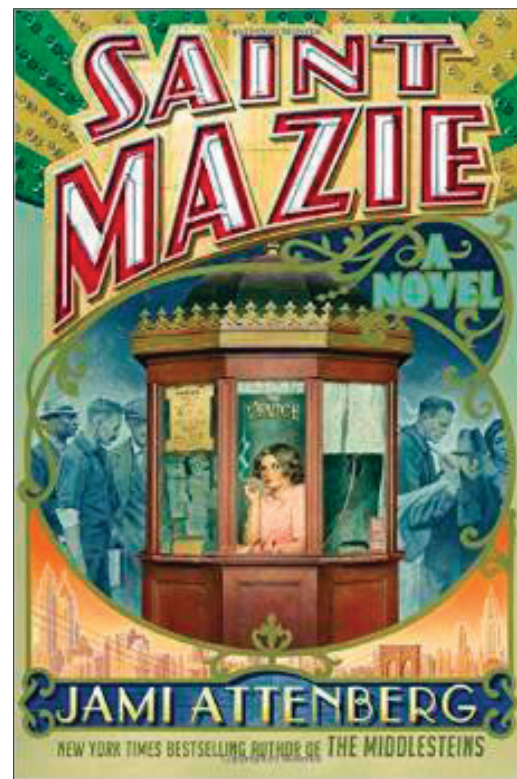
## Jeff's Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

### SAINT MAZIE: A NOVEL

by Jami Attenberg

Meet Mazie Phillips: big-hearted and bawdy, she's the truth-telling proprietress of The Venice, the famed New York City movie theater. It's the Jazz Age, with romance and booze aplenty—even when Prohibition kicks in—and Mazie never turns down a night on the town. But her high spirits mask a childhood rooted in poverty, and her diary, always close at hand, holds her dearest secrets. When the Great Depression hits, Mazie's life is on the brink of transformation. Addicts and bums roam the Bowery; homelessness is rampant. If Mazie won't help them, then who? When she opens the doors of The Venice to those in need, this ticket taking, fun-time girl becomes the beating heart of the Lower East Side, and in defining one neighborhood helps define the city. Then, more than ninety years after Mazie began her diary, it's discovered by a documentarian in search of a good story. Who was Mazie Phillips, really? A chorus of voices from the past and present fill in some of the mysterious blanks of her adventurous life. Inspired by the life of a woman who was profiled in Joseph Mitchell's classic Up in the Old Hotel, Saint Mazie is infused with Jami Attenberg's signature wit, bravery, and heart. Mazie's rise to “sainthood”—and her irrepressible spirit—is unforgettable. Assembling California by John McPhee At various times in a span of fifteen years, John McPhee made geological field surveys in the company of Eldridge Moores, a tectonicist at the University of California at Davis. The result of these trips is Assembling California, a cross-section in human and geologic time, from Donner Pass in the Sierra Nevada through the golden foothills of the Mother Lode and across the Great Central Valley to the wine country of the Coast Ranges, the rock of San Francisco, and the San Andreas family of faults. The two disparate time scales occasionally intersect—in the gold disruptions of the nineteenth century no less than in the earthquakes of the twentieth—and always with relevance to a newly understood geologic history in which half a dozen large and separate pieces of country are seen to have drifted in from far and near to coalesce as California. McPhee and Moores also journeyed to remote mountains of Arizona and to Cyprus and northern Greece, where rock of the deep-ocean floor has been transported into continental settings, as it has in California. Global in scope and a delight to read, Assembling California is a sweeping narrative of maps in motion, of evolving and dissolving lands.



### SEVENEVES: A Novel by Neal Stephenson

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Anathem, Reamde, and Cryptonomicon comes an exciting and thought-provoking science fiction epic, a grand story of annihilation and survival spanning five thousand years. A catastrophic event renders the earth a ticking time bomb. In a feverish race against the inevitable, nations around the globe band together to devise an ambitious plan to ensure the survival of humanity far beyond our atmosphere, in outer space. But the complexities and unpredictability of human nature coupled with unforeseen challenges and dangers threaten the intrepid pioneers, until only a handful of survivors remain... Five thousand years later, their progeny—seven distinct races now three billion strong—embark on yet another audacious journey into the unknown... to an alien world utterly transformed by cataclysm and time: Earth. A writer of dazzling genius and imaginative vision, Neal Stephenson combines science, philosophy, technology, psychology, and literature in a magnificent work of speculative fiction that offers a portrait of a future that is both extraordinary and eerily recognizable. As he did in Anathem, Cryptonomicon, the Baroque Cycle, and Reamde, Stephenson explores some of our biggest ideas and perplexing challenges in a breathtaking saga that is daring, engrossing, and altogether brilliant.

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Looking Upwith Bob Eklund

ROADMAP TO THE STARS

A laser-powered wafer-thin spacecraft capable of reaching Alpha Centauri in 20 years may sound like the stuff of science fiction, but it's not. And while such a launch isn't imminent, the possibility of one in the future does exist, according to UC Santa Barbara physics professor Philip Lubin.

To further explore that possibility, Lubin and his team in UCSB's Experimental Cosmology Group will study photo-driven propulsion—the use of lasers as a means to power a spacecraft. The group has been awarded one of 15 proof-of-concept grants from NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts. The NASA program aims to turn what sounds like science fiction into science fact through the development of pioneering technologies.

"One of humanity's grand challenges is to explore other solar systems by sending probes—and eventually life," said Lubin. "We propose a system that will allow us to take the first step toward interstellar exploration using directed-energy propulsion combined with miniature probes. Along with recent work on wafer-scale photonics, we can now envision combining these technologies to enable a realistic approach to sending probes far outside our solar system."

The UCSB group's ultimate goal is to send small probes to supplement the current long-range remote sensing done by orbital and ground-based telescopes. The funding will enable Lubin's team to create a more complete roadmap for building a fully functional wafer-scale spacecraft complete with power, laser communications, and controllable photon thrusters. The project, Directed Energy Propulsion for Interstellar exploration (DEEP-IN), will also chart laser-driver elements that require technology development.

The key to a functioning system lies in the ability to build both the photon driver and the ultra-low-mass probes. While capable of propelling any spacecraft mass, lower-mass probes go the fastest and are most suitable for interstellar missions.

The DEEP-IN design keeps the main propulsion driver back in Earth's orbit (or nearby) yet still capable of propelling highly integrated spacecraft to speeds vastly higher than anything scientists can currently achieve. The laser photon driver would use photon pressure in the form of streamed energy to power the spacecraft as it travels away from Earth. With no intrinsic speed limit, this technology allows for the relativistic

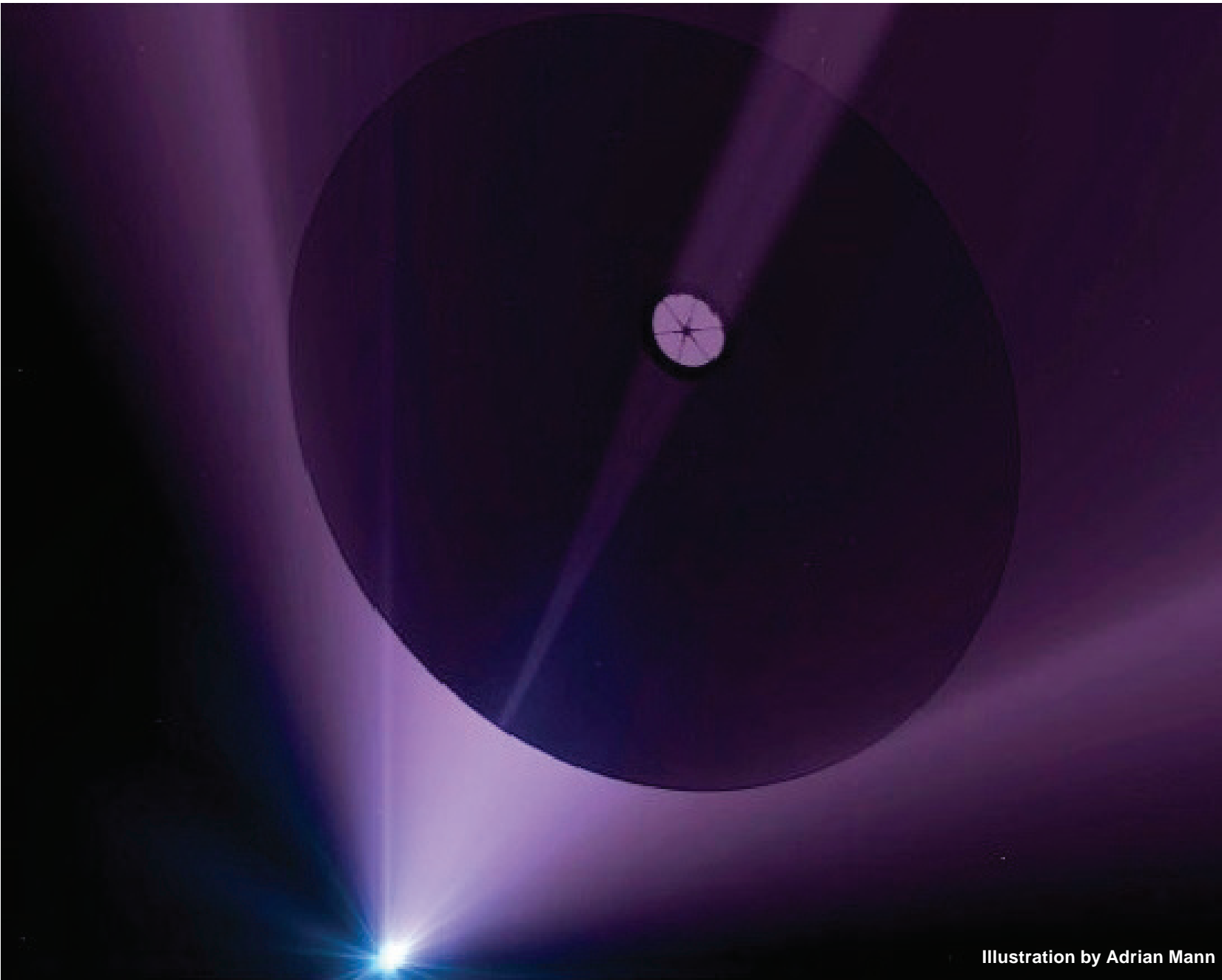


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speeds necessary for interstellar flight.

"While not suitable for every spacecraft design, this approach opens up radically new possibilities," Lubin said. "The project is a step toward the first interstellar mission, but more importantly we are studying and designing the relevant technological base. This will give us the ability to build a single photon driver capable of sending out literally millions of low-mass probes.

"We've had to radically rethink our strategy in order not to give up our dreams of reaching the stars," Lubin added. "DEEP-IN posits a technological path forward that, while not simple, is within our technological reach to begin."

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"THE SELF-SUFFICIENT HOME: GOING GREEN AND SAVING MONEY"

by Christopher Nyerges

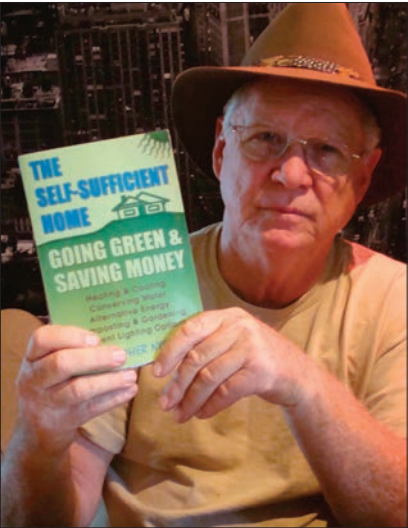


Way back in 2000, my wife Dolores and I wrote a book called "Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City," where we detailed how we grew food, recycled household water, collected rain, raised animals, generated power, and more, in our average home in the hilly outback of Los Angeles. We wrote the book because we constantly heard how difficult it was to do the very things we were doing on a very low budget. We knew it wasn't all that difficult – you just had to make the commitment to do it!

The "Self-Sufficient Home" book is a continuation of that work, but in this case, we didn't strictly write about what we did in our own home. Rather, I interviewed at least two dozen other home-owners and experimenters to discover the ways in which they were practicing urban self-reliance. In every case, these were private individual who simply chose to take control of at least one aspect of their lives, without waiting for some elusive government solution.

The book is a timeless work, detailing many of the ways that we can live with less water and still live well, and it provides a guideline for others to do the same.

"Self-Sufficient Home" includes an interview with Altadena architect Steve Lamb, who shares all the ways in which homes should be built to take advantage of natural principles such as sunlight, wind patterns, shade, and other site-specific issues. Lamb points out that white roofs, and large overhangs helps keep houses naturally cooler. During the course of writing the book, Lamb took me to a few of the places he's worked on to show me how it's also possible to retrofit an "average" house to take advantage of these principles. We also visited Pasadena's Gamble House to look at the timeless architecture that keeps a place cool in the hot summer, naturally and without electricity.



Dude McLean with copy of Self-Sufficient Home

"Self-Sufficient Home" details the many ways to use less water, and to recycle water. There are interviews with people who collect rain water, with everything from low-tech to high-tech methods. In fact, this is now so "mainstream" that all of the building supply companies routinely sell you all the hardware needed to turn a bucket into a rain water catchment system.

My mother used to have us take the water from washing the dishes and pour it outside on the fruit trees. Very low tech, of course.

In the 1970s, during a previous drought era, I worked with others to retrofit many homes so their "grey water" (everything but the toilet water) could be directed out into the yard for either a lawn, or garden. In most cases, this is a simple plumbing job that any plumber could do, though it is still frowned upon by my most city's Building and Safety departments.

Not big fans of the pointless grass front lawn, we also describe in the book how we mulched the entire front lawn area (in 1986), and grew vegetables and fruit trees on it. All the water came from the washing machine, whose drain hose was disconnected from the sewer and re-routed out into the yard.

Of course, toilets use a lot of water too, so the simplest solution for most people is to get the low-flow toilet. But did you know that there are many alternatives to the conventional flush toilet, from the expensive high-tech to the very simple low-tech methods that have been practiced for millennia.

Though local health departments take a very dim view of such toilets, they are proven water-savers that can be safely used in most situations. In fact, I describe in my book two toilet alternatives that I tried successfully for many months.

The book also addresses all the ways in which the average urban back yard can be utilized for food and medicine production. This begins with an assessment of the resources already on the property, coupled with a list of your specific needs and wants.

Where to get your seeds, how to produce plants from cuttings, and ways to create your own backyard fertilizers are all included.

The book shares the specific ways in which various local people, with no government aid and with no whining, went about producing their own electricity, and their own solar-heated water. The reader is guided through the steps of making an electrical use assessment before going out to purchase any solar devices or components. It's important to do that assessment if you're going to be your own power producer, so you build a system that is suitable to your situation.

I figured that if I was able to do all these things with limited specific education, and a very low budget, than anyone could do so! I dedicate the book to those I call the members of the silent revolution.

"Self-Sufficient Home" can be obtained via Kindle, and hard-copies are available wherever quality books are sold, or on-line. This is a wonderful book and everyone should have a copy.

[More information about Nyerges' classes and books is available at [www.ChristopherNyerges.com](http://www.ChristopherNyerges.com), or via School of Self-reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041]

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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 on the easiest and most cost effective ways to pass it to your children. To your family's health, wealth, and happiness,

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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](http://www.GarlettLaw.com) for more information.



Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

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Images are important on Social Media. An interesting image on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest or Instagram can generate a lot of engagement. Unfortunately one size does not fit all. The same size image on Facebook might cut off someone's head on Twitter. Getting the right size can be tricky if you are trying to eye ball it. It's best to stick with these dimensions:

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## Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

### TIME TO SHOW OFF

If you've followed advice given here about sprucing up your home's exterior, well done! Now let's focus attention on the next thing potential buyers will see - the front door and the interior. Now is the time for spring-cleaning and to show off your home's best features.

Repaint that front door and touch up around the entry. Make it warm and welcoming with updated light fixtures at the entrance and foyer. Speaking of entries, check your windows and doors for energy efficiency. If they're not airtight, an investment in new windows and insulation will pay off handsomely and impress buyers.

Freshly repainted walls won't hurt either, and you can achieve a bright, clean look with light yellow or cream on the walls and contrasting white woodwork. Buff up your wood floors, clean your area rugs or carpets, and replace any worn carpeting before your first showing.

Buyers look carefully at bathrooms, so be sure to remove any spots of mildew, replace caulking, and consider a small investment in a new sink and vanity to really make things sparkle.

The icing on the cake is to offer buyers a "home warranty" on the appliances in your house, allowing them a full year of service on anything that happens to go wrong. Your pride of ownership and their peace of mind should combine to produce a sale!

SYLVIA RAMOS JOINS CENTURY 21 VILLAGE REALTY

Sierra Madre, CA June 22, 2015 -- Andy Bencosme, Managing Broker of CENTURY 21 Village in Sierra Madre recently welcomed Sylvia Ramos to his Sierra Madre office. The announcement was made at the office's weekly marketing and sales meeting.

Ramos is a veteran REALTOR with years of experience assisting clients in the listing and selling of residential properties by utilizing sound planning, professional ethics, persuasive skills and a strong company support system. Bencosme stated that, "she provides exceptional service, by analyzing ever-shifting market conditions and effectively communicating it to buyers and sellers." Ramos attains and implements buyer and seller feedback to better assist the real estate community. Ramos believes in maintaining relationships. She explained that "it is crucial to nurture relationships professionally and personally. Referrals are the foundation of my satisfied clientele base. In sight, in mind!" She has multiple years of experience in a Human Resource environment which has allowed



her to grow with the demands of diversity, complex challenges, multi-tasking high level priorities, internal investigations and mediation. These qualities and skills are extremely important in the day to day real estate world. Ramos specializes in all aspects of real estate sales (e.g., buying, selling, probate sales, 1031 exchange, short sales, trust sales, etc...) and prides herself in her marketing and promotional plan. She sells all over the Southland from San Diego to Santa Barbara and has expanded to a Global real estate clientele. She is a skilled negotiator, energetic and enthusiastic. Sylvia also holds advanced Real Estate Designations of SRES, Senior Real Estate Specialist, GREEN, and ABR, Accredited Buyer Representative. She serves on the boards and volunteers on several professional, community and charitable organizations.

Sylvia Ramos and all of the friendly CENTURY 21 Village agents can be contacted at 38 W. Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre or by telephone 626.355.1451 or on the internet at [c21village.com](http://c21village.com) or [www.facebook.com/c21village](http://www.facebook.com/c21village)

STATE FARM OFFICE TO OPEN JULY 1ST IN SIERRA MADRE

Charles Martin is opening a new State Farm office in Sierra Madre. The office will be located at the old Griffin Lumber Yard at 38 E. Montecito Ave in a newly renovated location now owned by Redcar LTD., a well-known downtown developer specializing in the revitalization of industrial zones around Los Angeles. Excited about the grand opening, Charles explains "this life pivot collectively puts all of my 20 plus years of sales and service acumen in one place." Charles says that although State Farm has a well-respected reputation that is more than 93 years long, he plans to create an innovative and modern approach to what people know as an insurance agency. "I definitely have created the agency for the 21st Century", he said. His motivation: helping others realize their personal goals through all of the financial services State Farm offers. "If you're able to have that once in a lifetime chance to move another's life forward by the

products and services you procure, it's magical." He goes on to say "I love the feeling of a connection well done, whether it helps me or not."

Charles has been a Sierra Madre resident for over ten years and his two boys attend The Gooden School. "My family and I love Sierra Madre," he says. "The residents, the business owners... what better place to start a business than here?" After moving to Los Angeles from New York where he was Tommy Hilfiger and Liz Claiborne's assistant, Charles worked in the production offices of actors and musicians such as Scott Rudin, Elton John, and Bruce Willis, among others.

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CALIFORNIA'S WATER WOES HIT HOME

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the new oil. They're wrong, of course. Oil supplies merely send nations to war, while the water shortage pits neighbors against each other.

This condition is evidenced by three types of front yards that dot the landscape here on the parched Central Coast. Some are dark green and meticulously manicured - just like in the pre-drought days. Others have brown remnants of lawns that turned quickly without daily watering. And an increasing number of yards have been revamped by conscientious homeowners to include indigenous, drought-resistant plants and ground-covering mulch.

The underlying question goes beyond cosmetics: Is it acceptable to waste water during a drought even if you're willing to pay exorbitantly for it?

Water prices vary widely across the state but normal household use costs roughly \$20 to \$100 per month. Yet, add an average size lawn with several waterings each week and the bills here soar because water companies charge higher rates plus penalties as consumption climbs.

A clerk at the local water company says she's seen monthly bills over \$5,000 for wealthy residents determined to retain lush landscapes. Put another way: they would rather pay than conserve.

Drought conditions across much of the West have worsened over several years. California Gov. Jerry Brown has set a water conservation goal of 25 percent and the state issued a raft of regulations to force compliance. Yet, for individual homeowners the inconveniences remain minimal. Landscape watering is limited to two days per week, runoff is to be monitored, washing cars requires hoses with special shutoff nozzles, etc.

The carrot for those not otherwise conservation-driven is still money, with tiered rates requiring consumers to pay more per unit as their overall usage increases. California points to a 2009 study by researchers from Harvard and Yale concluding that price is the most effective tool for reducing consumption, as opposed to mandatory restrictions.

Even the pricing approach was thrown a bit of a curve in April when a state appeals court ruled that local municipalities may not charge

tiered rates for water unless they can demonstrate that the actual cost of delivery is similarly tiered.

As if things aren't complicated enough, local water companies stand to lose money as residents conserve more. Variable costs of delivery go down, but fixed costs of operation along with maintenance and research expenses remain the same. To compensate, some water companies are levying drought surcharges.

And this is just on the residential side. Agriculture is California's largest water user, and the state has recently moved to limit farmers' water supplies for the first time since 1977.

But back to the moral question confronting homeowners. In time of drought is it reasonable to buy as much water as you want if you don't care what it costs?

The poster community for this questionable behavior is Rancho Santa Fe in Southern California, known for its lavish estates, numerous golf courses - and per capita water use that is five times the state average. To the horror of all but the most dedicated lawn preservationists, Rancho Santa Fe's water use actually climbed by 9 percent immediately after the governor urged a statewide reduction.

Wealthy Rancho Santa Fe residents insist that water is a natural resource to which government should not restrict access. The counter claim is that such resources, although vast, are finite and must be conserved - by law if necessary.

So, should it be illegal to have a lawn? Government wouldn't dare issue such an edict, preferring onerous water pricing and penalties. But that will only guarantee that in drought areas large lawns are eventually for the super rich instead of just the rich. A more equitable solution, if it comes to it, would be true rationing: each homeowner gets his share but may not buy up to a higher level.

In the long run the best solution is a combination of price persuasion and peer pressure. It's only a matter of time before society concludes that lush lawns aren't just wasteful, they're also ugly. It's the same sort of evolution that has shifted our tastes away from large, gas-guzzling vehicles.

We'll know we're there when it becomes fashionable to observe with envy that the grass is always browner on the other side of the fence.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

UNDERSTANDING THE GRANDPA RULES

circumstance would have it, and I like to give circumstances due credit, I was visiting my grandchildren without the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Normally, if there is such a status, my wife travels with me when we visit the grandchildren. However, when she is along I do not have a chance. I will not say that she hogs the grandchildren, she does, I just will not say so. As a husband, I know when to speak my mind and when to mind my speaking. The inexperienced husband does not know the difference and pays for it.

With the opportunity before me to go solo with the grandchildren, I determined to make the best of it. I never know when this kind of a situation will repeat itself. When my wife is with me, she always holds the reins, but now I have nobody to curtail my visit with the grandchildren. I am a freelance grandpa.

What many people may not know is that there are rules governing the successful grandfather. Most people do not know these rules because the most prominent grandparent is usually the grandmother. I'm not complaining here, just explaining. Somebody needs to explain this and the sooner the grandfather knows and understands these rules the sooner he can enjoy exploiting his role as grandpa.

The first rule that should be understood is simply this: whatever makes the grandchildren happy makes the grandfather happy. This brings out the unselfish nature of grandfatherhood. It is a wise, not to mention happy, grandfather who invests his resources in making the grandchildren happy. Whatever it takes. I say invest because there are marvelous dividends to be reaped.

This is perhaps the greatest burden the grandfather has to shoulder. Everybody knows how difficult it is to make and keep children happy. In addition, during the grandfather's visit it should be one long happy adventure.

I Another rule associated with grandfathers is rather basic. Jellybeans ARE fruit. Anybody with any kind of common sense can see the different colors of jellybeans and understand that they represent fruit. It is the dutiful responsibility of a grandfather to have an endless supply of jelly beans on his person at all times. After all, children do need their fruit.

While on the subject of food, another rule has to do with vegetables. Every grandfather knows that vegetables are not all that grandmothers say they are. And broccoli... is absolutely forbidden when grandpa is sitting at the table. Another important aspect of eating at the table is that cleaning up everything on your plate is not necessary when grandpa is there.

Also, when grandpa is at the table the order of the dinner is drastically changed. For example, the dessert should be eaten first because of the danger of eating too much and not having enough room for the dessert at the end of the meal.

When going out to a restaurant together for a meal there is another rule that is most crucial. This is something dear to my heart and something I wish to pass on to my grandchildren. Simply put, it is this, a straw has many functions. And the beautiful thing about a straw is it comes with its own supply of ammunition. There are many wonderful things to be done with a "loaded straw."

Another grandpa rule is that noise is welcome and since grandpa is a little hard of hearing, the louder the better. A grandchild yelling like wild banshees is the music of the gods. And the most important part of this music is all of the grandchildren should be yelling at the same time. This idea of taking turns is something that only grandmothers think up.

With the children's health in mind, this next rule is crucial. Jumping on the furniture is good exercise, especially when grandpa hits the ceiling with his head. And because of the great deal of laughter involved in such exercise, it adds to their health and longevity. I read somewhere where laughter adds to your life. Whether it is true or not is immaterial, the fact is children need to laugh and laugh a lot. Grandmothers do not understand.

Then, as long as grandpa is staying overnight, bedtime is merely a goal. This idea of having an exact bedtime is not healthy, especially when grandpa is visiting. Bedtime should be a negotiable commodity, not something that is an exact science. What does science have to do with going to bed at night? Leave science at school where it belongs.

There is one last rule that I need to mention. Grandpa's rules trump everyone else's rules... except grandma's, which is why grandpa needs to visit the grandchildren by himself occasionally.

Understanding the rules enables everybody to enjoy the time together. Without rules, there would be chaos. With grandpa's rules, the chaos is a marvelous harmony of joy, excitement and fun. Every grandchild needs a grandpa who understands the grandpa rules and who has the opportunity to exploit those rules.

There is one rulebook that I go by implicitly. That book is the Bible. It is the most profitable book I have ever discovered. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When you know the rules of life, it becomes a wonderful and exciting adventure.

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LEFT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"We can't hide from any of these hard truths about race and justice in America. We have to name them and own them and then change them."  
- Hillary Clinton

"I don't know."  
- Jeb Bush, asked if the shooting in South Carolina was "racially motivated"

Candidate Bush did allow that the shooting of nine black worshippers at Charleston's Emmanuel AME Church was motivated by "hatred" - but demurred in identifying who or what that hatred was directed against.

Part of my column a couple weeks ago was about an incident in McKinney, Texas. Cops were called in response to a fight instigated by white residents of a predominately white community shouting racist obscenities at black kids invited to a pool party. When the cops arrived, they went after the black kids - with the only white person handcuffed being a 12-year-old girl who stood up to the racists targeting her friends.

The other part of the column was about the reaction, particularly on Fox News, of disgust and anger not over the incident itself but over suggestions it had to do with race.

In any recovery program - booze, drugs, whatever - the first step is to admit you have the problem. We've been trying, especially over the past 150 years since the Civil War, to recover from roots of racism - but there remain those unwilling to take that first step of admitting there's a problem.

I was familiar with Lincoln's words about how "this government cannot endure . . . half slave and half free." But in school, the emphasis was on the economic conflict between an increasingly industrialized North and a largely agrarian South. It was later I found it was, in fact, about race - about regarding another human being as property. In South Carolina's "Declaration of Immediate Causes" from December 1860 explaining its decision to secede (the first state to do so), no mention was made of conflicting economic models. It was about "an increasing hostility on the part of the non-slaveholding States to the institution of slavery" (based in part on "erroneous religious belief").

The final straw was the election the month before of Sen. Abraham Lincoln (R-IL) to the presidency, "whose opinions and purposes", according to the Declaration, "are hostile to slavery", and who encourages the "belief that slavery is in the course of ultimate extinction."

A hundred years later, when the Confederate flag appeared on the dome of the South Carolina statehouse in Columbia, it was referred to as a commemoration of the Civil War's centennial; a remembrance of those who served, of "heritage" and a "way of life". But it was about race.

The flag was resurrected in 1948 as the symbol of the Dixiecrats; southern Democrats led by South Carolina's Gov. Strom Thurmond. They split when the party led by President Truman sought to ban employment discrimination, eliminate poll taxes, desegregate the Army and make lynching a federal

crime. As Thurmond put it to crowds of Confederate flag-waving supporters, "There's not enough troops in the Army to force the Southern people to break down segregation and admit the Nigra race into our theaters, into our swimming pools, into our homes, and into our churches."

The flag was prominent at Ole Miss in 1962 as riots broke out over the federal government's insistence on admitting black student James Meredith. The next year, Gov. George Wallace had it raised over the statehouse in Montgomery to protest efforts to desegregate the University of Alabama. A study by the Georgia senate in 2000 found that although following the 1956 insertion of Confederate "stars and bars" in the state flag there'd been after-the-fact explanations of it being related to the Civil War centennial, it was in fact done at a time the Georgian State Assembly was "entirely devoted to passing legislation that would preserve segregation and white supremacy". (They were removed from the flag in 2013.)

Charleston shooter Dylann Roof enjoyed posing with that flag, along with symbols of colonial Rhodesia and apartheid South Africa. He warned that blacks "rape our women and you're taking over our country. And you have to go."

But race was somehow not an issue at Fox News. Steve Doocy pointed out the "hostility towards Christians, and it was a church." Colleague Brian Kilmeade surmised the shooter "hates Christian churches". Elisabeth Hasselbeck called it an "attack on faith". Not to be outdone, Fox pundit and Red State blogger Erick Erickson somehow managed to make a connection with Caitlyn Jenner and transgenderism.

On the campaign trail, presidential candidate Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) noted, "It's 2015 - there are people out there looking for Christians to kill them" (without noting any similar attacks on white Christian churches). He described Roof not as a "thug" or "terrorist", but as a "strange, disturbed young man". The Confederate flag was defended as "part of who we are . . . it works here." Candidate Rick Santorum concurred in grouping the shooting with "assaults on our religious freedom". Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) identified the problem as "people not understanding where salvation comes from." Newest candidate Gov. Bobby Jindal (R-LA) decided not to go there at all; "Law enforcement will figure out what his so-called motivations were."

Most of us don't need to rely on "law enforcement" to "figure out" anything; Dylann Roof made clear himself what his motivations were. We know why the Civil War - which brought more U.S. deaths than WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam combined - was fought. We know what that Confederate flag stands for. We're also able to acknowledge the racism that continues to afflict and fester in our country.

No one expects any individual leader to oversee its eradication. But if they're unwilling to even take that first step and admit to the "hard truths about race and justice in America", acknowledging at least that there's a problem as a first step towards recovery, we can expect little if any recovery at all.

JASON Stanford



MY STEALTH CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT

You probably have not heard a peep about my campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. All the attention lately has been focused on Lindsey Graham explaining why he's single, Jeb Bush avoiding his family, and Donald Trump telling us all how lucky we are that he is running for president. The way I figure, the more attention they get, the better I look in anonymity.

So far, my plan is working perfectly. If I can remain largely unknown throughout the primary season, the nomination is as good as won. The Republican Party used to brag that it was a big tent. After the last two weeks, the GOP has become a circus tent, and no one likes cleaning up after elephants.

How unpopular are the Republicans running for President? According to Google consumer surveys and reputable opinion polls, Voldemort—the villain from the Harry Potter novels—is viewed more favorably by Americans than Bush and Trump as well as Mike Huckabee, Ted Cruz, Rick Santorum, and Chris Christie.

You'd think the most notable thing about Graham is that he thinks the problem with America is that we aren't at war with enough countries. Told that most Americans lack his fervor for more war, he replied, "Well, don't vote for me." Given his single-digit standings in the polls, most Republicans are doing exactly that, but it's for a different reason. It's because he's a confirmed bachelor, or, as Sen. Mark Kirk of Illinois was caught saying recently, a "bro with no ho." Apparently this is a problem the Founding Fathers did not anticipate, but Graham is a man with a plan, at least when it comes to not having a First Lady. "Well, I've got a sister. She could play that role if necessary," Graham said. "I've got a lot of friends. We'll have a rotating first lady." So far, people don't seem all that excited about his plan. He should stick to fantasizing about another land war in Iraq.

It's hard to recapture the majesty of America when Republicans are teasing a United States Senator because he doesn't have a girlfriend. But maybe Americans are easily bamboozled. That's the thinking behind Bush's—I'm sorry, Jeb!'s—campaign to make everyone forget the time we elected his brother. Twice.

Sure, Jeb!—musn't mention the last name, now—agrees with his Brother-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named on high-stakes standardized testing, privatizing Social Security, the Middle East, and a host of other vital issues of the day on which his brother's coterie of experts advise him. Jeb!, though loyal to his unnamed relation, is his own man. We know this because not only did he say, "I'm my own man," but he put an exclamation point behind his first name in the logo: Jeb! Snappy punctuation might not be enough for Jeb! On the day he announced for president Jeb! was more disliked than liked among Republicans. Ironically, polls now show that his brother is far more popular than Jeb! is.

Trump is a man for whom punctuation for emphasis is superfluous. His announcement covered myriad subjects under the Republican sun but made only one point: Trump is awesome. It would be easy to disregard Trump as a frivolous exercise in ego amplification if not for the fact that at one point in 2012 he was the front-runner for the nomination I now seek. But having worn out his welcome, he is the least liked person running for president, though Trump is still more popular than Congress.

To be fair, Americans aren't making golden calves in the images of the other candidates of either party. While viewed much less unfavorably than the other candidates, the Democrats running for president—as well as Rand Paul and Marco Rubio—are still less popular than Darth Vader and the shark from Jaws. I am not making this up.

To know the Republicans running for president is to loathe them. That's why I steadfastly avoid not only campaigning but refuse to serve if elected. Debates? Don't need 'em, don't want 'em. Speeches? Not gonna do it. TV ads? I'd rather watch baseball. The less I do, the better I'm doing.

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