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SIERRA MADRE CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

As indicated in previous editions, the Mountain Views News, in an effort to give those running for city council the same opportunity to introduce themselves to the public, has asked them to answer the following two questions:

1. Why are you running for city council?
2. What will you do for Sierra Madre?

Candidates answers are printed as submitted without editing.

Incumbent Don Watts

I ran for City Council four years ago because I saw that the overly ambitious, high density plan for the downtown area would bankrupt our city and destroy our small town atmosphere. Had this plan been implemented, Sierra Madre could have incurred millions of dollars of debt.



The welfare of our citizens is my priority, and I have consistently voted in this town's best interests. (i.e. Measure V ensures that our downtown structures will be no more than two stories in height.) I promise to uphold these ideals during my second term. There is still much to be accomplished.

No one can predict the challenges of the next four years, but I will continue to fight the constant, intrusive mandates that are being thrust upon us by the special interests that run Sacramento.

My pledge is to continue to put Sierra Madre and it's citizens FIRST!

-Don Watts

The Time Has Come - Sierra Madre To Get New School

Timeline for Measure TT Construction Finalized - Measure CC Discussed At Joint Meeting

By Dean Lee

At a joint meeting Tuesday night between the Pasadena Unified School District Board and the Sierra Madre City Council the discussion quickly to the district's \$23 million deficit for the 2010-11 school year although PUSD officials had some good news for the city including a timeline for Measure TT improvements. The dollars allocated from Measure TT will fund the construction of a new school on the site of the Upper Campus as well as improvements on the lower campus. It was determined last year that it was more cost effective to build a new school rather than repair the existing one.

Steve Brinkman, Facilities Chief of Staff, gave an estimated construction schedule for the Sierra Madre Upper Campus, including demolishing June 22 the very building the meeting was held in. He said construction of new buildings would begin in October and completed February 2012. There was also a brief discussion as to where displaced students would be during

construction. At this point, it appears portable classrooms will be used.

PUSD Officials noted that Sierra Madre was the only area within the district that is growing in enrolment.

That statement lead to a quick response from Sierra Madre Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray. "I have a question that I have been dying to ask," she said. "I feel



Artist's rendering of new facility

like I should ask it and quickly leave... Perhaps instituting some sort of tuition program for the users of the programs."

MacGillivray suggested \$1,000 a student to make up for the predicted shortfall.

She said there needed to be a way to sustain the level of education parents wanted to see in Sierra Madre. Finance officer John Pappalardo said the state was very specific on maintaining a free and open education. He said the state codes say only what they can

implement fees for, not the other way around.

He said one area they can charge for is transportation. PUSD board president Tom Selinske said a parcel tax was their only legal option to raise money.

A good portion of the meeting dealt specifically with the district's budget shortfalls and the Parcel Tax that voters will decide on in May.

Although it was hard to tell whether or not the city council was supportive of a \$120 annual parcel tax, now known as Measure CC, one thing was clear - the council members had some creative questions including if the district could charge a tuition to attend some school programs.

Council members also questioned a gap between the \$7 million in annual revenue the tax would raise and the \$23 million deficit. PUSD board member Ed Honowitz said the money would stop the most serious cuts, such as some teacher layoffs and library closers.

Voters will decide on Measure CC in May of this year. It will be a total vote by mail election. The ballot measure will ask for a \$120 per parcel tax for all areas within the Pasadena Unified School District which includes Sierra Madre, Altadena and Pasadena.

SM Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum

City Council Chambers

Monday, March 8, 2010

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host a City Council Candidate Forum. All seven candidates have been invited to participate. The Forum will be moderated by the League of Women Voters, Pasadena Area, which will provide a moderator, timekeeper and question sorters, all of whom will be non-residents of Sierra Madre.

Sierra Madre Woman's Club Pre-Election Chamber Mixer

Essick House 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:00 pm

Our annual March Chamber Mixer offers every business person and resident, in 2010, the opportunity to meet and greet our City Election Candidates. With some of the best (if not the best) food at a mixer prepared by the members of the SMWC, this is the "Must-go-to" mixer of the year. Come, bring friends and family and meet the candidates one-on-one. Surprises and Door prizes! Contact: Mary Carney 626-355-6225

Kiwanis Candidates Forum

Masonic Temple 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 12:00 Noon

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will sponsor their bi-annual Candidates Forum at noon. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be served. Cost for lunch only - \$10.00. Reservations required. Contact Clem Bartolai at 355-0757.

Sierra Madre's Annual Wistaria Festival Offers Good Music, Good Eats, Good Fun – and a Spectacular Vine!!

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Wistaria Festival on Sunday, March 14, 2010. The festival first began in the early 20th century, drawing as many as 100,000 people over an extended period of time. Now the vine, which is on private property, is available to the public for viewing only one day a year, this year on the 14th. Last year, the crowd estimate for the single day was 13,000 people.

The Guinness Book of World Records has certified the vine as the world's largest blossoming plant, and estimates that at its peak, the vine had as many as 1.5 million blooms, weighed 250 tons, and covered more than an acre of ground. The vine is so large that it encompasses the better part of two properties. At one point the vine, which was originally planted in 1894, actually destroyed a structure on one of the properties, which crumbled under its weight.

In addition to the vine viewing, downtown Sierra Madre is transformed into an arts and craft fair for the day,

with 150+ artisans and crafters displaying their work at booths on the town's two main streets, which are closed off to traffic for the day. This compliments well the charming village shops that line the downtown area, offering those in attendance a great opportunity to find just the right gift, that special item for the home décor, or a keepsake to be treasured through the years.

In addition to the shops, the town's restaurants will be serving the delightful cuisine the town of Sierra Madre has become known for. Since the beginning of outdoor dining in the 1990s, Sierra Madre has been known throughout the valley as a great place to dine al fresco with a spectacular view of the San Gabriel mountains just to the north. There's something for every taste, with a variety of international flavors at the local eateries, Mexican, Italian, Thai, and California Continental cuisines, several types of American cuisine and even a Sushi spot.



The World's Largest Wistaria Vine

This year, a dozen musical acts will be performing at five outdoor venues. The serenity of the vine is accentuated by the harp performance of Ron Longo and classical guitarist Michael Zubia, both of whom have delighted crowds at the vine on multiple occasions. Entertainment Chair Tim Tutwiler has pulled together an musical lineup for the downtown area (featuring mostly local musicians) that ranges from solo acoustic guitar and vocals, to blues rock, country rock and more. Downtown stages will feature long-time veterans such as (cont. on pag. 3)

The Women Of St. Rita's Guild



The women of the St. Rita Guild prepared the March 5th Lenten Soup Supper for the community. The dinner follows 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Church each Friday in Lent. A different group prepares a meatless dinner each Friday evening during this season. A freewill donation will be donated to help feed the poor. For more information or to volunteer, call. St. Rita Church office at 626-355-1292.

Mayor's Comments Unwelcome At Community Forum

Panelists at the Saturday morning community outreach meeting regarding SB 375 were not amused when Sierra Mdre Mayor MaryAnn MacGillivray called the whole thing "purely academic," and then questioned the validity of global warming, the basis of their arguments.

"To put down scholarly work that is serious and focuses on these very questions saying, 'well that's just academic and we're not going to do it,'" said Martin Wachs Director of Transportation, Space and Technology RAND Corporation, "Is as insulting to those of us who do that work, as if we came to the city and said, you should do this because we studied it and we know."

MacGillivray had said the panel's academic viewpoint needed pragmatic application before other cities will buy into it. "If this was SB 375 '101' I think I would pass the test, especially if it's multiple choice," she said to an amused crowd. MacGillivray did however compliment them saying the presentation (cont. on pg. 3)



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| Mon: | Ptly Cloudy | Hi 60s | Lows 50s |
| Tues: | Sunny | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |
| Wed: | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 50s |
| Thur: | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 50s |
| Fri: | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 50s |

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Travelers and Collectors
Speaker Series

Sierra Madre Library's monthly "armchair travelers" series continues on Friday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., with "Passage to Panama," presented by John and Marie Meursing. Join the Meursings as they travel the Intercoastal waterway from Fort Lauderdale to Miami, where they board the cruise ship Regatta for its journey to Key West and Cartagena in Columbia. Follow their day-long transit through the engineering miracle known as the Panama Canal, and on to Costa Rica, Puerto Chiapas, Huatulco, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas, and finally home to Los Angeles.

Travelers and Collectors is held the second Friday of the month, February through May, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. All programs are free and open to the public. A schedule is available at the Library Service Desk, and can also be found on the Library website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. Travelers and Collectors is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. For more information please call Catriona Shafer at (626) 355-7186.

BARGAIN BOOK SALE

The Sierra Madre Public Library is the place to go in March for the "Savin' o' the Green"—greenbacks, that is! The Friends of the Library will hold a table sale inside the Library, Monday, March 15 through Saturday, March 20, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics will include Fiction, Mysteries, Biographies, Current Affairs, Children and Teens, and Specialty Books. All books are in good condition and will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on all major holidays. For information on all our Library activities and services, please call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Through an Open Studio Tour on June 6, 2010, the Friends of the Sierra Madre Arts in partnership with the Community Arts Commission will spotlight local artists to provide citizens an opportunity to enjoy the remarkable creativity found within our village. To be considered for this juried event, complete the application attached. Return applications to Open Studio Tour - Sierra Madre, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, no later than Monday, March 8, 2010. Please see the attached application. The City will be selling tickets for the tour in advance for \$15 and \$20 at the door. Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards Sierra Madre public arts programs.

Sierra Madre Spring Lap Swim Season

The Spring Lap Swim season at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will begin March 15 and run through June 13. The lap swim schedule is as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12:00pm-2:00pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00pm-9:00pm. The Spring Lap Swim season pass is \$100 per person, there will be no daily admissions. Registration for the Spring Lap Swim can be done at the Community and Personnel Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information call 626-355-5278.

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GOLD LINE OPEN HOUSE MARCH 23

In anticipation of a June 2010 groundbreaking, the Foothill Extension Construction Authority is hosting an open house in Arcadia to update the community on the Gold Line construction schedule, station plans, art and more. The Open House will offer multiple stations for one-on-one conversations between project representatives and the public. No formal presentation is planned so you can arrive anytime between 5:30 and 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 23 at the Sunset Room at the Santa Anita Golf Course (405 South Santa Anita Avenue).

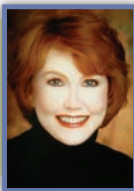
STORY SPECTACULAR

St. Patrick's Day! - March 18th at 2:00 p.m.
An hour long holiday program for ages 5 through 12. Celebrate the luck of the Irish as we enjoy holiday themed stories, a short film, songs, craft and snacks!
The Monrovia Public Library, located at 321 S. Myrtle Avenue, offers many programs for children of all ages. For more information contact Youth Services Librarian Shawn Thrasher at (626) 256-8254, email sthrasher@ci.monrovia.ca.us, or click <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org>.

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The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

Wistaria Festival 2010

2010 Wistaria Festival Entertainment Lineup

Vine Stage

9am – 11am

Ron Longo, Harp

11am – 1pm

Michael Zubia, Classical Guitar

1pm – 3pm

Ron Longo, Harp

3pm 5pm

Michael Zubia, Classical Guitar

Memorial Park

12noon – 1:30pm

Horses on Astro turf

1:30 – 3pm

Snotty Scotty and the Hankies

3pm – 5pm

Dirty Dave & The Dynamites

Charcuterie

12noon – 2:15pm

Ocho X

Charcuterie (Cont.)

2:30 – 5pm

Thelonius Dub

Jailhouse Inn Stage

12noon – 1:15pm

Vin Fiz Flyer

1:30pm – 2:45pm

Joe Ely

3pm – 5pm

? and The Wistarians

Kersting Court Stage

11am – 1pm

LIVE RADIO PROMO – Brian Casey
and KOLA 99FM

1pm – 2:45pm

Crown City Blues Band

3pm – 5pm

Murphy's Flaw

Stages/times/acts subject to change without notice.

Order posted above not necessarily representative of order of performance.

Entertainment Chair: Tim Tutwiler

Mount Wilson Trail Race Registration
Forms Available

Registration forms for the 44th running of the Sierra Madre Mount Wilson Trail Race are now available. Forms can be picked up at the Community Recreation Center, Library, City Hall and Chamber of Commerce or downloaded from the newly revamped Mount Wilson Trail Race website (www.mountwilsontrailrace.com).

The race will be held Saturday, May 29, 2010 beginning at 7:30 am with the annual Pasta Feed, food provided by Café 322, held the night before in Kersting Court from 5:30-7:00 pm. Race day events include the 5th annual Kids Race, the 5th annual Kids Art Show, and the post-race Beer Garden.

This year's honorary Race Starter is Sierra Madre Library Associate Librarian, Debbie Henderson, who personifies the rich history of Sierra Madre. Debbie's countless hours of archival research and knowledge of historical information assisted the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and Author Michele Zack in the creation of *Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre*. Both parties feel that without her expertise this book would not have been possible.

Huck Finn Fishing Derby
and Campout

Friday, March 26, 2010 - Sunday, March 28, 2010

The Community and Personnel Services Department will be hosting the Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout. The campout will be on Friday, March 26, the fishing derby will be held on the morning of Saturday, March 27, and family fishing will be on Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, March 28. Please contact the Community and Personnel Services Department in February for event information and how to register for the campout. Adam Matsumoto

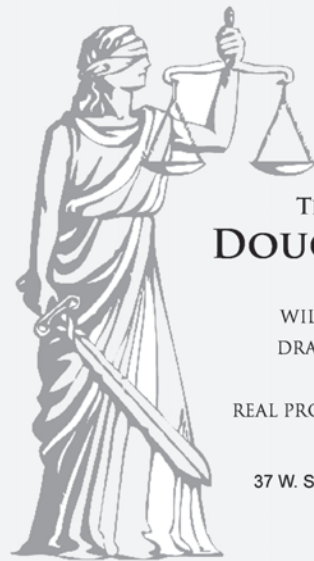
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SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

Wednesday 3-7pm

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Camp Bow Wow
Los Angeles
Events

The Los Angeles area Camp Bow Wow locations will be welcoming Camp Bow Wow founder Heidi Ganahl to launch her new book, *TALES FROM THE BARK SIDE: My Journey from Wayward Stray to Top Dog*. Meet Ganahl as she tells her

story of starting the world's largest pet care franchise and signs books.

The free events include:

Agoura Hills Camp Bow Wow
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
29348 Roadside Dr, Agoura Hills, CA

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Rev. John Andrew Joseph Devany, C.P.

Servant of God and Friend of Man, Fr. John Andrew Joseph Devany, C.P., 91, went home to his heavenly Father on February 25, 2010, after a short illness. Fr. John was born August 7, 1918, in Akron, Ohio, the fourth of eight children of Dr. Andrew J. Devany and Beatrice Healy Devany. He answered the call of God early, entering the Passionist Preparatory Seminary at the age of 14. He officially entered the Passionist order on July 10, 1939, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on June 30, 1945.

His long life was filled with many and varied services for God and neighbor. Among other things, he was Professor of both Moral Theology and of Preaching. He was an itinerant Missionary and Retreat Master. For many years, he was Rector of the Passionist Monastery in Sierra Madre, California, and served on the Provincial Council. More recently, he was the much-loved Director of the Passionist Retreat House in Detroit, Michigan. He never really retired, remaining active as a guest speaker in many Detroit area churches.

Blessed with a booming Irish tenor voice, Fr. John will be remembered most of all for his eloquence. He was the "voice"

of the Holy Cross Province, given the title Professor of Sacred Eloquence. Many are the weddings, christenings, and funerals which were made extraordinary and unforgettable by his sermons and homilies. On the occasion of his 90th Birthday, he celebrated an anniversary mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Akron, Ohio, receiving a thunderous applause from the appreciative congregation. Fr. John said that especially, he would love to be remembered as the priest who preached about heaven and all that God has prepared for those who respond to His love for us.

Love was a topic on which Fr. John was an expert. He was filled with love for God, for the Church, for his fellow Passionist Brothers and Priests, for his neighbors and friends, and especially for his family, to whom he will always be "Uncle Joe". He is survived by one brother, Dr. Jack Devany of Toledo, Ohio, and one sister, Mrs. Kathleen Mosher of Kent, Ohio; 8 nephews, 16 nieces (each one a "favorite"); 34 great-nephews and nieces; 7 great-great-nephews and nieces, and his fellow Passionists.

Sierra Madre

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Postal Service announce a special postmark cancellation to celebrate the Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival.

This special postmark will be available at:

Event: The Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival,
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2010
Hours: Open 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Location: The Wistaria Festival Postal Station at Kersting Court in Sierra Madre
Located at Sierra Madre Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue.

Bring postcards or letters and mail them from this special event post office and your friends will be surprised when they receive mail with this extraordinary postmark.

This postal cancellation has been announced and printed in the U. S. Postal Bulletin which is distributed world wide. To accommodate collectors from out of the area, the Sierra Madre Post Office will cancel postcards and letters upon request with the Wistaria Cancellation for 30 days after the event. To postmark a letter after the event go to Sierra Madre Post Office and request the Wistaria Postmark on your mail.

For more information contact:

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce (626) 355-5111
e-mail Info@sierramadrechamber.com
U.S. Post Office Sierra Madre, California 91024



WISTARIA (cont. from pg. 1)

Snotty Scotty and the Hankies, and newer bands (composed of veteran musicians) including Dirty Dave and the Dynamites. Other local favorites are scheduled to appear as well, including Horses on Astroturf, Ocho X, Vin Fiz Flyer, Theloni Dub and others. One band of locals has re-named itself for the event with a play on a popular group from the sixties, calling themselves ? and the Wistarians. In addition, Brian Casey, morning personality for KOLA 99FM will provide remote broadcasts from a KOLA event booth from 11am to 1pm. A complete entertainment lineup and more information about the festival can be found online by visiting www.WistariaFestival.com.

The downtown festival is free to all who attend. Viewing of the vine is also free of charge, but due to the steep uphill climb to the private properties and limited parking in the vicinity of the vine, it is recommended that you kick back and enjoy a ride in the air-conditioned shuttle buses provided for your comfort. Tickets for the shuttle are \$10 round-trip when purchased in advance, and

\$15 the day of the event. Because the vine is on private property, it is not ADA compliant. Due to the hilly terrain, the site will not accommodate wheelchairs, strollers or people with limited mobility.

Shuttle tickets can be purchased online and printed on your home computer up to and including the day of the event. Visit www.WistariaTickets.com to purchase your tickets.

The event's host hotel, Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia is offering special discounted rates for those attending the event, as well as round trip shuttle service to and from the hotel. For more information, call (626) 357-1900 and mention the group "Wistaria Festival."

The Wistaria Festival is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from Festival Sponsor the Arcadia Association of REALTORS. Additional sponsorship comes from the Grand Pacific Resorts and Southern California Edison.

FOOTHILL TRANSIT FACES \$12.5 MILLION DEFICIT IN FY 2011

REDUCTIONS PROPOSED - PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

Due to declining sale tax revenue and severe budget cuts to transportation funding at the state level, Foothill Transit is facing a \$12.5 million deficit in fiscal year 2011.

As a result, the agency is proposing significant service reductions and will be holding four public hearings to gather public input. This is the first time in the agency's 20-year history that it has had to make service and administrative cuts due to a deficit. Administrative cuts were proposed first to reduce the size of cuts to service.

"Foothill Transit is not alone among California transit agencies," said Michael De La Torre, Chair of Foothill Transit's Executive Board. "It's the economy that's brought us here. The sales tax declines, the budgetary diversions at the state level to patch up this never-ending fiscal crisis – the available funding for transit has either dried up or been taken away."

Foothill Transit receives approximately 75 percent of its operating revenue from various sales tax initiatives, all of which have seen significant declines due to a sagging economy. In addition, transportation-dedicated funding at the state level has been diverted away from its intended use in order to address the state's budget issues. Along with \$2.5 million in administrative cuts, which include the proposed closure of the El Monte Transit Store, elimination of a printed Bus Book, Foothill Transit is proposing to cut approximately \$10 million in transit service. The criteria for choosing what service to cut included lines that showed lower ridership (generally less than 15 boardings per service hour); the availability of alternative or duplicate transit service near existing Foothill Transit service; and what would inflict the least impact to riders.

"None of these proposed cuts have been easy choices and many of these reductions would not be proposed if funding was in place to maintain the services," said De La Torre. "Foothill Transit is here to provide a valuable and much needed service to our communities. But we must face facts and address the reality in front of us. The money isn't there to provide the service."

Proposed Service Cuts and Frequency Changes: (partial listing)

Canceled due to low productivity:
Lines 184,195,197,284,286, 289,292, 851, and 852,and 855.

Other Changes:

Line 178 Reroute from Merced to Los Angeles St. away from residential area. Hourly service weekends. No weekend Metrolink service.

Line 185 Weekday service to the Industry Park and Ride between 5:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

No weekend service to Industry Park and Ride.

Line 269 Hourly weekday service 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Maintain 30 minute service for other trips.

Line 272 Cancel service due to low productivity and overall number of affected passengers. Some service to destinations along route will be maintained.

Line 274 Terminate line at Baldwin Park Metrolink and reroute from Crossroads to Workman Ave.

Line 280 Terminate Line at Azusa and Foothill Blvd.

Line 281 Terminate line at Foothill and Route 66. Service to Citrus College maintained at the western portion of campus.

Line 285 Cancel line due to service extending beyond Foothill Transit Service Area.

Silver Streak Eliminate Owl Service 12:00 to 4:00 am on weekdays and weekends.

Public information meetings have been scheduled to present the service cuts to the public and to collect public comment.

Wednesday, March 24th 6:30pm

El Monte Station Metro – San Gabriel Valley Office – Council Chambers Room

3449 Santa Anita Ave. El Monte

Thursday, March 25th 6:30pm

Duarte Community Center

1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte

Wednesday, March 31st 6:30pm

The deadline for all public comment is Friday, April 2, 2010.

Foothill Transit contracts with private contractors for the delivery of its services.

According to De La Torre,

"We anticipate that these proposed reductions will eliminate over 150 staff positions. The toll on our community and those who work hard to deliver service for Foothill Transit is overwhelming."

Arcadia

Women At Work In The Community

Women At Work, a Pasadena based career and job resource center, has announced that career counseling services are now available at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. Women At Work is excited to bring their services to the Arcadia community and looking forward to getting settled quickly at their newest field office. In conjunction with the Arcadia Library and Arcadia Chamber, Women At Work will offer a workshop series entitled "Planning Your Employment Future."

Counselor Rosa Chen, who will be conducting the workshops, holds a Master's degree from Cal State Northridge and is fluent in Mandarin. She will meet with clients on a one-on-one basis at the Arcadia Chamber on Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Her expertise in resume building will benefit clients who are struggling to find employment and good job leads. The workshops will be:

Resume Preparation: Learn how to craft a resume that gets attention and gets you a job!
Thursday, March 11 10:30 -11:30AM

How to Look for Job: The new techniques of looking for a job!
Thursday, March 25 10:30 -11:30

The Older Worker: Looking for a Job as an Older Worker!
Thursday, April 1 10:30 -11:30

Each workshop will offer information on job hunting and preparing for the job you are seeking. Counselor Chen will answer questions at the end of each workshop.

"During this challenging economy, our intention



is to provide more services in Arcadia and its surrounding communities," explained Robin McCarthy, Women At Work Executive Director. "We are pleased to partner with the Arcadia Chamber to allow more direct services at their offices to clients and those looking for a job. Our goal is to provide services that help clients be better prepared for their job hunt."

Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Beth Costanza commented, "This is going to be a good partnership. We are looking forward to working with Women At Work."

This is the second field office for Women At Work. In addition to their center located in Pasadena, they provide services at a field office at La Pintoresca Library in Northwest Pasadena.

Career counseling, resume review and job preparation training sessions will be available at the Arcadia Chamber, 388 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia 91007. For a limited time, services will be offered at a reduced rate as an incentive to encourage new clients. Since workshop space is limited, please sign up at the Front Desk in the Library. Clients will be seen on a "first-come-first served basis" according to the sign-up list.

For more information, please call Women At Work at (626) 796-6870, EXT 0.

ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd AT 7PM,

The forum will be held at the Women's Club, First & El Dorado Street - Arcadia.

The event is sponsored by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Arcadia Association of REALTORS, Arcadia Weekly and Arcadia Women's Club. This is your opportunity to meet the candidates, ask

questions and become better acquainted with your city. Light refreshments will be served.

All Arcadia residents are welcome and encouraged to attend, and all candidates have been invited to participate. Get the straight facts from the candidates themselves.

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was "wonderful" although asked that more information be given.

MacGillivray also questioned if SB 375 was truly voluntary as Michael Woo Dean of College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona said. SB 375 creates regional targets for greenhouse gas emissions reduction tied to land use and puts together regional transportation planning and housing efforts among other things including New CEQA exemptions.

"If ultimately the goal of all this is to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions, it isn't voluntary and won't be voluntary," MacGillivray said.

She reasoned that having SB 375 tied to AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, it could never be, or stay, voluntary.

AB 32 requires that by 2020 the state's greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels. She also suggested that the data collected for AB 32 was flawed saying 90 percent of the stations which the sensors were measured were next to heat sources.

"Maybe we should have to do some reevaluation of that?" she said.

Both Woo and Julianna Delgado, also a professor at Cal Poly Pomona, defended themselves saying they do sit on elected governing boards and are fully aware of SB

375's pragmatic applications.

Woo is a former L.A. City Councilman and a current L.A. Planning Commissioner. He ran against Richard Riordan in 1992 for Mayor of L.A. Delgado serves on the City of Pasadena's Design Commission.

MacGillivray said she was concerned that Southern California Area Governments (SCAG) would use a "one size fits all" to implement the bill something panelist Huasha Liu, Director of Land use and Environmental Planning for SCAG said was not the case.

Liu said SCAG was asking cities like Sierra Madre to see what they could contribute.



Suspect Nabbed in Cyber-Stalking Celebrity Dr. Drew



Charles Pearson

On Wednesday Pasadena police announced the arrested of Charles Pearson, 33 for alleged stalking Dr. Drew Pinsky and his family. According to police, they took a report Monday of criminal threats, where the victims, —identified later as Dr. Drew Pinsky and his family— reported that they had been the victims of some violent threats posted over the internet by Pearson. The threats came over a period of a few months police said.

During that time, a male who fit the description of the suspect showed up at KROQ a radio station affiliated with Dr. Pinsky and made accusations about the doctor.

Concurrently, Dr. Pinsky received court documents notifying him that he was being sued in small claims court by Pearson.

Leads tipped law enforcement to Pearson's location at Pierce College where, they arrested him without incident. The investigation is continuing.



Dr. Drew, photo credit celebrityrehab.com

Pet of the Week



Cleo, a beautiful, two year old, longhair cat is looking for a loving home. Although she is very affectionate, she can be a little shy at times and would likely prefer a quiet home. Cleo would be perfect for an apartment or condo that allows pets. She will need to be brushed regularly to keep her lovely coat free of tangles. Come visit with this pretty girl 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.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A216162 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



New Urgent Care Facility Breaks Ground

By Dean Lee

Mayor Bill Bogaard and representatives from the city of Pasadena, Huntington Medical Foundation and Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP) were all part of a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday —complete with golden shovels— for a community-based urgent care center in the southeastern section of Pasadena.

Bogaard said the new facility at 3160 E. Del Mar Blvd will be open to patients in summer.

According to city staff, “The urgent care center is expected to help alleviate long waits at Huntington Hospital’s emergency room, where more than 30 percent of patients have health concerns that are not emergencies, such as fevers, fractures, wounds and

minor trauma. Non-emergency, outpatient care will be offered to ambulatory patients on a walk-in basis without an appointment.”

The planned hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily they said.

“This clinic will provide an essential source of high-quality healthcare for those who have been hit hard by the economic downturn and have lost their insurance, and it will be a convenient and cost-effective source of care for those who have insurance,” said Dr. Takashi Wada, director of the Pasadena Public Health Department.

Many in the community had complained of a lack of any emergency care in Northeast Pasadena hoping for the facility to be located at the former St. Luke’s Medical 2632 E

Washington. Staff said the site was not feasible.

Instead the city-owned site, a former day care center and police substation, was chosen for its affordability, parking amenities, access to public transportation. All the materials from the existing structure is being recycled/reused city staff said.

The project is a pilot with an initial term of five years. It will be evaluated regularly for its effectiveness and ability to support itself.

The Pasadena Urgent Care Center will be operated by Huntington Medical Foundation. The building will also house a medical clinic to be operated by CHAP, which will provide primary and preventive care for patients on a sliding fee basis.

Police Chief Search Moves Forward, Panel Members Names Withheld

By Dean Lee

City officials said Friday that although the names of a 16 member review panel involved in helping select Pasadena’s next police chief would not be made public immediately, the names would most likely be released sometime later in the process. The city’s Public Information Officer Ann Erdman said releasing the names would be the choice of the panel. She did however say the decision, for now, to keep the panelists names secret was the decision of City Manager Michael Beck. She also said the city expects to have a new police chief by late May.

“The city manager has made his decision and we should respect that,” Erdman said.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard said Beck was trying to keep the confidentiality of the applicants, who might otherwise be put in jeopardy. Under the charter of the city of the city, Beck is charged with hiring the next police chief he explained.

Erdman said Beck had consulted with City Attorney Michele Bagnieris who said

the city legally had the right not to release the names. Beck’s concern was that panel members would feel pressure from community members to expose the candidates’ names she said.

Erdman also said that regular updates on the selection process would be made public, and keeping with her word, the first was released Friday afternoon. Erdman failed to say how much information would be given about the panel other than it is made up of, “local government experience and community leadership, members of the city of Pasadena’s Executive Leadership Team, police chiefs from other agencies and staff of the Pasadena Police Department.”

Community leaders had expressed concern over the racial/ethnic and gender composition of the panel. The search for a new police chief comes in the wake of a police shooting Feb. 19, 2009 that left Leroy Barnes Jr., a 38-year-old black man, dead after being shot 11 times in the back by police after a traffic stop.

‘Cool’ Mural to Be Unveiled in Pasadena on Orange Grove

Noted local artist Luis Ituarte will soon transform a blank wall on Orange Grove Boulevard in Pasadena into a garden of succulent delights.

At a community meeting last August, Pasadena residents chose an abstract “cool succulents” theme for a mural to be painted on the west side of Pasadena Fish Market and Restaurant.

The mural by Ituarte will be unveiled Saturday, March 6, from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. Pasadena City Councilman Chris Holden will lead the free public ceremony at 181 E. Orange Grove Blvd. between Marengo Street and Fair Oaks Avenue.

Ituarte received a \$2,500 grant from the Pasadena Arts and Culture Commission to create a mural in partnership with a local business owner. The Neighborhood Enhancement Mural Program, a creation of the Cultural Affairs Division of the Pasadena Planning and Development Department, is aimed at enhancing urban neighborhoods with eye-

catching murals.

The artist collaborated with Clifford Douglas, owner of the Pasadena Fish Market and Restaurant. Ituarte’s design will complement its surroundings. The 880-square-foot mural on weather-resistant canvas will be in place for five years.

Ituarte is known for his “Poly-Paint” murals for the Pasadena Boys and Girls Club, Scott McKenzie Child Care Center and Art Center College of Design. He has exhibited work in the California, Washington, D.C., Canada, Italy and Mexico over a 38-year period. Some of his mural work is included in the University of Southern California Library, Los Angeles and California Mural Collection and the University of California Santa Barbara Self-Help Graphics! Archive, California Ethnic and Multicultural Collection. AT&T Pasadena contributed additional funds to defray the cost of the project.

For more information call (626) 744-7062.

Police Conduct St. Patrick's Day DUI Saturation

“Unlucky In a Cell All Because Of the Ale”

The Pasadena Police Department will conduct a DUI Saturation program on St. Patrick’s Day evening, Wednesday, March 17, 2010. The hours of operation will be between 7:00 pm – 3:00 am. DUI programs are a proven and effective tool for achieving the Pasadena Police Department’s goal of removing impaired drivers from our streets.

“Our goal with this selective enforcement is to use saturated patrols on St. Patrick’s Day to look for suspected drunk drivers, thus, creating safer streets for the motoring public,” says interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino. “We know that there are

celebratory days that, unfortunately, are associated with heavy drinking, St. Patrick’s Day being one.

High visibility enforcement is a deterrent to driving impaired by alcohol. Drivers must perceive that the risk of being caught is too high and it is our hope our presence will change the mindset of a driver if he/she has too much to drink.”

This effort by the Pasadena Police Department and other local agencies serves to remind motorists that drinking and driving have grave consequences which included injury and death.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Public Invited To Dedication of Two New Fire Engines



community to the stations, where refreshments will be served. Street parking is available.

Fire engines have typical life spans of 15 years or 100,000 miles. The new fire engines replaced two units with more than 150,000 miles each.

The new fire engines meet National Fire Protection Association standards for firefighter safety, including larger pump capacity for better delivery in hillside areas; better turning radius for narrow streets; built-in foam systems for structure protection during wildland fires; greater storage capacity for emergency medical supplies; enclosed cabs for firefighter safety; and new emission standards to meet air quality goals.

For more information or to RSVP call (626) 744-7180.

Lego Robotics Competition

Watch school teams test the prowess of their student-built, software-enabled Lego robots during the annual Southern California NASA Explorer Schools Robotics Competition. This competition is intended to interest and encourage students in the fields math, science, technology and engineering.

The competition will be held at JPL from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. (Pacific) and can be seen live on the Internet at <http://www.ustream.tv/nasaajpl>

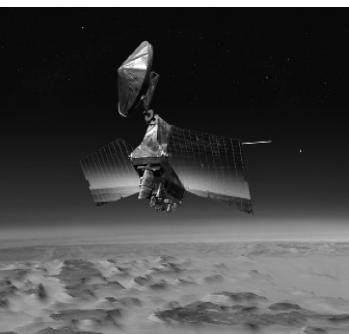
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County Calls For Monthly Report on Impact of State's Inmate Release Program

Supervisor Michael Antonovich directed the Chief Executive Officer to provide monthly reports on the impact of the State’s prison release program on the County’s Sheriff’s Department and Departments of Mental Health, Health Services and Public Social Services.

“Putting criminals back into our communities is an irresponsible and reckless way to balance the State’s budget,” Antonovich said.

NASA Mars Orbiter Speeds Past Data Milestone, 100 Trillion Bits of Information



NASA’s newest Mars orbiter, completing its fourth year at the Red Planet next week, has just passed a data-volume milestone unimaginable a generation ago and still difficult to fathom: 100 terabits.

That 100 trillion bits of information is more data than in 35 hours of uncompressed high-definition video. It’s also more than three times the amount of data from all other deep-space missions combined -- not just the ones

to Mars, but every mission that has flown past the orbit of Earth’s moon.

“What is most impressive about all these data is not the sheer quantity, but the quality of what they tell us about our neighbor planet,” said Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Project Scientist Rich Zurek, of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif. “The data from the orbiter’s six instruments have given us a much deeper understanding of the diversity of environments on Mars today and how they have changed over time.”

The spacecraft entered orbit around Mars on March 10, 2006, following an Aug. 12, 2005, launch from Florida. It completed its primary science phase in 2008 and continues investigations of Mars’ surface, subsurface and atmosphere.



Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

CHIPPER PROGRAM 2010

The SMFSC has received grant funds to provide chipping for hillside neighborhoods from Hastings Ranch to Sierra Madre and Arcadia willing to work together to be fire safe. Households in the program area (Hillside residents in the specified zone between Hastings Ranch and Arcadia) have a choice of:

1. Clearing the brush by yourself and the SMFSC will organize collection and chipping by a fully licensed and approved company - FREE OF CHARGE OR
2. See the SMFSC list of Approved Tree Services - These are services that have applied to the SMFSC with all appropriate insurances, papers and practices- Organize a full clearing and chipping with an approved service and the SMFSC will reimburse 20% of the presented invoice cost paid for the service

For Full Details and an online form go to www.smfiresafe.com

How Safe Is Fish Oil?

Lawsuit Filed Over Fish Oil Supplements Under California's Proposition 65

by Lori Abbott

SAN FRANCISCO - A group of environmental activists has filed a lawsuit in San Francisco against makers of certain brands of fish oil capsules, charging that they contain undisclosed high levels of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination. The plaintiffs include Eureka-based Matel Environmental Justice Foundation, a group that tested ten fish oil supplements out of more than 100 on the market.

Although fish oil is touted for its health benefits, the suit alleges six manufacturers and two major drug store chains have failed to warn

consumers that the capsules contain high levels of the cancer-causing chemicals, according to the plaintiffs' attorney, David Roe.

"People buy fish oil supplements to improve their health, not to put it at risk, so it's particularly important that they know about this."

While some of the supplements have reportedly been treated to reduce PCBs, Roe says manufacturers don't divulge how much PCB they still contain. He also points out that not all of the supplements are bad. Their preliminary test results show some fish oil brands have only 1/70th as much PCB contamination as others.

PCB, which was once used in the electricity industry, was banned by Congress in 1979, but Roe says many lakes remain



contaminated.

"One reason they're still around is that they're extremely persistent chemicals. They were intentionally made so they'd last a very long time without breaking down. Unfortunately, that means their health threat doesn't break down, either."

The suit is based on California's Proposition 65, which requires consumers be warned about exposure to any product that might contain toxic materials known to cause cancer or birth defects.

Ham Operators to Assist with Wistaria Festival Logistics

The Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team (SMECT) will be on hand at the Wistaria Festival, helping to keep operations running smoothly. SMECT is a group of approximately a dozen local FCC licensed Amateur Radio (Ham) Operators. They also help provide communications - as extra "eyes and ears", for the Mount Wilson Trail Race, the 4th of July Parade, and the Halloween festivities on East Alegria every year. In addition, they support the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce during the Wistaria Festival by providing communications between the Chamber and the Vine and coordinating the busses and crowd control.

In addition to the very necessary but somewhat mundane tasks of helping with the logistics of the aforementioned events, SMECT provides an invaluable service to the residents of Sierra Madre during emergencies. They are on-call for the Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments and have helped the city during the fires in the hills to the north of Sierra Madre and mud slides following those fires.

The SMECT Mission: To provide supplemental communications for the City of Sierra Madre

The Sierra Madre Emergency Communication Team was established and authorized by the Sierra Madre Emergency Communication Team Charter presented to the Sierra Madre City Council, at the May 2000, meeting. SMECT is assigned by the SM Disaster Plan to support the SMPD. Therefore SMECT activation will be initiated by the Sierra Madre Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Their service as "personnel locators" and "portable communicators" make these amateur radio operators extremely valuable during a disaster. To quote the FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, Amateur Radio is "the only truly fail-safe communications service on the planet Earth"

As communicators, they are flexible and creative enough to respond to the unique circumstances of each emergency. Except for one City owned radio that will be in the new EOC, all equipment is owned and maintained by SMECT members.



Allen Wolff and members of Sierra Madre's Ham Radio Operators Club
MV News File Photo

There are a number of possible emergencies that may require the Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team support such as:

- Earthquake
- Major Fire
- Wide Spread Power Outage
- City Communication Equipment Failure or Overload
- Major Windstorm and/or Flooding
- Missing Person
- Civil Disturbance

But Wistaria weekend, they will be operating behind the scenes, monitoring emergency communications, shadowing the Wistaria Chair and assisting with communication between the volunteers and the Chair, and stationed at the Vine and the Shuttle pick up point. Simple things like communication between these two locations can make this event more enjoyable for all. For instance, if there is a bus waiting at the vine for people to come on board, but no one is, and at the same time the line at the pick up point has grown due to a sudden influx of people, communication between these two points by the ham operators can lead to the empty bus moving down to the pick up point for better utilization of the resource.

The logistics of transporting two to three thousand people back and forth from the vine to the festival in just a few hours can be a daunting task. But thanks to the ham operators, it doesn't have to be as daunting as it once was.



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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

The information below was retrieved from the new crime information service that Sierra Madre Police Department is offering to the public. More details on the reported crimes are available at <http://www.crimereports.com>. When the link opens, simply place the cursor on California and a menu of cities that contract for Crimereports.com will appear OR you can type Sierra Madre, CA under "Location.". The menu allows the user to vary the data by week, month, and retrieve it up to the previous 180 days. The site also provides a map which gives viewers a visual as to which area of the city crimes are being reported in.

During the period from February 28, 2010 through March 5, 2010, crime watch reported 13 crimes in Sierra Madre.

ASSAULT - 05 Mar 2010
KERSTING COURT & DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA
Time: 2:46PM Charge: BATTERY

TRAFFIC - 04 Mar 2010
ORANGE GROVE AVE & ORLANDO DR
Time: 3:43PM SUSPENDED/REVOKED DRIVER'S LICENSE

TRAFFIC - 04 Mar 2010
600 BLOCK SIERRA MADRE BLVD
Time: 7:56AM PARKED OVER 72 HOURS

THEFT - 04 Mar 2010
1 BLOCK LIMA
Time: 8:45AM PETTY THEFT

TRAFFIC 03 Mar 2010
RANCHO ROAD & SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD
Time: 1:10PM UNLICENSED DRIVER

TRAFFIC 02 Mar 2010
600 BLOCK SIERRA MADRE
Time: 5:20PM UNLICENSED DRIVER

VEHICLE STOP 02 Mar 2010
BALDWIN AVE & SIERRA MADRE BLVD
Time: 3:51PM TRAFFIC INCIDENT

DRUGS 02 Mar 2010
CARTER AVE & BALDWIN AVE
Time: 1:44AM POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN VEHICLE

BREAKING & ENTERING 01 Mar 2010
700 BLOCK RAMONA
Time: 10:41AM ATTEMPTED RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

COMMUNITY POLICING - 01 Mar 2010
1 BLOCK BALDWIN
Time: 6:54PM FOUND PROPERTY

PROPERTY CRIME - 01 Mar 2010
1 BLOCK BALDWIN - VANDALISM/GRAFFITI

OTHER - 28 Feb 2010
1 BLOCK LAUREL
Time: 12:18PM - FIRE ASSIST

BREAKING & ENTERING - 28 Feb 2010
100 BLOCK GRANDVIEW
Time: 12:14PM - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, February 21, through Saturday, February 27, the Police Department responded to 948 calls for service of which 146 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 21:
Five auto burglaries were reported between 6:00 p.m. on February 20 and 3:30 p.m. on February 21. The burglaries occurred in the 800 and 900 blocks of Hampton, 500 block of Arbolada, 500 block of Alster, and 600 block of Gloria. The cars were either unlocked or the suspect(s) had to smash a car window to steal the property.

2. An injury traffic collision occurred around 5:55 p.m. at Holly and Campus. A vehicle failed to stop for a red traffic signal and another vehicle had to swerve to avoid the collision and ended up crashing into a light pole. An 18-year-old female victim complained of chest pains and was transported to a hospital for medical treatment, and the driver who caused the accident fled the scene.

Monday, February 22:
3. Shortly before 3:00 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at 180 Campus for a seatbelt violation. Five juveniles, between 12 and 13 years of age, were found in the backseat of the Honda Accord, with a juvenile lying on the floor. A 34-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted, and a DMV check revealed that he was never issued a driver's license and he had no insurance. The driver was arrested at the scene and a pre-booking inventory search revealed a baggie of crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine.

4. Around 7:16 p.m., a traffic stop was initiated at Peck and Randolph for an equipment violation. A record check of the 51-year-old male Caucasian driver revealed that he had outstanding misdemeanor warrants. An inventory search of the vehicle prior to impound was conducted and a baggie containing a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine was found underneath a seat. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and outstanding warrants.

Tuesday, February 23:
5. Between noon and 12:45 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 00 block of West Pamela. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear door to enter the home and then stole a large amount of cash, jewelry, and watches.
6. Around 2:36 p.m., officers detained a man riding a homemade moped at Colorado and San Juan. A 28-year-old male Caucasian was detained and a record check revealed that he had a no bail warrant out of Illinois and was taken into custody. Cook County was notified of the arrest and they will extradite.

Wednesday, February 24:
7. A burglary alarm activated in the 600 block of West Woodruff around 11:20 a.m., but the resident cancelled the call with the alarm company thinking that it was a false alarm. The residents returned home later

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 558 service events, resulting in 106 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Domestic Violence / Criminal Threats
On February 18 at 1:15 p.m., an officer responded to a call reporting domestic violence. The victim's live-in boyfriend had struck her, causing visible injury. He then pulled out a knife and stated he would kill her and her child. He left the location before police arrived. Officers were able to speak to him by phone and he stated he would turn himself in, but he did not. A want for his arrest was issued. The victim was issued an emergency protective order. Investigation continuing.

Domestic Battery / Criminal Threats - Suspect Arrested
On February 18 at 2:08 p.m., a victim of domestic violence reported she was struck multiple times by her boyfriend. She has been dating the suspect for five months and was attempting to break off the relationship. They do not live together and do not have children together. The suspect fled after the incident, but continues to harass and threaten the victim. A want for the suspect's arrest and an emergency protective order for the victim were issued. The suspect was later located and arrested.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested
On February 19 at 11:38 p.m., an officer responded to the area of Myrtle and Huntington after a cellphone caller reported a possible drunk driver. The officer located the vehicle and stopped the driver for a vehicle code violation. During the investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence and was arrested.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested
On February 20 at 12:31 a.m., an officer was in the area of Magnolia and Huntington and noticed a vehicle traveling without headlights. She stopped the driver and, during investigation, determined the driver was under the influence. The driver was arrested.

Driving Under the Influence / Traffic Collision
On February 20 at 1:03 a.m., officers responded to a traffic collision. During the investigation, they determined the driver was under the influence. He was taken to the hospital for his injuries. Evidence was collected at the hospital and the investigation is continuing.

Traffic Collision
On February 20 at 5:02 a.m., officers responded to the 300 block of East Foothill on a vehicle collision. During the investigation, officers determined the driver was traveling on Foothill, fell asleep behind the wheel, and struck a parked vehicle.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested
On February 20 at 5:11 a.m., an officer was in the

to find that their home was burgled. A watch and two diamond rings were stolen.

8. Shortly before 11:00 p.m., a traffic stop was made at Santa Anita and Live Oak for a code violation. Officers detected the smell of alcohol on the driver's breath and person, and his speech was slurred. A field sobriety test determined that the 54-year-old male Asian was operating the vehicle while under the influence and was arrested.

Thursday, February 25:
9. A victim came to the station around 8:58 a.m. to file a fraud report. The victim advised that an old acquaintance may have used his personal information to open a credit card account and made over \$7,350 in unauthorized charges, which has since gone to a collection agency.

10. Units responded to the 800 block of West Duarte around 10:11 p.m. in reference to a domestic violence incident that occurred on February 16. The victim advised that during an argument with her husband, he choked her and pushed her to the ground. After the battery, her husband left the scene.

Friday, February 26:
11. Around 12:24 p.m., a victim came to the station to report a fraud. In 2005, unknown suspect(s) used the victim's personal information for unknown means, resulting in an outstanding debt of \$11,380 owed to the Internal Revenue Service.

12. Loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained an elderly woman for theft around 9:43 p.m. The woman was seen switching price tags on merchandise in order to pay a lower price for the item. A private person's arrest was made, and a 70-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Saturday, February 27:
13. Units responded to the 1600 block of Wilson around 4:15 a.m. regarding a suspicious male suspect hovering near some parked vehicles. Officers conducted an area search and found two men in a parked vehicle in the 1600 block of Oakwood. A 26-year-old male African-American driver claimed that he had been sleeping in the vehicle, even though the vehicle's engine was still warm. A 24-year-old male Caucasian passenger was soaking wet and he alleged that he had slept with the car window open. A consent search of the vehicle was conducted and stolen property from several vehicles parked in surrounding areas was recovered. The men were taken into custody for grand theft and receiving stolen property.
14. Around 4:13 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a woman for theft. The suspect used wire cutters to remove price tags and security sensors from merchandise and then concealed them in a Macy's shopping bag. A private person's arrest was made, and a 37-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary and a \$20,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Monrovia Police Blotter

1400 block of South Mountain and saw a vehicle turn onto Mountain without stopping for the stop sign. The officer stopped the driver and, during the investigation, it was determined the driver was under the influence. The driver was arrested.

Vandalism - Suspect Arrested
On February 20 at 5:40 p.m., police received a call from a reporting party who saw a juvenile tagging a tennis court at a park in the 700 block of East Lemon. An officer responded and located the suspect. The suspect was identified and arrested. He was transported to the police station where he was booked and later released to a parent. The reporting party received the \$100 Graffiti Bounty reward for reporting the crime, resulting in the arrest of the suspect.

Grand Theft Auto
On February 20 at 10:42 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of West Olive regarding a vehicle theft. The victim parked her vehicle, a 1993 white Honda Accord, across the street from her residence. She returned to the area where she parked her vehicle approximately three hours later and discovered it was missing. No evidence was located at the scene and the investigation is continuing.

On February 23 at 1:14 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 300 block of South Lincoln regarding a stolen vehicle. The reporting party told the officer his truck was stolen during the night. The vehicle is a black 2005 Dodge truck. Investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary
On February 23 at 2:07 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of West Cypress regarding a burglary. Upon their arrival, the reporting party told them someone broke into her house. The officers cleared the house and found the bathroom window had been broken. The thieves selected several items and left the location through a bedroom window. Investigation continuing.

Child Endangerment / Possession of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested
On February 23 at 2:33 p.m., police received a call from a case worker with the Department of Child and Family Services advising that she had just been talking on the phone with a female who is wanted by Monrovia Police Department for child endangering and possession of controlled substance charges. The female is the subject of a case she is working on and she told the case worker she would be at a location in Monrovia within 15 minutes. Officers responded to the location and were let in, but the female did not show up. The officers left the location. A short time later, dispatch received a call from the female suspect requesting an officer at the location to keep the peace while she picked up some property. Officers responded and this time the suspect did show up. She was arrested and taken into custody.

Alverno Juniors Win Cabrini Literary Guild Awards

Alverno High School junior Nicole Guiltinan has won second place in the Cabrini Literary Guild creative writing contest. Junior Marissa Jones earned honorable mention. The second place award comes complete with a cash prize and both writers will attend a special awards luncheon.

The Cabrini Literary Guild creative writing contest is open to Catholic high school students, and judges entries on originality, development of plot, use of imaginative expressions, unity of composition, coherence, publication potential, characterization, style, and significance of topic. Nicole's winning non-fiction entry was a memoir entitled "Visiting Hours." Marissa's entry was also in the non-fiction category.

"Nicole's personal essay started as an in-class response to a journal prompt," says Alverno English Department Chair Carla Tomaso, who is also the girls' teacher. "How amazing that she came up with such a finished piece of writing filled with terrific imagery, details, insights and emotion."

Nicole says she was surprised when she found that she had come in second. "I was so excited!" she says. "I was proud of my personal essay, and it is really great to be honored in this way."

Nicole, Marissa and their families will be honored at an awards luncheon in April.

The Cabrini Literary Guild was founded in 1943 by a group of women interested in literary discussions. It has grown into an organization with cultural, philanthropic, spiritual and social interests.

Nestled on a 13 acre campus in the foothills of Sierra Madre, Alverno High School is a highly regarded independent, Catholic high school for girls. Its college-prep curriculum and emphasis on leadership attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The school will celebrate the 50th anniversary of preparing young women for the future with a series of events during the 2010-2011 school year.



Alverno's Marissa Jones and Nicole Guiltinan both wrote and won in this year's Cabrini Guild Creative Writing Contest

Winner of Sierra Madre Rotary Music Competition Advances to Regionals

Sierra Madre Rotary participates each year in the Rotary District's Dan Stover Memorial Music Scholarship Competition. This year's local competition was hosted last week at Alverno High School by Ann Gillick, Head of School and Sierra Madre Rotarian. President, Jeffrey Porter and Competition Chair, Carmen Thibault officiated. Three judges, Connie Washburn, Len Hundshamer and Chris Bertrand of this paper, reviewed the competitors, with a unanimous commendation to Monrovia High School senior, Jordan Gutierrez as Sierra Madre winner.



Gutierrez performed Frédéric Chopin's technically and emotionally challenging Fantaisie Impromptu. One of eight children who all study piano, Gutierrez found this competition the catalyst to prioritize music and piano in his future academic plans. College will follow a church mission trip for this talented musician.

The next level competition, to be held in March, has not yet been scheduled. Four finalists will be chosen for the final competition and scholarship award to be given at the Rotary District Meeting in Henderson, NV on Saturday, June 12. They will compete for a \$5,000 first place scholarship and three other scholarships up to \$1,500.

For more information, visit <http://www.district5300.org/stover/music.html> or contact Carmen Thibault at (626) 862-0485.

Youth Volunteer Award Applications Now Available

WASHINGTON, DC → Congressman David Dreier (R→San Dimas, CA) has announced that applications for the annual Youth Volunteer Award are now available. Congressman Dreier has held this event for several years in an effort to recognize the contributions young people have made to their communities through volunteer work. The award is open to all high school students, aged 14-18 residing in the 26th Congressional District.

"I look forward to honoring these young volunteers every year," Dreier said. "It is always exciting and inspiring to see the level of responsibility and commitment they give to our community. Far too often, teenagers are not recognized for the good they do. My goal is to make sure they receive the

recognition they deserve for their efforts."

Applications for the Youth Volunteer Award are available on Congressman Dreier's web site or at his district office located at 510 East Foothill Boulevard, Suite 210, San Dimas. The office can be reached at 909-575-6226 or 888-906-2626. Those interested in applying must complete an application documenting their volunteer service, write a 250-500 word essay describing the benefits of their service to the community, and submit one letter of reference. Following the submission of their application, students will be asked to sit for an informal interview with the Youth Volunteer Award Council. The deadline for completed applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010.

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THE BANGLES IN CONCERT IN PASADENA ON MARCH 13; ALSO, BLIND LIKE SAM

The Bangles, who shot to rock superstardom in the 1980s with hits including "Walk Like An Egyptian," "Eternal Flame," "Manic Monday," "In Your Room," and more are appearing in Pasadena at the Duffy Lewis Gymnasium on the campus of La Salle High School on Saturday, March 13. Proceeds of the concert will go to support activities of the school's Visual and Performing Arts Department.

The women of what is arguably one of the greatest all-female rock bands of all time are Susanna Hoffs (guitar/vocals), Vicki Peterson (guitar/vocals) and Debbi Peterson (drums/vocals). These three original Bangles, who are currently working on a new album, will perform their hits and several new songs for this special event.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Opening the show at 7 p.m. is a favorite local band of Pasadena rockers, Blind Like Sam. They have released their first album, "Bury My Heart." The musicians include Matt Toledo (lead vocals), Tony Landrith (rhythm guitar), Paul Jacques (lead guitar), Chuck Sinner (drums) and Keith Esparros (bass).

La Salle High School is located at 3880 East Sierra Madre Blvd. (at Michillinda), Pasadena, CA 91107.

Tickets for the show are available at the advance sale price of \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and are available by mail order. The application can be obtained by calling (626) 696-4415. Or, it can be downloaded at <http://www.thebangles.com> (click on news) or <http://www.blindlikesam.com>

Should any tickets remain on the day of the event, they will be \$30 each.

It'll be a rockin' good time for a good cause.



Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher are back in Sierra Madre for another year of Huck Finn Fishing. In cooperation with Sierra Madre Civic Club, Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, Sierra Madre Rotary Club, Sierra Madre Interact Club, and the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department, the Community and Personnel Services Department is sponsoring the annual campout and fishing derby for youths ages 3-15 years. Don't miss out on the family fishing portion of Huck Finn on Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday.

REGISTRATION

Camping registrations must be done at the Community and Personnel Services Office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., starting February 2 through March 23. The cost is \$45, which includes campsite, derby contest for 4 kids, and family fishing on Saturday.

For more information, please call the Community and Personnel Services office at (626) 355-5278.



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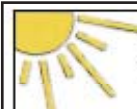
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I have come to discover that "Happy Hour," lasts longer than an hour, or maybe, I need a new

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Last week, I took a trip to Taco Tuesday, at El Torito in East Pasadena. One of my favorite sayings has always been, "Sell to the masses, eat with the classes." There is a sage quality, a Carl Sandburg, inflection to that wispy rhyme. Surely, the owners of El Torito understand the deeper meaning of that maxim. For they consistently offer coupons in the newspaper; and also give customers a 20% bounce back voucher to return and dine. First we discovered the pageantry of Fat Tuesday, now this, Taco Tuesday! Feast upon the sumptuous 99 cent, handmade tacos, make sure you bring your appetite, they are like pistachios, you can't eat just one. The taco station is conveniently located in the bar area for those of us that believe the remote control is sciences' greatest invention. Throw in two beautiful girls that make fresh taco shells right in front of you and you may need an old National Geographic, with a picture of sand and palm trees to appreciate this setting.

Chicken, Carnitas and Beef tacos appear and disappear at a soldier like pace. You want the interactive experience: self service garnishes, such as salsa, slaw and a light guacamole sauce are there for you. Also, on Tuesday Nights, El Torito has (\$3.95) Dos Equis.

Almost brings me back those Spring Break and college days. No worries, the Federales are not going to catch me this time. On this visit, I ordered a side of Guacamole for the freshly made chips, three tacos, and a beer. I was handsomely fed for around (\$15), including the tip. It is the closest deal to being south of the boarder that I have seen in a long time. My one observation, there were kids in the bar. They may be using these kids as workers to keep the cost down? No, they were not working; my lawyer forced me to add that.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It

If there's one issue that begs the question, "Why is this an issue?," it would be the sanctioning of torture by the United States. Since Greg brought it up in his column last week, though, I'll offer my response. (Then in future weeks we'll have an exchange on such controversies as, "Hitler: But didn't he stabilize the Deutschmark?" and "Segregated lunch counters: What's the big deal?") Greg asks us to "remember" when the Obama administration "decided to attempt to prosecute two lawyers," John Yoo and Jay Bybee. We can't remember because it never happened. I remember being disappointed when the new president vowed to "look forward, not backward," but was encouraged when Attorney General Eric Holder announced an investigation under the notion that the Justice Department works independently to enforce the nation's laws, not as a political arm of the White House. Greg complains the DOJ's Office of Professional Responsibility report targeting Yoo and Bybee contains "undefined legal ethical standards" and lacks any "shred of material evidence." I suggest Greg visit www.docstoc.com and read the report. Ethical standards are defined on pages 18-25, followed by 130 pages of material evidence. He says Associate Deputy AG David Margolis offered a review "blasting the investigators' actions, methods and tactics". I found no such "blasting" in Margolis' 69 page cover letter to the OPR report. Instead, Margolis observes that Yoo's "loyalty to his own ideology and convictions clouded his view," and the memos reflected his own "extreme views . . . of executive power" rather than those of the Department of Justice. Margolis concludes that neither Yoo nor Bybee "intentionally or recklessly" imparted inaccurate information, so downgraded their offense from "misconduct" to "poor judgment" in "overstating the certainty of their conclusions and underexposing countervailing arguments". The Office of Legal Counsel provides advice on actions under consideration, but in this case the Administration had been, and continued to be, engaged in criminal activities and went to the OLC to order up something to give cover if/when they got caught. The OPR report relates how DOJ Criminal Division chief Michael Chertoff upset CIA officials by saying he couldn't provide them blanket immunity. John Yoo was summoned to the White House where David Addington, counselor to Vice President Cheney, and White House counsel Alberto Gonzales made clear he'd have to come up with something better. Yoo obliged by adding the opinion that as Commander in Chief during wartime, the president could do as he pleased - and ignore federal laws against torture. Yoo also asserted that since interrogations were meant to protect us from attack, whatever took place could be excused as actions taken in self defense. (Both assertions were dismissed by subsequent legal review before Bush left office.) There was also the need to discredit those "countervailing arguments". Secretary of State Colin Powell was sidelined when he argued that adherence to the Geneva Conventions was vital in protecting our own men and women who fall

into enemy hands. Coalition officers complained that for every civilian released from Abu Ghraib, a score of family members took up arms against us who might otherwise have helped rebuild their country. Philip Zelikow, State Department lawyer under Condoleezza Rice, says Bush sought to destroy all copies of a memo he'd written observing that arguments in the "torture memos" suggest such treatment could "constitutionally be inflicted on American citizens in a county jail." Former General Counsel of the Navy Albert Mora, whose mother was Hungarian and father Cuban, put it this way; "(M)y mother would have killed me if I hadn't spoken up. No Hungarian after Communism, or Cuban after Castro, is unaware that human rights are incompatible with cruelty. The debate here isn't only about how to protect the country. It's how to protect our values."

Aside from Colin Powell, another general who had strong views on the subject asserted that any officer who permitted the mistreatment of anyone in their custody would bring "shame, disgrace and ruin to themselves and their country." He demanded that captives be treated "with humanity, and let them have no reason to complain of us copying the brutal manner of the British Army . . . While we are contending for our own liberty we should be very cautious of violating the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only in this case, are they answerable." (George Washington at Trenton - December 24, 1776) Greg conflates a willingness to torture with a "commitment to win". All civilian aircraft were grounded in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, but Bush allowed Bin Laden's family to fly out of the country without being questioned. Bin Laden cited the presence of Western troops on Arab land as a reason for the attacks. Bush obliged by closing the Prince Sultan air base in Saudi Arabia. Bin Laden hoped to engage the U.S. closer to home; Bush invaded Iraq and brought Al Qaeda to a previously secular country. Bush dismayed his commanders by removing troops from eastern Afghanistan that were on the verge of capturing Bin Laden. But, we tortured - and the media was filled with color-coded warnings of exploding cows and hijacked ferry boats. President Obama ended the practice immediately upon taking office, and answered the request for 20,000 additional troops for Afghanistan that had been ignored for a year by the previous administration, followed by another 30,000 a few months later. Intelligence has been gathered allowing us to decimate Al Qaeda leadership and networks from the Afghan/Pakistani border to Yemen, from Somalia to South Asia, with newly-invigorated support from our allies. The investigations aren't over. It turns out John Yoo's e-mails from the period of the torture memos have been deleted - in clear violation of the Federal Records Act. This, combined with the refusal of David Addington and others to cooperate, led OPR investigators to note, "It remains possible that additional information eventually will surface regarding the CIA program and the military's interrogation programs that might bear upon our conclusions."

GREG Welborn



I HAVE A DREAM

I have a pretty simple dream, one that I think the vast majority of Americans share. I want politicians to stop lying to us. Perhaps that's asking politicians to stop being politicians, but I've always been an optimist. Most Americans are. We want to be treated as responsible adults, told the truth about issues and proposed legislation and then allowed to cast our votes and pester our representatives with our opinions. We don't want lies, misdirection, arrogance or malfeasance from those whom we put in office. We want them to level with us and conduct the people's business with integrity and faithfulness. It's not a lot to ask, and last week there was a glimmer of hope that maybe - just maybe - the D.C. pollywogs get it. Senator Jim Bunning, a former Baseball Hall of Famer now representing Kentucky, put a hold on a measly \$10 billion spending bill until the Senate found a way to pay for it without adding to the deficit. He simply asked his fellow Senators to be honest with the American people about their intentions to be fiscally responsible. Given the current economic crisis, if Congress wants to spend another \$10 billion on something they consider important, he asked them to cut back \$10 billion on something that wasn't as important. Sadly, \$10 billion doesn't seem to be a lot of money these days to politicians, but that was exactly the point Senator Bunning was making. If Congress can't find a way to balance a \$10 billion expenditure by honestly telling the American electorate what trade off needs to be made, then why in the name of all that is holy should we trust them with the full \$3.5 trillion budget?

The good senator received a lot of flak for that stance - from Democrats and some Republicans - but his point was made; a trade off was found, the bill went through and this principled stand has prompted at least one other Congressman to cast the light of truth into an awfully dark corner. At the risk of being pilloried and accused of disrespecting the President of The United States, the ranking representative from Wisconsin stood up at the recent Healthcare summit and straightforwardly laid bare the lies implicit in the President's "new" healthcare bill.

Representative Paul Ryan of Wisconsin is probably one of a small handful of elected officials who have actually read through and analyzed the 2,000-odd pages of the healthcare bill. I'll leave aside for now the sleaziness of the President's intended use of reconciliation to cram his vision of this monstrous bill through congress. The arrogance and disingenuous in this effort is worthy of a book, let alone a weekly article. Instead, let's look at what Representative Ryan found and compare it with the President's explicit promise that "[he] will not sign a plan that adds one dime to our deficits either now or in the future."

The President has claimed that the Congressional Budget Office has determined the bill will actually reduce the deficit by \$131 billion over the next 10 years. Common sense should be sufficient to confirm that no massive government re-ordering of anything would be more efficient and cost less than if the private sector took care of things. But let's look at how this slight of hand is done. First, the bill calls for 10 years of taxes and 10 years of Medicare cuts but covers only 6 years of new spending. If we take the administration at their word, they intend one of two things: 1) healthcare reform will only last 6 years, although we have to pay for it for 10 years, or 2) the new healthcare system envisioned by this plan will in fact continue beyond 6 years but there won't be enough money to pay for it. No matter which way it goes, we're going to add a lot more than a dime to the deficit. Second, the bill takes \$500 billion out of Medicare and \$52 billion out of social security. Perhaps in a technical sense this reduces the deficit caused by

the healthcare bill, but it doesn't do anything for the overall deficit. It simply shifts the deficit to Medicare and Social Security, which are already fiscally imbalanced. The unfunded Medicare liability already stands at \$38 trillion. President Obama wants to add another half a trillion on to Medicare's shoulders and claim that his pet project won't add to our deficit.

Third, the healthcare bill includes a provision to cut payments to doctors by 21% next year. Never mind the fact that Congress has suspended such payment cuts every year for the last seven years. Perhaps it is a truth that President Obama will force or coerce Congress to do to doctors what they have never been willing to do before. If so, there is actually a bigger problem with this approach. There is no assumption in the bill about how many doctors will simply quit practicing medicine when their income is decreased by 21%. Certainly their costs of doing business and their malpractice insurance won't go down accordingly. No, in fact, Medicare's own Chief Actuary has estimated that 20% of the doctors will leave the profession or stop seeing Medicare patients. This would drive that many more people into Obama's new government plan and raise costs even further. No deficit reduction here.

Fourth, Medicare is on record as projecting that the President's intended new medical entitlement will add - not reduce - \$222 billion dollars to healthcare costs in this country. That's \$222 billion that will be forced on to private insurance companies, or will be forced on to insurance policy holders, or, as is more likely, will be forced on to the government's back when people abandon the then more expensive private insurance and sign on to the government's plan.

All of us can agree that the State of The Union Address is not the place to publicly call the President of the United States a liar. Representative Joe Wilson of South Carolina was irreconcilably out of place using that venue to tell the President that he lied. The Healthcare summit is entirely a different matter. The President called the meeting and asked for honest feedback. Representative Ryan remained ever the gentleman and never used that language nor intimated as much. But the sad reality remains the President is lying. In the rub of political debate, every one of us voters has the right to challenge our elected officials and to call them on the carpet when they misrepresent and manipulate. The President is lying about the costs of his plan. More importantly, though, he is lying about his administration's intent to take control of medical decisions out of the hands of the patient. Whatever, the costs of this bill are - and they are monstrous - the most cynical, deceptive and arrogant statement in this whole discussion is the President's assertion that we the people will retain control over our medical decisions.

That is the single most important distinction between the conservative approach and the liberal approach. There can be no room for delusion, deception or deceit about this. I could respect liberals who at least admit this fact and then argue for its necessity. I would disagree with them, but at least I would respect their honesty in straightforwardly putting forth their vision of healthcare. We are in desperate need of truthful politicians. The next several weeks will demonstrate whether my optimism is warranted. *About the author: Gregory J. Welborn is a freelance writer and has spoken to several civic and religious organizations on cultural and moral issues. He lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife and 3 children and is active in the community. He can be reached at gregwelborn@earthlink.net.*

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEPHANIE R. HADEN CASE NO. BP121077

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of STEPHANIE R. HADEN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM WINTER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM WINTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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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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HAIL Hamilton



When you're running for city council in a small town like Sierra Madre your candidacy begins and ends locally. It's people in the community that campaign for a candidate, and its local voters that elect the candidate.

But if you are a serious contender—and I assume you are—here are some tips you might consider.

Tip 1: Be active locally. Join local community organizations like Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs. Be a Shriner and wear a fez. Volunteer at schools, the library and the YAC. Participate in local events, like the upcoming Wisteria festival. These activities are full of future voters. Learn first names; remember faces. It doesn't matter whether you like them or not. You're after votes, not a hot date.

Tip 2: Understand the political process. Know who the shakers and players are.

Network with former officeholder for tips and recommendations. Volunteer for other campaigns and become a political activist. Ask incumbents or past council members for their endorsement. In politics, what you know is not nearly as important as who you know.

Tip 3: Learn issues and skills required for the elected to office. Formulate a campaign message that resonates with voters. Many political party organizations offer support and training for candidates. Check with the state political party to find out what they may offer as far as assistance. Avoid negative campaigning and fear tactics. Run a positive campaign that includes your plans for fixing problems and your vision for the future. A good politician offers voters hope.

Tip 4: Always follow federal, state and local laws regarding elections when running for city council. File timely ethics reports where required and follow rules on filing and campaigning. The Sierra Madre City Clerk can provide this information. The city clerk will gladly help you, especially if you promise to support her next reelection campaign.

Tip 5: Appoint a campaign treasurer and form a campaign committee. The campaign treasurer is responsible for the campaign bank account and filing required election contribution reports. The campaign committee, along with the candidate, raises money. Campaign contributions are the lifeblood of the campaign. Be able to ask for money. But be careful. Keep good records. You don't want to be the first council member forced to resign.

Tip 6: Get a campaign staff. For city council elections, campaign workers are usually volunteers, with perhaps only one paid staff member or political consultant. Regardless of the size of the campaign staff, the candidate must be able to lead the campaign. Pick only people you can trust, that are willing to take the blame if you make a mistake.

Tip 7: Work hard. Running for city council involves long, tiring days full of meeting voters, speaking, walking door-to-door and raising money. Be emotionally, mentally and physically prepared for the challenge. If you take anti-depressants or anti-anxiety medications ask your

psychiatrist to double your dosage.

Tip 8: Get out the vote; get your supporters to the voting booth! Support means little unless it is translated into votes. If this means providing limo transportation, provide it. If it requires an open bar in each car, provide it. Elections are high stakes, winner take all events. As football legend Vince Lombardy said: "Winning isn't the only thing, winning is everything!" This should be your attitude too.

Warning

Spinning the truth or lying does not work; sooner or later you get caught. It's much better to be candid with voters. Say what you mean and mean what you say. If you don't know something or can't answer a question, say so. Voters respect honesty. Don't be one of those politicians who only answer the question they wished they were asked rather than the question they were actually asked. Remember, you're running for Sierra Madre City Council, not auditioning to play the lead in Pinocchio at the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

Good luck to all of you. May the best candidates win!



STUART Tolchin On...LIFE

"When we joined up we were all downhearted and spiritless; now as we go home to visit our folks... our faces are full of fire with eager eyes awaiting the next order. We have no regrets for joining up with the Civilian Conservation Corps—Roosevelt's army of three hundred thousand youthful and strong American citizens."

This quotation is extracted from a newspaper column dated Friday, December 22, 1933 in the Ladysmith Wisconsin News, December 22, 1933.

The column describes the approaching Christmas Holiday for the formerly starving unemployed men who could now go home and celebrate the Christmas holidays with their families "carrying extra poundage and muscle" together with feelings of accomplishment and pride. The era described is the first year of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration as the President attempted to reverse the financial and mental devastation resulting from the Great Depression of 1929. The author of the article is my father who was a foreman in the C.C.C. camp.

I've thought a lot about my father this week. The hundredth anniversary of his birth was yesterday and the times we are facing seem much like the times he faced in 1933. About 25 years later my father faced the loss of his eyesight and the great adventure of my early Twelfth year was that I was able to go into the DMV office and memorize the Eye chart and then go over the chart and its rows with my father. After just a few minutes of study he memorized the chart. My father renewed his license and passed the vision test with no questions asked and family tragedy was averted. The most frightening thing I remember from those

years is being a passenger with my father as he drove in the right lane under the tunnel near LAX. I guess the dark-light accommodation ability of his eyes were already impaired so the only way he could navigate the tunnel was to stay in the right lane and bear slightly to the right. As the right side of the car touched the curb he would make a slight adjustment and continue in the right lane until we exited the tunnel.

After that I took over the driving and would accompany my father as he took the orders from his customers. This all sounds impossible but it went on for years through Junior High School and much of High School. Our work day began at 5: 00a.m downtown and I was back in North Hollywood for the beginning of the School day at 9:00a.m. After school I, along with my grandmother would write up the next day's orders. Sometimes I would complain that I had Homework to do and I couldn't help. My father, who was an immigrant from Russia and had never gone to School, would say things like, "You've been in School all day and you say you still haven't finished your work. You're not that stupid!"

I know this all sounds incongruous. How could my father have never gone to School and still write in the paper when he was in the CCC camp? Furthermore, he wrote in the military paper when he was in the Army in the 1940's. Actually, when he came to America at about the age of twelve he was placed in the low fourth grade. The school he went to was attended mostly by African-Americans (different names were used back then) and relatives made fun of the way my father was speaking English. After completing the fourth grade semester, the story I was told was that he changed the grade on his report card to an 8 and made up a phony address and went to the eighth grade in another school at which he learned a kind of English that sounded like the English

Americans—We'll Handle It Just Like MY Dad Did

his relatives spoke. That was his total academic education.

What now is that I am taking my son to the same Jules Stein Eye Clinic which treated my father and it's tough. My father eventually went blind but somehow my friends and I taught my mother to drive and she drove my father and acted as his secretary and the blindness was kept secret for years and the family survived. I ran away to

Berkeley and came back to Los Angeles for Law School and tried to help out when I could. We survived and life went on and my father retired at about my age. Even though these last weeks with my son have been very difficult no matter what happens with his eyes my family and I will handle it even though I'm feeling a little weak right now.

Similarly, we Americans, just like the Americans of the thirties, will handle it probably with an eventual recognition of our accomplishments and strength. I just hope it happens fast!



Al Tolschin



RICH Johnson

Well, these important ladies and gentlemen surrounding me in this wonderful newspaper tend to talk about serious and important stuff. So, as many of you know, I prefer to counterbalance their necessary and useful information with unnecessary and relatively unimportant stuff. This is done in the hopes of lifting your spirits and those around you in these difficult times.

Before I delve into the world of useless information let me share a profound quote from a French writer named Colette who is best known for her play and film, "Gigi."

She said, "I've had such a wonderful life. Too bad I didn't realize it sooner." Let that sink in and then react accordingly.

Now, onto a cornucopia of useless information.

Who was the first primetime television couple to be shown in bed together? Fred and Wilma Flintstone

What was the first novel ever written on a typewriter? Tom Sawyer

Are there any national monuments that move? Yes, San Francisco Cable Cars

What do you get when you multiply 111,111,111 times 111,111,111? 12,345,678,987,654,321. (I tested this one)

What do bulletproof vest, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? They were all invented

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Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
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Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge

Finally, if you missed the wonderful play, Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz at the Sierra Madre Playhouse, it is back by popular demand. Performances will be at 2:00 pm on three Saturdays, March 20, 27 and April 3. This play transforms the kids in the audience into munchkins complete with costumes and activities. Call 355-4318 for reservations.

Letter To The Editor

PARCEL TAX?

Pasadena Unified School District(PUSD) is at it again. Another ballot measure to raise our taxes. Haven't we had enough tax increases? In the past 2 years we have had a User Utility Tax (UUT) imposed; our personal income tax has increased ; our sales tax has increased; vehicle license fees (taxes) have increased; and Measure TT unfortunately passed which was another tax. PUSD says this is to save the schools and the progress they have made over the past few years. They say that they have cut enough already and they can't cut any more or the students and teachers will be in jeopardy. Well, we can't cut our budgets any more either to pay more and more taxes. Does PUSD really understand that we are in a deep recession and there is a slow-down of unending funds coming from the State and Federal Government? And that we are all hurting? And that we have to live on our incomes and within our budgets? Oh, I'm sorry, there appears to be lots of money coming from the Federal Government to save government jobs, but not to save private industry jobs. And on top of this, they hired a consultant to analyze how this measure would do if it was voted on by the people! How much did that cost us?

Stop taxing us citizens or we aren't going to have any money left either. Then what are they going to do? This Measure will add about another \$120 to each household's property tax per year for 5 years, at least. And this Measure only pertains to property owners. What about all of the citizens in the 3 cities affected pay their fare share? There are approximately 200,000 people living in Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre. Instead

of the 59,000 property owners paying this tax, what about the other people? Let's all share in this burden if it has to be.

Like any other government organization, PUSD has already made the scare tactic presentation. They are suggesting they will have to close libraries, eliminate summer schools, eliminate athletic events, reduce or eliminate college courses, reduce counselors, reduce maintenance, and the list goes on and on. Here are some suggestions that they might consider: 1. How about a user tax for those people who use the library, who participate in athletic events, who go to summer school, who take college prep courses, etc? 2. How about a tax in the PUSD that everyone pays, not just the property owners? 3. How about increasing the number of students in each classroom which may mean laying off some teachers and other staff for a while? Thousands of private companies and businesses have done that to cut back. 4. How about closing some schools temporarily, since the student population appears to be reducing in numbers? 5. How about just taking a good hard look at what you can do "outside the box" instead of just adding another tax to us citizens.

I suggest to all property owners to take a good hard look at your property tax bill. Look at the Voted Indebtedness and the Direct Assessment sections. I say enough is enough. When this Measure comes up in the May election, I know I will be voting NO!

Pat Holland, Sierra Madre

THE SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED PARCEL TAX AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 10th 6:30 pm
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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



Cassini Finds Plethora of Plumes, Hotspots at Enceladus

Newly released images from last November's swoop over Saturn's icy moon Enceladus by NASA's Cassini spacecraft reveal a forest of new jets spraying from prominent fractures crossing the south polar region and yield the most detailed temperature map to date of one fracture.

The new images from the imaging science subsystem and the composite infrared spectrometer teams also include the best 3-D image ever obtained of a "tiger stripe," a fissure that sprays icy particles, water vapor and organic compounds. There are also views of regions not well-mapped previously on Enceladus, including a southern area with crudely circular tectonic patterns.

Images and additional information are online at:

<http://ciclops.org>
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"Enceladus continues to astound," said Bob Pappalardo, Cassini project scientist at JPL. "With each Cassini flyby, we learn more about its extreme activity and what makes this strange moon tick."

For Cassini's visible-light cameras, the Nov. 21, 2009, flyby provided the last look at Enceladus's south polar surface before that region of the moon goes into 15 years of darkness, and includes the most detailed look yet at the jets.

Scientists planned to use this flyby to look for new or smaller jets not visible in previous images. In one mosaic, scientists count more than 30 individual geysers, including more

than 20 that had not been seen before. At least one jet spouting prominently in previous images now appears less powerful.

"This last flyby confirms what we suspected," said Carolyn Porco, imaging team leader based at the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colo. "The vigor of individual jets can vary with time, and many jets, large and small, erupt all along the tiger stripes."

A new map that combines heat data with visible-light images shows a 25-mile segment of the longest tiger stripe, known as Baghdad Sulcus. The map illustrates the correlation, at the highest resolution yet seen, between the geologically youthful surface fractures and the anomalously warm temperatures that have been recorded in the south polar region. The broad swaths of heat previously detected by the infrared spectrometer appear to be confined to a narrow, intense region no more than half a mile wide along the fracture.

In these measurements, peak temperatures along Baghdad Sulcus may be higher than minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit. These warm temperatures probably result from heating of the fracture flanks by the warm, upwelling water vapor that propels the ice-particle jets seen by Cassini's cameras. Cassini scientists will be testing this idea by investigating how well the hot spots correspond with the jet sources.

"The fractures are chilly by Earth standards, but they're a cozy oasis compared to the numbing minus 370 degrees Fahrenheit of their surroundings," said John Spencer, a composite infrared spectrometer team member based at



Cassini swoops down to within about 100 kilometers of Rhea to "sniff" the moon. Particle and fields instruments will try to determine what is coming off Rhea. The last targeted flyby of Rhea happened in November 2005.

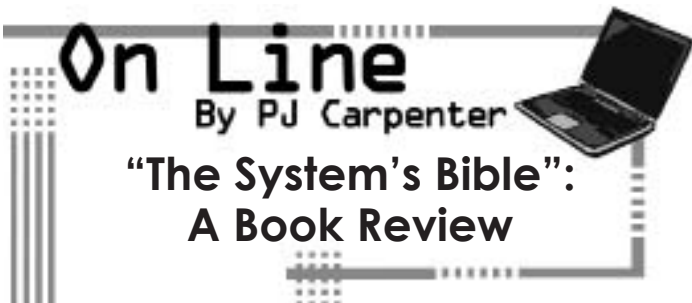
Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo. "The huge amount of heat pouring out of the tiger stripe fractures may be enough to melt the ice underground. Results like this make Enceladus one of the most exciting places we've found in the solar system."

Some of Cassini's scientists infer that the warmer the temperatures are at the surface, the greater the likelihood that jets erupt from liquid. "And if true, this makes Enceladus'

organic-rich, liquid sub-surface environment the most accessible extraterrestrial watery zone known in the solar system," Porco said.

The Nov. 21 flyby was Cassini's eighth targeted encounter with Enceladus. It took the spacecraft to within about 1,000 miles of the moon's surface.

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"The System's Bible" is the third edition of a work entitled "Systemantics: How Systems Really Work and How They Fail" by John Gall. This tongue-in-cheek text has enjoyed semi-cult status since its release in 1978, and part of its techy charm lies in trying to guess the degree of seriousness and insight that lay just behind the concepts presented for the readers' perusal. Although large, commercially-available computer systems and the pre-deployment planning efforts that are necessary for their implementation seem to be the main focus of the examples provided to illustrate and illuminate the authors' findings, just about any person who has had prolonged exposure to a large-scale system of any kind would come to the quick consensus of the universal applications of these principles.

The primary grist for this work seems to be the applied science known as General Systems Theory. GST essentially posits that everything is a system and everything is part of a larger system. It uses these theses to examine how these interconnected components cooperate as a cohesive unit to achieve some result, either for pre-programmed ends or the ends of a larger over-system. The study of Systemantics takes these points even further and states that once a system is created, it invariably takes on a life of its own and, in a fair number of cases, establishes its own ends, often with surprising results. If this premise sounds a little batty to you keep in mind that the title of this tome, "Systemantics", is

itself a play on the phrase "SYSTEMs display ANTICS" which is sometimes the only logical explanation that can be given by the experts as to why a particular system is or isn't working.

Systemantics' first law (The Primal Scenario) states that Systems in general work poorly or not at all. Given the incredible amount of human energy expended toward the establishment of various types of systems to cover various types of scenarios, it does often seem that humans as a species prefer the predictable illusion of control provided by systems implementation to the unpredictable nature of free-range chaos. The devil we know....

The text itself is filled with many such laws that have scholarly-sounding names. "The Operational Fallacy" states that the system itself does not actually do what it says it's doing, while the "Functionary's Falsity" claims that people in systems do not actually do what the system says they are doing. Driving the point of manufactured reality home, "The Fundamental Law of Administrative Workings" (F.L.A.W.) states that things are what they are reported to be and that the system takes as a given that things are as reported, regardless of their true state of affairs.

"Systemantics" (in any of its editions) can be found through most major book dealers, although it will most likely have to be ordered. It can also be found at www.generalsystemantics.com.

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Djibril N'Doye Works Featured

Sierra Madre artist, Djibril N'Doye, has been honored as a featured artist at two Sierra Madre locations simultaneously this year. At the Creative Arts Group, 108 N. Baldwin, N'Doye's show, which opened February 12, will continue through March 30.

On February 27, his one artist show at Sierra Madre City Hall kicked off with a well attended opening reception. His works are displayed in the central office of Sierra Madre City Hall at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information visit the artist's website at www.DjibrilNDoye.com or call 1-877-D J I B R I L.



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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

Seniors Getting Married?

Financial Questions To Discuss

Even for seniors, the decision to marry or remarry is based primarily on romance and compatibility. However, seniors face many issues that younger couples do not, mostly because seniors have acquired more assets, and have a prior family history.

If you're a senior thinking about taking the plunge, make sure that you and your partner discuss important questions such as these:

Where will you live? It is likely both of you own a home. Studies show that sometimes tensions can rise if one spouse moves into the home of the other. One idea is to buy home together. Depending on the adaptability of one or both, it might be possible to move into one or another's home. Perhaps a mutual redecorating can allow for a blending of preferences. Partners in love should want to discover that which is important to a potential spouse and desire to incorporate those elements into this joint home.

Should you merge your existing assets, or keep them separate? Your children might fear for their inheritance if you title everything jointly. They might be concerned that your new spouse will run off with all the assets, or get most of them in a divorce. Even if there is no divorce, your interest in the property will go to your spouse if you die first and the property is held in joint tenancy with right of survivorship (JTWROS), or tenancy by the entirety (TBE). Another view is that "it's your life and you should live it the way you want." On one hand, deciding on the ownership of assets before marriage may be a very respectful and proper thing to do. However, depending on the personalities involved, it can be divisive. Marriage must balance the wondrous merging of two lives and complete commitment to each other with common sense. Sometimes the act of holding back and making a clear distinction of what's mine and what's yours can indicate a lack of commitment. This is a difficult thing to decide and will vary with the people involved.

How should you title assets purchased after the marriage? Again, holding property in JTWROS or TBE means the survivor takes all. Titling property as "tenants in common"

will not allow this to happen.

Before you say "I do," know exactly how your marriage will affect any benefits you are receiving such as Social Security, pensions, and health benefits. Remarriage may not terminate these benefits if you qualified for them in your own right, but they may cease if you were eligible because of your former spouse. A visit with the appropriate government offices would be wise. If you are receiving alimony, these payments will likely cease upon remarriage.

Also, visit with your attorney about the need for a nuptial agreement. These agreements can designate the property each party brings to the marriage, and whether the other person is entitled to such property or its appreciation in value. They can also determine how after-acquired property will be handled, and the rights each party has in the event of divorce, or the death of the other person. This may be a positive move as it recognizes and respects the ownership of assets acquired over a lifetime or it may not be relevant depending on the kind of relationship that exists and the status of children.

After your marriage, you will want to make a few changes in some important documents. You will probably want to provide for your new spouse in your will. Also look at life insurance policies, powers of attorney, IRAs, and retirement plan beneficiary designations. These changes often require a visit to an attorney to avoid unwanted tax consequences, and to ensure the designations you make are part of a coordinated plan.

Above all, talk about it openly with your prospective spouse. Open communication is essential to making a new marriage work. You can reach 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, helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. www.LASeniorMortgage.com

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: Keeping Your Memory Sharp

Forgetfulness can be a normal part of aging. As people get older, changes occur in all parts of the body, including the brain. As a result, some people may notice that it takes longer to learn new things, they don't remember information as well as they did, or they lose things like their glasses. These usually are signs of mild forgetfulness, not serious memory problems.

Some older adults also find that they don't do as well as younger people on complex memory or learning tests. Scientists have found, though, that given enough time, healthy older people can do as well as younger people do on these tests. In fact, as they age, healthy adults usually improve in areas of mental ability such as vocabulary

People with some forgetfulness can use a variety of techniques that may help them stay healthy and maintain their memory and mental skills. Here are some tips that can help:

Plan tasks, make "to do" lists, and use memory aids like notes and calendars. Some people find they remember things better if they mentally connect them to other meaningful things, such as a familiar name, song, book, or TV show.

Develop interests or hobbies and stay involved in activities that can help both the mind and body.

Engage in physical activity and exercise. Several studies have associated exercise (such as walking) with better brain function, although more research is needed to say for sure whether exercise can help to maintain brain function or prevent or delay symptoms of Alzheimer's. Limit alcohol use. Although some studies suggest that moderate alcohol use has health benefits, heavy or binge drinking over time can cause memory loss and permanent brain damage.

Find activities, such as exercise or a hobby, to relieve feelings of stress, anxiety, or depression. If these feelings last for a long time, talk with your doctor.



Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 or Darlene Traxler at (626) 355-0256 for more information.

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MONTHLY EXCURSIONS:

The City of Sierra Madre whale watching excursion that was to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 will be canceled due to weather forecasts. The excursion will be rescheduled for Saturday,

Recipe of the Week: CHICKEN IN A POT

INGREDIENTS:

1 chicken about 3 3/4 lb trussed
2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tbsp all-purpose flour
1 cup chicken stock
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
12 oz baby carrots
2 peeled leeks thickly sliced
2 cups hard apple cider
1 bouquet garni
(1 celery stalk, 4 thyme sprigs, 4 parley sprigs tied)
12 ounces baby new potatoes, scrubbed/unpeeled
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 325°F (160°C). Using kitchen twine, tie the chicken drumsticks together. Tie twine across the breast to secure the wings down. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole over medium heat. Add the chicken and brown on all sides. Transfer to a plate. Sprinkle flour into the casserole and stir for 2 minutes over low heat until barely browned. Stir in the cider and stock, and bring to a boil.

Return the chicken to the casserole, breast-side up. Add the bouquet garni and salt and pepper to taste. Cover and bake for 1 1/4 hours. Add the carrots, potatoes, and leeks. Return to the oven and bake for about 40 minutes more, or until the juices run clear when pierced.

Transfer the chicken to a carving board. Let stand for 10 minutes. Discard the bouquet garni. Carve the chicken, return to the pot, and sprinkle with parsley. Serve hot.

March Birthdays



Ella Guttman,Santos Ruiz, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Georgina 'Snooky' Greger, Cheryl Lynn Hipperson, Helen Wallis, Dorothy Webster,

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:
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandy. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.
Tuesday:
2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon
3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information
Wednesday:
11 -11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve

balance & refresh the joints
2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.
Thursday:
1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information
Friday:
1:00 pm: Ping Pong
Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

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.

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Join us on April 30 for the 2010 Successful Aging Conference to get practical information and resources that will help you plan ahead and get the most out of life. In this free conference, you'll learn about topics such as:

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What: 2010 Successful Aging Conference
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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them* Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Casa de Paz y Bien: A place to recapture your personal peace.



Chris Bertrand

a 25 acre, Phoenix area retreat facility chosen by the group that invited her.



Casa de Paz Y Bien, the Franciscan Renewal Center locally known as merely "The Casa" was the place they had in mind. It translates to the Home of Peace and Wellbeing. Back in 1951, the Franciscan religious order purchased the Kachina Lodge for a Renewal Center, slowly transforming it into a real treasure in the Scottsdale desert. Miller reflected, "It takes a bit of time to acclimate to the utter simplicity of the place: spare, unadorned and seemingly unchanged for half a century. When we had all gathered as a group, the beauty of the desert was revealed. This is nature's emptiness. Exquisite in its own way, and waiting for you to appreciate it with the clarity of your own attention. It's the kind of place you could pass by without ever noticing. But everyone left enraptured, as if they'd never seen anything quite like it."

After our time at the Casa, even my writing background couldn't put words to our profound and moving time in the Sonoran desert. Initially, I found myself unsettled by walking alone in this bit of desert. Even though it's surrounded these days by civilization on all four sides, walking by myself here was so unlike anything else I ever experienced. Growing up a city kid in Chicago, I've had the opportunity to lived in many climates and regions... San Diego,

Seattle, San Francisco and now Los Angeles, but never in the desert. Nothing could be more foreign to me: seemingly inhospitable vegetation, the expansive desert horizon, prickly, spiky plants, minimal color most of the year, the bare rocky hills and impressive craggy profiles of the nearby Camelback and Mummy Mountains. What happened? Somehow, I was changed by stepping into the emptiness of the desert and came away filled, sated. I walked slowly, allowing the intense, powerful quiet to soothe my soul and recharge it.

12th century St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan religious order that guides The Casa, was known to be full of song, making a deep impression upon those within hearing distance. Another Francis is at work here with St. Francis' work. Francis Pacyga ministers in his own way here at The Casa, as do a dozen other gardening ministry volunteers. He says his time there just bubbles up song when he works in the garden, in the spirit of St. Francis. Pacyga first found The Casa as a place to attend church on Saturday evenings, the only time his work schedule would allow. Soon after, trials and tribulations set in, and The Casa became a spiritual anchor, a place to recover and heal from hip replacement, his mother's death and a job loss. Trained in agriculture and horticulture, he now gives back to The Casa with his horticultural talents and experience by refurbishing and refreshing the landscape. He found a neglected inner courtyard a good place to start, removing a tree in a tight space where they couldn't get a Caterpillar tractor. Eventually Pacyga pared it down to a stump but still couldn't fit it through the courtyard door. More effort reduced it again, finally to a size two men could muscle through the door. The staff were amazed that one person tackled this seemingly insurmountable project bit by bit.

Sharon Taszarek, volunteer coordinator, commented that with only one full time landscape employee, they could never maintain their 25 acres without the help of these dedicated volunteers who not only prune and maintain the open desert area and trails, they care for the roses, flowers and especially the Healing Garden in the northwest corner of the center.

About seven years ago, according to Taszarek, the Healing Garden was in particularly dire disrepair. The volunteers started there, building paths, planting vines and vegetables every Tuesday morning. One volunteer proudly transplanted some of his prized irises from his Martha's Vineyard summer home to The Casa's healing garden. Another works in the roses almost every morning. Along the way they developed a special connection to the retreatants that adds to The Casa's camaraderie and soul.

Throughout the acreage there are many spots a quiet spot to be alone, to sit on a bench in this place of solace, "to evaluate one's direction in life, spend time away from the hustle and bustle of a busy world, and to withdraw from ordinary time for a period of reflection" according to The Casa literature. "Truly a fertile ground in so many ways," according to Pacyga.

The stone labyrinth at the Casa follows an ancient circular template used in many differing world cultures and most religions, a "concentric circular path with no possibility of going astray." Something seeming so simple... following a rounded

path delineated by desert stones might appear simplistic. Yet, it's simplicity and routine, especially surrounded by others on the same path does seem to clear, open and somehow refresh the mind. The Casa offers a full catalog of retreats of all kind and welcomes a wide variety of nonprofit religious, educational governmental and humanitarian groups. Their meeting rooms accommodate up to



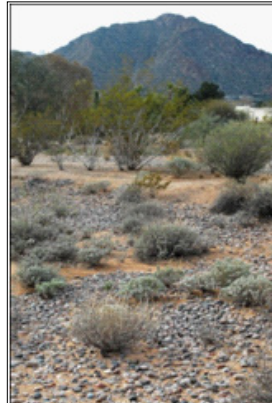
Karen Miller meditates on the center's stone labyrinth



Francis Pacyga, horticulturist, is among a dozen in the gardening ministry.

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The Franciscan Renewal Center is located at 5802 East Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona. For more information, call 480-948-7460 or visit their website www.TheCasa.org.



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by Luther Tsinoglou

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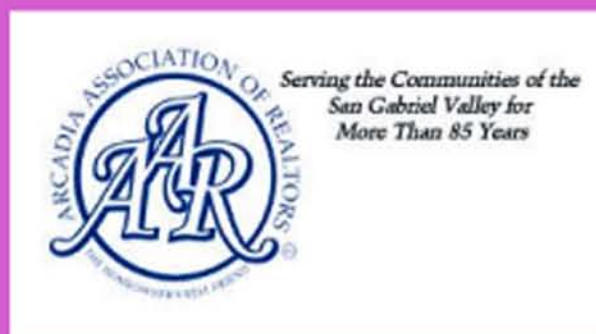
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