

SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY

For almost 50 years the Sierra Madre Community has joined together in celebration of the great American tradition with music, picnics, games and the ever popular 4th of July Parade. Residents and guests crowd Sierra Madre Boulevard to watch youngsters on their patriotic bikes stroll down the route alongside hometown heroes like the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team and Sierra Madre Fire Department. The official sponsor of the 2016 parade is The Kensington. The Kensington-Sierra Madre is an assisted living and memory care residence in the heart of Sierra Madre, sitting along the parade route.

Honorees:
The Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is pleased to honor Pete Siberell as the 2016 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal is a person or persons whose efforts over a long period of time has been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person or persons' volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our community. Pete is a shining example of this.

Since moving to Sierra Madre he has been involved with a number of community efforts including Sierra Madre Little League, Friends of the Library, Library Board of Trustees, Pasadena Humane Society and is known for years of work with the Mount Wilson Trail Race. Pete has dedicated thousands of hours to make sure Sierra Madre is a great place to live, work and play. Pete and his family blaze the trail living the Sierra Madre spirit every day. Sierra Madreans that make a difference.

The Committee is also proud to recognize hometown hero Kris Lowe for her years of dedicated service to the Sierra Madre community. A lifetime Sierra Madre resident, Kris is a well-loved retired captain of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department (SMVFD). She served the community for over 15 years and continues to volunteer her time to her community through charitable events such as the Friends of the Library Wine Tasting, Wistaria Festival & the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department Association. Kris is also the newest member of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation. She is currently a teacher with the Glendale Unified School District and the coordinator for the Public Safety Academy at Hoover High School, a program which certifies youth for disaster preparedness and emergency response. She is truly is preparing the next generation of heroes. Activities:

Grease Sing-Along – Join your neighbors as Pink Ladies and T-birds as we kick the weekend off with a sign-along showing of Grease in Memorial Park starting at dusk. Snacks will be on hand.

Pre-Parade Party - Before the July 4th parade, the town will be rockin' in Memorial Park for the Pre-Parade Party & Picnic on Sunday, July 3rd from 5:30 - 10:30pm. The event will feature the outstanding local rock music of Groovy Lemon Pie and the not-to-be-missed Bubblewrap fireworks at 8:00pm. Kids and grown-up alike will stomp on hundreds of square feet of bubble wrap, making the sounds of shooting fireworks. Other park activities include the Friends of Sierra Madre Little League Beer Garden (sales benefit youth sports), Civic Club's famous confetti eggs, Sierra Madre Community Foundation Dunk Tank (where you might be able to dunk a local politician) and tons of food for purchase.

Community Picnic Dunk Tank Schedule for Sunday July 3rd – Memorial Park:

5:30 PM	Assistant City Manager Elisa Cox
6:00 PM	Sue Berhrens, Alverno High School
6:30 PM	Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi
7:00 PM	Grand Marshal Pete Siberell
7:30 PM	Library & Community Services Director Ryan Baker
8:30 PM	4th of July Chair Jim Annes
8:30 PM	Kris Lowe, hometown hero

Come hit the streets for the 6th Annual Spero Foundation's Fire Cracker Fun Run on the morning of Independence Day. Race will take place from 8:00 - 9:30am (check in 7:00 - 7:45am) in Kersting Court. This unofficial 5K Fun Run is geared for the entire family to enjoy. Although untimed, a clock is provided. Runners and walkers of all ages welcome. Participants can bring strollers and dogs (on leashes) with them as this is a true community event! Registration is available online. The cost is \$26.00 per entry regardless of age. Participants will receive a custom 2016 Firecracker Fun Run medal! We encourage everyone to dress up and show their patriotism with the most creative Red, white and blue outfit. Have fun and show your support for the stars and stripes.

Immediately following the 5K, at 10am sharp, is the Annual 4th of July parade which kicks off at the corner of Sierra Madre Boulevard and Sunnyside Avenue. The parade travels down Sierra Madre Blvd. to Sierra Vista Park where the party keeps going.

The after-parade Community Picnic & Celebration starts at 11:00am with featured music from the Wabash Wailers. The Sierra Madre pool will also be open for FREE. The afternoon will be topped off with games in the park with the ladies of Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Wanna throw water balloons at your friends, or challenge your folks to a three-legged race or sack race? This picnic is the place to be. Join us for a Home Run Derby and food for sale.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE BIDS FAREWELL TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Sierra Madre, CA. – June 28, 2016 – The City of Sierra Madre has accepted the resignation of Assistant City Manager Elisa Cox. Ms. Cox is leaving to join the City of Rancho Cucamonga as Deputy City Manager. In that capacity, she will have overall responsibility for the City's Civic and Cultural Services including overseeing both the Community Services and Library Services Departments and coordinating the activities within the City Manager's and City Clerk's office. "It has been an honor and privilege to serve City of Sierra Madre," stated Ms. Cox "the decision to leave has been difficult one, however, I look forward to the new challenges and opportunities that the City of Rancho Cucamonga offers."

Elisa first began working for the City as a cashier at the Sierra Madre Pool in 1995. Since joining Sierra Madre full-time in 2005, Elisa has been instrumental in Sierra Madre's selection as an All American City, implementing the City's first stand-alone Human Resources Department, and increasing communications with residents especially in regards to the City's General Fund programs. "I am proud of the work we have done in Sierra Madre and am amazed by what we have accomplished over the years. As a resident, I look forward to the future of the City as the City Council

continues to strategically plan for Sierra M a d r e ' s future."

City Manager Elaine Aguilar stated, "Elisa is going to be missed. Sierra Madre's loss will be Rancho Cucamonga's gain." Aguilar added, "It was a truly a pleasure working with Elisa; her creativeness, intelligence, dedication and enthusiasm really made her stand out and I believe she will succeed at all of her future endeavors."

Due to a previously scheduled vacation, Elisa's last day at City Hall will be Tuesday, July 12, 2016. A going-away reception will be held at Sierra Madre City Hall, on July 12, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The public is welcomed to attend.

The City will soon begin the recruitment process for a new Assistant City Manager.



CHANTRY RECREATIONAL AREA CLOSED ON JULY 4TH

In cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Sierra Madre PD will keep the gates to Chantry Road closed on July the 4th. This is due to the extreme fire danger in the area, and we do not want any accidental discharge of fireworks in the area to ruin everyone's holiday weekend. The gates will close on July 3rd at 6 PM and reopen at 6 AM on July 5th in the interest of public safety.



Sierra Madre Fire helps apply Phos-Chek to the Rose Bowl area and other unnamed communities along the foothills in preparation of this Fourth of July festivities. The main ingredients of Phos-Chek, a preventative fire retardant, are phosphates and fertilizers to help prevent plants from burning and re-vegetate burned wildland areas. As always Sierra Madre's water tanker will be in this year's Sierra Madre 4th of July Day Parade. Photo D. Lee/MVNews

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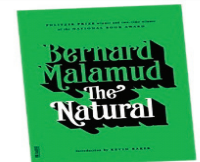
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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 July 12, 2016
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
Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 6:30 pm

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 cityofsierramadre.com before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

Thursday, July 7, 2016, 12:00PM
Coordinating Council Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2016, 3:00PM
Senior Commission Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2016, 6:30PM
Community Services Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 7:00PM
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission Meeting

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The City of Sierra Madre would like to thank its water-wise customers for doing their part to make every drop count. The latest water billing numbers for May show 75% of Sierra Madre customers met, or outperformed, their water conservation targets. The remaining 25% of customers are of increasing concern for the City, as many of the customers who exceeded their water use target in the month have a repeat history of doing so.

The City of Sierra Madre will introduce a new water penalty rate beginning on July 1, 2016. The rate will apply to each billing unit used in excess of a customer's conservation target. The current penalty rate is \$5.04/unit. The new rate will increase to \$10.72, or two times the Tier 4 rate.



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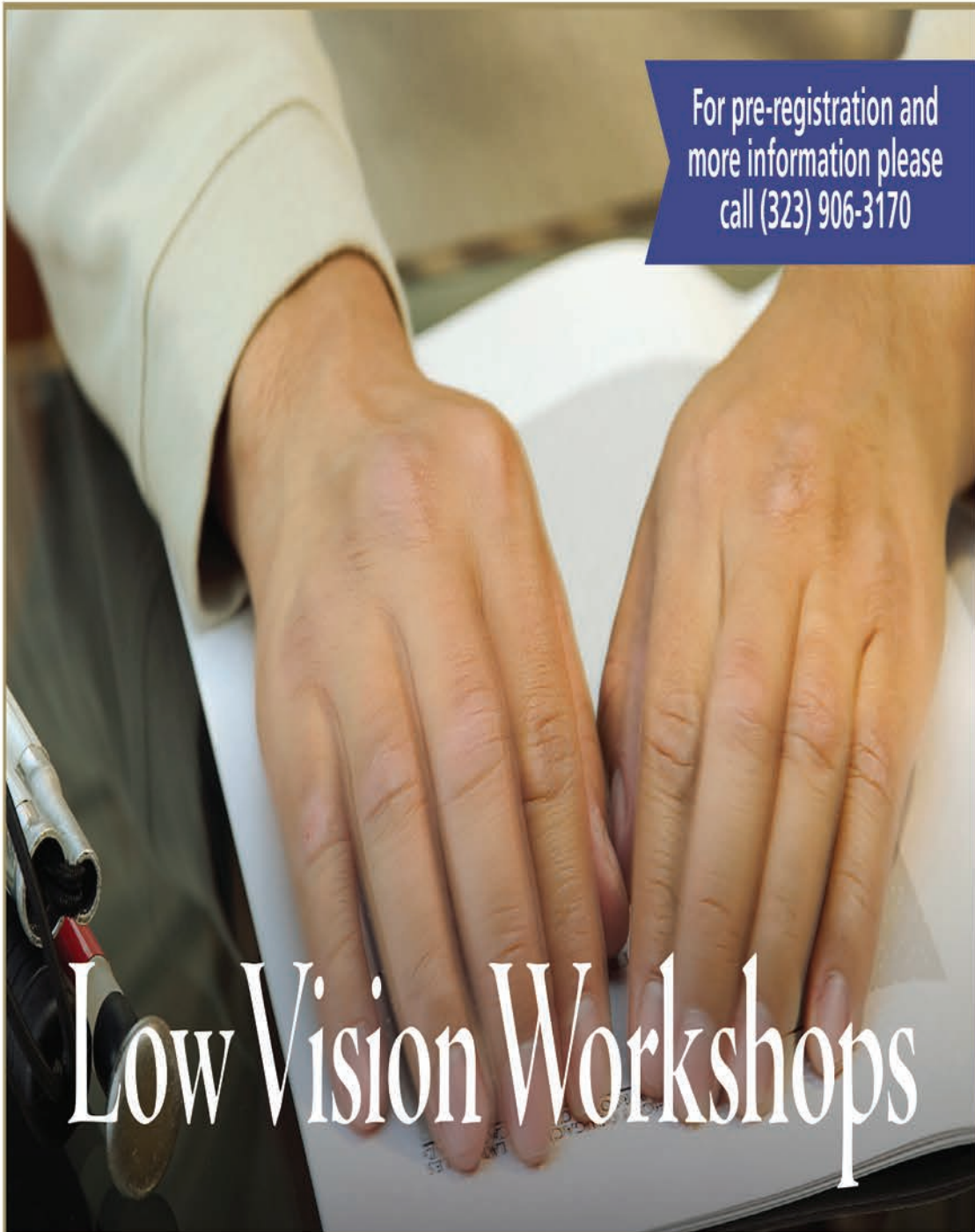
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by Deanne Davis

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"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men (and women) and so it must be daily earned and refreshed else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." Dwight D. Eisenhower

"It will be celebrated with pomp and parade... bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other." John Adams (1735-1826) on July 4th Celebrations

We're sure you all know that American Patriots, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on the same day, July 4, 1826. They would both have loved seeing the flags flying all over town. So many houses have been decorated with red, white and blue bunting, which looks super. We're certainly doing our part, us Sierra Madreans, to celebrate with pomp and parade, and our parade will be spectacular as usual. But let's skip the bonfires! We look forward to seeing our VFW guys and Grand Marshal, Pete Siberell. Mayor Pro Tem, Rachelle Arizmendi, will be waving at the crowd, along with the rest of the city council. Be looking for the family of Sierra Madre's Older American of 2016, Ann Tyler, who left us before she got to ride in the parade, but will surely be there in spirit.

Our parade favorite is always the Sierra Madre City College float, but then there are all the Boy and Girl Scouts, the teams, bands, classic cars. Our parade is always such a fun event. We won't miss it and hope you won't either. The after-parade community picnic and celebration starts at 11:00 right after the parade but we'll be going to the barbeque at our daughter, Patti's, and son-in-law, Dave's, house. I'm bringing potato salad. Potato salad has been in my culinary repertoire for about fifty years and, fortunately, most of my family like my version.

There are many ways to wind up with a big bowl of potato salad. I do the old fashioned hard boiled eggs, pickle relish, onions, potatoes, celery salt and seed, pepper, dill, mustard, mayonnaise, a dash of 1000 Island dressing and refrigerate for a couple of days before the event so everything gets a chance to get acquainted

and develop flavor. I've cut out dozens of potato salad recipes from magazines and various newspaper cooking pages, but I'm afraid there will be mutiny if I deviate from the old familiar salad.

Several years ago, my live-in potato salad aficionado, John, and I went to Greece with some friends and some other nice folks who had chartered a yacht which came fully equipped with a very handsome captain who came to dinner each night wearing an impeccable white uniform with much gold braid. Dinner, by the way, was served on beautiful china with linen tablecloth, napkins, and a daunting array of silverware. Our Captain was charming and really knew his islands, many of which we visited. There were crew members who ran the boat, cleaned our cabin... and a chef. Oh, our chef! His galley, in full view of everyone at all times, was the size of a computer workstation. He created wonders in there, baked fresh yeast bread and cinnamon rolls every day and omelets so light you had to hold them down. We were served fish so fresh it was still wiggling. And potato salad. He made potato salad that was so simple, so easy, so delicious. Small red potatoes, chopped scallions, chopped egg, capers, and Greek olive oil. He only used Greek olive oil and was openly contemptuous of anything from Italy. His potato salad was served warm and I have never once had the courage to try it, feeling that my weak attempt would be sort of like trying to duplicate Michelangelo's David with play-doh.

Whatever you do this July 4th weekend, be sure you have a great time with people you love, people who enjoy food, laughter, each other, and maybe you can sit out somewhere and see fireworks bursting in the sky. Put your feet in the water, have another hot dog and delight in every minute. Somewhere along the way, be sure to remember that freedom isn't free. It has been bought and paid for at great cost by people who gave all.

Happy 4th of July! God Bless America!

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TREASURE OF THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sierra Madre, CA. - June 29, 2016 - Look for treasure hidden around town in July as part of Sierra Madre Public Library's One Book One City. Baseballs are hidden throughout Sierra Madre, including with local merchants, in the parks, in Kersting Court. In fact, just about anywhere! Find a baseball and bring it to the Library, win treasures, and become eligible for the drawing of an exciting final treasure at the end of July.

Plastic baseballs are numbered and concealed at spots around Sierra Madre with a flyer explaining the game. Baseballs go back into circulation and you can enter as many times as you want. Keep searching throughout July to increase your chances. Note that you can only bring in a baseball with a given number once. You can bring in as many baseballs as you find, but they must all have different numbers.

Each time you return a ball to the Library, you get a whiffle ball & bat or Friends Books Sale money and are registered for the Grand Prize drawing on July 25 at the talk by Nick Roman from KPCC. Winners need not be present to win. The Grand Prize includes tickets to a professional sports event.

One Book One City (OBOC) the popular annual community reading program: The Natural, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Bernard Malamud, is the selected book. The witty and biting novel is thought by many to be the best baseball book ever written. OBOC invites everyone to read and discuss the same book during July. The goals are to build a sense of community, promote literacy, and have fun.

OBOC Activities are:

Baseball Treasure Hunt - July
 July 8, 8:00 pm—Movie in Memorial Park. The Natural, complete with hot dog and ice cream food trucks.

July 16, 9:00 am - Dodger Stadium Tour. Join the L. A. Dodger Stadium Tour and Box Lunch on July 16 sponsored by Library. [The deadline to reserve your spot is July 1.](#) Board a bus at 9:00 am in front of the Library for a short ride to Dodger Stadium, and take part in an exclusive hour-and-a-half-long tour behind the scenes, followed by a box lunch with Dodger dogs. Participants will return to the Library around 2:00 pm. Ticket prices are: \$45 for adults, and \$35 for seniors and youth under 18. Reservation forms are available at the Library and online at <https://cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration>

July 19, 7:00 pm - L. A. Dodgers Team Historian Mark Langill takes a look back at Announcer Vin Scully's 67 seasons with the team.
 July 21, 11:00 am—Third Thursday Book Club. Read and discuss The Natural.

July 25, 7:00 pm Nick Roman, of KPCC's All Things Considered, discusses the American national pastime. This is the final OBOC activity.

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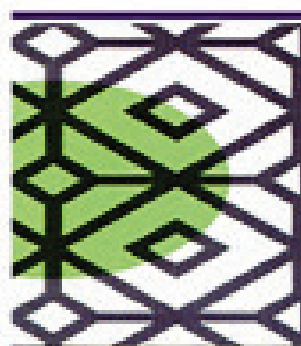


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Fourth of July Closures, Reminders for Pasadena

Pasadena residents, businesses and visitors are reminded that City Hall, and most City business offices are closed on Monday, Independence Day. The City Council will not meet on Monday; the Council's next regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall is Monday, July 11.

The Municipal Services Payment Center at City Hall and all Pasadena Public Library sites will be closed July 4.

Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride service will not operate on Independence Day, but will resume regular service July 5. All parking meters not posted as "No Parking" will be free on July 4; time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, No Parking zones and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. Regular enforcement resumes July 5.

The only public swimming pool open on July 4 will be at Pasadena High School, from noon to 3 p.m. The "Splash Pad" water play facility at La Pintoresca Park will operate from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All City Recreation and Community Centers are closed on July 4, but all parks will be open for picnics and festivities.

Pasadena residents and businesses with power emergencies should call the City's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center is closed July 4, but customers can access their accounts and make payments by phone at (626) 744-4005 or online at www.PWPweb.com.

All City provided service for trash, recycling and yard waste pickups will be on regular schedules the week of July 4, but no bulky item pickups will occur on Fourth of July.

Pasadena's Citizen Service Center, will be open for calls 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 4, and will return to normal hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 5.

For life-threatening emergencies, always call 9-1-1, and "If You See Something, Say Something," especially illegal fireworks, call: (626) 744-4241.

Pet of the Week



Friendly Panda (A398709) is a one and a half-year-old, black and white, neutered male pit bull. Panda loves meeting new people, especially when they pet him and give him treats. He enjoys playing with toys – one of his favorite activities is playing fetch with a tennis ball! This smart pup sits on command and does well with other dogs his size.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$125, which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, and vaccinations.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A398709, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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



No Known 'Threats' for Americafest

By Dean Lee

Although police believe there is no rising threats against this year's 4th of July Americafest at the Rose Bowl Monday, they cautioned that security will be up—including checkpoints and the use of bomb detection dogs. Tens of thousands are expected for the event that starts at 2 p.m. with fireworks at 9 p.m.

"We have a fulltime special event planning team and a counter terror section that routinely and frequently engages our local state partners, so we are sure that we have the most up to date information," Pasadena Phillip Sanchez said. "All the information we have at this point is, there are no known direct threats."

Sanchez said they will take extraordinary caution, "those are going to be uniformed Pasadena police officers, along

with undercover, in conjunction with Highway Patrol, L.A. County Sheriffs, along with fire personnel."

Police also said that officers will be inspecting vehicles paying to park, "this is an opportunity for people if they have fireworks to surrender them and avoid legal action."

Pasadena's Fire Chief Bertral Washington said they began applying Phos-Chek on Thursday that includes expanding the areas south due to the high fire threat associated with drought.

He said the main ingredients of this annual, preventative fire retardant, are phosphates and fertilizers to help prevent plants from burning and re-vegetate burned wildland areas.

This year, during Americafest, there will be a special honoring of Jet Propulsion Lab's Juno mission as it is expected to arrive

at Jupiter on July 4th.

If You See Something, Say Something. Call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 to report illegal fireworks and other suspicious activities. Residents may also use the City's smart phone app, available at www.cityofpasadena.net to report illegal fireworks.

Call 9-1-1 for all life-threatening emergencies.

Fourth of July Pet Safety Tips

The noise from fireworks can frighten dogs or even cause them to flee. In fact, more dogs are lost on the 4th of July than any other day of the year. Here are some tips to help keep your pet safe and happy this Independence Day.

Keep pets indoors with windows and doors closed.

Play music to help cover the noise of Fireworks (Through a Dog's Ear CD or classical music).

Don't take your dog to the Fireworks display. The sounds and smells are too intense for them and not enjoyable.

If you are home, do an activity that your dog enjoys and will take their mind of the noise outside (hide and seek, training cues, tug, fetch, etc.).

Give dogs a bully stick or chew toy to help occupy their time.

Before the festivities, tire your dog out by exercising them.

Use calming spray or oils (Rescue Remedy, Calming Chews, Lavender Calming Spray).

If your dog already uses a Thundershirt, put this on them (the Thundershirt should be put on a few days prior to the 4th in order for your dog to acclimate if they haven't used one before).

If you are having the party, make sure to keep human food and adult beverages out of your pet's reach. Keep pets in a safe area of your home away from the doors that lead outside.

Make sure your pet has updated ID tags on and they are secure on the collar.

If your pet runs away, search the kennels of your local shelter and post signs. PHS' website, pasadenahumane.org, is updated hourly so that lost animals may be quickly reunited with their owners.

Free Caltech Stargazing Lecture

Cameron Hummels, Postdoctoral Fellow, will host a free Stargazing Lecture at Caltech and a guided stargazing with telescopes this Friday at 8 p.m.

Hummels will describe and highlight simulations modeling how black holes merge, how supernovae explode, how galaxies form, and how the Universe has evolved since the Big Bang. The stargazing Lecture is followed by guided stargazing with telescopes (weather permitting).

The event will be held at the Cahill Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics at Caltech, 1216 E California Blvd. No reservations are needed. Lectures are 30 minutes; stargazing lasts 90 minutes. Stay only as long as you want.

The lecture, slideshow, and Q&A take place regardless of weather.

For more information visit: caltech.edu (click on News & Events).

Pasadena's Biggest Bridge Party is Back

Everyone is invited to join Pasadena Heritage in celebration at the Colorado Street Bridge Party Saturday, July 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. This night of music, dancing, silent disco, vintage cars, free kids activities, and festive foods and beverages will be held atop one of the most beautiful bridges in the world.

Old favorites will return and new attractions are being added to make July 16th a night to remember. This year we will be having a Silent Disco hosted by Sound Off Experience in the park! We will still have live music on three stages which will offer groups such as Snotty Scott & the Hankies and Mercy and the Merkettes, while the Park Stage will feature Alumni Acoustic opening for Crimson Crowbar. Our display of distinctive vintage automobiles is always a hit, and the chance to see the stars through telescopes trained on the night sky is a rare treat. Youngsters will be thoroughly entertained in the children's area with balloons, face painting, cookie decorating, drum circles and more. Rock Theatre will be performing a special show, DJ Tyler Lasdon will be spinning tunes and Sara Rowe who has appeared on Nickelodeon and Grey's



Anatomy will be the MC.

Guests can stroll along the Bridge to discover delicious offerings from local vendors including Bling Bling Dumplings, Whole Foods and more. A selection of wines from San Antonio Winery, along with on-tap handcrafted beers from Craftsman Brewing and Eagle Rock Brewery, and specialty cocktails will also be available.

Funds raised support the historic preservation advocacy efforts and educational programs of Pasadena Heritage, a non-profit organization founded in 1977 to identify, preserve and protect Pasadena's architectural and cultural history.

Tickets are available in advance for \$18 adults/ \$9 kids, \$16 adults/ \$8 kids member pricing. Day of prices are \$20 adults/ \$10 kids.

Take the Metro Gold Line and then take the free ARTS Bus to the Bridge.

Month-Long Old Pasadena Summer Cinema Returns

Old Pasadena Summer Cinema (formerly the Old Pasadena Film Festival), continues the tradition as a month-long, free movie series featuring screenings in predominantly outdoor locations. Running from July 8 – July 30, this annual summer film program celebrates motion picture in all of its forms offering a variety of audience-pleasing movie titles and genres. With twenty screenings, Old Pasadena Summer Cinema is the largest free open-air film festival in California!

All of the Old Pasadena Summer Cinema events are free and open to the public. Starting at 7:00pm. Enjoy ambient music from local DJs before the movies screen. Bring your own chairs and blankets to Central Park. Enjoy another open-air option at One Colorado with films projected in their charming courtyard. Distant Lands, Armory Center for the Arts, and Pasadena Senior Center host screenings, as well. Seating is provided, but be sure to arrive a little early for best options.

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Friday, July 08	The Goonies
Saturday, July 09	The Devil Wears Prada
Friday, July 15	Cool Hand Luke
Saturday, July 16	Raising Arizona
Friday, July 22	10 Things I Hate about You
Saturday, July 23	Pride & Prejudice (2005)
Friday, July 29	The Truman Show
Saturday, July 30	Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

CENTRAL PARK - 275 S. Raymond Avenue ~ 8:30pm

Saturday, July 09	Creature from the Black Lagoon
Sunday, July 10	Stargate
Saturday, July 16	American Graffiti
Saturday, July 23	Little Shop of Horrors (1986)
Sunday, July 24	Strictly Ballroom
Saturday, July 30	Beetlejuice

DISTANT LANDS - 20 S. Raymond Avenue ~ 8:00pm

Friday, July 08	The Darjeeling Limited
Friday, July 15	Two for the Road
Friday, July 22	Into the Wild
Friday, July 29	Touching the Void

July Events Roundup at the Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in June at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

Fourth of July at noon

Don your favorite cowboy hat and blue jeans and bring your friends and family for an old-fashioned, festive celebration Monday, July 4, at noon at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

The Scott Pavilion will be adorned with patriotic red, white and blue décor as everyone celebrates with finger-licking-good ribs and chicken, corn on the cob, salads and desserts.

The cost is only \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members of all ages. Financial Planning for Long-term Care – Thursday, July 7, at 10 a.m. Do you or someone you love need long-term care? Learn the types of financial aid programs offered through Medicare, Medi-Cal and the VA benefit for senior veterans and their spouses. Find out about some of the misconceptions related to these programs, what the facts are and how regulations allow you to maximize your benefits. Presented by Bill Fisher, senior advocate.

Sample Summer Classes

Every summer the Pasadena Senior Center offers a full lineup of classes for people 50 and older ranging from art and computers to foreign languages and Zumba Gold. Some classes are now offered evenings.

Anyone can sample the most popular offerings for free by attending half-hour sessions, meeting the instructors and learning more about the courses.

All sample classes, known as Class Tasting, will take place Monday and Tuesday, July 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The regular summer class schedule will be offered in two five-week sessions – the first in July and the second in August. After sampling classes for free July 6 and 7, register for the July and/or August session at www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org (click on Classes and Lectures) or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk. Registration deadline is Friday, July 15.

Most classes range from \$15 to \$70 for Pasadena Senior Center members. Scholarships for low-income members are available on a limited basis.

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

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4-STORY DOWNTOWN BLDG APPROVED



CORNER VIEW @ 1ST AVE AND WHEELER AVE

By Scott Hettrick /Arcadia's Best

A proposed four-story mixed-use apartment/commercial building in Downtown Arcadia at the corner of First Avenue and Wheeler Street behind 24 Hour Fitness was unanimously approved tonight (Tuesday, June 24, 2015) by the City of Arcadia Planning Commission.

According to a staff report, the applicant, Alicia Barclay on behalf of DPP Arcadia, LLC, requested approval of the development that consists of three stories of residential units (38 apartment units) over 17,850 square feet of ground floor commercial uses (maximum of 1,500 sf per commercial space), and two levels of subterranean parking. The second level of underground parking was the result of objections by the Downtown Arcadia Improvement Association and others when the project was first proposed with only one level of parking that would not accommodate all the cars of the residential units and the workers and customers of the commercial spaces, let alone the displaced customers of 24 Hour Fitness and other nearby business that use the existing parking lot behind 24 Hour Fitness on which the 4-story development will be built. Another element was added that met the approval of the Planning Commission and the Downtown Association — a 2,730 square-foot public outdoor plaza that will be located between the proposed development and the 24-Hour Fitness building. This is the first development designed to cater to the anticipated Gold Line train and station a few yards away from this building. The Gold Line train station will be dedicated August 22 but service will not begin until at least March of next year or possibly later due to delays in the delivery of extra rail passenger cars.

Developers say construction on the new building could begin early next year — perhaps March — with work thereafter expected to take about 15-months, putting the project on target for completion in about two years. It will be the first Mixed-Use project in Arcadia to be LEED certified at a Silver Level, meaning it complies with a high standard of environmental-friendly building recommendations.

The staff report says the project will provide more than the required total of 340 parking spaces, including 112 on-site: eight surface parking spaces, 104 spaces below grade (47 spaces on the first level and 57 spaces on the second level), and 234 spaces in the existing parking structure.

The eight surface parking spaces would be designated for customers of the commercial uses. Within the two levels of the below-grade parking spaces, 57 parking spaces would be reserved for the residents of the Project, 19 spaces would be reserved for guests of the residents, and 28 spaces would be available to the public. Additional parking for the proposed project is to be available through a reciprocal parking easement in the adjacent, existing, three-level, 234-space parking structure next to 24 Hour Fitness on Santa Clara Avenue, which sits on property owned by the same company. A total of 346 parking spaces are to be provided for the new Project and 24-Hour Fitness, which exceeds the required amount by six spaces.

The west half of the development will be only three stories to provide more of a visual transition from the east and allow more light in the courtyard area.

The Project also includes a curb extension at the corner of Wheeler Avenue and First Avenue to expand the sidewalk at that location to facilitate additional on-street parking along First Avenue. The residential component will occupy the second, third, and fourth floors of the proposed building, and will consist of 27 one-bedroom units, and 11 two-bedroom units. Five of the two-bedroom units will be two-story units (Units 7-11). The apartments vary in size from 880 square feet to 1,464 square feet. All of the units will have a private deck or balcony ranging in size from 50 square feet to 468 square feet, and there will be a common courtyard with landscaping and barbeque facilities for the residents.

The exterior of the building will include brick veneer and stucco walls, with projecting awnings and painted metal panes and doorways to highlight the ground floor commercial spaces. The Wheeler Avenue frontage will feature a four-story high wall area between the office and retail spaces that is to incorporate public art (e.g., a painted mural). On the west elevation, metal latticing on the exterior wall will create visual interest and texturing of the façade. The canopies, posts, and railings are to be decorated with ornamental iron work. As shown on the attached site and floor plans and on the rendering below, the Project is designed to activate the street frontage by orienting the retail components towards First Avenue to access the Gold Line station.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 19th, through Saturday, June 25th, the Police Department responded to 998 calls for service of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 19:

1. Around 2:03 a.m., an officer was dispatched to 7-Eleven, 1003 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the report of a theft. An investigation revealed the suspect entered the convenience store and asked the cashier for a pack of cigarettes. As the cashier provided the suspect with the cigarettes, the suspect grabbed the cigarette pack and a lighter then fled the location without paying. The 33-year-old male from Port Hueneme was located with the stolen items. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. Just after 5:24 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia County Park, 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a battery that had just occurred. An investigation revealed the victim was walking toward a park bench when the suspect punched him in his chest. The 53-year-old male from Azusa was located, arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, June 20:

3. At approximately 11:54 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a subject removing plants from a mall planter box. Upon contacting the subject, the officer discovered the subject was in possession of a large unguarded razor blade in his shoe. The 22-year-old male from La Mirada was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. Just after 5:08 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Cotton On, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a subject looking under dressing room stalls. An investigation revealed the victim entered a dressing room stall to try on clothing when she noticed a man's face peering at her from underneath. The suspect attempted to leave the store but was apprehended by mall security. The 36-year-old male from Delano was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday June 21:

5. At about 2:32 p.m., an officer was dispatched to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding the report of a theft from vehicle. An investigation revealed the victim had left her vehicle with the passenger side window down. When she returned to her car, she discovered \$1,000 and her coat had been stolen. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

6. At approximately 4:57 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Colorado Place and Gate 6 of the Santa Anita Race Track for expired registration. An investigation revealed the driver had been driving without a driver's license, without auto insurance and had expired registration. The driver was also in possession of methamphetamine. The 51-year-old male from Highland Park was cited and released at the scene. The vehicle was released to the registered owner.

Wednesday, June 22:

7. Around 6:56 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Joaquin Road regarding the report of a burglary. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) cut a hole in the chain link fence surrounding a house under construction. The suspect(s) stole \$6,170 worth of tools. The investigation is ongoing.

8. Just after 10:25 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Michillinda

Avenue for equipment violations. An investigation revealed the driver was driving with a suspended license, expired registration and no proof of insurance. The driver was cited and released at the scene. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Thursday, June 23:

9. At about 3:14 a.m., officers responded to the area of North Santa Anita Avenue and Santa Clara Street regarding the report of a solo vehicle traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 22-year-old female from Montrose was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. At approximately 7:04 a.m., officers responded to the area of Holly Avenue and Lemon Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. An investigation revealed a 19-year-old male from El Monte and a 40-year-old male from Rosemead had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in their vehicle. They were also in possession of drug paraphernalia. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

11. At about 7:29 p.m., officers were dispatched to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the report of two males fighting. An investigation revealed the fight was between a theft suspect and a witness. The suspect had stolen a wallet and a purse from separate victims inside the mall. The suspect then fled to the parking lot and began pressing the remote key found inside the stolen purse in an attempt to steal the victim's car. The suspect was confronted and apprehended by a witness and mall security. The 22-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, June 24:

12. At approximately 1:42 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of West Longden Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. An investigation revealed a 29-year-old male from Rosemead had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in his vehicle. The suspect was also found to be in possession of other stolen property, a fraudulent driver's license, drug paraphernalia and various illegal fireworks. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, June 25:

13. At about 1:43 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of South Eighth Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Officers followed the tracker to a residence in Monrovia. Two males were contacted at the residence and found to be in possession of the stolen package, property, and tracking device. Both suspects also had outstanding warrants for their arrests. The 51-year-old male from West Covina and the 31-year-old male from Monrovia were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. Around 2:28 p.m., an officer was dispatched to JC Penney, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a shoplifting report. Loss prevention officers witnessed the suspect conceal fragrance bottles inside a plastic shopping bag before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The 23-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

ADVISORY: FIRST AVENUE CLOSED FOR PATRIOTIC FESTIVAL, SATURDAY JULY 2ND, 3:00 PM -11:00 PM

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NEW FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS APPROVED WITH ATHENS AND CONSOLIDATED FOR TRASH / SOLID WASTE SERVICES, RATE ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016, BEING DRIVEN BY STATE MANDATED AB 1826 ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM

In October 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 1826 into law, which mandated the implementation of an organic waste diversion program in 2016. Organic waste refers to food waste, green waste, landscape / pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. It is important to note that AB 1826 phases in the mandatory recycling of commercial organics over time, and eventually, it is anticipated that nearly everyone – including both residential and commercial customers – will be required to comply with stringent organic waste diversion directives.

The mandatory recycling of organic waste as outlined in AB 1826 is being driven by the directives of AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. In that legislation, it was identified that reducing the amount of organic materials sent to landfills, and increasing the production of compost and mulch, were requirements for California businesses and residents. In fact, according to the AB 32 Scoping Plan, organic waste such as green materials and food materials were identified as recyclable items through composting and mulching, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic wastes in landfills were identified as a significant source of emissions contributing to global climate change that needed to be adjusted.

During the past several months, as the City has engaged in discussions with Athens Services regarding the organics program, staff has also had simultaneous conversations with Consolidated Disposal regarding the City's overall approach to managing solid waste disposal services.

Currently, Athens Services has an exclusive franchise to provide residential and Old Town customers with solid waste disposal services, and a non-exclusive franchise agreement to provide commercial customers with solid waste disposal services. Those existing agreements run through June 30, 2034.

In addition, Consolidated Disposal currently has a non-exclusive franchise agreement to provide commercial customers with solid waste disposals services, and that particular contract is set to expire on June 30, 2016.

Given the pending expiration of the agreement with Consolidated Disposal, and given the organics recycling program requirements of AB 1826, the City this past week approved an exclusive franchise agreement with Athens Services, along with a three-month contract extension with Consolidated Disposal through September 30, 2016 to allow for a smoother transition of service providers.

The approved agreement with Athens Services includes several new services, along with a revised schedule of rates. An overview of the new services include:

Residential Mulch / Compost Give-Away Services

As part of the proposed Exclusive Agreement with Athens, we have negotiated a provision whereby all residents of Monrovia would have access to free mulch / compost material on a bi-annual basis to be provided by Athens.

Residential Hillside Brush Clearance Service

As part of the proposed Exclusive Agreement with Athens, we have negotiated a provisions where all residents who live in the hillside fire hazard zone (north of Hillcrest Avenue) would have access annually to brush and debris removal services between May 1 and June 30 (so as to coincide with the City's required annual brush clearance inspection process), at no cost to the resident. Commercial Bus Stop Trash Pick-Up Services

DUARTE TO ENFORCE FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS INCLUDING FINES UP TO \$1,000

DUARTE, CA, June 29, 2016 – The City of Duarte will be enforcing restrictions on fireworks usage for the Fourth of July, 2016 holiday. Fireworks are only allowed to be discharged on the day of July 4th between the hours of noon and 11 p.m.

They are no longer allowed on the days leading up to the holiday. Additionally, Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments will be deploying up to two additional engines and eight deputies to patrol areas within the City on the 4th of July.

The only type of fireworks allowed to be discharged in Duarte are those marked Safe & Sane and those that have been purchased in California. These

SAN GABRIEL COMPLEX FIRE RECAP

The Reservoir and Fish Fires began on June 20th as separate incidents. The cause of the Reservoir Fire was due to a vehicle crash with a fatality while the cause of the Fish Fire is still under investigation. The fires were burning in fuel that was 7-10 years old with a 6-8 foot chaparral and large grass crop. The Reservoir Fire grew the first day to 1200 acres. The Fish Fire grew to 3700 acres and threatened homes. Initial concerns were that the two fires would merge into one fire. Fire crews established and provided for structure defense. No homes or structures have been damaged.

At the height of the fire, 1376 homes were evacuated. The American Red Cross established an Evacuation Center at Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, and 1460 staff from multiple local, state and federal agencies worked to protect property and suppress the fire. Road closures were in place and law enforcement patrolled for security while firefighters worked through the night to contain

DUARTE LAUNCHES PILOT MANDATORY STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM JULY 1ST

In response to concerns about street cleanliness and litter, the Duarte City Council voted at its May 10th meeting to launch a pilot street sweeping program effective July 1, 2016. The program involves a designated area of the City which will have signs posted to reflect mandatory parking restrictions which will be enforced by citation.

The pilot program will launch on July 1, 2016 for a period of six months. The program involves the mandatory removal of vehicles on both sides of the street on street sweeping days to facilitate unobstructed access to curb and gutter by the sweeper. Street sweeping will occur on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. The area involved in the pilot program is defined as Quadrant No. 2 which will be divided into north and south sections. The northern section of the quadrant includes the Duarte Mesa, every street above Freeborn St. with the outer boundary of Woodbluff Ave. The southern section of the quadrant is defined as Freeborn Street and all streets south of it, with the west boundary at Mt.

Currently, the City has 31 trash receptacles located next to bus stops that City staff picks up three times / week. As part of our contract discussions, we have negotiated a provisions in the Exclusive Agreement whereby Athens would be responsible for collecting the trash at each of the bus stop locations in Monrovia.

Citywide Bulky Item Pick-Up Services

One of the consistent complaints that the City receives regarding solid waste services are bulky-items and debris that are illegally dumped at visible locations throughout town. As part of our contract discussions, we have negotiated a provision in the Exclusive Agreement whereby Athens would provide the City with unlimited bulky-item pick-ups at no cost.

Street Sweeping Cost Containment

In addition to approval of the new franchise agreement with Athens, the City also approved an amendment to our existing Street Sweeping Agreement with Athens, which had been set to expire in December 2016. The approved agreement offers the City direct cost containment control over street sweeping costs, as our contract stipulates that for street sweeping purposes, "Rate adjustments are within the sole discretion of the City Council."

Implementation of AB 1826 Compliant Organics Recycling Program Available to all Customers

Pursuant to AB 1826, the agreement with Athens includes a provision that the State mandated organics recycling program be made available to all customers in Monrovia.

Based on the provisions of AB 1826, the City is mandated to reduce organic waste by 50% from 2014 levels by 2020. Our agreement with Athens puts in place a robust program that will allow us to comply with the requirements, and makes the organics recycling program available to all applicable customers.

Based on provisions contained in the updated agreements with Athens, solid waste service rates will be adjusted on July 1, 2016. The cost increases are broken down into two separate parts, including a base level cost increase to pay for CPI adjustment costs and the new California minimum wage costs. The second component of the increase relates to the State of California AB 1826 Organics Recycling program costs. An overview of those cost adjustments for the typical customer categories outlined below include:

CPI / CA Minimum Wage Cost Increase
Residential – \$1.54 / month
Multi-Family – \$6.99 / month
Commercial – \$8.40 / month
AB 1826 Organics Recycling Program Cost Increase
Residential – \$3.85 / month
Multi-family – \$21.54 / month
Commercial – \$23.20 / month
Total Solid Waste Service Cost Increase Effective July 1, 2016
Residential – \$4.99 / month
Multi-family – \$28.53 / month
Commercial – \$31.60 / month

During the next few weeks, Athens will be sending out additional information regarding these cost adjustments and new service levels, and in the interim, if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our Public Works Department at (626) 932-5575.

types of fireworks are legally sold in Duarte at five different locations starting June 30th. Remember, discharging fireworks north of Royal Oaks Drive is prohibited, with the exception of Royal Oaks Park.

Violators of the City's new fireworks restriction maybe be prosecuted and receive up to a \$1000 fine and/or six months in jail. The California State Fire Marshall has decreed a zero tolerance against illegal fireworks due to the severe drought conditions. For additional information, contact Duarte Public Safety by calling (626) 357-7938 or to report a fireworks violation in action, please contact LASD Temple Station at 626 285-7171.

the fire. Los Angeles County Fire Department held a community meeting in Duarte at Northview Intermediate School on June 22nd to answer questions and assure residents of the commitment of staff to this community.

Highway 39 remains closed at old San Gabriel Road due to ongoing fire activity, hazards remaining on the road including falling debris and crews performing mop up and patrol operations. All evacuations for the San Gabriel Complex have been lifted. The American Red Cross center has been closed.

For additional information, please contact the City of Duarte at 626 357-7931 or visit www.accessduarte.com. Follow the City of Duarte on Facebook at [facebook.com/duartecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/duartecommunity); Twitter @CityofDuarte; Instagram @city_of_duarte and LinkedIn.

Fire Incident update website information:
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Olive, the south boundary at Central Ave. and the easterly boundary consisting of Las Lomas Rd. to Royal Oaks and Fernley Drives.

The northern portion of the Quadrant 2 will be swept during the period of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the southern portion will be swept from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Street signs indicating parking restrictions with days and times will be posted in the pilot area during the month of June prior to the beginning of the program.

The program also features a thirty-day grace period where written warning notices will be left on windshields in order to both educate and familiarize affected residents with the program. Actual parking enforcement will commence August 1st. Citations will cost approximately \$45.00. Prior to the introduction of the program, staff will be involved in extensive public outreach. Staff will return to council in January of 2017 with pilot program findings.

For additional information on the proposed street sweeping program, contact Duarte Public Safety at 626-357-7938.

RE: FISH CANYON FALLS TRAIL AND DUARTE FREE SHUTTLE CLOSED DUE TO FIRE

DUARTE, CA, June 28, 2016 – Both the Fish Canyon Falls Trail and the Duarte Transit Saturday Shuttle to the Falls are closed until further notice due to damage the trail sustained during the recent San Gabriel Complex fire as determined by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

In the coming weeks after the San Gabriel Complex fire is fully contained, a geologist and County Fire experts will be on site at the Fish Canyon Falls Trails area to assess the extent of the damage to the trail and determine what repairs are needed. Collectively, the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Angeles National Forest will teams will deem when the trail is safe for public use.

The City of Duarte first implemented the free shuttle service on April 9, 2016 and was set to run the service through July. The vans ran between the Fish Canyon Falls Trailhead, 3901 Fish Canyon Road, and the Duarte/City of Hope Gold Line station, located along Duarte Road, just west of Highland Avenue every Saturday from 7 a.m.- 6 p.m., with pick ups on the hour

and on the half.

The City of Duarte and San Gabriel Mountains Forever recently came together on Saturday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m. and held a press conference highlighting Duarte's free shuttle service. However, with the recent fire, the shuttle service is now closed and the City anticipates reopening the service in the fall, once the trail is determined to be safe and open to the public.

For additional information on the Fish Canyon Falls Trail Shuttle or the Duarte Transit, please contact the City of Duarte at 626-357-7931.

About the City of Duarte

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 458 service events, resulting in 72 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

Grand Theft Auto June 20 at 8:19 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 700 block of S. Myrtle regarding the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim stated his motorcycle was stolen from the apartment parking structure. The investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery June 20 at 4:58 p.m., a resident called police to report a vehicle had been abandoned along a red curb in the 1800 block of S. Mayflower for two days. Officers responded and the investigation revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Downey Police Department.

Theft From a Vehicle June 21 at 9:22 a.m., the victim of a vehicle burglary called police to report a theft from his vehicle in the 100 block of N. Encinitas. The victim parked his vehicle and left his golf clubs inside. The vehicle was left unlocked. When he returned to his vehicle the next day, he found the back passenger door open and noticed his golf clubs were missing. The investigation is continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle June 21 at 9:50 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. Mountain. The victim left his vehicle unlocked and when he returned, he discovered his center console had been ransacked. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary June 21 at 12:18 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 1300 block of S. Mayflower. The caller reported he found his garage open and several items were missing. The investigation is continuing.

Medical Assistance June 21 at 10:37 p.m., a motorist called to report a possible DUI driver on Scenic and Canyon. The driver was driving wrong way in opposing lanes of traffic. An officer responded and located the driver and vehicle. The driver was found to be diabetic and in need of medical help. Paramedics responded and treated the driver.

Vehicle Burglary June 23 at 6:29 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 900 block of W. Hillcrest. The victim parked and locked his truck in front of his home in the evening. When he returned to the vehicle in the morning, he found someone had broken into the vehicle. The driver's door lock was punched and his tools had been stolen. The investigation is continuing.

Traffic Collision June 23 at 12:53 p.m., an officer responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Myrtle and Huntington. A large dump truck was following too close and collided into a passenger vehicle. The dump truck driver was driving without the appropriate license certification and was issued a citation. The driver of the second vehicle complained of neck and back pain, but refused medical treatment.

Traffic Collision June 23 at 1:33 p.m., a traffic collision was reported in the 500 block of E. Foothill. Two vehicles were involved in the collision. One of the drivers fell asleep at the wheel and collided into the other vehicle, which was making a parking maneuver.

Bear Incident June 23 at 2:00 p.m., a bear was sighted in the 400 block of N. Canyon. The resident called to report a bear in his front yard that was aggressive. The resident came in contact with the animal as he exited his home. The resident reported that the bear was agitated. It growled at the resident, but then left the area back into the foothills. The Department of Fish and Wildlife was notified.

Indecent Exposure June 23 at 7:16 p.m., two adult females were walking east on Hillcrest, approaching Heather Heights, when they walked by a grey pickup truck that was parked with the passenger window open. Both females looked inside the truck and saw a white, adult male, mid to late 20s, sitting in the driver's seat, exposing himself. They attempted to get a photograph of him with their phone, but he quickly drove away, heading south on Heather Heights. However, since Heather Heights is a dead-end street, he was required to drive by them again as he drove back onto Hillcrest. The male driver looked at the females, waved at them, then drove away out of sight. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary June 23 at 10:05 p.m., an officer responded to the report of a residential burglary in the 700 block of E. Foothill. The residents had left the home locked and secured to go out to dinner at 6:30 p.m. When they returned at 10:05 p.m., they discovered their house had been burglarized. The suspects broke into the home through a bathroom window. The suspects ransacked the entire house, then fled prior to the family returning. It is unknown what exactly was taken. The victims will conduct an inventory of their personal possessions. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary June 23 at 11:53 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 400 block of Wildrose. The resident left her house to go out with friends. At 11:00 p.m., she returned home and discovered the house had been ransacked. There was no one inside the home. The backdoor was open and she realized she had left it unlocked. The loss is unknown and the investigation is ongoing.

Petty Theft June 24 at 6:50 a.m., a resident in the 1200 block of S. Mayflower Avenue called police to report a theft. The resident parked his vehicle in his detached garage in the evening and left both the garage and his vehicle unlocked. He returned to his vehicle in the morning and found his briefcase had been stolen. The investigation is continuing. Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested June 24 at 10:36 a.m., a resident in the 200 block of Norumbega reported a suspicious person in the area. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who was determined to be under the influence of narcotics. The subject was arrested, taken into custody and held for a sobering period.

Counterfeit Currency June 24 at 6:43 p.m., a male adult suspect entered a business in the 400 block of W. Foothill and attempted to purchase merchandise with a fraudulent \$50.00 bill. The employee checked the authenticity of the bill and determined it was fraudulent. The employee called police, but the suspect left the business prior to police arrival and was not located. The investigation is continuing.

Bear Sighting June 24 at 8:06 p.m., the homeowners of a house in the 300 block of N. Encinitas called police to report a bear in their backyard. Officers arrived and flushed the bear off the property and back into the foothills.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision June 25 at 11:03 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a hit and run traffic collision that occurred in the 200 block of E. Colorado. The victim parked her vehicle in front of her home and went inside for the night. She went out to her vehicle in the morning and found the front of her vehicle had been damaged. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary June 25 at 11:58 a.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 200 block of E. Cherry Avenue. The residents were leaving for the weekend. They locked the front door, but left a bedroom window open. The caretaker later arrived to check on the home and found the front door ajar and a bedroom ransacked. The loss could not be determined until the owners can take inventory. The investigation is continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision June 25 at 3:33 p.m., an officer responded to the report of an injury traffic collision in the 200 block of E. Foothill. A vehicle traveling on Foothill slowed to make a left turn and was rear ended by a second vehicle. Three passengers complained of pain and were taken to a hospital for treatment.

Domestic Violence June 26 at 1:25 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a hospital, where a female adult had checked herself in for injuries she had just sustained at her house. She told the officer that she was home with her child when the father of the child arrived to visit. They began to argue, and the male suspect hit the female victim in the head with his fist, causing a visible injury. The suspect then left the house. A want for domestic violence was issued for the suspect.

Domestic Violence June 26 at 6:45 p.m., police received a report of a disturbance at a location in the 1800 block of S. Peck. Officers arrived and separated a male and female who have been in a relationship for over 10 years. The female sustained a visible injury to the top of her head during the altercation. The male was arrested for domestic violence.

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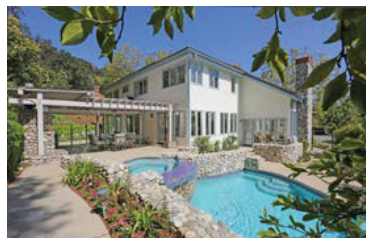
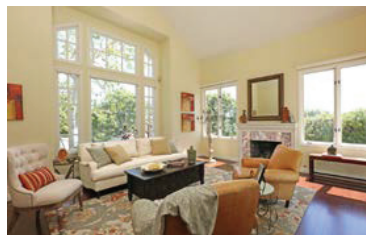
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LOCAL GIRLS WILL "CAMP IN" AT TECH TREK CAMP



The Arcadia Branch of AAUW sent girls to Tech Trek Math/Science Camp at Whittier College this summer. Pictured are four of the happy campers. Photo Credit: Carol Dennis

Looking forward to a week at Tech Trek Science and Math Camp on the Whittier College campus are nine middle-school girls from local school districts. The girls will spend the week of June 26-July 2 exploring STEM courses and possible futures in STEM careers—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The Whittier Camp is sponsored by the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Now, because of its popularity, Tech Trek has become a project of the National AAUW and many other states are also involved.

The goal of Tech Trek Camp is to help young women entering eighth grade in the fall to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in the fields of math and science—in the hope that they will continue to take more classes in those fields and go on to related careers. Representing Arcadia are Anika Misra and Evelyn Lo. El Monte City Schools has participants Amanda Mercado, Karina Aviles, Josephyne Alvarez, Kiara Witt, and Alina Phu. Temple City is represented by Emily Kwok, and Monrovia is sending Beatriz Garcia.

These young women will receive a preview of college life while learning that math and science can be enjoyable. They will live in dorms on the Whittier College campus for the week and attend classes that emphasize hands-on experiments and are taught by

credentialled middle-school teachers. Field trips may include an outing to Griffith Park Observatory, a visit to a forensics lab, and a marine biology trip. All will enjoy a dinner featuring a Professional Women's Panel in which the girls will hear inspirational stories of the women's various paths into STEM careers.

Students are nominated by teachers to attend Tech Trek Camp. The local branch of AAUW provides the funding for the students to attend and makes the final selection of campers.

AAUW-Arcadia Branch members are supporting this endeavor, along with contributions from community donors. Major donors this year are the Arcadia Chinese Association (ACA), the Hakka Foundation, El Monte City Schools, and Soroptimist of Altadena/Pasadena.

Tech Trek had its beginnings at Stanford University in 1998. Ten more camps on California college campuses have followed throughout the years. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. To support programs like Tech Trek or to learn more about the American Association of University Women (AAUW), please contact Tech Trek Coordinator Phyllis Howard at (626) 359-3525.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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a Rosè? First of all it's not a blend of red and white wine rose' wine is made from red, black or purple grapes. The rose' or pink color comes from the skin of the grape, however the juice is only in contact with the skin of the grape a short period of time. In France for decades the blending of red and white was only approved for making pink champagne.

I have discovered a sparkling wine rosè that is as close to the "pink champagne" as it gets. Domaine Caerberos hailing from our great state of California is as good as it gets. The Musè (bubbles) are perfect this is the kind of rosè that you can truly drink by itself or the accompaniment of any foods from shrimp cocktail to caviar, I won't go as far as ritz crackers but don't tempt me!! This sparkling rose has a perfect "weight" for a rosè. Not too heavy, yet just enough body for a great mouth feel. It is not sweet, and the finish has not even a hint of bitterness. Not sure if I will give up on the Domaine Caerberos brut just yet, but if you are looking for a mild change of pace with a little more fruit and a tad sweeter this rosè is a great addition to my sparkling wine recommendations. No need to store this one is ready to sip right off the shelf. One more note, not sure why but rosè champagnes and sparkling wines tend to be a bit more expensive. This one will run you about \$35 compared to their sparkling brut that is about \$30. Happy start of summer to all of you.

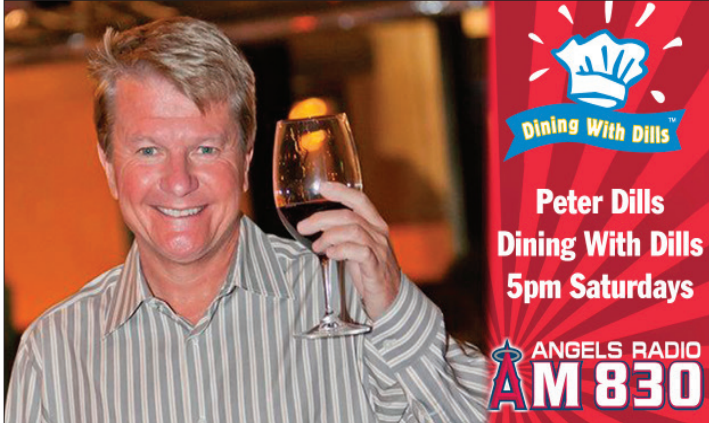
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Each week I will give you my Dills Score. Starting with a base of 50 points, I have added points for value - 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 7 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Join me this Sunday at 5 PM for Dining w/Dills 830 AM KLAA 830
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RED IS GOOD PINK IS BETTER

I love to follow trends, what's hot, and what's not. Right now there seems to be a real love affair with "Rosè wines". What is

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3 cloves Garlic crushed
- 1 tb Seasoned salt
- 1/2 c Oil
- 1c Fresh lemon juice
- 12 tsp Italian Salad dressing
- 1/2 c Chopped onions
- 1 Pepper
- 1 ts Crushed thyme
- 4 Rock Cornish Hens, giblets removed

DIRECTIONS:

Blend garlic, seasoned salt, oil, lemon juice, dressing, onions, pepper, and thyme. Marinate the birds overnight in the refrigerator.

Cut the birds lengthwise.

Cook on outside grill, bone side down 10 minutes, flesh side down 5 minutes, alternating 10 minutes and 5 minutes in this manner for about an hour and basting with marinade frequently (at least every 5 minutes) while barbecuing. Serves 8.

If you can't get outside to barbecue, just use the oven method:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Place skin side up in a shallow pan, baste with marinade, cover with foil and roast for 30 minutes.

Remove foil and brush with marinade again. Roast again uncovered for 20-30 minutes (brush with marinade again after about 10 minutes).

Test for doneness: drumsticks should be soft and juices should not be tinged with pink when you pierce the thickest part of the thigh with a fork.

Julie's favorite Family Recipes**HOLLY'S PEACH CRUMBLE****INGREDIENTS****FOR THE FILLING**

- 2 lbs. peaches or nectarines, cut into 1/2-inch wedges (6 cups)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbs. lemon juice
- 4 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp. coarse salt
- 1/4 tsp.

FOR THE TOPPING

- 6 tbs. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup light-brown sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled)
- 1/2 tsp. coarse salt

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Make the filling: Combine peaches, granulated sugar, lemon juice, cornstarch, and salt. Transfer to an 8-inch square baking dish.

Make the topping: In a large bowl, using a mixer, beat butter and brown sugar on medium until light and fluffy. Add flour and salt and, with your hands, mix until large pieces form. Scatter over filling.

Bake until center is bubbling, 40 to 50 minutes, tenting loosely with foil after 30 minutes. Let cool 20 minutes before serving.

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WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY SURVIVOR BENEFITS?

*Dear Savvy Senior,
Who all is eligible for Social Security survivor benefits?
My ex-husband died last year at the age of 59, and I
would like to find out if me, or my two kids – ages 13
and 16 – that we had together are eligible for anything?
Divorced Widow*

Dear Divorced,
If your ex-husband worked and paid Social Security taxes, both you and your kids may very well be eligible for survivor benefits, but you need to act quickly because benefits are generally retroactive only up to six months. Here's what you should know.

Under Social Security law, when a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, certain members of that person's family may be eligible for survivor benefits including spouses, former spouses and dependents. Here's a breakdown of who may be eligible.

Widow(er)'s and divorced widow(er)'s: Surviving spouses are eligible to collect a monthly survivor benefit as early as age 60 (50 if disabled). Divorced surviving spouses are also eligible at this same age, if you were married at least 10 years and did not remarry before age 60 (50 if disabled), unless the marriage ends.

How much you'll receive will depend on how much money (earnings that were subject to Social Security taxes) your spouse or ex-spouse made over their lifetime, and the age in which you apply for survivors benefits.

If you wait until your full retirement age (which is 66 for people born in 1945-1956 and will gradually increase to age 67 for people born in 1962 or later), you'll receive 100 of your deceased spouses or ex-spouses benefit amount. But if you apply between age 60 and your full retirement age, your benefit will be somewhere between 71.5 – 99 percent of their benefit.

To find out what percentage you can get under full retirement age visit ssa.gov/survivorplan/survivorchartred.htm.

There is, however, one exception. Surviving spouses and ex-spouses that are caring for a child (or children) of the deceased worker, and they are under age 16 or disabled, are eligible to receive 75 percent of the worker's benefit amount at any age.

Unmarried children: Surviving unmarried children under age 18, or up to age 19 if they're still attending



high school, are eligible for survivor benefits too. Benefits can also be paid to children at any age if they were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled. Both biological and adoptive children are eligible, as well as kids born out of wedlock. Dependent stepchildren and grandchildren may also qualify. Children's benefits are 75 percent of the workers benefit.

Dependent parents: Benefits can also be paid to dependent parent(s) who are age 62 and older. For parents to qualify as dependents, the deceased worker would have had to provide at least one-half of the parent's financial support.

But be aware that Social Security has limits on how much a family can receive in monthly survivors benefits – usually 150 to 180 percent of the workers benefit.

You also need to know that in addition to survivor benefits, surviving spouses or children are also eligible to receive a one-time death benefit of \$255.

Maximizing Strategies

Social Security also provides surviving spouses and ex-spouses some nice strategies that can help boost your benefits. For example, you could take a reduced survivor benefit at age 60, and could switch to your own retirement benefit based on your earnings – between 62 and 70 – if it offers a higher payment.

Or, if you're already receiving retirement benefits on your work record, you could switch to survivors benefits if it offers a higher payment. You cannot, however, receive both benefits.

You also need to know that if you collect a survivor benefit while working, and are under full retirement age, your benefits may be reduced depending on your earnings.

For more information, visit ssa.gov/survivorplan or call 800-772-1213.

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That MUCH ADO...

You gotta love Sierra Madre and its small town atmosphere. People know each other, or at least recognize each other, and little happens without acquaintances finding out about it. That being said, I hope I'm not in the Sierra Madre police blotter this week. Let me explain.

It started innocently enough. I was visiting my parents when my mom asked me to do them a favor. Their neighbors a couple of doors down had gone out for the day and asked Mom and Dad to walk their dog (we'll call her Sprinkles) once in the morning and then again in the afternoon. Would I mind hopping over and taking Sprinkles around the block? "Sure," I said, confident of my dog walking abilities. So I took the key and went over. Something didn't seem right as I entered. Sprinkles was eyeing me warily from the couch and barked a couple times. She seemed conflicted as to whether I was a friend or foe. Here was a "stranger" in her home, but when I picked up the leash she started licking my ankles. Then I heard it --ding-ding-ding. Mom's instructions hadn't included anything about disabling the alarm system, so I hoped maybe it would just go off on its own.

As the dings grew into blaring sirens I returned the leash to its hook by the door. Sprinkles looked disappointed. I picked up their phone to call the police, but there was no dial tone. Not having my purse, cell phone, or anything except their key, I locked up the house and returned to my parents.

Mom was juicing when I got back. "That was fast!" she remarked. "Well, not really," I said, "I set off the alarm." "You did what?" Dad asked. He's an avid exerciser, and was in the middle of his routine at the time. "Yes, that's that loud sound you're hearing. Maybe if I call them they can cancel the alarm." I tried both of their numbers, but was only able to leave a message. Then I called the cops.

Let me tell you, the Sierra Madre police are on top of things! Not that I call different police stations and compare response times, but they answered immediately. However, the Post alarm system is apparently even faster. "I'm calling because I accidentally set off my neighbors' security alarm," I explained. "I just wanted to let you know so you wouldn't have to send anyone

out." "What's your address?" the lady asked. "Um, well, I live on [Highland], but I'm at my parents' on [Grove]." "We already have a unit there." Shoot! "Can you go out and talk to them?" "Sure..." I said. "What are you wearing?" she asked. "A yellow sweatshirt." There was a pause. "And blue shorts." Okay, please don't literally shoot! "On my way."

There was not one, but two police SUVs parked at the corner. My neighbor across the street was talking to them as I trotted up. I waved and he smiled good-naturedly, probably wondering why this silly lady was choosing this moment to say hi. I recognized Officer Ford from the neighborhood watch meeting I had attended shortly after my husband and I moved to [Highland]. By the time

I finished explaining the situation Dad was walking over, buttoning up his shirt (remember, this interrupted his workout). Officer Ford radioed in to the station, "I'm here with the responsible party, the dog-walker." "You're that girl who jogs, right?" he asked. "Yes," I said. "You don't have any ID on you, do you?" "No, sorry." "Okay, what about you?" he asked Dad. "John Hopkins, [727 Grove]" Dad answered. "So you live here, too?" he asked me. "No, I'm at [23 Highland]." "That's what I thought," he replied, probably remembering the neighborhood watch meeting. "So, your

name's Hopkins?" he asked. "No, 'C.' Spelled 'T-S-E.'" Dad started chuckling, "You can read all about this in the paper! Look, Katie, now you have a story for this week. What paper is it again?" Dad asked. "Mountain Views News." "Oh," Officer Ford said, "I've seen it but I don't read it all the time." "It's called 'This & That.' My editor named it." I replied "So, I'll look for Katie Tse then" he said. "Well, they have me as Katie Tse on my column, but in the list of contributors I'm 'Katie Hopkins.'" He looked slightly weary of this conversation. "Just look for the cartoon rabbit" Dad said.

And so that was my run-in with the law last weekend. Officer Ford, if you're reading this, I promise to never break and enter into my neighbors' house again without their provision of the pass code. To my neighbors on [Grove], my apologies to you and Sprinkles, I'm sure it would've been a great walk!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!July Birthdays

Nina Bartolai, Mary Lou Caldwell, Louise Neiby, Eunice Banis, Betty Hansen, Christine Durfert, Shahrzad Azrani, Jeanne Borge Dahl, Janet Cox, Dorothy Montgomery, Bess Pancoska, Janet Swanson, Linda Thunes, Barbara Watson, Pat Alcorn, Karma Bell, Alice Clark, Dorothy Jerneycic, and Betty Dos Remedios.

* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required but you must be over 60.



ACTIVITIES: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 am. Meals are a suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary, space is limited. Please reserve your lunch by calling 626-355-0256.

Hawaiian and Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

Bingo: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00pm. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be cancelled 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, June 16, 10:30 - 11:30am. Improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by senior volunteers.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, June 15th 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.

Sing-A-Long: Music brings joy to the soul. Come join us Thursday, June 9, 10:30 - 11:30am. No music skills needed! This month: "Silly Folk Songs".

Balance Class: Monday, June 20, 11:00 - 11:45am with Paul Hagen. A variety of balance exercises are practiced; all ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am. 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.

Lunch and Learn - Thursday, June 23 - 12:30 - 1:00pm

Did you know 1 out of 5 people 65 or older is eligible for a SilverSneakers membership! This active adult wellness program is offered through many Medicare plans. Increase your energy and your overall well-being is possible with SilverSneakers. A representative from Healthways SilverSneakers will give a brief presentation about this wonderful benefit and find out if your health plan offers the SilverSneakers Fitness program. If you are interested in having lunch with the Senior Lunch Café before the presentation please call 626-355-0256 to make a reservation.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

LAKE ARROWHEAD QUEEN

Date: Wednesday, July 20
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Meeting Location: Hart Park House
Cost: \$17.00 (Does not include lunch)



Description: Ride in style in the enclosed Lake Arrowhead Queen paddlewheel boat. Experience the beauty and excitement of a narrated tour of Lake Arrowhead aboard the elegant Arrowhead Queen. The splendor and serenity of Lake Arrowhead's lush forest, sparkling water and blue skies glide by, as you sit back and enjoy close-up of exquisite lakefront homes and learn about the fascinating history of the lake. Lunch is on your own around Lake Arrowhead Village. Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Level of walking: Medium. Please call the Hart Park House 626-355-7394.

SENIOR CINEMA • 1st & 3rd Wednesday Shown at the Hart Park House Senior Center

MR. HOLMES (2015)

An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes deals with early dementia as he tries to remember both his final case and a mysterious woman whose memory haunts him. He also befriends a fan, the young son of his housekeeper, who wants him to work again. Starring Ian McKellen, Laura Linney, Hiroyuki Sanada. Start time: 1:00pm (run time 1h 44m).

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Looking Up

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NASA'S JUNO SPACECRAFT READY TO PEER INSIDE JUPITER

NASA's Juno spacecraft will make its long anticipated arrival at Jupiter on July 4. Coming face-to-face with the gas giant, Juno will begin to unravel some of the greatest mysteries surrounding our solar system's largest planet, including the origin of its massive magnetosphere.

Magnetospheres are the result of a collision between a planet's own magnetic field and the supersonic solar wind. Jupiter's magnetosphere—the volume carved out in the solar wind where the planet's magnetic field dominates—extends some 2 million miles outward from the planet's surface.

In order to look inside the planet, the science team equipped Juno with a pair of magnetometers. The magnetometers, which were designed and built by an in-house team of scientists and engineers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, will allow scientists to map Jupiter's magnetic field with high accuracy and observe variations in the field over time.

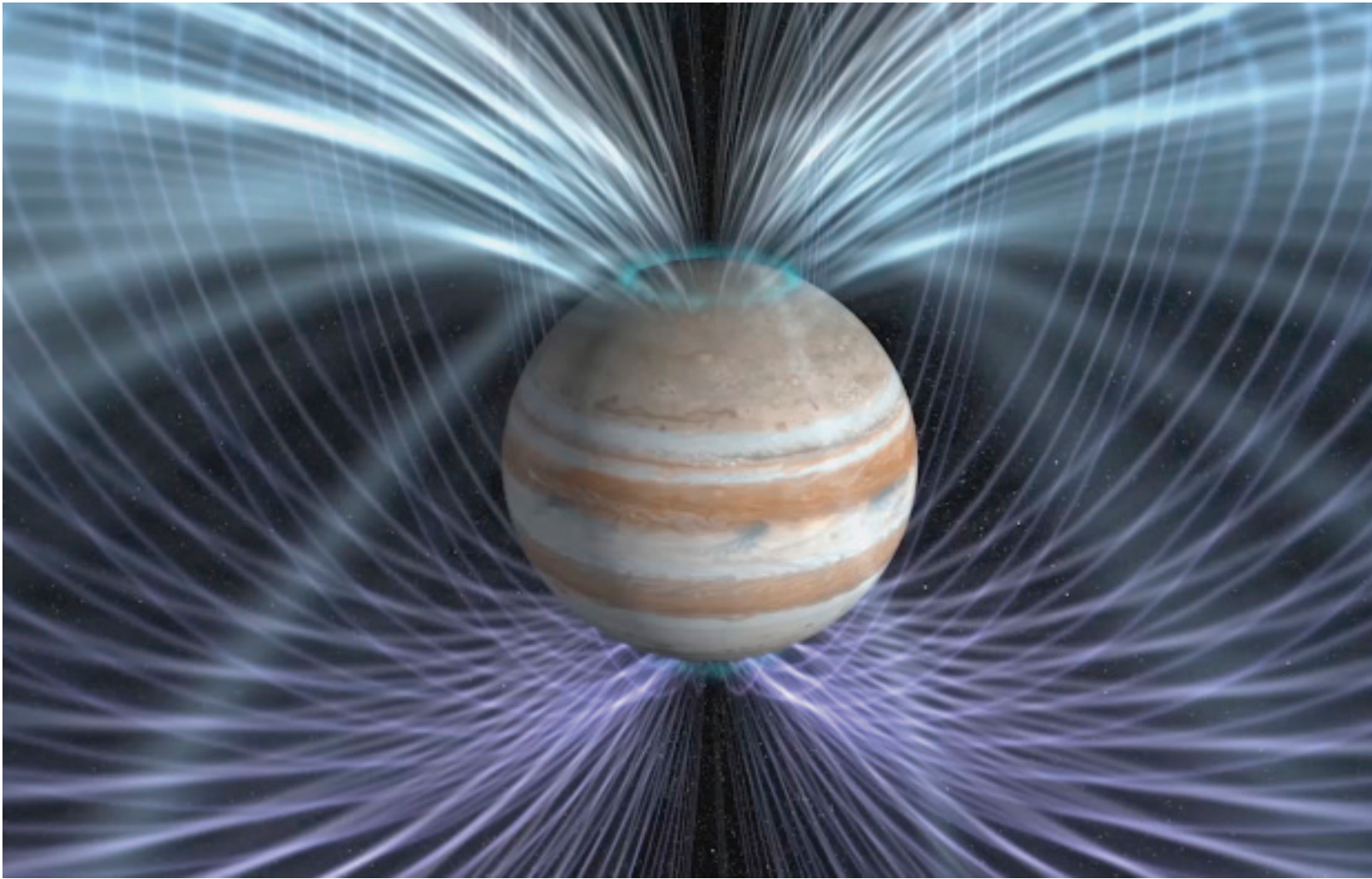
"The best way to think of a magnetometer is like a compass," said Jack Connerney, deputy principal investigator and head of the magnetometer team at Goddard. "Compasses record the direction of a magnetic field. But magnetometers expand on that capability and record both the direction and magnitude of the magnetic field."

The magnetometer sensors rest on a boom attached to one of the solar arrays, placing them about 40 feet from the body of the spacecraft. This helps ensure that the rest of the spacecraft does not interfere with the magnetometer.

However, the sensor orientation changes in time with the mechanical distortion of the solar array and boom resulting from the extremely cold temperatures of deep space. This distortion would limit the accuracy of the magnetometer measurements if not measured.

To ensure that the magnetometers retain their high accuracy, the team paired the instruments with a set of four cameras. These cameras measure the distortion of the magnetometer sensors in reference to the stars to determine their orientation.

"This is our first opportunity to do very precise, high-accuracy mapping of the magnetic field of another planet," Connerney said. "We are going to be able to explore the entire three-dimensional space around Jupiter, wrapping Jupiter in a dense net of magnetic field observations completely covering the sphere."



One of the mysteries the team hopes to answer is how Jupiter's magnetic field is generated. Scientists expect to find similarities between Jupiter's magnetic field and that of Earth.

Magnetic fields are produced by what are known as dynamos—convective motion of electrically conducting fluid inside planets. As a planet rotates, the electrically susceptible liquid swirls around and drives electric currents, inducing a magnetic field. Earth's magnetic field is generated by liquid iron in the planet's core.

"But with Jupiter, we don't know what material is producing the planet's magnetic field," said Jared Espley, Juno program scientist for NASA Headquarters, Washington. "What material is present and how deep down it lies is one of the questions Juno is designed to answer."

The observations made by Juno's magnetometers will also add to our understanding of Earth's dynamo, the source of our planet's magnetic field, which lies deep beneath a magnetized layer of rocks and iron—which interferes with measurements of magnetism

under the crust.

"One of the reasons that the Juno mission is so exciting is because we can map Jupiter's magnetic field without having to look through crustal magnetic fields," Connerney said. "Jupiter has a gaseous envelope about it made of hydrogen and helium that gives us a clear and unobstructed view of the dynamo."

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

WHAT IS SURVIVAL?

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urban and outdoor survival skills. See the schedule at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

"Survival" is a broad term that ties us all together. In fact, in the broadest sense, just about everything we do is about survival. Well, maybe not today because we've grown so technologized and specialized that we take everything for granted as we've forgotten our roots.

Think about it. The rise from foraging to agriculture, and then farming, and food storage and processing. That's all about food, a basic of survival. The development of villages, towns, cities, was all about pooling our resources so we could all work together for our mutual survival and upliftment. With towns, and many people packed together, you need some sort of guidelines, thus, the development of government, and police, and fire departments, and even the building and safety departments of most cities. The building industry with all its aspects is all about our mutual survival. At its very essence, the large hardware stores are all about our survival from the little things to the big things, like fixing roof leaks.

So much has been developed over the last few hundred years for our basic survival that we tend to forget that someone or someones had to DO all those steps to make survival possible, and easy. We have traveled a long path down the road from our grand parents who were still rural, and who knew how to live in the woods, and who knew how to use a rifle and an outhouse and raise food. And the further we traveled down the technology path, the less we seem to know how to do the most very basic tasks that ensure personal survival and strength.

What does one do? How should you go forward in this ever-more complex and ever-

more dangerous world. You begin by educating yourself: Reading the books, and the magazines, and watching the Youtube channels, that cater to this specific interest. And you should join like-minded groups of individuals who are working to learn these lost arts and forgotten skills.

And yes, obtain the gear and supplies that you need, just in case you can't get to the store after an emergency.

Most important is to expand your perspective and raise your awareness. I want you to read just a few books and try to grasp the deep message that each contains. Consider their messages "survival tools" for your future. I am only suggesting a few books here, but each is a valuable tool in understanding the world we live in, and understanding our future.

"The Twilight of American Culture" by Morris Berman is a thoughtful look at the decline of western civilization, and what can be done about it, if anything.

"Language in Thought and Action" by S.I. Hayakawa is perhaps the single best book about how the words we choose affects our reality, and how we can improve our ability to think and communicate. And isn't communication a major "survival tool"?

"True Believer" by Eric Hoffer is perhaps the quintessential book on mass movements and cults, and teaches you "how to believe." Though written decades ago, this provides unique insight to today's terrorist movements, and other forms of mob mentality.

"Democracy is Self-Government" by H.W. Percival is a must-read if you are to grasp what is wrong with modern politics. The author shows that individual self-government is the only path to real democracy.

And last, "The Art of Loving" by Eric Fromme shares how love is the answer to the problem of human existence, and he attempts to define the many real and counterfeit forms of love. Yes, have your knife, gear, and pantry of food, but don't stop there.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

During vacation time, I have some anxiety points that becomes a little more serious each year. It is not that I do not like vacation, I just don't like going on vacation. It's the "going" aspect that frustrates me. I just hate stopping what I'm doing and changing gears. I usually end up in neutral.

I'm not quite sure who invented this vacation idea, but I wished he would have been on vacation that week. I do not mind getting away for a little break now and then, but a whole week's vacation! Do you know what a whole week's vacation cost? Don't ask me what I could do with that kind of money!

Once again this year the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I took a vacation.

I was reminded of my first day of first grade school. The bus came to pick me up and I fought like a crazy person and refused to get on that bus. No way was I going to go to school and nobody was going to make me.

My mother had to drive me to school and to put it mildly, she was not very happy. When she got me to the school, she said, "You will take the bus home tonight!" Then she added those infamous words, "... or else!"

I found my way, somehow, to my class and to my great surprise, I had a wonderful day. I did not know school was so fun. Then the time came for me to go home. And then, I wasn't happy.

I did not want to go home. I did not want to leave school. I refused to get on the bus and my mother had to come pick me up.

When I got home I was introduced to the "or else" aspect of my mother's displeasure with my actions for the day.

Isn't that just the way life is? I had the same feeling when it came to vacation time this year. To avoid the issue I leave all the preparation to my wife who begins six months before the actual time. She is anxious for vacation time to come and can hardly wait for it to arrive. All she talks about is what we're going to do on "our vacation."

It was this year I finally realized what was going on. While my wife was making all the preparations and plans for our vacation, I ended up footing the bill. And then, I wasn't happy.

She usually does a great job in the planning of these things, especially the flights where she knows where to get the cheapest ones.

This year on our plane flight, we did not set together. I do not know if it was cheaper or how it actually worked out. On every plane, there are three seats on the right and three seats on the left. I happened to get the middle seat on the right.

I certainly am not a small person. I stand 6'

3" tall and almost as wide. I carry my weight with the most dignity I can. When I approached my seat, I noticed that on either side of my seat were men who made me look like a midget. I could barely sit down in my seat and for two hours I was crunched between these two sumo wrestlers.

I was afraid that somewhere along the flight I would have to sneeze and that would destroy everything. Fortunately, I did not sneeze and more fortunately, during those two hours I did not have to go to the bathroom. I am not sure what I would have done had I had to go. When we finally got to our destination, it turned out to be wonderful. We were staying at my son's home in Ohio with his wife and four children. I only get to see these four grandchildren once a year and it is always a great time together.

When the time came for us to leave and fly back home, I wasn't very happy. I just didn't want to go home. I could have spent the rest of the summer there with the grandchildren.

The flight back home was not quite as stressful as the other flight. Sitting next to me was a two-year-old who hardly took up his own seat. I could stretch out, relax and enjoy the flight and I even enjoyed the nonstop chatter of this two-year-old.

During the flight, I had some reflective thoughts. I came to what I will refer to as the grandfather's dilemma. As a grandfather; do I have the best grandchildren or, do my grandchildren have the best grandfather?

All the way home, I thought about that and concluded that my grandchildren are the best grandchildren in the world who happen to have the best grandfather in the world. I think that solves both sections.

I suppose flying high in the air makes the air so thin that a person cannot think straight. That being so, it was wonderful to land and then finally get back home and back into the saddle again.

Flights of fancy have their place, but so does getting back to work and doing the things you love.

I love what Solomon writes in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

For me, the best time is coming home and getting back in the saddle again.

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REDEEMED RAP FOR THE “WINGED RAT”

Anyone who’s viewed headline news trends this past week is likely to have come across a pretty cool story about a guy by the name of Duke Riley, a New York City artist-slash-homing pigeon lover and handler. Riley has a deep compassion for the species and spends a lot of time working with his loyal flock of 1000 feathered friends from atop the high-rise where he lives.

To him, the distinctive smells, sounds and other peculiarities inherent to hanging out with a bunch of birds is nothing less than comforting. He sees each pigeon as an individual and has formed special bonds with them. With the pigeons, he enjoys a relationship of trust that is not so easy to find in the city and this is part of what drove Duke Riley to become a ‘pigeon reputation-redemption advocate’.

The homing pigeon has certainly had its hey day in America. Indeed, at one point the bird was so highly revered, it was considered to be in a rank comparative to that of the eagle. That began to change, as did many things in the US, following mid-century morphs mainly brought on by a post-war thriving economy and increased influx of immigrants to the land of opportunity.

Now, with the exception of a random word of endearment uttered by an occasional tourist or lonesome park dweller, the poor pigeon seems to have been un-friended by the mass majority. This, only to become the brunt of irritable, uppity New Yorkers who’ve grown tired of wiping poop off the wind-shields of their new BMWs, merchants who’ve come to loath the presence of the prolific peckers making a mess of the sidewalks affronting their shops, and pedestrians weary of weaving in and out of their congregations as they navigate the paved paths they take to the office and back home each day.

Regardless of why, the pigeon has inadvertently earned the derogatory moniker, ‘winged rat’ for simply being themselves and doing what they were created to do. On the other hand, there seems to be an underlying ‘sub-culture’ of serious pigeon lovers who do what they can to promote their acceptance and well-being as cohabiters in the clustered urban sprawl they landed in many decades ago. These bird lovers are intent on educating the public about their beloved ‘homers’ and seek out opportunities to display their amazing skills in an effort to help close the gap between them and us humans.

I find it humorous how easy it is to trick humans into re-establishing a relationship with a not-so-popular animal species. For example, let’s say a particular animal has somehow done something the human didn’t like, The human then starts a negative rumor, which, in turn results in a bad rap for the unwitting animal.

The animal can’t quite put its paw or claw on it, but it knows for some reason it’s not getting the kind of respect it



deserves. Then one day someone puts the animal’s image on a ball cap, calls it a mascot and suddenly the shunned animal becomes a hero overnight! Humorous, right?

In the case of Duke Riley and his winged team of would-be outcasts, the target of focus was the artistic appeal that apparently plays a huge role in keeping ‘big apple culture’ in tact. When Riley wasn’t relaxing with his feathered friends in their roof-top coop, he was brain-storming for an amazing way to re-introduce his pigeon pals to his fellow city dwellers such that, perhaps they might see them in a new light.

Being an artist himself, Riley understands the demand for something fresh and innovative when it comes to capturing any sort of significant attention from anyone of significant status in the city’s deep-seated, richly-rooted art community. So when he came up with the idea of creating a living, breathing, moving art exhibit featuring his amazing aves, a renewed sense of hope for their future prosperity began to grow in him. If only the birds could be seen in lighted flight, they were sure to be a hit.

So he gathered up the troops (the pigeons, that is) each to which he affixed a tiny light. Then when the sun fell to the west allowing dusk to lull the day into the dark of night, the sky became an artist’s clean slate and with his whistle, Riley set the stage. He directed the beautiful, dutiful birds to fly in the fluttering formation he’d taught them; this way and that, in and out, over and under, swooping dramatically above the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

A flash lights up the sky and catches the eye of countless pedestrians meandering through the city below. They first slow, then stop to look up and see a glowing, flowing light show going on above them. Exactly what it is has them somewhat mystified, but they know for sure it is something quite amazing.

It appears to be part alive and part hard drive, part bio and part mechanical. It is actually quite indescribable. They’ve nothing to compare it to, but they wish to continue watching as long as it is there to be watched. Eventually, a pigeon parts from the brood and comes to rest on the rooftop near the nest. One by one the awed on-lookers begin to realize the light show they are watching is a flying flock of pigeons and they are in love!

Well done, Duke Riley.



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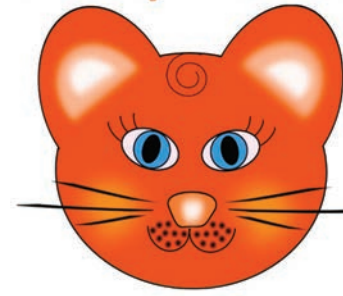
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Love comes in all shapes and sizes! Meet Autumn (A4961699). Autumn is a precious 8-year-old brown-and-white female Dachshund and Corgi mix who came to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center as a stray from Baldwin Park on June 15th. Weighing 18 lbs, Autumn is a perfect size-- large enough to be sturdy with children, but small enough to fit in anywhere. She’s a sweet girl with kisses for everyone she meets. She shows signs of neglect by her former owners--including fly damage to her ears--but it has not affected her loving, trusting nature one bit. Autumn shows signs of housebreaking and gets along great with other dogs. She has a pleasant, medium energy level and walks well on leash. This sweetie pie is ready for a home where she is cherished and enjoyed. And with her good nature, she will be a perfect pet for any family or individual. To watch a video of Autumn, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/0aRgGv6kO84>



To meet August in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Autumn, please reference her animal ID number: A4961699. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Autumn or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals’ partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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When we first met Griff, he was hand-shy and did not like being picked up. Now, after a few short weeks, he is happy to sit on a lap, receive pets and belly rubs, and he has become quite affectionate. This sweet boy would love to find a happy home with a yard where he can play, and a family who will throw his toys for him and give him some belly rubs. If Griff sounds like the right dog for your family, come in to meet him soon. He deserves to live happily ever after. His adoption fee is \$130 and includes neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Griff. He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd, north of Mission and south of Las Tunas Drive. To arrange a ‘Meet and Greet’ with Griff, please stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Website: www.sgvhumane.org

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



LIFE IS MULTIFACETED: TEACH CHILDREN TO BE OPEN TO ALL OF ITS COMPLEXITIES

When you picture a “normal” family, what do you see? Is it the traditional notion of one male parent and one female parent, two kids, and a family pet? Or do you see something different? Or perhaps you reject the notion of a “normal” family altogether?

Recent court and legislative activity have opened the institution of marriage to same-gender couples. Regardless of your political position or whether you think this is a wise move, it is happening. Today 1 in 4 children under the age of 18 are being raised by single mothers without a father anywhere in the picture. And nearly 30% of all families today are single parent families. On top of that, 5% of children aren’t living with a “traditional” parent at all, but with grandparents or other family members.

Simply put, mainstream society is changing in our country. It’s important to keep that in mind because sometimes (particularly with affluence) we may not always be aware of changes taking place outside our personal norms. Why not? Well, we often attend institutions – like churches and schools, for example—where

most everyone else looks and thinks like we do.

While we may feel more comfortable in these arenas, we need to push the boundaries with our kids for their sake. Regardless of our politics, visible American culture is changing. We cannot expect voluntary segregation of our society—by race, socioeconomic status, or any other factor—to continue.

So how can we help our kids be open to cultural and familial differences and to embrace the complexities therein? Children are best prepared through modeling and practice. This is the true inheritance we leave behind.

Be cognizant of the cultural norms you promote without saying a word, through your choice of neighborhoods, entertainment, institutions, and even the company you keep. It is critical that American children remain open to differences and complexities, to enable them to work and play with those who may be different from them as our society moves forward to keep in step with the ever evolving nature of our world.

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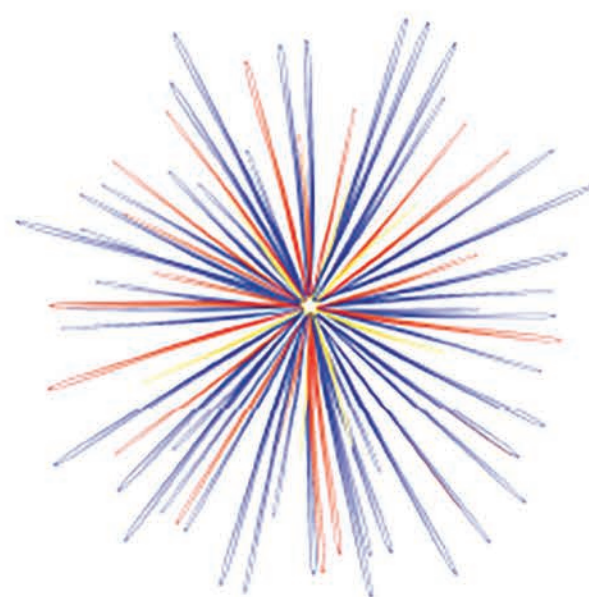
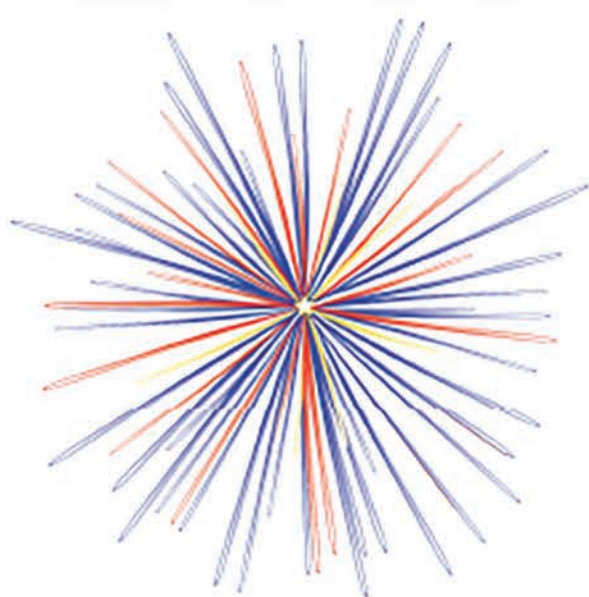
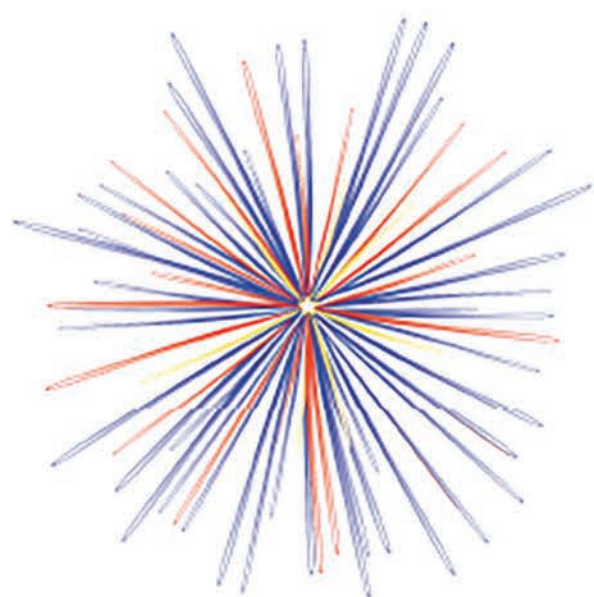
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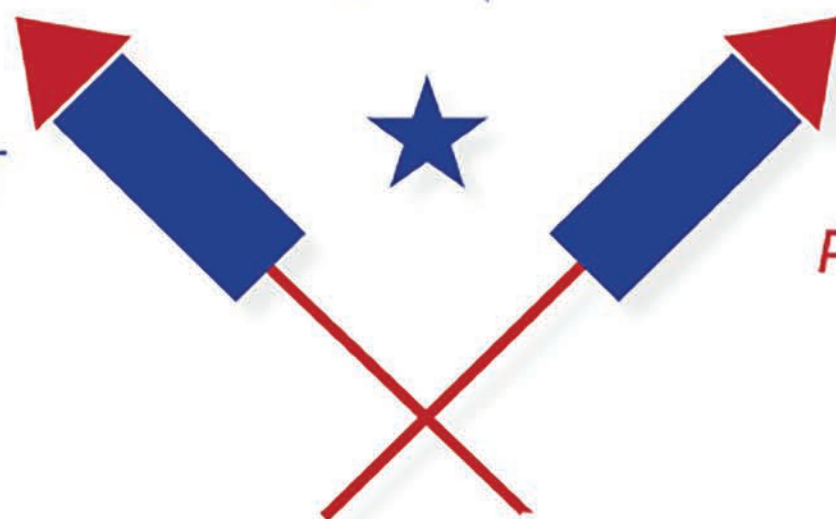


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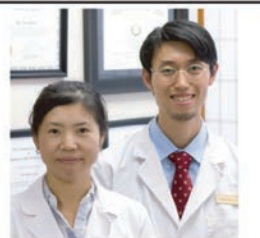


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Thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks already confiscated

Sacramento – Today begins the sale of “Safe and Sane” fireworks in nearly 300 communities across California, which has CAL FIRE reminding everyone to do their part to prevent fires caused by fireworks this Fourth of July. Over the past five years, more than 2,500 structure and wildfires have been sparked by fireworks, burning thousands of acres, causing countless injuries and costing millions in property loss.

“Illegal fireworks, or even the unsafe use of ‘Sane and Sane’ fireworks, are a major problem every year,” said Chief Tonya Hoover, California’s state fire marshal. “We have a zero tolerance towards the possession, sale or use of illegal fireworks and our officers will be patrolling the streets and internet this week.”

Fire and law enforcement officers across the State are working together to confiscate illegal fireworks off the streets. Earlier this month, CAL FIRE joined a multi-agency fireworks seizure operation in San Bernardino County. The operation resulted in the confiscation of 25,406 pounds of illegal fireworks, 51 misdemeanor citations were issued, as well as two felony arrests. In Placer County, a similar multi-agency operation occurred at the agricultural inspection station in Truckee. More than 1,882 pounds of fireworks were confiscated resulting in 20 misdemeanor citations and seven felony arrests.

“Wildfire activity has significantly increased during the last several weeks and California continues to experience explosive fire conditions as a result of five years of drought,” said Chief Ken Pimott, CAL FIRE director. “Everyone needs to understand the dangers associated with the use of illegal fireworks or misuse of legal fireworks. Any person who starts a fire from fireworks – even accidentally – can be held liable for the fire-fighting costs as well as property damage costs.”

The State Fire Marshal approved “Safe and Sane” fireworks are allowed for use in many communities; however, they are not approved state-wide. Before purchasing these types of fireworks, be sure to check your local laws and follow the instructions to avoid accidents and injuries.

Here are a few tips to help you be safe this 4th of July:

- If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Buy only State Fire Marshal-approved (Safe and Sane) fireworks.
- Have a bucket of water and a hose handy.
- Always read directions and have an adult present.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.
- Use common sense and keep a safe distance.
- Never attempt to re-light or “fix” fireworks.

Visit www.ReadyforWildfire.org for tips on how to prevent a wildfire this Fourth of July.

IT’S NO SCAM! CALIFORNIA IS CHANGING ITS ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROCESS!

Attention business owners, California is making a change that could affect your tax or fee account when you make electronic payments to the State Board of Equalization (BOE). As of July 1, 2016, the bank that processes electronic fund transfer (EFT) payments will change from Citibank to Union Bank.

If you make Automated Clearing House (ACH) Debit payments through the EFT payment processor, visit our [new bank and payment processor webpage](#) for instructions.

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If you use the BOE’s online payment system to make your payment, no change is required on your part.

For more information on EFT payments, visit the BOE’s [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage. If you have questions about Sales and Use Tax

accounts, call our EFT helpline: [1-916-327-4229](tel:1-916-327-4229). For questions about Special Taxes and Fees accounts, call [1-800-400-7115](tel:1-800-400-7115). Additional information is available at www.boe.ca.gov.

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COUNTY OPPOSES HIGH SPEED RAIL ALIGNMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a joint motion by Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Sheila Kuehl to send a five-signature letter to the California High Speed Rail Authority Board and the County’s elected state officials opposing the Refined E-2 High Speed Rail alignment, as currently proposed - due to serious impacts to homes, quality of life and sensitive environmental areas in local communities including Shadow Hills, Lakeview Terrace, Sunland-Tujunga, Kagel Canyon and Acton, and to the Big Tujunga Wash. The letter will detail efforts to date by Supervisors Antonovich and Kuehl and call upon the Authority to expedite scientific studies related to the high speed rail project. The motion also directs County

departments to assess project impacts on their operations.

Shadow Hills Property Owners Association president David DePinto testified, “Above ground structures are intolerable near residential communities and sensitive environmental areas... it’s a terrible burden for us.”

In 2013, Supervisor Antonovich requested that the Authority find alternatives to the SR-14 corridor due to its severe impacts on communities in the North County, including the Santa Clarita Valley, Agua Dulce and Acton. “The resulting alternative routes still carry significant impacts,” said Antonovich. “Today’s decision was an important next step in our ongoing effort to protect these communities.”

ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL ADVANCE SERVICES FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich announced the unanimous approval by the Board of Supervisors for a motion that he authored along with Supervisor Shelia Kuehl to enhance the self-sufficiency of emancipating foster youth.

Today’s board motion directs further County agency collaboration under the leadership of the newly established Office of Child Protection, to improve integrated service delivery, enhance departmental goals to serve these youth, and coordinate with the Center for Strategic Public-Private Partnerships to identify additional opportunities.

“Upon emancipating from the system many foster youth find themselves unemployed, on public assistance, homeless, or incarcerated,” said Antonovich. “County departments cannot effectively serve a child in isolation. The goal of

self-sufficiency must begin as soon as a child enters our system with a clear mission for the role they play in the life of that child.”

Los Angeles County presently serves approximately 2,400 transition-aged foster youth, nearly one third of the statewide foster youth population. Over the years, the Board of Supervisors has enacted a series of motions directing the Chief Executive Officer and County departments to address various concerns related to the needs of these youth.

“This initiative will demand accountability to provide better futures for these young people,” Antonovich added. “Through positive action, coordination and accountability, we can successfully serve our foster youth and help them transition to become self-sufficient and productive adult members of society.”

SUPERVISOR’S ANTONOVICH’S ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL: GREAT MUSIC TIMES TWO!



By Joan Schmidt

For the past thirty-five years, while serving as Supervisor in the LA County’s Fifth District, Mike Antonovich has been committed to Public Safety. He has admonished Governor Brown for Proposition 169 which sent 30,000 state prison inmates to already overcrowded county jails when they could have been housed out of state at half the cost! (It is mind-boggling that people still don’t get the terrible repercussions-but that’s another story!) Mike has been the champion for small business, foster kids, seniors, veterans, and even homeless animals!

It is only fitting that his final Family Music Festival, held in conjunction with LA County Parks and Recreation and the Los Angeles County Arboretum had to be something BEYOND spectacular and believe me, it was!

There were TWO GREAT GROUPS: The Oak Ridge Boys and the Beach Boys. The Oaks are truly

low notes- even my hubby Bob was impressed! Duane Allen sounded the same and afterwards, they graciously posed for photos. I was busy taking pictures, but William Lee Golden stayed behind for a minute to pose with me.

As interesting aside- after the Oaks’ performance, I saw Dave Vannatta, visiting from Montana. He was Mike’s Planning Deputy MANY years ago. Once I went to LA to drop off Christmas cookies for Mike and his family. While waiting to see Mike, Dave walked by and was so excited to tell me about special funding for Pamela Park. People may not realize the Park almost closed! Supervisor Antonovich and wonderful Parks Director, the late Neema Torres were instrumental in keeping it open. Now so many families continue to enjoy the park!

The Beach Boys’ performance was outstanding and they did ALL their hits-much to the delight of 4000+ spectators. And their guitarist was John



one of my favorite groups. When you are overseas military in the 70’s, there is ONE radio American Forces Network and “Oldies” and “Country Music” were the rage. It continued while living in Virginia in the early 80’s. The Oaks performed EXACTLY like they did back then, Joe Bonsall never stopped smiling on stage and Richard Sterban-hitting the

Stamos! People were singing along and dancing on the lawn- a great time was had by all!

Thank you, Supervisor Antonovich, LA County Parks and Recreation, The LA County Arboretum Foundation, all the MANY staff and volunteers, Arcadia PD, LASD Posse, the caterers-all who helped make this great day possible!



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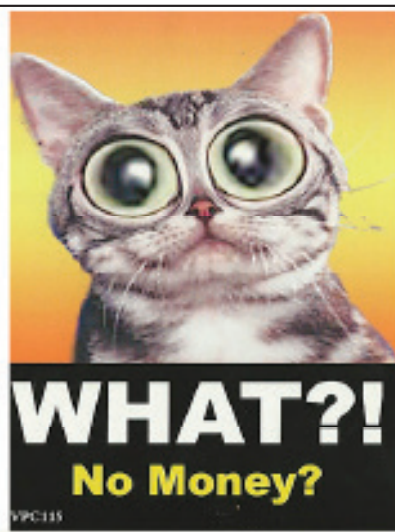
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SPIRIT OF '16



DICK Polman

GOODBYE, BENGHAZI SLEUTHS. TAKE YOUR TINFOIL HATS.



To quote poet T. S. Eliot, the House Select Committee on Benghazi finally folded its tent Tuesday - "not with a bang, but a whimper."

Most of us — with the exception of paranoid conspiracy theorists and fact-impaired trolls — have long assumed that this partisan Republican concoction would fail to nail Hillary Clinton for the deaths of those four Americans at the Libyan outpost in 2012. We have not been disappointed.

None of the previous investigations unearthed any evidence that Clinton, in her role as secretary of state, had done anything perfidious or criminal. The Republican-led House Intelligence Committee, in its 2014 report, had found no such evidence. The Senate Intelligence Committee found no such evidence. The Senate Armed Services Committee found no such evidence. The House Foreign Affairs Committee found no such evidence. The House Oversight & Government Reform Committee found no such evidence. The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee found no such evidence. Nor did the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Nor did Benghazi investigator Thomas Pickering, a three-time ambassador who served Ronald Reagan, who concluded way back in 2013 that nobody in the Obama administration — Clinton or anyone else — had tried to conceal anything for political purposes. In Pickering's words at the time: "The notion of a quote, 'coverup' has all the elements of Pulitzer Prize fiction."

At a cost to the taxpayer of \$7 million — money that would've been better spent shoring up the U.S. embassy security that Republicans profess to care so much about — Gowdy's panel basically told us what we've long known already. I'm frankly too bored with this topic to detail the redundant findings, but suffice it to say that there was no politically motivated attempt to play down the terrorism angle.

In fact, Gowdy was asked if there was any evidence at all that the military could've saved those lives?

His reply: "I don't know."

Yes, that T.S. Eliot poem captures the essence of those Republican sleuths:

We are the hollow men

We are the stuffed men

Leaning together

Headpiece filled with straw

And thus ends the probe that took longer than investigations of Pearl Harbor, the 1983 Beirut bombing, Iran-Contra, 9/11 and George W. Bush's "weapons of mass destruction" con job in Iraq.

Why in the world was this latest Benghazi panel created in the first place? Kevin McCarthy, a House Republican leader, gave the game away last October when he accidentally revealed, "Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable, right? But we put together a Benghazi special committee. A select committee. What are her numbers today? Her numbers are dropping."

Three weeks later, the committee grilled Clinton on live television for 11 hours and never laid a glove on her. All they got, as a video moment, was the coughing fit she suffered near the end, which prompted this headline on the right-wing Drudge Report: "Hillary Health Warning." And last I checked, her "numbers" have been climbing anyway — at least when matched against Donald Trump, who is viewed by a landslide majority of Americans as unfit for high office.

Nevertheless, as we well know, Gowdy's nothingburger won't sate appetites on the Republican right. As the historian Richard Hofstadter wrote more than a half-century ago, there is "a paranoid style in American politics," characterized by "heated exaggeration, suspiciousness, and conspiratorial fantasy."

Which probably means we'll get a new Benghazi committee to investigate the unfinished work of this Benghazi committee.

Perhaps there are ways to link Benghazi to the death of Vince Foster. Someone should look into that.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

TOM Purcell



REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY ONE WAR MEMORIAL AT A TIME

I became angry when I saw the neglected World War II memorial.

The stone tribute sits on a triangular piece of property at the junction of Brownsville and Piney Fork roads in South Park. On Memorial Day 2015, it was surrounded by clumps of dead, brown grass and overgrown weeds.

It was a disgrace.

After making some calls, I learned that Allegheny County was responsible for maintaining it — that the county cut the grass "now and then" but not with the attentiveness the old memorial deserved.

So I took ownership of it. I began maintaining the grounds with my lawn equipment. I weeded the flower bed. I pressure-washed the dead, clumpy grass that had been matted to the pavement.

Then, after doing some research, I discovered that the memorial had a remarkable history. It dates back to 1912, when Primo Bastianini immigrated to America from Italy.

Primo worked in the mines in West Virginia. He saved his money and sent for his parents and younger siblings (three brothers and three sisters).

The family members settled in Snowden, now South Park, and continued to work in the mines.

They got a couple of cows, which they grazed in a pasture below their homes.

To provide fresh water for the cows, they dammed the stream, Piney Fork Creek, that ran through the pasture — unaware that the dam would change their fortunes.

You see, the dam created a watering hole. People from downtown Pittsburgh 12 miles south began coming to it on weekends to swim, picnic and escape the city heat.

In the early 1920s, the family members combined their resources and took out a loan. They purchased the 22-acre pasture. They hired farmers and striking miners and built a concrete pool 100 feet wide by 200 feet long.

Piney Fork Beach opened in 1927 and was an instant hit.

Over the years, the family added pony rides, miniature golf, a bar/restaurant, several cottages and a dance hall. Business boomed.

In 1941, as America was drawn into World War II, the Bastianinis wanted to show their gratitude to neighbors serving in the armed forces — to show their gratitude for being given the chance to live the American dream.

They hired a stonemason friend to erect their monument. It has three sides, like the triangular ground where it sits, and, at first, it proudly displayed the names of all service members from Snowden.

Bruno Bastianini, who lived in the family's multi-generation home across the street from the memorial, would maintain the memorial grounds for the rest of his life — until he became ill and died in 1976.

By 1977, the fortunes of Piney Fork Beach had reversed. High insurance costs caused the family to close the pool. In 1982, vandals burned several structures to the ground.

The family members sold what was left and moved on, leaving the county to care for the memorial, maintaining it "now and then" ever since.

That changed when I started caring for the memorial more than a year ago.

I give it a fresh trim and surround the grounds with flags every Memorial Day, Veterans Day and July Fourth.

Better yet, the county maintenance crew — not wanting to be outdone by a citizen and his lawn mower — is now maintaining the grounds regularly with greater care. The old memorial is flourishing once again.

So if you come across a neglected war memorial in your community, grab your lawn equipment and go to work. It's a small sacrifice we can make to honor those who have served and show our gratitude to wonderful people like the Bastianinis, whose historic war memorial continues to inspire.

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MAKING SENSE by Michael Reagan

JOB NUMBER ONE — DESTROY ISIS



How many more Istanbuls and Orlandos and Brussels do we need before we wake up and smell the gunpowder?

ISIS started World War III years ago, but apparently no one in the Obama administration noticed.

We're in a bloody war with radical Islamic terrorism, but we're not fighting in it. No one else in the West is, either.

The United Nations, NATO, the Germans, the Israelis — they can't do anything about ISIS and won't.

America must now do what it should have done years ago -- take the lead and destroy ISIS. The world can no longer afford to wait for us to get off our butt.

No other country has the resources to take the fight to ISIS' backyard — and front yard. No other country except us can provide the international leadership that's needed to unite the Muslim countries of the Middle East in an all-out war against ISIS.

We know where ISIS lives. They aren't a bunch of fighters living in tents and wandering around in the desert in Japanese pickup trucks.

They've built a religious state in Iraq and Syria, a caliphate, that has assets that can be bombed, attacked and captured.

They have headquarters, buildings, mosques, military equipment, training camps, trucks, communications gear. They hold territory and oil fields.

We don't need any more Obama administration pin pricks. We need to show we are really pissed at ISIS — post-Pearl Harbor pissed.

We need an all out, organized attack by land and air that leaves no doubt about our intention to obliterate ISIS and all of its supporters, which includes men, women and children if they don't get out of the way.

The United States can't do it all — and shouldn't. But only we can assemble a coalition of Muslim countries in the area who can smash ISIS and destroy their ability to incite, organize and provide logistical support to terrorists around the world.

It's long overdue.

It's too late for the Obama administration. It's been a total failure. It's dithered over how to hurt ISIS and dodged its responsibility to lead the fight.

President Hillary Clinton offers no hope.

Her misguided Mid-East policies are partly responsible for creating the problem in the first place.

Plus, she's more likely to blame the next inevitable terrorist attack in the USA on insufficient gun control, not insufficient ISIS control.

The way I see it, our only hope is President Donald Trump.

It's a horrible thought. He's an arrogant ass. He has a million negatives.

But he's the only candidate who has the potential to do the right thing and declare an all-out war on ISIS — and win it.

The Number One priority for me at this point in this election is who's going to stop ISIS.

It's not about jobs, the economy, immigration or abortion. It's about American lives and how to save them from being taken by terrorists.

And the only way you save them is by taking the fight to where ISIS lives.

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