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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
6:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS



Regular City Council Meeting

September 8, 2015 - 6:30 pm

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

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

Upcoming Public Meetings

Thursday, August 6th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, August 17th, 2015, 6:00 pm
Police Services Proposal Review Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 20th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 8th, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Council Meeting

City Hall Hours - Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm
Planning & Community Preservation and Public Works Service Hours
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SUMMER NEWS FROM THE
SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join your friends and neighbors for free family fun in the air-conditioned Sierra Madre Public Library. "Read to the Rhythm" is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading Program Events

Thursday, August 20, 11:00 am
Third Thursday Book Club. Bring and discuss your favorite book with a musical theme.

Join the Summer Reading Program

There's still time to join the 686 other adult, teen and children members of the Summer Reading Program and win prizes. Signups are open until the last day of Summer Reading on Monday, August 10. Thanks to our sponsors - Friends of the Library, Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters, Kiwanis Club, and the Woman's Club.

Friends of the Library Best Used Book Sale

Find bargains on great books at the Friends Book Sale on Friday, August 7 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, August 8 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Library Board of Trustees

The meeting of the Trustees normally scheduled for Wednesday, August 26 has been cancelled. The next Trustee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23 at 7 pm in the City Council chambers.

Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees and are available on the website here: <http://cityofsierramadre.com/city-officials/commissions-board-committees>

New Library Catalog

The Library will launch a new and improved catalog in late August. Among new features are easier searching and access to e-books, ability to renew DVDs, notices by text or email, and soon to come, payment by credit card!

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, <http://cityofsierramadre.com/services/library>



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SUMMER FUN IN THE PARK

The Summer Fun in the Park program includes Tuesday interactive presentations provided by local organizations and Thursday fitness activities; it is targeted for children 3-10 years of age. The program will occur Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am in Memorial Park, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This program is free. The 2015 Summer Fun in the Park schedule can be found here. For information please contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-7135.

YMCA Programs at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center - Registration Available @ the Sierra Madre Recreation Center

The Community Services Department is partnering with the Pasadena YMCA to provide expanded programming and services at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center. For more information please visit www.ymcala.org/pasadena or call 626-432-5880.

WATERWORKS AQUATICS AT THE SIERRA MADRE
AQUATIC CENTER

This Summer, Waterworks Aquatics is offering some exciting programming including recreation swim, lap swim, swim team, and much more! Please contact Waterworks Aquatics if you are interested in registering for swim lessons and/or any of these great programs. For more information please visit the Waterworks website

SHARE SOME
GOOD NEWS!

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

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

-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

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REMEMBRANCE

JEFFREY R. TAILLAC

March 22, 1961 – August 8, 2015
 Jeff was born to Robert and Mary Taillac, and lived in Sierra Madre until his sudden death. He struggled with mental health issues from an early age. He always considered Sierra Madre to be his home, spending time down town or at Bailey Canyon Park. Pre-deceased by his father Bob, he is survived by his children Sarah, Cassandra and Alexander; mother, Mary, sisters Michele, Jeannine, and Denyce; nephews Michael, Travis and Seth; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 318 N. Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre, on August 21 at 11:00 A.M., preceded by a Rosary at 10:30 A.M. in the church. Donations in his memory may be made to the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation for Schizophrenia, 90 Park Ave., 16th floor, New York, NY 10016



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, July 26th, to Sunday, August 2nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 254 calls for service.

Tuesday, July 28th

At 8:44 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding an assault. The reporting party informed the dispatcher that his brother had come at him with a bat. Upon arrival the subject denied any confrontation or even having a bat. The mother of the two subjects confirmed that she had heard them arguing but did not see what had actually happened. When Officers asked the subject how they could resolve the multiple disturbance calls the police has been receiving at the residence, he stated the people he lives with should move out and that he needs to be alone. Due to the subject's erratic behavior and past history with his family, Officers determined the subject was a danger to himself and others and placed him on a 72 hour assessment and evaluation. The subject was taken into protective custody and transported to a local hospital.

At 3:55 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the Mount Wilson Trail Park regarding a vandalism report. The vandalism was discovered by public works crew member. The 2 foot by 1 foot section of the south side interior wall was painted over. It appeared the marking was made using a wide tipped black marking pen. Estimated cost of repair was \$80.

Friday, July 31st

At 11:43 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 block of East Sierra Madre Blvd regarding an unknown circumstances after a female called the non-emergency line and the call was interrupted. Upon arrival, Officers were informed that the subject had assaulted both her parents and sister before running off. The father informed Officers that the daughter had been staying with them since early July, but appeared to have a drinking problem. The father informed Officers that when his daughter drank she often became loud and violent. He stated his daughter had begun drinking that morning and at around 2 pm, she left to a local bar only to return upset. She began screaming and yelling at him and his wife. He then contacted his other daughter to come over to help calm her sister. The sister came over and tried to calm down the woman but her anger only escalated. Ultimately the daughter assaulted all three of them, leaving them with minor injuries, then ran before police arrived. Officers located the subject and arrested her without incident. This case has been sent to the District Attorney's Office for review and filing for Battery and Public intoxication.

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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

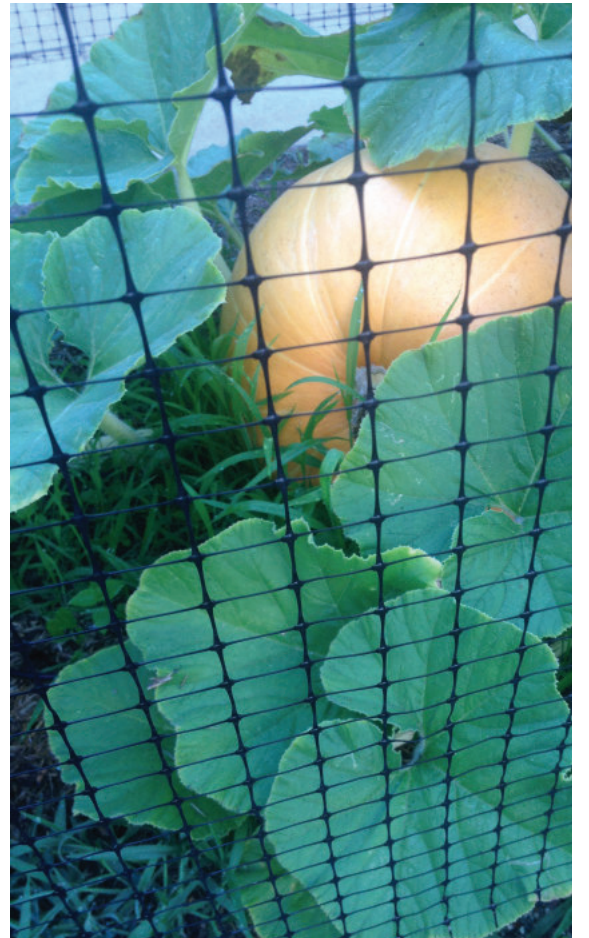
"August in sub-Saharan Los Angeles is one of the great and awful tests of one's endurance, sanity and stamina." Henry Rollins

August has been pretty nice this year, at least the last few days. Liking these cool mornings and evenings. The giant pumpkins on our street are growing more gigantic by the day and will be ready to turn into fantastic Halloween creations by the time October 31st rolls around. We are planning to be aboard the Time Machine and laughing through Abbott & Consuelo Meet The Zombies down at the Playhouse on Halloween. Here's a thought: If you really were in a time machine and the dial in front of you gave you the opportunity to go forward or back in time, which would you pick? Remember that Woody Allen movie from 2011, *Midnight In Paris*, where the hero (Owen Wilson), who is engaged to the totally wrong girl and is visiting Paris with her and her parents, finds himself transported to 1920's Paris every night at midnight, and is enchanted with that era where he meets Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, Salvador Dali and all sorts of other 20's celebrities. Champagne for everyone!

Speaking of movies, our Netflix movie a few days ago was *Woman In Gold*, with Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds. Helen Mirren portrays an Austrian woman, whose family was decimated and all their belongings stolen by the Nazis when Austria was occupied. They owned five paintings by Gustav Klimt, one of which was a portrait of her aunt – the *Woman In Gold* of the title. The story, based on truth, is her journey to get her paintings back. Ryan Reynolds does a superb job as her lawyer. Great movie, friends, if you haven't seen it, do!

We've seen deer several times this past week, which is always a delight. My walking partner and weekly Mt. Wilson Trail hiker, John, saw a bear last Thursday. The bear, who was going peacefully about his business, wreaked havoc among many of the trail hikers, who shrieked and ran the other way. John, thinking the bear was going the other way, kept going up toward First Water and eventually ran into Mr. Bear, who was walking placidly up the hillside. He walked right past John, and continued up the Trail out of sight. Awesome! Bud Switzer, walking on Carter a couple of weeks ago very early in the morning, told us he and a bear passed each other. We think these are all guy bears as they don't have any cubs trailing behind. One of life's big mistakes would be to get between a mama bear and her cubs. If you haven't seen one of these guys up close and personal, they are BIG! One of them walked down our driveway not long ago, strolled through our yard, walked past our windows where we were watching for him, walked over our pool fence, which is a good 5' high, continued through our avocado trees, walked over the street fence and headed out into the neighborhood. Let me repeat, he was BIG!

Remember Taco Salad? That used to be the most requested dish for all birthdays and special occasions when our kids were little. You whacked up a whole lot of lettuce in your salad bowl, added a can of kidney beans (drained) some tomatoes, chopped green onions, as much shredded cheddar cheese



as you wanted, maybe some olives, avocado, a bag of tortilla chips smashed up into small pieces, and whatever else you like in salad. Brown a pound or so of hamburger, drain the fat off and add a packet of Taco Seasoning and some tomato sauce. Keep that hot and get everybody to the table. Then add the hamburger mixture to the salad, throw a little Thousand Island dressing on top and you've got Taco Salad. That meat part has to be hot and it needs to be served immediately. This is a terrific summer dinner.

We missed the Gem City Jazz Cats last Sunday at the park due to yet another plumbing crisis, but there's another opportunity to enjoy some fine jazz music coming up Labor Day Weekend when the 1st Annual Southern California MAD Catfish Blues Festival comes to Santa Anita. It's September 5th from 7-10 p.m. Take a look at their website: www.MADCatfish.net for information and tickets. Speaking of opportunities, the 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival is coming and Creative Arts Group is offering a FREE Scarecrow Workshop on Saturday, September 19th, but ya gotta register. Give 'em a call at 626-355-8350 or www.creativeartsgroup.org.

Have a great week, stay cool, and may all your plumbing behave itself.

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WATER, ROOTS AND LEAN CONTRIBUTED TO TREE COLLAPSE

A report, released Thursday, on the sudden collapse of an Italian Stone Pine tree in front of Kidspace Museum, injuring eight children in Brookside Park July 28, found several factors most likely contributed to the tree's failure including a slight lean and weight.

The report concluded that, "a lean in the tree, by itself, is not necessarily an indicator of an unstable tree. However, the lean combined with the heavy weight due to increased water uptake and the absence of anchoring roots on the east and west side of the tree most likely contributed to the tree's instability and failure."

Arborist Ted Lubeshkoff of JTL Consultants noted, in a seven-page report, that an increase in water consumption by the tree probably added substantial weight to it after about .61 inches of rain occurred July 19 and July 20, less than 10 days prior to its collapse.

"The Italian stone pine probably could not release water as quickly as it was taking water in, causing a substantial increase in weight throughout the tree," the report noted.

Other possible contributing factors included absence of anchoring roots; a slight lean in the tree; recent drought conditions and heavy weight due to increased water uptake following recent rains.

Lubeshkoff also said there was historic evidence of fire damage indicated from black charcoal and white ash in a cavity on the underneath side of the tree, possibly from hot barbecue coals.

The tree was 85 feet tall; had a trunk diameter of about 42 inches and a canopy width of about 60 feet by 60 feet.

Pasadena Public Information Officer William Boyer said, although unrelated to the Kidspace incident, the city was removing 66 Eucalyptus trees in the lower Arroyo that were either dead or dying due to a beetle infestation.

Pet of the Week



Shelly (A379447) is a beautiful and sweet one-year-old tortoiseshell cat that has spent the last six weeks nursing and caring for her five little kittens in a foster home. Now it's her turn to be cared for in her own forever home. Her foster mom says Shelly is a great cat who is sweet, loving and docile! However, she has shown some food guarding around her kittens, so she may prefer to be in a single cat household.

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

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

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

City Hosts PEG TV National Conference

Pasadena Media wins national media award for Wiggle Waggle Walk coverage

By Dean Lee

The city played host this week to hundreds of station executive directors, managers and producers, who run local community/government and education access TV stations, as the Alliance for Community Media held its annual national conference at the Pasadena Hilton — next door to, Pasadena Media, the city's own access station.

"Pasadena does have the proud tradition of supporting local cable TV access, and that's going to continue into the future," Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said during the opening reception. "Last year we approved a 25 year operating agreement with Pasadena Media to ensure that the residents, as well as the city government, have the means and ability to access cable TV video web streaming, for free speech, or access to the council meetings [among other government things]."

Pasadena Media Executive

JPL Study; Nature, Chinese Pollution Impacts on U.S.

A new study finds that the western United States reduced its production of ozone-forming pollutants by 21 percent between 2005 and 2010, but ozone in the atmosphere above the region did not drop as expected in response. The reason: a combination of naturally occurring atmospheric processes and pollutants crossing the Pacific Ocean from China.

Scientists from the Netherlands and from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, looked at ozone in the mid-troposphere, about 10,000 to 30,000 feet (3 to 9 kilometers) above ground level. Ozone is formed throughout the atmosphere by chemical reactions. In the mid-troposphere, ozone has a measurable greenhouse effect.

The researchers focused on ozone above eastern China and the western United States, using measurements of ozone and key ozone-forming pollutants from instruments on NASA's Aura satellite, and a computer model of global atmospheric chemistry and weather. Over China, ozone increased about seven percent in the mid-



Mayor Terry Tornek (left) and Director Keri Stokstad (right)

Director Keri Stokstad said she proposed the idea to bring the national conference to Pasadena about two years ago. This was the first time it has been held in the city of Pasadena.

"I knew that we could get support, through the civic center and the other venues... and through the producers and volunteers, we could support having the conference here," she said.

"There was a desire to be able to have all of the member of community media come to Pasadena because access centers around Southern California are so few and far between we thought it would be great to show off all of the community media in the area."

As part of the conference, local cable programs were honored through Hometown Media Awards. Pasadena Media



troposphere. The researchers found two causes. First, Chinese emissions of ozone-forming pollutants increased 21 percent during these years. Second, an unusually large amount of ozone drifted down from the stratosphere as the result of several periodic, natural cycles, including an El Niño event in 2009-10.

At the same time, western U.S. emissions of ozone-forming pollutants decreased by 21 percent. The benefits of this large decrease will continue to accumulate for many years, like compound interest. By 2010, however, the decrease should have created a drop of more than two percent in mid-tropospheric ozone. Instead, there was no drop at all. For more information about NASA's Earth science activities, visit: nasa.gov/earth.

Altadena Station Crime Blotter

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 4000 block of Chaney Trail. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the front driver side window.

Property Stolen: black wallet, credit cards, currency.

5:40 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 2500 block of N. El Molino Avenue. Suspect Ovik Kagramyan, 56 years old of Altadena, was arrested for punching and attempting to stab the victim. Involved parties know each other as they both live at the residence, which is a board and care facility.

Monday, August 3

3:13 PM – David Hardy, 20 years old of San Gabriel, Devin Leagons, 18 years old of Pasadena, and Robert Leagons, 18 years old of Altadena were arrested for residential burglary in the 1100 block of E. Calaveras Street. Suspects entered the residence by removing the window screens. No items were stolen.

8:40 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred at 24 Hr. Fitness, 2180 N. Lincoln Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the front and rear passenger windows. Property Stolen: white wallet, passport.

Tuesday, August 4

6:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2800 block of Casitas Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked window. Property Stolen: gray Samsung laptop, pink Victoria's Secret bag, juicer, clothes.

10:09 AM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2400 block of Glen Canyon Road. Vehicle Stolen: blue 1989 Toyota Pick Up. The truck has yet to be recovered.

Rose Parade Equestrian Groups Announced

Tournament of Roses President Mike Matthiessen announced Tuesday the 19 equestrian groups to ride in the 127th Rose Parade presented by Honda, themed "Find Your Adventure." The equestrian groups selected include:

1st Cavalry Horse Detachment - Fort Hood
American Endurance Ride Conference
Anheuser Busch Budweiser Clydesdales
Calizona Appaloosa Horse Club

Dakota Thunder Shires
Long Beach Mounted Police
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
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Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
National Park Service
The New Buffalo Soldiers

The Norco Cowgirls & The Little Miss Norco Cowgirls

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Equestrians participating in the Rose Parade showcase a variety of breeds as well as unique tack and costumes. All riders must have previous parade riding experience. In addition to riding in the 5.5 mile-long Rose Parade route on New Year's Day, these equestrian groups are invited to take part in Equestfest presented by Wells Fargo, which will take place December 29, at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. During Equestfest, groups perform trick riding, drills, dancing and roping skills, and attendees can walk through the stables and speak with the riders.



CERT Classes Start Sept. 12 at Caltech

Upcoming Community Emergency Response Team Classes beginning Sept. 12th at Caltech campus, Pasadena.

Pasadena Fire Department is hosting a Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) class beginning September 12. All classes will be held at 383 S. Hill Ave, on the Caltech campus.

The CERT course is made up of four dates / classes, and participants must attend all

classes to receive a certificate.
Saturday, September 12, 2015
8am to 5pm

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
6am to 9pm

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
6pm to 9pm

Saturday, September 19, 2015
8am to 3:30pm

In this CERT class participants will develop skills to help prepare when disaster strikes, no matter where you are, home work or play.

The final day of class includes a disaster drill, giving participants an opportunity to put what they have learned into action.

Class size is limited to register contact pasadenacert33@cityofpasadena.net.

Free Upcoming Events at Pasadena Senior Center



There is something for everyone in July at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. All events listed are free.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers - Any Questions? - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. through Aug. 27. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own your own already or are considering a purchase. Learn how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet, download apps and more.

Pinochle - Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon through Aug. 27. Everyone is invited to play one of the most popular card games in North America. Join other players at all levels and make new friends. For more information call 626-584-0413 by

Concerts in Memorial Park - Tuesdays, from 6 to 7 p.m. through Aug. 27. The band shell at Memorial Park, adjacent to the Pasadena Senior Center, will be hopping with entertainment this month! Aug. 4: Billy and the Hillbillies. Aug. 11: Inca, the Peruvian Ensemble. Aug. 18: Lisa Haley and the Zydekats. Aug. 25: Alan Chapman's Movie Music Magic. Bring a picnic or purchase dinner at the BBQ snack bar. Everyone of all ages is welcome.

Friday Movie Matinees -- Aug. 21, at 1 p.m. - Noah (2014, PG-13) starring Russell Crowe and Emma Watson.

Come to the Party! -- Today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We're celebrating the Pasadena Senior Center's 55th anniversary, and the community is invited! Enjoy live music, dancing, food, fun

photo booth, KidZone, billiards tournament with prizes, art reception, sample classes and much more.

Cancer Awareness for Seniors -- Thursday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m. Cancers can present and manifest themselves in different ways. Learn some of the tell-tale signs seniors should be aware of as well as common types of cancers, associated factors and prevention. Presented by Dr. Thirumala Raju.

Health Fair -- Friday, Aug. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. A new medical safety identification plan, sponsored by New York Life, is being added to the popular monthly health fair. Bring your list of medications, doctors and emergency contacts and they will be placed on a personal identification card at no cost. Other health fair services include glucose, blood pressure and hearing screenings as well as counseling and health and community resources. For more information call 626-685-6732.

Transportation Programs: Dial-A-Ride and Access Services -- Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. Getting around town without driving is easier if you know your options. Representatives from the City of Pasadena Dial-A-Ride program, which also includes Pasadena ARTS buses, plus Los Angeles County Access Services will explain how to use these programs and will answer questions.

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

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"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

DROWNING: THE SILENT KILLER OF CHILDREN

Last week, we received horrific news. My former daughter-in-law's two year old nephew drowned. The family lives in an apartment. There is a pool and hot tub separated by large plants. The toddler had two brothers, four years old and six years old, who I believe were initially with him. Their mother was sitting at the pool area watching them. She left the little one "Only for five minutes" to take an older one to the restroom.

It takes ONE SECOND for a tragedy to occur. This woman prided herself on taking her kids to lakes, rivers, etc. and never letting them out of her sight. Perhaps she thought a hot tub was safe? I remember when my children were grown, that a toddler died in a toilet. I couldn't believe it. But the toilet seats and lids MUST be kept down. The family was visiting the grandparents, someone left the seat up. An inquisitive toddler leans over and falls face down. His short legs prevent him from getting out.

The following information was on line and provided by National Safe Kids Campaign) I know this is an unpleasant subject, but it needs to be discussed. Many parents don't realize small spas/Jacuzzis; can be just as dangerous as a deep pool. I feel they are worst because people let their guards down. Even a five gallon tub is a killer.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for infants and young children between 1-4 years old. Drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury deaths in children, 1-14 years. A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child between the ages of 4 and under.

An estimated 5000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to unintentional drowning-related incidents; 15% die in the hospital and as many as 20% suffer permanent neurological disability. 70% of preschoolers who drown were in the care of one or both parents at the time of the drowning.

The majority of children who survive are discovered within 2 minutes following submersion. For every child who drowns, another four received emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

Children under one year most often drown in bathtubs, buckets, or toilets. Among children ages 1-4 years, most drowning occurs in residential swimming pools.

The percent of drowning in natural water settings such as lakes, rivers or the oceans increases with age. Most drowning over 15 years occur in natural water settings.

In 2007, there were 3443 fatal unintentional drowning- averaging about 10 per day.

19% of drowning involving children occur in public pools with certified lifeguards.

The last bullet blew me away. If anyone takes your child to a public pool, PLEASE keep them in sight. Even in private pools, don't take your eyes off your little ones. I hope this reminds everyone of water safety.

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KIMBERLY, KANSAS AND MADCATFISH BLUES FESTIVAL

By La Quetta M. Shamblee



her musical interests, Kimberly says, (the late) "Steven Ray Vaughn opened my ears to all the legendary blues guitarists, like Albert King, Albert Collins and others." She also spoke of her excitement about having had the chance to meet both of these icons. The foundation laid by these pioneers continues to support the evolution of the genre, creating new branches like urban blues and electric blues. Kimberly is among the last generation who will have had the opportunity to sit in on jam sessions with some of the trailblazing blues, recording artists.

Kimberly later made a move to Southern California to continue college studies and enrolled at the Musician's Institute in Hollywood, CA. She went on to take classes at Long Beach City College before entering the music program for guitar studies at USC, which places a heavy emphasis on jazz. By then, years of live jam sessions slamming down some blues had prepared Kimberly for the rigors of theory and performance requirements to earn her degree.

Like many artists who sacrifice everything for the love of their craft, after Kimberly graduated, she shares, "I lived in a shack for five years and played music for a living." She toured with tenor jazz and blues saxophonist Joe Houston during that time. Growing tired with the "struggling artist" lifestyle as she approached turning 30, she realized she should probably put her college degree to good use. A friend with a guitar school in Redondo Beach invited her to come and teach, which launched the next phase of her career, that of a music educator. Around 2000, Kimberly relocated from Long Beach to San Gabriel Valley, where she began to offer private guitar lessons. Fifteen years later, her primary livelihood is derived from giving private music lessons in the Monrovia area. As a popular guitar instructor, she now enjoys a more comfortable lifestyle that still leaves plenty of room to perform and record. Years of sacrifice and dedication have already placed Kimberly among an elite league of guitarists who are etching a place into blues history.

For more information about the Scorch Sisters and this history making Labor Day Weekend festival, visit www.MADCatfish.net.

Tell the fire department to be on stand by at 11am on Sunday, September 6th. That's when The Scorch Sisters will set the mainstage on fire at Santa Anita Race Track with a sizzling performance to open the second and final day of the inaugural MADCatfish Blues Festival. This all-female band has been gaining notoriety since forming in 2011 and making their rounds on the club and festival circuit. Respected as a blues band, their website accurately describes their range of musical talents. "Adding a flavor funk, a soupçon of soul, and just a touch of jazz, the Scorch Sisters' musical gumbo is hot, tasty and soul-satisfying!" This performance will feature drummer, Andrea Byrd and bassist, Sharon Ray joining the three founding group members Francesca Capasso, vocals and percussions; Alicia Morgan, vocals & keyboards and our own Monrovia resident Kimberly Allison on guitar.

It seems inevitable that any guitar player who grows up outside of Kansas City would become immersed in blues music at some point. The city of Lawrence, located along the banks of the Kansas and Wakarusa Rivers served as the launching pad for the colorful music career of Kimberly Allison. She started strumming the strings at age 13 and was obviously serious about mastering the basics, because by age 16 she had a paid job as a musician in an all-girl band where all the other members were 30-something. The teenager was learning what it was like to gig on a regular basis as the group toured throughout the Kansas City region. At the time, the Go-Go's were making history on the national scene as the first all-female group to write and perform their own songs that topped the Billboard charts.

Kansas City lays claim to jazz history dating back to the late 20's and early 30's. It was not until the 40's that outsiders began to associate Kansas with the blues. While most of her peers were engaging in typical teenage social activities, Kimberly was usually practicing or making her way to one of the local clubs to take part in a blues jam session. After graduating high school she moved to Kansas City to attend college, settling in the historic Westport area known for its bustling entertainment and nightlife. She was only 19, but as her network of musician friends expanded, her growing reputation as a musician placed her among an inner circle that stayed busy playing club gigs and special events.

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

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

Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE summer concert series is finally here, 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 next Thursday, August 20, 2015.

Rubber Soul (Beatles Tribute) – August 20, 2015 Expect to hear songs by The Beatles that you have not heard in a long time. Rubber Soul plays the hits as well as the B-sides...and ALL bootlegs and alternative takes! This band celebrates The Beatles and their music - not by impersonating, but by duplicating the music we have all come to know and love. So let's "Come Together" and "Twist & Shout"!

Movies in the Park

The Movies in the Park are held on Friday evenings with activities starting at 7:30pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Guardians of the Galaxy (PG13) will be showing next Friday, August 21, 2015. Movies in the Park provided in partnership with CHOICESS Arcadia.

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!

COMMUNITY: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP THIS SATURDAY AT SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK

The County of Los Angeles will be hosting a Countywide Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection, this Saturday, August 15, 2015, inside Gate 6 at the Santa Anita Race Track, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Enter off Colorado Place, just south of Colorado Boulevard)

CleanLA has a great website with complete information on what you can and should bring to the roundup. Items like paint, motor oil, bleach, old computers, are all accepted at the roundup. If you have items that you believe are too toxic to trash, you are probably correct. Visit the CleanLA website for accepted items. Remember to wipe all personal information from electronics and return them to stock condition in order to help protect yourself from identity theft.

Get detailed, up-to-date emails and text messages specific to your community from the Arcadia Police Department by registering for "Nixle" alerts at: <https://local.nixle.com/register/> You can also register for alerts and advisory text messages only by texting your zip code to 888777. (Standard text messaging rates may apply, depending on your cell phone plan). Nixle provides community wires nationwide. Once registered, you can subscribe to messages from other areas that service your relatives or other loved ones, or other locations of interest to you.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 2nd, through Saturday, August 8th, the Police Department responded to 1,065 calls for service of which 102 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 2:

Just before 2:02 a.m., an officer responded to the 1500 block of Clark Street regarding a hit and run traffic collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian. The victim, Party-2, was entering a taxi when Party-1 struck him and fled without stopping. Officers located Party-1, arrested the 31-year-old male from Duarte, and transported him to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Party-2 was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

At approximately 6:13 p.m., an officer responded to JC Penney at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed a 34-year-old female from Duarte concealed approximately \$1,030.00 worth of merchandise on her person before exiting the business, failing to make payment. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. During the booking process, it was discovered that she had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of the State of Florida.

Monday, August 3:

At about 2:05 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a vandalism report. The victim discovered a cut to her front passenger tire that occurred sometime during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., the Arcadia Police Department received a report from the City of Buena Park regarding an incident of fraud. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) ordered two iPhones online pretending to be the victim and had them delivered to an Arcadia address. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, August 4:

Around 9:03 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle near the intersection of West Huntington Drive and Sunset Boulevard for expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 65-year-old male from Los Angeles was driving with an expired license. The suspect was cited and released in the field.

Just after 10:11 p.m., officers responded to the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. The victim stated Suspect-1 approached him from behind while he was at the trunk of his vehicle, demanded the victim's wallet, and told him to not turn around. The victim handed Suspect-1 his wallet, and as he heard the suspect flee on foot, the victim turned around and saw Suspect-1 meet with Suspect-2.

Suspect-1 is described as a black male in his early 20's, about 5'10" tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a dark colored bandana over his face. Suspect-2 is described as a male wearing a white t-shirt. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, August 5:

Shortly after 7:47 a.m., an officer responded to Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. The victim, a custodian for the mall, was cleaning one of the bathrooms when the suspect approached her

from behind, asked for her name and phone number, and squeezed her buttock. The 25-year-old male transient from the Pasadena area was released due to the victim declining prosecution.

At about 3:44 p.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed two male suspects stole the victim's wallet and cellphone from her purse from Wood Ranch at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, on August 4th.

The suspects are both described as Russian or Armenian males who fled in an awaiting, blue vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, August 6:

Around 4:35 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 600 block of Walnut Avenue for being parked too far from the curb. The officer discovered the driver was missing and there was a large amount of stolen mail and other personal identifiable information in the vehicle. The 20-year-old female passenger from Downey and a 24-year-old female passenger from La Puente were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. An investigation revealed the driver, a 28-year-old female from Whittier, fled when officers arrived.

At approximately 12:40 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Lemon Avenue regarding a suspicious subject in one of the resident's backyard. Officers located the subject and found the 27-year-old male from Los Angeles in possession of burglary tools. An investigation revealed the suspect had committed a residential burglary. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, August 7:

At about 2:51 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of El Monte Avenue and Campus Drive for not having any license plates. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 50-year-old female from Arcadia was driving with an expired license. She was cited and released in the field. The suspect's vehicle was left legally parked.

Just after 5:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Alta Street regarding a vandalism report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect spray painted the letters "M", "N", and "V" on the victim's carport sometime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on today's date. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Saturday, August 8:

Just after 8:32 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Hugo Reid Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed an unidentified suspect entered the vehicle by unknown means, stole the victim's laptop and checkbook, and fled undetected. No witnesses were located.

At approximately 5:53 p.m., an officer responded to JC Penney at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. A loss prevention specialist witnessed the 58-year-old female from Alhambra conceal nearly \$500.00 worth of merchandise in a shopping bag before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The suspect was cited and released in the field due to medical conditions.

SAVE THE DATE! ARCADIA LOCAL AUTHOR AND BOOK FESTIVAL

Come out to the first annual Arcadia Local Author and Book Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Arcadia Public Library. Meet local authors, attend a workshop on the How's and Why's of Self-Publishing, or attend a special family event.

Local authors interested in attending a special author reception from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. or would like to participate in the meet and greet with the public and sell books, please fill out an application, available at the Arcadia Public Library or on the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>. Space is limited.

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

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

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-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

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

Gang Injunction – Suspect Arrested August 6 at 11:04 p.m., officers responded to the report of a possible burglary in progress in the 200 block of West Cypress. The caller reported that someone was on the roof of the complex. The complex is three stories high. Officers observed a male subject climbing down the emergency ladder from the roof. The subject is a known gang member and has been placed on the Gang Injunction list. The subject was arrested for violation of the Gang Injunction court order.

Theft – Suspects Arrested August 7 at 9:19 p.m., loss prevention from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington called police to report three suspects in custody for burglary. The suspects switched the price tags on merchandise, putting clearance tags with a much lower price on the items. Loss prevention observed the suspect removing and replacing the tags. The suspects then paid for the items and were stopped by loss prevention as they exited the checkout. The suspects were arrested for theft and received a citation to appear in court.

Stolen Vehicle August 8 at 3:13 p.m., a stolen vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Walnut. The victim parked and locked her car in her driveway at 10:00 a.m. When she returned, the car was gone. No one had permission to take the vehicle. The investigation is continuing. **Warrant** – Suspect Arrested August 9 at 10:19 a.m., dispatch received a call reporting a male subject, possibly passed out, near an elementary school building in the 900 block of East Lemon. Officers responded and located the subject. After contacting him, officers discovered he had several outstanding warrants for his arrest; he was arrested and taken into custody for the warrants.

Disturbance/Wanted Person – Suspect Arrested August 9 at 12:18 p.m., a local bus line called police to report a patron on a bus in the 200 block of East Huntington that was causing a disturbance and would not exit the bus. Officers responded and located the subject as he was exiting the bus. The officers determined the subject had been drinking and had an outstanding wanted person entry out of the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. The subject was arrested and taken into custody. San Bernardino deputies responded and took custody of the suspect.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested August 9 at 12:39 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Montana regarding a suspicious person. The caller reported a male subject in their backyard and gave a description. Officers located a subject matching the description a short distance away. Officers contacted the subject and determined he had a no-bail warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody. **Stolen Scooter** August 9 at 3:45 p.m., police dispatch received a call reporting a stolen Vespa scooter from the 100 block of West Foothill. The victim said she was late for work and left the keys in the ignition. She returned to her scooter at 3:00 p.m. and found the scooter was missing. An area check was made, but the scooter was not located. The investigation is continuing.

Stolen Vehicle August 9 at 4:47 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 300 block of West Olive. The vehicle was taken sometime between August 7 and 9. All keys are accounted for and the doors were locked. The area was searched, but the vehicle was not located. The

investigation is continuing.

Drunk in Public/Medical Assist August 10 at 1:00 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of East Olive regarding a female who was lying on the sidewalk, unresponsive. They arrived and were able to revive the subject. She was determined to be heavily intoxicated and unable to care for herself. She was arrested for being drunk in public and taken into custody. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics responded and determined she needed to be taken to a local hospital and she was taken for treatment.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested August 10 at 5:22 p.m., officers were on patrol in the 500 block of West Palm and observed a female they recognized from prior contacts. The officers stopped and spoke with the subject and determined she had several warrants. She was arrested and taken into custody for the warrants.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested August 11 at 1:00 a.m., an officer conducted a foot patrol at a park in the 600 block of South Shamrock. A male subject was detained for being at the park after closing hours. A computer check revealed the subject was on probation for grand theft and had an outstanding no-bail warrant for grand theft. The subject was arrested and taken into custody for the warrant.

Family Disturbance/Warrant – Suspect Arrested August 11 at 1:18 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Mountain and Huntington regarding a family disturbance that originated in the 1000 block of Royal Oaks. They contacted two subjects who were arguing and discovered they were brother and sister. A computer check of the male subject revealed he had two warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody for the warrants.

Attempt Burglary August 12 at 1:49 a.m., officers responded to an elementary school in the 400 block of West Colorado regarding a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, a window on a rear office door was found shattered. It appears the suspects reached in through the broken window and unlocked the door. An audible alarm sounded when the door was opened, causing the suspect(s) to flee the scene. In the hallway, several feet away from the broken window, was a large rock which was used to break the window. The school grounds were searched, but no suspects were located. The school principal responded to the school and determined that no property was stolen. The investigation is continuing.

Weapons offense/Road Rage Incident August 12 at 7:10 p.m., a subject/victim was driving north on Fifth and stopped at the intersection at Chestnut for a stop sign. A second subject/suspect was driving east in a silver Ford Ranger and also stopped at the intersection. The victim believed he had the right of way and proceeded through the intersection. The suspect followed the victim and overtook him by passing him on the wrong side of the road. The suspect abruptly turned in front of the victim and came to a sudden stop, causing the victim to stop. Both the victim and suspect exited their vehicles. The suspect came out brandishing a hammer in a threatening manner and yelling at the victim. The victim, fearing for his safety, returned to his vehicle and drove away. The suspect followed him for a short distance, but then drove away. The victim drove home and called the police. Officers responded to the area where the suspect was last seen, but did not locate him or any witnesses. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic in his late twenties. The investigation is continuing.

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ROBERT (BOB) WOOD SNIFFIN 1940-2015

Monrovia, CA, August 13, 2015 — Longtime Monrovia Robert (Bob) Wood Sniffin, a systems engineer with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory since 1969, died August 6 after a long illness, his wife, Hilda, and son, Michael, at his side.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 21, at Saint Luke the Physician Episcopal Church, 122 S. California Ave. at Foothill Blvd. in Monrovia. Interment will be at Turner & Stevens Live Oak Mortuary, 200 East Duarte Road, Monrovia. A noon reception will follow at St. Luke's.

Sniffin was born and raised in New York until age 13, when his family moved to Florida. After earning a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Florida, he joined Texas Instruments in Dallas, spending the next six years developing terrain-following radar systems. In 1969, Sniffin moved to Southern California and became a systems engineer with JPL's Deep Space Network — just initiating its focus on large, complex, one-of-a-kind space missions including the Voyager, Viking, Galileo and Cassini-Huygens projects. His long career included a two-year assignment at NASA Headquarters in Washington DC. After retiring in 2009, he continued to work as an independent contractor with JPL until his death.

Sniffin was a choral singer and member of Saint Luke the Physician Episcopal Church in Monrovia.



FROM CITY MANAGERS REPORT

2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Last week, our Public Services Department coordinated the kickoff for Monrovia's 2015 Summer Concert Series as participants were able to enjoy the smooth sounds of Big Papa & the TCB! Throughout the summer, everyone is invited to come to the Rotary Club Bandshell at Library Park each Sunday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for an evening of free musical entertainment.

The musical act this Sunday, July 26, 2015, will feature the classic rock sounds of The Bulldogs Classic Rock Band, and the schedule for the rest of the summer includes:

- § August 16 - Mariachi Divas - Mariachi Music
- § August 23 - Pickleback Shine - Today's Country Music
- § August 30 - Yari More Latin Band - Latin/Salsa Music

For additional information, please contact the Public Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority
Invites you to attend the

Duarte/City of Hope Station Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, August 15, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Location: Duarte/City of Hope Station
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Duarte Road will be closed from Hope Drive to Highland Avenue during the station dedication.

Parking: Parking is available at the Duarte/City of Hope Station parking lot, located on the southwest corner of Highland Avenue and Business Center Drive (center off Business Center Drive). Additional parking is available on local streets.

CITIES OF DUARTE AND BRADBURY TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS ON APRIL 18

DUARTE, CA, August 13, 2015 – To provide Duarte residents with relief from the heat over the next three days when temperatures are expected to break triple digits, the Duarte Senior Center facility will remain open to the public from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm everyday from Friday, August 14, 2015 through Sunday night August 16th. The facility, located at 1610 Huntington Drive next to the City pool, will be designated as the City's official "Cooling Center."

Services available for Duarte residents utilizing the City's Cooling Center include open seating in the dining hall, lounge and TV room; restrooms; and drinking fountains. Meals and beverages will not be provided and must be furnished by the patrons visiting the Cooling Center.

If you plan to be outdoors, please take precautions to protect yourself from the sun and heat.

Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.

Reduce physical activity.
Wear a wide brimmed hat and light colored lightweight, loose fitting clothes when you are outdoors.

Avoid hot, heavy meals that include proteins.

Set your air conditioner between 75 to 80.

If you don't have air conditioning take a cool shower twice a day and visit a public air-conditioned facility.

Drink plenty of fluids even if you are not thirsty. Avoid alcohol. Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15 if you need to be in the sun.

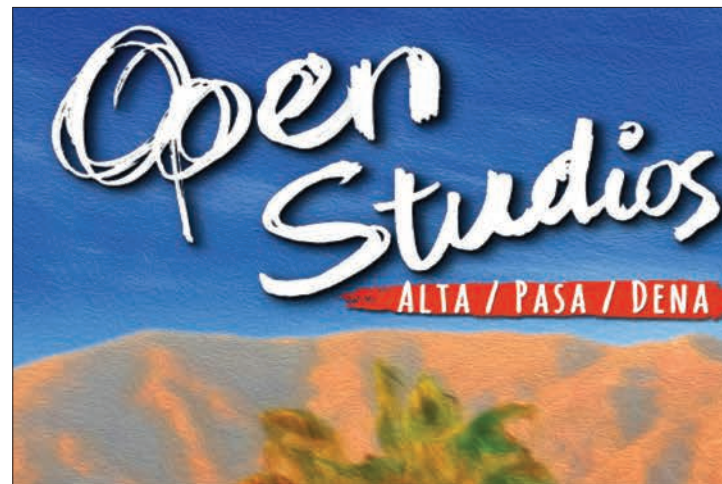
Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps and increased thirst.

The Duarte Branch of the Los Angeles County Library located at 1301 Buena Vista Street will also be serving as a local cooling center on Friday and Saturday as well from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS START TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Pasadena, CA – Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) students will head back to school Tuesday, August 18 as the 2015-2016 academic year kicks off at the district’s 29 schools.

“The excitement and the energy of the first day of school is usually a reminder of the potential of every one of our students and prospect that great things will happen during the year,” said Superintendent Brian McDonald, Ed.D. “We welcome students, parents and staff to the new school year with great enthusiasm and a clear vision for providing a caring, engaging and challenging educational experience for every student, every day, in partnership with our families and communities.”

Under Superintendent McDonald’s leadership, PUSD will focus on five strategic directions in 2015-2016 as its students and schools continue to gain momentum:

Dynamic Instruction - Preparing, inspiring and supporting students through engaging, relevant and differentiated instruction.

Outstanding Staff - Supporting employees who exemplify our values by empowering, retaining and fairly compensating staff in recognition of their outstanding work.

Quality Learning Environment - Providing facilities that are functional, clean, safe, and welcoming for students, staff and the community.

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Meaningful Collaboration and Partnerships with Students, Families and Our Communities Based on our Shared Values and Vision - Using the abundant resources in the Pasadena area to support student achievement.

As families get ready for the start of school, PUSD offers some tips to make sure students are ready for the first day of school:

Be at school on time and ready to learn Tuesday, Aug. 18. PUSD families are reminded that when it comes to school attendance, every day really does count—starting with the first day of school. Children

suffer academically if they miss school and, according to state law, a child with three unexcused absences in a school year is classified as truant. Parents and guardians have a legal responsibility to get their children to school.

Be sure children are ready for the first day of school with required vaccinations. In order to attend school, state law requires that all students entering school to be up to date with their immunizations and that seventh grade students have proof of a TDAP (Whooping Cough) vaccination. Visit www.shotsforschool.org for information on immunization requirements. PUSD’s Primary Health Clinic is offering immunizations for students who are uninsured or on Medi-Cal beginning August 17. For more information, contact the Clinic at 626.396.3600 ext. 88180.

Have a nutritious breakfast and lunch. PUSD Food Services serves healthy and nutritious meals including fresh fruit and vegetables at every PUSD campus. Families can now apply online for school meal benefits at www.applyforlunch.com. Whether applying online or on paper, please complete one form per family and be sure to list all adults and children living in your home. Remember, families must apply for meal benefits each year.

Learn about transportation options to get to school. PUSD offers bus transportation to select schools. High school students can check with their school office to obtain an application for a TAP card. To plan your trip using the Pasadena ARTS Bus visit www.cityofpasadena.net/artsbus or the Metro Gold Line visit www.metro.net. Also remind students to be extra cautious on their way to and from school next week as Tuesday is the first day back to school for drivers too.

Make plans for after school programs. Pasadena LEARNs offers after school enrichment at 23 PUSD campuses. Activities complement the school day, and include homework help, leadership, visual and performing arts classes, structured recreation, academic enrichment activities and literacy development. Apply online [here](#) or at your child’s school.

Families should check with their school to verify the start time of school Tuesday.

HEAT ALERT: High temperatures forecast for LA Basin and Valleys

The Los Angeles County Health Officer has declared a Heat Alert as high temperatures have been forecast for the following areas:

- San Fernando Valley
- Santa Clarita Valley
- All San Gabriel Valleys

for today, August 13 through at least Sunday, August 16. Additionally, a Heat Alert will be issued for the Los Angeles Basin and Antelope Valley for the weekend.

The Department of Public Health would like to remind everyone that precautions should be taken, especially by individuals who participate in outdoor activities, older adults, caretakers of infants and children, and those sensitive to the heat. This alert may be extended if weather conditions do not improve.

“When temperatures are high, even a few hours of exertion may cause severe dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Others who are frail or have chronic health conditions may develop serious health problems leading to death if they are exposed to high temperatures over several days,” said Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, Interim Health Officer, Los Angeles County. “Thus, it is critically important to never leave children, elderly people, or pets unattended in homes with no air conditioning and particularly in vehicles, even if the windows are ‘cracked’ or open, as temperatures inside can quickly rise to life-threatening levels. If you have an elderly or infirm neighbor without air conditioning, make sure that they get to a cooling center or other air conditioned space between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.”

For a list of Cooling Centers and information on heat-related illnesses and prevention, please visit the Public Health website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov>, or call the LA County Information line at 2-1-1 from any landline or cell phone within the county. To locate the nearest cooling center, go to <http://bit.ly/BeatTheHeat2015>. Call your local Cooling Center for hours of operation. Please note, all County Libraries will be closed today, August 13, 2015.

“While it is very important that everyone take special care of themselves, it is equally important that we reach out to those who are especially vulnerable to the harmful effects of extreme heat, including children, the elderly, and their pets,” said Dr. Gunzenhauser. “Extreme heat such as this is not just an inconvenience, it can be dangerous and even deadly, but we can protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors if we take steps to remain cool and hydrated.”

Schools, day camps, and non-school related sports organizations or athletes should take extra precautions during extreme heat. Practices and other outdoor activities should be scheduled for very early or very late in the day in order to limit the amount of time spent in the sun and heat.

Additional tips for those who must work or exercise outdoors:

- Ensure that cool drinking water is available.
- Drink water or electrolyte-replacing sports drinks often; do not wait until you are thirsty.
- Avoid drinking sweetened drinks, caffeine, and alcohol.
- Avoid drinking extremely cold water as this is more likely to cause cramps.
- Allow athletes or outdoor workers to take frequent rests.

Pay attention to signs of dehydration which include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps, and increased thirst. Individuals with these symptoms should be moved to a cooler, shaded place, and given water or sport drinks. More severe signs of heat-related illness may include diminished judgment, disorientation, pale and

clammy skin, a rapid and weak pulse, and/or fast and shallow breathing.

Coaches, teachers, and employers should seek immediate medical attention for those exhibiting signs of heat-related illness.

Avoid unnecessary exertion, such as vigorous exercise during peak sun hours, if you are outside or in a non-air conditioned building.

Older adults and individuals with chronic medical conditions:

During peak heat hours stay in an air-conditioned area. If you do not have access to air conditioning in your home, visit public facilities such as cooling centers, shopping malls, parks, and libraries to stay cool.

Do not rely only on open windows or a fan as a primary way to stay cool. Use the air conditioner. If you’re on reduced income, find out more about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, by calling (866) 675-6623 or contacting your utility provider.

Older adults and those on certain medications may not exhibit signs of dehydration until several hours after dehydration sets in. Stay hydrated by frequently drinking cool water. If you’re on a special diet that limits liquids, check with your doctor for information on the amount of water to consume.

Stay out of the sun if you do not need to be in it. When in the sun, wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim, and loose-fitting, light-colored clothing with long sleeves and pants to protect against sun damage. And remember to use sun screen and to wear sunglasses.

Infants and Children:

- It is illegal to leave an infant or child unattended in a vehicle (California Vehicle Code Section 15620).
- Infants and young children can get dehydrated very quickly. Make sure they are given plenty of cool water to drink.
- Keep children indoors or shaded as much as possible.
- Dress children in loose, lightweight, and light colored clothing.
- Pets:
- Never leave a pet unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows ‘cracked’ or open.
- Outdoor animals should be given plenty of shade and clean drinking water.
- Do not leave pets outside in the sun.
- Pets should not be left in a garage as garages can get very hot due to lack of ventilation and insulation.

Heat-Related Illnesses

Heat Cramps:

- Symptoms include muscular pains and spasms, usually in the stomach, arms or leg muscles.
- Heat cramps usually result from heavy exertion, such as exercise, during extreme heat.
- Although heat cramps are the least severe of all heat-related problems, they are usually the first signal that the body is having trouble coping with hot

temperatures. Heat cramps should be treated immediately with rest, fluids and getting out of the heat.

• Seek medical attention if pain is severe or nausea occurs.

Heat Exhaustion:

- Symptoms include heavy sweating, pale and clammy moist skin, extreme weakness or fatigue, muscle cramps, headache, dizziness or confusion, nausea or vomiting, fast and shallow breathing, or fainting.
- First Aid: Heat exhaustion should be treated immediately with rest in a cool area, sipping water or a sports drink, applying cool and wet cloths and elevating the feet 12 inches.
- If left untreated, victims may go into heat stroke.
- Seek medical attention if the person does not respond to the above, basic treatment.

Heat Stroke:

- Symptoms include flushed, hot, moist skin or a lack of sweat, high body temperature (above 103°F), confusion or dizziness, possible unconsciousness, throbbing headache, rapid, or strong pulse.
- Heat stroke is the most severe heat-related illness and occurs when a person’s temperature control system, which produces sweat, stops working.
- Heat stroke may lead to brain damage and death.
- First Aid: Call 911. Move victim to a cool shaded area. Fan the body, and spray body with water.

Los Angeles County residents and business owners, including people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs may also call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting www.211la.org.

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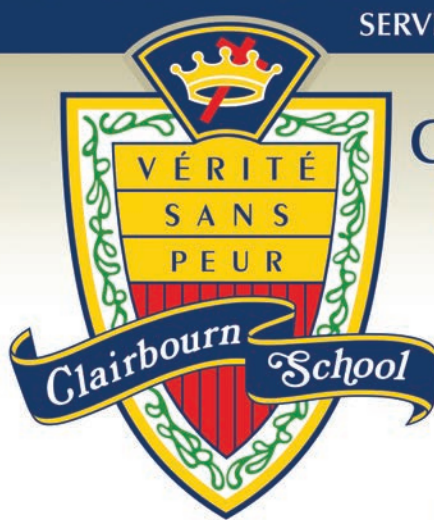
Each year, the summer movie season finds itself more and more packed with high-octane action thrillers with big budgets and great casts; however, inevitably, some are far better than others. Is ‘Rogue Nation’ a rare stand out amongst the onslaught of big summer blockbusters, or is it just another cookie cutter action film?

The IMF, which has been disbanded, finds itself caught up in its most dangerous mission yet: trying to track down Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise), their leader, before the CIA get to him and kill him, while also trying to figure out if the Syndicate, an evil terrorist organization, is real or just a figment of Ethan’s imagination.

‘Rogue Nation’ is the victim of its own formula; everything is predictable. A high-stakes action sequence will start playing out on the screen and, because it’s a summer action film where the hero always wins and the villain always loses, the thrill becomes less thrilling. ‘Rogue Nation’, while great having good dialogue and the actors giving good performances, falls victim to the one flaw that every summer action movie like this has: predictability.

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by Chris Leclerc

I've had many clients ask me which I think is the best type of collar or lead to use for walking their dog, and frankly I am hesitant to respond to that question with full confidence until I get to know their dog on a personal level. There are so many dog walking devices on the market these days, each with their own specified (even patented) technique and philosophy; that it can be somewhat confusing and rather overwhelming to select the proper product for your pet.

With numerous types of collars available today, there are equally numerous types of dogs at various levels of obedience and bond ability. I believe an owner who takes the time and effort to choose the right tool for their dog, will eventually succeed in finding a match in the mix. I don't claim to be an expert on the subject, however I do know that each dog has its own specific needs and it is important to use humane handling methods to meet those needs in order to foster positive results and establish a trusting relationship.

It is also important to research the intended philosophy behind any dog handling product before putting it to use. Having done a little research of my own, I came up with a list of collar types that would most likely be found at the local pet supply store, in hopes of informing and helping pet owners select the proper lead product for their beloved canine companion. Clearly, this list does not include every single product available in today's market and the descriptions are brief, so the buyer will want to learn more about each product in consideration of their own dog's needs before making a final selection.

Buckle Collars: These are collars that are simply fastened with a buckle. They are typically made of nylon or leather, and are either flat or rolled. Most buckle collars are adjustable, but do not tighten on the dog's neck once fastened. Rolled leather collars, although more expensive, tend to fit more comfortably. Adjustable nylon collars are recommended for growing pups. For the owner whose dog does not pull to the point of choking and gagging and who also responds well when learning commands, the buckle collar works fine.

Body Harness: Harnesses were originally designed for sled dogs. Pulling is the reaction of about 99% of dogs placed on harnesses, so unless the goal is to teach a dog to pull, it is worthless as a training tool. I recommend the harness as a dog seatbelt. A leash with a solid brass or steel clip strapped around the back of the seat and fastened to the harness makes a great restraint for a dog that might otherwise crash into the windshield upon impact.

Break-away Collars: A special quick-release collar that will unfasten if a strong pull is placed on the collar. However, the collar will not unfasten when attached to a leash. This collar was designed after the inventor's

A GENTLE LEASH ON LIFE

dog choked to death because its collar got caught on something. User reviews vary widely from the extreme opinion that this is the greatest invention ever, to the fact that they fall off too easily and get lost due to the hyper-sensitive nature of the release mechanism.

Choke Chains / Slip Collars: Choke chains made of crimped metal links with a large ring on either end are sometimes used as a training tool in traditional methods, where the dog is corrected by a quick snap of the leash if he doesn't obey a command. Slip collars are similar except they are made of soft materials such as nylon or cotton. The goal is for the dog to discover that when he stops pulling, he enjoys the comfort and pleasure of a loose collar. Because of their configuration, either of these are capable of getting caught on peripheral obstructions, creating a potential choking hazard. For this reason this type of collar should never be left on an unattended dog.

Electronic Collars: Often called remote or e-collars by advocates and shock collars by detractors, these devices deliver an electrical stimulus causing pain to the dog when given an unacknowledged correction. It is my experience when evaluating most dogs who have been trained using shock devices, that these collars can destroy a dog's self confidence and instill fear rather than faith in the human using it.

Head Halters: Head Halters are the latest in politically correct, morally proper tools that feed into owners desire to treat their canine companions humanely. The halter is very effective in achieving compliance and obedience without excessive restraint, however some feel that the dog's personality is somewhat marginalized by its use. I personally feel this tool works better than most in controlling a dog's tendency to pull, without choking.

Prong or Pinch Collars: These collars may seem like a kind of medieval torture device, but they are actually humane when used properly. They should definitely be used for training "neck insensitive" dogs only, and never left on an unattended dog.

I want to make it clear that this article is not meant to advocate the use of any particular collar type over another. A sincere, caring pet owner takes the time to try and understand how their dog thinks, learns and bonds with humans. The best candidate to determine which product works for any given dog, is his owner. No training equipment can ever take the place of a strong, mutually respectful relationship between a dog and his human. Finally, please be gentle in the way you treat your dog and your dog will respond to you likewise, that I can guarantee.



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PET OF THE WEEK ROSIE: ANIMAL ID #A4861763

Love comes in many forms, one of which is a Chihuahua! Meet Rosie (A4861763). Rosie is a can-do and trusting 2-year-old tan-with-white female Chihuahua mix who came to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on July 31st as a stray from El Monte. Weighing 5lbs, Rosie is very deer-



like—she has a long body, long legs, long upright ears, deeply dark eyes, and a delicate gracefulness. She also has a slight but nicely formed Mohawk that is unique in that it resides on the back of her neck rather than the top of her head! Rosie loves to give kisses and get human attention; she stands on her hind legs and just melts everyone's heart with her curiosity, liveliness, friendliness, and obvious desire to love and be loved. This medium-energy tiny girl will be a loyal and trusting indoor pet for any individual or any family whose kids are old enough to be careful with Rosie's tiny person. Volunteers see her going everywhere with her people—by pocket, by purse, or just in loving arms. Do yourself a favor and meet Rosie today! To watch a video of Rosie visit the following link: [HYPERLINK "https://youtu.be/2TnPxCr4Jmc"](https://youtu.be/2TnPxCr4Jmc) "t _blank" https://youtu.

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To meet Rosie in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Rosie, please

reference her animal ID number: A4861763. Call to make sure Rosie is still available for adoption before you go to the shelter, as pets are "first come, first serve" to the public. 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 Rosie or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To

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

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Who loves the dog days of summer? Meet Marcel!

He is an adorable bundle of fluff! Marcel is an 8-year-old Pomeranian mix who came to the shelter as a stray on July 4th. It is hard to believe no one has come to claim him, but he is still with us a month later. Marcel has a beautiful coat of long golden fur that requires regular brushing and grooming for him to look and feel his best. He is a petite boy, weighing only a little over 8 pounds. Marcel is a happy dog who is always smiling. He enjoys the company of people and loves getting attention. He is content to sit in a lap quietly while receiving pets. It is hard to not fall in love with Marcel if you spend any time with him.

Marcel has been found to have a slight heart murmur, so he can't tolerate a lot of exercise. But he would love to be carried to the park where he can lie on the grass and enjoy nature. He has an odd little gait when he walks; sometimes going in circles, but it doesn't seem to bother him.



Marcel appears to like other dogs, and has gotten along well with a variety of kennel mates, but he seems to prefer being with people. Marcel would make a wonderful pet for a senior citizen who wants a loving companion. Since he doesn't require a lot of exercise, he would make the perfect lap dog in a quiet environment. He qualifies for our 'Senior For Senior' discount program. Come in to meet this beautiful fluffy boy – you just might decide to take him home with you!

His adoption fee is \$130 which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.

If you are interested in meeting Marcel or any of the other available animals at the shelter, visit the [San Gabriel Valley Humane Society](http://SanGabrielValleyHumaneSociety.org) at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel, Calif. 91776. It is open 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday. For more information, call (626) 286-1159. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

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Dickey's BBQ opened in a small strip mall on the corner of Sierra Madre and Colorado about two years ago, right behind the Plate 38, now to be called BBQ you must well.... Have a BBQ Pit, the menu says that all meats are smoked on site daily and due to this some items might sell out early, I get that, many of the true BBQ places I have visited in the Dallas area also give you fair warning, now if I drove fifty miles for some great BBQ I certainly would be disappointed. Since Dickey's has several locations through out the Los Angeles area you might not have to drive far. The real questions is should you?

My buddy Charter Cable's TV Food Star Mike Bingley and I visited Dickey's for lunch, Mike and I have visited the stars of the Pasadena BBQ scene ala Robins, Gus' and Bonnie B's. So we are pretty well versed on the art of BBQ and what to look for, wanting to try a little of everything I ordered the 3 meat plate you can choose from Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Turkey, Chicken, Ham Sausage and polish sausage. I opted for the brisket, chicken and fall off the bone pork ribs, the owner/franchisee told me that they were St. Louis style Pork Ribs not Baby Back. Spoiler alert, the spare ribs don't fall off the bone, maybe it was bad shipment, but there wasn't enough meat to fall off the bones, however the Beef Brisket was above average and the chicken was good as well. Sides included Fried Okra and Mac and Cheese, Mike liked the Mac and Cheese but said his Mothers was still the best. Sandwiches are available using your choice of meats. Prices are from \$8 to \$17 with sodas and plenty of refillable sweet tea.

What to like, the refillable sweet tea is a plus, the Brisket is fantastic. You even get a small self serve ice cream.

What to consider, BBQ ain't cheap, and although Dickey's website mentions value their prices are in line with their competitors, the Spare ribs are small, much like you'd get a Chinese Buffett. I might have to give the spare ribs a second chance but then again why. If you are thinking about feeding the lunch crew, they have a few options, but avoid the noon time rush, it is a small restaurant

If you are a TRUE BBQ lover, you'll like the brisket, but other items might be a little, shall we say pedestrian for you.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: TWO ALBUMS WORTH EVERY BIT OF YOUR ATTENTION

Review By: Sean Kayden
Westkust – "Last Forever" -
Swedish noise poppers

Westkust released their debut LP, Last Forever last month. It is a collection of shoegazing tunes that include punk sensibilities and ethereal guitars. With a wall-of-sound style, the nine tracks featured on Last Forever cut especially deep. Last Forever is the seamless introduction to Westkust, the newest indie-pop export. Westkust offers a wistful take on noise-pop with supreme delicacy. It's difficult to feel down while listening to these nine idyllic songs. The dual vocals of Gustav Anderson (also on guitar) and Julia Bjernelind intermingled over the buoyant framework of fuzzy bass and spiraling guitar riffs go beyond just presenting these pop-perfectionists. With the additions of Philip Söderlind on drums, Hugo Randulv on bass/guitar, and Rikard Hjort on guitar/bass, the three contribute tremendous complexity to this impressive debut record. Once you take a good listen to Last Forever, the only thing on your mind will be a repeated listen. The Gotheburg, Sweden quintet has seemed to masterfully craft a record that can be the daily soundtrack to one's life. The record is filled with lush melodies, heartache, and the notion of going beyond the woefully limits one places on themselves. The capacious pop tune "Swirl" starts off Last Forever promisingly. The aptly titled track consists of swirling guitars, Julia Bjernelind's effervescent vocals, and Gustav Anderson's punk-style vocal delivery. The tempo is quick, but the song consumes you. The euphoric noise-pop tune is quite mesmerizing giving the listener high expectations for the remainder of the record. Those expectations are clearly met as Last Forever is a spectacular display of noise-pop songs that come off dreamy and ethereal. The combination of two vocals brings this project alive in so many unexpected ways as Westkust easily makes their mark on this musical terrain. There's never a dull or unexciting moment to be had throughout the

33-minute expedition Westkust puts the listener on. An exhilarating and sharply constructed debut record that feels organic and new.

Night Beds – "Ivywild" - Night Beds is the musical project of Colorado Springs native Winston Yellen. In 2013, the twenty-six year-old singer/songwriter crafted his faultless debut album, Country Sleep. He scored much recognition for its arduous take on alt country and towering vocals. While the effort was quite memorable and beautiful, Yellen has experimented down a different road. If folk-rock can become a little restricted, then Yellen has become entirely unrestrained with his sophomore attempt, Ivywild. The forlorn, but R&B tinged record is a hypnotic collection of sixteen tracks. It's nearly twice as long as County Sleep. The second endeavor features deep bass beats and auto-tuned vocals, but remains ever so captivating and effective. It differs from Country Sleep in many evident ways with undulating, palpating synths that vacillate slightly below Yellen's trembling vocals. However, at its core it still constructs a vast emotional resonance that's difficult to ignore no matter which album you have playing. Ivywild trance-like atmosphere pulls the listener into dark places, but sometimes in the darkest places is where one discovers their best self once they make their way out of the wreckage. "Stand On My Throat" concludes the album and it couldn't have been more fitting. The heavily poignant closer features the best harmonies on the record and a rapid tidal wave of emotions rush to the listener's heart. It may very well be Yellen's most accomplishing work in a singular form. With the combination of subtle drums, pensive guitars, and an unfathomable yearning in his vocals, the final song is undeniably spellbinding. Ivywild may be a complete departure in overall sound for Yellen, but his sophomore album is a huge spike forward in musicianship, originality, and profundity. The record shines in various aspects and the only way to truly find out is to take a listen.

On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

EXTENDING...PATSY CLINE

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

Along with all I'm learning about being an Artistic Director and producing a season, I'm also learning a lot about writing a weekly piece for a paper. I've learned NOT to "bury the lead," so...we are extending Always...Patsy Cline for two weeks – now closing on September 27! It gives me such pleasure to write that.

This week has been a good one. We learned on Tuesday that Always...Patsy Cline is Ovation Recommended. We are one of only seven shows currently running in the greater Los Angeles area (Riverside, Orange, Ventura, and San Bernardino counties are included in the area covered by these awards) to have that distinction. The Ovations are our Tony Awards – it is the largest peer evaluated awards program in the country. Being recommended means that 8 voters ranked us highly enough to be in the top 20% of scores from the previous season. You need 12 voters to vote on your show to be eligible for awards consideration. This is our 3rd Recommended designation since I started and the second this season – A Walk in the Woods, which opened in January, also was recommended.

I owe such a debt of thanks to everyone who has made this production as good as it is but let me single out five people without whom this production would never have happened – Robert Marra, our director, for bringing his artistry and experience to every decision; Estelle Campbell, SMP's Managing Director, for her tenacity; Sean Paxton, our Music Director and Band Leader, for his meticulous musicianship; Nikki D'Amico, our Louise, for being such a funny and charming actress, who welcomes the audience in every night; and Cori Cable Kidder, who plays Patsy, for her gorgeous interpretation of Patsy's songs and her lovely stage presence. All of the designers and crew have brought their best to this show and it is so evident.

We sold-out the upcoming weekend by Wednesday and are almost sold-out for next weekend. Audiences love Patsy and everyone involved with the show is having a ball sharing it with our patrons. I've never heard the Playhouse quite so raucous as I did last week during one performance after Cori finished singing "Crazy". The audience went wild and it was so fun to see her standing there not really able to acknowledge the audience's response but seeing on her face what it meant to her.

We have now added 10 performances to the



original run – closing now on September 27. If you think a show may be sold-out it is still worth calling Mary Baille in our box office and getting on the waiting list for the show you want – we sometimes get cancellations and Mary will call you and let you know. Remember we give 20% discounts for groups of 10 or more who purchase their tickets ahead of their attendance date. Please call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.

You may be wondering what effect this has had on Deathtrap, our next show. Well, we've pushed the opening back by a week to October 9. We didn't start rehearsals last week as planned but have moved our start to Saturday, August 22. I'm eager to get started working with the great team we've assembled for this show, it will be so much fun to get back into rehearsal. I'll let you know how it's going.

Jeff's Book Picks

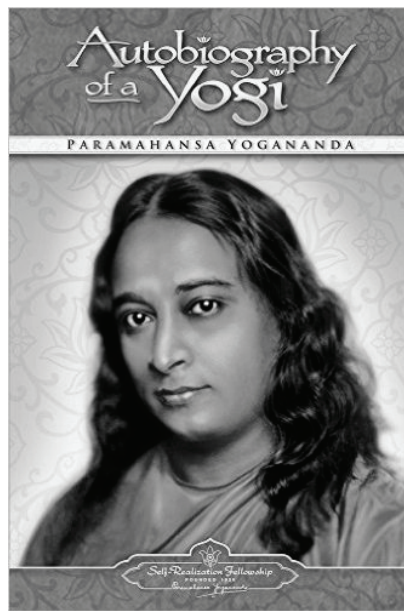
By Jeff Brown

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A YOGI BY PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA

Autobiography of a Yogi is at once a beautifully written account of an exceptional life and a profound introduction to the ancient science of Yoga and its time-honored tradition of meditation. Profoundly inspiring, it is at the same time vastly entertaining, warmly humorous and filled with extraordinary personages. Self-Realization Fellowship's editions, and none others, include extensive material added by the author after the first edition was published, including a final chapter on the closing years of his life. Selected as "One of the 100 Best Spiritual Books of the Twentieth Century", Autobiography of a Yogi has been translated into more than 30 languages, and is regarded worldwide as a classic of religious literature. Several million copies have been sold, and it continues to appear on best-seller lists after more than sixty consecutive years in print. With engaging candor, eloquence, and wit, Paramahansa Yogananda tells the inspiring chronicle of his life: the experiences of his remarkable childhood, encounters with many saints and sages during his youthful search throughout India for an illumined teacher, ten years of training in the hermitage of a revered yoga master, and the thirty years that he lived and taught in America. Also recorded here are his meetings with Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Luther Burbank, the Catholic stigmatist Therese Neumann, and other celebrated spiritual personalities of East and West. The author clearly explains the subtle but definite laws behind both the ordinary events of everyday life and the extraordinary events commonly termed miracles. His absorbing life story becomes the background for a penetrating and unforgettable look at the ultimate mysteries of human existence.

YOU ARE NOT THE TARGET BY LAURA ARCHERA HUXLEY

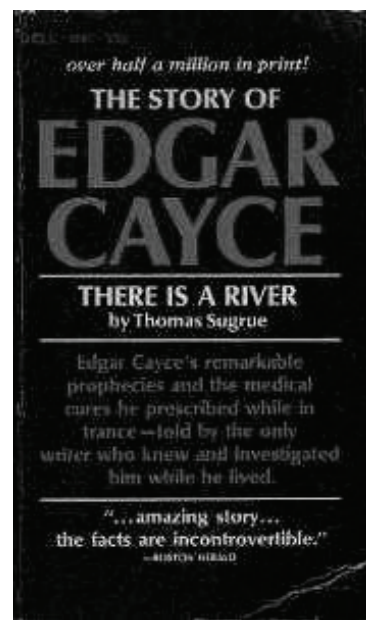
The life partner of the famed Aldous Huxley offers practical wisdom on how to cope with stress, anxiety, competition, and the uncertainty of the times without going to pieces mentally or physically. You Are Not The Target offers over 30 recipes for living which show you how to change,



how to influence the elements around you, and how to cope successfully with the problems of the inner and outer world.

STORY OF EDGAR CAYCE: THERE IS A RIVER by Thomas Sugrue

EDGAR CAYCE (1877-1945) is known to millions today as the grandfather of the New Age. A medical clairvoyant, psychic, and Christian mystic, Cayce provided medical, psychological, and spiritual advice to thousands of people who swore by the effectiveness of his trance-based readings. But Cayce was not always a household name. When a young, skeptical journalist named Thomas Sugrue first



met Cayce in 1927 the world had not yet heard of the "sleeping prophet." During years of unique access, Sugrue completed his landmark biography, which on its publication in 1942 brought national attention to Cayce and stands as the sole

record written during the seer's lifetime. This book -- which contains many photos of Edgar Cayce, his family, and close friends -- is the complete, original biography of the best-documented psychic in America. It tells the story of how he discovered his astounding psychic gifts and what led him to a life dedicated to helping others. Cayce's "readings," ranged from phenomenal medical cures to advice on spiritual growth, psychology, and prophecy of world events. A philosophy section covers our origin, purpose, and destinies on the earth, making this book a valuable resource.

MONROVIA DRUMMER LANDS CINDERELLA GIG WITH QUEEN OF SOUL AT ST. LUKE'S

Monrovia, CA, August 12, 2015 — People at St. Luke's Episcopal Church were well-acquainted with neighbor Raymond Audette. Largely because they could hear him practicing his drums every day. But also because he showed up to help on church improvement workdays, even though he wasn't a member of the congregation.

So it was natural that Ray would come to mind when keyboard wizard Doña Oxford, a longtime friend of St. Luke's Rector Neil Tadken, offered to play a fundraising event for the church. Rev. Tadken asked Doña if she could use a drummer for the evening, Boogie Under the Stars. He introduced them, and Audette got the August 1 gig, without an audition.

"I've been drumming forever, getting in trouble in class banging on my desk," says Audette. "But I didn't have an actual drum set until I was 24, so I've really only been 'drumming' for six years. The first time a friend asked me to audition for a gig, I practiced for two weeks, tapping on my legs at Starbucks while listening to my CD player. After that first gig, I was hooked. I wanted to do this no matter what."

Oxford's schedule kept the two from rehearsing together. "I just had to focus for four days on learning as much of her music as I could. Talk about nervous," Ray says. "But once I sat down, I was good."

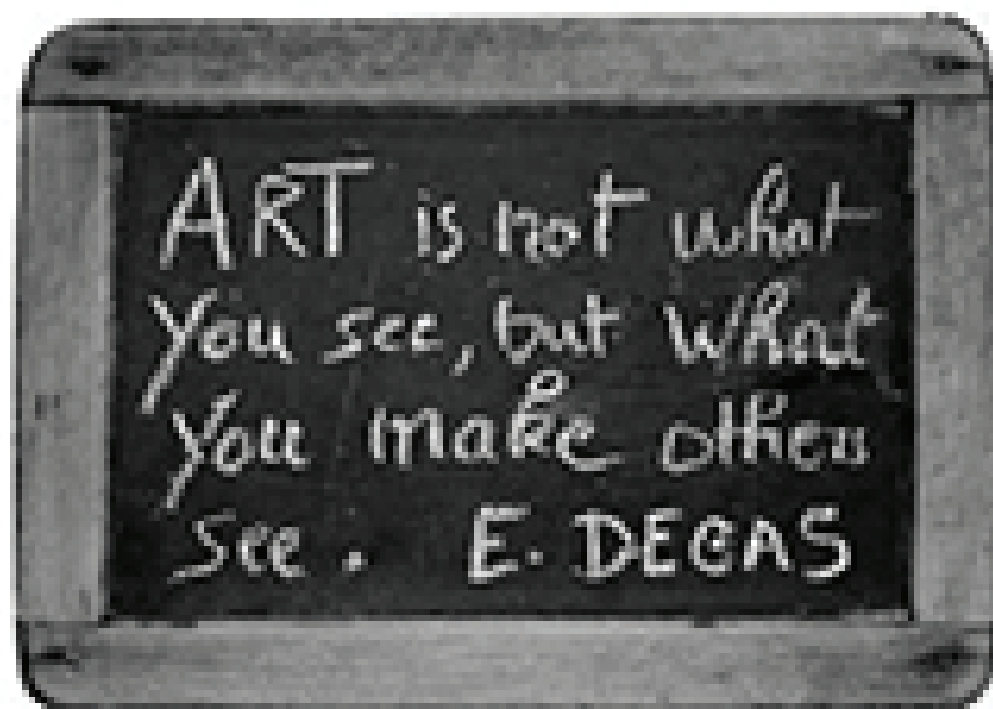
Actually, he was quite a bit better than good. Oxford — who was fresh off a UK tour with legendary blues guitarist Albert Lee and has played with such legendary stars as Keith Richards, Van Morrison, Roger Daltrey, Buddy Guy, Levon Helm and Bob Weir — complimented him repeatedly throughout the concert. "Ray is fantastic," she says. "I knew from the first note he had the goods. His timing and groove are exceptional, and he can even sing! What an incredible talent."

"Getting this gig was really a treat for me," says Audette. "She was amazing to play for."

About St. Luke's

With roots in Monrovia dating to the 1890s, St. Luke's Episcopal Church is an inclusive church that welcomes all to its community. The landmark 1924 Romanesque church is located at 122 S. California Ave. at Foothill Blvd. Eucharist services are held on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. The Reverend Neil Tadken is Rector. For more, visit saintlukesmonrovia.org.

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MOBILE SAFETY PRODUCTS THAT CAN HELP SENIORS ON THE GO

Dear Savvy Senior,
Do you know of any medical alert SOS buttons for seniors that work away from the home? I would like to get one for my 80-year-old mother, but would like to find one that's not limited to the house.
Shopping Son

Dear Shopping,
There are actually a number of medical alert products on the market today that give seniors the flexibility to call for help both inside and outside the home.

For years, medical alert devices (also known as "personal emergency response systems" or PERS) have been popular home safety products for elderly seniors that live alone. These systems come with a wearable SOS pendent button – usually a necklace or wristband – and a base station that connects to the home phone line.

At the press of a button, your loved one could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver, which works like a powerful speakerphone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a neighbor, friend or emergency services as needed.

But these devices are limited because they only work in and around the house. If you're away from home and need help, you're out of luck. But today, there are numerous mobile products that work anywhere. Here are some top options.

High-End Device

If you're interested in getting your mom a comprehensive, high-end medical alert device that works everywhere, consider the Philips Lifeline GoSafe system. It provides a necklace pendent button, which works like a two-way communication device, allowing your mom to speak and listen directly through the pedant.

If your mom were to fall or need help at home, she could press the button and the home-base communicator system would be activated to make the call to the response center, who would then dispatch help as needed. But if she fell or needed help away from home, the system's AT&T wireless network would kick in and place the call.

This system also has six sophisticated locating technologies so the response center would know your mom's exact location, even where GPS signals are weak. And it has fall detection sensors built into the pendent that can automatically summon help if



a fall is detected and your mom is unable to push the button.

The GoSafe is available at lifelinesys.com (or 855-276-7761) for \$149, with monthly services fees that start at \$55.

Most Affordable Alert

If the GoSafe is more than your mom needs, another option that's easier on the budget is the GreatCall Splash, which costs only \$50, with a \$35 activation fee and monthly service fees that starts at \$20.

This pendent-style waterproof device, which fits in the palm of your hand, works like a cell phone with GPS tracking capabilities, and can be worn on a belt, around the neck or attached to a key chain.

To call for help, your mom would push one button, and an operator from the device's emergency monitoring service would be on the line to assist her, and because of the GPS technology, her general location would be known. Or, for even more peace of mind, there's the Splash with fall detection capabilities (this option costs \$35 per month, and the pendent must be worn around the neck for it to work) that will automatically call for help when a fall is detected.

The Splash can be purchased at GreatCall.com (or 800-918-8543), or at Walmart, Sears, Best Buy and Rite Aid Pharmacy stores.

Other Options

If you want some additional options to shop and compare, there are other good companies that offer moderately priced mobile alerts, including Consumer Cellular (consumercellular.com/ally); Bay Alarm Medical (bayalarmmedical.com); MobileHelp (mobilehelp.com); Medical Alert (medicalalert.com); Life Alert (lifealert.com) and SafeGuardian (safeguardian.com).

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... August Birthdays*

Bill Nelson, Karlene Englert, Juanita Fernandez, Jeanette Francis, Joseph Kiss, John Luke, Jacquie Pergola, Maury Whitaker, Pat Miranda, Phyllis Chapman, Jerry Burnett, Margaret Aroyan, Phyllis Burg, Beverly Clifton, Rosemary Morabito, Susan Poulsen, Dorothy Quentmeyer, Genevieve Stubbs, Miep Tulleners, Ellie Baudino, Marcia Bent, Daryls Brechwald, Joan Spears, Ruth Torres, Jane Zamanzadeh and

Harry Enmark.

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



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

TECH TALK: TECH TALK WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER WHEN OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL.

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.

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION: Wednesday, August 19th from 10:30am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Appointment are required by calling 626-355-7394.

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

BRAIN GAMES - NEW DATE AND TIME!

Thursday, August 20th, 10:30am - 11:30am (Third Thursday of Each Month) Improve your memory and strengthen your brain with fun, hands-on activities. Each month brings new games and contests to facilitate brain stimulation. Bring your friends as you engage in friendly competition for prizes. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, New Wave Home Care of Pasadena. For more information contact the Hart Park House office at 626-355-7394.

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 at the Hart Park House. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

GAME DAY: Every Thursday starting at 12:00pm. (Please note the time change.) A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

FREE STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS: Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandy. 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.

LUNCH & LEARN PRESENTATION

Thursday, August 20th, 2015 beginning at 12:00pm

Learn about French painter, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. His immersion in the colorful and theatrical life of Paris in the late 19th century yielded a collection of exciting, elegant and provocative images of the modern and sometimes decadent life of those times. Tanya Mazzolini from The Kensington will give a talk on the painter while demonstrating a project in his style of art. If you would like to have lunch during the talk, please make a lunch reservation with the Senior Lunch Café at 626-355-0256 or you may bring your own.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:



THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER (LOS ANGELES)

Date: August 12, 2015

Time: 9:30am to 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$28.00 (Does not include lunch)



Description: The California Science Center in cooperation with the Israel Antiquities Authority is Proud to present the largest Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition ever mounted outside of Israel, featuring over 600 ancient artifact on display. We will also see Jerusalem in the IMAX Theater. Through breathtaking aerial footage, eye-opening personal stories and remarkable historical perspective, Jerusalem takes views inside the heart of the ancient city in ways never seen before. Lunch will be on your own. There is Trimana-Grill, or Market and Coffee Bar at the Science Center for you to enjoy a meal or light snack during your visit.

Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Last day to register is Wednesday, August 5th. Level of Walking: High

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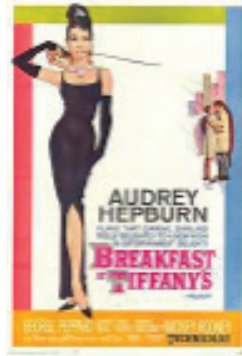
Notification of the cancellation must be made at least 3 business days before the excursion. A refund will only be issued 1) for a medical excuse or 2) if the Department is able to fill the patrons spot from a waiting list. This refund will be issued in the form of a credit which will be applied to the patron's account with the City, less a \$11 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.

SENIOR CINEMA AT THE HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER



August 5th - Whiplash (2014) - Andrew Neiman (Miles Teller) is an ambitious young jazz drummer, single-minded in pursuit of rising to the top of his elite east coast music conservatory. Terence Fletcher (J.K. Simmons), an instructor known for his terrifying teaching methods, discovers Andrew and transfers the aspiring drummer into the top jazz ensemble, forever changing the young man's life But Andrew's passion to achieve perfection quickly spirals into obsession, as his ruthless teacher pushes him to the brink of his ability and his sanity. Winner of 3 Academy Awards, Start time: 1:00pm (run time 107 minutes)

August 19th - Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) - An American romantic comedy starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard, based on Truman capote's novel, this is the story of a young woman in New York City who meets a young man when he moves into her apartment building. He is with an older woman who is very wealthy, but he wants to be a writer. She is working as an expensive escort and searching for a rich, older man to marry. This movie won two Academy Awards. Start time: 1:00pm (run time 115 minutes)



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TO *KEEP* A MOCKINGBIRD

Some people are "cat" people, and some people are "dog" people. And then

there are the crazy "bird" people, which is the group to which my parents and I belong. Nearly every year they wind up taking in birds found by their friends, and after a week or so of feeding, they release them into the backyard. This year my mom's friend, Florence, brought her a pair of baby mockingbirds. (Yes, this is the same Florence referenced in many of my other articles. She is a not only a source of endless laughs, but also moonlights as a "wildlife support coordinator" --just kidding.) The mockingbirds were progressing nicely, so my parents released them into the backyard after about a week. Normally, that would be the end of the story.

Not so this time! On the day of the failed launch, both mockingbirds (we'll call them Baby 1 and Baby 2) spent a good part of the day dawdling in the oak tree by the back porch. My parents could hear them far into the night, but assumed they would adjust to outside life as easily as all their predecessors had. The next day Dad was working on a window at the other end of the house, when Baby 2 suddenly flew toward him and "landed" on the window screen! We were all impressed with Baby 2's ability to navigate an unfamiliar area and to recognize Dad from outside the house. They kept Baby 2 for about another week and then attempted to launch him into the wild again.



The second launching was similar to the first. Baby 2 spent much of the day in the oak tree. The next morning however, it actually landed on Dad and allowed Mom to feed it with an eye dropper. For a couple days Baby 2 hung around closer and closer to the house, demanding to be fed in low trees and bushes. The neighbors were very considerate and never openly laughed at the sight of Mom stooping over shrubs or straddling the roof on a ladder when Baby 2 didn't want to move to a more convenient spot. Finally Baby 2 got so desperately brazen that it landed,

chirping hungrily, right outside the window while we were eating lunch. Talk about a "peeping" tom!

Baby 2 was so intent on my parents feeding it that it willingly reentered its cage, which made its feeding sessions much easier than when it was holed up in the bushes. For a while it wasn't looking good for Baby 2. Mockingbirds are notoriously delicate and often don't make it when being rehabilitated by humans. Week three of captivity came and went, an unheard-of long stay for babybirds! Then one day I came to visit my parents and

Baby 2 was gone. Thankfully the situation wasn't what I thought.

They told me that Baby 2 had been anxiously flapping around its cage that morning, and when they opened the door to the outside it took off like a shot! After a whopping four weeks Baby 2 finally matured and the last launch was a success. I guess three times the charm --at least with mockingbirds anyway.



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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



SO WHAT IS A TRUST, EXACTLY?

Trusts seem to be shrouded in mystery. Often thought of as an estate planning tool only for the ultra-wealthy, many people aren't sure what trusts are really all about let alone whether or not a trust would be appropriate for their family.

Let me try to clear up the confusion: A trust is nothing more than a legal agreement set up to benefit someone or something. For example, some people set up trusts to benefit their children, their grandchildren, their favorite charities, or even their pets.

It is easiest to understand trusts if you think of them in terms of a relationship between three separate parties, people or entities.

The first party (called the trustor, settlor, or grantor – these terms are all interchangeable and refer to the same party), funds the trust by placing assets into the trust. Any type of asset may be used, such as money, brokerage accounts, cars, and even real estate.

The second party, known as the trustee, agrees to manage the assets held by the trust. Once the trust is created, legally executed, and the assets are moved into the trust, the trustee holds title to those assets on behalf of the trust.

The third party, who is known as the beneficiary, receives the benefits of the assets held in the trust.

For example, those benefits might include interest paid on money in the trust, a monthly allowance, or even a place to live.

And the use of trusts as a planning tool isn't just for the rich. Trusts can provide many advantages for the rest of us, too, including:

- Avoiding the formal probate process associated with transferring property using a will;
- Protecting assets from a beneficiary's creditors;
- Caring for those who cannot care for themselves, such as minor children or those with special needs; and
- Reducing tax liability.

Although it may seem confusing, a trust can even be set up to benefit the person who puts the assets into the trust. In other words, while there are three roles to be played, each role does not necessarily have to be played by separate and distinct parties. One person can serve in more than one of those roles.

For instance, a person may place assets into a trust, select someone else to manage those assets, and then receive the benefits himself. To take that example one step further, the person who is both the trustor and the beneficiary could even be the trustee if the circumstances suited such a scenario.

How a trust is drafted and who plays each of these three roles depends on the goals of the person setting it up. Call our office today to schedule a Family Estate Planning Session, where we can explain trusts further, answer all your questions, and help you determine if a trust is the best strategy for you and your family.

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Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

THE BEST FONTS TO USE ON-LINE

Unlike print, the best fonts to use on-line (in your email campaigns, websites, blogs etc.) are sans serif fonts.

Studies have shown that Verdana is the most legible font on-line with Arial coming in a close second. The reason is that fonts we traditionally use for print like Times and Garamond, tend to blur more on the screens.

In today's fast-paced world of information, it's important that on-line content is easy to read and simple.

Use serif and playful fonts sparingly. There is also an old rule of thumb: no more than 2-3 fonts per page. Using sans serif fonts for bigger blocks of

copy will make it easier on the readers eyes.

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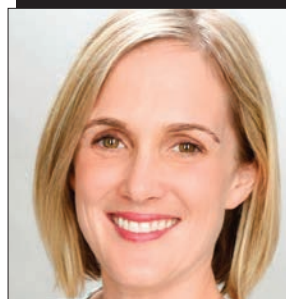
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THE JOY OF YOGA FRESHEN UP

Are you in need of shift in your practice or do you feel it has plateaued? Each one of us can experience this "flatness" in our practice. Even as a teacher, rather especially as a teacher, I must keep my practice current and fresh. I have experienced many plateaus or times when I've done my practice out of habit. Good thing my own consistency has seen me through those times when I wanted to abandon my practice rather than answer the call for evolution and growth.

Whenever I've felt in a rut, this meant it was time for shift in what I was doing. Literally.

I didn't change everything at once. But a few tweaks can make all the difference! First, my world of asana practice gets a boost and a change. Try a home practice everyday and at least three group classes per week. If your home practice is less, practice three times per week and hit a group class 4-5 times during the week. Our physical

asana practice (advanced, beginning or gentle) can bring our own light forward. It also balances and unblocks our physical and energetic bodies, while improving respiration.

Next, I always take a class or workshop with a new teacher. There is undoubtedly some new nugget of inspiration or technique that provides greater effectiveness in my practice.

Last, there's some attention needed to my own svadyaya, or self study. There are many areas of study as we delve into yogic philosophy and self-healing. Pick an area of interest, and dive in! I've created lasting change in this area from changing my environment, lengthening my time in meditation and changing how and what I eat. These are all parts of my yoga practice.

Cheers to evolving your own yoga practice in the best possible way!

Namaste,
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WHY BUY ORGANIC FOOD



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Did you know that today's crops are heavily sprayed with a chemical cocktail of synthetic pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, and fertilizers? In the past 150 years there have been more than 85,000 chemicals created that now pollute our environment. Some of them are used on our food supply.

I prefer to avoid exposure to these dangerous chemicals by eating organic.

The practice of spraying crops with artificial chemicals upsets the balance of Mother Nature's ecosystem. Crops treated with pesticides and artificial fertilizers become increasingly dependent on these artificial substances. This in turn weakens the plant's natural growth and defense mechanisms. Crops grown organically use only natural methods and products for fertilization,

pest control, fungus control, and weed suppression which are harmless to humans.

There are multiple studies that show organic food is more nutritious. The topsoil on most factory farms has been depleted of minerals because of over farming. Most of the conventional produce available for us to buy is grown on life support primarily of just three minerals: nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus. These three nutrients are important to the growers because they are what make the plants grow fast so farmers can turn around the quickest profit. We should be asking the question, where is the iron, the calcium, the magnesium, zinc, copper, and any one of the other 92 minerals we humans need for good health? If these nutrients are missing from the soil, they will be missing or severely diminished in the plants. If they are missing from the plants they will be missing in you!

If you really want to guarantee the quality of your food, grow your own! If growing your own food is not an option, then eating as many organic crops as you can is in your best interest. Organic produce can cost a little more than conventional produce, but what you are saving today may cost you way more in your future health.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



IS THERE LIFE IN THE ALPHA CENTAURI SYSTEM?

A team led by scientists from the University of Hawaii has developed a new approach to searching for life on other planets.

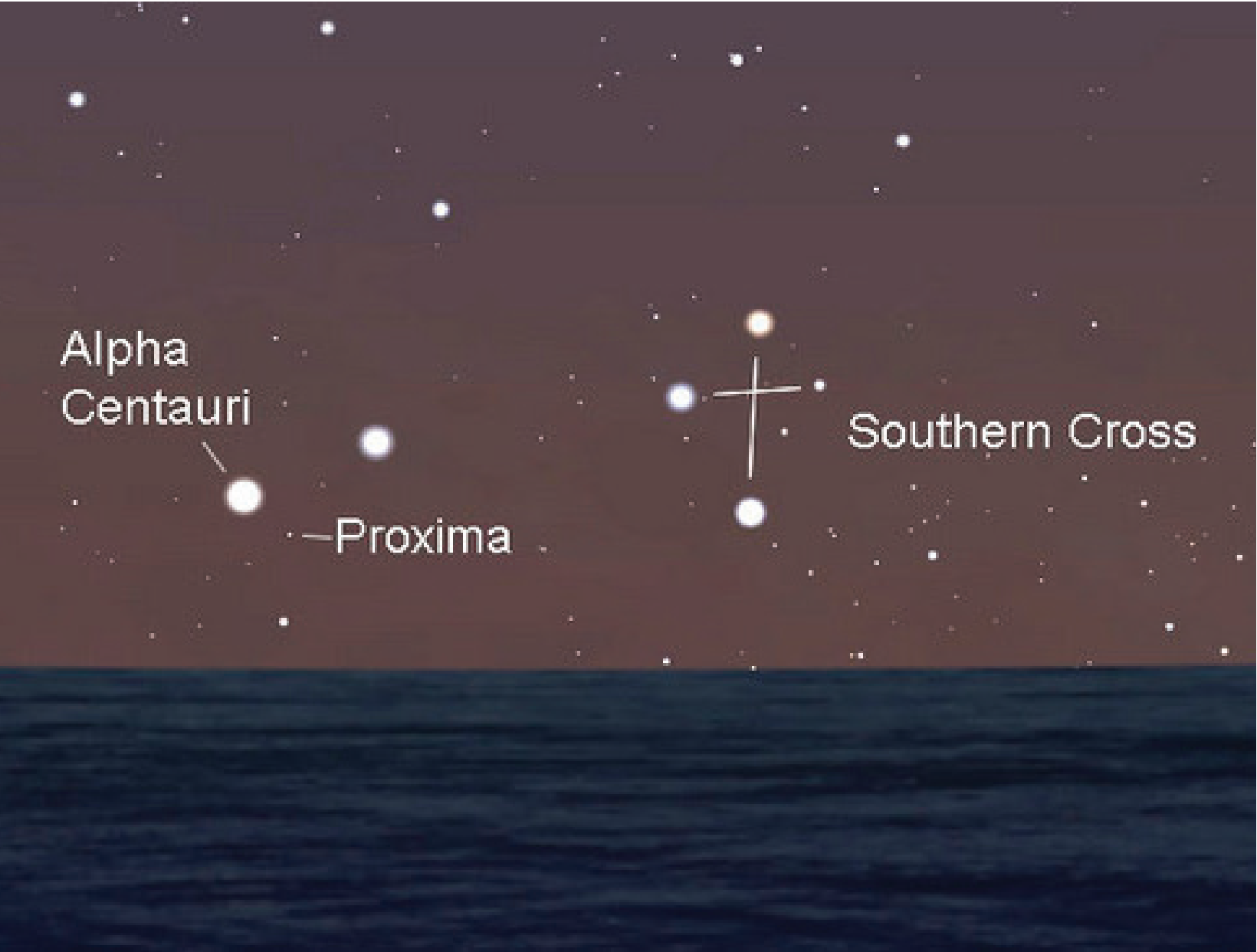
The team has measured various biological photosynthetic pigments in the laboratory. They absorb almost all solar light of specific colors in the visible and convert it into chemical bonds to store energy. For example, chlorophyll pigments absorb blue to red light and reflect a small part of green in the visible, as seen in green plants.

All infrared light is reflected, and this is employed in agriculture to monitor water content in crops. Such biopigments are contained in plants, algae, bacteria, and even in human skin (carotenoids) and eyes (rhodopsin), creating the colored beauty of our world. They can also help find life on the surfaces of other planets.

The scientists have found that the part of visible light reflected by various plants with vibrant colors oscillates in certain directions, while incident light oscillates in all directions. Thanks to this peculiarity, this reflected light can be detected remotely by using polarizing filters (similar to Polaroid sunglasses or 3D movie goggles) when viewed at specific angles, even if the star is millions of times brighter than the planet. The team found that each biopigment has its own colored footprint in such polarized light.

This technique could be instrumental in searching for life in the planetary system nearest to the Sun, Alpha Centauri, with existing telescopes. There are three stars in this system. While scientists are interested in finding life around all these stars, Alpha Centauri B, only 4.37 light-years from Earth, seems optimal for life searches with current telescopes.

In 2014, a small planet was discovered around Alpha Centauri B. Unfortunately, this exoplanet is ten times closer to the star than Mercury is to the Sun, so its surface is melting under the stellar heat, and it probably has no atmosphere. At a distance where planets like Earth with liquid water on their surface could exist (the “habitable zone”), no planets have been found as yet, but scientists are continuing to search for one. If such a planet is found, or even before that, it is possible to search for photosynthetic biosignatures in the Alpha Centauri B spectrum. Using the proposed polarization technique, this task becomes even more feasible.



In the August issue of Sky & Telescope magazine, astronomy-history sleuth Don Olson and colleagues have definitively solved a key mystery surrounding the photo: when was it taken? Their astronomical analysis of a shadow cast by the Sun settles it: the time was 5:51 p.m., ruling out a set of longstanding claims about who the sailor and the woman might actually be.

Sky & Telescope has made public a PDF of its article—a successful mystery tale full of timely history. It’s at: <http://skypub.com/VJDay>

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“Va Fa Sa: A Young Man’s Memoir

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Recently I was given the book “Va Fa Sa: A Young Man’s Memoir” by Hugo Cipriani. Cipriani died a few years ago at age 100 in his home.

He and my father were childhood buddies growing up in small town Bedford, Ohio, and I knew him and his family my whole life.

“Hugo wrote a book?” I said with surprise when I was handed the book. “And what the heck does Va Fa Sa mean?” I asked. I promised to read the book, but I knew it would be boring, probably just the stuff that he and my father would always talk about, reminiscing about the Depression and the War and whatever it is that “old people” talked about. How surprised I would be!

“Va Fa Sa” was Cipriani’s coined saying, meaning “to go, to do, to know.” It encapsulated his philosophy in life that you had to go somewhere and do something if you are ever to learn anything. Just reading things is insufficient. How I wish Hugo could be preaching to today’s dumbed-down Youtube generation. As he writes, “Nothing becomes real until it is experienced; even a proverb is no proverb till your own life has illustrated it.”

“Va Fa Sa” is Cipriani’s account of growing up in a small town, living through the Depression, hitchhiking to California to go to school at UCLA, how he earned a living, all peppered with observations about how to live a good and full life. The book ends when he went into the service at the onset of WWII, and no sequel was ever written. “At 29,” Cipriani writes, “I’m still a young man,” and perhaps that’s how he wanted it.

As I began reading the briskly-written book, I admit that I was looking for insights into my own father, who is mentioned frequently when my father and the author exchanged letters or discussed their futures.

I was quickly drawn up into the narrative taking place during the Great Depression. Part of this was due to Cipriani’s incredible recall of names, dates, classes, street addresses, etc. Did he take and keep notes of all these details, I wondered? What I presumed would be a boring telling of long, long ago turned out to be an insightful look into life in the United States during the Depression, and how one man’s upbeat attitude continually improved his condition.

Cipriani describes the chaos and panic that set in, with unemployment at 25%, and how his older brother earned \$16 a week at the Cleveland Chain Company. Yet, poverty was widespread, and there were no federal welfare programs.

“And yet,” explains Cipriani, “there was no increase in criminality or violence. I know there was a special kind of glue that held us together. There was a sense of belonging to one family, to one neighborhood, and to our hometown. There was a sense of duty and discipline. It was this bond

that brought the mutual respect to each – in our family, in our neighborhood, and in our community. When you are all in the same boat, you don’t want it to sink.”

Cipriani goes on to describe Roosevelt’s March 4, 1932 inaugural address where he stated, “Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear – is fear itself. Our greatest primary task is to put people to work. There is no unsolvable problem if we face it wisely and courageously. There are many ways to achieve our goal, but if we only think and talk about it, we won’t get there. We must act, and act quickly.”

Cipriani describes that message as being a tonic to his spirit. “I loved his words, caressed his ideas, and agreed wholeheartedly. He would be my new hero. And the philosophy of politics would become my new passion.”

Indeed, FDR seemed to be telling the nation to follow Cipriani’s motto: Va Fa Sa.

Cipriani was the first scout from his small town to hitchhike across country and see what the promised land of Hollywood was all about. And work he did. Cipriani

worked at every job he could, and did good. He describes every dollar he earned, and the reader begins to realize that most youth today have no sense of what it means to earn a dollar wholly on your own, with no one and no government propping you up.

One day he saw the “Prophet” book in a Hollywood bookstore. While reading the chapter on “work,” Cipriani realized why he felt so much joy at coffeeshop job. He realized that he was working with love. Quoting “The Prophet,” he writes that “I knew now that it was true – All work is empty save when there is love.”

Cipriani did borrow money from time to time, and he tells us how he paid back each dollar. He shares his delight at a 40 cent all-you-can-eat restaurant, and how he only needed a dollar a day when hitchhiking across the United States.

While working at the coffeeshop, the waitresses gave him a surprise birthday card which everyone signed. On the card, a Sidney Smith quote was written: “It is noble to seek truth, and it is beautiful to find it. It is the ancient feeling of the human heart that knowledge is better than riches. It is deeply and sacredly true.”

It is this deep knowledge that Hugo Cipriani managed to share in his memoir of his first 29 years. Through his detailed telling of the most formative years of his life, he’s managed to capture an essential aspect of Americana, a way of thinking, and a way of being, which seems all but lost today.

Though the book is no longer in print, “Va Fa Sa: A Young Man’s Memoir” by Hugo Cipriani can be found on Amazon.com.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

THE IRRITABLE FOUL-MOUTH SYNDROME

All things being equal, and they are not, certain words gets under my skin. I suppose I could be called a wordsmith because I enjoy words and like finding out what they mean and how they can be used effectively.

As a young person my favorite book always within reach, was Roget’s Thesaurus. I always wanted to the right word, and I was willing to search for it. Some do not believe in synonyms, you have to find the right word.

A love for words is one thing, but what I cannot stand is someone with a dirty and foul mouth spewing out words at random. I hate that with a passion.

Recently, I was away for a convention and when I retired to my room the first night, I settled down with a bowl of ice cream to watch a movie. A movie I had seen on television several times before was playing. This, however, was the uncensored movie edition, I did not quite understand that but I soon had my ears pricked.

As I watched this movie, I notice most of the characters were foul mouthed in every conversation. Every other word was a curse word. This is the reason I stay out of theaters. If you have to use foul language, you are 3° short of intelligence.

Not just foul language that provoked me, but those “clothing challenged” scenes. Why can’t Hollywood, when producing their movies, include in the budget enough money to buy proper clothing? If I want to see bare skin, I will go take a shower. After watching a few moments of this movie, I needed a shower.

Between these two things, I ceased watching this film, if you can degrade filmology by calling this a film.

Profanity is not an acceptable part of my life, and I do not appreciate others exercising their right to profanity while in my company. A little respect, please!

Last week, for instance, I made somebody mad. I forget exactly what I did or did not do to provoke such irate anger toward me. After all, I am a great person when you get to know me. As this person began his rant toward me, I noticed he began using words and phrases that really made little sense and did not fit into the sentences he was using.

He insisted I do something to myself anatomically impossible. Perhaps he did not pay attention in anatomy class in high school.

When I understood what he was saying, I said to him, “How do you expect me to do what you’re telling me to do?”

Looking at me rather inquisitively, he said, “What?”

So I repeated it. “How can I do what you said for me to do which is anatomically impossible for me to do? Don’t you know anything about anatomy?”

“What?”

Not only was his language in great deficiency but his hearing was not quite up to par either. Not understanding what I was saying, he got even angrier and insisted again that I do that which is anatomically impossible.

Then he took his rant in another direction, which caused me some real concern. So, in the middle of his rage, I held up my hands and said, “Wait. I believe you got everything wrong here.”

Once more, he stammered out, “What?”

“I’m not who you think I am.”

He stared at me with a confused look on his face and mumbled something I could not understand so I thought this would be an opportunity for me to explain the situation to him.

“Despite my face,” I said as calmly as the situation warranted, “I am not a dog and neither is my mother. What in the world gave you the impression that my mother was a dog? You don’t even know my mother.”

“What?” he said getting red in the face, “I wasn’t talking about your mother!”

“You said quite arrogantly,” I said staring him right in the face, “that I was a son of a female dog and I’m not.”

“Say what?” was all he could utter.

Being confused and not knowing what to do next, he went in another direction and suggested specific travel plans for me in an adamant way that I go to that familiar place, which is really, really hot.

The more I talked with him, or should I say, at him, the more confused he got. I felt sorry for this guy whose vocabulary was limited to greasy slang words that really had no meaning.

I am afraid we have a serious problem, which I call the Irritable Foul-Mouth Syndrome. Let me emphasize the word “irritable.” Nothing is more irritable than somebody trying to get in my face using foul language. Believe me, foul language is for the birds.

For me, the only way to get away from all this irritable foul language syndrome is to go to the Bible. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said, “The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones” (Proverbs 16:23-24).

Jesus made it quite clear when he said, “Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man” (Matthew 15:11).

What comes out of my mouth reveals my heart and the kind of person I really am.

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they can't really stop it (more on that later). I can say with near certainty that the Iran deal is a done deal because that's what an overwhelming majority of D.C. insiders are betting will happen.

People in politics rarely put their money where their mouth is. Any numbskull—and I've been one of them frequently—can go on cable news to argue against their ideological counterpart. The "he said, she said" format encourages a childish dichotomy, even when discussing over adult topics such as the Iran nuclear deal. Nuance is thrown over in favor of clear contrast as pundits turn gray area into black and white issues.

That's the way the Iran deal is being portrayed: It's Obama versus Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu, and Congress has 60 days to reject the deal. Everything is riding on Congress' say-so, according to, well, everyone, and this popular misconception has turned this whole thing into something of a legislative doomsday clock counting down to a parliamentary apocalypse. It's this deal or war with Iran. The fate of the world hangs in the balance.

"If this deal is consummated, it will make the Obama administration the world's leading financier of radical Islamic terrorism," said Ted Cruz.

Obama countered in a speech at American University, saying, "By killing this deal, Congress would not only clear Iran's path to a bomb, but would accelerate it."

If you read your tealeaves on television, the outcome is unclear. One poll by Pew shows opponents outnumbering supporters by 12 percent. Another by Washington Post/ABC News says a 56-percent majority of Americans support the deal. American Jews want Congress to support the deal, 53 percent to 35

89% SURE CONGRESS WON'T REJECT IRAN DEAL

percent, while 70 percent if Israelis oppose it.

But I'm sure this sucker is good to go because 89 percent of people on PredictIt say so. PredictIt is a website where you can make—for money—predictions about current events. The price of your prediction is some portion of a dollar that depends on how popular the prediction is. If you turn out to be right, you win a whole dollar. For the folks in D.C. who do this stuff for a living, this is like finding money in old pants.

On July 23, PredictIt posted the question "Will Congress override the Iran nuclear deal?" and the Yes propositions shot to 18 cents and have been falling ever since. Right now, you can bet—sorry, predict—that Congress will reject the Iran deal if you have as little as 11 cents. In other words, the Philadelphia Phillies, owners of the worst record in baseball, have better odds to win the World Series. The people who know how Washington works say there's no way Congress rejects the Iran deal.

How can that be so with the polls in doubt and Congress under Republican control? It's not complicated. To reject the deal, Congress would have to overcome a presidential veto, and 150 House members—more than needed to sustain a veto—have signed a letter supporting the Iran deal. This is a thriller with no suspense, and we already know the ending.

It's also possible that the D.C. insiders putting their money on PredictIt know the dirty little secret about the Iran deal: If Congress passes a resolution disapproving the Iran deal, Obama can still sign it and ask the United Nations to lift international sanctions. All Congress controls is the sanctions put in place by the United States. The Iran deal isn't a treaty requiring Senate approval, and Obama still retains the power to negotiate for the United States.

This deal is going to happen. There were show trials in the Soviet Union with more integrity than this process. Congress gets to act like it is fit to lead the country, and Obama gets to pretend he cares what Congress thinks. It's not a perfect system, but now at least now you know the secret of how it works.

DANNY Tyree *Tyrades* HAS YOUR CAR BEEN CYBER-ATTACKED YET?



So, did a recent "Wired" magazine article bring your complacency about automotive safety and privacy to a screeching halt?

"Wired" assigned two security experts to attempt hacking into the "brain" of a Jeep Cherokee. Working from home, they were able to control the stereo, air conditioner, transmission and brakes of the vehicle, while the driver struggled to remain in charge.

The hackers didn't even bring out the big guns, like remotely causing the license plate to morph into a Confederate flag, inflicting male pattern baldness on the fuzzy dice or directing Siri to ask, "Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Make Johnny quit looking at me!"

Some vehicles are safer than others; but given all of today's navigation systems, smartphone-synching setups and other electronic doodads, the problem goes far beyond Jeep.

The opportunities for eavesdropping and mayhem by car thieves, pranksters, paranoid bosses, spy agencies and terrorists are mind-boggling. It's an Orwellian nightmare. (Especially if someone writes malicious code to run down people who are always saying "Orwellian nightmare.")

It gets scarier. With self-driving cars on the horizon, you might just soil the "rich Corinthian leather."

My own rattletrap pick-up truck is vulnerable enough, but at least it could only be reprogrammed via smoke signals or Morse Code. And the manual windows are still just bison hides scraped really thin.

We are ill-prepared for a world in which "dealer prep" includes administering last rites, in which "your mileage may vary" is replaced by "Your ritual beheadings may vary," in which "under factory invoice" is replaced by "under a parking lot somewhere in Jersey."

Henry Ford allegedly said that consumers could have any color of car they wanted, as long as it was black. Now the philosophy is, "You can have any personality of car you want, as long as you rooted for the title character in Stephen King's 'Christine.'"

I worry about the cardiac health of all the valet parkers who will be able to drive your vehicle like maniacs without even getting off their lazy duffs.

On a positive note, the next "Fast & Furious" movie can be filmed with more crashes, on a shoestring budget, unless those spoiled stars kick out a window and escape.

Of course I'm not so sure deliberate tampering would be any worse than the aggravation we have to put up with from automotive SENSORS, which must be made of reconstituted, extra-fragile Magic 8-Balls. Admit it: you get tired of (presumably) false warnings from your ashtray, such as "Attention! You have just struck a unicorn while driving 350 mph at a depth of 20,000 leagues."

What exactly is the automotive industry doing about the threat? Mostly saying things like, "Um, here are about 10 years' worth of coffee and doughnuts in the Customer Comfort Area. Enjoy, while I run a few numbers past my lawyer...er, manager."

What can the poor consumer do, besides scour the used-car lots for low-tech vehicles? ("We won't steer you wrong — and neither will your girlfriend's crazy ex!")

At least wear a parachute in case someone activates those ejector seats. You know, the ones that have been standard-issue in all American-made vehicles since 1965, but the automakers have been too wimpy to tell anybody about them and rile up the Ian Fleming estate.

Oops. Now they'll have to kill me.

Can I at least get a horse-drawn hearse?

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"A morsel of genuine history is a thing so rare as to be always valuable."
- Thomas Jefferson

I've always been fascinated by those able to offer such a first-hand "morsel of genuine history".

I was in grade school home for the Veterans

Day holiday, when my mother recalled that when she was a girl, on what was then called "Armistice Day" her class would visit residents at the "old soldiers' home". I asked if she heard stories about fighting the Nazis. No, but she remembered having met residents who'd fought for the Union, and some for the Confederacy. I then had serious concerns about how old my mother really was.

My Dad was in the toy business in Seattle, with an elderly couple with thick European accents working for him. I knew what those numbers tattooed on their inner forearms were all about, but it was a history they didn't talk about. They did, however, occasionally refer to loving families – parents, brothers, sisters and cousins – who didn't make it.

Christmas was the busiest time of year. I remember a truck driver at the dock for a late-hour holiday shipment to the department stores – back when there were toy departments in department stores. He marveled at the array of toys ready for delivery, and then recalled Christmas as a kid during the Depression. He and his sister woke early and rushed to the stockings they'd hung the day before, where inside they each found "an orange! And it came all the way from California! What a special holiday treat that was!"

I used to hang out at a bar in L.A.'s Chinatown, frequented by older Japanese-Americans. I spoke with one who, like me, had roots in Seattle. I mentioned the county fair in the town of Puyallup, with its livestock shows and horse races. She said she was familiar with the race track, as her family lived in the horse stalls during processing for relocation to the camps.

Over the past few days there have been first-hand accounts of the Watts riots ("insurrection" or "rebellion") of fifty years ago - evocations of hopelessness and rage that led to "burn, baby, burn".

One woman, who unapologetically took part in her early-twenties, recalled when responses sought solutions rather than assignment of blame. She later used funds from the education component of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty", enacted the year of the riots, to attend school, get her degrees and go on to a nursing career. This enabled her to make sure her kids went to college, and now she's confident they'll make sure her grandkids do, too.

I enjoy recollections about Sierra Madre. A woman I met who grew up here recalled that at least until the late 1960s, Sierra Madre had

racial covenants in its real estate contracts – enforcing racial discrimination in housing.

This was true with many communities fifty years ago and provided context for the 1965 Watts riots. A bill was passed two years before banning such discrimination, but the California Real Estate Association teamed with the John Birch Society and the California Republican Assembly to make sure it never took effect. Prop. 14 was put on the 1964 ballot to amend our state constitution to protect the "right" of landlords, sellers and communities to racially discriminate. It passed with 65% of the vote.

Gov. Pat Brown (D) went to court to have that amendment overturned, an effort which in 1966 became an issue in Ronald Reagan's campaign to defeat his bid for re-election. Reagan characterized efforts to ban racial discrimination as attempts "to give one segment or our population a right at the expense of the basic rights of all our citizens".

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Prop. 14 in 1967. Its right-to-discriminate language wasn't removed from our state constitution, however, until 1974 - a "morsel of history" few care to talk about.

It's getting hard enough to hear from those with first-hand recollections of fifty years ago, but even more so after seventy years. A couple weeks ago I heard from such witnesses at a memorial service held in Little Tokyo.

One began by stating that when you see your first dead body at the age of sixteen, it's a scary thing. But by his count, at that age within a short time he'd seen five-or-six thousand. His job was taking them to the fires. The first reaction of survivors was to go to the Red Cross for help. But there was no Red Cross left to go to; they didn't arrive for another two-three days – and within a month, they themselves saw their own hair fall out, with splotches appearing on their skin.

He recalled those walking around with arms outstretched like in a zombie movie. This was because with skin burned off it was too painful to allow surfaces to touch. Another witness described taking the outstretched hand of a man on the ground seeking help, and having the skin come off like a glove. A woman who was seven at the time and managed to escape her destroyed home says what she most remembers is the cries of younger sisters she was unable to go back and rescue. They all agree that one thing impossible to forget is the smell.

Estimates vary at around 120,000 deaths in Hiroshima and 80,000 in Nagasaki – a third of the populations of both cities. I've heard the effect of a current nuclear weapon targeting a major population center like Los Angeles would be a loss of life significant enough to permanently alter the history of the planet.

Numbers may be incomprehensible, but not so much the accounts of those who experienced the history. I wonder, if I'm around a generation from now, what recollections I might be able to offer – and if such future "morsels of history", whether or not "always valuable", will at least be something I can be proud of.

MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense

TRUMP, TRUMPIES & RINOS TROUBLE THE GOP

Donald Trump did wonders for Fox News' ratings and Megyn Kelly's star power last week. But "The Donald" didn't do himself, the Republican Party or the conservative cause any favors.

Millions of viewers saw clear evidence that Trump is not a serious Republican candidate or really a conservative. He espoused no conservative principles or policies. He offered no ideas or specific conservative solutions to any domestic or foreign problem. All he proved — as if the whole TV audience didn't already know — was that he's an egomaniacal billionaire who's certain he'd make a good Republican president.

During the debate, he repeated his shallow generalities about building a high wall to stop illegal immigration, making better trade deals with China and the serial incompetence of our leaders in Washington. And he boasted that "I'm rich. I buy candidates. Government is broken. I can fix it."

Because he appeals mostly to people who listen to conservative talk radio 24/7, Trump has won over a large number of Republicans and conservatives who mistakenly think he is one of them.

Trump's poll numbers in Iowa, New Hampshire and elsewhere have gone up since last week. They remain embarrassingly high for the Republican Party, but they'll start falling to Earth soon. It'll happen when his Don Rickles routine wears thin, his liberal tendencies are exposed and the GOP's bloated pre-season roster gets cut down to Jeb, Scott, John, Rand, Ted and probably Carly.

Meanwhile, Trump has issued a threat to the Republican Party.

He said that if it does not treat him "fairly" or with "respect," whatever that means, he might run next fall as an independent or a third party candidate. Trump calls his threat "leverage" but I think others would call it "extortion" or "blackmail."

If he doesn't get his way, he'd be willing to sabotage the GOP in 2016 and almost certainly give Hillary, Joe Biden or even Bernie the Socialist the keys to the White House.

Meanwhile, as if Trump was not causing enough trouble for the GOP, the party has to deal with a chronic problem within its own conservative ranks that cost it the last presidential election.

For some reason, many Republicans and conservatives have become their own worst enemies. If they don't agree with 100 percent of everything a primary candidate says or does, they call him or her a "Republican in name only" and they're against them. It's gotten totally nuts and self-defeating. As a party we laud Jeb for his many successes as a conservative governor of Florida. But because he's in favor of Common Core or immigration reform, some conservatives declare him a RINO unfit to be president.

It's the same with John Kasich. Conservatives love him because he brought us a balanced budget in Washington as a congressman and then went on to turn Ohio around as governor. But because recently he accepted federal Medicaid money for Ohio, some conservatives don't think he should be president. He's a RINO.

To make matters worse, if their favorite in the primary doesn't win, many conservative Republicans won't show up in the general election to vote for president. Ask Mitt Romney how that works out.

Conservatives love to drop my father's name and try to find candidates that act and think like he did. But they forget that Ronald Reagan was an 80-20 guy. He was happy to agree with 80 percent of a Republican candidate's views because he knew that he'd never find someone with whom he agreed 100 percent.

He didn't make the perfect conservative the enemy of the good conservative. And he always, always supported the final choice of the Republican Party — even after they beat him in the primary.

Finally, may I remind everyone that as governor, Ronald Reagan, the great conservative, raised taxes and signed an abortion bill. That would disqualify him as a RINO by today's standards. Yet he was the best president in our lifetime.

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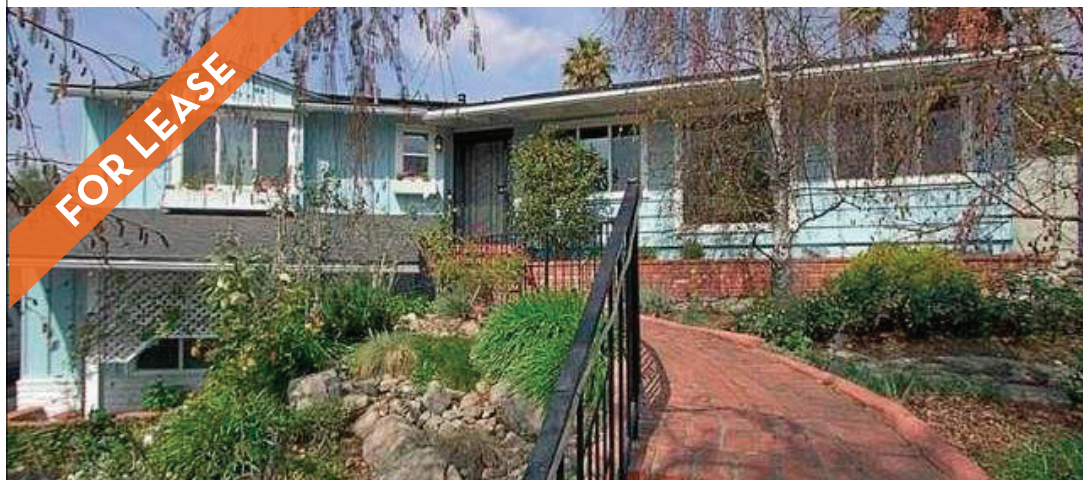
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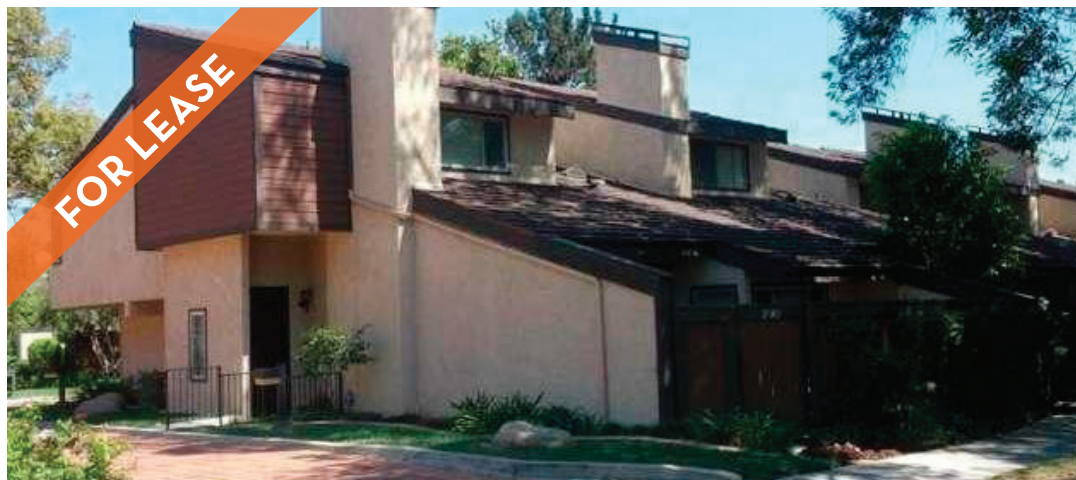


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