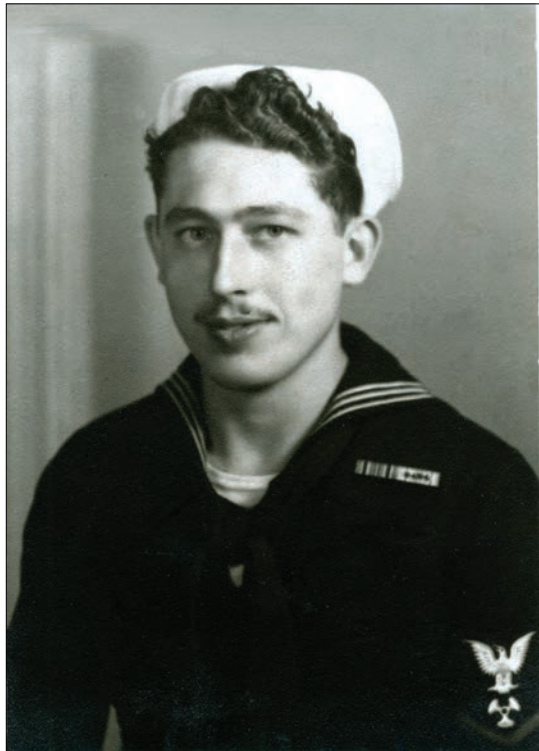


## THIS SOLDIER STILL REMEMBERS D-DAY

*Do you know him?*



On Friday, June 6, 2014, the United States and its World War II allies, celebrated the 70th anniversary of D-Day and honored the men and women who fought for freedom in that conflict.

"In 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, "we will accept nothing less than full victory." More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 Soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler's crack troops."

(Source: [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil))

In addition to those troops on land, thousands of other U.S. soldiers were ready in various locations around the globe to support the effort. Several of those men and women still live in our midst today.

One of these brave soldiers spoke with the Mountain Views News and shared where he was on that fateful day. He was on board the U.S.S. Saratoga which was in the Indian Ocean awaiting further instructions. "I heard about the invasion on the ship and remember how happy everyone was that we had landed."

President Barack Obama address veterans and heads of every allied nation Friday and noted, "Normandy represents democracy's beachhead, in honor of the invasion which was a turning point in World War II. He said it was "not just a century but shaped the security and well being of all posterity."

Our thanks goes out to all of our servicemen and women, past and present, for putting our well being before their own lives.

Now, regarding the young man in the photo, turn to page 3 and see if you recognize him.

S. Henderson/MVNews

## CONGRATULATIONS DICK JOHNSON, SIERRA MADRE'S OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR



Longtime Sierra Madre resident, Richard "Dick" Johnson, (shown above with his wife Elva), was serenaded by family and friends last Friday evening when the Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission and the city's Community Services Commission honored him as the Sierra Madre Older American of the Year.

Johnson, a retired aerospace engineer, has made many contributions to Sierra Madre in the 50 plus years he has lived here, including his service as Chairman for the Annual Art Fair, President of the Historical Preservation Society, and a Library Board Trustee. In addition, he has volunteered for the local AYSO, coached Sierra Madre Little League and Pony League teams, and presently serves as a Board of Trustee for the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church.

Each year the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designate the month of May as Older American Month. Johnson was also recognized in a county wide event with other recipients of the honor by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in May.

MVNews/Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre

## DROUGHT CONDITIONS BRING LOCAL WILDLIFE UNCOMFORTABLY CLOSE

For the most part, Sierra Madrean's have learned to live with our wildlife, and most residents know what to do when our friends come to visit. However, in Friday's Town Hall meeting sponsored by Chief Larry Giannone and the Sierra Madre Police Department, those in attendance were informed that there had been several incidents involving a new (to the neighborhood) animal. *Rattlesnakes!*

The presentation, which covered several other topics, reminded residents what to do if they see a bear, or a coyote, or a mountain lion. To date, there have been no harmful confrontations with any of those animals and humans. However, there have been several rattlesnake bites of late, and one resident was still hospitalized.

Giannone informed the audience that the lack of food and water was bringing animals further down into the city. And the rattlesnakes, unlike bears, mountain lions and coyotes are usually hard to spot.

He told of one incident where the snake was resting inside a coiled garden hose. In another case, the snake was hidden in a pile of logs.

He cautioned residents to be careful and if they are ever bitten by a rattlesnake, call 911 and keep the area of the bite *lower* than your heart.

Bears have been making more frequent appearances and have been going further into town than ever before. He cautioned that bears "are used to people", however our actions generally start the commotion.

Mountain lions have also been spotted more frequently. In the last week, a deer was killed in Bailey Canyon not far from the parking lot by a Mountain Lion. The deer was found by a hiker. The mountain lion was not.

A good source of information on how to live with our wildlife can be found at the California Department of Fish and Game's website:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov>

IF YOU SPOT ANY OF THESE ANIMALS, CALL THE SMPD. THE ANIMALS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE WILD.

## WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if they are bitten.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then try to get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

The California Poison Control Center advises:

- Stay calm
- Wash the bite area gently with soap and water
- Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling
- Immobilize the affected area
- Transport safely to the nearest medical facility
- For more first aid information please visit California Poison Control.





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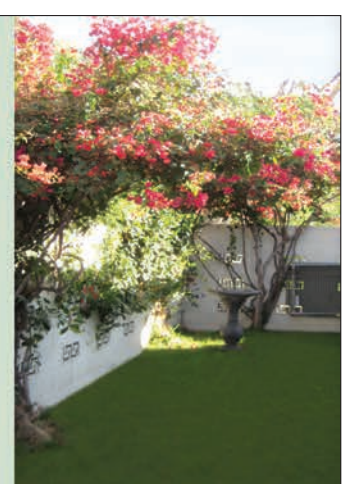
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Wed:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
6:30 pm

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

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

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

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).



SIERRA MADRE CITY  
MEETINGS

*City Council*

June 10, 2014 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "06/10/2014" for the complete agenda packet.

We will be live tweeting the City Council's decisions at Tuesday's Council Meeting. Follow the action @CitySierraMadre #SierraMadreCC.

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

*Upcoming Public Meetings*

Agendas and staff reports will be posted online 72 hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

\*These meetings will be recorded and aired live on Time Warner, Channel 3 and streamed online.

Tuesday, June 10:

City Council, 6:30pm\*

Tuesday, June 16:

Special Community Services Commission, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 18:

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources, 7:00pm

Thursday, June 19:

Planning Commission, 7:00pm\*

Agendas and staff reports will be posted online 72 hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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JOIN THE CITY TEAM – APPLY TO  
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The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions. Currently, there are five citizen commissions established by the Council to advise and assist them in dealing with specific problems.

Applications to serve on a commission may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at <http://cityofsierramadre.com/commissions-boards-committees>. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however, it is recommended that applications for appointment for the beginning of the 2014-2015 fiscal year be submitted by Friday, May 23, 2014 to the City Manager's Office. There are currently vacancies on the following commissions:

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the general use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's arts and recreational service needs. The Commission provides information and recommendations to the City Council in these areas. Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The responsibilities of the Library Board include the following: establishing Library policies and programs to ensure that quality programs are provided to the community, recommending an annual budget to the City Council for approval, and ensuring that efficient and effective services are provided at the Library. Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION

The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories: consideration of current land-use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendments, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land-use decisions); and advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City's General Plan. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers

The advisory bodies study a variety of topics in detail. After gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notices on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

FOR THE PERIOD MAY 25th, 2014 TO  
JUNE 1st, 2014

During the week of Sunday, May 25th to Sunday, June 1st, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 388 calls for service.

Monday, May 26th

At approximately 7:47 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the area of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Baldwin Ave. regarding a physical altercation. Upon making contact with two male suspects, Officers were informed by the suspects that they were simply roughhousing and joking. Through further questioning, Officers were overcome by the strong smell of alcohol from one of the individuals. Further investigation proved the suspect was intoxicated to a level where he was unable to care for himself. The suspect was arrested and cited for public intoxication.

Tuesday, May 27th

At 6:30 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the front lobby of the station regarding an identity theft report. When Officers made contact with the victim, he informed them that he had received two credit cards from a bank in the mail. One card was titled to him and the other was titled to an estranged family member. Officers were informed by the victim that through his own investigation he discovered the joint account was opened online by the family member without his knowledge. This case had been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Wednesday, May 28th

At 12:33 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the front lobby of the station regarding a domestic violence report. The victim reported to the officers that the day prior her husband became upset and threatened her life with a knife while her children were in the home. The victim revealed past abuse occurrences, in which she and her children's lives were threatened if she were to report it to the police. The suspect was arrested and charged with Domestic Violence, Criminal Threats, Assault with a deadly Weapon, and Kidnapping. This case has been sent to the District Attorney's Office.

Friday, May 30th

At approximately 4:00 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 660 W. block of Sierra Madre Blvd. regarding an individual fearing for his safety. Upon making contact, the victim informed Officers that while at a grocery store in Pasadena, he was approached by an unknown Hispanic male who asked him if he wanted his vehicle serviced. The victim denied the service and got into his vehicle to drive home. While driving home, the victim noticed the suspect was following him, and continued to follow him into the residence's parking facility. The victim was able to obtain footage of the suspect and vehicle before the suspect drove off. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Sunday, June 1st

At 2:45 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the front lobby of the station regarding a vandalism report. The victim reported to the Officers that the night before he parked and secured his truck on the 50 block of E. Laurel Ave. and that morning he noticed the right panel of his truck had been keyed. It appears the suspect used a sharp tool to deface the vehicle. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.



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BIG CHANGES AT  
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STATION:

The Board of Directors of Village Vine Online has decided to move the organization in a new direction. In keeping with our mission of community service, we are discontinuing 24/7 live audio streaming. In order to better serve the community, our focus will be on providing live audio and video webcasts and podcasts of community events, podcasts of hosted shows home-grown here in Sierra Madre, video and audio webcasts and podcasts of community sports events, and, by the end of the summer, we will present a community blog, with guest host bloggers rotating every few months.

CITIZEN WEBCASTERS: Part of our new approach is to utilize "citizen webcasters" living here in town. We are now actively recruiting people who can attend public events, and, utilizing equipment as simple as their smart phones, webcast those events through the Village Vine web site. Contact us at [hostvi@yahoo.com](mailto:hostvi@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer. Training will be provided.

CITIZEN PODCASTERS: We are looking for podcasters who might like to share their home-grown podcasts on the Village Vine web site. Subjects for podcasts could include original music, gardening, cars, dogs, water conservation, sports, etc. The subject matter for potential podcasts is only limited to the degree the community might have interest in it. Contact us at [hostvi@yahoo.com](mailto:hostvi@yahoo.com) if you would be interested in podcasting with us.



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
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CASE NO. BP152226

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT B. BRODNAX. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BARBARA B. WALTERS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BARBARA B. WALTERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/23/14 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:  
Arnold's Hardware, Mary's Market, Savor The Flavor, Sierra Madre Library, and of course Lizzie's (opened on Saturdays: (10:00 – noon) See you there!

## WHO IS THAT SOLDIER ON THE FRONT PAGE?



The young man that served on the USS Saratoga is pictured above in full VFW 3208 attire, Sierra Madre resident Gordon Caldwell. Also shown above is WWII Veteran Ken Anhalt. Anhalt told the Mountain Views that on D-Day he was in training as a pilot in the U.S., but left shortly thereafter for Europe. Photo courtesy Bill Coburn, sierramadrenews.net

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....

### The Social Side By Deanne Davis

"Until you face your fears, you don't move to the other side, where you find the power." Mark Allen – Six Time Ironman World Champion

"I do not train to swim, bike, or run faster, I train to remove 'quit' from my body and from my mind." Greg Almstad

Walking Sierra Madre the last few months, we've been waiting for the new business to open at 49 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., where Iris Intrigue and then the furniture consignment store were located. Wandered in there today, met Brandon Heflin and learned a little bit about what happens at Centric. Here it is in a word: Lots!



If you've ever considered such a thing as participating in an Ironman Triathlon, here's what you have to be able to do: 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and a marathon 26.2-mile run, raced in that order and without a break. Most Ironman events have a strict time limit of 17 hours to complete the race. OK then! Centric is the place to start. There's a comfortable area where Brandon will sit down with athletes and potential athletes and discover what each person's needs in coaching actually are. Centric is also the place for endurance coaching, education in nutrition suitable for competition, and creating the mindset to achieve their goals for runners, tri-athletes and anyone at all, from the person who'd just like to learn how to ride a bike to an Ironman competitor. Brandon, by the way, has competed in the Ironman Coeur d'Alene, the Ironman Wisconsin, and done a half Ironman in Hawaii. He is currently involved in local competitive bike racing but his love is helping his clients achieve their goals. A complete novice can walk into Centric with a goal and walk out with all he needs to achieve it. And that's a complete novice of any age,

mid-20's on up to whatever, and there's no height or weight limit either!

Centric Bike launched in 2011, specializing in coaching, bike frame building, stock bikes built to order, semi-custom and full custom paint work; and Brandon still maintains his home shop in Pasadena. Sierra Madre Centric is an athlete-driven, niche boutique, small enough to meet the needs of each person who walks in looking for coaching. Brandon says, "My job and my goal is to coach myself out of a job!" He works one on one with ten to twenty athletes at a time, and has people coming in from all over Ventura County, the Inland Empire, and, of course locally. He starts with a lengthy interview to find out what each potential athlete is hoping to achieve; as he says, "Goals need to be realistic... and just out of reach!" Brandon makes sure each client is medically cleared and then there's testing which helps folks define where they are and where they want to go. Brandon's methods are based on years of experience, since 2002, in fact, and a passion for teaching and developing athletes. "It's exciting to see how transformative this can be in people's lives. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things!"

Testing? Don't be nervous, nobody's going to suggest anything like: Simplify the expression  $2(a - 3) + 4b - 2(a - b - 3) + 5!$  No, indeed! There's a compu-trainer bike which measures your power output and endurance; a Spin-Scan which discloses any discrepancies between your right and left legs. Also a treadmill and a VO2Max test which shows your aerobic endurance, and the amount of oxygen you effectively use. These simple tests are the best indicators of an athlete's performance. Centric uses their years of experience in addition to scientific and clinical testing to define exactly how to assess each athlete's endurance needs. Bottom line: No guesswork!

Centric can put you into the right outfit for serious competition or casual bike riding, along with accessories and nutrition supplements to help you toward that goal you've been keeping a secret! Brandon's been working with the Power Bar people for some years to help them with packaging, textures and flavors. As you can probably guess, nutrition is huge in helping people achieve goals.

Brandon, his partner, Michael Hagler and Centric are constantly keeping up to date in the latest medical and sports findings, reading and exploring new ways to educate themselves and their clients. As Brandon says, he doesn't define goals, he and Centric help you define them and then get there. Why Sierra Madre? Easy to get to for people coming from work and a pleasant place to end the day. Brandon commented especially on the friendliness of the businesses all around him, as he and Mike were renovating the Centric quarters, all of which they did themselves! Stop in, say hi to Brandon, admire the gorgeous bikes, and maybe you, too, will be thanking him after you successfully complete your first Ironman!

"Endurance sports are accessible to everyone in their own individual time frame. I believe in people, their capabilities and potential!" Brandon Heflin

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## BOTCON SET TO INVADE CONVENTION CENTER

By Dean Lee  
Thousands are expected to show up to this year's BotCon, at the convention center later this month, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the creation of the iconic alien robots, Transformers.  
The four day event, June 19 to June 22, will feature everything Transformers "from toys collecting, discussions with Transformers voice actors to a round-table featuring The Transformers Collectors' Club," according to event organizers.

An exhibit hall will feature over 200 tables of Transformers merchandise for sale. "There are thousands of items each year that trade hands in this BotCon focal point," organizers said.  
The event will also include a Transformers Film Fest displaying the fanfiction based talents of Transformers fans.  
Autographs will also be available. This year's guests include Susan Blu, Michael McDonohie, Hal Rayle, David Kaye and James Roberts and more.

There will also be an art contest with winners receiving show dollars that they can spend with any exhibitor at the show. Entries will be judged by Hasbro designers. Categories will include 3-D custom figures to 2-D hand drawn Art.  
General admission is available on both Saturday and Sunday at \$20 per day for adults and \$10 for Children (4 and under are free). Event hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parking is available at the Paseo Colorado  
For more information visit; botcon.com or call (817) 448-9863.



### Pet of the Week

Blondie is a seven-week-old male Labrador retriever puppy. He's very playful, sweet and mellow. He's very curious too. This puppy is currently living in a foster home and is not at the shelter. Please contact the Foster Care Coordinator at foster@phsspc.org for more information about adoption.  
Blondie's adoption fee is \$125, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet.  
Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A355641, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.

## City Looks to Form 710 Special Task Force



By Dean Lee  
Councilmember Terry Tornek proposed the idea Monday of creating a special Pasadena centric task force to look at alternatives to the proposed SR-710 North Extension project.  
"Metro has delayed the issuance of the long awaited EIR [Environmental Impact Report] that was due in April...", Tornek said. "It seems to me that we could potentially replicate the model that we just experienced with regard to Devils Gate in developing a Pasadena preferred alternative that would be vastly superior to the alternatives that are currently under review."  
Tornek said the new task force would have two objectives including develop a Pasadena preferred alternative, "something we can be for or against," he said.  
Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard said he thought the idea could focus city hall's attention and the community's attention, "on this project that now has been pending so many years."  
Councilmember Victor Gordo said he thought any alternative should be acceptable to the region, "unlike Hahamongna, the 710 is a regional issue."  
Gordo said he did not want to alienate other communities that might think the council's decision is "one city's idea."  
"I would like us to agendise the discussion to include the possibility of setting up a more

regional approach, working with our neighbors and the city of Los Angeles or other surrounding communities."  
Bogaard said the city was already part of a five member coalition of neighboring cities.  
"This might well be an opportunity for the coalition in some way to participate and demonstrate the existence of the coalition and the intention of the five cities to work together," he said.  
Before being stopped by city attorney Michele Beal Bagneris, Gordo said the task force could look for things not included or alternatives not in the EIR. He said that included partnering with Los Angeles.  
"I think we stand the strongest chance of achieving that, with real credibility, of we include not just the coalition but the 800 pound gorilla that's the city of Los Angeles." He referred to L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti as a "friend of the council."  
Bagneris said the item was not on that night's agenda and advised them to stop the conversation.  
"This is discussion that's going into various matters that members of the public, who are interested in the subject, may want to participate in," she said.  
Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck he would bring the issue back to the council, on the agenda, in about a month.

## Interim Director of Public Health Named

City Manager Michael Beck appointed Assistant City Manager Steve Mermell last week as acting Director of Public Health while city does a nationwide search for a replacement after director Dr. Eric Walsh resigned last month.  
"It's important to note that when these vacancies/situations occur, it is common for the City Manager to ask one of the Assistant City Manager's to step in to help," said Pasadena Public Information William Boyer. "In turn, it is also seen as a great opportunity for the department's upper management staff in terms of accepting more responsibilities too."

The city has not yet hired a search firm to look for a new



director. Beck also said the process would not be open to the public.  
Beck also appointed Dr. Yin-Ying Goh as interim health officer.  
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.  
**Parkinson's Disease - Thursday, June 19, at 10 a.m.** Parkinson's Disease is a neurodegenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Symptoms can include muscle rigidity, tremors and changes in speech and gait. This talk will help you learn the signs and symptoms of this disease and what can be done to help you or a loved one. Presented by Dr. Jerome Lisk.  
**Health Fair - Friday, June 20, from 9 to 11 a.m.** Glucose, blood pressure, hearing screenings and massage are among the servicers offered. This month there will also be special information about keeping your pet at home as you age and how to care for older pets. Health fairs take place the third Friday of every month. (626) 685-6732.  
Name That Timeless Tune - Monday, June 23, at 1 p.m. This

fun, upbeat game that combines dancing with music trivia will help strengthen your body and mind as you enjoy your favorite oldies and engage in friendly competition for prizes.  
**Four Ways to Manage Diabetes - Thursday, June 26, at 10 a.m.** - Diabetes is a group of metabolic diseases that create high blood sugar. For some people the pancreas does not produce enough insulin; for others the body's cells do not respond properly to insulin that is produced. Learn the four key ways you can manage your diabetes and live a healthier life.  
**Book Club at the Center - Friday, June 27, at 1 p.m.** Read "Where Did You Go, Bernadette" by Marie Semple and then join members of the Senior Center Book Club for a discussion. To her Microsoft-guru husband, Bernadette is a fearlessly opinionated partner, to fellow private-school moms she's a disgrace, to design mavens she's a revolutionary architect and to her daughter she is simply a mom. And then she disappears. For more information call Judy Starlight at (626) 685-6706.

## Doo Dah Picks its Queen

Although the Pasadena Doo Dah parade is not for another five months, organizers, past queens and other parade notables voted last week picking local belly dancer Nancy Urbach as queen of the 2014 parade slated this November.  
Parade organizers held auditions at the American Legion Hall in East Pasadena May 25.  
Urbach won out of a lineup of 20 queen hopefuls.  
During her reign, Urbach will be known as Queen Nancy.  
Tom Coston, president of Light Bringer Project, and overseer of Doo Dah said Urbach had been trying



Queen Nancy

This year's parade will be Nov. 15 along Colorado Blvd. in East Pasadena.

## BOY HIT BY CAR DIES

By Dean Lee  
A 7-year-old boy was fatally struck by a pickup truck last Saturday night at Hill Avenue and Colorado Boulevard about 7:30 p.m. while walking with his family.  
According to police, Aidan Tam was running in the crosswalk when a pickup truck traveling east on Colorado Blvd. turned north onto Hill Ave. striking Tam. He was rushed to Huntington Hospital by paramedics, where he died a

short time later.  
The driver, a Pasadena man, was not cited or arrested. None of the other family members were injured police said.  
The driver remained at the scene and cooperated with police.  
A number of people stopped Monday, placing flowers on a roadside vigil that read, "Our beloved Aidan Tam." Police at the time were also conducting an investigation at the scene.



## Pops Presents Broadway Stars and Blockbuster Hits

The Stars of Broadway are coming out to play with the Pasadena POPS in their one of a kind, simply cannot miss popular outdoor summer concert series at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Saturday, June 28th with "Broadway's Leading Ladies." Resident Pops Conductor Larry Blank brings Susan Egan (Beauty and the Beast, Cabaret, Thoroughly Modern Millie, State Fair), Valerie Perri (Evita, City of Angels, Jerome Robbins' Broadway), Christina Saffran (A Chorus Line, Sophisticated Ladies, Singin' in the Rain, The Music Man, Drowsy), Lisa Vroman (Phantom of the Opera, Aspects of Love, Les Misérables, The Most Happy Fella) and David Burnham (The Light in the Piazza, Wicked, Sunset Boulevard) to sing your favorite hit songs from legendary musicals such as Cabaret, Evita, Chicago, Candide, Funny Girl, Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, A Chorus Line, The

Music Man, Wicked, West Side Story and more.  
"How pleased I am to be able to present these leading ladies of Broadway plus one all on the same stage," says Larry Blank adding "all of them will be singing songs at the Arboretum that they sang for Broadway audiences night after night ... these are authentic performances from world class talent. The best of Broadway is truly coming to the Pasadena Pops."  
Concerts will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7:30 p.m.  
The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Single tickets starting at \$20 are now on sale and are available by calling the box office at (626)-793-7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on the day of the concerts.

## Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

With the opening of the new Pasadena Media studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers' Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered to volunteer crewmembers. In addition, on-going training will soon be



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<b>Orientation Training</b>	Monday June 9 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
<b>Introduction to Field Production Training</b>	Wednesday June 11 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Producers Training</b>	Monday June 16 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Orientation Training</b>	Monday June 23 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
<b>Citizen Journalism Digital Film Group</b>	coming soon



## “What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



The City of Arcadia and Chamber of Commerce recently announced that Arcadia was one of 100 cities between San Luis Obispo and San Diego chosen as a “Host Town” for the Special Olympics World Games 2015.

The “Host Town Program” is a special 3-day program that takes place prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Special World Olympic Games. At their Host Towns, delegations of athletes from around the world will be welcomed and celebrated. The athletes will become community members, participate in cultural activities unique to each area, and in between, practice and rest for the Games.

This announcement ceremony was held at Arcadia City Chambers, and many attended: Arcadia’s Mayor John Wuo, Council Member Sho Tay, City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto, Police Chief Bob Guthrie and several officers, Fire Chief Kurt Norwood, Director of Recreation and Community Services Sara Somogyi, Director of Library and Museum Services Mary Beth Hayes, Communications, Marketing & Special Projects Manager Linda Garcia, Public Works Management Analyst Carmen Masud, and Communications & Marketing Specialist II Kristen Olafson-Segal. Also present were Arcadia Chamber CEO Scott Hedrick, Chamber President Denise Weaver and photographer Glenn Oyoung; from AUSD: Superintendent Joel Shawn, School Board President Cung Nguyen, and Ryan Foran, Public Information Officer. From the Special Olympics, President Emeritus Richard Van Kirk, well-known Arcadian and Methodist Hospital Board Member, Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO of LA2015, the Games Organizing Committee, and Steven Vanderpool, Vice President for Communications who provided much background and current information.

Because of the late Eunice Shriver’s vision, Special Olympics was founded in 1968. It began from a movement of a few hundred athletes to more than 4 million athletes. With the support of more than one million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics is able to deliver 32 Olympic-type sports and more than 70,000 competitions throughout the year. Visit [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org).

At the Announcement Ceremony, there were several great speakers. Kim Guillien, Special Olympian participant from Covina blew us away with her fantastic speech. This young lady is truly an inspiration to all and it was befitting that she held the special Proclamation from the City of Arcadia. Next to her was Richard Van Kirk who was presented a Key to the City of Arcadia. There also were presentations by Viola Van representing Congresswoman Judy Chu and Olivia Lee representing Assemblyman Ed Chau.

Mayor Wuo spoke of the honor for Arcadia as a Host Town and praised the Special Olympic Games which bring “competition and team spirit”. Mayor Wuo also commended Dick Van Kirk who he has known as a great volunteer/Board Member of Methodist Hospital

Speaker Santa Anita Jockey Aaron Gryder, was “honored to be up here. I admire each of these individuals.” (After the program, I spoke briefly with Aaron. He happily posed with Kim and told her that she “inspired him”. It was awesome!)

The Olympians need a practice facility during their Arcadia stay, and Dr. Shaun was “thrilled our facilities will be used.” AUSD President Cung Nguyen mentioned ‘great pride’ and ‘happy to open our school facilities.’

The Arcadia Rotary Club presented a \$10,000 donation and three local hotels-Santa Anita Inn, Embassy Suites and Hilton Garden Inn- will host the athletes by providing rooms at discounted prices, wireless internet and 300 free breakfast meals.

Members of the Host Committee include Chairman Bruce McCallum; SOSC Advisor Dick Van Kirk; Former Mayor Bob Harbicht, Master Schedule, Activities, Events; APD Captain Paul Foley, Security; Scott Hettrick, Publicity, Lodging; Denise Weaver, Community Involvement; Jim Rider, Financial records; Keith Kerney, school rep; and Larry Stewart, Food Service.

## ARCADIA TO BE “HOST TOWN” FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES



## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, May 25th, through Saturday, May 31st, the Police Department responded to 983 calls for service of which 139 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 25:

1. Around 5:20 p.m., an officer was flagged down by several subjects in the parking lot of Ralphs, 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a battery that had just occurred. A 19-year-old White male struck his girlfriend multiple times in the face and pushed her to the ground while she was holding their infant son. Several witnesses observed the incident. The 19-year-old White male suspect fled the scene prior to the officer’s arrival. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

2. At approximately 7:42 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Huntington Drive and Second Avenue regarding a welfare check on a stalled vehicle. A male subject had passed out behind the steering wheel of his vehicle while it was still in “drive”. An investigation revealed he was under the influence with a blood alcohol content greater than 0.08 percent. The 28-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, May 26:

3. Just after 11:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Colorado Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue regarding a physical altercation. A female subject stopped her vehicle so she could use her cell phone. As she sat in her car, she noticed a white van was parked in front of her and noticed a male subject’s head was sticking out of the rear door, and he was not moving. When she elected to check on the man’s well-being, he began taking pictures of her and punched her after she told him to stop. In self-defense, the woman hit the man on his head with a glass bottle. The man was determined to be a transient and the woman was not desirous of prosecution.

4. At about 7:40 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Macy’s at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The suspect removed security sensors from various articles of clothing, concealed them inside her purse, and exited the store without making payment. The 67-year-old Asian female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, May 27:

5. At approximately 6:40 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Foothill Boulevard due to the driver not wearing his seatbelt. The officer discovered the 57-year-old White male driver had an expired license. He was cited in the field without incident and his vehicle was left legally parked.

6. Around 7:18 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of West Walnut Avenue regarding a report of a home invasion. An investigation revealed a legal repossession agency entered the victim’s closed garage to repossess a BMW 750i while no one was home. The victim is desirous of prosecution for unlawful entry into his home.

Wednesday, May 28:

7. At about 8:23 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Starbucks, 733 West Naomi Avenue, regarding a disturbance. An intoxicated female was yelling profanities and annoying customers. She was determined to be under the influence and unable to care for herself. The 45-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. Around 10:16 p.m., an officer responded to Dave and Busters at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s purse, which she had set down on a stool momentarily to play a game. No witnesses were located.

Thursday, May 29:

9. At about 2:16 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the parking lot at In-N-Out, 420 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a battery report. While attempting to legally repossess a vehicle, a repo man was pepper sprayed by the vehicle owner’s girlfriend, a 26-year-old Black female, who refused to exit the vehicle. The vehicle owner, a 47-year-old Hispanic male, arrived on scene and pushed the victim several times. Both suspects were arrested for Battery and Illegal Use of Tear Gas, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. At approximately 7:36 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of East Longden Avenue regarding a burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a sliding glass door and fled with property including jewelry, a spare key to the residence, and spare keys to the victim’s two vehicles. No evidence or witnesses were located.

Friday, May 30:

11. Shortly after 4:40 p.m., an officer was dispatched to JC Penney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an adult suspect detained for theft. The 26-year-old Hispanic female concealed cosmetics inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. At approximately 7:21 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a disturbance. A 65-year-old Hispanic male was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, May 31:

13. Shortly after 5:00 p.m., an officer responded to the 11900 block of Clark Street regarding a report of a stolen water valve. As the officer conducted an area check, he noticed a large amount of water was coming from another business nearby located on Goldring Road. The officer called the business owner to inform him that unknown suspect(s) cut off and stole his back water valve. No evidence was located and no one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

14. At about 7:50 p.m., an officer made consensual contact with a female subject walking eastbound on Live Oak Avenue at Sixth Avenue. The officer discovered the 50-year-old White female was under the influence of a controlled substance. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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## FORMER MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TEEN COLUMNIST GRADUATES FROM SPELMAN COLLEGE



Asha Grant, center, with her proud grandparents Alma and Harold Thomas, Sr., are all smiles at her graduation from Spelman College in Atlanta recently. Asha wrote the teen column 'Trish's Truth' for the Mountain Views for two years prior to graduation from High School.

## BEN SHOW - AN AWARD WINNING COLUMNIST



Current Mountain Views News teen columnist Ben Show recently received the "Certificate of Excellence for Introduction to Digital Media." Ben created several video projects during the year that were considered to be excellent as well as his desire to improve what he created after the fact.

**THESE GUYS ARE GOOD!** Caption and Photo by Corey aka C-Dawg

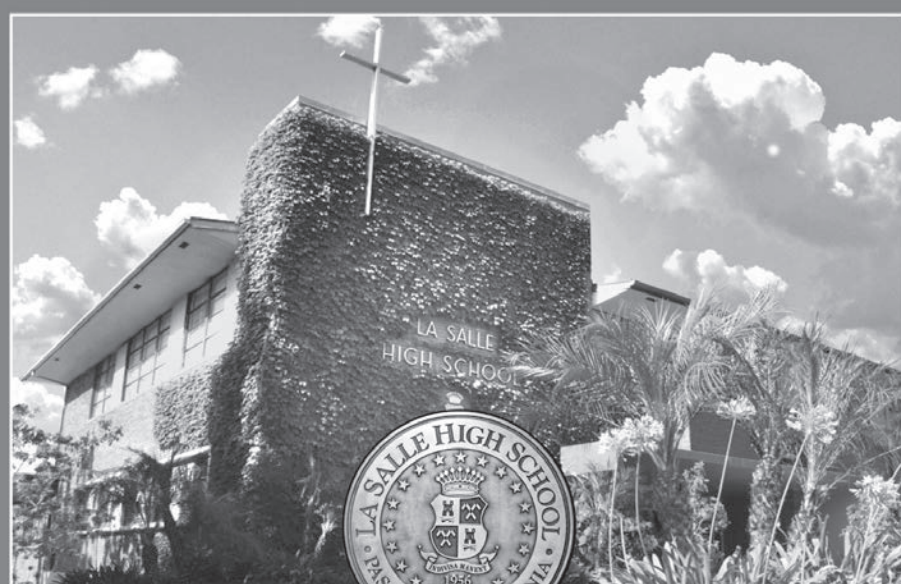


Photo: (left) Ryan Garcia (right) Alex Baer / not pictured Frank Garriola (out of town)

Congratulations to these three outstanding baseball players who hail from, and will represent Sierra Madre in the upcoming San Gabriel Valley All Star High School Game series. The All Star games are put together with the top players of all High Schools in the San Gabriel Valley (Over 25 High Schools). The senior game is scheduled for Mt. San Antonio College at 7 p.m. on June 9th, with the underclassmen game slated for Alhambra High School at 2 p.m. on June 8.

The seniors' game features Alex Baer of Pasadena HS and Pepperdine bound in fall, while both Frankie Garriola (junior / 2015) of Pasadena HS and Ryan Garcia (sophomore / 2016) of La Salle HS, round out the Madre contingent in the underclassman game. These three outstanding players prepared for their high school careers in the Sierra Madre little league and PONY/COLT systems. Last summer they were stellar standouts on coach Edgar Garcia's regional, super regional, state champions, and national West Zone runner up Sierra Madre 16U Colt team, which made headlines and represented Madre and the SGV well with their breathtaking historic postseason run. Congratulations Alex Baer, Frankie Garriola, and Ryan Garcia!

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Pictured from left to right are: Isaac Garcia, Emma Martinez, Thomas Bent, Savannah Woods, Michael Carter, and Aliya Crochetiere

The Sierra Madre Civic Club proudly presented its annual Education Awards to six local high school seniors at its May 8, 2014 meeting. Education Awards are given to graduating seniors chosen for academic excellence, school activity involvement, and community service. The honorees are: Isaac Garcia, who is graduating from Duarte High School and will be attending Cal State LA; Emma Martinez, who is graduating from LaSalle High School and will be attending the University of Portland; Thomas Bent, who is also graduating from LaSalle High School and will be attending UC Santa Cruz; Savannah Woods, who is graduating from Pasadena High school and will be attending UC Davis; Michael Carter, who is graduating from Maranatha High School and will be attending Johns Hopkins University; and Aliya Crochetiere, who is graduating from Pasadena Polytechnic High School and will be attending UC Berkeley.

Civic Club was able to award a total of \$4,500 among these worthy students. Members of the Civic Club Education Awards committee, chaired by Ellen O'Leary and Gwen Robertson, presented the awards individually to each of the recipients stating that the award represented "for all that you have and will achieve." Congratulations to these fine young students!

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is comprised of about 100 local and area women who come together to promote unity and good fellowship, and to strive toward civic, philanthropic, and youth welfare advancement. During the year, Civic Club raises monies which, in late Spring of each year, are donated to local philanthropic causes and are also awarded in the form of grants to local exceptional high school seniors.

### SIERRA MADRE ROTARY SENDS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS TO LEADERSHIP CAMP

This year these young people told Rotary after their return from Lake Arrowhead weekend, this was a life changing

experience. They had no idea how quickly they made new lasting relationships, created trust and learned to be a team in 2 days. They also stated the food was great. Rotary of

Sierra Madre sends High School Juniors and 8th graders

to leadership camp every year through an application

and selective process. To learn more about these events,

please contact Peggybeau@gmail.com Subject: RYLA.



Front row, left to right: Caroline Champlin, Roxana Honowitz (PHS). Back row, left to right: Joey Messina-Doerning, Jonathan Raymundo (La Salle) Sophia Kownatzki (PHS), Jenay Zhou, Alissa Arunarsirakul, Tyler Artis (La Salle) Jennie Jacobsen-Huse, Chair

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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST



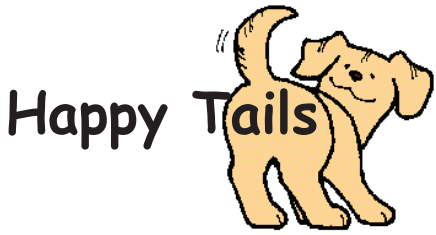
For me, this movie looked very interesting for two reasons: Bryan Singer was back as the director and the entire X-Men team was being reassembled. This movie had a lot it needed to do, most importantly, reset the X-Men timeline after the events of 'The Last Stand', and it did that very successfully.

When the X-Men are faced with the threat of Sentinels, giant robotic beings that target mutants and parents of potential mutants, they must figure out a way to stop them without physically fighting them. Their solution: have Kitty Pryde (Ellen Page) send Wolverine (Hugh

Jackman) back in time to the 70s, when the Sentinel program was first created by Dr. Bolivar Trask (Peter Dinklage), and stop them from ever being made.

While the plot may seem confusing and convoluted, the movie makes sure you understand what it going on before it begins the amazing action sequences. This movie does so many good things for the X-Men series, like setting up events that may take place in later movies and introduces the villain for the next film, X-Men: Apocalypse. This is by far the best film in the series so far and should be seen by both fans and newcomers.





## THE CULTURALLY CORRECT CANINE

earned the age-old title of “man’s best friend”, and rightfully so. Among the many virtues that the canine shares with his two-legged human companions, most amazing to me is that fact that the dog is capable and more than willing to bridge the gap between humans of differing ages, cultures, lifestyles and languages.

The idea that a dog is actually capable of bringing people together who would otherwise most likely not even bother to share the time of day, really hit close to home for me during one of my walks with a canine client. I am a person who has always fostered some semblance of diversity in my life. I have an eclectic collection of friends including people of various colors, shapes, sizes, ages and walks of life, but I must admit that I am only human, therefore I do still notice the differences between myself and others. No matter how hard I try to ignore or even erase thoughts and preconceptions that may come to mind when I cross paths with people who look or act different from myself, there are times when I do automatically and presumptuously profile a person based on appearance or behavior.

When those preconceived notions come to mind, I try very hard to suppress them, but the thoughts are there, regardless. I realize that my mind works this way because I was raised in a culture that inherently encourages the identification of others according to the color of their skin, racial origin, behavioral patterns, or even financial status, and I think that is very unfortunate. If I could change that about my culture, I most definitely would. But, it is what it is and all one can do is live one's own life the way they know they should. I said all that to say this...Thank God for dogs!

During a recent walk with two of my favorite canine client companions, we were trekking up Grand View towards the Arcadia highland community, when we happened to cross paths with an older couple walking two darling silky terriers. Because the two dogs I was walking are always very cordial in dealing with other dogs that we meet along the way, I was not concerned about a potential canine confrontation, so we stayed steady on our trail rather than crossing to the other side of the street.

As we drew closer to the couple who were walking in the opposite direction, I looked up at them, gave them a wide, “happy to meet ya” kind of smile, and said “good morning!”. Initially, they both looked away in what may have appeared to be embarrassment or loss of words. My thought is that they were not completely comfortable with my greeting, simply because they are not completely comfortable with their skills in speaking the English language.

Apparently, however, my two four-legged friends did seem to speak the same language as the two little pups that they were walking, so they greeted each other with nothing but confidence and appreciation and within a moment's time, we humans followed suit and stood and watched the dogs interact and socialize with intent vigor. By the time we parted ways, having observed such kind and reciprocal social behavior between our pets, I felt that I had made a couple of new friends that I hope to bump into again in the near future, and I would like to think that they felt the same way.

See what I mean? How cool is it that our pets can play a part in bridging a gap between ourselves and our neighbors? That is what prompted me to write this short (yet, hopefully effective) article about the value of a dog's social virtues. Perhaps we humans can learn from the canine's willingness and ability to behave in a culturally correct manner. So, I encourage us all to remember to be thankful that God created creatures such as the canine to help we humans with our social skills. Who knew the dog could be such a valuable asset in our human lives?



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Molly is full of puppy energy and loves to play with toys and other dogs. She has a happy, bubbly personality that will make you smile and laugh at her antics. She and her kennel mate play well together and enjoy each other's company.

Molly loves going on walks and for a young dog, she does very well on leash. She's a smart little girl and will do well with training. She loves mingling with other dogs as well as people. She is very affectionate, and will sit happily in a lap until her energy gets the best of her and she has to get down and play.

Molly would do best in an active home where she is an important part of the family and gets a lot of playtime. She would be happy with another dog, and they would be sure to entertain each other. Molly would love to be your new best friend, so please stop by to meet her and see if she would be a good fit for your family.

She currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas.

To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Molly, please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Her adoption fee is \$120 which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Molly.

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## PET OF THE WEEK: ATHENA

Animal ID #A4712251

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To meet Athena in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is available now. For any inquiries about Athena, please reference her animal ID number: A4712251. 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 Athena or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [Samantha@hope4animals.org](mailto:Samantha@hope4animals.org). To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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In Sanskrit, the word for truth is Satya. It's one of the most important principles in yoga philosophy. It is one of the principles of the yamas, the moral observances that one must make to prepare for the transformation of yoga as outlined in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali (the great yoga sage).

To speak the truth, to believe the truth, to be true to yourself, are all essential concepts in self-understanding. But the literal translation of Satya is unchangeable. How is that the truth?

Yogis believe that our deepest, essence IS unchangeable. Because our truest selves, our souls, do not change. But through all of our experiences and the influences of the world outside ourselves, we develop an understanding of who we think we are or who we think we should be. We see the world reflecting back at us and think that is who we are. This may be completely incongruous from who we are really meant to be. Satya is getting in touch with the truth of our unchanging soul, who we truly are and letting that light shine from our eyes. Then let that light influence the world around us, instead of the other way around.

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### HAVE NEST --WILL TRAVEL

Retirement is a beautiful thing! Not that I'm looking to retire anytime soon, but it has certainly helped my parents become healthier and happier. My mom's job as a third grade public school teacher was stressful, although she made it look easy to her colleagues. And I sleep better knowing that my dad doesn't have to face two or more hours of traffic on the Ventura freeway trekking to Sherman Oaks every morning.

Now they're homebodies keeping busier than ever with all their projects and hobbies. In fact, my dad was surprised (and a little embarrassed) to receive a discount on his car insurance for putting less than 300 miles on his 1996 Isuzu last year. "I would've put 300 miles on that car in a week when I was working!" he told us. Understandably, his SUV sits in the driveway, unused most of the time. My aunt even pointed out the cobwebs around the wheels. But when he noticed twigs sticking out of the bumper, my dad knew that his vehicle had officially been designated as a permanent stationary object to the outdoor wildlife!

Not only were there sticks protruding from inside the bumper, but something flew out of there when he walked nearer the car. Upon closer inspection, my dad discovered that a bird had started to build a nest inside the rear bumper. He looked carefully to make sure there weren't any eggs or other potential bird casualties. But, if you haven't tried to see the inner corner of your bumper lately, let me tell you it's not an easy task. When I laid down under the car I could see the bottom and side of the nest. Peering into the crack between the bumper and rear of the car allowed a partial view of the top of the nest. But neither angle gave a good shot of the its inhabitants. The first couple times I checked on it I gently poked the nest and a very, very small creature darted out. Once I saw it land on a bush. It was a tiny, delicate finch; not as small as a hummingbird, but definitely smaller than a sparrow.

Over the next few days I developed a habit of checking on the nest from time to time. Despite the disruption of being rapidly carried along on my dad's local errands, and being poked a few times with a giant finger, this finch was a stubborn bugger. Nothing would dissuade her from the security of the inside of the bumper. "Doesn't it get hot when you run the car?" I asked my dad. "No hotter than it does sitting there in the sun," he answered. Apparently the heat did nothing to diminish the finch's dogged persistence. I wondered if the fumes would cause mutations, but my dad assured me that the nest wasn't anywhere near the exhaust.

I thought this stowaway bird was unusual in its choice of nesting places until I became more aware of other nests in and around the neighborhood. OSH is a great bird sanctuary, I learned. One brave, and probably deaf, dove hunkered down in her nest on top of the loud speaker. A family of sparrows made their home in front of the air conditioning vents.

My dad's original plan was to dismantle the nest before it really "got going," thereby discouraging the finch from her efforts. We quickly learned that she had no intention of leaving. Needless to say, I quickly stopped poking the nest. I figured, since she was bound and determined to stay there, we should try to make sure her nest stays as stable as possible. Although these certainly aren't ideal conditions, my dad can live with this little passenger for a while--at least until the end of the baby bird season. While we hope she and her kiddos make it through safe and well, we also hope she won't decide to revisit the bumper again next year. And we certainly hope she won't tell her friends that the other rear bumper is available for squatting birds and their families!



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Another option is to go out to a healthy restaurant and have everyone taste each other's food. Then go home and try to recreate the dish in a healthier fashion. Most all dishes prepared from scratch at home are healthier than prepared purchased foods or foods eaten in restaurants because you can omit or reduce sugar, oil, excessive salt and preservatives. You can also choose to use all organic foods as a way to make meals healthier.

Another tip is to visit the produce aisle or a farmers market with your kids. Ask them to pick out interesting or unusual vegetables. Then base the coming weeks menu on your finds. Kids will be more apt to try something new if they scouted it out and saw it before it was clean and prepared.

Whenever possible involve your kids and even husband in the meal planning, purchasing and preparation. The more involved your family is in meal choices the more invested they will become. Also be realistic, not every choice will be a hit but if you put some effort into this, your family can adopt some new healthier food options.

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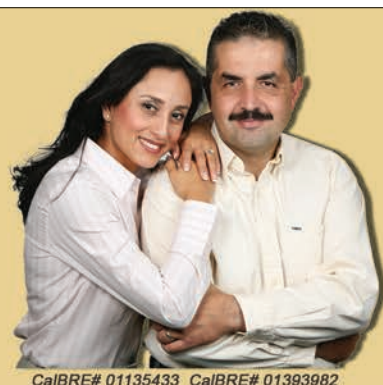


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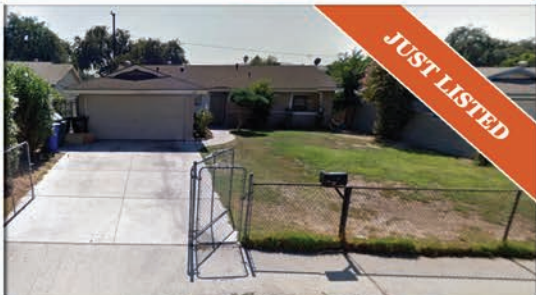
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## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### FOOTHILL GOLDLINE - *Pasadena to Azusa Update:*

The nearly \$1 billion Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa continues on time and on budget for a Sept 2015 turn-over to Metro. Nearly all two dozen bridge structures are now complete, and only three of the 17 at-grade crossings remain under construction. Each station is at a different phase of construction, and parking construction is underway at most stations.



Maintenance of Way platforms under construction at the Operations Campus in Monrovia

Work on walls, fencing, light rail track, Overhead Catenary System poles and wiring are all evident throughout the corridor. At the nearly \$300 million Operations Campus, steel continues to be raised for the main shop building and outer walls are being formed at other structures.

Irwindale Station, one of the last to begin construction, continues to take shape.

OCS Poles and lighting within the six miles of storage track at the Operations Campus are now installed

Rail installation is taking place throughout the 11.5-mile corridor. Here, crews install rail near the project terminus, east of Citrus Ave in Azusa

This week, crews completed installation of the concrete soundwalls (left and right) from the Santa Anita Wash to Mayflower



Irwindale Station, one of the last to begin construction, continues to take shape (photo of recent concrete pour above)



that Metro will decide when passenger service begins on the line.

Submitted by Lisa Levy Buch, Director of Public Affairs

### REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

By Joan Schmidt



Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly, Guest Speaker Sergeant Antonio Ayala, Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Congresswoman Judy Chu

Saturday, Supervisor Mike Antonovich held his 17th annual Veterans Fair, at Arcadia Country Park. Speakers included Channel 4's Fritz Coleman and Congresswoman Judy Chu. Attending were Arcadia's Sho Tay, Peter Amundson and Gail Marshall; Monrovia's Becky Shevlin; El Monte's Jay Gomez, and Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council Members, Linda Sells and John Nicoloro.

Presentation of Colors by Irwindale AmVets Post 113 began the day which included great music by the Marine Band, a flyover, information on employment, veterans' benefits and legal issues, military vehicles' display, Sheriff's Posse, food booths, kids' play area and "Wall of Remembrance" displaying photos.

Monday, we attended a great Tribute at Live Oak Cemetery co-sponsored by the Allied Vets Council. Janine Coyne welcomed us and M.C. was President Scott Sinclair. The Brighter Side Singers from Temple City High provided great music throughout the program. Invocation was by American Legion Post 44 Chuck Keen Clint Stamps, Arcadia/Monrovia VFW Post 2070 led the Pledge.

Keynote speaker Marine Sgt. Antonio Ayala was "humbled by the brave courage of fallen brothers and sisters who paved the way for us." Judy Chu, Congresswoman proudly spoke of her dad, a World War II Vet and nephew Harry Lui who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan three years ago. Arcadia Mayor John Wuo reminded us to thank Veterans for what is "most precious- our freedom". Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz spoke of the "immeasurable amount of words" to thank the Vets for all the great freedoms we have, and Duarte Mayor Pro Tem Liz Reilly felt "It is an honor to be at this Memorial and we should never forget the meaning of Memorial Day.

Also attending were Duarte's Reyna Diaz and John Fasana, and Monrovia's Mayor Pro Tem Becky Shevlin, husband Chris and Council Member Larry Spicer.

There was recognition of Blue Star Families, Gold Star Mothers, and Veterans of ALL branches of service. The Celebration concluded with Benediction, a 21 gun salute, Taps, Raising of the Flags, Dove Release and Amazing Grace performed by Pipe Major John Massie, MBE. Afterwards, Live Oak Cemetery provided refreshments and attendees left with an even deeper appreciation of the GREAT SACRIFICES our Serviceman and Servicewomen and their families made for us.



*From the office of Supervisor Michael Antonovich*

#### APRIL D.I.S.A.R.M. SWEEPS NET 47 PROBATIONERS 6 WEAPONS AND \$1 MILLION IN ILLEGAL DRUGS AND MONEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — During the month of April, Los Angeles County D.I.S.A.R.M. officers conducted 1,011 searches and confiscated 28 weapons including 13 handguns, 1 assault rifle, 5 shotguns, and over \$36 million in illegal drugs and drug money, announced Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

In conjunction with local law enforcement, probation officers conducted searches of probationers who, as a condition of probation, are subject to unannounced searches targeting guns, drugs and other contraband. Nearly 10 percent of probationers searched in this program were out of compliance with the terms of their probation. Since its implementation in February of 2000, the D.I.S.A.R.M. program has seized over 9,403 weapons and more than \$487 million in illegal drugs and drug money and made nearly 20,000 arrest.

D.I.S.A.R.M was initiated by Supervisor Antonovich following the tragic August 1999 shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the murder of a postal worker by Buford Furrow, an armed felon on probation from Washington State.

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SEAN’S SHAMELESS  
REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

SUMMER SONGS WORTH SEEKING OUT

Strand Of Oaks  
– “Goshen ‘97” –  
Philadelphia musician  
Timothy Showalter

who goes by Strand Oaks is set to release his fourth LP, “Heal,” on June 24th, 2014.

The first single, “Goshen ‘97” is a complete departure of his previous material of acoustic, folk-rock jams. The song explodes right from the beginning with a thrashing drumbeat and intense guitar work. J. Mascis from Dinosaur Jr. supplies the superb guitar work. In previous themes, Showalter explored imaginary scenarios such as songs about giants to taking vengeance on John Belushi’s drug dealer. However with “Heal,” the theme is rooted within his own entity. His lyrics are reflective, but overt. It’s a powerful jam from start to finish. It surely would satisfy anyone looking for a good old-fashioned rock song that all appear to be lost in this hazy fog of DJs, synthesizer fanatics.

Blackbird Blackbird – “This Is Nowhere” - San Francisco’s Blackbird Blackbird brings his dreamy electronic pop to new heights with “This Is Nowhere,” off the upcoming fourth LP, “Tangerine Sky.” Mikey Maramag, the man behind Blackbird Blackbird, is a master of smooth, ethereal aesthetics. His crooning falsetto is in full effect on the new song. Maramag has a soft, tender, angelic voice. The hazy, dreamy R&B inspired tune is both elegant and moving. “Tangerine Sky” has summer nights written all over it, but from what I can already tell, it’ll fit the bill for any season of the year. The album will be released on June 3rd via OM Records.

Midnight Faces – “Wake Me” – If any song could put you in a hypnotic trance, it would be “Wake Me.” The wistful 80s tune takes you on a journey traveling to places you could only wish to go back to. Midnight Faces is an LA-based synth-pop duo consisting of vocalist Philip

Stancil and composer Matthew Doty. “The Fire Is Gone” is the band’s sophomore release, following 2013’s “Fornication.” This second go around, the textures and layers are much richer and darker. The immense emotional landscape of “This Is On Fire” is brimming with youthfulness. You might forget how old you are listening to “Wake Me,” but you will ultimately be rejuvenated. “The Fire is Gone” was released on May 13th through Broken Factory.

Broken Records – “Winterless Son” – Scottish indie rockers Broken Records latest tune, “Winterless Son” off their recently released third record “Weights and Pulleys” bursts onto the scene with vitality and enthusiasm. It’s a post-punk sort of tune with such a strong driving force of guitars and drums. “Winterless Son” is an anthem motivated song sporting lyrics such as, “We were going to be anything we wanted; We were going to be anywhere but here; And I was going to be anything you needed me to be.” The hope to keep on keeping on appears a little more urgent now. Regardless of how you read this tune, this is the kind of song to get you out of the passenger seat of life and buckled into the driver’s side.

Wunder Wunder – “Coastline” – The first single, “Coastline” off Wunder Wunder’s debut record, “Everything Infinite” is a cool little jam that can be described as wavy and groovy. Australian music producers Aaron Shanahan and Benjamin Plant make up Wunder Wunder on their latest creative endeavor. Inspired by 60s and 70s psychedelic rock with a touch of new school licks, “Coastline” is pure summer fun. Wunder Wunder seems to specialize in dreamy guitars and distorted synths. It’s not breaking any new ground, but the blessed-out landscape of Wunder Wunder is certainly the place where you’ll want to be this summer. “Everything Infinite” is out July 15th via Dovecote Records.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jeff’s Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT: NINE AMERICANS AND THEIR EPIC QUEST FOR GOLD AT THE 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS

by Daniel James Brown

Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times. The improbable, intimate account of how 9 working class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics what true grit really meant. It was an unlikely quest from the start.

With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington’s eight oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. Drawing on the boys’ own journals and vivid memories of a once in a lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary personal quest.

MICHAEL JORDAN: THE LIFE by Roland Lazenby

The definitive biography of a legendary athlete. Michael Jordan is responsible for sublime moments so ingrained in sports history that they have their own names. When most people think of him, they think of his beautiful shots with the game on the line, his body totally in sync with the ball hitting nothing but net. But for all his greatness, this scion of a complex family from North Carolina’s Coastal Plain has a darker side: he’s a ruthless competitor and a lover of high stakes. There’s never been a biography that encompassed the dual nature of his character and looked so deeply at Jordan on and off the court. Basketball journalist Roland Lazenby spent almost thirty years covering Michael Jordan’s career in college and the pros. He witnessed Jordan’s growth from a skinny rookie to the instantly recognizable global ambassador for basketball whose business savvy and success have millions of kids still wanting to be just like Mike. Yet Lazenby also witnessed the Michael Jordan whose drive and appetite are more fearsome and more insatiable than any of his fans could begin to know. He draws on his personal relationships with Jordan’s coaches; countless interviews with Jordan’s friends, teammates, and family members; and in-interviews with Jordan himself to provide the first truly definitive study of Michael Jordan.

THE CLOSER by Mariano Rivera

The greatest relief pitcher of all time shares his extraordinary story of survival, love, and baseball. Mariano Rivera, the man who intimidated thousands of batters merely by opening a bullpen door, began his incredible journey as the son of a poor Panamanian fisherman. When first scouted by the Yankees, he didn’t even own his own glove. He thought he might make a good mechanic. When discovered, he had never flown in an airplane, had never heard of Babe Ruth, and spoke no English. What he did know: that he loved his family and then girlfriend, Clara, that he could trust in the Lord to guide him, and that he could throw a baseball exactly where he wanted to, every time. Rivera tells the story of the champion-ships, the bosses, the rivalries, and the struggles of being a Latino baseball player in the United States and of maintaining Christian values in professional athletics. The 13 time All-Star discusses his drive to win; the secrets behind his legendary composure. He discusses the untold, pitch by pitch account of the ninth inning of Game 7 in the 2001 World Series. In The Closer, we come to an even greater appreciation of a legend built from the ground up.



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THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



CHANDRA CAPTURES GALAXY SPARKLING IN X-RAYS

NASA’s orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory has revealed a spiral galaxy similar to the Milky Way glittering with hundreds of X-ray points of light.

The galaxy is officially named Messier 51 (M51), but often goes by its nickname of the “Whirlpool Galaxy.” Like the Milky Way, the Whirlpool is a spiral galaxy with spectacular arms of stars and dust. It is located 30 million light-years from Earth, and its face-on orientation to Earth gives us a perspective that we can never get of our own spiral galactic home.



The new dataset, equivalent to about 900,000 seconds of Chandra observing time, reveals nearly 500 X-ray sources. In this composite image, the X-ray sources are shown in purple. Optical imagery from the Hubble Space Telescope, shown here in red, green, and blue, has been added.

Most of the X-ray sources are X-ray binaries (XRBs). These systems consist of pairs of objects where a compact star, either a neutron star or, more rarely, a black hole, is capturing material from an orbiting companion star. The infalling material is accelerated by the intense gravitational field of the compact star and heated to millions of degrees, producing a luminous X-ray source.

A difference between the Milky Way and the Whirlpool Galaxy is that M51 is in the midst of merging with a smaller companion galaxy (seen in the upper left of the image). Scientists think this galactic interaction is triggering waves of star formation. The most massive of the newly formed stars will race through their evolution in a few million years and collapse to form neutron stars or black holes. Most of the XRBs containing black holes in M51 are located close to regions where stars are forming, showing their connection to the oncoming galactic collision.

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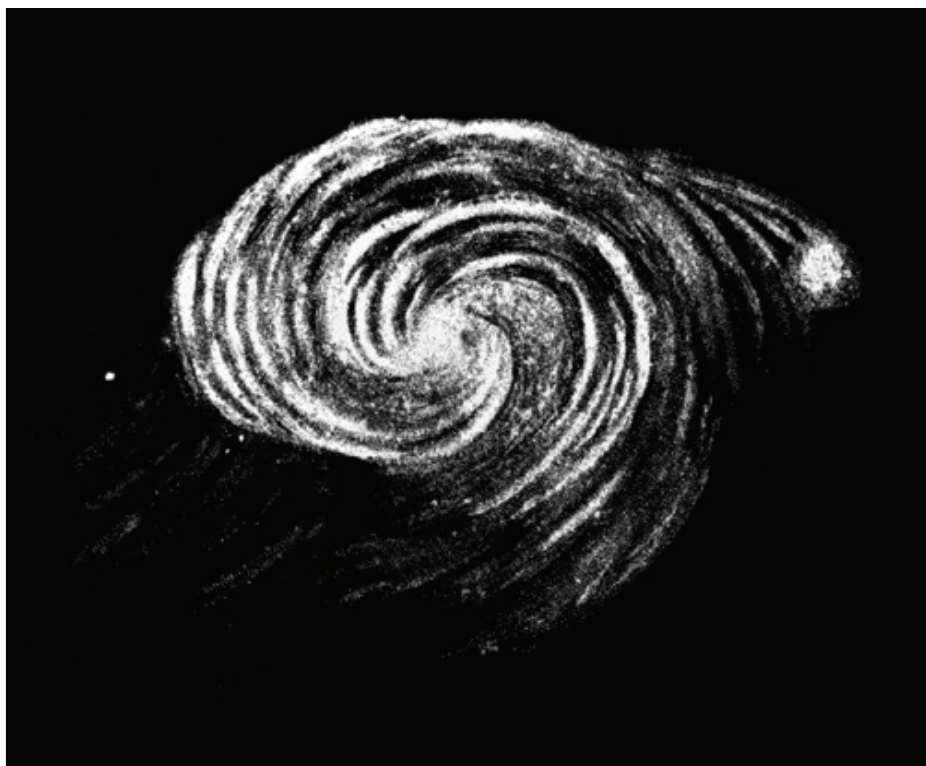
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE YEAR 1845, an Irish gentleman and amateur stargazer named Lord Rosse was also observing the Whirlpool Galaxy. At his estate, Birr Castle in Parsonstown, County Offaly, he had built what was then the world’s largest telescope, with a mirror an amazing six feet (72 inches) in diameter, dubbed “the Leviathan.”

He had to invent many of the techniques he used for constructing the Leviathan, both because its size was without precedent and because earlier telescope builders had guarded their secrets or had simply failed to publish their methods. Building of the Leviathan began in 1842 and it was first used in 1845; regular use waited another two years, due to the Great Irish Famine. It was the world’s largest telescope, in terms of aperture size, until the early 20th century.

Lord Rosse performed astronomical studies and catalogued a large number of nebulae, discovering the spiral nature of some that are today known as spiral galaxies. In particular, his Leviathan was the first to reveal the spiral structure of M51. As astronomical photography was unknown in the 1840s, he had to record what he saw in sketches—and his drawings of the Whirlpool Galaxy closely resemble modern photographs.

Lord Rosse’s historic Leviathan telescope, a major monument in the history of astronomy, has been preserved and is still accessible for public tours. For information see:

[http://www.birrcastle.com/things-to-do-in-offaly/the-great-telescope/info\\_12.html](http://www.birrcastle.com/things-to-do-in-offaly/the-great-telescope/info_12.html).



Left, 2014 image of Whirlpool Galaxy by Chandra Observatory; Above, 1845 drawing by Lord Rosse:

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



I HATE ESTATE PLANNING

It sounds crazy, I know. An Estate Planning attorney who actually hates the words “estate planning”?

Just hear me out. I hate estate planning because it conjures up the image of a bunch of stuffy, old lawyers sitting around a giant conference table, scheming about who’s going to kick the bucket next and how to divvy up the inheritance they’ll leave behind.

Blech! So let’s draw the line right now:

There are two types of ‘Estate Planning’ attorneys, and they couldn’t be more different. From the way they attract and engage clients all the way to their impact on generations yet unborn.

The type of Estate Planning attorneys most people think of belong in the same category as the stereotypical lawyers at the butt-end of jokes. The kind nobody wants to invite over for dinner. The kind nobody wants to deal with for a minute longer than absolutely necessary (because they’re nickel and diming anybody and everybody in 6-minute increments).

They eagerly take whoever walks in the door. Sell them a plan they can’t understand, and then fail to fund it, update it or ensure that it actually performs for the family in their time of greatest need.

But let me tell you about the other type. This type of attorney is a lot more like a family friend who also handles the legal technical work of ensuring the families in their community have a solid relationship with their loved ones - and their legacy - that outlasts them for generations to come.

They serve their community by freely educating families who genuinely need the planning they provide. They do a thorough job of discerning the values, vision and needs of these families and business owners. They design estate plans that get funded, are kept up-to-date, and perform as promised upon death. And I am proud to count myself as one of these types of attorneys.

Estate planning, the way my camp practices it, would better be called something like “Legal Life Design,” or “Life Consciousness Development,” or “Family Legacy Engineering.” I wish the word for this practice area was something profound, intriguing, complex, bold, and intense. Because it is all of those things.

Here’s a little secret: Estate planning is a deep spiritual experience for me. My life becomes more fulfilled and connected every time I support a family through the process. Participating in their growth and family harmony is extremely rewarding. Plus, it’s a service needed by every parent in our country, whether they yet realize it or not.

It helps parents become better people - which in turn makes them better parents. And that’s where

the magic is.

Estate planning is really an opportunity to meet oneself at the doorway between life and death. As an attorney, I get to escort people to that doorway, help them look back so they can see their accomplishments, their losses—the legacies they’ve built. I help them see the honor and dignity in their lives and bear witness to the essence of who they are.

Then together we look toward the future; their hopes, dreams, aspirations and vision for themselves and their families. Then I interject the worst-case scenarios and help them work through it all. It’s important work because the worst things that can happen are the only things that stand between their past and their future.

Then (and this is where the lawyer in me emerges), I help them understand the legal landscape and offer perspective on how things are versus how things could be. I give my clients a chance to choose the road their family will take if they aren’t there to guide them. Consciously, thoroughly, thoughtfully.

Fear lifts. Freedom enters. Liberation of heart and mind settles in.

And my clients are no longer afraid. No longer afraid to die, no longer afraid to live.

People tell me all the time that their experience with estate planning was nothing like they expected. They say they had no idea the burden they were carrying until it was lifted. They say they feel freer, clearer, more in love, and more alive. They come away from the experience more at ease and comfortable than they’ve been in a long time.

To help liberate another human from their fears and free them to live a bigger life. How sacred, how awesome, is that?!

It’s why I love what I do. And I would be thrilled to transform the way you look at estate planning, too. To guide you along the path toward ensuring your family will be protected and provided for, no matter what. To help you secure the peace of mind knowing things will be as easy as possible for your loved ones during the worst of times. To support you in living consciously, proactively, and fully.

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### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

## MYTH BUSTING

When a homeowner faces default on their mortgage, there may be two options: foreclosure or short sale. Foreclosure can be devastating, both emotionally and financially. A short sale, or one in which the lender accepts a selling price less than the amount owed, is a better option for both the lender and the homeowner.

Regrettably, nearly seven out of ten homeowners proceed through foreclosure without ever listing their home for sale. This is due largely to perceived myths about the process, and we need to put a few of these misconceptions to rest.

First, homeowners assume the bank would rather foreclose than accept a short sale. Not true - foreclosure is often more costly for the lender, and short sales often sell for more than foreclosed listings. The banks are trying anything possible, within reason, to avoid the foreclosure process.

Next, homeowners believe there is a stigma attached to short sale listings, and that buyers have no interest in such properties. Not true - to the contrary, many smart buyers are specifically seeking out such offerings for the value they present compared to traditional listings.

Finally, homeowners often assume that there's not enough time to close a short sale before foreclosure is final. Not true - foreclosure is a lengthy process and there is time to negotiate a better result, but you need to start today.



## Social Media Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



### SOCIAL MEDIA TIP SHEETS

If you want people to tweet, post and share your information, make it easy for them. Provide a Social Media Tip Sheet. Think of these as old-school press kits. You provide your tip sheet to other people so they can share your information for you in the way you want it to be shared! These work great for a specific campaign or non-profit.

A Social Media Tip Sheet is a 1-2 page document or page on a website. It provides the content you want people to share for you in their own social media channels. It may also include images, logos and videos.

When you create a tip sheet, make sure to include the following:

- Description of the campaign
- Hashtags to use
- Sample Facebook posts (tags back to your page or links to your web site)

- Sample Tweets with hashtags and tags
- URL's for important information
- YouTube videos
- Graphics, logos or images
- Give them a reason why they should help you promote your campaign
- Make sure to promote and send your tip sheets to your connections and the people who will most likely want to help you spread the word.

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## the creative entrepreneur

by Lori Koop, Business Coach

Remember the last time you lost your cell phone... what did you say to yourself? If you're like me, you said "I'm backing up my data from now on!" Have you?

Imagine you had to rebuild your whole contacts list. How many contacts would that be? How many hours would you need to spend? All wasted time. And if you're like most entrepreneurs, you don't have much to spare.

Take this minute to think back... when was the last time you backed up your computer? Your cell phone? Your pictures?

Schedule it right now. Put it in the calendar. Turn it into an intention, and it will most likely get done. It's not only smart but there's peace. Once complete, you will have covered yourself should anything unexpected happen. Well, you never know... that's the downside of technology. But you can be prepared... that's the upside.

So, backing up... it's simply generating a second copy of your data and storing it at a second location. If you do it regularly, pat yourself on the back. Good job! Celebrate your due diligence. If you've never backed up your data or don't do it regularly, consider making it a monthly practice. How about the first of every month? Be sure to reward yourself after you're done.

If you're not tech savvy, hire someone. I like Peter at Foothill Tech in Sierra Madre (626-355-5152). He can program your equipment to back-up

automatically. This way you don't even have to think about it. It's done while you sleep. Imagine!

I recently left my cell phone behind for the second time. When I considered it lost, I freaked. This time I WILL back it up. Why this time? I'm stopping this writing to write it in my planner. I'm scheduling it. And when I set the intention by scheduling it, I eventually do it.

What works for you? We're all different. It comes down to establishing a system... a system that brings success for you. Maybe you book to-dos in your phone (if you have it).

Try a reward. Maybe a pedicure. Five minutes to call a friend. Or a Starbucks gift card for yourself. We all like treats... no matter our age. Target something that will motivate you.

As school winds down for another year, I am reminded how school got us to work... tests. Peer pressure. Parent patrol. If you no longer have school to keep you in line, it's time to take over.

Technology... it can make your life easier. Or not.

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## JOE Gandleman

### An Independents Eye OBAMA SHOWS VULNERABILITY OVER PRISONER EXCHANGE

To this day there's some dispute over who originated the phrase "grabbed defeat from the jaws of victory." What is certain is we're now seeing living examples of the phrase, demonstrated by both the Obama administration and the Republican Party.

Victory's jaws are surely sore from the pulls by Obama & Co. and the GOP in a controversial prisoner exchange, where American Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl was traded for five Taliban prisoners from Guantanamo. We now see six prisoners free -- and how political hubris creates a seemingly inescapable prison.

For Republicans, the controversy has all the makings of a negatively-defining event that could sway in-dependent voters and irk some centrist Democrats. Not only does it entail the American government dealing with, if not outright terrorists, then terrorist enablers and supporters, the prisoner exchange itself might have legitimately broken the law. On top of that, it includes the release of a prisoner who some claim wasn't worthy of the soldiers who risked or lost their lives unsuccessfully trying to free him years ago.

The deal's implementation displays a political dumbness on the part of the White House that hasn't been seen since last October when Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz convinced GOPers in Congress that it'd be just peachy for Republicans to shut down the government over the budget. According to NBC's Chuck Todd, the White House was caught "flat footed" by the negative response to the Bergdahl deal, since it had expected "euphoria" over the release.

Yes, Bergdahl was freed. But it sounds like someone was drinking the same Delusion Flavored Kool Aid that former Vice President Dick Cheney successfully served when he predicted Iraqis would greet their American liberators by throwing flowers and garlands.

The administration didn't properly consult Congress. California Democratic Sen. Diane Feinstein wasn't pleased, and the White House briefing of Senators later didn't defuse bipartisan anger. The Obama ad-ministration argued the deal had to be done quickly and was legally covered in a signing statement. And, indeed, the political reality is that any announced dealings would have fizzled due to the GOP's consist-ently obstructionist behavior. But the administration acted on shaky legal grounds.

CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin said

President Obama "clearly" broke the law because "signing state-ments are not law. Signing statements are the president's opinion about what the law should mean. Now, it may be that the law is unconstitutional, a violation of his power as commander in chief, but no court has held that. The law is on the books, and he didn't follow it."

University of Georgetown law professor Jonathan Turley nailed it on his blog, writing: "Putting aside the violation of federal law, do you believe that the United States should negotiate with groups like the Tali-ban or make trades with such captors? If not, where do we draw the line — with soldiers to exclude citi-zens? There are clearly arguments to be made by those who believe that we should negotiate with terror-ists but the current official policy is that we do not."

So the GOP is poised to score big political points? Probably not.

After being in 24/7 anti-Obama rage/demonization mode for so many years, even with having a REAL issue fall into their lap that has authentic nuance that could alienate many Americans by raising troubling issues as terrorists seek weaknesses to advance their battle against democracies, the Republican Party is in already rhetorical, overreach overdrive.

Almost as fast as you could say "birth certificate" or "Benghazi," the inevitable partisanship parroting the tiresomely predictable conservative political entertainment media and the calls for impeachment have begun.

Amid genuine questions about whether Bergdahl was a deserter, one conservative site calls him "the Democratic party's ideal type soldier." So much for winning over centrist Democrats. A Fox News host said Bergdahl's father looks like a Muslim due to his beard, while Sarah Palin said she'd like "Duck Dyn-asty's" bearded anti-gay Phil Robertson to run for President. A beard's meaning is in the eye of the big-ot.

If the GOP could choose serious policy discussion over polemics, they could score serious political points. But Republicans, like the White House, just can't resist pulling that bright, shiny object out of victory's mouth.

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### THE WAR ON COMMON SENSE

Listening to news programs, particularly the yakity-yak-my-view-is-the-only-right-view programs you

might come away with the idea that there is a war on everything.

The list goes something like this, the war on: Women... Poverty... Drugs... Terrorist and on and on I could go. You name it, there is a war addressed. I believe we should be serious about dealing with certain negative aspects of society and do whatever it takes to make people's lives better. I am all for those ideas, however, I sometimes think it goes just a little too far.

Most of the time, someone is for a certain "war" because of some political advantage it will give them in the public's eye. I guess you cannot be a politician unless you are willing to poke somebody in the eye!

Is it just me or have you noticed people will create a war on something just to get in the limelight? They are not against something they just know someone is; that someone is someone that goes to the polls and votes, and they want their vote.

Do not let this thought get too far, but I think it would be a whole lot cheaper during election time for politicians just to write checks and send out to all the voters saying, "Here's \$1,000, vote for me." It would be a lot cheaper in the long run and who couldn't use \$1,000 right about now.

This war I am speaking of is rather covert and does not get any time on the national or cable news. Everybody knows it is going on but nobody wants to point it out. That is, up until now.

The greatest war going on in our society today is the war on common sense. There, I said it. And I stand by what I said. There is a tremendous attack on common sense in our society today.

Perhaps somebody could argue that there has never been a time in our history where we had too much common sense. That may be true, but it seems that people today are going out of their way to make common sense nonsense.

I must confess that common sense is not as common as it once was and perhaps never was. I like to think that somewhere along the line a few good people have entertained common sense.

There are so many laws in our land these days that it is impossible keep up with them all. There must be a law somewhere particularly in Washington, DC that says any law that makes sense has to be immediately thrown out. We have politicians that would not recognize common sense if it bit them on the nose. Most politicians have their nose in other people's business anyway.

It would be nice if just some time these politicians would simply come together

and establish a law, merely one law that makes sense. In order to make one law that makes sense they have to have 999 other laws that confuse it to such a degree that it no longer makes sense.

Common sense would tell me, for example, if I do not have enough money I cannot purchase a certain thing. That does not work in Washington. Oh no. In Washington, affording something financially is never part of the equation. The only thing important in that equation is, does this make somebody who voted for me happy enough to vote for me again?

It takes a lot of good old-fashioned common sense to take care of money and run my household budget in such a way that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is happy. Taking care of money and making sure that we do not spend money on things we do not need is part of the common sense that helps me balance my checkbook month after month.

Common sense says I need to balance my checkbook.

Washington sense says, write checks until you have no more checks to write then order more checks. Forget all that stuff about balance. If we run out of money, we just print more money.

Does that really make sense?

It would be great if I could do that with my home budget. If I do not have enough money one month all I need to do is go down into the basement and print a bunch of money to make up the difference.

Not only is common sense eliminated from the financial aspects of our country, but health issues are also thrown to the curb.

Common sense would tell me I need to eat properly.

Washington sense says, eat what I tell you to eat. I have seen some of the stuff that they, the government, wants us to eat. The government wants to come into our school cafeterias and force-feed our children a proper diet.

In most of these schools, I cannot speak for all of them, the children have the common sense to throw it away. Common sense says if it does not look good or taste good it probably ain't good for you. (Pardon my French.)

The Bible has a lot to say about this. My favorite verse of Scripture is, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

I need to make common sense the standard of my day-to-day living based upon the common teaching of the Word of God.

# LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"By the time election day is passed there is nothing much to do save turn the sitting rascals out and let a new gang in." - H.L. Mencken*

Elections are held in Egypt, Syria and the United States all within a couple weeks of each other. There's the tradition in

Syria of bringing a needle to the polls – you prick your finger to show you'll support your candidate with blood. In Egypt, they held polls open an extra day – hoping enough voters would show up to make it seem legit.

Here in California, the question was whether Gov. Brown would be going up against the guy who forgot about the loaded gun in his carry-on at the airport; or the one who, when testifying before a House committee in his role as "Bailout Czar", couldn't say whether or not it was "appropriate" that AIG gave out \$3 million executive bonuses after getting a \$125 billion taxpayer bailout.

There's been other news. After the tragic shootings in Isla Vista, there were the preemptive moves against legislation that might help keep guns away from those who shouldn't have them (like maybe those who'd forget about having a loaded gun in their carry-on).

There was the freeing of our only POW still held from the Afghanistan/Iraq wars. Within a couple days, Republican operative (and Fox News contributor) Richard Grenell, through his PR firm, was arranging media appearances for soldiers suggesting he should've been left there.

Republicans warned of the danger should the five Guantanamo detainees released in exchange return to the battlefield. Statistics from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence show that 6% (a total of five) of the detainees released under President Obama have indeed resumed the fight. This compares with 30% of the 500-some detainees released under President Bush.

Then there's the Obama Administration plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal plants by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030. We're already halfway there; they've already been reduced 15% since 2005. Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) warns the plan would "kill coal and its 800,000 jobs". (The National Mining Association counts 90,000 mining jobs in the whole country.) Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) calls it an "illegal use of executive power", while the Supreme Court in both 2007 and 2011 affirmed the EPA's duty to regulate carbon pollution as it "endangers public health or welfare".

Of course, there's the cost – up to \$8 billion. The EPA estimates up to \$90 billion in health savings from lower risks of asthma, lung disease, heart attacks, etc. Still, it promises to be a major campaign issue in the coming months, with Republicans going to the mat over preventing our current dependency on coal for 37% of our electricity from falling to maybe 31%.

But back to the elections. If there was any "trend" nation-wide, it was Republican

"establishment" candidates prevailing over the tea-baggers. They may not be as colorful, and there may not be as many efforts to impeach the president, repeat Obamacare (like they've tried some fifty times already), or to permit open-carry of firearms in bars, playgrounds and churches, but that doesn't mean there's any less determination in pursuit of an agenda.

Although not as newsy as stories mentioned above, there were others involving this "establishment" wing of the party that give a good indication as to what's at stake come November.

The Republican National Committee is calling for the repeal of not Obamacare, but the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act. Like the Affordable Care Act, the FATCA was passed early in the administration and is now about to come into effect. It's the result of long negotiations with banks in Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, etc. – in which they've agreed to help the IRS crack down on tax cheats who hide their stash overseas. This cheating costs our treasury about \$300 billion a year – nearly a tenth of our annual budget. The RNC, however, is more concerned about its unpopularity with its donor base – and so will commit to its repeal.

Likewise, the Republican Congress continues working to cut hundreds of millions from the enforcement budgets of not only the IRS, but from the SEC and Commodities Futures Trading Commissions – the two agencies most responsible under the Wall Street reform acts for clamping down on the reckless trading and ridiculous profits that brought our Great Recession. As for the IRS and those offshore accounts, every dollar spent on enforcement brings \$6.60 back to our Treasury; for international business compliance, it brings \$8.80. With those millions in cuts, you can do the math.

For months, House Republicans have blocked efforts to raise the federal minimum wage or renew unemployment insurance. Last week, they blocked a bill that would have prevented the federal government from contracting with outfits known to engage in wage theft; denying overtime pay or forcing employees to work off the clock in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. They claimed the bill was too difficult to understand.

Last week, Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee pushed through another batch of tax breaks figured to add \$300 billion to our deficit over the next decade, in addition to the \$300 billion in loopholes passed the month before. Most, like "bonus depreciation", were put in place as "temporary" stimulus to spur the recovery, but now they want to make them permanent. As for programs like food stamps, unemployment insurance and disaster relief, Republicans insist they be "paid for" with cuts elsewhere. With "bonus depreciation", however, that can simply be tacked onto our nation's debt as a gift to their corporate benefactors.

This "establishment" crowd isn't as colorful as the tea-baggers, and won't be as much fun to follow over the next several months. They are all the more concerning, however – because they sometimes know how to get things done.

## A BERGDAHL IN THE HAND IS WORTH FIVE TERRORISTS IN THE BUSH?

There's a lot of controversy swirling around Obama's decision to trade five hardened terrorists for American Sergeant Bergdahl, among which is the concern The President acted illegally by insufficiently consulting Congress. As a conservative, I support Obama's right, as Commander-in-Chief, to make this decision without consultation. I defended Bush in this regard, and I'll defend Obama, too. But that doesn't mean it was a good decision. In fact, it may go down as the worst decision this president, this Commander-in-Chief, has made.

The President clearly thinks this was a good decision, offering first that Bergdahl's health was so badly deteriorated that repatriating him was necessary, but the more compelling, and overriding, reason he offered was that "regardless of the circumstances, we still get an American soldier back if he's held in captivity, period. Full stop. We don't condition that". So really, in the President's mind, whether Bergdahl was healthy or not, there are no conditions placed on repatriating our soldiers.

Except, there are conditions, and always have been in every war or skirmish we've fought. There have to be. To believe otherwise is simply a manifestation of typical Liberal naïveté - we will act as we want the world to be, not as it really is. Consider the following illustration. What if we had captured Adolph Hitler? Would we have traded him back for any number of American POWs? Or if we had captured any of the 9-11 murdering hijackers, would any be released to retrieve any number of American hostages? The answer to both is of course, no! There are limits placed on any trade – limits that balance the benefits against the costs to insure that America benefits. If it is to be done, it must be a sober and purposeful decision.

The benefit here is clear to the Bergdahl family, and I wish them no ill. They have their son back. We can all empathize with that. Any family who has lost a loved one, or faces the risk of losing a loved one, wants that person safe and sound. And it is these forgotten people who will now bear the horrendous cost of this trade.

The trade once again trashes America's reputation. The President has affirmed we will not negotiate with terrorists. Yes we will! The President said that the 5 released terrorists will be kept in Qatar and monitored for a year. No they won't! Qatar says they're free to roam and free to return to Afghanistan or any other hot spot for that matter. In case our friends needed more reasons to doubt us and our enemies fewer reasons to fear us, the Bergdahl trade further undermines our credibility and emboldens our enemies.

The trade has and will cost the military dearly. Releasing 5 terrorists for 1 apparent deserter, even as we leave stranded a brave Marine in Mexico, devastates morale

## GREG Welborn



and certainly hurts recruitment efforts. Those who have already born the load will now bear a heavier one in their knowledge that their service is so under-appreciated.

And what of the men who lost their lives trying to "rescue" Sergeant Bergdahl? When the facts of his "departure" were finally known, a mare hazardous rescue mission was appropriately aborted lest more men die. To their families, we simply say, "suck it up and salute"? We will add 5 more to the ranks of those who will execute further American deaths.

The trade should also prompt us to acknowledge the other westerners who will bear the cost of escalating kidnappings around the world. If the U.S. will trade one soldier deserter for 5 hardened terrorists, what might the U.S., or an even weaker western nation, surrender for 10 or 15 kidnapped innocent civilians? Anyone who believes these boundaries will not be tested by Al Qaeda or the Taliban is dreaming.

Lastly, the trade has made the world a more dangerous place and insured that thousands more all over the globe will suffer. The GITMO 5 who were repatriated to the killing sands of the Mideast are all hardened killers serving in senior Taliban leadership positions – among them a military commander, defense minister, intelligence minister, liaison to Iran; all with the blood of thousands on their hands. These senior terrorist leaders are not going to return to their fields and orchards to raise their families in peace and brotherly love. They will resume the torture, murder and crimes-against-humanity which landed them in GITMO and should have been sufficient to keep them there for the remainder of their lives.

These men were not simply soldiers under another flag, fighting honorably while steadfastly observing the nuances of the laws of war to protect noncombatants. They didn't wear uniforms to identify themselves, purposely hid among civilians to put them at risk, and steadfastly refuse to consider any westerner a non-combatant. As they've repeatedly, and painfully, reminded us, their version of Islam declares all kafirs (non-believers) to be combatants. They will rampage, slaughter and maim again. We cannot begin to estimate the number of souls who will bear the cost of this trade.

Was The President authorized to make this trade? Intellectual honesty demands we answer yes. No matter the wording of the statute, the Constitution grants this power to the Commander-in-Chief. I won't deny that just because Obama is president. Was the trade a catastrophe of as yet unfathomed global proportions? Unquestionably, yes. Worst decision of his presidency? God, I hope so. If there's something worse than this, I don't want to know.



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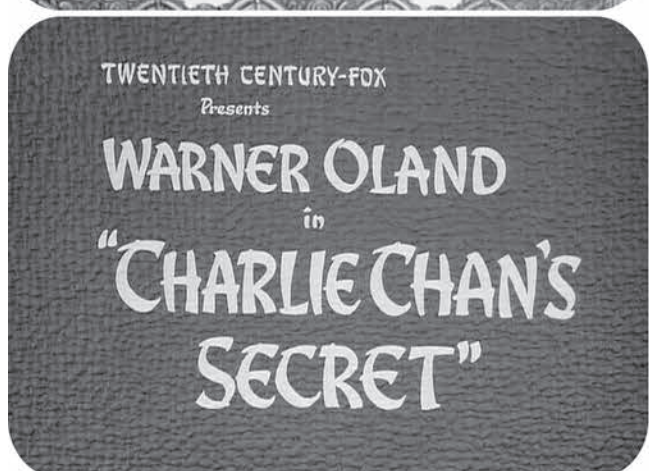
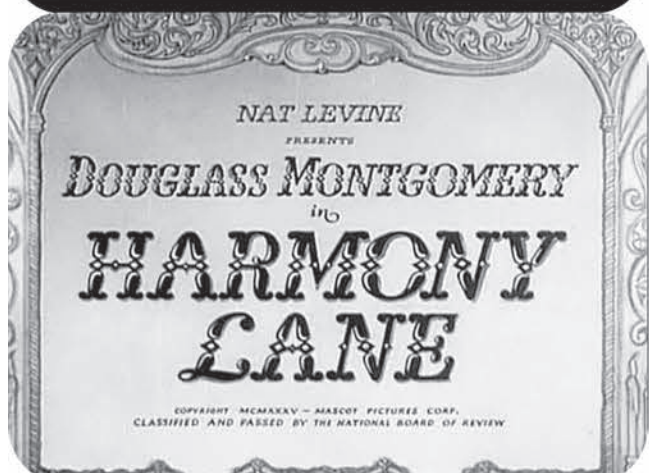
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Jesse White was the first 'lonely Maytag repairman' in television commercials of the 1950's and 1960's - you will see him as the drunk customer who hears this story from bartender James Dunn.

I remember Lionel Stander as the gravel-throated side-kick in the television detective show, "Hart to Hart" - in this movie he is the bookie-bell hop.

William Frawley was 'Fred' of Fred and Ethel, neighbors to I Love Lucy - here he is a successful Broadway producer.

Margaret Hamilton was the wicked witch of the west in the Wizard of Oz, and here she is one of three eccentric old maids.

Irene Ryan was Granny Clampett in The Beverly Hillbillies television show, and another of the three eccentric old maids.

There are plenty more familiar faces in this 'he chases her until she catches him' comedy, but you'll just have to pop your bowl of white kernel popcorn, drizzle on the real melted butter, and sit back to enjoy this comedy with all of your old movie friends.  
by Jimbo Berkey

This is how the schedule works:

7-9	Comedy movies
9-11	Comedy movies and A Taste of Theater
11- Noon	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1-3	Romance movies
3-5	Film Noir movies and Dragnet
5-6	Comedy movies
7-9	Mystery movies
9-10	Crime movies

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### My Picks of the Week

Monday	Texas Brooklyn and Heaven
Tuesday	It Couldn't Have Happened
Wednesday	The Rogues Tavern
Thursday	Follow Your Heart
Friday	The Thirteenth Guest
Saturday	Happiness COD
Sunday	Great Expectations

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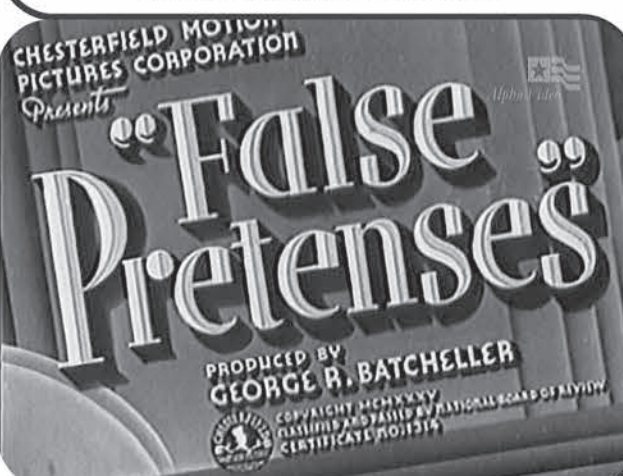
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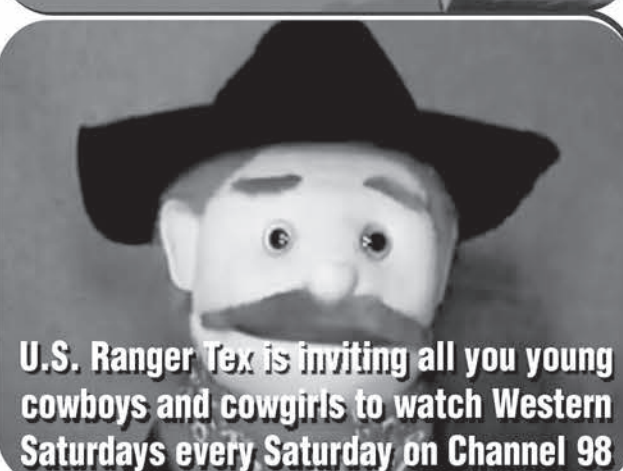
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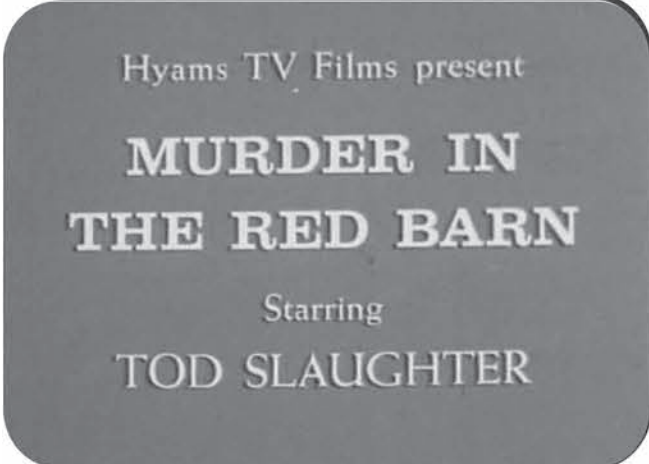
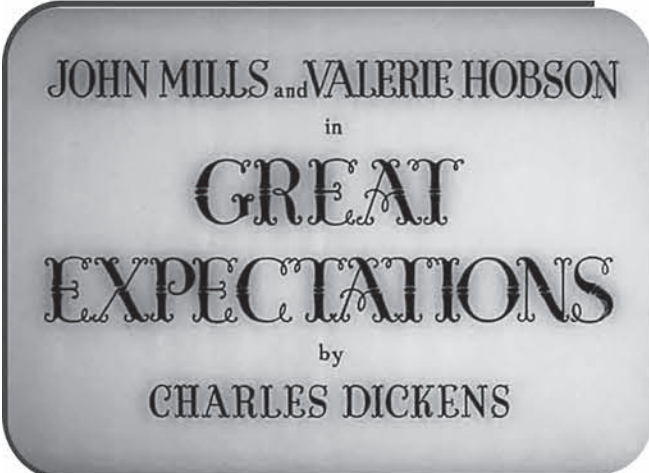
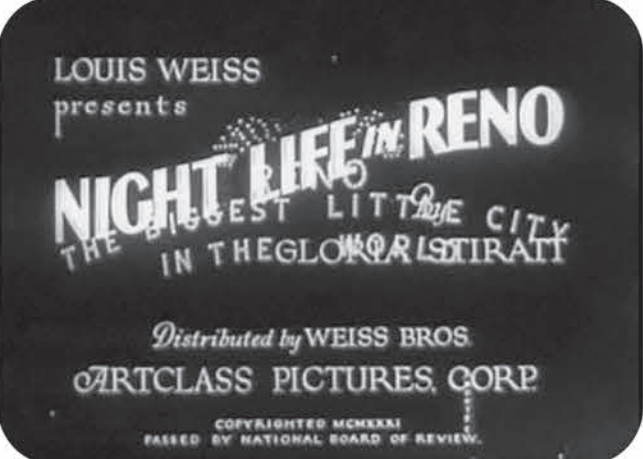
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7 to 8 am	Were In The Legion Now & Timber Queen
9 to 10 am	Texas Brooklyn and Heaven
11 to 12 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1 to 2 pm	False Pretenses
3 to 4 pm	Charlie Chans Secret
5 to 6 pm	Harmony Lane
7 to 8 pm	The Sin of Nora Moran
9 to 10 pm	Murder With Pictures
Tuesday 6.10.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Unforgotten Crime & Ticket to Paradise
9 to 10 am	Make A Wish
11 to 12 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1 to 2 pm	Sorority House & The Presidents Mystery
3 to 4 pm	The Phantom Light
5 to 6 pm	Haunted Ranch
7 to 8 pm	Borrowed Hero
9 to 10 pm	It Couldn't Have Happened
Wednesday 6.11.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Meet Dr Christian & Who Killed Doc Robbin
9 to 10 am	The Big Wheel
11 to 12 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1 to 2 pm	Along Came Love & Down to the Sea
3 to 4 pm	Mercy Plane
5 to 6 pm	Frolics on Ice
7 to 8 pm	The Hoodlum
9 to 10 pm	The Rogues Tavern
Thursday 6.12.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Mooch Goes to Hollywood & Desirable Lady
9 to 10 am	Good Morning Boys
11 to 12 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1 to 2 pm	Law of the Jungle & The Girl from Monterey
3 to 4 pm	Charlie Chan In Paris
5 to 6 pm	Follow Your Heart
7 to 8 pm	Framed
9 to 10 pm	Skyway & Irish Luck
Friday 6.13.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Club Paradise & Night Life in Reno
9 to 10 am	Three of a Kind
11 to 12 pm	Beverly Hillbillies, Love that Bob, The Lucy Show, Little Margie
1 to 2 pm	The Girl from Rio & the World Accuses
3 to 4 pm	Murder In The Red Bard & Dangerous Holiday
5 to 6 pm	Dixie Jamboree & Toll of the Desert
7 to 8 pm	Midnight Phantom
9 to 10 pm	The Thirteenth Guest & Texas Terror
Saturday 6.14.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Lumberjack & Wild Brian Kent
9 to 10 am	Cavalry & Cattle Stampede
11 to 12 pm	Song of the Gringo & Phantom of the Range
1 to 2 pm	Aces and Eights & Prairie Pals
3 to 4 pm	Brilliant Marriage & Winds of the Wasteland
5 to 6 pm	The Gorilla & Billy The Kid Returns
7 to 8 pm	Happiness COD & Alias John Law
9 to 10 pm	The Panthers Claw & Law of the Rio Grande
Sunday 6.15.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Reg Lar Fellers & Born to Battle
9 to 11 am	Kids A Cookin' - 2 hours of kids cooking shows
11 to 12 pm	Here's Flash Casey & Freaks
1 to 2 pm	Smart Alecks & Code of the Mounted Police
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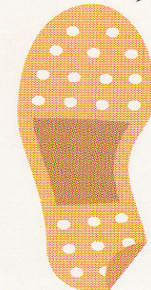
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