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## New Ordinance Limits Where Sex Offenders Can Live In Sierra Madre

### Four Currently Registered Sex Offenders May Be Required To Move

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre City Council adopted changes to Ordinance 1298, regulating the residency and loitering of registered sex offenders. The changes will limit where registered sex offenders can live. New restrictions provide that no registered predator may live within 2000 feet of any school, public or private, or park where children gather. While cities may not prohibit sex offenders from living within the city limits, it may impose restrictions on what parts of town offenders may live. In Sierra Madre, the areas in which an offender may not reside is called the "Residential Exclusion Zone". The changes in the city's existing ordinance significantly limits where offenders may live. There is a very small section of the city that is more than 2000 feet from any school or facility that children use. Sierra Madre, which is a town of 3 square miles, only .12 square miles is available for sex offenders to reside.

The Ordinance does include language that allows landlords to evict registered sex offenders if the property is within the guidelines established.

Further, "Child Safety Zones" were created which prohibit offenders from being within

300 feet from child care centers, schools, parks, the public library, places, such as restaurants, that provides a playground, places that hold activities for children, and/or any school bus stop.

According to the Sierra Madre Police Department, there are currently four registered sex offenders currently living in Sierra Madre. However, the Megan's List web site, the official registry of sex offenders for the State of California, only indicates that there are two in the city, one of whom has violated his registration requirements.

The other person listed on the registry, was recently seen viewing the 4th of July parade, sitting amidst several small children and their unsuspecting parents. To view pictures and names of those registered and living in Sierra Madre, go to: [www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov).

Earlier this year, LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich asked local mayors to create ordinance's that would strengthen the current state and federal laws and provide additional protection for our children. Sierra Madre Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray brought the matter before the council where, after staff review, a unanimous vote created the new law.

## New Owners Apply For Extension

### Request Made To Extend Vested Rights For One Carter

Owners of the controversial hillside development project in Sierra Madre, One Carter, have asked the city to extend their vested rights for an additional year. In 2007, the city council approved the vested tentative tract map for the development. From that point, the developer had two years to begin construction on the subdivision. To date, no building permits have been issued.

According to Sierra Madre Development Director, Danny Castro, the municipal code does allow for a one year extension.

The Vested Tentative Tract Map grants the developer the unconditional legal right to build the lots based upon the approved configuration. However, there is a two year time period during which construction was to begin.

Former developer, Dorn Platz, lost ownership and control of the project while battling severe financial problems and a plethora of lawsuits. The new owners, CS One Carter LLC, represented by Brian Sosner, who could not be reached at press time, will go before the council and the public seeking the extension of time.

It is not a forgone conclusion that an extension will be granted. There are certain circumstances in the Municipal Code that could block such an extension. For instance, one reason to deny the extension would be conditions that are "dangerous to the health or safety or both".



Twenty nine luxury homes are to be built in the hillsides above Carter Avenue. Graphic courtesy of City of Sierra Madre/Photo by Chris Bertrand



The hearing will be held during the July 28th city council meeting. Anyone having questions regarding the application for an extension should contact Danny Castro at 626-355-7135.

## POWER GARDENING TOOL ORDINANCE AMENDED

The Power Gardening Tools Ordinance that restricted the use of all power gardening equipment, will be replaced with a version that applies only to LEAF BLOWERS.

**Noise:** Daytime Exceptions. Any noise source which does not produce a noise level exceeding 80 dba at a distance of twenty-five feet under its most noisy condition of use shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 9.32.030, 9.32.040 and 9.32.050 between the hours of seven a.m. and nine p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays, when the exemption herein shall apply between ten a.m. and six p.m.

**Leaf blower Hours:** N a leaf blower within the City outside of the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday, and 10a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays and holidays.

**Holidays:** New Year's, Memorial Day Independence Day, Labor Day Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Never Forget To Set That Brake!

Workers clearing brush on Friday at the Passionist Father's Retreat made a very costly mistake. They were at the top of the hill preparing to start brush clearance, when the driver of this truck forgot to set the emergency brake. The vehicle rolled down the hill about 600 feet and slammed into a tree. The tree was not damaged, but the vehicle was demolished. Fortunately, no one was in the truck at the time. Photos by S. Henderson



Harry Shahoian, better known in Sierra Madre as Elvis for he last eight years, returned to Sierra Madre on Sunday, to kick off the city's Concert In The Park series. As always, he performed to a packed house. The concerts will continue each Sunday through August 30th at Memorial Park, with a wide variety of entertainment. Cencerts begin at 6:00 p.m. Photo by Dean Lee

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<b>Fri:</b> Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

**ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY**

Sierra Madre Public Library's popular Adult Summer Reading Program is now in its third year. This year's theme is "Master the Art of Reading," which will showcase fiction and nonfiction works that revolve around the visual arts. This free program will run eight weeks, from June 22 - August 15. Register at the Library or online. To register online, visit the Library website, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), and click on the Summer Reading Program button. Incentives will be given out

to registered participants as supplies last. You must be 18 or older to participate. Participants will fill out a reading log form for each title read and submit it at the Library for a chance to win a weekly prize. Winners will not be eligible for more than one weekly prize. All participants, including the weekly prize winners, will be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing, which will take place on August 17. The Adult Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For more information, please visit the Library's web site, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), or call Polly Bonnett at 626-355-7186 x 105.

**BEAT THE HEAT AND STRETCH OUT IN THE SHADE WITH A GOOD BOOK**

The hot summer weather is here and the Friends of Sierra Madre Library recommend stretching out on a cozy, comfortable couch, or under a shady tree, and get lost in the pages of an exciting and engrossing book. Whether a blistering, blazing action adventure, or a steamy romance novel, wonderful selections and terrific bargains are available at the August Best Used Book Sale. The Sale will be located at the Sierra Madre Public Library and held on Friday, the 7th of August from 3pm to 7pm, and Saturday, August 8th, from 10am to 2pm. Features include an expansive selection of books of gift giving quality, including new selections of coffee table books. These

beautifully illustrated volumes include books on Aviation and War, notably a 2 volume illustrated Encyclopedia of Aircraft, Photography, Specialty Cook Books, Art Books, An 18-copy set of Time Life Books entitled, "What Life was Like 3050-30 BC to 1918 AD", and much more. Outside tables will be filled with hardback fiction/non fiction for \$1.00 each. Paperbacks are 25 cents each and a new selection of children's books. Browse inside and out to find and plot your best summer escape. The Friends operate the best used bookstore offering reasonable prices, friendly cashiers and all proceeds support the library programs.

**Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre**

Meets Tuesday 12:00 noon at Masonic Temple  
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre

Lunch catered by Lozano's is \$11 - program only is free and begins at 12:45pm

**Upcoming Events**

- July 3 & 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pizza Booth at Memorial Park
- August 9 - Concert in the Park with the "Aluminum Marshmallows"
- September 19 - Annual Pancake Breakfast

**"Visions of Ireland"**

On Tuesday, July 21, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a fascinating program about Ireland. The program, hosted by Kiwanis member Richard Anderson, will feature a video called "Visions of Ireland".

A helicopter-mounted camera shares the vantage point of the Irish faeries of ancient lore for aerial views above the fog and mist, the remote Skellig Islands, the magnificent windswept Cliffs of Moher - and the perfect angle from which to kiss the Blarney Stone. The soundtrack will feature fiddles and pipes of traditional jigs and modern Celtic rock.

The meeting will be Tuesday, July 21 at noon at the Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$11 per person; reservations and exact change are required. For reservations, please contact Harriet Lyle at 355-6786 no later than noon the preceding Monday.

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

5		8	Arts Commission Council Chambers 6:30 pm	9	Summer Fun In the Park Memorial Park 9:30 AM	
12	Concerts in The Park Memorial Park 6:00 PM	14	Summer Fun In the Park Memorial Park 9:30 AM	15	Tree Commission Meeting, Council Chambers 7:00 PM	
19	Concerts in The Park Memorial Park 6:00 PM	20	Community Services Commission Council Chambers 6:30 PM	21	Summer Fun In the Park Memorial Park 9:30 AM	
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**Arcadia Summer Concert Series!**

Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE summer concert series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun in the sun! The summer concerts are held on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). The summer concert series are held on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30-8pm (New time). Bring the kids out to participate in the FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Listed below is the line up for this summer.

**July 23rd—Rockit Scientist—Tribute to the Baby Boomers****July 30th—Silverados--Country**

**August 6th—Cold Duck—70's/Top 40.** Join us this evening for a special celebration....National Night Out & Arcadia's 106th Birthday! National Night Out promotes crime prevention and awareness through police-community partnerships. Arcadia's Police and Fire Department will be joining us for this very special occasion. Free fingerprinting for the kids, crime prevention materials and other information will be available. Stop by and show your support to Arcadia's finest. But wait... that is not it! Help Arcadia celebrate our 106th birthday by enjoying some birthday cake (while supplies last) sponsored by Arcadia's Historical Society. YUM!

**August 13th—Jumpin Joz—Jump/Swing****August 20th—Rubber Soul—Tribute to the Beatles****Sierra Madre FREE Concert in the Park Series**

Join the City of Sierra Madre this summer for the Concerts in the Park Series which begins Sunday July 12, 2009 and occurs every Sunday through August 30, 2009. The eight concert series begin at 6:00pm and run through 8:00pm, except for the August 30th concert which begins at 7:30 pm. All concerts will be held at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. next to City Hall. Seating is on the green so remember to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Also, alcohol is prohibited. If you have questions about the concerts or would like a concert roster please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

**The City of Sierra Madre's Summer Fun in the Park**

The City of Sierra Madre is offering the Summer Fun in the Park program every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. The program is absolutely free and is for children ages 3 to 10 years. Tuesday activities start July 7 and run through August 25 and emphasize a variety of learning opportunities. Every Thursday starting July 9 through August 27 children are able to get out and get active with a fitness based program offered by Competitive Athlete Training Zone (CATZ). For Thursdays remember to bring sneakers, shorts, a t-shirt, and a water bottle. If you have questions about the program or would like specific program information please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

**AARP 55 Alive / Mature Driving Class**

August 25th &amp; 26th - 9 am to 1 pm both days

This class is designed to help mature drivers recognize their physical limitations and learn how to best compensate for them. Most insurance companies honor the class certificate by discounting insurance rates. Participants are asked to register in advance - 10 students are required - drivers over 70 must take DMV written test.

**Fee: \$12 AARP Members, \$14 Non-Member**  
**To register, please call (626) 355-7394**

**Recognize And Honor The True Treasures of Sierra Madre!**

Sierra Madre Honors... a Recognition and Appreciation Dinner will recognize all out-going City Commissioners as well as extraordinary community members, organizations, and employees for their contributions to the community. Please take a moment to view the five awards listed below and nominate any person you feel is eligible for such an honor. Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) should you wish to make a nomination. Alternatively, you may submit a one page description of the person/entity and why they should be honored. Nominations must be submitted to the Mayor's Ad-Hoc Committee at City Hall no later than Monday, July 27th at 4:00 pm.

**GEORGE MAURER (LIFETIME SERVICE) AWARD**

Presented to a person/entity that most strongly represents a commitment to serving and volunteering, which is the true spirit of Sierra Madre

**WISTARIA AWARD**

In recognition of City/Community partnership, presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City/Community of Sierra Madre have demonstrated a true partnership which assists in and provides services, programs or enhances the general welfare of the community as a whole.

**POLICE CHIEF'S SPECIAL AWARD**

Presented by the Sierra Madre Chief of Police to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty (employee) or service (community) in resolving a community law enforcement related issue

**PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD**

Presented by the Mayor to an individual, either an employee or citizen, who took action to protect and maintain the safety of the community by taking lifesaving action

**PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD (EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR)**

Presented by the Mayor upon the recommendation of the City Manager (nominated by other city employees) to an extraordinary city employee who has represented remarkable customer and public service as well as dedication to the citizens of Sierra Madre over the course of a year

If you have questions regarding Sierra Madre Honors... program you may contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626 355-5278 or by e-mail at [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com)

**Professional Soccer Returns to Pasadena**

The City of Pasadena is celebrating the return of world class soccer. Two European champions, Chelsea FC and Inter Milan, are coming to the Rose Bowl on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The match commemorates three milestones at the Rose Bowl - the 10th anniversary of the FIFA Women's World Cup, the 15th anniversary of the FIFA Men's World Cup and the 25th anniversary of soccer played at the 1984 Summer Olympics.

We have not hosted international soccer of this caliber since our US Women's Team beat China to become the world champions a decade ago. More than 40 World Cup players and six National Team captains will take the field July here in Pasadena. Fans can expect to see legendary first-team players that will include Chelsea's Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba and Inter Milan's Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Javier Zanetti.

We seek your support to ensure this game is a success. Here are a few ways you can help our mission: Promote the game actively to your friends, associates and co-workers; Distribute event posters or fliers supplied by LAFC Chelsea; Become an event sponsor to help bring underprivileged children and their families to the game. Various sponsorship levels are available and include VIP access to the game.

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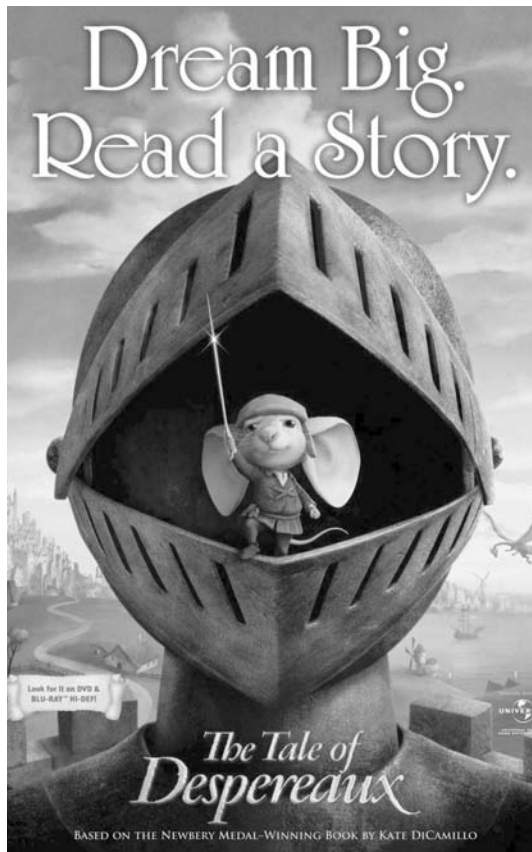
## Arcadia Movies in the Park

On Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the City of Arcadia and Santa Anita Park will be showing the exciting story of a little mouse with a big heart. At 8:00pm, in the Outdoor Amphitheatre at Arcadia Public Library (20 West Duarte Road), the Movies in the Park program will present to you *The Tale of Despereaux*, a G-rated movie by Universal Pictures. The tale of three unlikely heroes - a misfit mouse who prefers reading books to eating them, an unhappy rat who schemes to leave the darkness of the dungeon, and a bumbling servant girl with cauliflower ears - whose fates are intertwined with that of the castle's princess. It is a story filled with adventure! *The Tale of Despereaux* is a great production for family entertainment. The kids will love it while you enjoy the cool breeze after the sunset, and best of all: this event is completely free! Come join us and bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dinner. No registration required. For more information, please contact the City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

## Sierra Madre

## Southern California Lyric Theater Sails Into Summer with Twelfth Night

Southern Cali-fornia Lyric Thea-ter, in association with the City of Sierra Madre and the County of Los Angeles, has chosen the Bard's comedy *Twelfth Night* for its fifth summer production in Memorial Park. Set in the 1920s, this screwball comedy of cross-



dressings and mistaken identity, all in the name of love, follows the romantic adventures of Viola and her twin Sebastian shipwrecked in Illyria, a crossroads of Hoods, Dames and Internationals. With raucous antics, rich characters, ravishing language and music, Shakespeare creates a bittersweet tale of laughter and longing and SCLT continues the excellence of its last five seasons of professional classics.

*Twelfth Night, Or What You Will. By William Shakespeare. Directed by John Szura. Incidental music and costumes by the award winning SCLT Troubadour's and Valentinos.*

**DATES: July 18, 25, Aug 1**  
**TIME: 7 pm**  
**PLACE:**

**Memorial Park Bowl, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre**

**TICKETS: Admission Free (Picnicking encouraged)**  
**INFO: 626-398-7636**



*Feste (Mary House) carries on as a sailor (Manny Saldana) and the sea Captain (Dave McGee) watch. The nautical men are three sheets to the wind.*  
Photo By Deirdre Beru

## Friday Night Live Kicks Off In Sierra Madre



**Downtown Comes Alive With Music, Shopping, Dining and Fun!**

Kersting Court will be the center of attention on Friday nights, through August 28<sup>th</sup>, with the sounds of live entertainment. In an attempt to encourage shoppers downtown, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce has booked musical acts to perform in the downtown area from 6:30 to 9pm for the last few weeks of July and all

of August. Depending on the response, Friday Night Live may be extended through September 18<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to live music, downtown merchants will stay open late, there will be shopping promotions taking place, and some stores will participate in a sidewalk sale.

Shoppers that spend \$35 in any one participating retail store or \$75 in any one participating restaurant will receive a free tote bag of goodies from the Chamber, while supplies last. They will also be entered in a drawing for prizes. A drawing will be held each week on Wednesday at the Sierra Madre Farmer's Market from tickets entered the week before. Prizes will include passes to the Sierra Madre Playhouse, dinners at local restaurants, and much more.

Information on Friday Night Live, including the entertainment schedule and in some cases, sample music by the performers can be found by visiting the Chamber's dedicated Friday Night Live website, [www.SMFridayNightLive.info](http://www.SMFridayNightLive.info).

The Chamber would like to thank the following for their generous donations and for being Friday Night Live sponsors: Ellen Burry with Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall and Associates Insurance Agency, Santa Anita Park, Sierra Madre Playhouse, Bean Town Coffee House, Clean Fuel Connection, Marie's CDs and Online Auctions, Mountain Views News.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SCHEDULE:

July 24th  
Mercy and the Beets  
Upbeat Pop  
July 31st  
Gem City Jazz Cats  
Jazz/Swing  
Aug. 7th  
Timmie Down  
Acoustic Rock  
Aug. 14th  
Steve and Steve  
Acoustic Rock  
Aug. 21st  
Sugar Penny  
Eclectic  
Aug. 28th  
The Mellow Dz  
Acoustic Rock/Pop

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Although we're still in the midst of summer fun and leisure at its best, I do enjoy keeping up with Society, Events and Awards before all of the Fall schedules surface, throwing everyone back into the real world.

Topping the list, just last Saturday, July 1th, Foothill Unity Center's Joan Whitenack received Monrovia Association of Fine Arts' (MAFA) Renaissance Award at their 2009 Art City Gala Fund Raiser. This MAFA Award recognizes a special member of the community whose contribution to his/her fellow citizens leads to the cultural enrichment of the community as a whole.

When Joan came to Foothill Unity Center in 1995, it was a small, respected assistance organization that helped needy families in and around Monrovia. Under her energetic and passionate direction, it has grown into a vital source of help for people in need throughout the east San Gabriel Valley. She has been instrumental in generating millions of dollars in foundation grants for the Center, and moving the organization's annual operating cash budget from \$50,000 to over \$1,000,000. The Center's facilities have expanded dramatically from a single 900-square-foot location to four sites totaling over 26,500 square feet. The organization has become a focal point for people who want to help neighbors in need and continues to attract a large and growing list of supporters, from individuals and businesses to

corporations and government entities.

Besides, there are numerous spin-off programs, one being the annual Back-To-School Distribution coming up very soon, outfitting 1300 children with new uniforms or clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, backpacks, school supplies and much more, even haircuts. I would say that Joan Whitenack is more than qualified to receive this honor as recipient of the MAFA Renaissance Award for 2009! Hats off to her and her ever-expanding Unity Center!

Another Philanthropic organization in the Monrovia area is the Order of Alhambra, an international organization that has been active in the San Gabriel Valley for 58 years, locally known as Aben Zoar Caravan, a fraternal group of Catholic men dedicated to assisting the developmentally disabled. They also support Marian homes and provide scholarships to those that are taking courses to help them in their work with the developmentally disabled.

To help further their cause, Bob Day, long-time Monrovia and past Regional Director, tells me that their Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser is coming up on Saturday, August 15th at 7 PM, at Los Gueros Restaurant, 423 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, \$25 per person. For reservations, call 358-5963. Make checks payable to John Gili, 1001 E. Orange Av., Monrovia 91016. If unable to attend, perhaps you would like to make a most welcome donation to this worthy cause. [postrye@netzero.com](mailto:postrye@netzero.com)

## Duarte

## LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING A \$1.35 BILLION STATEWIDE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAKE: HIT TO DUARTE COULD BE \$2.6 MILLION

Budget activities in the Capitol remain fluid this week with devastating news to local governments as State Legislators and the Governor keep advancing proposals to take redevelopment funds. This amount has now ballooned to an unprecedented \$1.35 billion in ERAF transfers for FY 2009-2010. The City of Duarte budget alone would be hit for approximately \$2.6 million. This is in addition to the proposed taking of Gas Tax funds from cities.

If passed by the legislature, this move will directly contradict limits placed on the legislature's use of Gas Tax funds in Proposition 5 in 1974 and Prop. 2 in 1998. The action also has tremendous implications for city budgets, which have relied on this stable source of revenue for important transportation projects since the 1970s.

At the June 23 Council meeting, the Duarte City Council unanimously approved Resolution 09-22 both opposing the seizure of local gas tax and tax increment funds in addition to authorizing the City Attorney to cooperate with other agencies in litigation against the State designed to contest the constitutionality of this move. This move came less than a week after the League released a legal opinion from a prominent local law firm which concluded that the proposed seizure of billions in city and county motor vehicle, or gas tax funds, to help close the State's budget deficit is unconstitutional, almost 100 cities immediately passed resolutions authorizing the city attorney to cooperate with the League, other cities and counties in pursuing litigation to have any raid of local gas tax funds declared unconstitutional and invalid.

The illegal seizure of local redevelopment funds will force cities, like Duarte, to stop redevelopment projects in their community which would have a devastating effect on both new and construction jobs as well as stop critical public projects. A specific project that would be directly affected

would be the proposed 20-acre Transit Oriented Development project that is being proposed adjacent to the coming Gold Line station.

Duarte City Council members are gravely concerned about this State proposal and its impact on City services. The City needs the public's help to communicate this to our local state elected officials. As recent as June 25, the Assembly voted unanimously to adopt a budget that would take away \$900,000 per year from the City of Duarte. Assembly member Anthony Portantino supported this version of the budget. The State Senate failed to pass this version of the budget later that day. Unfortunately, State Senator Romero was one of 23 Senators that supported taking money away from cities.

The City of Duarte is asking its citizens to contact their legislators and let them know that Duarte taxpayers are extremely concerned about the State's fiscal problems and how the legislature continues to try and take money away from cities and redevelopment agencies. Assembly member Anthony Portantino can be reached at (626) 577-9944 or by email at: [assemblymember.portantino@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.portantino@assembly.ca.gov).

State Senator Gloria Romero can be reached at (323) 881-0100 or at [senator.romero@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.romero@sen.ca.gov).

The following talking points are current scenarios:

- California would lose out on the creation of tens of thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity at the worst possible time;
- A Redevelopment take is unconstitutional and unlawful and was recently upheld in the case of *CRA v. Genest*.
- Duarte alone would lose 2.6 million per year between Redevelopment and Gas Tax dollars.
- A take of this magnitude will affect Duarte's ability to meet debt service, contractual obligations and the Agency's ability to participate in any future development projects.

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## Input Sought On Rose Bowl Loop



Rose Bowl recreation loop walkers, bicyclists, runners, dog owners, parents with strollers, skaters, unicyclists, golfers and motorists are encouraged to review draft plans to improve the loop.

A display and copies of the preliminary plan will be available for review and comment at the Rose Bowl loop Tuesday, July 28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in tents at Brookside Golf Club and Lot K. Information is also available at [www.cityofpasadena.net/rosebowlloop](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/rosebowlloop).

As recreation in the Rose Bowl area continues to rise in popularity, the city of Pasadena is proposing improvements in roadway circulation to ensure the needs and safety of all users.

Preliminary plans for the 3.3-mile loop call for modification of striping and signage to provide a wider lane so walkers can travel in either direction around the course, a suitable lane for bicyclists and vehicles, and a narrower outside lane for vehicles.

"This option was chosen for its adaptability to future changes if needed," said Pasadena Transportation Director Fred Dock. "The roadways that encircle the Rose Bowl Stadium provide a unique and valuable resource to those who enjoy outdoor exercise."

The innermost portion of the loop is a dedicated walkway that currently is outlined with a painted buffer zone separating foot traffic from adjacent bicycle and vehicular traffic.

For more information call 744-4610.

## Pet of The Week



Tigger, an adorable, five month old red tabby needs a new home. He is sweet, friendly, and just look at those great stripes! Tigger will be neutered before going to a new home but he is available for adoption today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Currently, you can adopt two cats or kittens for just \$85.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A254176 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave, Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)

## Bridge Celebration Goes Sour



The Colorado Street Bridge

Photo D. Lee/Mtnews

### Summer Celebration Fizzles

Local restaurants have now called for a Saturday "bridge benefit day" after hard times led Pasadena Heritage to cancel this year's Summer Celebration on the Colorado Street Bridge. Local participating eateries will donate up to 25 percent of their profits for the day.

"This would be the weekend that we close the bridge and then have 4,000 people up there having a fabulous time," said Sue Mossman, Executive Director, of Pasadena Heritage. "But because of the economy we are not doing that event this year."

Mossman said the bridge party is their biggest fundraising event although the up front costs were just too high this year.

It costs us almost \$100,000 to put that event on," She said. "So we have to raise \$100,000 to

break even."

Mossman went on to say that in normal years the bridge party would net in the range of \$30,000 to \$40,000. This year they were nervous they could lose money she said.

"We decided that to put up the money in this economy could, in fact, put us in the hole," she explained. "Rather than help us raise money." She said they planned a number of smaller fundraisers including Saturday's bridge benefit day and a formal reception in September.

"We are going to do a smaller and more formal reception in September," she said about an alternative event planned for Sept. 12 honoring those that made the bridge restoration possible. This year marks 20 years since its closure in 1989 for four years of renovation and earthquake improvements. This year also marks the 95 anniversary of the bridge

opening itself.

She also said, "This is just a one year vacation and we do plan to be back next year."

According to the Pasadena Heritage website participating include Big Mama's Rib Shack 1453 North Lake Avenue; Cha Da Thai Restaurant 29 East Holly Street; Chandra Thai 400 South Arroyo Parkway; Los Tacos - 1 West California Boulevard; Robin's Restaurant 395 North Rosemead Boulevard.

Mossman also encouraged people to support the bridge by doing something bridge-related such as taking a walk under the bridge or riding, pedaling or walking across it this weekend.

"We are just reminding people that it's theirs, it's there for them to enjoy all the time," she said. "We just wanted them to think of us this summer even though we're not out partying."

## Survey Looks at City Services, Quality of Life



By Dean Lee

Although the results of a new citizen survey released Monday really pat the city on the back showing overall 93 percent of residents say Pasadena is an excellent to pretty good place to live, some council members questioned the methodology of how the analysis was done.

The survey also showed everything from job rating of departments and services to the most important things residents would like to see improved. Police protection topped the list and traffic came in second.

According to Richard Bernard, Senior Vice President, of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates, 700 Pasadena voters were called since May 31, 100 from each council district. Mayor Bill Bogaard was quick to point out that there were was some concerns to who was contacted.

"I think it's an understatement to say that some of your findings are counter intuitive to the group around the dais this evening," Bogaard said lightheartedly. "So let me



pose this question, more than one person has said to me, 'not a person in my experience has come and said they have gotten a call about this survey,' does that prove that the survey number is not adequate to get good and valid finding?" Bernard said he was not surprised.

"I will tell you that over time people forget that they got a call even though it's an important issue for their livelihood or where they live, quality of life," he said. "I often find that within a week, in the first few days people remember but a few days later they don't always remember what the topic was, after a week they don't remember they were solicited."

Bernard assured them they did contact 700 residents saying that those residents that are mad all the time are the ones that call city hall. "This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from those folks that are happy with what is going on and therefore not going to come to your meeting and say that you are all doing a great job."

Councilmember Steve Madison was the most critical questioning the randomness of the survey.



Bernard then went in detail over the sampling process to which Madison was still not satisfied.

"If your sample size is sufficiently large and it's truly random than it should come very close to approximating the demographics without the need for sort of rigging the pool," he said.

Bernard had explained that they took the demographics of the city, ethnicity, age, gender and made sure they matched the voters profiles, "So it was random and they mirrored the voters of the city. He also said the samples were then stratified to make sure there were the right percentages.

Highlights from the survey showed, 92 percent of those surveyed knew the state was experiencing a large budget deficit and 84 percent knew that Pasadena would be impacted: That 83 percent of voters were aware of the water shortage and 73 percent knew that water rates were being planned: That 75 percent of the service provided by employees is ranked as being professional; the overall customer service received 74 percent; and courtesy ranked 73 percent. Transportation issues drop in priority.

"I chose to become a terrorism specialist as this field will define the face of law enforcement for generations to come." Young will be teaching a new course at PCC called "Homeland Security" this fall. For more information, contact Police and Safety Services at (626) 585-7484.

## Obama Gives Highest Honors to JPL Scientist



Josh Willis

photo courtesy of NASA

Josh Willis, an oceanographer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has been honored by President Barack Obama with the 2009 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on young professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

Willis is one of 100 beginning researchers to receive the 2009 award. This year's recipients also include three faculty members with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, which manages JPL for NASA. The honorees will receive their awards this fall at a White House ceremony.

A researcher in JPL's Ocean Circulation Group, Willis uses satellite data as well as data collected at sea to study the impact of global warming on the ocean. His studies of ocean warming and sea level rise have been widely used by colleagues around the world and were cited in the 2007 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. That report shared the 2007 Nobel Peace prize with Vice President Al Gore. Willis frequently lectures to the public and works with students to educate them about climate change issues and their impact on global warming.

Established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers annually honors researchers whose early accomplishments show the greatest promise for strengthening America's leadership in science

and technology and contributing to the awarding agencies' missions. The awards are made to those whose innovative work is expected to lead to future breakthroughs.

Recipients are selected from among nine federal departments and agencies based on two criteria: pursuit of innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology, and a commitment to community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, public education or community outreach. Winning scientists and engineers receive up to a five year research grant to further their study in support of critical government missions.

"These extraordinarily gifted young scientists and engineers represent the best in our country," Obama said in a White House news release. "With their talent, creativity and dedication, I am confident that they will lead their fields in new breakthroughs and discoveries and help us use science and technology to lift up our nation and our world."

The three Caltech recipients are John O. Dabiri, an expert in biological propulsion who studies mechanics and dynamics of biological propulsion and fluid dynamic energy conversion; Beverley J. McKeon, who studies experimental manipulation of wall bounded flows for improved flow characteristics; and Joel A. Tropp, who is developing new algorithms for solving inverse problems, a basic challenge that arises throughout the mathematical sciences.

## Outstanding Teacher Award Given to PCC TV Instructor



Porreca (right) chats with a Battlestar Galactica producer

Carmen Porreca, television operations instructor at Pasadena City College, was recently honored with the prestigious Risser Outstanding Teacher Award. The Risser award is the most prestigious honor given to a full-time, tenure track or tenured faculty at PCC. Porreca was chosen for the award based on the quality of his instruction, inspiration to students, fairness in grading and evaluation, and loyalty to the college and the United States of America.

The recipient of the Risser Award is determined solely by students. The proposal process requires a student-written letter of nomination and a petition with 50 student signatures. It usually takes multiple nominations for an instructor to receive the award. A panel of the five previous Risser winners selects the award winner each year.

"When Dr. Paulette Perfumo announced that the 2009 Risser Award winner was Carmen Porreca, it was much bigger than I expected. The satisfaction of this high honor is unbelievable. I have never felt anything like this. It is enormous. A career capstone," Porreca said. "What could possibly be a greater award for any instructor on the planet? No politics. No old crony stuff. Initiated by a student and supported by students."





## Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Created By Pat Birdsall

### Give Your Home A "Green Makeover"

The first step in cutting your carbon footprint-and your utility bills-might be to look at your home.

A "carbon footprint" describes the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere on an annual basis. The Environmental Protection Agency says the average two-person household in the U.S. has a footprint of about 41,500 pounds. The following ideas could help lower that number:

#### Water

Take shorter showers. Five minutes is ideal. You might also keep a bucket in the bathroom to collect the water used while you wait for the water temperature to rise. Use it to water plants, mop floors, etc.

#### Cleaning And Upkeep

Reduce your risk of exposure to toxic chemicals by choosing all-natural cleaning products that are nontoxic, biodegradable, chlorine-free, phosphate-free and vegetable oil based.

For example, if you live in one of America's 26 million homes with a septic tank or have one at your camp or weekend retreat, you can now treat your septic system once a month with All Natural Meadow Springs Septic Tank Maintenance with Eco-Yeast™. It's safe, requires no protective clothing or breathing mask and is all natural. Simply pour it into the toilet and flush.

You can find the product at [www.meadowsspringscorp.com](http://www.meadowsspringscorp.com) or in home-

improvement or hardware stores. The Web site also has complete rules on how to win one of 25 "Green Home Makeovers" from Green Irene™, eco-consultants who help homeowners cut energy costs and lead a healthier, safer and more sustainable lifestyle.

#### Lighting

Unplug lamps around your house that rarely get used and replace the bulbs on essential lighting with compact fluorescent bulbs, which are four times more efficient than incandescent bulbs. It's also smart to install motion sensor lighting inside (especially in bathrooms and family rooms) and outside your home so you don't have to worry about leaving lights on.

#### Waste Reduction

Use rechargeable batteries to save money and keep old batteries out of landfills. NiMH rechargeable batteries can be used thousands of times before they need to be recycled. Leave reusable shopping bags in your car so they are with you when you go to the store.

#### Lawn Care

Rake instead of using a leaf blower. In a year's time, the blowers can pump out as much smog-forming pollution as 80 cars traveling 12,500 miles.

By following these few simple tips, you might find that sometimes it really is easy being green.

Natural cleaning and home maintenance products work without toxic chemicals. -NAPS

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## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 170 calls for service.*

#### Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>:

12:30 PM – Arrest, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, 35 North Baldwin Ave. A woman was observed driving, possibly intoxicated, and illegally parked her car, taking up two spaces in front of the business. Officers responded, found the motorist and determined that she was intoxicated. The woman was arrested for driving under the influence and transported to Pasadena Police jail for remand.

8:19 PM – Arrest, Driving with a Suspended Driver's License, 100 block East Laurel Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Further investigation revealed the motorist was driving with a suspended / revoked driver's license. The driver was arrested for the violation and released with a written promise to appear.

#### Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>:

2:50 PM – Arrested, Driving with a Suspended Driver's License, 800 block West Colorado Blvd., Arcadia. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Further investigation revealed the motorist was driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. The driver was arrested for the violation and released with a written promise to appear.

#### Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>:

8:26 AM – Auto Burglary, 318 North Baldwin Ave. St. Rita's Church parking lot. The victim parked and locked her silver 2007 Honda in the parking lot, while she attended mass. When she returned to her car, she found the passenger side window smashed and her purse containing cash and credit cards missing from the floorboard. The crime occurred on Wednesday, 7/8/2009, between 8:00 AM and 8:25 AM. The total loss including the smashed window was estimated at \$675.00.

#### Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>:

5:28 PM – Petty Theft, Idlehour Lane and Orange Drive. Someone found a wallet in the 400 block of Churchill Road and turned in to the police department. Further investigation revealed the

wallet was stolen from an unlocked car. Unknown suspect(s) took cash, credit cards and gift cards from the wallet then discarded the wallet in the street. The crime occurred on Friday, 7/10/09, between 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm. The loss was estimated at \$70.00.

#### Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>:

8:09 AM – Lewd Conduct, 500 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A man seated in an older brown dirty 4-door sedan with dents, was reported masturbating in public view, as a woman and her four year old child walked past. The man was described as having a dark complexion, possibly Hispanic, about 50 years of age, wearing a dirty white t-shirt, gray pants and possibly a baseball hat. The victim immediately called police, but the suspect drove off.

11:33 AM – Petty Theft, 200 block South Sunnyside Ave. The victim received a telephone call from his credit card company, informing him of unauthorized purchases. Further investigation, revealed the victim's wallet containing a driver's license and credit cards was stolen from his unlocked car. The theft of his wallet occurred between 5:30 pm, on Friday, 7/10/09, and 11:30 am, Saturday, 7/11/09. The loss was estimated at \$20.00.

7:13 PM – Hit and Run Traffic Collision, 400 block North Michillinda Ave. The victim reported a non-injury, hit and run traffic accident, as the suspect vehicle made a u-turn, struck her car then sped away without stopping. The suspect vehicle was described as a blue Jeep, occupied by two males and a female. The driver was described as a young white male.

11:41 PM – Arrest, Driving with a Suspended Driver's License, 200 block Windwood Lane. Officers responded to a noise complaint and stopped a vehicle leaving the area. Further investigation revealed the motorist was driving with a suspended / revoked driver's license. The driver was arrested for the violation and released with a written promise to appear.

## A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

### Kellie Strubinski Plenty of Sparkle

Kellie Strubinski has a sparkle that is infectious and contagious. And she brings that positive energy to several nonprofit groups in Sierra Madre.

THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY: Kellie has just become the vice president of Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. Prior to this role, she was chairman of the Library's Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting event for 2008 and 2009.

"I'm excited and honored to be a part of the wonderful library community," SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL: Kellie is part of the Annual Fund Committee that leads the general fundraising for the public school,

expanding the financial base with private funds. What is their general thrust? Maintenance and enrichment programs, she answered.

"You wouldn't believe the ideas that come from parents. We all work together in creative ways to procure funds for the school."

Kellie started the Grant Writing Committee for the school and is having great success in getting extra funds for learning materials for

the school.

Kellie lauded Gayle Bluemel, principal of Sierra Madre School, for her "many amazing talents and inspirational spirit."

Kellie came to California on her college break before her senior year at Indiana University and decided to move here. "I came to see the hoopla about the West," she said. She loved the freedom, and originally settled in Santa



Monica.

Several years later, after marriage and children, Kellie joined the Sierra Madre Mom's Club and found them especially warm-hearted and generous. She knew she

wanted to live in Sierra Madre because it was safe and friendly. "It became my dream to live here."

She bought a house across from the park for herself and her two children, Nicole, 8, and Conrad, 6, both now attending Sierra Madre School.

"I thank my lucky stars that I'm here. I look forward to supporting this town in any way that I can," Kellie concluded.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, July 5, through Saturday, July 11, the Police Department responded to 923 calls for service of which 129 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

#### Sunday, July 5:

1 Shortly after 8:00 p.m., units responded to an injury traffic collision at Foothill and Santa Anita. A driver exited a private driveway, failed to yield to oncoming traffic, and struck a bicyclist. The victim sustained abrasions to his arm and knee.

2. A traffic stop was initiated at Longden and Third for no front license plate around 11:27 p.m. A driver and passenger were contacted, and record checks revealed that the 18-year-old male Hispanic driver had an outstanding warrant and was arrested at the scene.

#### Monday, July 6:

3. Around 2:25 p.m., officers were dispatched to Ralphs, 211 East Foothill, in regards to a grand theft that occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 5. A store clerk noticed an unusually large amount of alcoholic beverages was missing from the shelves. An inventory check revealed that 21 bottles of alcohol, totaling over \$1,270, were stolen.

4. A residential burglary occurred between 10:10 a.m. and 3:57 p.m. in the 400 block of Genoa. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the front door, ransacked rooms, and stole cash and jewelry.

#### Tuesday, July 7:

5. A victim came to the station around 11:42 a.m. to file a domestic violence report. The victim advised that her 40-year-old male Caucasian boyfriend scratched and choked her during an argument.

6. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Baldwin and Huntington for an expired registration tag. During the contact, it was discovered that the 38-year-old male African-American driver had a suspended license and he was cited and released in the field; a 26-year-old female African-American passenger had a \$35,000 outstanding warrant and was taken into custody.

#### Wednesday, July 8:

7. A 1998 silver Honda Civic was stolen from the

Westfield Mall parking lot between 9:15 a.m. and 6:05 p.m.

8. Around 9:36 p.m., Westfield Mall security advised that they had detained a man for trespassing. Investigation revealed that the 31-year-old Caucasian had gained access to the third floor level of the old Robinson-May store and had lived there for several days. A stolen purse and Westfield marketing products were recovered at the scene. The man was taken into custody for commercial burglary, receiving stolen property, and vandalism.

#### Thursday, July 9:

9. Units responded to the 1000 block of West Duarte in reference to a medical emergency. A female victim had ingested a large amount of Valium and alcohol, and officers noticed numerous black and blue bruises on her arm, chest, and back. She indicated that during an argument, her husband struck her many times causing bodily injury. A 55-year-old male Caucasian was arrested for inflicting bodily injury to spouse, and a baggie of marijuana was found in his pocket. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment and an emergency protection order was acquired and issued.

10. About noon, officers were sent to Jiffy Lube, 5 West Huntington, in reference to a grand theft. A discrepancy in their gasoline fuel reading revealed that 2,000 gallons of gas were stolen. A review of their surveillance video showed that an unauthorized gasoline tanker truck was at the location between 8:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. on June 28.

Friday, July 10:

11. A commercial burglary occurred in the 100 block of East Duarte between 6:00 a.m. and 6:17 a.m. Unknown suspect(s) broke an office window with a rock and stole computer equipment and toner cartridges. The total reported loss was about \$3,300.

12. Units responded to the 00 block of West Lemon in reference to a suicidal subject who had reportedly overdosed on prescription medication. The man was extremely combative, non-compliant, and had to be Tased. He was transported to a hospital for a mental evaluation and treatment.

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## News from Villanova University

Villanova University announces spring 2009 Dean's List recipients

VILLANOVA, PA - Every year, students with established outstanding academic records are honored by the dean of each college. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5.

The following local residents are on the Dean's List in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University for the 2009 spring semester:

Katarina Mayers; San Marino, CA; sophomore and Amy Vergel de Dios; Arcadia, CA; freshman

Villanova University, a co-educational Roman Catholic institution, was founded by the Order of Saint Augustine in 1842. A premier institution of higher education, Villanova provides a comprehensive education rooted in the liberal arts; a shared commitment to the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity and love; and a community dedicated to service to others. A wide variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs are offered through the University's four colleges: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering and the College of Nursing, as well as the Villanova School of Law. With a total enrollment that surpasses 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and law students, Villanova is the oldest and largest Catholic university in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On the web: <http://www.villanova.edu>.

## News from Choate Rosemary Hall

San Marino resident graduates from Choate Rosemary Hall

WALLINGFORD, CT - Andrew Kim of San Marino (91108), son of Mr. John Hyungjoon Kim and Ms. Yong Eun Park, was among 232 seniors at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut, to graduate at the school's 119th Commencement on June 7th. Kim graduated Cum Laude and was awarded the John Dos Passos Award for creative writing. He will attend Brown University in the fall. Choate Rosemary Hall is an independent secondary school enrolling 850 boarding and day students from 41 states and 33 countries.

## News from Southern Methodist University SMU ANNOUNCES SPRING 2009 HONOR ROLL

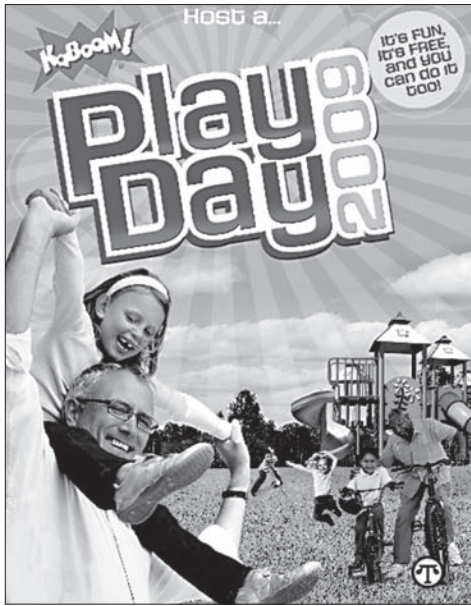
DALLAS, TX - Students from your area were named to the Southern Methodist University undergraduate honor roll for the Spring 2009 semester.

Leanne Free, a resident of Pasadena and a Sophomore at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll with high distinction for the Fall 2008 semester, which requires that a student be in the top 5 percent of their school of record.

Jeffrey Sullivan, a resident of Sierra Madre and a Junior at SMU in Dallas, is included on the honor roll for the Fall 2008 semester, which requires that a student be in the top 15 percent of their school of record.

SMU's Fall 2008 enrollment included 6,110 undergraduate students. A private university located in the heart of Dallas, SMU is building on the vision of its founders, who imagined a distinguished center for learning emerging from the spirit of the city. Today, 11,000 students benefit from the national opportunities and international reach afforded by the quality of SMU's seven degree-granting schools.

# Family Matters: Get Out And Play



(NAPSI) - In the days before computers and video games, children spent much of their after-school time outdoors-at the playground, riding their bikes and playing sports with friends. The result was a generation of kids who grew up active and healthy.

Today, digital distractions give youngsters plenty of reasons not to go outside. A recent study found that

youths ages 8 to 18 spend over six hours a day using electronic media, as much as 45 hours per week.

"It's no secret that play is key to healthy child development," says Darell Hammond, CEO of KaBOOM!, a nonprofit that encourages playtime and helps to build playgrounds. "Studies show that active kids are healthier, perform better in school and learn better social skills than kids who are less inclined to play."

Fortunately, it's still possible to help kids connect to the world outside their front door-without spending a fortune. Here are

a few suggestions for parents to encourage their children to engage in healthy fun:

- Host a Play Day in your community. KaBOOM! is launching a series of Play Days, encouraging families and kids to play in the great outdoors. Kick it old-school style and play beloved games of yesteryear-including hopscotch, foursquare, double Dutch and kickball. To plan a Play Day or locate one in your area, check out [www.kaboom.org](http://www.kaboom.org).

- Build a fort. Using old items from the garage-such as cardboard boxes, camping supplies and beach toys-let your kids build a fort as big or as small as their imaginations can fathom.

- Run through the sprinklers. Skip the neighborhood pool, green up your lawn and give your kids free rein to splash-splash away.

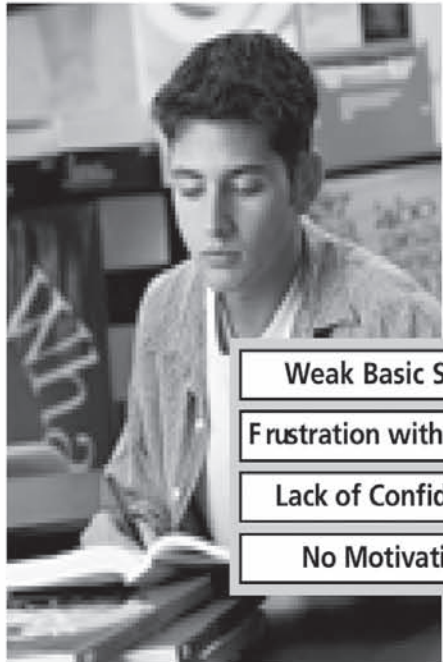
- Keep it simple. Stock up on bubbles, sidewalk chalk and hula hoops for hours of outside fun.

- Spruce it up. Organize your community to clean up and beautify existing play spaces. Working side by side, parents and kids can make a difference right in their own neighborhoods.

For more information, including free planning tips and tools, visit [www.kaboom.org](http://www.kaboom.org).

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## Mountain Views News

### Mission Statement

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It

Now that the media have ex-hausted whatever's left to say about Michael Jackson (for today, perhaps), we can again focus our attention on increasing violence in Iraq, casualties in Afghanistan, reworking healthcare, the environment, a new Supreme Court Justice, continued stalemate in Sacramento, and - what's up with Sarah Palin, quitting her job barely halfway into her first term? The unmarried father of her grandson says it was simply a matter of her not being able to handle the pressure. Some say money - being able to raise lots of it without the burdensome disclosures required of elected officials. With her collegiate focus on communication, it might be she yearns to joust with Whoopi Goldberg on The View, or become the go-to-gal on Fox and Friends. I think she intends to stay in politics, and is positioning herself for 2012 (presumably seeking an office that entails less pressure than the governorship of Alaska). In case she might turn for political advice to a community newspaper in Sierra Madre (don't laugh - it's a bigger town than Wasilla), I'm here to offer my services. For starters, the liberal media will try to trip her up with the same kind of irrelevant "gotcha" questions they used in 2008, like "What does the vice president do?" You can bet they'll ask it again - just to

see if she's learned anything over the past several months. It may be early, but now's the time to bone up on these subjects. For Gov. Palin's benefit, I'll attempt in this column to provide a briefing on the vice-presidency. The Constitution is not very illuminating on the subject, Vice President Biden is just getting his feet wet, so instead I'll describe the office in terms of how the vice-presidency was handled by the incumbent's immediate predecessor. First of all, how does one get to be chosen to run as vice president? One way is to agree to head a search committee charged with finding the best possible candidate to serve in the office. Then, after an appropriate period of interviews and media speculation, announce that after considerable deliberation you've reached the conclusion that you yourself are the best person for the job. It helps to have both running mates coming from different oil companies, to show diversity on the ticket. (I'll credit that last line to Rob Reiner. Once in office, your first task is to help wealthy friends become wealthier. You do this by calling them in for a meeting of something called, say, an "Energy task force", and draw out maps showing resources to be exploited. These resources might be located in a sovereign nation which is not likely to relinquish control short of armed invasion, but that's a detail to be worked out later. Focusing on helping these friends is so important that if you're charged with heading some

other "task force", say on "Domestic Terrorism" amid increasing warnings of an impending terrorist attack, you needn't even bother calling a meeting. The vice president controls information getting to the president. Some may have thought that role belonged to the National Security Advisor or the Director of Central Intelligence, but the vice president makes repeated trips to CIA headquarters in Langley to make sure whatever information gets to the president supports a certain goal, say the armed invasion of a sovereign nation not likely to relinquish control of its resources. If information contrary to this goal somehow gets to the president despite these efforts, then it's up to the vice president to discredit the messenger. There might be unfortunate consequences, such as outing the messenger's wife as an undercover CIA operative, but whatever that operative might have been working on, such as gathering intelligence on weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, couldn't have been all that important, anyway. The vice president also controls information going out of the White House, and is in a unique position to do so. Should congressional investigators request information, the vice president refuses on the grounds that, as a member of the Executive Branch, he's protected under Executive Privilege. If the National Archive requests compliance with federal rules governing classified information from the Executive Branch, the vice president responds that, as President of the Senate, he's not really in the Executive Branch, after all. Whenever investigators begin tracing such things as torture, "black site" prisons, assassination

squads, warrantless searches and unchecked executive power back to those in the vice president's office who aren't at all comfortable with the concept of a constitutional republic, the vice president simply declares any potentially incriminating evidence to be off limits due to national security concerns. The vice president helps speed things along in Congress. Should any expert from a federal agency threaten to bog down hearings with testimony on such things as catastrophic health effects from industrial pollution, greenhouse gasses or nuclear waste disposal, the vice president sees that such testimony is gutted beforehand in order to move things along more expeditiously. The vice president has a significant role to play after leaving office, as well. Someone, after all, has to continually refute that dangerous notion of Franklin Roosevelt's that "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" (a phrase that originally appeared in a short story by H.G. Wells). Someone has to continually remind us that we risk far more than a repeat of the horrors of 9/11 should we naively cling to such quaint notions as openness, accountability, the rule of law, constitutional governance and protection under a Bill of Rights. So much for the Office of the Vice President. Should soon-to-be-ex-Governor Palin be setting her sights higher, and wonder how to answer should Katie Couric ask, "What does the president do?", I'll again offer a response based on how the office was handled under the previous administration: "Whatever the vice president tells him to."



## RICH Johnson Summer Conversation Starters

Ahhh, summertime; a season filled with backyard barbecues, pool parties and other groovy social gatherings. Good friends, good food, good grog and good grief...the economy? No, no, no, that just won't do. I know the temptation to focus on these turbulent times may be too hard to resist at our backyard rendezvous. Well, permit me to ride up on my white steed and attempt to save the day. Your unofficial Sierra Madre Court Jester has compiled a list of conversation starters that promises to take our eyes off the depressing news of the day. We can shift to the deep, perplexing mysteries of life. There are literally (and figuratively) a world of imponderables that go begging for consideration.

*Here are but a few:*

If a man speaks in the middle of the woods and no women hear him, is he still wrong? What should we do if we see an endangered species eating an endangered plant? Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets? What do you plant to grow a seedless watermelon? How deep would the ocean be without sponges? What is a free gift? Aren't all gifts free? What was the best thing before sliced bread? Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food? Why does your nose run and your feet smell? If we are here to help others, then what are the others here for?

Can atheists get insurance protecting them from Acts of God? How can there possibly be self-help groups? How come super glue doesn't stick to the tube? If a rabbit's foot is so lucky, what happened to the rabbit? What's another word for thesaurus? Or synonym? How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work? How do "Don't walk on the grass" signs get there? Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? Why is abbreviation such a long word? Does that screwdriver really belong to Philip? Why is there an expiration date on sour cream? Who is the wise guy who put the letter 's' in lisp? And finally, the ultimate question: "What if there were no hypothetical questions?" I have the privilege of having my son Alex work WITH me. Notice I didn't say FOR me. Yes, I know I'm the CEO but apparently that is one step below Son of CEO. I can only hope my daughter Olivia soon comes to work WITH me and becomes Alex's boss. Anyway, Alex is proud of the fact his mustache has grown long enough to permit him to twist the ends into a little handlebar action. Let's applaud him his formidable accomplishment. Next he's sure to invent a perpetual motion machine. Then HE can be the CEO.



## STUART Tolchin On...LIFE WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

You know sometimes you have to stop what you're doing, reassess the situation and start all over again. This important realization occurred to me this weekend while my wife and I were visiting relatives near San Luis Obispo. For breakfast we drove over to the little town of Cambria. As we ate my mind reviewed the last and only other time I remember spending time in Cambria. I had neglected to bring back some of my stuff from college. I talked my friend Rob into hitch-hiking back to Berkeley with me to get my stuff and off we went. We decided to hitch-hike up 101 and then along Route 1 to enjoy the scenery. Things were pretty uneventful until we got a ride from some tourists from Philadelphia who kept swerving along the road trying to run over rabbits. Eventually this got to be too much and we got out of the car, (I think I said Good Hunting as a sarcastic farewell). Soon we caught another ride with a student driving all the way up to Whitman College in Walla Walla Washington. (Monica Lewinsky actually went there) Well the guy turned out to be a jerk making these racist comments. Of course I got into an argument with him. He got pissed off and forcibly unloaded us near some cornfield far from the main highway in the City of Cambria. We walked back to the main highway and it took awhile and it got darker but we could still see. We kept walking and it got darker and darker and now we couldn't see anything. Rob stopped walking with me, actually he had stopped talking to me a lot earlier; eventually we got to Route 1 and sat there kind of freezing and unseen for a very long time. About six hours later a

police car surprisingly saw us, stopped and asked us what we were doing in the dark. I guess we're hitch-hiking was all I could think of saying.. I think he laughed and then said in a very unkindly manner, "We don't allow hitch-hiking within the city limits at this time of night. Get in the car." We thought (at least I thought- I don't know about Rob- he wasn't talking to me) that the cop was going to arrest us. He was real mean and drove us out of Cambria to the next town and told us to get out of the car and stay out of Cambria. I was real upset and barely noticed that he had dropped us off at a place where there were lights and traffic and where we soon got a ride. Rob still wasn't talking to me and I was angry not realizing that the cop had gone out of his way to do us a favor. I had been so focused on the unfairness of life; here, I had stood up for what I knew to be right and it seemed I had been punished for it. It took me a while to rethink my position but in time I understood that sometimes pursuing one goal and forgetting other needs (like survival) can lead to real problems. Today our whole society seems to be t in this position. We have been seduced by materialism nourished by a kind of hyper-consumerism and find ourselves in a very dark, cold place along the road. Sure all this material comfort is great (hooray for air conditioning) but our way of life has become too opulent and humanly sterile. Worse yet we are destroying the whole planet and must rethink what we are doing if we are to survive. Simply put we must learn to pursue worth rather than wealth. If we do survive it might be appropriate to acknowledge this ecological and economic crisis as a force akin to the Cambrian cop who saved Rob and I though we didn't know we were being saved at the time.



## GREG Wellborn Healthcare 101

Many talk radio and television n e w s programs h a v e been focusing on the healthcare reform debate and incorporating the human touch by relating the personal stories of several average Americans. In listening to all these stories you could be excused for concluding that the commentators are describing two entirely different systems. And it is darn hard to distinguish truth from fiction unless you realize that both extremes are occurring simultaneously.

One of the news programs highlighted the plight of a 45 year old man with a family of 4 who was recently laid off from his job. He subsequently learned that he might have cancer. Unfortunately, he was unable to afford the \$1,000/mo. COBRA medical premiums that his former employer offered, he was unsure where he could go for confirmation of the diagnosis, let alone for the surgery, and the potential costs would bankrupt him. He can't wait until we fix the worst medical system in the world.

On the other hand, a recent caller to a talk radio show described how he, as a 45 year old self employed guy with a family of 4, purchased a \$400/mo. health insurance policy for the whole family. A recent routine test had shown that he

might have a kidney problem, and he was given the name of several MRI providers. He called a couple, made an appointment, and the MRI confirmed a cancer which would require surgery. He was again given several referrals. He called that day, visited some, picked one and had his surgery within a week. The early surgery saved his life, and his entire out of pocket expense was \$5,000, which he's paying over a couple of months. No problem, and he can't believe that we're going to mess up the best medical system in the world.

These are not descriptions of two different healthcare systems. Both these guys live in the same region of the U.S., had similar medical conditions and had access to the same medical service providers. So what accounts for the difference in experiences? The answer is that government interference in the pricing and delivery of health insurance has created distortions that produce wildly different outcomes.

To make a long story short, if you get your health insurance from your employer, typically the employer has received a tax deduction for providing it. Because it is therefore viewed as an employment perk, the cost tends to be subsidized and the benefit inflated. It's not uncommon to find the deductibles for these policies to be very small. Unfortunately, having a very "rich" policy

which is subsidized means the policies are typically abused by patients, and the insurers charge a higher premium (to the employer) to cover those abuses. When you lose employment, all of a sudden you have to pay a very high premium with no tax deduction. On the other hand, people that buy their health insurance on their own, tend to buy more modest coverage and are more cost conscience in going for treatment. As a result, premiums are typically very low.

If Congress simply sought to remove the tax incentives and burdensome regulations which have created the distortions in how health insurance is made available, everyone would win.

Ideally, everyone would either get a tax deduction or not get a tax deduction (a level playing field). Ideally, everyone would buy their insurance themselves and keep it when they change jobs. Ideally, everyone could decide on their own how much coverage they wanted rather than be forced into a "rich" policy which they can't afford when times get rough. Ideally, the government would get out of the way and let the 1,500+ existing health insurance plans compete to deliver high quality service at moderate prices. It's worked in every other industry, and it will work here.

Unfortunately, this is not the direction that Congress is going with healthcare reform. They have in mind a new "public" or "government" insurance option which would

only further distort the already badly distorted system. Let's look at what will happen with this government option.

First, as has always been the case, politicians will come up with a thousand ways to help the government plan compete against the private ones to the point where it will have an unfair advantage and we'll see fewer private plans. You won't be able to "keep what you already have" as has been promised.

Second, politicians will start dictating what coverage has to be offered and start developing cumbersome rules for who gets what service and to make sure that the "system won't be abused". If anyone thinks this will get easier to navigate, I suggest they visit the local DMV for awhile.

Third, politicians will be irresistibly motivated to keep costs down which will inevitably result in a lower price being charged the patients than it really costs to operate the system and provide the service. This will increase over-usage of the system. Remember the first rule of economics; if you lower the price of something, demand for it goes up.

Fourth, the real costs of the system, which will actually be higher than they are now because of government waste and inefficiency (think U.S. Postal Service) will be born by higher taxes on all of us. The rich aren't going to be the only ones getting soaked. The Fifth, people will start dying because of delays in receiving critical care. I can cite

hundreds of examples from the Canadian system (which is the one we'll get), but let me give you one that really illustrates the disaster that awaits us.

Remember my second story - the one about the guy who bought his own insurance and had a great experience? Well he lives in upstate New York and has a sister across the border in Canada. His problem was a genetic one, and his sister had the same cancer. In the Canadian system, she was told to wait a month before getting the first MRI appointment. She didn't wait, came across the border, paid for one on her own, had the surgery down here in the states, and was told that without the surgery she would have died in month.

Thus concludes our little lesson on healthcare reform. What we need is a realistic approach which harnesses the best in American competition and ingenuity and lets people have more control over their healthcare and health insurance. We clearly don't need what we're about to get. If you care, call your Congressmen and Senator NOW. It really is a matter of life and death; just ask the Canadians.

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## HAIL Hamilton

### Is America a Christian Nation?

What I like about the Christian Right is their stubbornness—facts, arguments or simple common sense be damned. Their minds are like the stars along Hollywood Boulevard, set in cement. But watching idiots like Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA-14<sup>th</sup> District) babble on in Congress claiming incorrectly that America is a Judeo-Christian nation is too much.

Rep. Forbes disagrees with President Barak Obama's assertion that, according to the Treaty of Tripoli (1797), America is not a Christian nation. He believes that the United States is in fact a nation founded on Judeo-Christian principles, and hopes that his sponsorship of a bill designating the first week in May as "America's Spiritual Heritage Week" will make that belief official.

The specific language Rep. Forbes objects to is the Treaty's famous Article 11, which was written under George Washington's supervision, ratified by the United States Senate, and signed by President John Adams. These are some of the very same men we call our Founding Fathers, and here's what they wrote and voted on:

Art. 11. As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion; as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Mussulmen; and, as the said States never entered into any war, or act of hostility against any Mahometan nation, it is declared by the parties, that no pretext arising from religious opinions, shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries.

Let me repeat: "...the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion..."

Just once, I'd like to see one of these people who claim we're a Christian nation to clearly and unambiguously distinguish between these two ideas: First, that we're a secular nation; and second, that we're a nation with a Christian majority. Why is it so hard for Rep. Forbes to recognize this distinction?

And where is all this talk of God in the Constitution? To find God in the Constitution, all one has to do is read it, and see how often the Framers used the words "God," or "Creator," "Jesus," or "Lord." Except for one notable instance, none of these words ever appears in the Constitution, neither in the original nor in any of the Amendments. The one notable exception is found in the Signatory section, where the date is written thusly: "Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven".

However, the use of the word "Lord" here is not a religious reference at all. Rather this was a common secular way of expressing the date, in terms of the Gregorian calendar which uses the Anno Domini (A.D.) system to count the years from the traditional Incarnation of Jesus.

The lack of any these words does not mean that the Framers were not spiritual people, any more than the use of the word Lord means that they were. What the lack of these words is expositive of is not a love for or disdain for religion, but the feeling that the new government should not involve itself in matters of religion. In fact, the original Constitution bars any religious test to hold any federal office in the United States.

Even the Declaration of Independence refers to a creator, but not specifically the Judeo-Christian god. Jefferson (its author) was a huge critic of Christianity, and a deist. He most likely had a general creator in mind, and might have been trying to write the declaration in terms which the majority of people would agree with. As such, he chose his words carefully. He uses "nature's God", "Creator", "Supreme Judge", & "Divine Providence". He makes no reference whatsoever to a "Judeo-Christian" God or Jesus Christ. But don't believe me. Read the Declaration itself.

## Letter To The Editor

*The following is in response to Howard Hays column of July 11 and his commentary on corporations and the agenda of a popular President.*

First, 60% of all spending is by the private sector. Out of this percentage comes all the funds and debt service (interest on government borrowings) that pays for the remaining 40% which is known as government in all its forms. Mr. Hays targets corporations in his column and fails to recognize that they pay for a major portion of the 40%. They do this: by paying taxes on their profits, by paying taxes on every person they hire (e.g., Social Security), by putting money in the pockets of their employees who then turnover the equivalent of every penny they make between January and May, and by having to justify their every move and action via fees, licenses, permits, etc... And then there is the burden of additional government regulation - an invisible tax created by the labor required to create the mountains of paperwork, submissions, reports, and compliance memos. This invisible tax emerges from the pens of our representatives who publicly admit, they don't even read the bills in front of them - but they sure expect you to comply. Yup, when all is said and done - we need a lot more government regulation on top of all the above. It really worked well with Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, or were they a corporation, or a government agency, or a little bit of both? Bottom line, we have plenty of laws, and not enough photos of the bums at Enron and Freddie Mac busting big rocks into very small ones.

The second point goes to the President's agenda relative to health care. Currently health care consumes approximately 19% of gross domestic product (GDP). The President's proposal would add 50-million people to a new government program designed to cover the uninsured. However, the President and his supporters in Congress have not answered the fundamental question that their proposal poses. Does health care's % of GDP stay the same by reducing services to those already in the system in order to accommodate those to be added? Or does the cost of health care, as part of GDP, go up by extracting more money out of the private sector (that's where it comes from folks) via taxes?

Also, we hear the President mention that good teachers should be recognized for their service, but when it comes to doctors, it would seem that price fixing by the government is foundational to his approach. Similar to Medicare, the government would say, "We only pay this much for that service Mr. MD. So take it or leave it" Whether you are the best or worst cardiologist

- your pay is the same. By the way, that's how the old Soviet system worked, but they don't seem to teach that in the history books anymore. Combine price fixing with the administration's refusal to take on trial lawyers, and why would one not believe that these pressures will drive individuals from practice instead of increasing their numbers at a time when you need more of them instead of less.

It is a stilted argument, if one just throws rocks, and does not offer an alternative. Thus the following is offered:

- Increase the supply of doctors and other medical professionals by expanding the output. Mr. Hays talks about monopolies, and medical schools are just that. To the point, how many 4.0+ students are constantly turned away from medical schools because of deliberate constricted admissions? Supply is not allowed to respond to demand.

- Cap medical malpractice suits. Medicine is a practice not a perfect profession. Every person crossing a doctor's threshold currently represents a potential lawsuit in a society that is quick to lawyer-up.

- Like auto insurance, address personal risks (like smoking and weight) via premiums to private policies.

- Require the private sector insurance to establish pool, and not individual rates for catastrophic coverage.

- And lastly require portability of insurance in the private sector.

When my mother was dying, I spent hours with Medicare statements and covered the floor of her living room trying to figure out what needed to get paid, and what did not. Calling the federal agency for help was of no use, nor was a visit to their offices. I would only wish the same angst on an enemy.

While I admire the President's interest in helping solve our health care problems, it would be much more appreciated, if he demonstrated that he could fix the Social Security or Medicare Trust Fund shortfalls first. If he did so, he would have some credibility in addressing items such as health care. If you can't fix the existing government bureaucracies that aren't working, why should we rush to add the biggest one ever conceived by the end of next month.

As Will Rogers said, "Things in our country run in spite of government, not by aid of it."

Respectfully,

Val Usle, Sierra Madre

### City of Sierra Madre COURTESY NOTICE

To: City-wide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: Congestion Management Program (CMP)  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to review the City's compliance with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Congestion Management Program (CMP) pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089.

#### DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, **July 28, 2009**  
(meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

#### PLACE OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Chambers  
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council  
Danny Castro, Development Services Director

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT LEE RUSH CASE NO. GP014526

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT LEE RUSH.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHEILA H. THOMPSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHEILA H. THOMPSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/31/09 at 9:00AM in Dept. A located at 300 E. WALNUT ST., PASADENA, CA 91101

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.

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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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## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

### Soup and Tipping Updates

As our retired and youthful Governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin contagiously proclaims with affection, "You Betcha." Each week I don an ironed shirt, take out a freshly pressed tie, and slip my best suit jacket over my shoulders. Then I feel fittingly dressed to open my emails, and greet your contemplative questions and challenging comments. Lida Bushloper, offered her Socratic observation this week on an earlier column about tipping. The "double tax" rule was a mainstay to the unsophisticated tipper for ages, it had stripped the rocket science from the math for us commoners, but now California has a sales tax is approaching 10 percent, the rule only works if one is tipping 20 percent, and of course 15 percent is most common. If you know a new system to calculate this Tax, do tell the lunch-pail inhabitants of this world. The best that the numerically challenged Peter Dills can offer, is to take the full tax and then take half that amount of the tax, add those two together and abracadabra, you have a recipe for a tip of 15 percent.

Well, Lida, I know times are tough and waiter and waitress I speak with tell me that tipping in restaurants has suffered, I do still

tip 20 percent when service is exceptional, but even your fetching restaurant sage is feeling the pinch. I still feel that the 15 to 20 percent range is vogue. Thanks for your insight, Lida!!!

Gina of Pasadena has been watching the Chef Knows and noticed that I like soup, she agreed with me about the Tortilla Soup at Mojitos Restaurant on Raymond, but Gina feels that the Tortilla Soup at Islands is "the Bomb"!!! Okay, Gina and all my readers, what is and where do you think the best summer soup resides? Is it a cool gazpacho or maybe a hearty clam chowder? For the

next month I will be in search of the best "summer soup," and the winner will appear with me on the Chef Knows, in a segment featuring your soup and the restaurant that stirs the caldron which it flows from. Until next week, it is time to place the tie back on the rack. My soup spoon awaits your magic carpet of emails.

Let's Talk!!!! Tune into my new radio program every Friday Morning at 11 AM, just use your computer and log onto www.latakradio.com to hear me talk about restaurants. Listen and win, I am giving away tickets to The Taste of San Pedro.

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## Looking Up

### A Great Week for Space/Astronomy: Apollo 11's 40th Anniversary and a Total Solar Eclipse

ON JULY 20, 1969, as he became the first human to walk on the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong uttered the famous phrase, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Fellow astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin followed Armstrong onto the lunar surface, before the two rejoined crew member Michael Collins in the command module.

The Apollo 11 mission—one of the world's most significant achievements—had fulfilled President Kennedy's 1961 challenge to the nation to send an American to the moon (and return safely to Earth) before the end of the decade.

This Monday, July 20, marks the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing, and NASA will provide a unique audio "time capsule" in observance of the historic event. Audio from the entire Apollo 11 mission will be replayed and streamed on the Internet at exactly the same time and date it was originally broadcast in 1969.

The audio retrospective began at 4:32 a.m. PDT Thursday, July 16, two hours before the spacecraft launched. The audio will continue through splashdown of the mission at 9:51 a.m. PDT Friday, July 24, and recovery of the crew shortly afterward. The Web stream will feature the entire communications between the astronauts and ground teams, as well as commentary from Mission Control at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

To listen to the replay, visit: [http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/apollo11\\_radio](http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/apollo11_radio)

For historical information about Apollo 11, visit: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/history/apollo/apollo11>

NASA's Apollo 40th anniversary Web site provides easy access to various agency resources and multimedia about the program and the history of human spaceflight, including a gallery of Apollo multimedia features. The site is online at: <http://www.nasa.gov/apollo40th>

APOLLO 11 AT CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER. The California Science Center in Los Angeles (213/744-7692) invites you to attend two special programs commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo XI Moon Mission: Monday, July 20, 2009 – 11:00 a.m. Simulcast Program: "The Future of Space Discovery." Admission is free.

This special telecast from the "Newseum" in Washington, D.C., features a panel including astronauts Buzz Aldrin of Apollo 11 and Charlie Duke of Apollo 16. Thursday, July 23, 2009 – 1:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: "From Apollo 11 to the First Humans on Mars." \$15 Members; \$20 General Admission; \$10 Students with valid ID.

This live program is presented by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The panel includes Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin. For more information, visit: <http://goto.californiasciencecenter.org/apollo11>

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE SHOWN AT GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY. On the evening of Tuesday, July 21, Griffith Observatory will be presenting a live webcast (from Shanghai, China) of a total solar eclipse, with periodic commentary from the Observatory staff. The webcast, showing the entire eclipse on a large screen, will run from roughly 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The total phase of the eclipse (which lasts for 6 minutes and 39 seconds—the longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century) begins at 6:37 p.m. The Observatory remains open to the public until 10:00 p.m.

The path of this eclipse runs from the western coast of India, across southern China, and out into the Pacific Ocean.

More information about this total solar eclipse can be found on these websites: NASA: <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEmono/TSE2009.html>; Mr. Eclipse: <http://www.mreclipse.com/MrEclipse.html>; Webcast: [http://www.eclipse-tv.com/index\\_en.html](http://www.eclipse-tv.com/index_en.html)

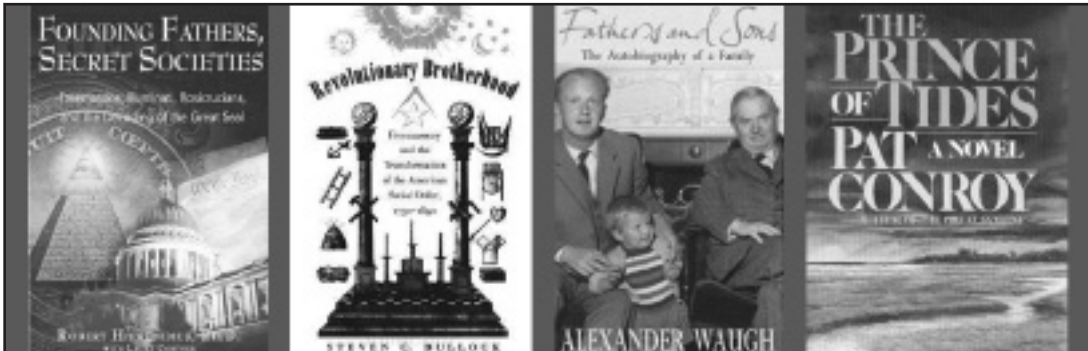
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## Jeff's Pics - Books for your Consideration



**Founding Fathers, Secret Societies: Freemasons, Illuminati, Rosicrucians, and the Decoding of the Great Seal by Robert H. Rife**

We all learn who the Founding Fathers were. However, we never learn of the founders' connections to the Freemasons, the Rosicrucians, and other esoteric orders. Hieronimus investigates these important connections and how their influence can be traced throughout our most significant national documents and symbols. He reveals in detail how the reverse of the Great Seal—which appears on the back of the dollar bill is a blueprint that conveys the secret destiny of America. By understanding the meaning of the Great Seal's reverse, he shows how our current era presents unique opportunities for the fulfillment of our Founding Fathers' spiritual vision. An eye opener.

**Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840 by Steven C. Bullock**

In the first comprehensive history of the fraternity known to outsiders primarily for its secrecy and rituals, the author traces Freemasonry through its first century in America. He follows the order from its origins in Britain and its introduction into North America in the 1730s to its near-destruction by a massive anti Masonic movement almost a century later and its subsequent reconfiguration into the brotherhood we know today. With a membership that included Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Paul Revere, and Andrew Jackson, Bullock places the movement at the center of the transformation of American society and culture from the colonial era to the rise of Jacksonian democracy.

Using lodge records, members' reminiscences and correspondence, and Masonic histories, Bullock links Freemasonry with the changing ideals of early American society. Although the fraternity began among colonial elites, its spread during the Revolution and afterward allowed it to play an important role in shaping the new nation's ideas of liberty and equality.

**Fathers and Sons: The Autobiography of a Family by Alexander Waugh**

This is a funny, candid and moving story that traces the Waugh literary dynasty across a century of change, war, and turmoil. The head of an illustrious and eccentric English literary dynasty discusses four generations of father-son antagonisms in this wild family memoir. Waugh focuses on the difficult relationship between his great-grandfather, prominent critic and publisher Arthur Waugh, and Arthur's son, the famous novelist Evelyn, who wrote Brideshead Revisited. Arthur was a hopeless Victorian who loved his elder son Alec and warmly sentimentalized their family life and boarding school traditions. Evelyn was the disaffected black sheep who wallowed in drink, bisexual dissipation and cynicism. In contrast to Arthur's paternal over involvement, Evelyn tried hard to avoid his own children's company or, when contact was inescapable, to heap refined derision on their heads. Waugh often lets the diaries and letters of his compulsively self-documenting subjects carry the story, sprinkling in family anecdotes and his own color commentary.

**The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy**

Spanning 40 years this masterpiece of writing tells the story of the narrator's extraordinary Southern Carolina family into which he was born and his struggle to overcome the psychological damage inflicted by his dysfunctional childhood. Dramatic, funny, and very description, a wonderful read from beginning to end.

## On Line By PJ Carpenter Clash of the Titans: Google vs. Microsoft

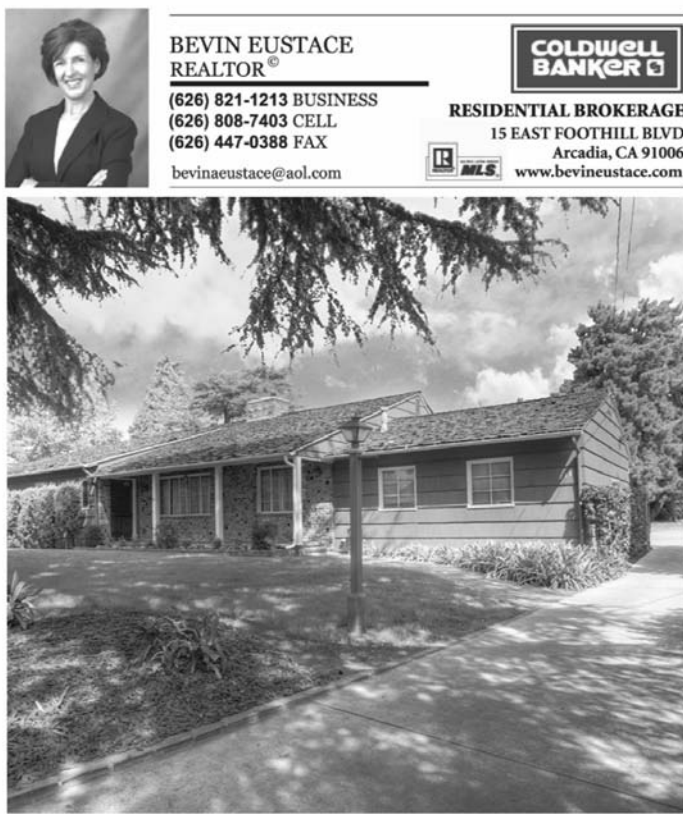
There has been plenty of buzz in the tech press lately about Google's new Operating System, Chrome. This new endeavor is taking direct aim at Microsoft's core product, it's various OS's that run on millions of servers, desktops and laptops around the world. This could be the precursor to some sort of coup of gigantic proportions, one that many Gates-haters have been secretly (and not-so-secretly) awaiting for quite some time. And it might have a decent chance of success considering all the various options available to today's computer user, specifically the netbook market that appears to be the targeted hardware platform for this new OS. These compact, highly portable machines are practically ready-made to take advantage of what is reported to be the lighter, quicker OS from Google. Set to be released in the second half of 2010, Google's Chrome OS could be well on its way to big success in the OS market.

There's just one small thing that might be standing in their way – Microsoft.

Love it or hate it, the fact is that Microsoft has more than just a little experience in inventing, developing and delivering a usable and highly competitive product to the marketplace. They have so much experience that general estimates report that its various OS's run on just under 90% of all computers in the world today. But just because something is a certain way doesn't mean that it will always be that way. At one point in time Microsoft was just one of several different vendors with an Operating System on the market and they actually still are just that: one choice among other choices. Google's Chrome OS will be that as well. Root as hard as you like for either side in this battle but unless the outcome of all this posturing and positioning is a better product for the consumer they still win. Both of them. It is highly unlikely that Chrome will displace any of Microsoft's various OS's for any significant share of the market any more than Bing will displace Google as the Search Engine of consumer choice any time soon, expensive ad campaigns notwithstanding. The very best that this turn of events can provide the consumer in both the long and short run is the kind of competition that keeps businesses on their toes.

The average business concern has no real incentive to spur continued innovation when they have become the de facto 'choice' in the marketplace. They already have what they've wanted and unless some credible threat to that comfortable state of affairs arises, things will more than likely stay the same for all involved parties.

If nothing else Chrome OS just might shake things up for the better.



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*The Senior*  
By Bruce Lamarche

## REVERSE MORTGAGE A Tool in Your Toolbox



The family home is their biggest asset of most seniors. Few seniors want to sell to get access to the equity locked inside their homes. There are only a few ways to get access to this asset.

1. Refinancing or taking out a first mortgage with monthly payments.

2. Using a home equity line of credit (2nd mortgage.) This has monthly payments but interest only on money used. The problem here is that the balance grows until you reach the maximum and no way to pay it back. Payments increase as balance is used; not good on a fixed income.

3. Using a reverse mortgage with no monthly payments and guaranteed income.

You've probably heard about reverse mortgages, but aren't completely sure how they work and if they make sense for your situation, so here's the facts:

What are reverse mortgages?

According to Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports:

"A reverse mortgage is a home loan just for senior homeowners. If you qualify for a reverse mortgage, you will not have to make monthly payments on the loan. Instead, the lender pays you! Typically, the reverse mortgage is repaid from your home's equity when you sell the home, move out permanently, or die. You, or those who will inherit from you, can keep any sales proceeds from your home in excess of what you owe the lender. To qualify for a reverse mortgage, you must be a homeowner who is at least 62 years old."

A reverse mortgage allows you to receive a loan against your home with no change in title. This can be in the form of a lump sum, regular monthly checks, a line of credit, or a combination of these. The money is repaid with interest when the borrower sells the house, moves, or dies. The entire transaction is government regulated and insured. You can never default on this loan as there are no payments to make.

How much can you borrow?

The amount you can borrow depends on your age, the current interest rate, and the appraised value of your home. Generally, the more valuable your home is, the older you are, the lower the interest, the more equity you have available to use. In LA County, the limit is currently \$625,500

For example, based on a loan with an interest rate of approximately 3.6%, and a home value of at least \$417,000, a 68-year-old could borrow up to \$250,000 in cash or in a credit line. Another choice is to receive monthly checks for \$1,514 per month guaranteed for life. This assumes nothing is owed on the home. If this same senior owed \$100,000, he or she could receive either a credit line of \$150,000 or monthly checks for \$909 or a combination of both. Remember also that the old mortgage payment is now gone. If that was \$800 per month, the senior benefits by a increase in income of \$1,709! Maybe now, there will be more money than month?

What are some advantages of a reverse mortgage?

A reverse mortgage can help meet your cash flow needs. The additional monthly payments run for the remainder of your life. You are better able to maintain your financial independence and an adequate standard of living. And, with a reverse mortgage, you are able to remain in your home, keep ownership, and increase your monthly income stream.

You are getting, in effect, your own money back from the home. The payments you are receiving consist of the money you paid into the house and any increase in your home's value over the years. This means the money you receive from a reverse mortgage is tax-free.

Many seniors want to stay in their homes for life and not move to a nursing home as they age. The money to pay for in-home help (part-time or full) can be made available using a reverse mortgage. Always check the credentials of any company providing this kind of care.

Reverse mortgages may not be right for everyone, so if you're considering one, first talk with a qualified advisor such as those at HUD-approved agencies, who give free advice.

*Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net. This article is provided by Bruce Lamarche, a member of Society of Certified Senior Advisors®, www.csa.us. Bruce's company, R & B Reverse Mortgage Services (Glendora) helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. www.LASeniorMortgage.com*

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## SENIOR2SENIOR

### The Man on the Flying Trapeze

by Bill Robinson

William Saroyan wrote The Man on the Flying Trapeze. Like many of Saroyan's short stories, this is a scruffy sermon. The central character is a young man trying to get through the Great Depression on the streets of San Francisco. He has no money, no job, his only possessions are the clothes on his back and he's hungry. His mind flashes on the tune, The Man on the Flying Trapeze. He sees himself as that man. He can hang on to that trapeze for only so long. He knows that when he lets go, he will fall into the hands of God, if there is a God, and if there is no God, he knows that letting go wouldn't make that much difference.

He prays to the God who may not be for the grace to fall bravely.

The man on the flying trapeze could have prayed to the God who may not be for some kind of rescue or reprieve. For what it's worth, I think that his prayer for the grace to fall bravely was a prayer for rescue and reprieve.

A friend of mine is trying to take care of a loved one who is in failing health. She has moved into an advanced stage of Alzheimer's. Medically, there is nothing that can be done. The situation goes from bad to worse. Pious platitudes won't help. The facts are as

the facts are. My friend says that he feels like he is living out 36 hour days. He is overwhelmed but he doesn't walk away. It takes a lot of courage to simply hang in. It also takes a lot of strength and a lot of patience. I think that these are the kinds of things that often happen when a person falls bravely.

In a literal sense, the man on the flying trapeze is overwhelmed. I looked up, "whelm" in the dictionary just to make sure I had it right. The word has its roots in old Middle-English. It means to turn. A "whelm" on a farm is a plow. It turns the soil. The farmer "whelms" his field at the end of the growing season, turning the debris into the earth. The organic debris enriches the soil.

To be overwhelmed is to be buried, it is to see no way out. So the man on the flying trapeze opts to pray to the God who may not be for the grace to fall bravely. One doesn't have to be fearless to let go of the trapeze or to submit to the forces of gravity. One simply has to be willing to be afraid and to go ahead anyway.

*Senior to Senior is a monthly column written by Bill Robinson for the Mountain Views-Observer*

# SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Created By Pat Birdsall\*

### FYI: Wii are here for you!

The Hart Park House has recieved a donation of a new Wii game system and it is just waiting for you to use it.

1. Would you like to learn so you can play with your grandchildren?

2. Did you once golf or play in a bowling league? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions then this fantastic "virtual" game is for you. Come experience Wii bowling, golf, tennis, baseball & boxing in the comfort of the air-conditioned center. You can sit or stand as you use the unique control wand that imitates how you actually release the ball or swing the club.

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### 10 New Helpful Hints

1. Use a meat baster to "squeeze" your pancake batter onto the hot griddle and you'll get perfectly shaped pancakes every time.

2. To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes

3. To prevent egg shells from cracking, add a pinch of salt to the water before hard-boiling

4. If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato and it will absorb the excess salt for an instant "fix me up."

5. Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

6. Brush some beaten egg white over pie crust before baking to yield a beautiful glossy finish.

7. Place a slice of apple in hardened brown sugar to soften it.

8. When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.

9. To determine whether an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks, it is fresh, but if it rises to the surface, throw it away.

10. Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.

### Recipe of the Week: Caprese Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS (Nutrition)

**1 (16 ounce) package fusilli pasta**

**1 cup fresh basil leaves**

**1/4 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese**

**1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted (optional)**

**2 cloves garlic**

**1/4 cup olive oil**

**1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved**

**3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese**

**4 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, shredded**



DIRECTIONS

Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Once the water is boiling, stir in the fusilli, and return to a boil. Cook the pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through, but is still firm to the bite, about 12 minutes. Drain.

Place basil, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, pine nuts, and garlic into a blender or food processor; cover and chop to a coarse paste. Add the olive oil in a slow, steady stream. Continue processing until a soft paste has formed. Set pesto aside.

Combine the cooked pasta, tomatoes, 3 tablespoons Parmesan, mozzarella, and pesto in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper. **Cover bowl, refrigerate to chill for 45 minutes, and serve.**

### For Your Funny Bone

*"Cash, check or charge?" I asked after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I notice a remote control for a television set in her purse.*

*"Do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.*

*"No," she replied. "But my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him."*

### July Birthdays



Joanne Gheezy, 7/5; Martha Griffin, 7/8; Beverly Turko, 7/11; Anthony Gheezy, 7/27; and Betty Hansen, 7/30

### Quote:

*The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not to anticipate troubles, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly.*

### Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is Open

Come cool off during the summer season, June 15th thru September 7th

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\*Special Senior Price (62 & over): Daily admission is \$1.50 or Seasonal Pass is \$59.00. For Public Swim times or more information, please call (626) 355-2356

### Pasadena Highlands Sponsors Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards.

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for your chance to win this special prize and learn more about the Pasadena Highlands.

### Activities:

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

**Lunch Program:** Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.

**Monday:** Free strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandlely 1:00-1:45

**Tuesday:** Bingo- 1:30PM- 3:30 PM .25c per card

Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information  
3rd Tuesday of each month-Free financial consulting: 10-12 noon. Call 355-7394 for

an appointment.

**Wednesday:** Wii Wednesday Virtual Reality games (bowling, tennis, boxing, etc.)

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations 10-11:30 am. Appointments necessary. Call 355-7394.

**Thursday:** Game Day- 1:00PM- 3:30PM- Poker, UNO, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it.

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**Friday:** Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

**Saturday:** Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM- only .25c per card

## Senior Opportunities and Excursions



### Monthly Excursions:

**Dodger Game-** July 1 at 12:10 pm (tickets are limited & seats are in the shade)

**Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach-** July 10 at 4:30 pm

**Hollywood Bowl-** August 21- An evening of Jazz with Diana Krall

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic-** Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon  
No appointment necessary

**Senior Stretch and Balance-** A free class designed by volunteer instructor Teryl Willis, for seniors to refresh the joints, soothe the spine, and improve balance. Come and join in some simple and gentle exercises, a little light yoga, and a bit of easy tai chi. On Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

**Free Lawn Bowling Lessons:** The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club will have beginning lawn bowling lessons each Saturday morning starting at 10:00 AM.

Located just north of the golf course at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave.< free parking>  
For information call Gene at 626.351-5327.

### Meals-on-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) \$2.00 suggested donation per day. Call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382 for more information.



**MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS \*\*ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY\*\* Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.0256.**

*\*Pat Birdsall, a key member of the Mountain Views Team since its' inception is on leave of absence. Pat has been the author of Senior Happenings and Bird's Eye View and the editor of SMEAC's weekly column. Senior Happenings and the SMEAC column will continue with guest contributors until her return.*

*We thank Pat sincerely for all she has contributed and look forward to her return. S. Henderson - Publisher/Editor*

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Chris Bertrand

## One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them*

By Chris Bertrand

### Pasadena Architectural Salvage New Ownership, Expanded Products

Pasadena Architectural Salvage has become a trusted source of quality, vintage home construction and décor items, since their doors opened in 2005. Back then, founder and owner Cary Pasternak started this west coast version of his Houston store, bringing five railroad cars of inventory here to Pasadena. Gayle Stoner, his store manager since 1987, and Tom Jenkins, website manager also joined Pasternak from Houston in 2005.

The store quickly flourished, both as a beautiful clean and neat store, with well organized and displayed stock, plus an extensive web store. They offer 1890's to 1930's home items, heavily skewed toward the local demand for Craftsman items. That includes doors, knobs and hinges, wrought iron, bathtubs, sinks, windows, fireplace mantels, lighting, some vintage furniture pieces and much more. A few new reproduction items, like glass lamp and lighting fixture shades from Europe, are also available.

After Pasternak passed away last year, Stoner, Jenkins and partner Chris Shackelford have been transitioning to ownership of the firm. With this shift, the mainstay offerings of the company continue strong, as the new owners continue to replenish stock from estate sales, tear downs and consignments of unique items.

As the demand for their goods is evolving and their reputation spreading, they've been receiving more requests for later era items. The trio has now decided to expand coverage through to the 1950's. "Homeowners' interest is soaring for the restoration and remodeling of that era's properties," according to Stoner.

As a result, they work hard to ferret out good quality and difficult-to-find hardware, sinks, tubs, etc. Currently a fun item available for purchase is a large, yellow vinyl dining booth listed at \$1,150, just perfect to set the right tone for a vintage home restoration. An Asian pagoda roof, probably from the early 1900's, came from a Hancock Park home, and is offered at \$900.

A pair of mint condition, gorgeous white

stained glass skylight, likely a century old, are \$1500 for the pair. Prices for vintage sinks, tubs & toilets range from \$400-\$950. For that itty bitty space or a novelty, they even had a fold down sink culled from a train berth, just sold at \$750. A mint condition ice box could become the focal point of your vintage kitchen restoration for just \$950.

The store is always amazingly busy with browsers and searchers for that special needle in the haystack. Everyone seems to be there with their camera, tape measure and enthusiasm at the ready. Many have perused the website first, then make a trip for a hands on visit to the potential purchase. The knowledgeable staff is always happy to help and they can often help finding specialized technicians and artisans for restoration work.

Occasionally, even they are stumped when items come in the door. Last week, a set of round white ceramic switch plate covers came into the store. None of them had ever seen this particular design before. No manufacturer name is available; only its United States origin marked on the back. They all love the problem/ mystery solving aspect to their jobs. Eventually, they'll find some information, and probably a happy buyer who's delighted to have some more of these little gems to restore their home.

The store has a great supply of interesting literature, reference and coffee table books on the topic of restoration, located in a cozy reading area in the front, complete with rocking chairs. They also welcome field trips from architectural preservation groups, and are willing to offer the store as an occasional meeting place for such groups.

If you have items for sale or possible consignment or trade, call Gayle Stoner for an appointment and evaluation. Consignment represents about 30% of their inventory.

Pasadena Architectural Salvage is located at 30 S. San Gabriel Boulevard, just south of Colorado in Pasadena. They're open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10-5:30. For more information, call 626-535-9655 or visit their website at [www.PasadenaArchitecturalSalvage.com](http://www.PasadenaArchitecturalSalvage.com)

Clockwise from left: Exterior of Pasadena Architectural Salvage, Lanterns on display, The new business partners of Pasadena Architectural Salvage, and beautiful, wall-sized murals offered for sale.



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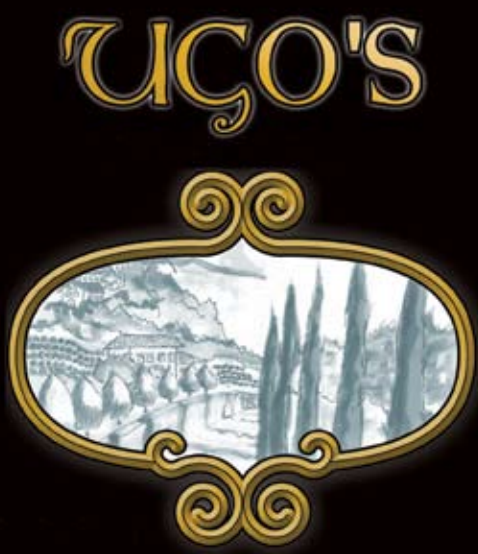
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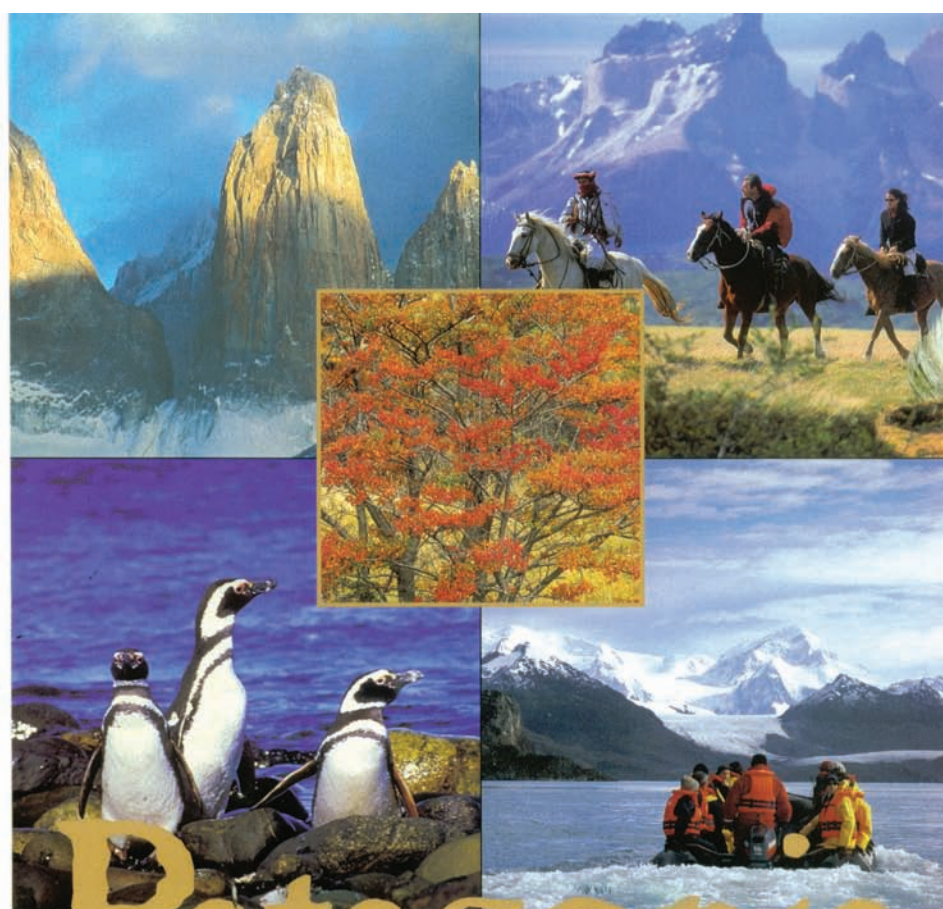
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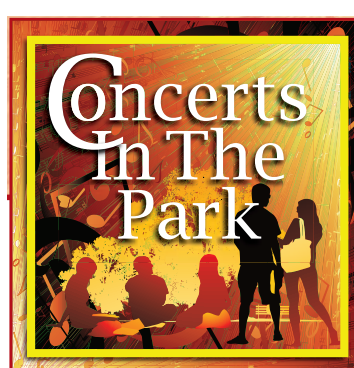


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fauna of the night. You never know what you'll discover! Participants must be at least 12 years old. Wear sensible shoes and bring a jacket and flashlight. Space is limited so early registration is recommended. Cost per person for the night walk is \$15, \$10 Descanso members. To register, call (818) 949-7980.

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