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Municipal Election



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.

Candidate Eagle Bill Tice

From the Editor: Bill Tice, after receiving the request to submit a 300 word response to the questions above, indicated his inability to do so in writing but agreed to discuss the matters with me in person. A summary of Tice's remarks is below.

"I Am Running Because It Is Fun and Because People Listen To Me"

Many people in Sierra Madre who know Bill Tice often underestimate him. A former Tree Commissioner who has been a resident of Sierra Madre for most of his adult life, Eagle Bill has decided for the fourth time to run for a City Council seat. "I love this city. I would be a dedicated councilman", says Tice in an interview during the last campaign. A man of strong convictions, he does not espouse a platform steeped in the usual Sierra Madre controversies. On development his response is simple, "I like the town the way it is". He does feel strongly, however, that some things, like the old youth center which sits abandoned, can be put to better use. "If I am elected, I would like to see that turned into an orphanage for Haitian children."

Tice also feels, like several of the other candidates, that changes must be made in the way the council operates. Once a frequent visitor to the microphone at council meetings, wants more civility among the council members and the audience.

Eagle Bill Tice

Tice takes any criticism of him in stride. "When I am away, they miss me." He credits himself with being one of the residents who started the campaign against 1 Carter. In fact, it was that protest that earned him the nickname of "Eagle" Bill. During the protest he gave other like minded citizens an Eagle pin, a symbol to remind people of the wildlife habitat that would be destroyed. Although he does not like raising taxes, he supported the User Utility Tax.

A very spiritual man, Tice and his wife Yoko have resided in the city since 1979. They raised two sons in Sierra Madre. He says marriage and family make you pause for reflection. While speaking of his religious beliefs he added, "I'd like to see prayer at the council meetings."

Tice very much wants the public to know that he is a devout Christian and that his religion comes before anything else. 'Eagle' Bill Tice is running his own campaign without any frills. For additional information contact him at 626-355-4678.

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Candidate John Crawford

From the Editor: A communique was simultaneously sent to each candidate asking them to answer the questions listed above in order to give readers of this paper a better understanding of why they were running and exactly what they wanted to accomplish if elected in 300 words or less. Mr. Crawford chose not to answer the specific questions as requested, therefore, no profile will be listed.

REVISED MV NEWS ELECTION COVERAGE

Next Week:

Candidate Nancy Walsh

April 3rd

Candidate Pat Alcorn

April 10th

Candidate Josh Moran

IMPORTANT DATES:

(Per the City Clerk)

March 15-April 6

Voters May Request Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Regular Applications

March 23rd

Last Day to Mail Sample Ballots and Polling Place Notices

March 29th

Last Day to Register to Vote

TBA

Last Day To Return Vote By Mail Ballots

APRIL 13, 2010

ELECTION DAY

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.

Cheaper To Keep Them?

Initial Proposals for LA County Sheriff and Pasadena PD Are \$\$\$

Several months ago, as part of the council's scrutiny of the Sierra Madre budget, staff was directed to send out Request For Proposals for the contracting out of police services. Currently, police services account for 51% of the city's General Fund expenses.

Requests were sent to the Arcadia Police Department, which declined the invitation to participate; the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Pasadena Police Department.

Many residents had expressed support for the idea of contracting out due to concerns for rising personnel costs and the cost of litigation. The city recently settled one lawsuit for approximately \$25,000 with an officer who objected to his locker being searched by Marilyn Diaz, Chief of the SMPD.

The department, which operates with a staff of 37, including 14 volunteers, provides 24 hour a day, 7 days a week service to the residents of Sierra Madre. Of the proposals submitted, neither the County nor the Pasadena PD could provide that level of service and accessibility for less than what the city is spending now.

The Pasadena Police Department submitted a proposal with three different scenarios. The first was for full police services, 5 additional positions. However, there would be a reduction of the hours that the SMPD Station would be open. There would be no graveyard public hours and the cost would be over \$2 million dollars more.

The second proposal by PPD called for fewer positions (20) with Sierra Madre as a 'service area' with reduced station hours. In addition, many needed services would be billed separately. Without including the added billing, the cost would be an increase of more than \$1.1 million dollars.

The third PPD proposal was the only one that could possibly lower the expense (a possible reduction of \$400,000), but, that option also has separate billable costs that are not included. Under option 3, Sierra Madre would become an extension of the East Pasadena service area with limited public access to the Sierra Madre station.

The County Sheriff's Department was not much different. For 28 positions and full services, the basic cost would be approximately \$300,000 more and the station would only be open from 6 am to 10 pm.

The county's second option would operate on a level equivalent to the city's current schedule (24/7 and would include 23 sworn personnel and 8 civilians (not including the Code Enforcement Officer), at a significant increase (approximately \$1 million dollars more, and like the Pasadena proposal, would have additional billable costs.

The proposals were both preliminary, referred to as Phase I. For a more thorough analysis, or to move forward to a Phase II proposal, Sierra Madre would have to pay \$25,000.

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Preliminary Proposal - First Year					
Sierra Madre	Pasadena Option 1	PAS Option 2	PAS Option 3	LA Cty Sheriff A	LA Cty Sheriff B
23 Positions	28 Positions	20 Positions	12 Positions	28 Positions	33 Positions
24hrs day/7 days a week					
	Full Police Services	SM Service Area	East Serv. Area	Full Services	Full Services
	Reduction of Hours	Admin Services	Admin Services	7 days/16 hours	7 days/24 hours
	No Public Graveyard	Billed Separately	Billed Separately	SM Station 6am - 10pm	Additional Costs
	Hours	Reduced Hours	Limited Station Use		
\$3,642,276	\$5,741,040	\$ 4,799,890	\$ 3,243,571	\$3,956,461	\$4,595,895

Figures taken from Staff Report - Schedule 1 dated March 9, 2010

2nd Candidate Forum Held

From left to right: Incumbents Watts and Mosca, Candidates Pat Alcorn, John (aka Sir Eric) Crawford, Josh Moran, Nancy Walsh and Bill Tice. The complete forum will be available soon at www.mtnviewsnews.com

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club sponsored its bi-annual candidates forum. In attendance were all of the seven contenders for the three open council seats. The overall tone was civil, despite a few direct barbs among and between the candidates.

The event began with a welcome from Kiwanis President Susan Henderson. The forum was moderated by Kiwanian and Former Sierra Madre Mayor Clem Bartolai. The format consisted of a two minute opening and closing statement from each candidate and questions submitted from the audience.

In their opening remarks, the candidates appeared to be aligned along three distinct schools of thought.

Watts, Crawford and Alcorn appeared to believe the city's top priority was autonomy from regional agencies and were clearly anti-development. Candidates Mosca, Moran and Walsh, while expressing concerns about maintaining the city's small town environment and autonomy, put a greater emphasis on managing the city's finances. Walsh noted that identifying new revenue sources for the city should be a top priority. Bill Tice maintained his independence of thought from all the other candidates and reminded the audience of his religious convictions. He also stated his desire to turn the old youth center into an orphanage for Haitian children.

There were a few noteworthy moments during the hour and half forum. Candidate Pat Alcorn told the audience that she was not part of any slate and would be an independent vote if elected. Nancy Walsh, who put emphasis of the city's need to seek new sources of revenue, responded to an inquiry about an unflattering campaign 'hit' article by John Crawford on his blog by noting that she doesn't "read that Blog nor the Enquirer".

All candidates were asked about receiving contributions from outside Sierra Madre or from PAC's (Political Action Committee's) and all, except Bill Tice, indicated that the only funds from outside the city they had received were from relatives and/or friends. Bill Tice, however, brought the house down with laughter when he replied, "No, but I'm open!".

When queried about their commitment to the community, Watts, Mosca, Alcorn, Moran and Walsh gave a brief synopsis of their volunteer efforts, each having served on a number of committees or in a number of civic organizations.

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2010 WISTARIA FESTIVAL - Sierra Madre At Its' Best



Photos by Dean Lee/MVNews Staff

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce's Annual Wistaria Festival drew thousands of residents and visitors to town on Sunday. Over 150 exhibitors, including most Sierra Madre Community Organizations filled the streets along Sierra Madre Boulevard and North Baldwin Avenue.

Shuttle buses escorted over a thousand people to see the historic Wistaria Vine on N. Hermosa and hundreds made the pilgrimage by foot. The event showcases Sierra Madre at its best and the weather this year was perfect. There was loads of fun for the young and old.

Creative Arts Group Presents: 2010 Art Of The Garden



This Japanese Farmhouse built in 1913 and its gardens have recently undergone a meticulous seven-year restoration by the current owners. Boulders are from the Yuba River in Northern California and plant material indigenous to Japan are featured.

CAG Celebrates 50 years with their Signature Tour, Art of the Garden

In 1960, around the time many Southern California elementary and junior-high schools were discontinuing arts classes because of declining school funding, a group of Pasadena and Arcadia-area parents, some but not all of them artists themselves, decided that they needed to take their kids' arts education into their own hands. Combining their talents, some of their own hard-earned money and a bit of fundraising experience, they created the nonprofit Foothill Creative Arts Group on North Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre.

Today, "CAG," as it's known informally, is celebrating its 50th year and is still carrying out the mission its founders laid down: providing a friendly and nurturing environment in which people of all ages, ethnicities and economic backgrounds can discover creative self-expression and develop an understanding and appreciation of others through the arts. On-site classes in everything from ceramics and drawing to jewelry-making and sculpture are CAG's primary offerings, but the organization also houses the Jameson Gallery, where the work of faculty artists is exhibited and offered for sale. The group also provides special arts classes for students at Sierra Madre School and puts on several annual community arts events.

In recent years, one of the most popular of those events has been the group's annual garden-tour fundraiser, which for the past eight years has focused on residential gardens in Pasadena, South Pasadena and San Marino neighborhoods. Happily for garden lovers, this area will be the focus again this year, when the "Art of the Garden" tour is held Sunday, April 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each year, the tour features stunning gardens showcasing the work of our most talented landscape architects and designers. This year's tour features gardens surrounding a 1929 Monterey Colonial home designed by noted architect Roland Coate, a Japanese Farmhouse built in 1913 that has undergone a meticulous seven-year restoration by the current owners, a classic traditional English garden with gardens designed for entertaining, and a California

Traditional home inspired by Roland Coate's work with elements of English Soanean Regency design featuring a newly created English garden. To purchase or reserve tickets or for more information, call Creative Arts Group at 626 355-8350 or visit the office and gallery at 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 if purchased the day of the event. All funds are used to support CAG's educational and community-service programs.

WHO:

CREATIVE ARTS GROUP
108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-835

CONTACTS:

Jacki Raymond 626-355-8350
Executive Director

Jacquie Pergola 626-627-4903
Garden Tour Chair

WHAT:

Featured on the Art of the Garden Tour are four stunning gardens showcasing the work of our most talented landscape architects and designers. The gardens include:

- 1) A Japanese Farmhouse and gardens built in 1913 that has undergone a meticulous seven-year restoration by the current owners
- 2) Gardens surrounding a 1929 Monterey Colonial home designed by noted architect Roland Coate
- 3) A classic traditional Colonial Manor with gardens designed for entertaining, and
- 4) A California Traditional home inspired by Roland Coate's work with elements of English Soanean Regency design featuring a newly created English garden

WHEN:

Sunday, April 18, 2010,
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE:

San Marino, Pasadena, and
South Pasadena

CONTACTS:

Jacki Raymond 626-355-8350
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Weather Wise



5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Friends April Best Used Book Sale April 2 & 3

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything!" Let these words by William Shakespeare spirit you back to your first childhood trip to the library. Go ahead, you were encouraged, pick out three or four books; take them home and enjoy. Somehow, it was as though Christmas had suddenly come again. Well, it has.

Spring break is in the air. What a wonderful time to curl up with a good book. The library has excellent, interesting book offerings this month all at terrific prices. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 2nd from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 3rd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm: The sale will be located at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre in the lower parking lot and the adjacent basement.

Amidst our spring offerings: A set of Historical Atlases of the World Mythology, Volumes entitled Great Cities, Great Ages of Man, The American Wilderness, and American Country make for excellent gift ideas. Sets of Time Life Books, books on sports, history, art, specialty cookbooks. A set of Reader's Digest Best Loved Books for Young Readers and a new selection of children's books round out this month's special.

Of course, outside as always, there will be a good selection of hardback Fiction/non-Fiction books for \$1.00 each. Paperbacks at 25 cents (or 5 for \$1.00.) Visit the sale early to get the good choices.

The Friends operate the Best Used Book Store. Reasonable prices and all proceeds support the library programs. Have a wonderful Spring. Call (626) 355-7186 for information. Come and shop early for the best finds.

Travelers and Collectors Speakers Series

On Friday, April 9, Don and Janet Heins will present "Adventures Along the Dalmatian Coast to the Greek Isles." The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Heins's journeyed through the former Yugoslavia (now Croatia, Montenegro, and Albania) on a small ship, which enabled them to stop at several of the Romantic Ancient Islands off the Dalmatian Coast. Their excursion continued through the Corinth Canal to Athens, and ended with a trip to Santorini and Mykonos—Greece's most popular islands. "Armchair travelers" will enjoy the Hein's unique, up-close-and-personal view of the people, history, and colorful lands of the Mediterranean.

This program is free and open to the public. A program schedule is available at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., and can also be found on the Library website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. Travelers and Collectors is held on the second Friday of the month, February through May, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information please call Catriona Shafer at (626) 355-7186.

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 626-355-5278 amatsumoto@cityofsierramadre.com

Our Apologies:

In the March 13, 2010 edition of the Mountain Views News, we failed to identify the name of the author of one of our stories. *Helen Simmons Conroy* wrote the story entitled, "Help from Guide Dogs of America". She is pictured below (on the left) with Susan Renwick and Eleah, her retired guide dog breeder.



Also, the photos on the front page story on the Sierra Madre Playhouse story, photo credit should be given to *Adrianne M. Hall*.

CLARIFICATION: On two separate occasions, at SM City Council meetings, the integrity and accuracy of the Mountain Views News was attacked regarding the headline of the February 6, 2010 edition regarding 7.5" of rainfall. The headline was pulled from a direct quote of the Sierra Madre City Manager. Rainfall amounts varied at different points in the city on that date and several residents, including Rod and Joan Spears confirmed that they had "7 inches or more" of measured rainfall.

In addition, two Sierra Madre residents publicly stated that they subscribed to this paper and did not receive it. Neither person ever subscribed to The Mountain Views News or the Mountain Views Observer.

S. Henderson - Publisher/Editor

MEASURE CC BREAKFAST FORUM In Sierra Madre

On Tuesday, March 23rd, the Kiwanis Club will present a forum to inform the public about a Measure CC, a proposed parcel tax that would affect residents of Sierra Madre, Altadena, and Pasadena. Measure CC, sponsored by the Pasadena Unified School District, would levy a tax of \$120 per parcel on residents within the PUSD, as a means of funding PUSD schools. Both "For" and "Against" positions will be presented, and questions from the audience will be addressed.

This forum will begin at 7:30 AM; a continental breakfast will be served, hosted by the Kiwanis Club. There is no charge for breakfast or the forum, but reservations are required.

The forum will be held at the Masonic Hall, at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Guests who have difficulty hearing the PA sound should bring a portable radio with headphones; the PA sound will be broadcast on 104.7-FM.

THE GREAT TOMATO SALE & TALK

At The Arboretum
301 No. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia, Ca. 91007

When: Wednesday, March 24 at 10am
Where: Palm Room & and Gift Shop Patio
Instructor: Steve Goto – Tomato Guru

Cost: Free to All
with Arboretum Admission
Back by popular demand for the 9th year!! Join us for a fascinating (and very funny) talk by Steve Goto...and his Top 25 Tomato Picks for 2010! Learn all the tricks to successful planting and harvesting of the best tomatoes for this area.

Attend THE GREAT TOMATO SALE in the patio behind the Gift Shop. We will have 100 flats of tomato plants... and they do sell quickly!!!

Rotary Speaker to Highlight Doctor's Haiti Trip March 23

"A Broken But Not Beaten Haiti"

Pasadena Chiropractor and Sierra Madre Rotary member, Dr. Michael Budinich will speak on his February emergency relief trip to earthquake ravaged Haiti. He will speak at the weekly morning Rotary meeting on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 A.M. at "Café 322" restaurant located at 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. Breakfast is complimentary to first time visitors by RSVP to Cathy Hundshamer at chunds@roadrunner.com or by calling 626 447-8687.

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).



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

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Saturday, March 27, 2010

11:30am to 2:00pm

Essick House
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Tickets: \$25.00
Reservations: Mary Alice
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Deadline: Monday, March 22, 2010

Proceeds benefit
Sierra Madre Woman's Club Charities

Please attend a Canyon Community Meeting on the planning process for the:

RESIDENTIAL CANYON ZONE

March 22, 2010 – 7p.m.
Recreation Center
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre Room

Regulations pertaining to the development of the Residential Canyon Zone have been discussed and studied over the past 27 years. Beginning with the 1972 General Plan Canyon sub-committee, this process continued with the 1996 General Plan Canyon sub-committee and again with another Canyon Committee, in 2005 – yet the Canyon Zone was never finished.

In April 2009 the current 5-member committee began reviewing the 4th draft of the zoning provisions goals and objectives that were previously developed for the Residential Canyon Zone designation.

The committee has been reviewing zoning guidelines as they apply to the unique nature of the canyon, such as building massing, height limitations, property line setbacks, building square footage and lot coverage, parking requirements, design, landscaping, fencing, protection for the 1972 Wildlife Sanctuary designation of the city, night-sky lighting and noise. The circumstances for allowable deviations or exceptions from standards, the permit process and Conditional Use Permits have been discussed.

Foremost in the discussions has been the goal of preservation of the unique residential setting and rustic and historic character of the Canyon. Your input is important to this process. These two community meetings are in addition to the regular open monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesdays of the month at 7p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The final draft will go to the Planning Commission for further discussion and public input and then to the City Council for public hearings and adoption after further discussion and subsequent revisions.

Canyon Residential Zone Committee Members:
John Herrmann, Chair; Caroline Brown, Vice-Chair; Michael Howard, Jim Monachino and Sherry Robison

Supporting documentation, including Draft Residential Canyon Code to-date, is available on City's website: http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/index.php?mod=planning_zoning

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CHEF DINNER/PROGRAM

Join Church of the Ascension for a two-part public event!
Acclaimed Photographer and former LA County District Attorney

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“WATER IS KEY”

A program on water needs in the third world
6:30 pm in the Church

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7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Dinner: \$100 per person

One-half will go toward this year's
Outreach Project:

Water Well

Through Episcopal Relief and Development

Contact:

Scott Callihan	626-359-5993
Anna Thomas	626-351-8492
David Mole	626-355-2723



Sierra Madre

SM Civic Club's April In Paris



Co-Chairs (l to r) Linda Wochnick, and Carol Cerrina with Civic President Amy Putnam (center)

It will be "April in Paris", says Sierra Madre Civic Club as they invite you to attend their annual luncheon and Chinese Auction on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. This will be held at La Salle High School auditorium. La Salle is on the corner of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. and Michillinda Avenue.

Co-chairs Carol Cerrina and Linda Wochnick and their committee offer an afternoon of fun as they carry out the theme of a springtime Paris and will say "Bon Appetit" as those attending savor a tempting array of luncheon salads.

Taking center stage that day will be the auction with Auctioneer Extraordinaire Anita

Thompson, returning once again as she keeps the auction moving at a fast pace, with much humor as she offers up 100 quality items for lucky winners. In addition, a silent auction will be featured with very special prizes and a \$200 give away on a beautiful chapeau designed by Sheila Woehler.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available by calling Jane Zamanzadeh at 626-355-2166. Proceeds from the event, always a sellout, go to support club charities with a toast to Civic Club, always so generous to a variety of worthy causes.

Submitted by Phyllis Chapman, Publicity

<http://site.smipp.org>

The Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Project needs to hear from you. Please take a moment to go online and complete the brief questionnaire. We don't have much longer to respond - the deadline

is March 31, 2010. If you do not have access to a computer, call City Hall at 626-355-7135 and they will tell you where to get the form. Let's not wait for a disaster to strike before we start to think about being prepared!

Relay for Life of Monrovia 2010 Invites You To The Relay Rally



666 W. Huntington Dr. @ the Huntington Oaks Shopping Center, Monrovia
Wednesday, March 24th, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
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www.RelayForLife.org/MonroviaCA

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Arcadia

Vincent Foley Chosen As Arcadia Citizen Of The Year

Every year, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce receives nominations for Citizen of the Year. This year we were fortunate to receive many nominations for Vince Foley, Arcadia's most prominent and prolific volunteer. Vince's first volunteer effort was at the tender age of 18 when he volunteered as Assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

After retiring in 1995, Vince notched it up a bit and began volunteering in earnest! He chaired the Police Bond Issue Committee which begat the new Police Station, the City Financial Advisory Committee, Methodist Hospital Major Gifts Committee, LA Area Boy Scouts Council, and St Francis HS Booster Club, among other volunteer efforts.

Even more recently, Vince's volunteering includes being a member of the Arcadia Historical Commission and a very active member of Volunteers in Patrol Support (VIPS). He volunteers at the Arboretum as a member of the Speakers Bureau and is very involved in volunteering for Breeder's Cup, both in 2008 and 2009, when he organized many areas of Arcadia's largest worldwide event. Vince is always available to the Chamber where he has assisted in Taste of Arcadia for many years, and has often volunteered to be Master of Ceremonies for a number of different events.

Vince and his wife Dolores are active members of the Arcadia community and are often seen at community meetings where the well being of Arcadia is involved. Their commitment runs deep and is very much appreciated by the community at large.



To celebrate his dedication, the Chamber will present him with the Citizen of the Year Award on April 1 at the Chandelier Room at Santa Anita Park. Guests should arrive at 6pm for a social hour & Silent Auction with dinner to follow at 6:30.

Please contact the Chamber at 447-2159 to make your reservation. (\$55 per person).

The Citizen of the Year and Chamber Installation Dinner is a yearly event celebrating our outstanding volunteers, both Chamber and Community based. Vince Foley retired from the L.A. Department of Water & Power in 1995 after a 36-year career. His total career was in the Municipal Finance and Pensions areas of DWP. He has a Certificate in Institutional Investing from the Wharton School of Business.

City of Arcadia Senior Services Nominations for 2010 Senior Citizen of the Year!

Applications are available at the Arcadia Community Center front desk for nominations for the 2010 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is: caring and at least 55 years of age; an Arcadia resident; actively involved in volunteer work; invaluable to your organization and deserving of recognition? If so, then nominate that special person for the 2010 Arcadia Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors luncheon. Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, March 30, 2010 to the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91066-6021. For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

Duarte

Community Pulls Together to Help Duarte Kids Play Ball

With just weeks to go before the baseball season opener, challenges were mounting for the Duarte Youth Athletic Club and the kids who had signed up for league play.

DYAC's long time commissioner suddenly moved out of town and someone else would need to step into the job. The fields at Duarte Sports Park were in poor shape and needed an overhaul. A few pieces of essential maintenance equipment were needed to be bought and funds were low. In baseball terms, it was two outs, three runs at the bottom of the ninth inning. DYAC needed a home run hero. Instead, to great surprise arrived an entire team of community heroes who suited up and sprung into action. On Saturday, March 13, Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay ceremoniously threw out the first pitch and a new season of DYAC baseball and softball was launched for more than 200 boys and girls, ages 4 to 14.

"I want to tell you a story," new DYAC commissioner Ed Houlemarde announced to the parents, grandparents and others in the stands before the start of play. He then went on to acknowledge the community members, including parents, coaches, and businesses that came together to make sure that Duarte kids would play ball in a newly renovated field of dreams.

"It's great. It's really a miracle," said Houlemarde, who was pulled out of retirement to take over as commissioner, after having previously served in the position for a number of years.

"One of our kids' grandparents, Simon Holguin, approached Lisa Magno, owner of Joe's Place, a popular Duarte restaurant, with a request for a donation. Magno, who is well connected and committed to the community, asked what the needs were and found out they were many," said Houlemarde. Magno started making some calls, the first to her good friend, Stafford Barker, owner of mortgage company, Geo-Corp. Inc. Barker, a former minor league baseball player, and friend, Steve Clements of Allegiance Medical Transportation, helped supply some of the items on the DYAC "wish list" and recruited the aid of

others.

Duarte Unified School District donated 26 tons of new dirt, leftover from another field project, and Simon Rentals in Monrovia provided the equipment for the ball field rehabilitation. Duarte Parks and Recreation donated the use of a sand probe for construction on the field. The City cut the lawn, and City employees donated their time to project. Parents, coaches and other volunteers pitched in with the manual labor on the field. A trash roll off for the construction debris was donated by Burrtec Waste. Home Depot in Monrovia arranged for the donation of a tractor which will keep the fields maintained. Wells Fargo Bank donated \$1,300 to help buy equipment needed for the kids to have a safe and fun season.



Volunteers swing into action to prepare a ball field for the start of Duarte Youth Athletic Club DYAC youth baseball and softball. More than 200 kids, 5 to 14 will begin the baseball/soft season on March 13 with a pancake breakfast and exhibition game. From foreground, left to right: Willie Gonzales, parent/coach/DYAC board member; Michael Epperson, coach; Carlos Moreno, parent/coach; Tosh Clark, parent/coach/board member DYAC; and Stafford Barker, GEO-Corp. Inc. mortgage company, who coordinated the donated materials and all volunteer community effort. Simon Holguin grandparent/volunteer drives tractor.

But it didn't end there. On opening day, Joe's Place donated all of the food and cooks for the pancake breakfast. The Duarte Elks Club supplied the beverages, and L.A. Party Works in Monrovia donated the cooking grills. The Duarte Teen Center donated the use of tables for the breakfast and Zook Mortuary provided the folding chairs. "What a wonderful outpouring of support for DYAC and our kids. Even though times are tough, local businesses, parents and friends pulled together to make it all happen. Our board is very grateful," said Houlemarde. More than 60 years ago, the community came together in much the same way to help build DYAC's first ball field for Duarte kids, then christened Duarte Youth Acres. "It's heartening to see that the same community spirit and commitment to our children lives on in Duarte. We are blessed," said Houlemarde.

How to Thrive (Not Just Survive) During Changing Times: Seven Steps to Being Gainfully Employed!

The Monrovia Public Library will host this timely workshop on Monday, April 5th, from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room.

The Library is located at 321 S. Myrtle Avenue, in Old Town Monrovia's Library Park.

Attendees of this free workshop will learn how to complete an on-line application for unemployment, create electronic resumes and cover letters, and explore a multitude of job listing resources. Other topics will include resources for first time job hunters, and the importance of social networking and interviewing skills.

The program will include handouts from the California EDD an annotated webliography of employment websites, and a list of suggested print resources available from the Monrovia Public Library.

For more information, contact Jeff Lambert, at jlambert@ci.monrovia.ca.us, or the Monrovia Public Library at (626) 256-8274. (Ask for the Reference Desk)

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

Advisory Panelists Named

During three public forums in November 2009, City Manager Michael J. Beck outlined the selection process for the police chief, including the creation of an interview panel that would be made up of representatives from the community, the Pasadena Police Department, city of Pasadena department directors and police chiefs from other agencies. The following list of panelist names has been released:

* Joyce Streater, former District 1 Pasadena City Councilwoman
* Jaylene Moseley, Northwest Pasadena developer and president of Flintridge Operating Foundation
* Edwin Diaz, superintendent of PUSD
* Alfredo Mejia, commercial real estate broker and member of one of six long-time Pasadena families
* Hall Daily, director of government relations, Caltech
* Bill Podley, Pasadena realtor and former president of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
* Andrew Green, director of finance, City of Pasadena
* Michele Bagneris, city attorney, City of Pasadena
* Gena Persons, Pasadena Police Department police administrator, executive board member of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and former employee of L.A. County Sheriff's Department
* Jari Faulkner, Pasadena Police Department lieutenant
* Robert Mercado, Pasadena Police Department detective and president of Pasadena Police Officers Association
* Diego Torres, Pasadena Police Department sergeant
* Marilyn Diaz, chief of police, City of Sierra Madre
* David Snowden, chief of police, City of Beverly Hills
* John Welter, chief of police, City of Anaheim, previously with San Diego Police Department
* Jerry Dyer, chief of police, City of Fresno

Beck will likely make a final decision in late May officials said following his one-on-one interviews with the top-ranked finalists and conducting extensive background checks, including visits to the jurisdictions they represent.

"I am grateful for the panelists' willingness to serve in this important capacity," said Beck. "I appreciate the community's understanding as I move forward with this very important decision."

In keeping with common practices in executive recruitment processes, the names of the candidates will not be released by the city of Pasadena.

Pet of the Week



Pickles, an adorable, three year old cat with tuxedo markings needs a new home. He is outgoing, friendly and has an entertaining personality. Pickles loves to play and will surely live up any household. Come visit with this great little cat 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 A265766 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.



I Only Have Googly Eyes for You

As part of an official pitch to lure Google into putting an experimental, ultra-high-speed, fiber-to-home broadband network in the city, the Pasadena Community Network, created a spoof video this week of the Dating Game, in which three contestants try to win a the hart of, and a date with, an unidentified Google character.

Each contestant represents a part of Pasadena and in the end Google picks all three. Long time television actor Barry Gordon plays the game show's host. Gordon is most notable for his role in the last

two seasons of the television series Archie Bunker's Place, Gordon had the recurring role of Gary Rabinowitz,

Marketing and Communication Manager Aaron Wheeler said the video should be posted at youtube.com/PCNmediaTV by Monday.

According to Google, the broadband network will offer internet access at a speed of one gigabit per second – more than 100 times faster than what is available to most Americans.

If chosen, Google will pay for construction and operation costs of the networks;

customers who sign up to subscribe to the service will be charged competitive rates.

"With a history as a hotbed of technological innovation from Caltech, JPL and many private technology firms, Google will be well-served by selecting Pasadena as a demonstration site to use ultra-fast broadband," said Dianah Neff, interim chief information officer in the Pasadena Department of Information Technology.

Residents, businesses, institutions, schools and others are encouraged to visit www.fiberforpasadena.com for more information.

City Adopts Water Landscape Ordinance

By Dean Lee

Although a new landscaping ordinance passed by the city council Monday night aimed at, among other things, landscape water budgets, the appropriate use and groupings of plants and the encouragement of using recycled water, was meant for new development, most of the discussion focused around single-family properties.

The regulations are only triggered when a building permit, plan check, or design review is required for an associated project on a property according to staff.

Regulations also only apply to single-family properties with larger than one acre

of landscaping they added. The ordinance was passed unanimously by the council.

Councilmember Steve Madison said the regulations were unclear and not consistent with the city's current water conservation outreach goals.

"I've got a law degree and I read this report, I don't even know if it applies to me," he said. "The way to reach our customers is with the rates period."

Councilmember Margaret McAustin said the city was working on "duel tracks," and that they were not mutually exclusive. She then again made a comment that the regulations were meant for new development.

Staff said there were about 100 homes in the city over the one acre threshold. They also said they expect about 12 new developments a year, one a month, that fall under the new plan.

Staff also said that the state mandates all local governments to follow specific regulations for the efficient use of water in the irrigation of landscapes in accordance with State Assembly Bill 1881, passed in 2006.

The cost of the review for small projects, a new single-family residence, could range from approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000, and large projects, a new commercial development, could cost \$5,000 or more they said.

Comments Invited on City's Draft General Plan Summary Report

More than 3,000 people participated in a series of events and activities in spring, summer and fall 2009 designed to create strong community engagement in the update of Pasadena's General Plan.

To date, community feedback has been clear: Pasadena's strong community character – its diversity, neighborhoods, arts and culture, big-city institutions and small-town feel – should be maintained; its history and heritage preserved; new development projects well-designed; traffic reduced; alternative modes of transportation encouraged; and economic vitality in commercial areas supported.

Last night the Pasadena City Council received a draft of a summary report, which organizes key themes heard during the nine months of activities including community and council district workshops, MoveAbout Tours, speaker presentations, a special program for youths, and an open house extravaganza.

The draft report will also be circulated among city commissions and the community will have an opportunity through April 19 to comment before the final report is presented to the council in early May.

The full draft report is available for viewing

at www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan (click on Outreach Summary Report) as well as the Permit Center, 175 N. Garfield Ave., all city libraries and community centers. Comments may be made online or mailed to the Permit Center.

The community is also invited to a meeting of the General Plan Update Advisory Committee to provide comments on the draft report Wednesday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, room S249 at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

For more information visit the website or call (626) 744-6807.

Planck Mission Images Galactic Web of Cold Dust

Tendrils of the coldest stuff in our galaxy can be seen in a new, large image from Planck, a mission surveying the whole sky to learn more about the birth of our universe.

Planck, a European Space Agency-led mission with important participation from NASA, launched into space in May 2009 from Kourou, French Guiana. The space telescope has almost finished its first of at least four separate scans of the entire sky, a voluminous task that will be completed in early 2012.

The new image, available

online at http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/planck/pia12964.html, highlights a swath of our Milky Way galaxy occupying about one-thirteenth of the entire sky. It shows the bright band of our galaxy's spiral disk amidst swirling clouds where gas and dust mix together and, sometimes, ignite to form new stars. The data were taken in the so-called far-infrared portion of the light spectrum, using two of nine different frequencies available on Planck.

"We've got huge amounts of data streaming down from space," said Ulf Israelsson,

the NASA project manager for the mission at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif. "The intricate process of sorting through all of it has begun."

The mission's primary objective is to map the cosmic microwave background -- relic radiation left over from the Big Bang that created our universe about 13.7 billion years ago. Planck's state-of-the-art technology will provide the most detailed information yet about the size, mass, age, geometry, composition and fate of the universe.

There's A New Dog In Town



The Pasadena Police Department has hired a new Patrol member filling the vacancy that Art left behind last year. "Figo", a 3 ½ yrs old Belgian Trevuren, has been on patrol with his handler and partner, Officer Steve Arcand. They began patrol duties together after successfully completing the basic handler class which was six weeks of intense training at Adlerhorst K-9 Academy in Riverside.

"K-9's have become essential tools in public safety," says Interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino. "They can go places officers can't go, they can sniff out contraband, they can search for people, and they protect their partners."

Figo has long rust colored fur with black markings. "He's very obedient," says Officer Arcand. "He's quick and eager to play which is an essential quality in training service dogs. He doesn't think he's coming to work. He thinks he's going out to play."

This is not Officer Arcand's first assignment with a four-legged partner, though this one is smaller than the last. Arcand has 22 years on the department and spent seven years as an equestrian officer handling police work from horseback. "It doesn't get any better than working with live animals," he says. "Using them to help catch "bad guys" makes for the ultimate assignment."

City Showing First Signs of Spring Census

Just in time for the flowering of fruit trees – a sure sign of spring – the first of the U.S. Census questionnaires will arrive in mailboxes beginning Monday.

All Pasadena households can count on finding a U.S. Census form in their mailboxes in coming weeks. Along with every household across the nation, local residents will be asked to answer 10 simple questions and mail the form back by April 1.

"The Census is taken just once every 10 years and it is the only actual, reliable count of Pasadena's population. The count affects millions of dollars of federal funding for local schools, health care, social services, transportation and more," said Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard. "To encourage participation and make sure every man, woman and child in Pasadena is counted, we have teamed up with non-profit organizations and businesses citywide."

City officials use the data to help make plans through 2020; other government agencies use the data to estimate the number, makeup, habits and needs of residents; and businesses use the data to find potential

customers for their products and services.

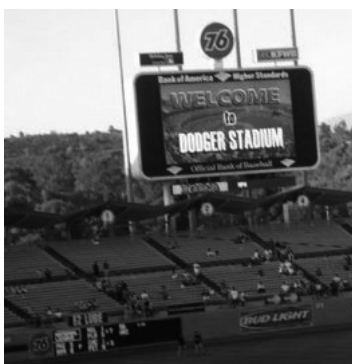
Local non-profits use the data to demonstrate community needs when they apply for grants from government agencies and corporations.

"The numbers help paint a clear, compelling picture of the diverse levels of income, education and employment in Pasadena, helping to secure funding, services and other resources," said Sue Kujawa, executive director of Mothers' Club Learning Center and a Census partner.

From mid-March to mid-April, Census workers will be available at Pasadena public libraries, Villa-Parke Community Center, Jackie Robinson Center and other questionnaire assistance centers to help Pasadena residents fill out their forms in English and other languages. A full schedule will be listed at www.census.gov by mid-March.

Pasadena residents are encouraged to take part in Pasadena's Countdown to Census 2010 from March 23 to April 1. For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/census_2010 or call (626) 744-7696.

Express Bus to Dodger Stadium on the Way



Fans Can Connect Directly from Union Station to Dodger Stadium for 2010 Season

Members of the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), have secured a \$300,000 grant from the Mobile Sources Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to operate a no-cost express bus connecting Dodger Stadium to Union Station for the 2010 season.

Residents of Pasadena will be able to now use the Gold Line to connect to the Express Bus. "Dodger fans across the County can now avoid the traffic, save gas and help improve air quality by using public transit and our

new Dodger Express Bus to get to the game," said Supervisor Antonovich.

State-of-the-art 40-foot clean-burning compressed natural gas buses will run between Union station and Dodger Stadium every 10 minutes prior to the start of the game and run approximately every 30 minutes throughout the game. Union Station is served by Metro buses and rail, Metrolink, and many regional bus lines. Dodger game admission tickets will be honored as fare payment to ride the bus. For specific route and schedule information, visit www.metro.net or call 1-800-COMMUTE.

Supervisor Antonovich will join officials from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Dodger Stadium to unveil a new Express Bus Service.

Supervisor Antonovich serves on the Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Sierra Madre K-8 School Students Win LA County Move On To State History Day Competition in Pasadena



Front Row: Jonathan Shaklan, Mirena Munich, Maya Ledema, Leo Pirrone, Jullian Tayargh, Ethan Tervet Coach: Mrs. Prado Second Row: Garyn Aderton, Kenna Casillo, Katie Stapenhorst, Noah Schmidt. Third Row: Cade Anderson, Wil Wright, Della McDougal. Fourth Row: Amy Prochaska, Reese Proctor, Axel Tanner, Cameron Keene. Fifth Row: Jack Graham, Dayna Brown, Katherine Bishop, Michael Romero, Melissa Romero. Top Row: Coach: Tina Ogron, Principal: Gayle Bluemel, CRT: Dawna Tully

Forty-one students from Sierra Madre's K-8 School's 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade classrooms participated in this year's annual L.A. County History Day competition at Azusa Pacific University on Saturday, March 13th along with over 700 other students from L.A. County school districts.

This year's theme was: *Innovation in History: Impact and Change*. Students worked diligently to write a process paper that required information gathering and analysis to develop their own conclusions as to the theme's significance today. Eight students earned medals for their entries with five set to represent LA County in the state competition to be held for the first time ever in Pasadena, May 6th-9th...

The LA County representatives to the state competition for elementary are: **Reese Proctor**, 5th grader for his individual poster entry titled, "*The Toilet: When A Flush Beats a Full House*," **Kenna Castillo & Mirena Munich**, 5th graders for their group poster entry titled, "*Talk About a Revolution: How the Beatles Changed the World*." **Megan Tchong & Casey Romero**, 7th graders are the state representatives for their documentary (one of six categories

middle school students could enter) titled, "*Guide Dogs for the Blind: Leading the Way for a new leash on Life*." Additional awards went to **Axel Tanner**, a 5th grader and state alternate for the individual poster titled, "Velcro-A Worldwide Phenomenon," **Katherine Bishop & Maya Ledesma**, 4th graders received a special humanitarian award for their poster entry, "A Great Bridge in a Tough Time: The Golden Gate Bridge," and **Rebecca Liu** is the state alternate for her historical paper entry: "*Facilitated Communication: An Innovation That Changed My Life*." Ms. Liu, an 8th grader who is autistic with limited verbal skills used her dynawriter to communicate with the judges for the second year in a row her passion for promoting those who have contributed to innovative policies and inventions that assist autistic children to excel academically and socially in the regular classroom. We are so proud of all our students, their parents and their teachers, **Tina Ogron, Lisa Prado and Lisabet Nepf** who each by the way got the *George Moffett Teacher Award* for excellence in the teaching of social studies.

B. Harvey/PUSD

PUSD NEWSFLASH

Tuesday, March 23

6:30 p.m. The PUSD Board of Education will meet in public session. Spanish translation provided. Board Room, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena.

Thursday, March 25

11:30 a.m. PUSD parents will celebrate PTA Founders Day with a luncheon at Brookside Golf Club. Celebrated nationally, PTA Founders Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. Brookside Golf Club, 1133 Rosemont Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103

7:00 p.m. "The Wiz," will be presented by students from Marshall Fundamental Secondary School and Pasadena High School in four performances Thursday-Sunday, March 25-28, 2010. Tickets are \$7 and \$12 at the door. Pasadena High School, Edwards Auditorium, 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Friday, March 26

5:00-7:30 p.m. NASA-JPL will host PUSD's Middle School Science Fair, with a reception, robotics demonstration and awards ceremony. Remarks will be made by Dr. Art Chmielewski, Project Manager at NASA-JPL. JPL/Von Karman Auditorium, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena.

Sunday, March 28

6:00 p.m. A final performance of the "The Wiz," will be presented by students from Marshall Fundamental Secondary School and Pasadena High School. Tickets are \$7 and \$12 at the door. Pasadena High School Edwards Auditorium, 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

For the latest news and information about the Pasadena Unified School District, including Board of Education Meeting Highlights, watch KLRN-TV or go to www.pusd.us.

Paid Summer School Opportunities

PasadenaLEARNs will offer enrichment, leadership development, visual and performing arts, and structured recreation and science classes. The program is free Monday through Thursday for schools with an optional \$80 fee for field trips on Fridays. The summer LEARNs programs will be clustered at various sites around PUSD, rather than at all 23 LEARNs campuses. Summer LEARNs programs sites and details, and applications, will be released in April.

PasadenaLEARNs is funded by After School Education and Safety Program and 21st Century grants, not district funds.

The PUSD Voice, a sponsored article in print editions of this week's Pasadena Star News, erroneously stated that PasadenaLEARNs would be canceled this summer.

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Each year, the State Fair seeks a wide variety of performers to schedule on its many stages, and is especially interested in acts that can be roving or placed in a variety of locations around the fairgrounds.

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Norma Coombs Alternative School

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(626) 798-0759 Principal: Dr. Vanessa Watkins
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Odyssey Charter School

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(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill
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(626) 355-9028 Principal: Joanne Harabedian
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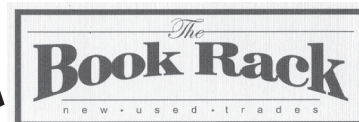
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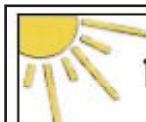
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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Easter Came Early This Year!

Protection Program has told me that they would be unable to safeguard my car and ensure my tires remain inflated. I will offer a hint and say that I frequently pass the Honey Baked Ham store on South Sierra Madre Blvd. Like a return of the swallows to the Capistrano Mission, a predictable line forms outside of the door of the Honey Bake Ham store about four times a year. After living in Los Angeles for so many years and fighting traffic, I have convinced myself that waiting in line for a ham, even a very great ham, is utterly silly. Please don't shake your hambone at me in rage. I just hate lines.

However, recently as I was passing through Honey Ham Avenue, I noticed a banner outside their establishment boasting of "Gourmet Sandwiches." I tell you, I don't think these guys are playing fair. Next thing I know, my car is again driving itself, this time right into their parking lot. There is something very American about sandwiches, so maybe they played on my patriotic side or possibly my mouth-watering had something to do with it? I did have one problem, I only had (\$10). That should be enough for any sandwich, but "gourmet" creates fear in my wallet.

The store is subdued and quaint, and it reminded me of an English Tea House. I asked the girl working there if being busy just four times a year was enough to sustain the business year round? She told me, Absolutely! Sure we are really busy for the holidays, but business is brisk year round."

So why have I driven by this place a 100 times in the last year and never stopped in? Sandwich time, excuse me, Gourmet Sandwich Time! It may be an inadequate comparison but, much like Subway, the choices are neatly displayed for your choosing. With a recommendation from the employee, I elected the ham sandwich; my choices included the world famous champagne mustard, lettuce, sprouts, tomatoes, and provolone cheese. It's a big sandwich and it was well within my budget at (\$6.80). The sandwich reminded me of the day after Easter, when you grab everything in the fridge and slap two pieces of bread as bookends. That's a good thing!! I liked it, and while I cannot say I will wait in line for a ham, I will definitely wait a few minutes for a sandwich. All items are take out; there is no inside seating. For those wanting a lean version of the experience, Turkey is also available.

Easter is enormous. In terms of popularity, there are the Easter Egg hunt and the Honey Baked Ham shuffle. Here they offer whole Turkeys and Hams in various sizes. I just licked my lips and I think I still had a little brown sugar to enjoy. Just because I refuse to navigate the long lines does not mean that you should not brave the mass of humanity. My guess? You will meet some great people in line and the virtue of patience is duly rewarded in the evidence of a delectable ham.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It

Elections have consequences. Republicans know this as they see healthcare reform “rammed down our throats” by Democrats using an arcane parliamentary procedure known as “having the most votes”. Readers of this newspaper can attest that votes for our Sierra Madre leaders have consequences, too. Although we’re unlikely to see a candidate rising in opposition to “preserving the small-town character of our community”, decisions today can effect a generation. Seemingly minor offices can have major impacts. Nowhere has this been shown to be truer than in school board elections in Texas. According to an article in the Jan/Feb issue of Washington Monthly, the current turmoil goes back to the 1960s, when textbooks in the nation’s schools began to suggest that our history was something more than a series of triumphs by white men with Western European ancestry. A group of Texans didn’t like the change, and decided to take advantage of a law allowing citizen input before the Texas Board of Education.

Their influence grew over the next twenty years as textbook publishers increasingly acquiesced. The New Deal was dropped from a timeline of significant events (too “socialist”) and Reagan’s invasion of Grenada became a “rescue”, while publishers engaged in pre-emptive censorship to avoid conflict. In 1984, People For the American Way pointed to three biology textbooks that omitted mention of evolution. Two of those books appeared in classrooms in other states - states that respected science, but didn’t enjoy the clout over publishers as did Texas. In 1995 the Board of Education was embarrassed into action by revelations concerning a health textbook wherein an illustration of a breast self-examination was excised and a picture of a woman carrying a briefcase was replaced by one in a kitchen baking a cake. Henceforth, citizens could not demand censorship.

The Texas Republican Party, Wal-Mart heir John Walton, the Christian Coalition, the Eagle Forum and others realized the potential in being able to indoctrinate students. Resources were pooled to remove moderates from the 15-member Board of Education and stack it with those sharing their vision. One Democratic incumbent, a former Methodist schoolteacher and grandmother of five, was accused of pushing the “radical homosexual agenda”, advocating in-class demonstrations on “how to masturbate and how to get an abortion”. It worked. Once Democrats were removed, sights were set on conservative Republicans who might be too open to alternate views. With the 2006 elections, a controlling majority of ultra-right ideologues was in place, boasting little if any relevant academic credentials (the board chairman was a dentist), but extreme confidence in their convictions. Several are facing primary challenges, but they kept their seats long enough to recently complete the once-every-decade re-writing of textbook standards.

For history, the work of teachers and history professors was discarded so the Board could consult their own “experts”; like the preacher who declares California wildfires and Hurricane Katrina are God’s punishment for our tolerance of gays, and the Oral Roberts University alum who insists the doctrine of separation of church and

state is a “myth”. Thomas Jefferson is removed as an Enlightenment figure to be studied, as our nation’s foundation lies not in religious freedom but in Christian zealotry practiced by the likes of John Calvin.

Slavery was a remnant of British colonialism that Americans never supported. Martin Luther King Jr. might warrant mention, but civil rights were brought by white Americans - particularly Republicans during Reconstruction. No mention is made of the Tejanos who died beside Davy Crockett at the Alamo. (Cesar Chavez and Thurgood Marshall were to be eliminated entirely, but were brought back due to a massive public uproar). Red-baiting Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wi) got a bad rap and has since been “vindicated”. The resurgence of conservative groups (Moral Majority, Heritage Foundation, N.R.A.) in the 1980s and 90s is required study, but progressive and minority rights groups are mentioned only as to their adverse “unintended consequences”. The WWII internment of Japanese-Americans was not racist. There’s no continuance of “institutional racism”. Nothing is said of Sen. Edward Kennedy or Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, but Ronald Reagan needs more prominent coverage.

Educators and academics spent two years preparing English standards, which were dismissed by Board members as being too light on grammar and too heavy on reading comprehension and critical thinking. “This critical-thinking stuff is gobbledygook” was the verdict of the team leader (an insurance salesman with no college degree).

Standards call for teaching the science of climate change and evolution. They also require serious consideration of the unscientific arguments of climate change deniers and “intelligent design” proponents, those arguing that missing pieces to the puzzle indicates the whole thing’s a hoax. No mention is to be made of the estimated age of the universe being 14 billion years; that would contradict Bible narratives so is unacceptable.

Some on the Board are probably true believers. For their supporters, the motives might be less ideological. Other countries may be eating our lunch when it comes to preparing an educated workforce for the 21st century, but there are advantages in perpetuating ignorance. It wouldn’t do to remind students that the mid-20th Century prosperity for which conservatives are nostalgic was largely a result of strong unions, enforcement of anti-trust laws and massive public investment in schools, parks and highways. “Critical thinking” skills might pose a threat if students compare “scientists” trotted out by the tobacco companies to debunk research on secondhand smoke to the debunkers of climate change today.

Publishers tailor their product to whomever has the biggest clout as a buyer. Texas had been number two after California, but since we’re out of the game due to budget constraints, Texas now calls the shots for 80% of the nation’s textbook market.

Whenever we don’t feel like investing that much concern in a seemingly insignificant election, we should think of the school board in Texas. For me, I remember my disappointment when the Supreme Court awarded the presidency to George W. Bush, and consoling myself by wondering, “*What’s the worst that can happen?*”

Slaughtering The Constitution

GREG Welborn



By the time you read this article, we may or may not have entered a new American political era, one in which the basic protection of the constitution has been shredded before our very eyes. I am not, per se, speaking of the healthcare bill winding its way through the halls of Congress, although this will be the excuse on which the vacating of constitutional protections is based. In writing to you all today, I want to urge all Americans from the left, right and the middle to stand firm against the weakening of our system of checks and balances. Ultimately, many of the freedoms we take for granted hang in the balance.

Simply put, the leaders in the House of Representative have proposed a way to “pass” the healthcare bill without actually meeting the constitutional requirement for doing so. They are doing this because they fear they do not have the votes needed to pass the bill in the stipulated manner. Far from a simple procedural argument, the “Slaughter Solution”, as it has come to be known, would strip away one of the key cornerstones of our political liberties. To understand why, some brief background is needed.

Our country’s founders were absolutely dedicated to preserving our freedoms, and being great students of history, they incorporated all that they knew about the previous failings of great empires and democracies into our constitution. Specifically, they knew that politicians, prime ministers and presidents would all seek greater power at the expense of the common man, if allowed. To stem that very human tendency, they created a system of government - the American constitutional system of government - which splits power among three separate branches and essentially pitted each of them against the other in the inevitable struggle for dominance. The concept of letting power compete against power has resulted in the greatest extension of freedom to the largest number of people for the longest time ever recorded in the earth’s history.

As part of that process, our founders wrote plainly into the constitution (Article 1, Section 7) that a bill cannot become law until that bill is passed in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and then is signed by the President. This means that the bill passed in the House must be the same bill as passed in the Senate. Typically, that doesn’t happen. The language is usually a bit different - sometimes dramatically different - in the House or in the Senate. That’s where the reconciliation process begins. A committee is formed to work out these differences and then present one bill with the same language back to the House and to the Senate. If that same bill is passed by both, then and only then can it go to the President for signing.

This wonderful process serves to do three things. First, it allows for the will of the people to be thrashed out by the great engine of debate and compromise. Second, the time required to meet these requirements tends to prevent the more radical elements in any government from being able to stampee their narrow vision of perfection down the throats of everyone else. And third, the process provides for direct accountability among our elected representatives. The vote in both the House and Senate on the specific bill being proposed must be written down in a journal which is given the widest possible public access. In short, there can be no taxation - or anything else for that matter - without representation and accountability.

The recently proposed Slaughter Solution seeks to throw away all those protections and safeguards. Instead of open debate, compromise and accountability, Representative Slaughter, the author of this travesty, has suggested the following be done. The House will pass a rule which says that the House can assume the Senate version of the healthcare bill has passed the House without the House having to actually vote on it. Then the House can immediately move to pass a bill which amends the Senate bill and “fixes” the problems they see in it.

Let us be perfectly clear here. The purpose of this “solution” is to avoid the very thing the constitution mandates and Americans should demand: accountability. If the “solution” is allowed to stand, representatives will be able to both claim they didn’t vote for the Senate version, which is hated by the vast majority of Americans, and then at the same time put into law a healthcare system they want. This is an affront to our entire democratic history and the clear protections of the constitution. House Democrats do not believe they have the votes necessary to pass the Senate version, and the Senate now (with the election of

Scott Brown in Massachusetts) doesn’t have the votes to pass its own version again.

In the democracy our founders envisioned and that we have enjoyed for 200+ years, this means that the majority necessary to pass legislation doesn’t exist. If we live in a democracy, then it should be axiomatic that nobody should be able to impose what a majority of Americans don’t want. This rule works against both liberal AND conservative tyranny, and it has kept this nation free and prosperous all these years. To nullify this basic rule of democracy and this ingenious constitutional protection is to give this Congress and President AND ANY FUTURE CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT the power to impose their will over that of the people they represent simply by agreeing to assume that something has passed. All the messy work of negotiating, finding common ground and compromising will be totally unnecessary, which means it won’t happen.

I have written before of my amazement that true liberals - those supposedly committed to safeguarding civil liberties - haven’t come forward before at various junctures when this administration has played fast and loose with the rule of law. Some of those issues probably seemed pretty small at the time, but they established a degree of precedence or at least a degree of perceived tolerance for abuse that has now lead to this gutting of the constitution. Perhaps conservative concerns about the invalidating of legitimate creditor claims in the GM takeover seemed hyper-technical. Perhaps the threatening of a private attorney with “ruin” in that same GM takeover seemed tolerable. Perhaps the cancellation of contractual obligations to insurance executives seemed fair because they “earned too much”. In each case when the liberals (and especially the much celebrated ACLU) could have stood firm on their principals, they chose instead to look the other way because the measures being passed squared with their own version of how they wanted the issue handled. But this goes to the core of what standing up for civil rights means. You have to defend the civil rights of people who hold opposing views to really be defending anything. Otherwise, all you’re really doing is imposing your will on someone else. The whole concept of a civil right has meaning only when it is tested by, defended against and found superior to the arbitrary will of a person or group. I can’t think of a more basic civil right than to require that specific laws be passed by a majority of our elected representatives. I can’t think of a more basic civil right than to have that elected representative held accountable to his or her vote. Without these civil rights, no others have any merit or strength.

It is impossible to repeat this often enough. This isn’t an issue that should separate liberals and conservatives. It isn’t an issue that should separate any group of Americans from another. To be American is, at its core, to believe in a representative accountable democracy. To their great credit, Senator Robert Byrd (Democrat from WV) and Senator John Kerry (Democrat from MA) have stood against this maneuver. Sadly, at one time, our President - then Senator Barack Obama - said that such a process would be illegitimate.

As much as I may not like the healthcare bill, or as much as my liberal friends may like it, healthcare is not the issue. The issue this week, which may already be decided when these words are put to print, is the fate of the most basic civil rights we all take for granted and the strength of those doctrines and practices we’ve all counted on to defend them. It is said that this president is hungry for his place in history, that he aches for his name to be as widely known as that of Franklin Roosevelt, whom he often quotes and references. That is why he is pushing for this piece of legislation. History’s great irony may be that Barack Obama’s notoriety will be associated more with King George The 3rd, whose arbitrary and tyrannical dictates prompted the great American Revolution. Perhaps we’ve all taken our rights for granted for too long. Perhaps we need a new capricious king to prompt us to reclaim our rights and privileges as free citizens.

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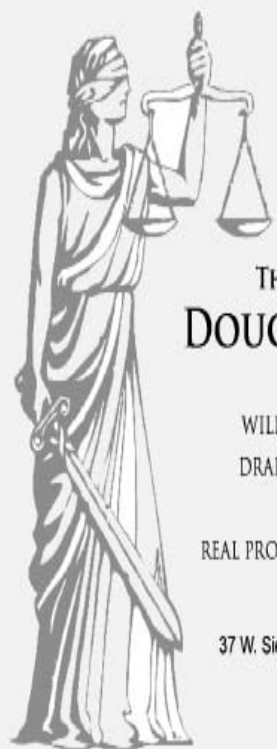
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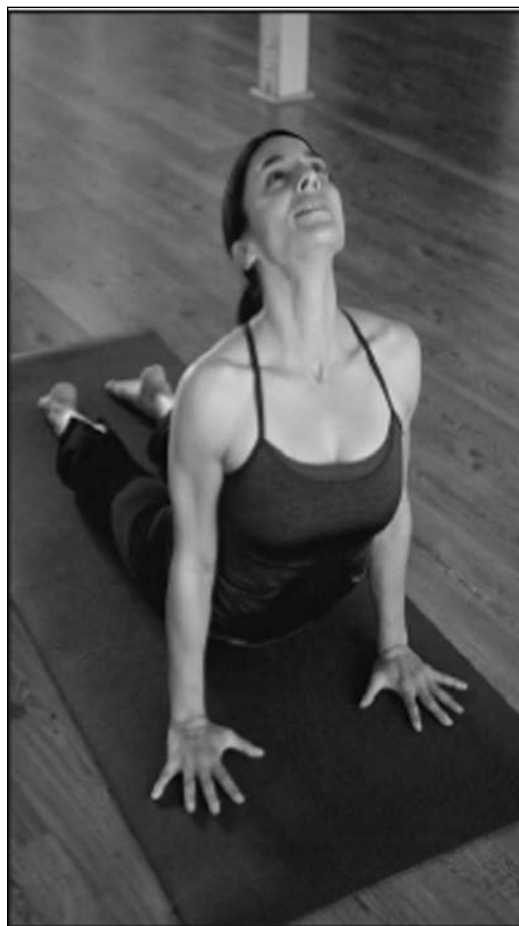


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SUSAN Henderson Election Overload

election (n): the right, power, or privilege of making a choice; **overload** (v) fill to excess so that function is impaired

I realize that most of you who live in either Sierra Madre or Arcadia and read the subject of this column, immediately assumed I was referring to the myriad of 'invitations' we have received lately in preparation for the April 13th Municipal Elections coming our way. And, to some extent you are right. However, like those horrible 'infomercials' that haunt you should you fall asleep with the television on....*"Wait, there's more!"*

Yes, in addition to paying careful attention and casting a vote for the persons we believe (based on well researched facts I hope), on April 13th, those who live in Sierra Madre will have another vote to cast less than 30 days later. Pasadena Unified School District has placed Measure CC on a special election ballot - all by mail - that is to be done by May 1st. (Ballots will actually start arriving around April 1st). Arcadians, don't get happy because you are not included in the Measure CC population for as the saying goes, *"Wait, there's more!"*

No sooner than April and May go by, on June 8th we all have to vote in the California 'Gubernatorial' Primary and boy, that will be a 'whopper'.

I have absolutely no idea why they are calling the June Primary the 'Gubernatorial' Primary, because the Governor's office is only 1 of at least

14 things that we have to vote on. On that ballot we will cast votes for the following:*

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That's about 57 people (*based on the information available at press time) that a responsible voter should consider before casting their vote.

But wait, there's still more! (And this discovery really startled me):

THERE ARE FIVE MEASURES ON THE JUNE PRIMARY BALLOT!
(Below is a somewhat paraphrased description)

Proposition 13 - Limits Property Tax Assessments on existing buildings (regardless of type) that are required to seismic retrofit.

Proposition 14 - Increases the right to participate in Primary Elections regardless of party for Congressional, Statewide and Legislative Offices. (If it passes, the top two vote getters will go on to the General Election).

Proposition 15 - The California Fair Elections Act (yes, that's what it is called), proposes a voluntary system for Secretary of State candidates to qualify

for campaign grants if they agree to strict spending limits and no private contributions. A step in the right direction you think? Maybe not. Looks like the grant funds will come from.... lobbyists!

Proposition 16 - Would require a 2/3 vote from local government if they wanted to change their electricity provider. This one is a little complex, but there are currently 3 types of electrical utility providers and cities would have the ability to choose their own provider if they get 2/3 approval from the voters. (Watch out Edison, if that passes, Sierra Madreans could elect to replace you with the Acme 'No Power Failures' Electric Company!)

Proposition 17 - Would allow insurance companies to base their premiums partly on a drivers history of insurance coverage.

Now, as I have mentioned so many times before, participating in an election is a responsibility that we have. Voting is the most important thing we do as citizens. But how can you possibly encourage voters to participate in the process when it has been stacked in such a way that even the most faithful voter may not invest the time to make an informed decision because of the sheer number of things we have to decide upon. The spring of 2010 may very well end up being the straw that finally broke the voters back and the politicians (political consultants) will have finally gotten what they really want....mindless voters.

With so much to consider, we will become even more susceptible to political gamemanship.

For instance, many of you may have been surprised to know that there is anyone running for Governor other than Poizner and Whitman because of the constant, annoying bombarding of commercials three months BEFORE the election. We're being brainwashed from the start.

Or, for those politicians who prey on those who take their vote seriously but cast their ballots by mail. Absentee voters are always targeted early in the election cycle because they have a tendency to vote BEFORE all the information about the candidates is available. Locally, such tactics allowed one elected official to win by 10 votes because the absentee voters had already cast their votes when the scandal broke regarding campaign supporters distributing what appeared to be endorsements.

Or, and this is probably the most egregious, putting a Parcel Tax on the ballot in a process that we have never utilized before....an entire Vote By Mail campaign for Measure CC. Don't get me wrong, I support the Measure because we just can't throw our kids away, but the process is not conducive to getting people to really participate.

Election overload is a dangerous thing that will adversely impact voter participation and our ability to make informed decisions. We have to be careful not to become discouraged and resort to the old 'flip a nickel' tactic when we make our decisions. Maybe, if we don't fall for the 'okey doke', they will quit trying to pull the wool over our eyes. Learn the facts about who or what your are voting for. Vote as if your future depends on it. *It does.*



RICH Johnson

Now, don't think for a moment that yours truly is going to weigh in with my incredible working knowledge of this issue. First of all, I

have no idea where the truth lies in the middle of this. And secondly, I have no desire to be another one of the blaring voices in the cacophony of noise being banded about.

I will confess to having random thoughts pop into my head regarding this cultural conundrum. But these thoughts turn into questions, certainly nothing approaching answers. You wanna example? Fine, I'll give you an example:

I have health insurance because my company's landlord offers coverage to tenants. I can get insurance because I am in what they call a shared risk pool. Which means, of course, that a big enough group of us pay in monthly and the insurance company hopes only a couple of us need medical treatment in any one year. That makes sense. However, what doesn't seem to make sense is, if I walked into an insurance office and filled out a application for private coverage

there is absolutely no way on God's green earth I would qualify...at any price. My question: Why can't the same logic behind shared risk pools be applied to a million people applying for coverage privately? Huh? You in the suit: You got any ideas?

I have another question: How profitable is the insurance industry? Can somebody tell me? Okay, I'll look this one up myself. Oops, no not there, maybe over here. Okay, found something. Dust it off:

Fortune Magazine's 2008 Profitability Chart (percentages)

1. Network and Other Communications Equipment 20.4%
2. Internet Services and Retailing 19.4%
3. Pharmaceuticals 19.3%
4. Medical Products and Equipment 16.3%
5. Railroads 12.6%
6. Financial Data Services 11.7%
7. Mining, Crude-Oil production 11.5%
8. Securities 10.7%
9. Oil and Gas Equipment, Services 10.2%
10. Scientific, Photographic, and Control Equipment 9.9%
11. Household and Personal Products 8.7%

12. Utilities: Gas and Electric 8.7%
13. Aerospace and Defense 7.6%
14. Food Services 7.1%
15. Industrial Machinery 6.9%
16. Food Consumer Products 6.7%
17. Electronics, Electrical Equipment 6.5%
18. Commercial Banks 5.2%
19. Telecommunications 5.1%
20. Chemicals 5.0%
21. Construction and Farm Machinery 5.0%
22. Insurance: Life, Health (stock) 4.6%
23. Information Technology Services 4.5%
24. Computers, Office Equipment 4.3%
25. Metals 3.9%
26. Wholesalers: Diversified 3.5%
27. Insurance: Property and Casualty (stock) 3.3%
28. Specialty Retailers 3.2%
29. General Merchandisers 3.2%
30. Health Care: Pharmacy and Other Services 3.0%
31. Packaging, Containers 3.0%
32. Beverages 2.9%
33. Engineering, Construction 2.7%
34. Health Care: Medical Facilities 2.4%
35. **Health Care: Insurance and Managed Care 2.2**

There were 18 more industries lower

than Health Care. (The lowest, fyi, was the airline industry with 2008 profits, err, I mean losses of -13.5%. See, no answers, only more questions.

So, what should we do and where should we go? We'll, I'll tell you:

Call the Sierra Madre Playhouse at (626) 355-4318 and order tickets for the upcoming back-by-popular-demand performances of **"Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz."** (*How's that for a segue?*)

Performances are at 2:00, Saturday, March 27th and 2:00, Saturday, April 3rd.

Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children. It is worth seeing.

P.S. - Please write me if you have any answers.

HAIL Hamilton



April 13, Sierra Madre's voters will decide whether the City should possess the power to condemn property for redevelopment purposes. They will decide the issue by ratifying or rejecting City Ordinance 1304, a controversial

measure that has triggered some colorful debate.

The proposed ordinance will prohibit (1) condemning property and turning it over to a private developer, and (2) funding or cooperating with any other city agency using eminent domain (such as the Redevelopment Agency). In December when the city decided to allow the ordinance to be approved by voters, City councilman John Buchanan said:

"Taking one person's private property to hand it to another is morally questionable, to say the least."

Wondering why the city does not simply

PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE STIRS DEBATE

pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of eminent domain for private purposes if the board members are against such use? The answer, apparently, is that the board considered doing so in reaction to Kelo, but ultimately determined such an ordinance could be overturned by future city councils. If the measure is passed by the voters, it would be much harder to overturn.

Sierra Madre is not the first city to consider prohibiting the use of eminent domain for private purposes. In fact, its proposed measure is modeled after the City of Yorba Linda's 2008 Measure BB, which was passed with nearly 80 percent approval. And in 2007, Arcadia voters banned the use of eminent domain in the city's downtown redevelopment area.

On February 27, Susan Henderson wrote a *Mountain View News* article "Eminent Domain Measure -- Yes or No?" She purports to analyze the measure in the broader context of recent eminent-domain-reform efforts, including California's Proposition 99, passed in 2008 in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's much-maligned 2005 *Kelo*

decision. She concludes that the measure is irrelevant, and amounts to mere political "grandstanding" by Sierra Madre's Mayor MaryAnn McGilivray.

On March 1, "Eric Maundry," aka City Council candidate John Crawford, responded in a *Sierra Madre Tattler* piece entitled, "Has The Mountain Views News Come Down On The Side Of Eminent Domain?" In addition to several nasty personal attacks on Ms. Henderson and her analysis, Crawford (AKA "Sir Eric Maundry") contends that the measure has real teeth, prohibiting the City from all eminent domain for redevelopment purposes -- i.e., eminent domain where the goal is to turn the condemned property over to another private owner for redevelopment.

The dispute appears to be part of a larger political controversy in Sierra Madre, where an ongoing debate over growth issues has apparently become the cornerstone of the upcoming election. It also appears to be part of a four year vendetta by *Tattler* blogger Crawford against MVN publisher Henderson and Council Member Joe Mosca, who is

running for reelection.

As to eminent domain and the impact of Ordinance 1304, the ordinance goes well beyond the limited restrictions Proposition 99 offers state-wide, and should, if approved, create a real barrier against eminent domain for redevelopment purposes. Especially with respect to businesses, no current federal or state prohibition exists on condemning property for redevelopment purposes, as long as the condemning agency makes proper blight findings. Ordinance 1304 would change that, at least in Sierra Madre.

Is prohibiting all eminent domain for redevelopment purposes a good thing? I'm not sure. Will the proposed ordinance hamper the city's efforts remove the blight of the "abandoned" Skilled Nursing Facility? I don't know. Is the ordinance really just political grandstanding by Mayor McGilivray, as Ms. Henderson contends? You tell me. Whatever the merits of City Ordinance 1304, I'm happy to leave this controversial measure to Sierra Madre residents to decide.



STUART Tolchin On...LIFE SO, THIS IS LIFE

The last month or so I've been travelling in a very different sort of world. As I've alluded to in my recent articles my son is suffering from a very damaging eye condition called narrow angle glaucoma. Every other day we've been going to ophthalmologists and I thought the problem had been solved. We went again to the doctor this morning and learned that there remains unacceptable pressure within the eye and that an appointment was being made at UCLA in order to have the eye surgeon determine whether a trabeculectomy or filtration surgery is necessary. The word itself is so scary that it took most of the little courage I have to mention it to my daughter. She immediately provided me with a link and now I know much more about the human eye than I ever wanted to know. I won't burden you with any more information other than to say that the elements of vision are wonderfully complex and miraculous. Unfortunately in something so complex there are a number of things that can go wrong and it seems that my son was born with an undetected condition that now completely threatens his eyesight. Already he has lost 96% of the field of vision in one eye and this vision is lost forever. Now doctors are trying to prevent a similar loss of vision in his good eye and all I can do is hope for the best.

Really, that's part of the problem. My son has been staying with my wife and myself and together we have been very diligent in making sure that he applied

his eye drops at the right times during the day and night. I have transported my son to all of his appointments and have never been late. Somehow I thought that this would be enough and that everything would be okay. I still hope and believe that everything is going to be sort of okay but during the last month I have learned that everything is often not okay. In response to my articles a surprising number of people have shared their medical histories with me and it is just horrifying to realize how much pain everyone seems to endure. In a way it's equally horrifying to realize our social requirement that our individual pains be hidden from one another. Why aren't we allowed to publicly cry on one another's shoulders? Who passed the law that we must live in this Disney world with our Disney smiles and pretend that everything is okay?

I think as Americans we have accepted the premise that sadness is contagious. Perhaps that is why so many of us use prescribed anti-depressive medications to mask our feelings from others and from ourselves. Many others go further and habitually use narcotics and alcohol to hide from our feelings—feeling that make us feel unacceptable to ourselves. The deaths of celebrities related to the chronic misuse of drugs are a sad reminder of a fatal sickness within our society. It is so hard to understand these deaths, as being rich and famous seems to be the major stated goal of so many of us. If being rich and famous isn't enough to make life tolerable, then what more does it take?

I found an answer to this question in a very surprising place. My wife's copy of this month's O Magazine was lying next to the computer and, for the first time in

my life, I opened the magazine and stumbled upon a picture of the lovely lady in Avatar wearing an orange dress. She is the subject of an article asking what books have made a difference to her. In response she describes the recent novel *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. "This is a fable about a boy searching for the meaning of life. He thinks his goal is to get to a particular mountain and look for gold. During the journey he comes to realize that meeting people, learning from them---that's the gold."

And that, my friends is the truth. Notwithstanding our drug-induced torpors, each of us almost inevitably enriches the life of someone else. Perhaps the tragedy of celebrities has to do with living in a bubble that excludes them from the joys of normal human interaction. I don't know about their lives but I do know that my interaction with others constantly enriches my own life. Additionally, I am forever grateful that this little column over the past couple of years has allowed me the opportunity to reach out and share myself with other people and to receive from others the great joy of meeting and learning from them. Drugs or no drugs, we still can reach one another.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



Phobos Flyby Images Released

Images from the recent close flyby of Mars’ moon Phobos, which took place on March 7, were released March 15. The images show the rocky, irregular-shaped moon in exquisite detail, with a resolution of just 4.4 meters (about 5 yards) per pixel. They also show the proposed landing sites for Russia’s forthcoming Phobos-Grunt mission.

Images from the flyby are available at:
http://www.esa.int/esaSC/SEM_K17CKP6G_index_0.html

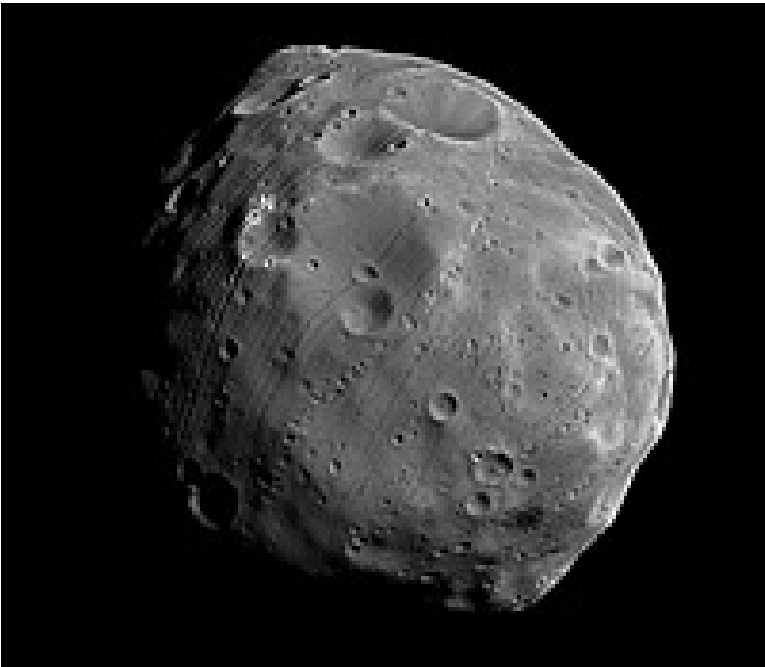
The Mars Express spacecraft is operated by the European Space Agency (ESA). The flight control team is located at the European Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt, Germany. Mars Express orbits the Red Planet in a highly elliptical, polar orbit that brings it close to Phobos every five months. It is the only spacecraft currently in orbit around Mars whose orbit reaches far enough from the planet to provide a close-up view of Phobos.

Like Earth’s Moon, Phobos does not rotate, but always shows the same side to the planet. Therefore it is only by flying outside Phobos’ orbit that it becomes possible to observe the far side. Mars Express did just this on March 7, 10, and 13. The spacecraft also collected data with other instruments.

The names of Mars’ two moons, Phobos (meaning “fear”) and Deimos (meaning “dread”) are taken from Greek mythology. In Homer’s Iliad, Phobos and Deimos were the names of two sons of Ares (Mars), the god of war. Phobos is the larger of the two moons, and its orbit is closer to Mars than that of Deimos.

Phobos is an irregular body measuring some 27 by 22 by 19 km. Its origin is debated. It appears to share many surface characteristics with the class of “carbonaceous C-type” asteroids, which suggests it might have been captured from this population.

However, it is difficult to explain either the capture mechanism or the subsequent evolution of the orbit into the equatorial plane of Mars. An alternative hypothesis is that it formed around Mars, and is therefore a remnant from the planetary formation period.



In Superman III, Richard Pryor played the role of a slightly warped computer programmer with a certain prowess at using computers to develop financial programming schemes. His morally-compromised employer plotted to use this ability to develop a computer system whose ultimate function would be the control of financial markets world-wide. Fast-forward to 1987 and the very real stock market crash now known as “Black Monday” can be traced to the stock trading computers and software in use at the time all beginning to dump assets in unison in response to a unusual set of input data. By the time the closing bell rang, the Dow had lost almost 23 percent of its value in just one trading day. Fast-forward to today and the massively powerful computer software and hardware used to run our modern stock markets are far more advanced than any machines imagined in either of the two previously mentioned scenarios.

On the modern financial battlefield, cutting-edge computer systems running complex mathematical formulae trawl through mountains of data looking for patterns indicative of movement in areas of interest so that one system can gain a millisecond jump on other similar systems in placing buy or sell orders. Other machines engage in semi-secret data-gathering and still other systems poll each other for pricing information about various commodities and



computer systems that control the financial fates of world markets but the real question remains as to what have we might be missing when we look at the big picture. Often the technology we see may be masking a flawed system of conducting business. After the most recent stock market troubles there was no shortage of factors that could be assigned blame for the various meltdowns but even as the dust still settles it has become quite evident that many of the processes and methodologies in use made it very difficult for those who had the most to be concerned about to get a clear view as to what was really happening before their very eyes.

In the very best of circumstances, our use of advanced technology advances knowledge of ourselves and the world around us beyond

In 2011, Russia will send a mission called Phobos-Grunt (meaning “Phobos Soil”) to land on the Martian moon, collect a soil sample, and return it to Earth for analysis.

For operational and landing safety reasons, the proposed Russian landing sites were selected on the far side of Phobos within the area 5°S-5°N, 230-235°E. This region was imaged by the HRSC high-resolution camera of Mars Express during the July-August 2008 flybys of Phobos. But new HRSC images showing the vicinity of the landing area under different conditions, such as better illumination from the Sun, remain highly valuable for mission planners.

It is expected that Earth-based ESA stations will take part in controlling Phobos-Grunt, receiving telemetry and making trajectory measurements, including implementation of very long-baseline interferometry, an astronomical technique that uses two or more widely spaced telescopes operating simultaneously to achieve very high resolution. This cooperation is realized on the basis of an agreement on collaboration of the Russian Federal Space Agency and ESA.

Mars Express will continue to encounter Phobos until the end of March, when the Martian moon’s orbit will take it out of the spacecraft’s range.

Updates as the flybys take place will be posted on the Mars Express blog at:
<http://webservices.esa.int/blog/blog/7>
You can contact Bob Eklund at: b eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.

what was thought possible just a few short years ago. In the worst cases, it enables us to do bad things or stupid things faster and on a larger scale than ever before possible. With the exception of movie plots, people rarely set out to do evil using advanced technology and more often than not, where real harm has been done, it has often been the result of unintended consequences or unattended operation. Those charged with monitoring the system were either not doing so or paying attention to the wrong things. With any system sufficiently advanced most external analysis quickly devolves into guesstimation and post-mortem commentary because there may be simply too many variables to account for in the equation.

Technology remains first and foremost a tool to be used with a definite purpose in mind and in the pursuit of a definite goal. In the best of cases, such a tool can make existing systems more efficient but there is always the chance that the pursuit of efficiency can cause us to miss out on the fact that oftimes the underlying processes of a system may be in need of drastic reform and repair before the application of layers of complex technology could be applied that would in effect enable us to make bad business models worse and big mistakes faster.

Public Safety

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 7th, to Saturday March 13th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 321 calls for service.

Monday, March 8th:

4:21 PM – Theft from vehicle, 600 block W. Highland Ave. A caller reported a theft in progress after seeing two teenagers taking property from the back of a parked truck. Officers detained two teenage boys and arrested them for theft. Police took the minors to the Sierra Madre Police Department, booked them for petty theft, and released them to their parents on a written promise to appear in court. One minor was from Sierra Madre; the other was from Pasadena.

Thursday, March 11th:

13:03 PM – Residential Burglary, 300 block Olive Tree lane. Construction tools were stolen from a home under renovation. The crime occurred between 7:00 pm Wednesday, 3/10/2010 and 12:50 pm Thursday, 3/11/2010. The tools were taken from various rooms throughout the home. The front door was unlocked and the rear doors were found ajar. The total loss was estimated at \$4400.00.

Friday, March 12th:

11:25 AM – Theft from vehicle, 100 block Jameson Court. A Canon camera, two credit cards and a set of keys were stolen from an unlocked car parked in the driveway. The crime occurred between 3:30 pm Thursday, 3/11/2010 and 8:30 am Friday, 3/12/2010. The loss was estimated at \$200.00.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 522 service events, resulting in 124 investigations. Following are the last week’s highlighted issues and events:

Felony Vandalism - Suspect Arrested

On March 6 at 10:06 a.m., dispatch received a call from a witness following a vandalism suspect in a vehicle. The witness saw the suspect get out of his vehicle at Central and Myrtle, where he wrote graffiti on two traffic signals with a large yellow paint marker. He also tagged a trash dumpster in the 1200 block of South Myrtle and a city power transformer at Primrose and Huntington. Officers responded and detained the suspect. He was positively identified by the witness and arrested for felony vandalism. The suspect was uncooperative and denied any gang involvement. The witness will receive Monrovia Police Department’s \$100 graffiti bounty reward for reporting this incident, which led to the arrest of the suspect.

Grand Theft Auto

On March 6 at 12:34 p.m., police received the report of a stolen vehicle. An employee of a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain parked and locked his vehicle in the parking lot. He was away from his vehicle for approximately 30 minutes and returned to find it missing. The vehicle taken was a 1994 Honda Accord. Investigation continuing.

Burglary - Suspect Arrested

On March 7 at 11:12 a.m., an officer responded to a burglary alarm call at an elementary school in the 200 block of Jasmine. As he arrived, a witness reported that the suspect had jumped a fence and fled toward Jasmine. Additional units were requested to search for the suspect. He was detained at Canyon and Foothill. The witness positively identified the suspect. The suspect was wearing a backpack and was in possession of a slidehammer, which was used to gain entry into a classroom. The suspect did not have enough time to take anything. He is currently on parole for burglary. Investigation continuing.

Commercial Burglary

On March 8 at 7:05 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 1500 block of California regarding a burglary. They arrived and met with the owner, who told the officers he closed up on Sunday and set the alarm. In the morning, he got a call from his gardener, who told him someone

had broken into the business. The suspects had cut through a sheet metal bay door and entered the building. Investigation continuing.

Outside Agency Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On March 8 at 3:48 p.m., officers observed a male subject who is a known gang member. The subject saw the officers and ran toward a residence in the 200 block of East Olive. One of the officers gave chase and detained the subject around the building. A computer check revealed two outside warrants for his arrest. The officer found a Bowie-type knife near where the subject had been. Azusa Police Department responded on the outstanding warrants and took custody of the suspect.

Foothills Special Enforcement Team Outside Agency Search Warrant - Assisting Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

On February 11 at 5 a.m., the Foothills Special Enforcement Team in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency served a search warrant at a residence in the City of El Monte. The search was for narcotics and firearms believed to be at the residence. The residence was secured and the suspect was located. Though the search was not completed at the time of this report, a quantity of narcotics packaged for sales had already been located. This search warrant was part of a larger investigation that is ongoing.

Duarte and Monrovia Anti Gang Enforcement (DAMAGE) Task Force / State Parole Operation

On March 10 at 6:30 a.m., Los Angeles Sheriff’s Deputies, State Parole and Monrovia Police Department personnel conducted a parole compliance check of a residence in the 100 block of South Encinitas. A loaded 9mm pistol, ammunition, a small quantity of methamphetamine and several items of drug paraphernalia were recovered. Two male adults were arrested. One male parolee was charged with ex-felon with a gun, ex-felon in possession of ammunition, possession of methamphetamine and a parole violation. The other male was charged with possession of an unregistered handgun and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 8:38 a.m., a second parole compliance check was conducted at a residence in the 100 block of Montana on a known gang member. Items with gang graffiti and two different kinds of ammunition were recovered. The parolee was arrested for ex-felon in possession of ammunition and a parole violation.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, March 7, through Saturday, March 13, the Police Department responded to 843 calls for service of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 7:

1. An auto burglary occurred between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at 125 North First. Unknown suspect(s) removed a door lock to enter the vehicle and stole a wallet containing \$1,800. The suspect(s) also used the victim’s debit card at two locations to make unauthorized purchases.

2. Shortly before 5:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy’s advised that they had detained a woman for theft. The suspect entered the store with empty shopping bags in a stroller. She selected clothing items and hid the merchandise in the bags while in a fitting room. A private person’s arrest was made, and a 38-year-old Asian was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Monday, March 8:

3. A battery incident occurred at Duarte and Santa Anita around 12:45 p.m. A 17-year-old male juvenile was walking home when he was attacked by 2 male Asian suspects, both described in be in their 20’s, 5’10” tall, thin build, and with shaved heads.

4. Units responded to the library parking lot, 20 West Duarte, around 6:50 p.m. regarding a brandishing/terrorist threat investigation. The victim advised that he got into an argument with a male Asian suspect, and the suspect produced a knife and threatened the victim with physical injury. Several hours later, the victim contacted police again and indicated that the suspect was following him. Officers later located the suspect’s vehicle at Santa Anita and Longden, and a traffic stop was conducted. A consent search of the vehicle revealed a pair of nunchaku, and the 35-year-old man was taken into custody for exhibiting a deadly weapon, possession of weapon, and making terrorist threats.

Tuesday, March 9:

5. Officers responded to the 2300 block of South Sixth around 10:14 a.m. in reference to a possible child abuse incident. A five-year-old girl claimed that her father had struck her with a belt several times for failure to maintain proper hygiene. The girl had bruises on her buttocks, and the incident was reported to the Department of Children and Family services.

6. Shortly after 1:00 p.m., units were dispatched to the 400 block of East Lemon regarding a grand theft that occurred on March 3. The victim advised that a male Hispanic suspect had stolen two UPS packages from her front porch on March 3 and then removed the security camera by the front door. The security video footage showed that the suspect was driven to the residence in a blue passenger vehicle.

Wednesday, March 10:

7. Loss prevention personnel from

Nordstrom came to the station around 4:54 p.m. to file a grand theft report. Their investigation showed that a male suspect entered the store on March 8 and stole two leather jackets worth \$900 each.

8. Around 10:23 p.m., units responded to the 00 block of East Forest regarding a suspicious vehicle parked at the location. Five occupants were contacted and officers detected the odor of burnt marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A consent search of the vehicle was conducted and an open container of alcohol and 21 ecstasy pills were found. An 18-year-old male Caucasian passenger was cited and later released for possession of an open alcohol container, and an 18-year-old male Caucasian driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Thursday, March 11:

9. Around 1:43 a.m., a driver was seen swerving between lanes of traffic at Colorado and San Rafael. Officers tried to conduct a traffic stop, but the driver failed to yield and a pursuit ensued. The driver sped onto the 210 freeway, then to the 57, and then onto the 10 freeway, where the CHP took over the pursuit. After a 32-mile pursuit, the driver finally exited the freeway in West Covina and was detained. A 38-year-old female Caucasian was taken into custody for unlicensed driver, evade peace officer with wanton disregard for the safety of others, and speed greater than 100 mph.

10. A witness notified police around 5:15 p.m. that a driver was seen falling out a vehicle and then got back inside the car and sped away. Officers located the vehicle in the 700 block of West Huntington and conducted a traffic stop. An intoxicated 46-year-old male Caucasian driver was arrested for DUI.

Friday, March 12:

11. Shortly after 5:00 p.m., a 27-year-old female African-American suspect was arrested at Bank of America, 169 East Foothill, for attempting to cash a \$2,900 fraudulent check.

12. Officers were dispatched to the 00 block of West Lemon around 8:00 p.m. in reference to a possible elder abuse incident. Investigation revealed that during an argument, the suspect threatened his mother-in-law with a knife and then pushed her to the ground. A 35-year-old male Caucasian was arrested at the scene.

Saturday, March 13:

13. An injury traffic collision occurred at Holly and Las Tunas around 5:46 p.m. An intoxicated driver struck a curb and veered into oncoming traffic, hitting the victim’s vehicle head-on. A passenger from the victim’s vehicle was transported to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, and a 34-year-old female Hispanic driver was arrested for DUI.

14. Around 9:30 p.m., a traffic collision was reported at 180 Campus. An intoxicated 19-year-old male Caucasian driver struck a parked vehicle and was taken into custody for DUI and minor driving under the influence.

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The Senior Handbook for 2010

By Bruce Lamarche

Spot

I didn't write this. This is one of those things that float around on the internet. However, I thought that the life principles expressed here were right on. It seemed too good not to share. Think about these things and how they might improve your life.

Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, & dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow & eat less food that is manufactured.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games.
7. Read more books than you did in 2009.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily and while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't allow negative thoughts. Some things you cannot control.
13. Invest your energy in the positive & present moment. It's all we have.
14. Don't over-do. Keep your limits.
15. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
16. Don't take things personally, it's not about you.
17. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
18. Dream more while you are awake.
19. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
20. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner of past mistakes.
21. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
22. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
23. No one is in charge of your happiness

- except you.
24. Smile and laugh more.
 25. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Society:

26. Call your family often.
27. Each day give something good to others.
28. Forgive everyone for everything.
29. Spend time with people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
30. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
31. What other people think of you is none of your business.
32. Government won't take care of you when you are sick; friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

33. Do the right thing!
34. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
35. GOD heals everything.
36. However good or bad a situation is: it will change.
37. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
38. The best is yet to come.
39. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
40. Your inner-most person is always happy, so be happy.

Realize that life is a school and we are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons we choose to learn will last a lifetime. As elders, do we take the time to share this way of living with our younger family members? We are teachers of life to those we love. Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Drink This, Not That!

MADISON, Wis.—The human body is composed of about 70 percent water. Take that as a hint.

Water is at the top of the list of things you should be drinking plenty of, says Dr. Kristina Penniston, a clinical nutritionist with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH). Penniston, who works primarily with kidney specialists, says what you choose to drink, and in what quantity, has a huge impact on the health of your kidneys and other parts of your body. Every day, the average American guzzles several quarts of liquid --everything from good old H2O to drinks like coffee, soda, juice and alcohol.

Water is best, but you don't necessarily have to heed the old saw that suggests you drink a full eight glasses a day. "Our need for fluids varies so much, and there's really no one-size-fits-all amount," says Penniston. "Everything depends on what you're doing—are you sweating during physical activity or are you sitting at a desk being sedentary?"

If you're looking to avoid kidney stones—and given the pain they can cause, you should be—both **lemonade and orange juice** both contain a citrate that helps prevent the buildup of calcium oxylate, the substance that forms kidney stones. That's a good thing. But there's also a drawback: both beverages are laden with sugar and calories.

"We don't drink eight ounces of pure lemon juice, which is what actually provides the protection," says Penniston. "We dilute it with water and sugar, and that changes the equation of how healthy it is fairly significantly."

Cranberry juice has its share of sugar, too, but some recent research suggests it also has something else: a substance that may inhibit the strains of e.coli bacteria that can cause painful urinary-tract infections. "We know that you can show in a test tube that the infectious bacteria are kept in check by cranberry juice," says Dr. Dr. Sarah McAchran, a urologist and assistant professor of urology at UW. "The question is, when you drink the juice, does the protective element excrete into the urine and the urinary tract?"

Grapefruit juice is packed with vitamins and minerals. But if you're on certain types of antidiuretics, or using statins to control cholesterol, you need to avoid it, because it interferes with the body's ability to metabolize the drugs. In some cases, the interaction speeds up the body's response to certain drugs, creating a dangerous and life-threatening situation.

Then there's soda, the favorite beverage of many—if not most-- Americans. In fact, the United States is responsible for more than a third of the world's total soda consumption every year. Penniston suggests we should choose another option—or at least cut way back.

"I would really ask people to wake up to the fact that the amounts of high-fructose corn syrup found in most types of sodas are associated with all sorts of troublesome health issues, from obesity and kidney stones to gout and insulin resistance," she says.

Diet sodas don't lead to obesity, but they aren't necessarily much better. A 2009 Brigham and Women's Hospital study suggested that women who consume more than two diet sodas a day may be doubling their risk of kidney-function decline.

Vegetable juice drinks seem like a no-brainer—after all, aren't all those great vitamins in things like tomato juice cocktails wonderful for us? Well, yes. But the huge amounts of sodium that accompany some of them aren't.

"The kidneys actually mirror the heart in several ways," says Dr. Stephen Nakada, head of the division of urology at UW Hospital and Clinics. "And that includes the fact that too much sodium isn't good for either of them. High levels of sodium contribute to kidney stones, and are a risk factor for high blood pressure and heart attacks."

Sports drinks are also loaded with sodium, which makes them an odd choice for those who drink them while sitting in their cubicles rather than after a 10K run. "It's good to remember that these drinks were formulated for elite athletes who need to replace fluids lost to sweat," notes Penniston. "The rest of us probably shouldn't drink them unless we need them." Opting for the low-sugar and low-sodium versions of these drinks is another possibility.

The bigger issue with many of these drinks, says Dr. Nakada, is actually the size of the bottles. In recent years, both soda and sports-drink bottles seem to have been put on some kind of steroid regimen—20 and 24-ounces bottles have edged out 12 and 16-ounce servings. Some companies have also begun to offer smaller-size serving options, but big bottles still dominate the shelves.

"If you're smart, you're staying away from large drinks," says Dr. Nakada. "Whatever drink you're talking about, the bottom line is you should try to avoid excesses, and simplification is best." Dr. Penniston agrees. "The key to all of this is that your beverage intake should be diverse, and it should center on moderation. You don't want to have too much of any type of drink."

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Recipe of the Week:

LEMON CHILI CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

DIRECTIONS:

Combine all ingredients except chicken in heavy-duty zip-lock food storage bag. Add chicken; close bag and zip to close. Place in bowl or baking dish and refrigerate for 2-6 hours. When ready to cook, prepare and preheat grill. Cook chicken for 12-17 minutes, turning once and brushing frequently with marinade, until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Discard remaining marinade. Serves 4

March Birthdays



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Activities:

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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.

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Tuesday: 2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon

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1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play

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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

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Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

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Escrow Closes For 4 Happy Habitat Families

Habitat for Humanity's Sherman Avenue build, just south of downtown Monrovia, is over. Each family completed their 500 hours (minimum) of construction labor on their homes. The hoopla of the ribbon cutting ceremonies is a fond memory. The city gave its occupancy permits. The buyers' modest loans are funded. Four families, the Del Grossos, Navas,

home last week. Marco Naccarati remembered his treks up ladders to install roofing with a bit of amazement, recalling there were many, many construction tasks he'd never even considered trying before, but he was guided and trained and supervised by Habitat staff. "If the nail went in crooked, they showed us how to pull it out and put it in straight the next time. If we used the wrong type of nails, they had us pull them out and hammer in the right ones."

Naccarati is confident his home is built right, and he's been here through it all, since a scorching day last summer when the four families chosen for this build and the supporting community gathered to break ground on a scorching spring morning last year.

San Gabriel Valley Habitat is amidst the final push, the last few months of an 11 unit condominium build in Glendale, according to Yates, and volunteer help is always needed. On a smaller scale, comments Yates, "We are also launching a new 'Brush With Kindness' program in Temple City mid-year. Volunteers will be needed for this effort as well. BWK will help low-income homeowners with exterior sprucing up that is needed but can't be done due to constraint of the homeowner's finances and resources."

The next project is a natural but nonetheless big step for SGV Habitat, going green. It will be a testament to showing that green construction can still be

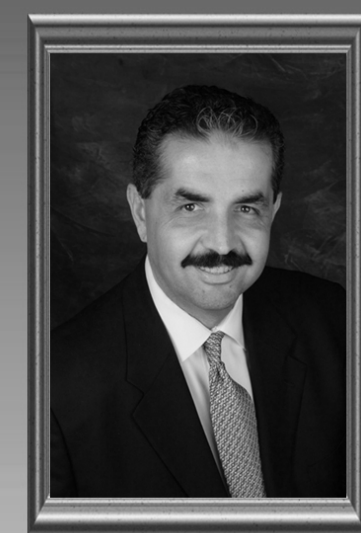


ABOVE: San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity Director Sonya Yates (second from left) congratulates Naccarati Family. BELOW: Volunteers put finishing touches on the driveway.



frugal. Habitat's first "green build" will start as soon as they raise the last \$200,000 of the \$400,000 needed for the project at 624-630 Geneva Street in Glendale. To that end, a May 1 Kentucky Derby party at the Club Court of Santa Anita Race Track promises to be a fun way to fundraise.

For more information, to volunteer, and to donate funds or re-sellable home goods to Habitat's two Re-Stores, call 626-387-6899 or email VolunteerNow@SGVHabitat.org or KentuckyDerby@SGVHabitat.org.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

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If you can hear the whispers below the din of panic, you know that the recent financial and housing collapses have actually created some amazing opportunities for smart investors. Low interest rates and depressed property values have combined in an environment favorable for long-term gains. It may not be for everyone, but if you're in the right financial position, you have plenty of options. However, there is a right way and a wrong way to invest, and it's the wrong way that led so many to suffer in the recent housing crisis.

Don't think about investing in real estate until you've saved up for your nest egg and have held or reduced your expenses to keep it growing. Your money doesn't work for you unless it's your money. Similarly, don't begin your investment adventure until you've polished up your credit score. The best opportunities go to those with upfront cash and excellent credit. Maximize your borrowed capital by making sure you get the lowest interest rates and best terms.

It then follows that you should not over-borrow. Real estate markets are continually cycling up and down. Learn the lessons of the recent debacle, and don't over-leverage yourself to the point you can't survive a down period in the cycle. If you're smart about it, you won't get rich quick, but you will get rich right!

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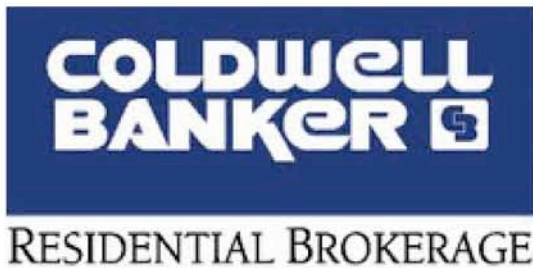
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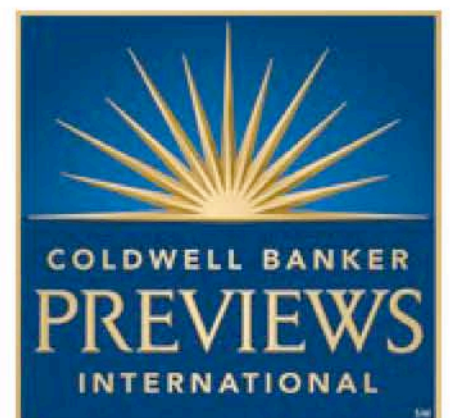
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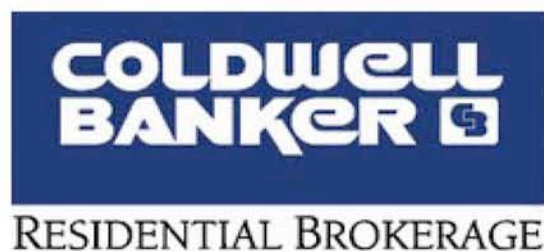
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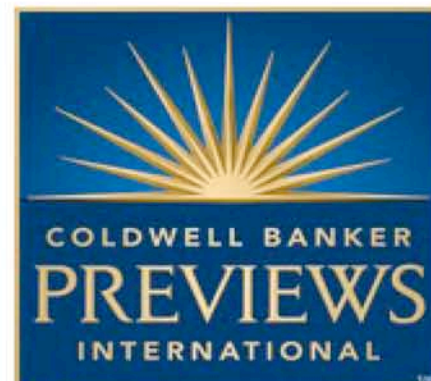


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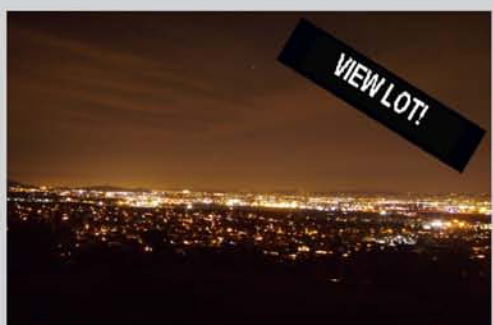
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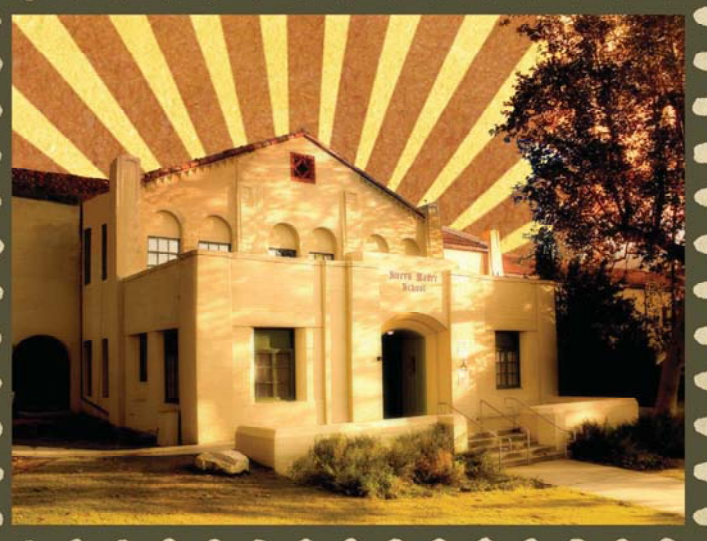
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HUCK FINN CAMPOUT & FISHING DERBY

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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FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Campout sites are filled on a first-come first-serve basis. You must sign up in advance for the campout. Campsites are \$45.00 up to a family of six. Food will be provided by the Sierra Madre Interact Club for a small fee.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Fishing Derby

7:00am-11:30am

Youths ages 3-15 years

\$6 per youth

Family Fishing

12:30pm-4:00pm

Open to all ages

\$10 per family

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Family Fishing

7:00am-4:00pm

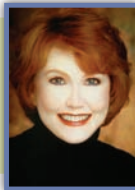
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