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Chinese Lantern Festival

Sometimes the arts scene is all about paintings, sculptures and beautiful works of art, and sometimes it is about culture and beautiful experiences. Perhaps the most beautiful version of the arts though, is when the two combine – physical art and cultural art – for an enlightening experience. That is exactly what will happen in downtown Spokane, at Riverfront Park, where the Chinese Lantern Festival is coming to light September 26, 2015.

A team of engineers, electricians and designers from Sichuan, China is hard at work transforming Riverfront Park into a hub of Chinese lights, food and culture. Their effort will result in more than 30 gigantic displays which will come to life with light, color and movement, chronicling five millennia of Chinese history. While each lantern is comprised of dozens of separate pieces and figurines, they have also each been refreshed with newly designed fabric, replacing materials from the Lantern Festival's previous display in Rotterdam, Netherlands.



Double performances every night in front of the clock tower will showcase acrobatics, Chinese dance, Tai Chi and more. Young and old alike will be amused by paper-cutting and calligraphy workshops. After all this activity, satisfy your appetite with signature dishes representing five different regions of China.

The event runs for five weeks, from September 26-November 1, 2015, and is a beautiful way to celebrate the arts and culture of friends on the other side of the world. A season pass costs \$57, with day/night and youth/adult one-time tickets ranging from \$7-17. Tickets are available through TicketsWest.

For more information, visit www.visitspokane.com

- Blythe Thimsen



LILACS and LEMONS

[good] [not so good] [good out of bad]

by Vincent Bozzi

LILACS to Sherriff Knezovich for standing up to a segment of his supporters by speaking out against the dangers of the extreme right wing militia movements. The far reaches of both sides can pose threats and need to be watched. Allowed to speak, of course, but not allowed to incite violence.

LEMONADE to the mayor of Airway Heights, Patrick Rushing, who resigned after creating a firestorm of controversy after comparing the Obamas to monkeys. Politicians, beware, some of us have seen some pretty wild statements from other politicians here, and while Facebook can be a great tool for promotion, when it crosses over from rallying to pandering, it can hit lows in decency that can - and will - be noticed.

LILACS to NFL player James Harrison who returned two "participation" awards to the school his two sons attend, saying that the school should hold off until they've earned a real trophy. The self-esteem movement has reached epic proportions and has made a lot of our kids soft. In the real world we have to do a lot more than merely show up to exceed.

LEMONS to drivers in the left lane at a traffic stop who suddenly decide after being there for a minute to hit their turn signal. The car directly behind might have decided to go around and becomes trapped. Drivers, make up your minds!

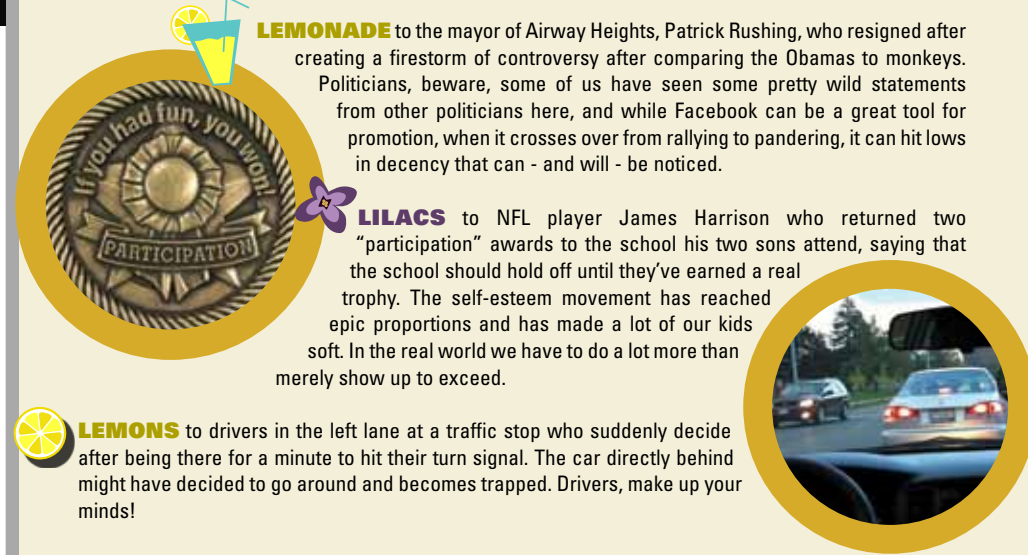
LILACS to our firefighters and volunteers who are braving some of the worst fires ever in some of the driest brush on the hottest days of the year to keep fires from destroying our homes and forests. Without them, this annoying smoky haze would be a whole lot worse. Let's add firefighters to the list of those we thank for their service to our country.

LEMONS to stores that don't put prices on their merchandise. It's annoying to have to ask, and often the UPC codes with prices are missing from the shelves. I was in a store the other day and there was a nice set of owls I wanted to buy as a gift, and no one to ask, so I passed. I think some items stay in stores for years because no one ever knows what the thing costs.

LEMONS to Spokane City Administrator Theresa Sanders for moving police department spokeswoman Monique Cotton to a similar position at Spokane Parks and Recreation, and sticking the police department with

paying the salary, which includes a \$16,000 raise, to \$96,000 per year. We are fans of both Sanders and Cotton, but even with all the pending changes to Riverfront Park, we think the police department needs the best communicator and spokesman they can find. Instead, we have someone who is going to "tell the story" of the park. The onslaught of controversy that surrounds the police departments in all major cities these days demands the best communicators available.

LILACS to the local news anchors in Spokane who emcee events all over town, mostly for charity galas, and also for us. We've been lucky to have Stephanie Vigil, Dan Kleckner, Mark Peterson, Dave Sposito, Kjerstin Bell, Dave Cotton, Susanna Baylon and many others host some of our own events, and we see others hosting all over town, usually for no pay other than a heartfelt thank you. What we often notice is that their significant others come along for the ride, way out of the limelight, and don't get nearly enough attention. Salute to them, too!



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