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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 15-03 (MCTA 15-03)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of a text amendment to Chapter 17.22 of the Municipal Code to remove the minimum allowable floor area of second units, and reduce the maximum height of single-story detached second units. The amendment also adds a side yard setback requirement for the secondary frontage of reverse corner lots, removes the requirement that new second units are only allowed on those residential lots that conform with all existing R-1 Zoning standards, removes the limitation on minimum unit size, reduces the allowable height for one-story units, adds the requirement of a conditional use permit for a new second story unit, and adds a health and safety inspection requirement for the conversion of existing structures to second units. The purpose of the proposed revisions is 1) to further an objective of the City's 2014-2021 Housing Element to encourage and facilitate the production of second units in order to meet the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation, and 2) to protect the health and welfare of the City's residents. Following a Planning Commission recommendation for approval, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2015
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An Initial Study was prepared for the 2008-2014 Housing Element in accordance with the City's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the measures identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City's RHNA allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff concluded that they will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration was adopted by City Council on June 11, 2013. The project also qualifies for a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), in that the City can say with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because adding the regulatory requirement of a conditional use permit in order to build a second story unit is not likely to result in additional construction beyond that already permissible.

APPEAL: A decision by the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

Creative Arts Group PRESENTS

The 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival

SEPTEMBER 19th - OCTOBER 31st IN SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre's 4th annual Scarecrow Festival kicks off October 2nd with scarecrows appearing throughout town through the end of October.

Tour all of the scarecrows on display, and then vote for your favorite.

Awards will be given in several categories including Best Representation of a Business, Church, Service Organization or Government Office; Best Scarecrow Story, Most Humorous, Scariest, Most Clever etc. in child and adult categories.

Maps will be available at Creative Arts Group as well as at participating businesses throughout Sierra Madre Or you can register for a free shuttle tour of the residential scarecrows on October 10th at www.creativeartsgroup.org/scarecrow-festival/

Awards ceremony will take place Friday, October 16th at 7 pm at Creative Arts, located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave.

OUT OF CONTROL TRUCK CRASHES INTO BANK OF AMERICA



Onlookers assess the damage. Photo and Story by Susan Henderson

GUESS WHO?



Yes, that is Will Farrell and Amy Poehler taking a break from filming at Yogurt and More in Sierra Madre. The celebs were in town to working on the film, The House, Photo by Dave Felt

On Friday morning, before the much noticed guard who stands in front of Bank of America came to work, an unidentified man, not shown in this picture) lost control of his vehicle. With his truck facing BOA, the driver of the pickup attempted to exit the parking lot of Fiesta Taco on the north side of Sunnyside when the truck malfunctioned.

According to SMPD Detective Kam Kamchamnan, the man, in his 50' and not pictured above, got out of his stalled vehicle in an attempt to quickly check under the hood. However, when he did so, he was unaware that his brakes were not engaged and the car slowly drifted across Sierra Madre Blvd., jumped the curb and landed in the front window of BOA.

Miraculously the vehicle crossed Sierra Madre Blvd., without running into oncoming traffic. The driver had a few minor scrapes and was not transported to the hospital.

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Look for our Kiwanis sponsored events throughout the year! Together we make a difference.

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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, September 22, 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 22, 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

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

Wednesday, September 16th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 17th, 2015, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, September 21st, 2015, 6:30 pm
Community Services Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015, 6:30 pm
City Council Meeting

City Hall Hours - Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm
Planning & Community Preservation and Public Works Service Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 2:00pm
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SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY EVENTS

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB
Read, discuss and enjoy, *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd, on Thursday, September 17, 11:00 am.

TEEN BOOK CLUB
Grades 7-12 are invited to join the Teen Book Club Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 pm, starting September 16. Book Club enjoys free books, snacks, and games while meeting other students, sharing ideas, and making friends.

BARKS AND BOOKS
Children are invited to read to gentle Apple the Chihuahua on September 10 from 3:30-4:30 pm.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Join children, parents, and caregivers for stories, songs, puppets, and crafts on Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

BABY RHYME TIME
Designed just for babies and their caregiver, this fun program introduces children to songs and stories. Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE SPECIAL MEETING
The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

LIBRARY SERVICES PROPOSAL COMMITTEE
The City Council created a committee to explore contracting out library services in light of the decrease in revenue due to the sun-setting of the UUT. The next meeting is September 15 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

NEW LIBRARY CATALOG AND LIBRARY OPERATING SYSTEM
The Library launched a new catalog on August 18. 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.



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"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@mtnewsnews.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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

FREE EVENT

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

*Note: Alegria Ave will be fully decorated on the 31st

3:30 - 5:00 PM TRICK-OR-TREATING DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE	4:00 - 5:00 PM COSTUME CONTEST SIGN-UP KERSTING COURT	5:00 PM COSTUME PARADE BEGINS KERSTING COURT	5:30 PM COSTUME CONTEST MEMORIAL PARK
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Costume Contest Information

A waiver must be filled out in Kersting Court for all contestants
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Prizes will be given to the top 3 contestants in each category
CONTEST STARTS 5:30 SHARP!

Costume Contest Categories

Group/Family/Pairing (all ages)**

Infant - 2 years old
3 - 4 years old
5 - 7 years old
8 - 12 years old
** Must include at least 1 youth under 17

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS EVENT MAP

Trick-Or-Treating Businesses
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Parade Route

Costume Contest Check-in

Costume Contest

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, September 6th, to Sunday, September 13th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 250 calls for service.

Tuesday, September 8th

At 7:30 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 500 Block of West Sierra Madre Blvd regarding a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, the victim informed Officers that the night before at around 9 pm, he parked and secured his vehicle on the street in front of his residence. The following morning he came out to discover his vehicle was missing. The man was in possession of all keys to the vehicle, and reported that there was no broken glass in the area that he last left his car. The vehicle was described as a blue, four-door Honda Civic with a silver metal patch on the front right bumper. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Wednesday, September 9th

At 8:31 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 90 Block of West Bonita Avenue regarding a possible prowler. The victim stated that 20 minutes prior, she and her young son were in her bedroom when they heard noises outside her window. The victim's son got on the floor and looked under the windows blinds and reported seeing someone. He stated that as soon as he looked outside, the pant legs moved back from the window and headed toward the front of the house. Officers walked the perimeter of the home and were unable to locate any further evidence. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Thursday, September 10th

At 4:32 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 300 Block of 300 Ramona Avenue regarding a residential burglary. Upon arrival, the victims informed Officers that they left the home at around 6:30 am, locking and securing windows and doors. When they arrived home at around 4:10, they noticed a bedroom light was on. When they went to investigate, they discovered the sliding glass door was smashed and the dresser and drawers had been rummaged through, as well as the master bedroom. The estimated value of stolen property was set at \$500. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Friday, September 11th

At 9:83 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby to take a report regarding a theft. Officers were informed by the victim that the day before at around 11 am, she parked her vehicle in her garage on the 30 block of West Montecito Avenue. The victim stated she left her garage door open and her car unlocked overnight, and the next morning she discovered it had been rummaged through and her GPS and her vehicle registration were missing. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

At 2:44 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby to take a report regarding a vandalism report. The victim informed Officers that the apartment complex at the 100 Block of Suffolk Avenue was vandalized when someone damaged the mailboxes. He stated he was informed by the maintenance employee and when he arrived he saw several mailboxes bent, damaged and open with the locking mechanisms on the floor below. The residents of the tampered boxes did not report anything stolen or missing. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Respect for self, Respect for others, Respect for the world."
Gooden School Motto

One of our favorite places to walk in Sierra Madre is anywhere near Ascension Church and the Gooden School. We have enjoyed exceptionally nice moments there; i.e., the wine and cheese and Chamber Orchestra afternoon a while back; meeting with the fourth graders who were in charge of the garden a couple of years ago, admiring their cold frame boxes filled with Italian eggplant and fabulous tomatoes. There was yellow squash, watermelons still on the vine, and a pomegranate tree, with a good dozen pomegranates hanging from the branches.

When good friend Sharon Pevsner invited us to come to the Dedication of The Kelly Watson Reading Garden and Blessing of the Renewed Classrooms there last Sunday we were thrilled. What a lovely event this was, with Rev. Michael Bamberger (Rector of Church of the Ascension), Rev. Michael Cooper (Chaplain, The Gooden School) and Thomas, a very serious young altar boy and holy water bearer, blessing the classrooms which are home to Kindergarteners through third graders. Ribbons were cut by Emma and Natalie Watson, daughters of Kelly and Alan Watson, opening the new Reading Garden and refurbished rooms. The classrooms were gloriously cool, bright and friendly with windows overlooking flowers and trees. Can't you just see these little people learning wonderful things... like reading!

The Reading Garden is right outside these new rooms and is a spot tailor-made for a peaceful moment or two with a good book. Kelly Watson, as it says on our program, was "throughout her entire life, a passionate reader. She enjoyed not only the intellectual stimulation of a good book, but the respite it could provide from an otherwise hectic life. This new reading garden honors her well-lived life, and is dedicated to provide to everyone in this community a chance to have a moment, however brief, of breathing space..." Kelly Watson left her family, this community and the Gooden School, which she loved, in 2014. "Kelly always believed that even serious things, like dealing with cancer, are better with a dose of humor and moments to reflect." There are benches painted bright blue, covered with whimsical animals, birds, bees, fish, sea horses – radiating pure joy, right in front of the garden. Kelly was my youngest daughter's age.

And, speaking of our daughter, Crissy, our Texas girl, she did her Kindergarten there at Ascension School, when Kindergarten was in the house next door to the church, or maybe a house away, starting in 1974. Her teacher, Mrs. Deuchers (spelled wrong, I'm sure) was a wonderful woman and my best friend, Jeannette Crocker, was the Kindergarten chef, creating a delicious meal for these little people every day. All of our encounters with Ascension and the Gooden School have been covered with, wrapped 'round with kindness. Crissy had run across the street on July 19th of 1974 and very nearly stepped into heaven after a car hit her, spending ten days in a coma at Arcadia Methodist. Our own George Maurer, a paramedic at that time, and another dear man, scooped our little girl up off the street and transported her to the hospital. She celebrated her birthday there, we watched Richard Nixon resign the Presidency there, and she spent most of August learning to walk, slowly, haltingly again. We decided, John and I, that she had to go to Kindergarten, even though she was still so broken. Mrs. Deuchers and all the children in her very small class, were kind to her. She spent her first semester just sitting and watching, but kindness and love covered her. She was included, although she was unable to do much of anything. By the second semester, she was doing better and she finished Kindergarten in style, just like everyone else. I am filled, as I write these words, with gratitude; first for the fact that God preserved her life, and secondly for the Ascension School Kindergarten, where she was covered in, protected



by, and wrapped 'round in kindness. If you have a moment to stop by Ascension and the Kelly Watson Reading Garden, do it. Sit on the blue bench, take a breath, and let your heart fill with gratitude. You'll be glad you did.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR YWCA PASADENA 2015 FALL PROGRAMS

On September 28th, a new session of YWCA programming will begin. The YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley will be offering 4 programs at its offices: TechGyrls, Express Yourself, Adult Computer Class, and iPad class. They will all be based at the YWCA Pasadena offices, located at 1015 N. Lake Ave., Suite 205, Pasadena, CA 91104. These 4 programs aim to empower community members of all ages to pursue their goals, realize their creativity, and learn new skills.

TechGYRLS is part of the YWCA's free Girls' Empowerment programming and is designed to introduce the cutting edge technology and techniques to girls ages 10-17, while fostering a love of the STEM disciplines. The YWCA will provide a comfortable, and supportive environment where girls will be able to feel comfortable taking risks and opening up to new learning opportunities. Participants will be able to engage in hands-on activities including designing and printing 3D objects with a FlashForge 3D printer, editing photos and learning graphic design, and exploring science through fun and interactive experiments. The program runs for ten weeks Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM beginning September 29th.

Express Yourself! is the second part of the YWCA's free Girl's Empowerment programming. This program is designed to allow girls to be creative and express themselves through a variety of media. The YWCA will support and guide girls through hands-on creative activities such as writing creative fiction and non-fiction, documenting local events and history, photographing their world, and creating mixed media masterpieces. The YWCA will also be partnering with the Art Center College of Design to integrate the most up-to-date techniques and styles into the Express Yourself! curriculum through their facilitation of one class a week. The program runs for ten weeks Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM beginning September 28th.

Adult Computer Class will also be continuing this Fall. This class is designed for the un- and underemployed to learn computer skills that will allow them to compete in an ever increasingly technology driven workforce. Participants will learn the basics of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), online job searches and safety, and Windows 10. Adult Computer Class is open to all adults in the Pasadena community. The class is free to register, however, the YWCA encourages participants to acquire the class workbook at a suggested \$5 donation. The program runs for 10 weeks. Participants attend once a week Mondays OR Wednesdays 9:00AM to 11:00 pm.

The YWCA's iPad Basics course will also be held at the YWCA Pasadena offices. This class designed for adults who wish to understand how to use this amazing tool in their daily lives. The covers the basics of iPad navigation, email/online communications, internet browser use, and Google Maps. The YWCA will provide iPads for each participant for in-class instruction, however, participants may bring their own. The program runs for 4 weeks, once-a-week, on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 pm starting September 29th.

Participants may enroll in our Youth Girls' Empowerment Programs at any time by submitting our registration form which can be obtained at this website <http://goo.gl/RpgDR3> or by visiting the YWCA offices Monday through Friday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Participants may arrive at any time after 3:00 PM, the YWCA will also be picking up participants from area schools. Adult Participants may enroll by calling 626-296-8433 or visiting the YWCA offices to obtain the enrollment form at 1015 N. Lake Ave.

Please contact the YWCA at 626-296-8433 for more information.

ENTERTAINING A GUEST FROM WISCONSIN

By Joan Schmidt

About a month ago, my husband Bob received a call from his late cousin Dave's widow, Phyllis (From Wisconsin) that she booked a flight to Los Angeles and would be here seven days. (Not including traveling days.) I never met her and my husband Bob only a couple times before moving out of state. He did see her last year for an hour when he went back for his high school reunion and picked up some family history research. Bob said she used a cane.

So Disneyland, etc. was out of the question. First I went to wheelofortune.com and learned you can reserve up to four seats to see the show taped. (Also true of Jeopardy)

There are lots of great local museums. El Monte has nearby parking and isn't too large for physically impaired. Phyllis enjoyed all the cubicles with rooms/stores set up, the Gay Lion Farm Display, the Royals Royce and so many memorabilia display cases as well as the tribute to both the Police and Fire Departments.

I need to put to plug in for the Homestead Museum to learn and experience History. That great Beyond the Graves Tour, Ticket to the Twenties, and All



Phyllis with Gary Stevens

About Cowboys free programs are coming up. (Visit homesteadmuseum.org.)

Of course both the Monrovia Historical Museum and Arcadia's Gilb Museum have so much history and many interesting displays-they also have great parking, are free and fun to visit.

Speaking of Arcadia, we arose early one morning and went to Clocker's Corner to see American Pharoah work out. Coffee and a delicious breakfast are available, and the San Gabriel Mountains offer a gorgeous backdrop. We saw Fernando Perez, Felipe Valdez, Tiago Periera with his dog in tow, and Gary Stevens who graciously posed with Phyllis.

Our last day was a drive to Carpinteria CITY Beach. It has free parking and picnic tables. The quaint town has plenty of eateries, neat stores and even a museum.

Phyllis got a little peek of life in Southern California. She loved the excursions, but the heat was too much! After all, she's from Wisconsin!

PASADENA BUSINESSMAN TO BE HONORED BY FIREFIGHTERS

On Sept. 17, representatives from the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, an organization begun in memory of a fallen 9/11 firefighter, will pay a special visit to Gregory Felikian, Felikian's Carpet One, Pasadena, to personally thank him for his company's generous support of the Foundation's Building for America's Bravest (BFAB) program.

The BFAB program builds high-tech "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured.

Carpet One Floor & Home, and its manufacturing partner Mohawk, have committed to providing flooring materials and installation for 460 of these "smart homes." Each store's customers are invited to share information about the program with others and make a personal contribution at the store site. The goal is to collect a donation of \$10— or more — from each customer, to ultimately enable the building of two more "smart homes." (www.carpetone.com/our-bravest).

In recognition of that support, members of the Fire Department of New York City (FDNY) — acting on their own initiative, as ambassadors of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation — will present a specially-designed shadowbox containing hallowed 9/11 steel from Ground Zero to Gregory Felikian. The presentation will be at 11 a.m. on Sept. 17.

"We are truly humbled and honored that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and members of the



FDNY — who were actually at Ground Zero on 9/11 and during its aftermath — are travelling all the way from their home base to visit us and express their gratitude to us," Felikian said.

"In fact, we are the ones who are thankful to them for their dedication and service. That is why we are so thrilled to be part of this impactful program that helps military heroes who have sustained the most devastating injuries."

Felikian's Carpet One is a locally owned flooring retailer serving the San Gabriel Valley and surrounding areas. It is part of North America's leading floor covering co-op.

The showroom is known for carrying a broad selection of beautiful carpet, wood, laminate, ceramic, vinyl and area rugs, including exclusive brands like Bigelow and Lees.

They offer a unique customer experience with the exclusive SelectAFloor merchandising system that simplifies the shopping experience and The Beautiful Guarantee, that guarantees customers will be 100 percent happy with their floors. Felikian's Carpet One is also the home of the exclusive Healthier Living Installation system. For more information, visit www.felikiancarpet.com. The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation was named in honor of FDNY 9/11 fallen firefighter Stephen Siller and is best known for its annual Tunnel to Towers Run at Ground Zero in New York City. The organization is committed to building specially-adapted "smart homes" for the most seriously wounded U.S. service personnel. For more information, go to www.Tunnel2Towers.org.

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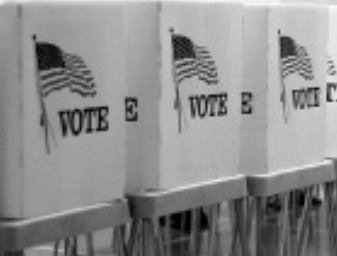
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National Voter Registration Day Tuesday



Pasadena residents can register to vote or update their voter registration information during National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday. Volunteers will be available at six locations throughout the City from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help residents complete the forms:

Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

Victory Park Recreation Center, 2575 Paloma St.

Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.

Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St.

La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

“National Voter Registration Day is a great way to raise awareness about local registration opportunities,” said Pasadena City Clerk Mark Jomsky. “We encourage eligible residents to take a few moments to stop by to ensure their voice is heard on Election Day.”

The event is organized by the Pasadena City Clerk’s Office in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Pasadena Chapter of the League of Women Voters. For more information, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/CityClerk.

Pet of the Week

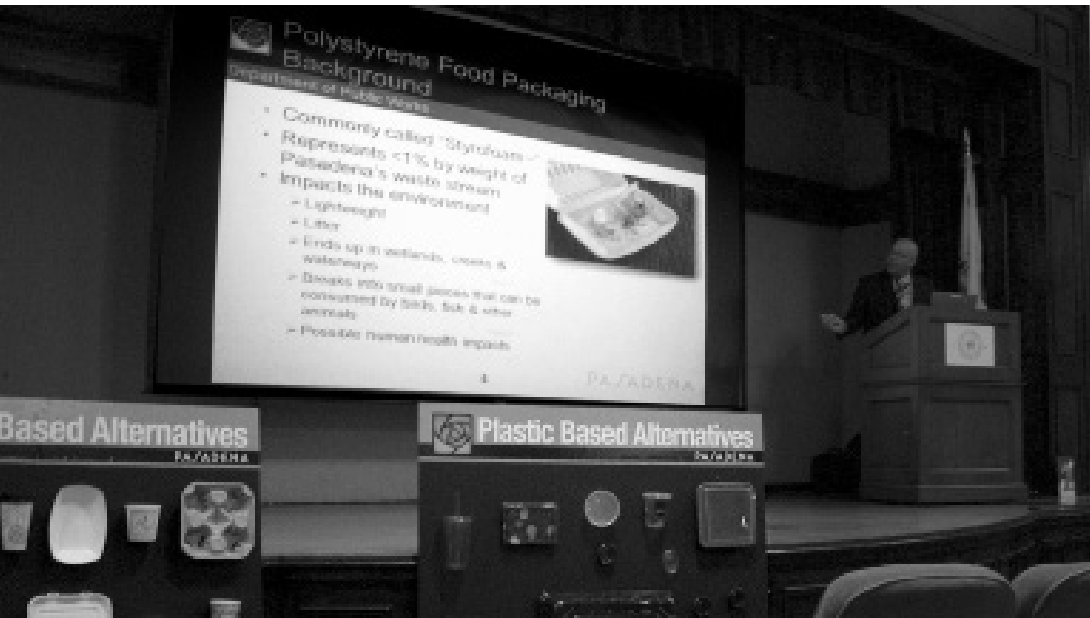


Rock (A384583) is a three-year-old, neutered male, gray and white Pit Bull Terrier. Rock is a big ol’ sweet boy! He walks well on leash and loves going for walks. He enjoys meeting people and has been very friendly with everyone he has met, including kids. He is gentle and affectionate, and loves getting belly rubs! Rock still has some puppy energy, so he would do well in a home that can provide him lots of exercise. Rock also knows his “sit” and “down” commands. Rock weighs 75 lbs.

The regular dog adoption fee is \$125 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information 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 Officials Looks at Polystyrene Ban

By Dean Lee

Temper ran high during a meeting Thursday morning as city officials, residents and food industry representatives discussed banning polystyrene food containers used in Pasadena.

Department of Public Works Management Analyst Gabriel Silva outlined the steep costs they are taking towards a ban.

“First we would review other California polystyrene food packaging ban form other jurisdictions,” he explained. “We would explore alternatives to polystyrene food containers, as they apply to restaurants as takeout containers. We would organize a stakeholders working group made up of folks that have a stake in the use of polystyrene.

He said the group, which has met five to six times, is made up of community members, restaurants, businesses, the Pasadena Unified School District, the health department and hotels.

Silva said the two meetings Thursday, over polystyrene, were requested by the working group to get public feedback. Another similar meeting was held at night.

Of the 40 or so people, at the morning meeting, all of them were in favor of banning polystyrene from Pasadena. A number of industry representatives were not.

“We don’t support a polystyrene ban,” said Lorie Johnson a representative for the disposable plastics manufacturers. “Because until a composting and reuse

structure is in place, banning products, you just banning one product and replacing it with another product.”

Johnson said that any ban would do nothing to reduce litter. She also said restaurants would suffer.

“There is a backlash about higher price,” she said. “[When the public then asks] why am I paying eight to 10 cents more? We would rather see the infrastructure put in place... before anybody considers a ban.”

Members of the stakeholders working group, directed by the city council, said the city’s trash haulers were asked about alternative to polystyrene.

“The mixed paper, actually, has a tremendous market value after the fact,” one of the members said in response to one product replacing another. “They don’t have to rinse it like they do polystyrene so it doesn’t require a ton of water and they can grid it down and repurpose it.”

He then said Johnson and a handful of other plastics lobbyists, at the meeting, had devious motives for being there.

“I think it’s really important when you’re hearing all this stuff, the representatives from these industries groups, this is all they do go from city to city trying to oppose bans at the local and state level.” He said. “This is their financial interest to continue to use these products.”

Issues brought up included a lack of polystyrene recycling in Pasadena, compost hauling, cost to the PUSD (upwards of \$100,000 a year), takeout food

as a luxury, litter in the Arroyo (including Coastal Cleanup Day held today), and city events.

Silva said polystyrene food containers are part of the city’s Zero Waste Plan and would go to the city council for possible implementation by the end of the year.

PCC Hosts Young African American Males' Conference

In collaboration with the Metropolitan Community Action Services Corporation, Pasadena City College is set to host the ninth annual Young African American Males’ Conference on Saturday, Sept. 26 on PCC’s campus.

Titled “Dare to be You,” the conference’s goal is to help young males between 12 and 25 develop an academic pathway to success and give them practical advice on how to make the right career and life choices through a series of empowering presentations and workshops.

K-Rahn Vallatine, a motivational speaker and author, will server as the keynote speaker. A former school teacher, Vallatine works with at-risk youth and helps educate service professionals on youth culture and how to effectively engage this population.

“Society’s unwarranted negative perception of young African-American males creates circumstances that threaten their positive development and their safety,” said Ibrahim Naem, member of the PCC President’s African American Advisory Committee and one of the event organizers. “Our task is to support these young men with guidance and encouragement toward constructive goals.”

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served during the conference, which runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will also have the chance to win valuable giveaways.

To register online, visit www.mcasc.us. For more information, call (626) 389-0420.

Free E-Waste Drop-Off Today

Supervisor Michael Antonovich and the County of Los Angeles, in partnership with Athens Services is hosting a Free E-Waste & Clothing Drop-Off Event.

Today from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Loma Alta Park there will be a free E-waste and clothing drop-off event. This event is at Loma Alta Park, in the upper parking lot, off Sunset Ridge Rd. They are offering drive through drop-off.

Electronics: Applies to consumer electronic equipment that is no longer wanted. Includes computers, printers, televisions, VCRs, cell phones, fax machines, stereos, electronic games and more.

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Pasadena Fire Department Appoints Two Deputy Chiefs

After an extensive nationwide search, Pasadena Fire Chief Bertral Washington Tuesday named Jon Trautwein as Deputy Chief of Operations and Eugene Campbell, Jr. as Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention and Administration.

According to Washington Chief Trautwein has served as the Department’s Acting Deputy Chief of Operations for the last 10 months and has over 21 years of firefighter experience with the Pasadena Fire Department. He has served in Operations, Emergency Medical Services and as a Training Battalion Chief; Fire Captain; Paramedic and Firefighter. His fire experience also includes Urban Search and Rescue, Strike Team Leader, and Hazardous Materials Fire Responder. Additionally, he holds State of California Chief and Fire Officer Certifications and is a member of the Departments Honor Guard program. He served four years as the Pasadena Fire Management Association President and seven years on the Pasadena Firefighters Association Board.

Washington said Eugene Campbell, Jr. will serve as



Chief Jon Trautwein

Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention and Administration. With 23 years of firefighter experience, Campbell has served in the cities of Dallas (TX) and Las Vegas (NV) as Acting Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Investigator, Bomb Technician, Hazardous Materials Technician, Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter. His fire experience also includes community risk reduction, training and homeland security. Campbell served in law enforcement as the Director of Safety and Security for Plainfield (NJ) Public Schools, and Police Officer with the City of North Las Vegas Police Department and the United States Air Force. He completed the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program at the National Fire Academy; the Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD) from the Center for Public Safety Excellence; the Executive Leadership program at the Naval Post Graduate School; the Leadership program for Executives at the Kennedy School of Government, at Harvard University; and the Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute for Fire Service Leadership.



Chief Eugene Campbell

Free Upcoming Events at Pasadena Senior Center

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

You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

Stay Connected with Social Media – Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Sept. 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other forms of social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with an instructor. You’ll choose which applications you want to learn. Bring a laptop or use one of the onsite computers. If you have an email address, bring it and your password. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Any Questions? – Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Sept. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase.

Memories in the Making – Mondays through Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. This fun and engaging activity can turn into your new hobby! Memories in the Making is a program developed by the Alzheimer’s Association for people with early stage dementias so they can preserve distant memories and capture precious moments through art. Instead of teaching new concepts, this program focuses on skills that remain. No previous artistic experience is necessary. Reservations are required: 626-685-6733.

Parkinson’s Education Group – Tuesdays, Sept. 22 and 29, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This education and support class explores diagnosis, treatment, maintaining mobility and quality of life. Speakers will include speech, occupational, physical and speech therapists. Registration is encouraged but not required. 626-685-6730. Walk-ins are welcome.

Healthier Living – Thursdays,

through Oct. 8, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to live an overall healthy life and feel better about yourself during this six-week class designed by Stanford University and Kaiser Permanente. Explore common health concerns, such as fatigue, frustration, anxiety and depression, and learn how to set weekly goals, reduce stress, receive support, have fun and thrive! Reservations are required: 626-685-6730. Presented by Kaiser Permanente.

LA Opera: Moby Dick – Monday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. An LA Opera community educator will take participants through Jake Heggie’s modern classic Moby Dick. Based on the Herman Melville novel, whaling ship Captain Ahab’s relentlessly obsession with revenge against a rare white whale puts his crew in mortal danger.

Financial Planning for Long-term Care – Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. As we age, our day-to-day needs often increase and may be costly. Learn how to start planning for who will take care of you when you need it most, how to protect all you’ve worked for – your home, savings and legacy – and how to afford the kind of care you may need. Presented by Jennifer Change, New York Life.

Book Club at the Center – Friday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m. Read The Unexpected Mrs. Polifax by Dorothy Gilman and then join other members of the Senior Center Book Club for a discussion. Tired of her life as an elderly widow attending garden club meetings, Mrs. Polifax becomes a CIA agent and finds herself embroiled in a foreign land’s civil war. For more information call Judy Starlight at 626-685-6760.

Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent nonprofit agency that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and over in a friendly environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

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You can register now, on-line or in person! To download the registration form, go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

About the City of Arcadia

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

TRACK TO OFFER FREE GENERAL ADMISSION & PARKING ON WEEKDAYS & FREE INFIELD GENERAL ADMISSION & PARKING ON WEEKENDS



ARCADIA, Calif. (Sept. 16, 2015)—Santa Anita Park's 19-day Autumn Meet, which opens Saturday, Sept. 26, will offer fans world class racing and a variety of entertainment options at affordable prices. Additionally, the track, in an effort to thank some of its most loyal fans for decades of support, will offer free General Admission and parking on weekdays as well as free General Admission and parking in the Infield, via Gate 6, off of Colorado Place, on all weekends.

Opening day, which will be highlighted by five Breeders' Cup Challenge, "Win & You're In" prep stakes, will also feature a KROQ Beer Festival in Santa Anita's Infield Area and a "Win & You're In" Trackside Event on the Grandstand apron.

The KROQ Beer Festival will feature ice cold craft beers, food trucks and live music. Admission to the concert is free, or for just \$35, fans can purchase a KROQ Backstage ticket that includes the following:

- Two Drink Scrips (good for one drink each).
- Lunch Voucher redeemable at "Slamin Sliders" (includes two sliders and one side dish).
- Breeders' Cup World Championships Tote Bag.
- Access to KROQ Backstage Area with private amenities and wagering.
- One Racing Program.
- One Tip Sheet.

Santa Anita's "Win & You're In" Trackside Event, located on the Grandstand apron, offers fans great value for just \$20.00:

- Commemorative Triple Crown glass featuring American Pharoah.
- One Club House Admission.
- Your First Drink included.
- One Racing Program and Tip Sheet.
- Trackside (first come, first served) & Grandstand seating.

Santa Anita will once again offer fans the best

in College and NFL Football, with ready access to wagering on live and simulcast horse racing and affordable food and beverage service in the Bud Light Lounge, adjacent to Sirona's Bar on the main floor of the Grandstand. Purchased online for just \$20.00 (walk ups are \$25.00), the Bud Light Lounge offers fans 21 and over the following:

- An All-You-Can-Eat Buffet (served from 12 noon to 3 p.m.).
 - One General Admission.
 - One Racing Program.
 - Entry to the Bud Light Lounge.
 - Three Dollar Bud Lights, Budweiser and a Specialty Cocktail all day.
 - Your first Bud Light or Budweiser is included.
- Santa Anita's newest sports bar, The Gallop Out, remains a popular destination for both new and veteran players.
- The Gallop Out is accessible with \$10 Club House Admission.
 - First come, first served seating and stand-up bar featuring a private bar, private wagering and plenty of flat screen televisions. The Gallop Out affords attendees a panoramic third floor vantage point, overlooking the track's Club House turn. (Please note--On opening day only, The Gallop Out features a premium package that includes a luxurious buffet, Club House admission and a racing program for \$50).

Additionally, Santa Anita, for the first time ever, will present an Infield Farmers' Market on Sept. 26 & 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 18 and closing day, Oct. 25. Increasingly popular, these markets will offer fans fresh area produce and more.

First post time for an 11-race card on opening day is at 12:30 p.m. First post time for the remainder of the meet will be at 1 p.m. For more information on additional events and promotions, please visit santaanita.com or call (626) 574-RACE.

ADVISORY: REP. CHU AND CITY OF ARCADIA TO DISCUSS ARCADIA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO WITH LOCAL LEADERS

Arcadia, CA – On Monday, September 21st, Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27) and the City of Arcadia will hold a joint press conference with local leaders to discuss the First Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo in Arcadia.

The press conference will take place on September 21, 2015, in advance of the Expo which is on Sunday, September 27th at the City of Arcadia Community Center. The Expo will focus on three disaster areas: Prepare, Survive, Recover.

~~~~~For Planning Purposes~~~~~

Who

Congresswoman Judy Chu | Assemblymember Ed Chau  
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Arcadia Unified School District Superintendent David Vannasdal

What

Discussion of the City of Arcadia's First Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo

Where

Community Room, Arcadia Police Department  
250 W. Huntington Drive  
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When

Monday, September 21, 2015

11:00 AM – 12:00PM

\*\*\*Rep.Chu, Mayor Kovacic, Assemblymember Chau, and Superintendent Vannasdal will give remarks at 11:00AM\*\*\*

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 12th, through Saturday, April 18th, the Police Department responded to 1,192 calls for service of which 132 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### Sunday, April 12:

1. Just before 11:19 a.m., officers conducted an area check near the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in search of a subject wanted for theft from LensCrafters. Officers located the subject and an investigation revealed he had five pairs of sunglasses totaling \$1,030.00, a glass smoking pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine, and an outstanding felony warrant from Texas. The 41-year-old black male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 3:05 p.m., an officer responded to the lobby of Monrovia Police Department, 140 East Lime Avenue, regarding an incident of domestic violence that occurred within the City of Arcadia. The victim stated her boyfriend grabbed her by the neck and threw her against a sofa during an altercation. On Monday, April 13, officers located the suspect. The 22-year-old white male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, April 13:

3. At about 6:57 a.m., an officer responded to the 11900 block of Goldring Road regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim stated his amplifier was stolen from his Nissan Xterra sometime during the previous night. It is unknown how the suspect entered the locked vehicle. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

4. At approximately 1:33 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle stolen out of the City of Inglewood. Additional officers arrived and the 50-year-old Asian male was arrested without incident. The suspect was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Tuesday, April 14:

5. Around 9:35 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a bicyclist in the 400 block of East Huntington Drive for riding on the sidewalk. Upon contacting the rider, he admitted to having burglary tools and hypodermic needles used to ingest methamphetamine. The subject also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 40-year-old white male suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail.

6. Just after 10:30 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret in the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The manager of the store discovered approximately 50 items of merchandise were taken sometime during the day. The investigation is ongoing.

### Wednesday, April 15:

7. Shortly after 2:11 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Duarte Road and El Monte Avenue due to a witness stating the vehicle fled the scene of a traffic collision. The officer contacted the driver of the hit and run vehicle and detected a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. A series of tests indicated the 32-year-old male of unknown race was under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was arrested

and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim of the hit and run collision did not require medical attention.

8. At about 5:22 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Monte Verde Drive regarding an attempted burglary report. The victim noticed a rear window screen had been bent sometime between 2:35 p.m. and 5:22 p.m. on this date. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Thursday, April 16:

9. At approximately 9:30 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1800 block of Alta Oaks Avenue regarding a theft report. The officer determined an unknown suspect stole the victim's tax forms from her front porch. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

10. Around 6:43 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Duarte Road and Sixth Avenue for expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer learned the 29-year-old Hispanic female was uninsured and had an expired license. She was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was left legally parked.

### Friday, April 17:

11. Just after 10:09 a.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect deposited the victim's check after changing the payee's name. The altered check was payable to "Eric Steve-Lee Hauck." The investigation is ongoing.

12. At about 4:40 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of Hacienda Drive regarding a battery that had just occurred. The 12-year-old victim stated the suspect was yelling derogatory comments at him from a vehicle. The victim ran toward his residence and the suspect parked, exited the vehicle, tackled the victim, and punched him in the face. The victim did not require medical attention. A witness and the victim reported the suspect as a teenage Asian male who was an occupant of a newer model, white Scion XB.

### Saturday, April 18:

13. Just after 2:22 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the 11600 block of Clark Street for expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol. A series of tests indicated the 29-year-old Hispanic male was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and his blood alcohol content was greater than 0.08%. An inventory search of the vehicle revealed he was in possession of 56 grams of suspected cocaine, nearly 200 prescription pills, a digital scale with white residue, and more than \$1,200.00 in cash. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. At approximately 6:48 p.m., officers responded to 99 Ranch Market, 1300 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated she and her son were seated in their car when an unknown suspect opened the front passenger side door and took the victim's purse from the front seat. The victim witnessed the suspect flee in a black Range Rover. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, medium build, and clean shaven. The investigation is ongoing.



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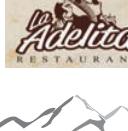
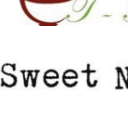
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## CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION ASSOCIATION (PHA) TO HOLD MONROVIA O2 BREATHE WALK AT LIBRARY PARK

*Walk will Raise Funds for Pulmonary Hypertension Services and Research*

Monrovia, Calif. (September 8, 2015) – The California Chapter of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA) will host the Inaugural Monrovia O2 breathe Walk in Monrovia on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. PT at Library Park. The O2 breathe Walk is a powerful and inspiring fundraising campaign from PHA, which brings together families and communities to honor pulmonary hypertension patients and loved ones lost to the disease. The event also raises awareness of the importance of finding a cure for pulmonary hypertension and providing services for pulmonary hypertension patients. Pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare and debilitating lung disease in which high blood pressure in the arteries of the lungs affects the functioning of the heart and can lead to right heart failure.

The O2 breathe Walk is a family-friendly, non-competitive one to two-mile walk route and is accessible to all fitness levels. There is no minimum for fundraising, but participants who raise \$100 or more will receive an event t-shirt the day of the walk. Pulmonary hypertension survivors in attendance at all O2 breathe Walks are honored guests and will receive this item regardless of their fundraising level.

The Monrovia O2 breathe Walk will kick off with festivities and registration opening at 8:30 a.m. at Library Park and the walk will start at 10:00 a.m. Additional O2 breathe Walk event details include music, a team photo area, kid-friendly activities, a Survivor Lounge, and more.

To learn more about the Pulmonary Hypertension Association's California Chapter, visit [www.PHAssociation.org/California](http://www.PHAssociation.org/California).

About The Pulmonary Hypertension Association Headquartered in Silver Spring, Md., with a growing list of chapters across the country, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA) is the country's leading pulmonary hypertension organization. Its mission is to find ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension and provide hope for the community through support, education, research, advocacy and awareness. PHA does this by connecting and working together with the entire PH community of patients, families and medical professionals. PHA relies on donations to fund its many programs, including early diagnosis efforts, more than 245 support groups around the country and continuing education for medical professionals. For more information go to [PHAssociation.org](http://PHAssociation.org).

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STUDY SESSION SET FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 TO ADDRESS HISTORIC PRESERVATION / NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY WORK PLAN

During the past several months, the City has been engaged in an extensive initiative aimed at addressing historic preservation and neighborhood compatibility related issues in Monrovia. These efforts have included engaging the public in a broad based outreach effort to solicit feedback from the community on a variety of important development-related issues. The result was a substantial amount of feedback which provided essential information in identifying issues, potential policy changes, and alternatives.

Based on the feedback received during the public outreach phase of the overall study, the City Council adopted a Policy Direction Statement to guide the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and City staff in developing policies and regulations to address issues raised by the community regarding neighborhood compatibility and historic preservation.

As the overall assessment moves forward to the policy development phase, a Historic Preservation Commission study session has been scheduled to allow commission members and staff an opportunity to discuss the development and prioritization of work to be initiated next year. That meeting has been scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 23 at 5:30 p.m. Monrovia City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

Additional information regarding this matter can be found on the City's website at:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/communitydevelopment/webform/monrovia-neighborhood-study>

## MONROVIA RENEWAL AND PROPOSITION 218 WATER / SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH AND SEPTEMBER 29TH

As you may recall, the City is currently in the midst of coordinating a Proposition 218 Hearing, which is scheduled to take place on October 6, 2015. At that hearing, the City will consider proposed adjustments to our water and sewer rate structures that have been developed to address our current deferred maintenance related issues associated with our water system and sewer system. In addition, the City has developed a comprehensive multi-year capital improvement program called Monrovia Renewal, which seeks to repair our road infrastructure, sidewalk / curb / gutter infrastructure, water infrastructure, and sewer infrastructure over the next 3-5 years.

In an effort to provide additional background related to the Monrovia Renewal capital improvement initiative, along with detailed information on the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments, the City has coordinated two community meetings, which are set for the following dates / times: Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Library Community Room (321 S. Myrtle Avenue) Tuesday, September 29, 2015, from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (415 S. Ivy Avenue)

We hope that you will join us at either or both of these meetings.

## TREASURES TO BE FOUND AT UPCOMING COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The public is invited to a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 10th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive. Find a treasure at a bargain price and enjoy delicious refreshments while shopping!

Individuals interested in selling items at the Community Yard Sale may rent a space for \$15.00 and are required to set up at 7 a.m. in order to sell to the public by 8 a.m. Spaces will be assigned in order of registration received. Early registration is strongly recommended as spaces fill up quickly. For information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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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.*

**Grand Theft Auto/Grand Theft** September 10 at 9:50 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 300 block of Wildrose. A gardener working in the area left his keys in the ignition while he worked at a residence. He saw his vehicle being driven away and called the police. His vehicle was located in the 300 block of East Lime, but his gardening equipment was missing. The investigation is continuing.

**Petty Theft/Receiving Stolen Property** September 10 at 7:04 p.m., a petty theft was reported at a residence in the 700 block of West Duarte Road. The victim had returned home on September third and found her estranged husband's girlfriend, who was wearing the victim's watch on her wrist in the photo. The investigating officer telephoned the girlfriend, who said she received the watch as a gift. She claimed the watch was left on her front porch by an unknown person. The investigation is continuing.

**Shoplifting/Possession of Burglary Tools/Possession of Methamphetamine** – Suspects Arrested September 10 at 9:57 p.m., officers were dispatched to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a shoplifting incident in progress. Upon arrival, a female adult suspect was detained. She was found to be in possession of store merchandise that she had not paid for and a burglary tool. A male adult suspect had left before police arrived, but returned to the scene and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Both suspects were arrested for the appropriate charges and taken into custody.

**Domestic Violence** – Suspect Arrested September 11 at 1:07 a.m., officers were dispatched to a family disturbance call in the 100 block of South Encinitas. Upon arrival, officers discovered that an argument had occurred between a male and female who are in a dating relationship. The female slammed her bedroom door on the male's finger and caused a visible injury. The male subject declined medical treatment. The female was determined to be the dominant aggressor in the incident; she was arrested and taken into custody. She was housed pending her court appearance date.

**Grand Theft Auto** September 11 at 6:45 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 1700 block of Alamitas Avenue. A 1999, gold Chevy Silverado was stolen from in front of the victim's house. The investigation is continuing.

**Driving Under the Influence** – Suspect Arrested September 11 at 3:50 p.m., a caller reported a possible drunk driver in the area of Winding Oaks and Bradbury. An officer responded and stopped the vehicle at Lemon and Bradbury. After investigation, the driver was determined to be intoxicated and was arrested and taken into custody.

**Injury Traffic Collision** September 11 at 10:24 p.m., an injury traffic collision was reported at Mayflower and Huntington. Two vehicles were involved in a minor traffic collision, and one subject was taken to the hospital for a complaint of pain. It appears that one of the subjects ran a red light and collided with the other vehicle.

**Warrant** – Suspect Arrested September 12 at 2:45 a.m., a suspicious person was observed trying to hide behind a vehicle as a police unit was driving on patrol in the 100 block of Montana. The officer contacted the subject and found he had two outstanding warrants; he was arrested and taken into custody. He was later picked up by San Gabriel Police Department on the warrants.

**Driving Under the Influence** – Suspect Arrested September 12 at 4:32 a.m., an officer on patrol stopped a motorist for speeding in the 500 block of Sombbrero. He contacted the driver and, through investigation, determined he was intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and taken into custody.

**Possession of Stolen Property/Transporting Marijuana/Possession for Sales of a Controlled Substance/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia** – Suspect Arrested. September 12 at 5:29 p.m., officers on patrol stopped a motorist for a vehicle code violation at Primrose and Huntington. The subsequent investigation revealed the motorist was in possession of stolen property, illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested for the charges and taken into custody. The investigation is continuing.

**Driving Under the Influence** – Suspect Arrested September 12 at 8:16 p.m., a motorist was found stopped in the roadway and slumped over the steering wheel with the engine running. He was discovered to be severely intoxicated and was taken by ambulance to a hospital for medical clearance. After being cleared, he was taken back to the Monrovia jail for booking and held for sobering.

**Warrant** September 12 at 9:53 p.m., officers were dispatched to a park in the 300 block of Grand Avenue regarding a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival, the registered owner of the vehicle and his girlfriend were contacted standing near the park entrance. The female subject was discovered to have an outstanding warrant for her arrest. She was arrested per the authority of the warrant. Baldwin Park Police Officers responded and took custody of the suspect on their warrant.

**Public Intoxication/Medical Assist** September 13 at 12:38 a.m., officers found an intoxicated male subject lying flat on his back and unconscious in the parking lot across from the police station. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene to medically evaluate the subject. He was extremely intoxicated and had to be taken by ambulance to a hospital for treatment.

**Domestic Battery** – Suspect Arrested September 13 at 4:24 a.m., Arcadia police officers detained two subjects that were involved in a domestic battery that occurred in Monrovia Police Department's jurisdiction. Monrovia police officers responded to the scene to investigate. The female had torn clothing and discoloration on her arm; her injury did not require medical treatment. The male subject was discovered to be the dominant aggressor and was arrested and taken into custody. He was held pending his court appearance.

**Violation of a Court Order** September 13 at 11:59 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 900 block of Valley View regarding a subject at the location who was violating a restraining order. The subject is a former tenant of the residence and was served with the restraining order on September 10, 2015. The subject was arrested for violating the restraining order and taken into custody at the residence without incident.

**Possession of Stolen Property** – Suspects Arrested September 14 at 3:49 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 500 block of Duarte Road when he heard keys rattling and saw two subjects trying to jump over a fence. The officer found the two subjects hiding behind a bush and detained them. A backpack was found next to the suspects, which contained stolen credit cards, driver's licenses and mail. The suspects were arrested for possession of stolen property and taken into custody. One of the suspects was found to be currently on parole. The investigation is continuing.

**Shoplifting** – Suspect Arrested September 14 at 2:38 p.m., and officer responded to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a shoplifter in custody. Store loss prevention observed two suspects leaving the store with merchandise they had not paid for and stopped them. The officer contacted the suspects and, after investigation, one subject was arrested and taken into custody.

**Public Intoxication** – Suspect Arrested September 14 at 3:01 p.m., police received several calls reporting a male subject acting suspicious and disturbing pedestrians in the area of Myrtle and Colorado. Officers conducted an area search and the subject was located in a business parking lot in the 100 block of West Foothill. After speaking with the subject, it was determined he was drunk in public and unable to care for himself. He was arrested, taken into custody, and held for a sobering period.

**Vehicle Burglary** September 14 at 4:06 p.m., officers responded to the report of a vehicle burglary in the 300 block of Genoa Street. The victim's vehicle had several windows broken out and property was stolen. The investigation is continuing.

**Hit & Run Traffic Collision** – Suspect Arrested September 14 at 10:05 p.m., a hit and run traffic collision was reported in the 200 block of Heliotrope. An officer responded to handle the investigation. The officer located a possible suspect and his vehicle in the 400 block of South Heliotrope. The suspect admitted to being involved in the traffic collision and leaving the scene. The suspect was arrested and received a citation to appear in court on hit and run charges.

**Vandalism** September 15 at 7:31 a.m., a vehicle vandalism was reported in the 300 block of West Chestnut Avenue. The victim reported that he had parked and locked his vehicle at the location and that one of the windows had been shattered over the past 10 hours. Nothing was missing from the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

**Vandalism** September 15 at 9:15 a.m., officers responded to the report of a vehicle vandalism in the 300 block of West Chestnut. The victim parked and locked the vehicle in the carport at the location. The victim returned to the vehicle to find one of the windows shattered. Nothing inside the vehicle was disturbed or missing. The investigation is continuing.

**Fraudulent Use of Access Card** September 15 at 11:55 a.m., a victim of fraud reported he lost his credit card at an auto dealership. The victim was notified by his credit card company that his card had been used twice at a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain in Monrovia. The card had been used to purchase tools, which were paid for at an automated teller. The investigation is continuing.

**Grand Theft/Stolen Bicycle** – Suspect Arrest September 15 at 4:42 p.m., a male suspect stole a bicycle that had been locked on the street at Myrtle and Evergreen. Officers responded while dispatch notified El Monte Police Department and the Foothill Air Support helicopter to assist in locating the suspect. Several minutes later El Monte Police Department advised they had located and detained the suspect and the bike. Monrovia officers arrived and arrested the suspect for grand theft and took him into custody.

**Public Intoxication** – Suspect Arrested September 15 at 10:30 p.m., an officer was driving in the 1300 block of South Magnolia when he saw a male subject who appeared to be intoxicated. The subject was lying on the ground next to his parked vehicle with the driver's door open. After contacting the subject, the officer determined he was too intoxicated to care for his own safety. The subject was arrested for public intoxication, taken into custody, and held for sobering.

## DUSD SUPERINTENDENT SHARES UPDATED VISION



Pictured from left, Duarte High Key Club Leadership team Vanessa Gonzalez, Rosanna Rico, Nico Delacruz, Camilla Carreon, Peter Vila, Dr. Mucerino and Duarte Kiwanis President, Mirna De Lira Lopez. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com)

Dr. Alan Mucerino has a great way of sharing the evolutionary change happening in education right now. Moving from the concept of No Child Left Behind to the concept of Common Core and Career Pathways is another shift along with shifting to local funding based on needs of the community. The newest educational developments are helping expand focus from just “content” – or “what” – to also the “how” and the “why” by connecting “what” is learned to “how” to apply it and “why” it’s important. He also shared the new type of testing and how teachers will now be able to review how individual students are comprehending new skills – and developing appropriate methods for those needs.

Dr. Mucerino was joined at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting by the new Leadership Team of the Duarte High Key Club. The Key Club has been instrumental within their Division with their fundraising efforts focused on Preventing Pediatric Trauma (PPT).



## SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

### PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES NO EVIDENCE OF ACTIVE FAULTS UNDER SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

PASADENA, CA – A preliminary report on tests to re-examine the age of the faults that pass under the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) San Rafael Elementary School indicate that there is no evidence of active faults. The full report is expected in late September or early October.

"The Board of Education will receive a briefing on the preliminary report at their September 24, 2015 meeting, however, no action on the site or the report findings is expected to be taken at this time," said Mercy Santoro, PUSD Associate Superintendent of School Support Services.

According to Santoro, in 2012 an extensive fault rupture investigation was conducted at the San Rafael School site in preparation for modernization projects under the Measure TT facilities bond. As part of the initial testing, what appeared to be four active earthquake faults were found on the school property, with an approximately 90 percent probability for each one existing and being active (exhibiting evidence of seismic activity at some point within the past 11,700 years). With this discovery, the Board of Education was provided information that the Division of State Architect would not allow or approve plans to move forward with any modernization or upgrades on any school facility that was within 50 feet of any earthquake faults. It is important to note that public school sites must meet Field Act standards which are more stringent for K-12 public schools than for any other buildings, including homes and businesses. Based on these findings, the Board moved to surplus the property. Subsequent to the Board's action to surplus the school site, additional information was provided that other testing methods, similar to those used by the City of Pasadena to evaluate possible faults near Fire Station 39, should be used. No faults were found near Fire Station 39 which is in close proximity to San Rafael Elementary.

In May 2015, the PUSD Board of Education approved testing to re-examine the seismic faults under San Rafael, acting upon the primary recommendation from the 7-11 Surplus Property Advisory Committee that was convened in 2014. The committee recognized the strong desire in the community to maintain a school on the San Rafael campus, and recommended the continuation of seismic investigation to determine if the identified faults or anomalies were active or not. To complete the validation of active faults on the school site, trenching was done on the campus during summer 2015.

The preliminary report issued by Earth Systems of Southern California Sept. 11 indicates active faults are not present within the depth and location explored at San Rafael Elementary School, stated Santoro. The potential for surface fault rupture at the site during the design life of the existing structures is considered to be very low. The effects of ground shaking in the event of a large earthquake or a nearby earthquake can be mitigated by proper engineering design and construction in conformance with current building codes and engineering practices.

"The district plans a school and community meeting in the next few weeks once the full report is available," said Santoro. "The report will be presented at the regular Board of Education meeting scheduled October 22, and formal action to remove the school site from the surplus list expected to be taken."

"This is obviously great news for the San Rafael School community," said Scott Phelps, the PUSD Board of Education member who represents the area. "It is the result of a strong, dedicated school community and effective leadership by district staff."

### PASADENA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PUMPS UP THE VOLUME IN SUPPORT OF MUSIC EDUCATION WITH TWO COMMUNITY EVENTS

PASADENA, CA – The Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) is gearing up for its second annual Rock 4 PEF community events to support music education programs in Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre public schools. Starting with the youth Battle of the Bands competition taking place at the beautiful Levitt Pavilion in Pasadena's Memorial Park on September 20, 2015, at 2 P.M. More than 50 local students, in 13 bands, will be competing for their chance to join America's Got Talent's Taylor Mathews, actor/musician Jacob Davich, and more at the Rock 4 PEF Benefit Concert on Sunday, October 4, at the Farnsworth Park Amphitheater in Altadena.

Battle of the Bands features 13 unique bands from more than 15 different schools. Musicians range in age from 7-18. The top five finalists are chosen by a combination of a community-wide online voting campaign and a special panel of online judges comprised of music industry professionals. Finalists will be announced by Wednesday, September 15.

Find out more about the Battle of the Bands contestants <http://rock4pef.com/meet-the-bands.html>

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### THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show THE TRANSPORTER REFUELED REVIEW

Every so often, franchises that had faded into obscurity in your mind seem to be brought back from the dead. Most of the time it seems like there is no good reason for it (do we really need a Ghostbusters remake with Melissa McCarthy?); however, there is the occasional remake that manages to surpass the original (the live-action Cinderella, for example). Can Luc Besson resurrect his action-thriller franchise or has it been in obscurity for too long?

Frank Martin (Ed Skrein) is a transporter: he takes important packages from one point to another without asking any questions. His packages usually consist of important letters, legal documents, and large sums of money; however, this all changes when four identical looking women lure him into a life and death game with Russian crime lord.

'Transporter Refueled' is laughably bad, it's that simple. The plot, which is extremely uninteresting, goes back and forth between either being shoved down your throat, with characters repeating plot points several times, or is just nonexistent at times. The dialogue is terrible and the actors' accents are so strong half the time you cannot understand what they are saying. The acting is stiff, the cinematography is bland, and, overall, this remake is not worth your time or money.



## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

THE MAGNIFICENT  
MIGRATING MONARCH

I have been seeing so many monarch butterflies flitting about in Sierra Madre recently. They seem to enjoy the flowers on the bougainvillea bushes growing along the fence in my back yard, and like a voyeur, I like to watch them through the window as they pass from one blossom to another before flying back up into the sky and on their merry way. They intently investigate each blossom on the bush with their bright orange wings striking a stark contrast against the green fauna. The way they fold their massive wings in and out with such grace somehow gives me a sense of peace.

Seeing so many monarch butterflies in such a short period of time reminds me of an experience I had several years ago while visiting the beach in Carpentaria. There was a huge colony of monarchs lingering in clusters, hanging onto the bark and leaves of a very dense and shady eucalyptus grove. That was the first time I had ever seen so many butterflies lurking together in one area at the same time. I had to blink and take a second look before I could be certain of what I was seeing. All those butterflies clinging in clusters to the trees created a surreal scene that, from a distance looked like a colorful work of moving art. And, I guess that is indeed what it was. God's art.

Until I got close enough to see that the brilliant orange menagerie was actually made up of thousands of live butterflies, it crossed my mind for a split second that perhaps someone had come along and spray-painted that entire grove of trees with some sort of sophisticated stencil. But, in reality I was looking at a vast population of magnificent migrating monarchs taking a break to rest and restore their energies before resuming a very long and treacherous journey from their original spring season home, to their final fall destination.

The monarch is the only butterfly in North America that is known to migrate north in the spring and south in the fall, much like various species of birds migrate semi-annually. I find it quite remarkable that such a small and delicate

creature could have the energy and tenacity to travel so far without losing its way or falling from the sky to its death before reaching the next resting spot. It is a phenomenon of nature that I find hard to wrap my mind around, and certainly one that is worthy of human attention and appreciation.

The Monarch butterfly migrates for 2 reasons. One, they cannot withstand the freezing weather in the northern and central continental climates during the winter months. And two, the larval food plants do not grow in their over-wintering nest sites, so the spring generation must fly back north to places where the plants are plentiful. The south-bound monarch migration usually starts in about October of each year, but can start earlier if the weather turns cold sooner than that.

When the weather changes again, and the temperatures in the south start to rise in the spring, the monarch knows that it is time to head back north, and off they go once again on that long journey to their next seasonal destination. This magnificent migration pattern explains the sudden appearance of the many monarch butterflies we have been seeing in Sierra Madre recently.

It blows my mind to think that those little winged wonders I have had the privilege of observing in my own back yard will soon be living in a place very far away from here, planning their next move to survive the winter months! Nature never ceases to amaze me, and it really brings things into perspective for me when I take the time to notice and appreciate all of its wonders.

## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

To spend the Fall with? Meet Aldo!

Aldo is a sweet senior boy, about 10 years old and weighs about 14 pounds. Aldo is a Pomeranian mix with a lovely soft red coat of medium length. If it weren't for his "frosted face" you would never guess that he is a senior.

When Aldo first arrived at the shelter, he had severely decayed teeth and was badly in need of dental care. Unfortunately, most of his teeth couldn't be saved, so they were pulled. He is still able to eat food that does not require a lot of chewing, and he is very good natured in spite of it.

Aldo has an easy-going personality and is friendly both with people and with other dogs he has met since being at the shelter. He has a bit of an independent personality, and likes to sniff and explore on his own. He is easy to harness and handle on the leash. He favors one of his front legs when he walks with a little hitch in his step, but it does not seem to bother him.

Aldo recently went to an off-site adoption event and behaved very well meeting new people and was featured at the Sierra Madre Kiwanis breakfast adoption event this weekend. He is a calm boy who just takes life as it comes. His kennel mate is another senior boy and the two of them get along well with each other.

Aldo is waiting for his forever family to find him and give him the peaceful, loving home he deserves for his senior years. Aldo is not a demanding dog, just wanting some gentle activity with his family, a shady yard to relax on a nice day, and a comfortable



bed to sleep in. Aldo might be just the companion you are looking for, so come in to meet him soon. Aldo qualifies for our 'Senior for Senior' adoption program.

Since he doesn't require a lot of exercise, he would make the perfect lap dog in a quiet environment. 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 Aldo or any of the other available

animals at the shelter, visit the [San Gabriel Valley Humane Society](http://www.sgvhumane.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](http://www.sgvhumane.org) for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

The Habit will open their newest restaurant in Alhambra at 100 Main Street on Saturday, September 27. Join us from 11:30 to 1:30 for lunch. All proceeds will benefit the shelter.

Readers are also invited to join the San Gabriel 'Strut Your Mutt' dog walking team and the 'Race for the Rescues' team to raise funds for shelter animals. The Walk is Saturday, October 10th at Exposition Park and the Race is Saturday, October 24th at the Rose Bowl. Go to the shelter's website at [sgvhumane.org](http://sgvhumane.org) for more information and how to sign up!



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## WHO HAS THE BEST FRENCH FRIES?

It's National Potato month and I wanted to share with you a brief history of our little friend. Plus, I will give you my annual report on where I think the best fries in town are.

Potatoes were first eaten some 6000 years ago in Peru, as far as the French Fries goes, there is an argument if it was invented in Belgium or France.

Today, French fries account for more than one-fourth of all potatoes sold in the U.S. market,

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

There are over six million pounds of potatoes are processed into frozen fries annually. Twenty-five percent of kids report eating French fries instead of vegetables, and the average American eats thirty pounds of the greasy things in a year. The potato has come from being reviled to being revered and is now the second most popular staple food in the world. So the next time someone says, "You want fries with that?", take a moment to remember the long, hard journey of the poor little spud. And answer, "Yes, thank you!"

*My go to places for the best French Fries in Town!*

(In no particular order. Side note they all use the Kenaback potato.)

Robins Wood Fire Grill 395 N. Rosemead Pasadena A+ Rounds Burgers on North Lake, they make them fresh in the Morning A- Islands on E. Foothill, baskets and baskets, B Tops on Allen and Walnut, a bit inconsistent, get them before 7 PM B



In N Out, that what a French fries is all about. B, eat them quick they get cold fast

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## LOCAL CHEFS JUDGE CULINARY CONTEST AT TASTE OF ARCADIA SEPT. 28

*First-ever People's Choice voting competition this year*

Three esteemed local chefs will be the judges of the Culinary Contest at Taste of Arcadia, and a new People's Choice competition will be added for the 1,500 attendees to cast their own votes during the event on ballots provided in gift bags. As always, winners selected by the judges will be announced near the end of the event, while People's Choice winners will be announced later that week.

This year's traditional outdoor event produced by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce is being held from 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Monday evening, Sept. 28, at the beautiful Los Angeles County Arboretum at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue in Arcadia, made possible by returning Gold sponsors Westfield Santa Anita, Methodist Hospital, and BMW of Monrovia.

The contest pits the 40 food and beverage vendors at the Taste against each other in five categories: Best Dessert; Best Savory Dish; Best Presentation; Most Innovative Dish; and Best of Show.

This year's chef judges:

Chef Bill Yee - President Le Cordon Bleu Alumni Association

Chef Bill Yee wears many hats, including President of the Le Cordon Bleu Alumni Association, Sous Chef at the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA, Owner and Executive Chef of L.A. Omelet Bar and Chefs A Team catering support service, Culinary Recruiter and Trainer for Culinary Staffing Service, Chef d'Omelette at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, and Artistic

Director of the Alhambra Performing Arts Center.

Chef Alexander Reyes - founder/owner Sauté Culinary Academy (150 E. Colorado Blvd, Monrovia Ca 91016; 626-429-2323)

As a graduate of the world famous Le Cordon Bleu, College of Culinary Arts, Chef Reyes has over 23 years of experience in the restaurant business as a Chef. Chef Reyes started Sauté Culinary Academy in the summer of 2012 and is passionate about teaching his students strong techniques and helping them visualize and manifest sound careers as future Chefs.

Chef Scott Storms - co-owner of Sauté Culinary Academy

Chef Storms has taught at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Five Keys Charter School, and is now co-owner of Sauté Culinary Academy, which offers attainable culinary education to San Gabriel Valley residents.

Advance tickets \$65 (\$55 for Arcadia Chamber of Commerce members; \$80 at gate; or VIP reserved table of 10 for \$750 - Chamber members \$599) under "Shop" at [www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org](http://www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org), by calling 626-447-2159, or in person at the Chamber office at 388 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

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## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: BEST SONGS OF THE WEEK

By Sean Kayden

Foals – “Give It All” – “What Went Down” marks the fourth records

Out Wandering on Hit City U.S.A. “No Justice” is a dreamy track balancing between the likes of melancholy and optimism. It gracefully embodies 70s soft rock as well as echoes with modern day indie rock. The way Ferraro’s songs are constructed seem as if there is an exact science to them. Along with the crisp and laidback beats, the dominant presence of Ferraro’s work on the piano as well as his powerful falsetto are on full display. Every echo, beat, and pulse is on cue perfectly. The smooth work conquers the soul with sentimental lyrics and beautifully arranged melodies.



from art-rock enthusiasts, Foals. “Give It All” is a dense song that builds layers upon layers as it progresses along. The slower tune is a part of moderately heavier rock album. This late release, which arrived in late August, is produced by band in much need of a break. While consistently delivering intense, praiseworthy records, it’s about time that the UK band sees further commercial success. Regardless if that comes into fruition stateside, Foals are a dynamic group with a unique blend of songs that push boundaries beyond the confines of indie rock. What Went Down is available now via Warner Music UK.

Astronauts, etc. – “No Justice” - The man behind the moniker Astronauts, etc. is Anthony Ferraro. After dropping out of University of California, Berkeley, due to arthritis his hands and unable to perform etudes or concertos at the level that was deemed necessary, Ferraro began to seek new avenues. It wasn’t too long afterward when he started recording music in his bedroom under the name Astronauts, etc. He broke out in 2012 with a couple of singles that led him to his first full-length record, Mind

Pure Bathing Culture – “Pray For Rain” – The shimmering 80s inspired tune is a gorgeous track from the sophomore release of the same name by Portland electronic-indie act, Pure Bathing Culture. Sarah Versprille’s lovely vocals fuel the song’s sparkling sublime pop resonance. The sharp up-tempo drum programming, glittery synths, and the chill guitars pulse with new urgency and rawness than ever before. The all-encompassing uplifting vibe mixed with gloomy lyricism provides an equal exchange of both hope and somberness. Album number two will be released via Partisan Records on October 23rd and if the remaining songs are equivalently as pleasant to the ears, a sophomore slump shouldn’t even be a concern to loyal fans.

## On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse

### POISED ON THE EDGE OF POSSIBILITY

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

I’m a lucky man. Not every man gets to fulfill his dream. Mine was to serve as an Artistic Director of a theater – and I’ve realized that ambition here at SMP. But in truth the title means little if you don’t have a supportive and dedicated team behind you and on that score I’ve truly been lucky. The SMP “staff” of Estelle Campbell as Managing Director and Ward Calaway as Operations Director, our team of Mary in the Box Office, Alison heading the Volunteer Guild, Jill leading our Social Media push, Daniel manning the website, Deb crafting our e-blasts, Phil doing our publicity, and Diane curating the lobby and planning our events have all been invaluable in moving the theater forward. The Board of Directors – Paul Van Dorp, Serge Varella, Louise Calaway (who also does our accounting), and Frank Zgonc have been staunch allies in our fulfilling the mission we set out when I was brought on as Artistic Director.

On Wednesday we officially launched our Advisory Council with a wonderful dinner which allowed us the opportunity to assess how we’ve grown and how much further we have to go to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves and to really become – as our Vision Statement says – “the cultural center of the SGV.” It was inspiring to assemble these 8 people for their first official meeting as a group and to realize how very successful they all are AND to know that they are planning on advising and helping us do the kind of development and strategic work that will enable us to manifest the dreams we have for the Playhouse.

The evening gave me a chance to do a “state of the state” talk and I was so pleased to realize how far we’ve come in so many of our strategic goals: we launched the Field Trip Series and in two years it has performed for over 4000 local students and teachers; we launched the Emerging Artists Series and our collaboration with the Colburn Conservatory has led

to more than two dozen concerts; we have created wonderful lobby exhibits and special events for every production; we now have regular talkbacks after the Sunday matinees; we’ve engaged with local businesses and civic leaders and have had sponsorship from them for every show we’ve done; we’ve established a social media presence; and, I get to speak to you through these columns every week.

And then there is the work we’ve been putting on the stage. I was delighted when I pulled together a list of the honors and awards we’ve earned over the last two years. Just this week Stage Scene LA announced its 2015 awards and SMP made a very good showing with 4000 Miles, Putting it Together and Always...Patsy Cline being named Outstanding productions in their respective categories. Many of the actors, directors, and designers from those shows were individually honored. Go to our website to see the complete list.

And then there is Always...Patsy Cline which continues its record-breaking run at SMP. This show is bringing in so many new friends and patrons – I had one woman at the matinee last week tell me she has lived in Sierra Madre for 24 years but Patsy was the first show she’d seen at the Playhouse – and now she regrets not coming sooner. Parisians don’t go to the Eiffel Tower!

I have so many other new initiatives in the offing – and I’ll tell you about them soon. We are without a doubt, poised on the edge of possibility. As for now, I’ll say again, I’m a very lucky man....

Patsy runs until October 18. 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.



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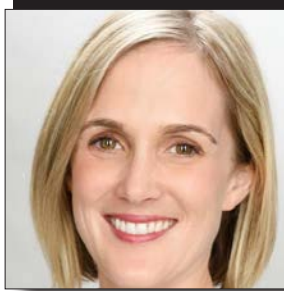


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## THE JOY OF YOGA BE HERE NOW

I cannot express enough gratitude for the feeling I have in the present moment. As a friend reminded me recently, all things

are manageable in the present moment. In the moment, I not only live life as its happening, but I'm experiencing it. There's no resistance from me, I just am where I am in total focus on what's in front of me.

If I'm in past, I can feel regret, guilt or nostalgia. In the future, and ooh baby, the fear can creep in over situations that have not even happened. It's in the those little gaps of awareness (or present-ness) that I lose my way. Mistakes happen and I miss moments that are important to me!

Yoga is the absolute perfect venue for practicing

this present moment awareness. Using the breath with deliberate movement, we almost instantly slip into the now. The mind settles and the process reduces our distractions. Granted, we may still be distracted, but our entire focus is being directed back to the here and now. Just directing our efforts can bring about an amazing result. This is another reason why yoga is so enjoyable. We practice heightened awareness, we practice consciousness, we practice being in the present moment. It's in this experience, we connect with our greatness and bigger Self. Our ability to appreciate the beauty and simplicity of the moment is strengthened.

Take a deep breath and enjoy this very moment. Look down at your feet and be where they are!

Namaste and Love,  
Keely Totten



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## 5 REASONS YOU NEED AN ALOE PLANT



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

Aloe succulent leaves store a gel-like juice with powerful protective and healing properties which have been recognized for many centuries. The only thing you need to do is break off a leaf, scrap out the gel and the aloe will do its magic all on its own.

- Aloe is anti-inflammatory and has a cooling effect so it works wonders on bug bites. You may want to break off a leaf and place it in your fridge for several minutes. The extra cold will enhance its cooling effect and help to reduce the itch.

- My favorite use of aloe is for burns. If you have never burned your hand cooking or suffered a sun burn you are lucky. Aloe not only soothes a burn but it also heals and moisturizes the skin. The only thing you need to do is open up a leaf and rub the inside over your skin to get instant relief.

- Aloe is great as a skin moisturizer as it hydrates and provides nutrients for the skin. It is full of vitamins C, E, and beta carotene which are all known to help prevent premature aging.

- Aloe is not only anti-inflammatory but it is also anti-microbial. These two properties make aloe a great choice to treat a wide range of skin problems such as eczema, rashes, psoriasis, and acne. It reduces inflammation, cools and moisturizes the skin all while promoting cell renewal

- Lastly is you have stretch marks either from weight gain or from pregnancy, applying aloe gel on a daily basis helps to reduce their visibility. Stretch marks are the result of minor tears that appear in the top layer of our skin. Aloe can help to heal those tears when applied early to stretch marks.

Aloe is so easy to grow... everyone should have a plant somewhere in their yard. It can even grow in a planter on a balcony.

# BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



## SAVING FOR COLLEGE: WHAT, WHY, WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW

If it's important to you that your children attend college, the time to start saving is now. The real question is where to place your savings.

If you start saving early in your child's life, you can afford to take a riskier approach in the early years. The closer you get to needing the money, however, the less acceptable risk becomes. For example, a sharp downturn in the stock market right when you need money can be devastating if your investments are in market-sensitive securities. Regardless of which savings vehicles you use, it's key that you stay connected to your investments. Handing them over to a financial advisor blindly is usually not in your best interest. Understanding and participating in your own investment decisions almost always makes more sense.

There are two main types of savings vehicles I recommend you consider: The "529 Plan" and the Wealth Creation Trust.

The 529 Plan is the most common way to save for college. This college savings opportunity is named for the section number of the Internal Revenue Service Code that provides for its use. Under a 529, taxes are not paid on the earnings if used for college, including tuition, books, and living expenses. If the money in a 529 Plan is not used for college, however, a 10% penalty is assessed on the earnings (though the principal may still be withdrawn tax free).

The Wealth Creation Trust on the other hand, does not offer any tax savings, but it does offer more flexibility. You can establish a Wealth Creation Trust for your child at an early age and then ask all of your family members to contribute to the trust for the benefit of your child at important events, birthdays and other rites of passage. The funds in the Trust are then held for the benefit of your child, who can eventually become a Trustee of the Trust and learn to manage the assets when she hits a level of maturity you determine to be appropriate.

Funds in a Wealth Creation Trust can be used

not only for education, but to start a business, travel the world, purchase a home, or for any other purpose you determine.

Sometimes when contemplating how to pay for college, parents are tempted to tap into money that has been set aside for other purposes--most notably, retirement. Using these funds, however, can affect a student's eligibility for various need-based tuition assistance programs. Retirement funds withdrawn to pay college expenses must be reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as additional income.

Consequently, the Expected Family Contribution derived from the FAFSA will be higher and will therefore reduce the possibility of financial assistance when using retirement funds.

Two bright spots in the challenge of paying college expenses are the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. These are tax credits that allow a student or her parents to reduce their tax liability dollar for dollar based on tuition payments. The AOTC gives a credit of 100% of the first \$2,000 in tuition- costs, and 25% of the next \$2,000. The Lifetime Credit allows a credit of 20% of the first \$10,000 in tuition costs regardless of how many children are incurring the expenses. Both programs have income limits to qualify: \$180,000 and \$130,000 respectively for those married and filing joint tax returns. If single, the limits are \$90,000 and \$65,000.

One of my favorite things about being a personal family attorney is building lifetime relationships with my clients. I am able to serve as a resource for them as they navigate the same challenges I face in life -- and yes, saving for my kids' college is a big one! If that's the kind of relationship you'd like to have with your lawyer, give us a call and schedule a Family Estate Planning Session with me. We'll look at your unique family situation, goals, and challenges. If things aren't quite where you want them to be we'll look at strategies, tools, and techniques to help get you there.

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A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit [www.GarlettLaw.com](http://www.GarlettLaw.com) for more information.



## Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

## THUNDERCLAP: CROWD-SPEAKING ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

If you are looking for a way to amplify a message on social media, you might consider using Thunderclap ([www.thunderclap.it](http://www.thunderclap.it)). It is a crowd-speaking platform that will send out a timed Twitter and Facebook post from all the people who sign up to participate. They call it an "online flash mob." Everyone who joins your thunderclap will share the same message at the same time on their Facebook and Twitter.

You set a supporter goal and promote your Thunderclap campaign by asking people to join your campaign. When they join, they are giving Thunderclap permission to to have your message posted on their Twitter and Facebook accounts at the designated time and date of your launch. There is no charge for the people who join your

campaign; basically, they are donating their social reach.

There is no charge to create or support a basic Thunderclap. But, they have other pricing tiers ranging from \$45 - \$500 per campaign depending on what you are trying to accomplish.

You can see sample case studies at [www.thunderclap.it/casestudies](http://www.thunderclap.it/casestudies).

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

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## ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR OLDER DRIVERS

Dear Savvy Senior,

I would like to get my wife and I set up with some type of roadside assistance service in case we get a flat tire or our battery conks out. Can you recommend some good and affordable services for retirees on a budget?

Too Old to Fix a Flat

Dear Too Old,

Getting set up with a roadside assistance service you can call on day or night if your vehicle breaks down is a smart idea, and can provide you and your wife some real peace of mind. Here are some different options to look into that help you find a plan.

Already Covered?

For years, auto clubs like AAA were the only option drivers had when it came to roadside assistance, but today you have lots of choices. Most roadside assistance plans provide services like towing, flat-tire changes, jump-starting a battery, lost-key or lockout services, fuel delivery and help with stuck vehicles.

Before you start shopping for a roadside assistance plan, you first need to find out if you already have coverage, or have access to inexpensive coverage that you're not aware of.

For example, if you drive a vehicle that is still under warranty, there's a good chance you're already covered. Most auto manufacturers now include comprehensive roadside assistance coverage for free when you buy a new or certified used car. This typically lasts as long as the basic warranty, but not always. Be sure you check.

Also check your auto insurance provider, your credit card issuers and cell phone service providers. Many of these services provide different variations of roadside assistance as add-on plans that cost only a few dollars per year, or they're free.

But be aware that many of these services are limited in what they cover. When investigating these options, find out the benefit details including: Who's covered (individuals and vehicles); how many roadside-assistance calls are allowed each year (three or four is typical); the average response time per service call; and the towing rules on where they will tow (to the nearest repair shop, or one that you choose) and how far (about 5 miles for basic plan is common, although some plans might cap the amount they pay for a tow at \$100 or less).



### Auto Clubs

If you find that you aren't covered, or you want a better roadside plan than what's currently available to you, you'll want to check out auto/motor clubs. Most of these clubs offer two or more levels of membership depending on how much roadside assistance you want and are willing to pay for, and they often provide a variety of discounts on things like hotels, rental cars and other services.

One of the best known and longest running clubs, AAA (aaa.com) offers comprehensive services and has an extensive network of more than 40,000 roadside assistance providers, which usually means fast response times. Costs vary widely from \$48 to \$162 per year depending on where you live and the plan you choose, plus an additional fee for adding a family member.

Some other clubs to consider that may be a little less expensive include Allstate Motor Club (allstatemotorclub.com); AARP Roadside Assistance (aarproadside.com) for AARP members only; Better World Club (betterworldclub.com); BP Motor Club (www.bpmotorclub.com); Good Sam (goodsamroadside.com); and GM Motor Club (gmmotorclub.com).

### On-Demand Assistance

Another new money saving option to consider is pay-on-demand roadside assistance services like Urgently (urgent.ly) and Honk (honkforhelp.com). If you use a smartphone and live in their service area, these non-membership app-based services will let you call for help via smartphone, and will only charge you for the assistance you need at a low price.

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! ...September Birthdays\*

Clem Bartolai, Pat Hall, Donna Anderson, Teresa Chaure, Cathy Gunther, Esther Macias, Sheila Pierce, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, Yvonne Osti, Patti O'Meara, Judie Cimino, Mary Steinberg, Geri Wright, Parvin Dabiri, Denise Reistetter and Nehama Warner.

\*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 \$3.00 for those 60 and over and \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

**Tech Talk:** Held on Monday, September 21st and 28th from 1:30-2:30pm. Learn how to use your new technology devices. Please reserve your space with the Hart Park House by calling 626-355-7394.

**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.

**Brain Games:** Thursday, September 17th, 10:30am - 11:30am, improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, Community Liaison for New Wave Home care of Pasadena.

**Free Legal Consultation:** Wednesday, September 30th 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.

**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 Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

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

### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:



#### THE GETTY CENTER (WEST LOS ANGELES)

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$10 (Does not include lunch)

Discover the museum's historic collection and the Getty Center's architecture and gardens by participating in a rich selection of engaging talks and tours that bring the Getty Center's unique setting and the visual art to life. There are several gardens and fountains and landscaping for the public enjoyment. Lunch will be on your own. Chose from elegant dining in the Restaurant (reservations are recommended, 310-440-6810), to casual meals, coffee, and snacks at the Café, Garden Terrace Café, or the Coffee Carts. Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Last day to register is September 15th. Level of Walking: High. Please call the Hart Park House 626-355-7394.

### OKTOBERFEST (HUNTINGTON BEACH)

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$16

Description: Old World Oktoberfest Celebration includes live bands playing the most popular German Oom Pa Pah Music. The crowd is further entertained with a variety of dancing, singing, music and our ever popular Heidi, and her contortionist act. Oktoberfest menu includes fresh baked bread, your choice of either potato salad, red cabbage or coleslaw. The main entrée includes bratwurst, chicken, spaetzli (German Egg Noodles) with mushroom gravy, sauerkraut and red cabbage. Dessert and drinks include apple streusel cake, coffee and water. Alcohol is also available for purchase. Guests get to tour the European market, offering great selection of meats, cheeses, and deli items. Also German bakery, producing the best breads, bakery and dessert items. Participants should bring money for souvenirs. Last day to register is September 24th. Level of Walking: Low to Medium. Please call the Hart Park House 626-355-7394.

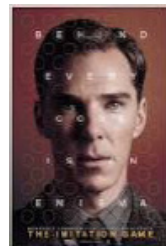
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### SENIOR CINEMA AT THE HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

#### September 16th - The Imitation Game (2014)

During the winter of 1952, British authorities entered the home of mathematician, cryptanalyst and war hero Alan Turing to investigate a reported burglary. They instead ended up arresting Turing himself on charges of 'gross indecency', an accusation that would lead to his devastating conviction for the criminal offense of homosexuality. Little did officials know, they were actually incriminating the pioneer of modern-day computing. Rated PG-13. Start time: 1:00pm (run time 114 minutes)



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SATURN'S MOON ENCELADUS HOSTS A GLOBAL OCEAN

Every square inch of Saturn's small moon Enceladus overlies a potentially habitable ocean. Observations of Enceladus' slight wobble as it orbits Saturn can only be explained if the outer crust floats freely from the inner core, according to scientists studying images taken by NASA's Cassini spacecraft. This means there is a globe-spanning ocean beneath Enceladus' icy surface.

Enceladus has been a prime location for studying the potential for life in the solar system for the past decade, since Cassini found in 2006 a fine spray of water vapor, icy particles, and simple organic molecules erupting from fractures near Enceladus' south pole. Measurements of the saltiness of geyser particles in 2009 proved that they must emanate from a liquid reservoir, and a 2014 analysis of Enceladus' gravitational pull on the Cassini spacecraft demonstrated that the liquid reservoir is at least a regional sea underlying the entire south pole region. The new results—derived using an independent line of evidence based on Cassini's images—prove that that regional sea is a widening of a global ocean. This discovery is published online in the journal *Icarus*.

“This exciting discovery expands the region of habitability for Enceladus from just a regional sea under the south pole to all of Enceladus,” said Matthew Tiscareno, a Cassini participating scientist at the SETI Institute, Mountain View, California, and a coauthor of the paper. “The global nature of the ocean likely tells us that it has been there for a long time, and is being maintained by robust global effects, which is also encouraging from the standpoint of habitability,” he said.

The discovery was made through a combination of imaging, dynamical modeling, and statistical analysis. “This was a hard problem that required years of observations, and calculations involving a diverse collection of disciplines, but we are confident we finally got it right,” said Peter Thomas, a Cassini imaging team member at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and lead author of the paper.

Enceladus has a tiny, but measurable wobble as it orbits Saturn. The icy moon is not perfectly spherical, and because it goes slightly faster and slower during different parts of its orbit, Saturn pulls and pushes the small moon back and forth as it rotates.

Tiscareno developed a series of dynamical models of this wobble, technically called a libration, and Thomas's group then tested each model against



hundreds of Cassini images, taken of Enceladus' surface at different times and from different angles, to find the best fit to the observations with extreme precision. The team plugged their best-fit value for the wobble into different models for how Enceladus might be arranged on the inside, including ones where the moon was frozen from surface to core.


“If the surface and core were rigidly connected,

the core would provide so much dead weight that the wobble would be far smaller than we observe it to be,” said Tiscareno, “This proves that there must be a global layer of liquid separating the surface from the core,” he said.

The geysers deliver samples from this ocean to the surface regularly, which makes Enceladus a prime candidate in the search for life beyond Earth.

Although a handful of worlds are now thought to have subsurface oceans, Enceladus joins only Jupiter's moon Europa (which was recently selected as the destination of NASA's next flagship mission) in having an extraterrestrial ocean that is known to communicate with its surface.

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STORAGE WARS

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One day I get a call out of the blue.

"Do you know anything about solar ovens?"

"I suppose so," I responded. "I've taught people how to make low-cost solar cookers for 20 or so years, and give the step-by-step process in my "How to Survive Anywhere" book."

"We're looking for a solar oven expert. Are you a solar oven expert?" asked the man on the phone. He identified himself as a producer with the Storage Wars show. This is a program where various individuals bid on the contents of storage units that the owners quit paying for. The show tracks each of the bidders to see what they get in the storage units. Sometimes they get junk, and sometimes they get some real interesting things. They hope that what they end up with is worth more than they bid on the unit.

"Have you ever seen the show," the man asked me.



"Nope, I've never even heard of it." The producer laughed.

"That's OK," he told me. "It sounds like you know about solar cookers." He went on to explain that one of the stars of the show purchased the contents of a storage unit, and has an object that is believed to be a solar cooker. "We want you to look at it, on film, and tell him what he purchased."

I said OK.

I explained to him that all of this could be done in about 10 minutes in my own backyard, but I was told that they wanted to do the segment in a more natural setting, preferably somewhere in the desert.

We agreed on a day, and a man in a fast car picked me up one morning and whisked me out to the desert, beyond Palm Springs, in a very wild-seeming area.

The star of the show, Ivy, rides up in his SUV, and we meet and greet, and we set up the box he brought me. I'd never seen that particular solar oven before, but it was a top-of-the-line Australian solar oven called the Sun Cook solar oven. I opened it and showed Ivy how to use it, and we even put some eggs and sausage into a pan to cook.

It was overcast when we started, but then the sky cleared as Ivy and I did a short walkabout, looking at the desert plants.

When we came back, the breakfast was done and we feasted on some sun-cooked food.

The Storage Wars show focuses on the dollar value of the items so I had to give him a dollar figure of what I thought the oven was worth. It was not new, but I estimated it could probably fetch \$450 at Ivy's secondhand store in the high desert, and \$450 was a bit more than he paid for all the contents of the storage unit.

It was an enjoyable day. If you want to view it, go to <http://youtu.be/Y-3sG0azfBU>. My segment comes in at 20:53.

**SOLAR OVENS**

Cooking with the sun is an ancient art. But modern solar ovens are quite another thing. At home, I have the American-made Sun Oven, which cooks about as fast as being on a gas oven if the day is hot and sunny. It easily gets up to 350 degrees f. temperature.

Simple low-cost solar ovens are easily made. I begin with a box that has a lid, such as the boxes where reams of paper are stored. I find a smaller box that goes into the bigger box, and I fill the space between the boxes with crumpled newspaper for insulation. I line the smaller inner box with tin foil, and then I cut a hole in the lid and secure a pane of glass to it. That's really all there is to it, and this low-cost solar cooker doesn't cook as quickly as a commercial model, but it still works well. [All the details can be found in my "How to Survive Anywhere" book, available anywhere.]

BEYOND FOSTER CARE

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WHAT HAPPENS TO FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AFTER AGE 18?

By Laquetta Shamblee

It took 20-year old Destiny Nguyen more than two hours and several buses to travel to Journey House in Pasadena, the only place in Los Angeles County where she knew that former foster youth like her would be

able to get some help to find housing. The July heat did not deter her from making the 43-mile trip from the shelter where she was residing in Santa Monica to arrive at her destination, the 103-year old craftsman home at the corner of Los Robles Avenue and Claremont Street. Established in 1983, Journey House is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to assist emancipated foster youth to meet their independent living needs.

Like thousands of former foster youth in California, at the ripe old age of 20, Destiny has the full responsibility for her shelter, food and other necessities of life. For her, there is no family to go to for support, financially or otherwise.

Her parents divorced when she was 10. She lived with her mother and grandparents, and as the oldest child in the home, she was given the responsibility of caring for her three younger cousins who were ages 13, 5 and 3 by the time Destiny was placed in kin-gap foster care right before her 16th birthday. School officials had grown suspicious after seeing signs of physical abuse, and when a social worker from Department of Children and Family Services was sent to investigate, one of the neighbors revealed that she had witnessed Destiny being abused by her mother.

Fortunately, Destiny had always loved school and was very motivated when it came to her schoolwork. After being placed in foster care, she maintained a rigorous schedule, rising at 4:30am to catch the bus from El Monte to Lincoln Heights. She immersed herself into volunteering and usually got back home at about 9pm. Her hard work paid off and she graduated high school with a 4.0 and at the age of 18, she struck out on her own, moving into a subsidized apartment for former foster youth that she shared with a roommate.

After living there a short time, she had gotten three jobs and was working 72 hours a week. She worked full-time at a law office Monday thru Friday, evenings at a Chinese restaurant till 11pm and a part-time on the graveyard shift at Target. She was on a mission, building up her savings to pay cash for her dream car at the time, a Honda. Before she had put away the full amount to purchase her car, she suffered the tragic loss of a loved one and used her savings to pay for the funeral.

With no savings left and no family members to help, Destiny is focused on stabilizing her living situation and income. Her goal is to complete the required training to become a linguistic translator, for the courts and the United Nations. She already has a head start as a multi-lingual person of Vietnamese and Chinese descent who speaks six languages (English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and a dialect of Cambodian).

Destiny never imagined that she would be counted among the foster youth who would come knocking to request assistance after aging-out of the foster care system. She shared that she loves to help others, but it is hard for her to ask for help. But after coming to meet with Journey House staff to get information about the support and referrals they have for housing and educational support, she expresses a sentiment that is typical among former foster youth who seek help, "I didn't know this place existed. It feels like home, it's so welcoming."

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### I REALLY MEANT TO BEHAVE MYSELF...

I have never been in serious trouble except with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I must have gotten in trouble with my parents when I was young, but I am too old now to remember that. The great thing about getting old is having a selective memory.

Now, the only trouble I get into is with her. And trust me; I have had my moments of trouble with her and can remember every one.

We were getting ready to visit our son and his family for a week. Four of our grandchildren live with my son and his wife.

Grandchildren are God's way of apologizing for children. When you have children, you are too young and busy to know what to do with them. At the grandfather stage, it is a different story altogether. I now have the experience and the time to spend with these grandchildren.

Half of my grandchildren live here in Florida and the other half lives in Ohio. It would be great if I could spend half of my time in Florida and the other half in Ohio, but nobody has bought into that suggestion, and by "nobody" I'm referencing my children.

Grandmothers have a positive influence on their grandchildren. Grandmothers teach the grandchildren many nice things. My wife always has a craft party when she gets together with the grandchildren. They are so excited to see her and so eager for the next craft she has prepared for them.

Therefore, it is always a great pleasure to set aside a week and spend with the grandchildren up in Ohio.

As we were packing to head for the airport to catch our plane for Ohio, my wife looked at me with one of "those looks," and said rather sternly, "Do you think you can behave yourself this time?"

Honestly, I am not sure what the phrase "behave yourself" really means. As far as I know, and my memory does not go back too far, I have never behaved like anybody else. After all, I am not an actor. I can "act up," but I cannot act.

I looked at her rather meekly, well, as meekly as I could look and said rather frankly, "I will behave like nobody else."

"No," she said, "you must promise me that you're going to behave yourself on this trip to Ohio."

I remember another promise I made to her around 44 years ago when I said, "I do." That promise carried on for 44 years and now she wants another promise? Isn't one promise enough for her?

Then she said, "Do you remember the last time we

were up in Ohio? Do you remember the trouble you got into then?"

I did, and it was difficult for me not to laugh out loud. I must confess I laughed on the inside, but was trying to "behave myself," whatever that meant.

The last time we were in Ohio, I took all the grandkids out for supper at a restaurant. It is always good to get together on neutral territory. Because, on neutral territory I can really behave like myself and no other.

We were in the middle of supper when casually I picked up my straw. Now, when I am at home my wife forbids me even to have a straw because she knows what a temptation a straw is for me.

However, these grandchildren needed to be instructed on the proper use of a straw. A straw is not just to drink your soda. It has other more ambitious functions.

Casualty, I put a little wad of paper in my straw; nonchalantly put the straw to my mouth and one little puff and that wad of paper hit one grandchild in the face.

At first, they did not know what had happened. I looked the other way as though I did not know what had happened. The grandchild said, "Who did this?"

Confession may be good for the soul, but it is also good for the turmoil. I acknowledged it was me and immediately a very aggressive spitball fight ensued right there in the restaurant, no straws barred. After all, grandchildren need to know the level of fun a person can have, especially with a straw.

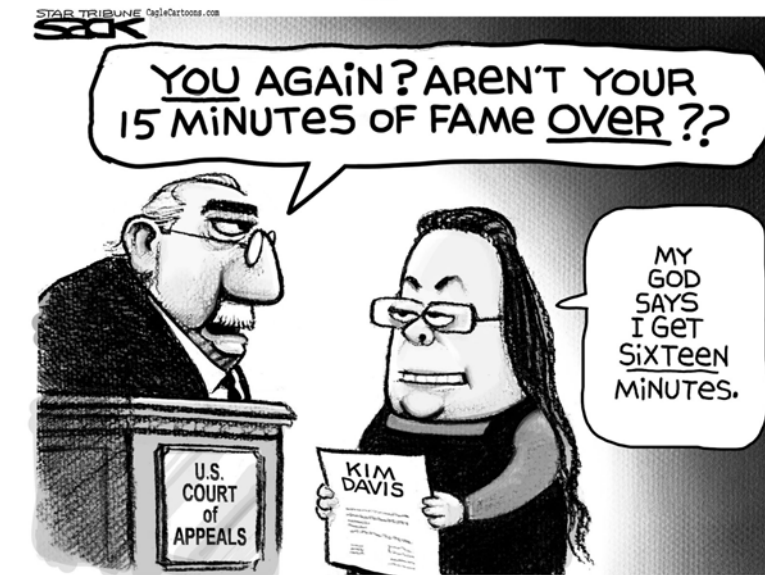
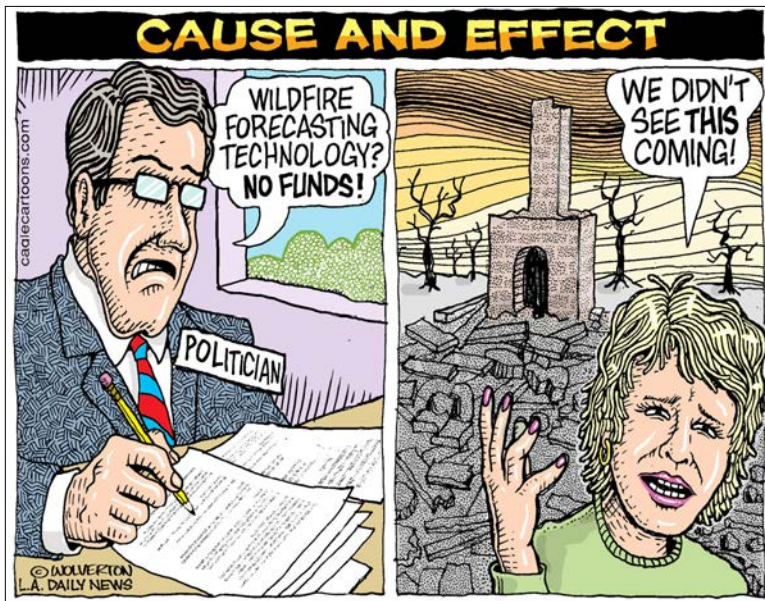
Glancing over at my wife at the time, I saw her glaring at me with one of "those looks" and I knew I was in trouble. Since I was already in trouble, it could not get any worse, so we exhilarated the spitball battle and by the time we were ready to leave, spitballs were all over the floor like snow on a winter day.

I think that was what my wife was thinking of when she asked me to remember the last time we were in Ohio.

Looking at my wife, I smiled with one of those freaky little twinkles in my eye, and said, "I will behave just like myself and no other while in Ohio."

I'm not sure, Paul may have had this in mind when he wrote, "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:14-15).

I always mean to behave myself, but often there are too many other options.



## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"Republican doubters and defeatists - including every Republican candidate for president - won't offer any credible solution. The truth is; they don't want one . . . They refuse to accept science."*  
- Hillary Clinton, in support of President Obama's Clean Power Plan

Before proceeding, cover up the next paragraph of this column. Don't read it - just put your hand over it. Now, given that Denver, Colorado is at a higher altitude than here, would water in Denver boil at a temperature higher, lower or the same as in L.A.? Give it some thought before moving on.

I had to give it some thought myself, and from somewhere remembered that water boils at a lower temperature where the air is thinner, as it is at higher altitudes like Denver's. Don't feel bad if you missed it - you're there with two-thirds of American adults who didn't know the answer, either, when the question was included in a Pew Research survey assessing scientific knowledge. According to the results, when it comes to science, American adults get a barely-passing "D".

I was never really into science, but even in grade school learned some basic concepts; that stuff happens and people want to know how and why. This might lead to an idea and then, if and when experiments testing the idea are conclusive, that idea might be elevated to the level of a "hypothesis". From that stage, through further testing, peer review, elimination of alternative explanations and eventual acceptance among the scientific community that hypothesis might someday reach the lofty status of a "theory".

We learned that when Columbo comes onto a crime scene announcing, "I have a theory", the meaning of the word is different than when used in reference to the Gravitational Theory or the Theory of Electro-Magnetism. It drives me up the wall to hear folks dismiss evolution as "just" a theory, or who confuse faith, where you start with a conclusion and then seek supporting evidence, with science, which is the opposite - observing evidence and then maybe reaching a conclusion based on those observations. Today I heard reference to presidential candidates who don't "accept" the science of human responsibility for climate change - as if it's a matter of personal preference, like whether one can "accept" wearing socks with sandals (my wife won't let me).

An ongoing shtick on KFI's John and Ken show has been lambasting Gov. Jerry Brown for tying California's current drought to climate change. Co-host John Kobylt cites a centuries-long drought beginning 850 AD, a time long before carbon-spewing industry and automobiles, as evidence such phenomena "just happen". In science, things don't "just" happen. In the case of the 850 drought, evidence points to possible causes including increased solar activity, fewer volcanic eruptions and a La Nina cooling of the tropical Pacific. But science doesn't hold that causes of droughts must necessarily be the same.

Last month, a study in the journal Geophysical Research Letters found that while global warming isn't entirely responsible for our drought, it is for a good 20% of it. While rainfall patterns come and go, our temperature increased 2.5 degrees over the past century - enough to send more of that rain back to the sky through increased evaporation. Higher temperatures might well cancel out whatever benefits we might've gotten from increased rainfall, as droughts become increasingly severe. According to the study's lead author, though that 20% figure might seem small, global warming has increased the probability of future "extreme" droughts by 100%.

As for the rainfall, a study out of Stanford last year tied in this really intense high pressure area, or "blocking ridge", over the Pacific with global warming. Such high pressure areas block rainstorms we'd normally be getting, with the exceptional strength and resilience of this current one traced to greenhouse gases and global warming; in particular to changes in trade winds caused by warming Arctic waters.

Another Pew survey, this one from last year, finds that although 87% of scientists "accept" that human activity drives global warming, only half the American people do. More troubling was the fate of a Republican House resolution, "affirming that human activity contributes to climate change and endorsing action to respond to the threat of Earth's changing climate." The resolution got all of ten (out of 246) House Republicans to sign on to it. So - among those who "accept" the science of global warming, we have 87% of scientists, 50% of the American people and 4% of House Republicans - and they're the ones making policy.

But, there are signs of progress. Ninety-three years after the Scopes Monkey Trial in neighboring Tennessee, as of next year evolution and climate change will, for the first time, become part of the required science curriculum in Alabama schools (though disclaimer stickers describing evolution as a "controversial theory" remain in textbooks, for the time being). Only 21% of Alabama 10th-graders currently reach national science testing standards.

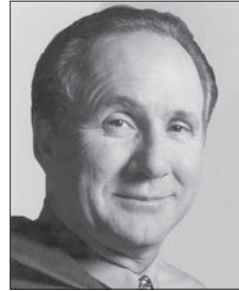
Sometimes, it's not so much choosing whether to "accept" the science as it is willfully ignoring it. When asked on a recent California visit about ties between human activity and climate change, Republican candidate Dr. Ben Carson complained no one's ever shown him the "overwhelming science" to support the connection.

In response, Gov. Jerry Brown sent Dr. Carson a flash drive containing the report of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, along with a letter stating it "assessed over 30,000 scientific papers and was written by more than 800 scientists, representing 80 countries around the world, who definitely concluded that '... human influence on the climate system is clear and growing, with impacts observed across all continents and oceans.'"

Gov. Brown reminded in his letter that "Climate change is much bigger than partisan politics". He warned that "These aren't just words. The consequences are real." It's true, whether we "accept" that reality, and the science behind it, or not.

## MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense SCORING THE GREAT DEBATE

Making Sense by Michael Reagan  
I didn't watch CNN's telecast of the Republican debate because I was there in person. For some reason - maybe it was my last name -- I was able to score three second-row seats at the Reagan Library for the two debates. More than 20 million people around the world tuned in, apparently making the three-hour debate CNN's highest rated show ever.



It was a long night of politics and entertainment. I just hope my fellow conservative Republicans watching on TV saw the same political reality show I did -- and learned some lessons.

It's pretty clear to everyone from Joe Scarborough to the New York Times editorial board that the three big winners Wednesday night were Carly Fiorina, Chris Christie and Marco Rubio.

All three shined on stage when it came to substance, but Fiorina made herself a national household name overnight.

She was smart, tough, passionate and quick on her feet, proving why she deserves to be on the main stage. She had several big "moments" and demonstrated a phenomenal grasp of the issues.

Christie did well, connecting with voters, hitting several questions out of the park and reminding us why he was once a favorite in the 2016 race.

Rubio still looks like he's in grad school, but he showed he's done his foreign policy homework and knows what makes America great. Meanwhile, the good doctor Ben Carson was a clear loser.

He offered virtually no specifics, had no "moments" and showed that while he's a nice guy and a great surgeon, the presidency is out of his league.

The biggest loser of the night was Trump, who was as awful in person as he reportedly appeared on millions of split-screen TVs.

He made crazy faces, offended people, refused to apologize when he should have, spoke in his usual platitudes and never said a substantive sentence.

I heard more than a few groans and complaints from the Republicans sitting behind me.

Most of the other candidates - the governors and others who were not there because of their celebrity - did OK. They didn't hurt themselves but they didn't stand out, either.

Jeb Bush did better than last time, which isn't saying much, but he's in for the long haul. He'll do better when there are fewer candidates left and the debates turn more serious.

Scott Walker did better too, though he seemed to disappear sometime late in hour two. Last time I re-member seeing him, he was staring at fiery Fiorina and nodding in agreement like a bobblehead.

Ted Cruz was correct on all the issues, but he's not as likable as Rubio, whose only flaw is he still looks like he's in grad school.

Mike Huckabee got in a lick or two, but he's still beating the drum for his Fair Tax, which everyone except him knows will never go anywhere.

Rand Paul was there, I think. So was Gov. John Kasich. Kasich was Kasich - solid and substantive.

He's a winner who knows how to govern Ohio sensibly, but he probably should have been included in the preliminary debate with Rick Santorum, George Pataki, Bobby Jindal and Lindsey Graham.

The opening debate, which Graham stole with his humor and GOP team spirit, was better in some ways because without the 2,000-pound celebrity in the room it was all substance.

I'm concerned about Trump for a lot of reasons. Yet for all the trouble he's causing the GOP, his celebrity presence is actually doing real conservatives a great favor.

He's already brought tens of millions of new eyeballs to the debate broadcasts that otherwise would never have been made aware of the existence of candidates like Fiorina or Kasich.

I just hope those millions of viewers saw what I saw at the Reagan Library - that Emperor Trump had no clothes on and most of the other real Republican candidates were well dressed.

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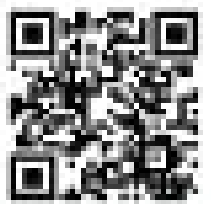
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