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SIERRA MADRE CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

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

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

Candidates answers are printed as submitted without editing.

Candidate Nancy Walsh

I am running for a seat on Sierra Madre's City Council because I want to take care of the people's business. I can and will make a difference.

Our current City Council is polarized and divisive. I want to bring common courtesy back to City Council meetings and end the petty bickering we witness at Council meetings. Communication and collaboration are essential if we are to make progress.

I will work to ensure continued enforcement of the Hillside Ordinance and other laws that protect our environment and our small-town character. I will work to identify ways to conform to our building laws while encouraging development at the old skilled nursing site and any other site that may come before us. I want to support our existing businesses, and find ways to encourage new business to our town. I want to increase transparency and continue to strengthen fiscal viability at City Hall.

I am currently the Chair of the Senior Community Commission. I was Chair of the Senior Master Plan Committee. I have been a lead on the Hart Memorial Park House renovation project. I established a public partnership



with Los Angeles County to recycle equipment. The project has brought in about \$30,000 for senior programs and services.

I have twenty-nine years of experience in public service, including experience in budgeting, contracting, developing grant applications and negotiating. I have worked with local, state and federal agencies. I believe I have the necessary skill sets to represent all of the citizens of our town and work with all members of the Sierra Madre City Council.

It will be an honor to serve all of our citizens on City Council if I am elected.

Fran Garbaccio Chosen as Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year



The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is happy to announce that Fran Garbaccio has been selected as the Older American of the Year for Sierra Madre. Fran is a long time resident, an active member of the Sierra Madre Friends of the Library Board and United Methodist Church, past Scout Leader, strong supporter of the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council and much, much more.

Each year the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designate the month of May as Older American Month. In recognition of Fran Garbaccio's dedicated volunteer service to the community, Sierra Madre will be honoring her at a local reception held at the Hart Park House on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the Older American Reception or on how you can assist with honoring Mrs. Garbaccio, please contact the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.

Mayor Presides Over Vicious Political Attack By S.Henderson

Those present at the Sierra Madre City Council meeting on Tuesday, witnessed an unprecedented display of mean spirited, hate filled rhetoric against Councilman Joe Mosca who is running for re-election.

During public comment at the beginning of the meeting, a string of angry residents lashed out at Councilman Mosca accusing him of breaking campaign promises by supporting big development in Sierra Madre. One speaker spoke uninterrupted for almost 15 minutes, well beyond the 3-5 minutes that the public has been required to adhere to in the past.

After the first such attack, Councilman Mosca in a very calm and professional manner, informed the speaker that the council meeting was not the appropriate place for discussing campaign issues and invited the speaker to his 'office hours'

in Kersting Court over the weekend. That invitation did not deter the next speaker who continued on with the same accusations which prompted Mosca to again suggest that campaign matters not be discussed at the Council meeting. He denied each and every accusation that had been made against him.

Mosca initially asked the Mayor for permission to respond to the first speaker. However, when the second and third speakers continued on, with no interruption from the Mayor, Mosca again addressed the speaker. MacGillivray called Mosca out of order, as a rule the council does not respond to comments from the public during that period. That has not been the practice, however, under this administration.

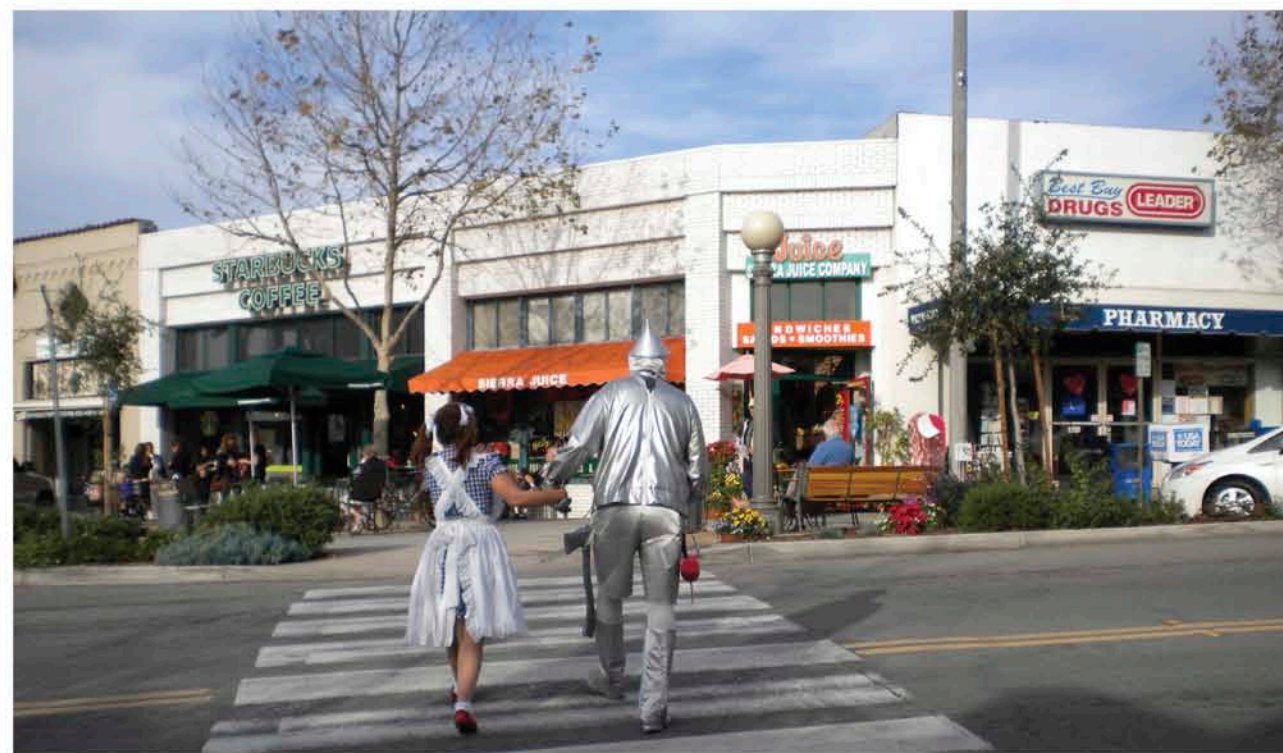
At one point the bickering escalated to a very uncomfortable level, with Mosca insisting on being able to

address the personal attacks on him. "You have to sit there and Take it" she responded.

When the Mayor threatened to have Mosca removed from the council chambers if he spoke again, Mosca challenged her authority to do so by suggesting that she check with the City Attorney regarding his right to address personal attacks. At the suggestion, the Mayor yelled, "I don't need input from the City Attorney! This is my meeting and I'm the Mayor!"

At each of the council meetings for the last two months, the Mayor has allowed rants against Mosca by residents who frequent the city council microphone. No other candidate has been subjected to such attacks. However, last month when Candidate Josh Moran spoke as a citizen complimenting a previous speaker on a matter not related to the campaign, Moran was shouted down by John Crawford, (cont. pg. 3)

"Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz" Final Performance



Dorothy and her friends in the fabulous "Wizard of Oz" are leaving Sierra Madre after a smashing run. Saturday, April 3rd at 2pm, will be your last chance to visit Oz at the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

The children of Sierra Madre have been enraptured with this interactive theatre experience where the audience is part of the show and everyone gets to meet and play with the costumed characters. (Moms and dads - bring cameras for the autograph session afterwards.) A "Tale of Sleeping Beauty" opens April 10th and plays through May 8th. Watch for the characters walking through our village to invite you to the show.

Call for reservations 355-4318. Children under 12: \$12 and adults: \$18.

REVISED MV NEWS ELECTION COVERAGE

Next Week: 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 29th Last Day to Register to Vote

**TBA Last Day To Return Vote By Mail Ballots
APRIL 13, 2010 ELECTION DAY**

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Tues: Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed: Rain	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Thur: Rain	Hi 60s	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 Heins'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**.

EASTER AT DESCANSO GARDENS

This Easter time, Descanso Gardens welcomes the holiday with its traditional egg hunt and popular weekend brunches.

Easter weekend, April 3 and April 4, enjoy a holiday brunch with seatings at 9 and 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Indulge in a scrumptious buffet brunch by Patina chefs served in Descanso's Rose Pavilion.

Partial menu items includes: seasonal fruit ratatouille, vanilla bean yogurt, build your own waffle bar, honey glazed ham, applewood smoke bacon and warm chocolate croissant bread pudding.

All children 12 and younger will receive an Easter basket and participate in an egg hunt!

Cost: \$50, \$42 members, \$20 children ages 4-10, free for children 3 and younger. Reservations with a credit card are required. Call Patina at (818) 790-3663. For cancellations, please call at least 48 hours in advance or a 50 percent fee will apply.

Creative Arts Group Celebrates 50 Years with Art of the Garden Tour April 18, 2010 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 pre-sale \$30 day of tour



Tickets can be purchased at Creative Arts Group, 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre 91024 or by phone 626-355-8350

This 1929 Monterey Colonial was designed by noted architect Roland Coate. The perimeter of the large front yard is surrounded by a mortar-less stacked-stone fence lined with roses. Mature Oaks provide shade in the sunny front lawn and a large Sycamore anchors the formal entryway. Off to one side, a breakfast terrace offers a place for a private meal or quiet contemplation. A planting bed featuring the brilliantly-colored Red Hot Poker plant is filled with catnip, penstamen, California Poppies, roses and ornamental grasses.

In the back a formerly freestanding garage was adjoined to the house and a second-story apartment added by the owners. A fountain arises from the small circular plaza and an olive tree provides shelter. A metal sculpture by Claire Faulkenstein sits among large Sycamores. Roses, lavender, ornamental sages and a dramatic Pride of Madeira complete the vignette. A tall Podocarpus screen provides privacy. Silver Dollar Eucalyptus flank steps up to the pool and tennis court which are original to the home. An alley of olive trees that were relocated from the front yard line both sides of the pool. A kitchen garden is contained in raised planters that separate the pool and tennis courts and paths composed of pea gravel delineate the different garden areas and lead to the pool house and outdoor fireplace that were added by the owners. Drought-tolerant plants, permeable pathways and shade-providing trees make this Mediterranean landscape a beautiful template for gardening in our arid Southern California climate.

Mount Wilson Trail Race Registration Forms

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.



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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Opera Famoso: Songs You Never Knew You Knew

will be presented at the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena on April 25 at 4:30 p.m. This will be the Towne Singers' first performance at this beautiful venue, chosen for its many amenities, outstanding acoustics, and audience comfort. The concert will feature the rousing opera choruses that we all have heard in the movies (and cartoons!). Sung in their original Italian, French, German, Russian, and Latin, translations will be provided as "supertitles" projected on artwork by local artist and choir member Kellye Wallett. The choir will be complemented by a 24-piece orchestra, and the show will include some excerpts from some of those great opera sources - the Looney Tunes! A light-hearted narration will provide information on the musical background of each chorus.

<http://site.smipp.org>

HAVE YOU LOGGED IN YET?

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!



The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce would like to say thank you for supporting the 2010 Wistaria Festival



Wistaria Festival Goes Smoothly, Our Sincere Thanks to All Who Contributed

The weather couldn't have been more ideal, and the crowds reflected that. As one vendor told me, 'there was a happy vibe.'

Although the vine wasn't at peak bloomage, nearly 2500 people passed through the properties to view the vine. Thanks to the Dorrances and the Solts for being kind enough to allow the curious to view this horticultural wonder.

Thanks to Rosemary Burnett for chairing the Wistaria Docents, Sue Levoe for chairing the Bus Docents, Susan Henderson for chairing the Park, and Tim Tutwiler for chairing the entertainment.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped educate/entertain the visitors at the vine and on the buses, direct traffic, staff the event (including the Chamber booths), maintain order, and tear down when it was all over, in particular Sierra Madre Woman's Club, Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team, St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 110, and Arcadia Key Club.

Thanks to SMPD and SMFD for ensuring public safety.

Thanks to the City for waiving 50% of the City's associated cost for the event, and for accepting slightly reduced insurance from previous years. And thanks to Duncan MacGillivray and Ellen Burry for assisting the Chamber in making

sure the Chamber's and City's insurance needs were met.

Thanks to our sponsors, the Arcadia Association of REALTORS, the Foothill Workforce Investment Board, Southern California Edison, Grand Pacific Resorts, Arcadia Gardens Retirement Hotel and Host Hotel Doubletree Hotel, Monrovia, for their financial assistance in putting on the event.

Thanks to City Staff for coordinating with the Chamber to prepare and process the TUP, and especially Susan Clifton for her hard work preparing work orders, etc.

Thanks to Public Works for their assistance with the banner, placement of

barricades, cleaning and maintenance, before, after and during the event.

Thanks to Mark van Cleave, for posting and removing the no parking signs, and for manning a barricade most of the day just because it needed to be done, even though he hadn't signed up to do it.

Thanks to all the vendors who provided goods for the shoppers, and all the downtown merchants for their extra efforts to make this a special day for all those who are new to Sierra Madre, and encouraging their return. And to businesses that were inconvenienced by the street closures, such as pizza delivery places, etc., thank you for

your patience.

Thanks to Sue and Mark Levoe, Cheree Coakes and Augie Eck, and Katie Coburn for their hours spent on a Friday night helping to chalk out the booth spaces.

Thanks to all the musicians that performed with only the promise of a free lunch, and to Sue Behrens for emceeing the park stage all day long.

Thanks to Tiffany Bailey, not only for coordinating with all the vendors, but for handling all the hundreds of little details that make a day like this a success.

Thanks to all the residents and to churchgoers that were inconvenienced by the

street closures, your patience as we present Sierra Madre's signature event each year is greatly appreciated.

The Chamber is grateful to all of you, and proud of your efforts.

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce extends its thanks to all of the above for their assistance in presenting the 2010 Wistaria Festival. Every effort has been made to include all those who participated, but in an event of this size, we may have missed some-one. If so, our sincere apologies.

Join us for the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Art Fair May 1st and 2nd, the Mt. Wilson Trail Race May 29th, and the 4th of July festivities July 3rd to 5th - and Friday Night Live will be back this summer!!

Sierra Madre

90 Years Young: Snooky Greger

Georgina “Snooky” Greger celebrated her 90th birthday with a bash at the Sierra Madre Woman’s Club, Saturday, March 13th.

Greger, who has lived in the same Sierra Madre home since her marriage in 1940. She first moved to the U.S. from Canada in 1927. Snooky and her parents and siblings lived for a while on what was a 5-acre lot at the corner of Orange Grove and Michillinda. Snooky was nicknamed “Baby Snookums” after a radio show of the era, and it was later shortened to Snooky.

She and her late husband (of more than 50 years) Henry had three daughters and a son. Henry worked as a tennis pro/teacher and also repaired typewriters. Snooky taught pre-school at Anoakia for many years.

The consummate volunteer you can find Snooke everywhere! A member of the Sierra Madre Women’s Club, you can find her in the Wistaria Thrift Shop most days. She is a long-time volunteer at the Wistaria Festival, working each year in the Chamber Information Booth. You can also find her cutting oranges for the runners each year at



the Mt. Wilson Trail Race.

Happy Birthday dear Snooky and thanks for all you do! Photos courtesy of B. Coburn

Arcadia

Goin’ Bald for a Good Cause

Volunteers from Arcadia Fire and Police Department, sports teams, St. Rita Church’s choir director and other individuals gathered at Matt Denny’s Restaurant in Arcadia on Tuesday, March 8 to have their heads shaved to raise funds for childhood cancer research.

The restaurant was packed shoulder to shoulder with “shavees”, their support teams and TV news crews. Macho and buff law enforcement officers, men and women who know someone fighting cancer, young and old, all joined the effort.

St. Baldrick’s, a fusion of the words “St. Patrick’s Day” and “bald” stands for the foundation only began in 2000, with a company party blended into a fundraiser for children with cancer. For more information or to donate, visit www.stbaldricks.org



StBaldricks.org or call 888-899-BALD.

Photo and caption by Chris Bertrand

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.

MAYOR (cont. from page 1)

aka Sir Eric, one of the three candidates that MacGillivray is supporting. Crawford shouted from the back of the chambers but it was Moran who was chastised by the Mayor for ‘politicking’. Moran is also not one of the candidates that the Mayor is supporting.

Citizens who witnessed the event have been outraged at the Mayor’s disrespect for Mosca and for what appears to be her use of the Office of the Mayor to support the candidates she wants to join her on the council. Mosca is also not one of those candidates.

As one resident said, “It was a shameful display

of vindictiveness, immaturity and down-right hatred on the part of the speakers”.

The Mayor has been the subject of much criticism and ridicule of late in this and other publications because of MacGillivray’s level of involvement in the election and her use of her position of Mayor to support the candidates of ‘her choice’ and work against the candidates she does not support.

MacGillivray has chosen to support Don Watts, Pat Alcorn and Crawford.

There are no future council meetings until after the election.

Duarte

Azusa’s “SAVE OUR CANYON” Presents to a Packed Duarte City Council

Azusa Public Hearing Set for April 19

“Save Our Canyon”, a growing grass roots group of Azusa residents strongly opposed to the proposed Vulcan Expansion plan, delivered its hard hitting power point presentation succinctly examining the inaccuracies of the proposed mining plan and its draft environmental impact report (DEIR) at the March 23 Duarte City Council meeting. The Duarte City Council invited Save Our Canyon to speak as part of an ongoing campaign to inform residents and others in the San Gabriel Valley about the Vulcan expansion plan’s heavily flawed Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) as well as its concerns regarding the DEIR review process in general. The Azusa City Council will conduct its first public hearing on the controversial matter on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. and could vote on the plan as soon as that evening.

Over 200 persons including representatives from the City of Hope and Santa Teresita Hospital listened to the 45-minute presentation that dissected the plan into three main discussions involving tonnage, reclamation and health issues.

Richard Deem, and Xilonin Cruz-Gonzales, co-founders Save Our Canyon, conducted the “tag team” presentation with Deem focusing on tonnage inaccuracies and unsubstantiated reclamation claims with Cruz-Gonzalez emphasizing health concerns. Specifically in the area of tonnage, Deem presented a host of visuals that discredited Vulcan’s claim that it is an acre for acre swap yielding similar amounts of rock from each side. Instead, he presented information illustrating that the east side has already been disturbed by approximately 20% thus, the swap really nets Vulcan a full 80 acres on the west side as opposed to just 60 acres on the east side. He also noted the discrepancy in the amount of rock that will be mined between the current DEIR reporting that 105 million tons will be extracted through 2038 versus 125 million, which was originally reported by the

City of Azusa in 2005 through its Greystone Report.

Cruz-Gonzalez spent the majority of her time focusing on how the current DEIR does not properly address the air quality impacts of the removal of the Van Tassel Ridge causing an increase flow of pm10 and silica particles directly into Duarte plus, how the 450% increase in mining will also dramatically increase the use of heavy equipment and diesel trucks in and around the facility.

Prior to the presentation, City Manager Darrell George read a statement authorized by the Duarte City Council concerning the Azusa Rock Quarry mine expansion project. The statement, available in its entirety as a link to this story on the City of Duarte website, www.accessduarte.com, was in response to a number of newspaper articles that have made reference to a confidential letter from the City of Duarte to the City of Azusa. (An excerpt from the statement follows:)

“This letter, a byproduct of the dialog initiated by Azusa, was part of a larger effort by Duarte staff to identify potential ways to mitigate the impacts of the Vulcan mine expansion project, if that project must go forward,” said George. “The City of Azusa, after initiating the discussion in the first place, rejected the concepts put forth by the City of Duarte and offered nothing in their place. At this point, we will take whatever action is necessary, including litigation, to ensure that our city and our residents are protected,” he said.

In 2008, the Duarte City Council established a \$700,000 fund entitled the “Fight Against Vulcan Expansion” fund (FAVE) in response to the anticipated expansion plans by Vulcan and its potential adverse impact on Duarte residents.

Vulcan Materials Company, which has a permit from the City of Azusa to mine 190 acres of its 270 acre property, is seeking approval to move its mining operations from the currently approved 80 acres on the east side of its property to 80 acres on the west above Duarte.

If the Azusa City Council approves the plan Vulcan has pledged to immediately begin reclamation work, using a new micro-benching technique on already mined out areas. If the city rejects the plan, Vulcan said it will delay reclamation work until the end of its current agreement in 2038.

As further incentive to approve the plan, a draft development agreement proposes in part that Vulcan will pay \$1.5 million in advance mining taxes to the City of Azusa within 30 days of approval, and \$500,000 annually in mining taxes regardless of how much material is mined. According to Azusa public records obtained by Save Our Canyon, Vulcan has paid a total of only \$44,000 in mining taxes to the City of Azusa in the past eight years, while Cemex, another company doing mining in Azusa paid \$5.7 million in mining taxes over the same time period.

Both Duarte and Azusa residents are concerned about the potential risk to public health if Vulcan is allowed to expand mining. Of utmost concern is the danger of increased emissions of crystalline silica dust from the 105 million tons of rock proposed to be mined over the next 28 years in close proximity to thousands of residences and just 3,300 feet from the schoolyard of Valley View elementary school.

In response to this, both the City of Duarte and Assemblyman Anthony Portantino have arranged for officials from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to address residents’ health concerns about the mining dust and discuss resuming air quality monitoring in the City of Duarte at a Town Hall meeting in Duarte on April 8. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. The public-at-large is invited to attend the meeting.

For more information about the City of Duarte’s Fight Against Vulcan Expansion activities, call Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221

Pasadena

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Board Votes to Oppose School Parcel Tax Measure CC

Pasadena, CA – At its February meeting, the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce voted to formally take a position in opposition to Measure CC, the parcel tax being proposed by the Pasadena Unified School District. Measure CC would impose a \$120 per parcel levy to raise \$7.5 million per year to support operations of the local school district. The Board’s vote to oppose was not unanimous, and came after lengthy presentations by supporters and opponents of the measure and intense discussion on the part of the Board. George Brumder, Ed Honowitz and John Pappalardo represented the Measure CC supporters and the Pasadena Unified School District at the meeting. Ross Selvidge presented the opposition view.

After hearing discussion from both sides, it was

the consensus of the Board that the PUSD has not adequately explained exactly where the money will be spent, what particular programs will be preserved and, more importantly, what sort of oversight will be instituted and how the district will be held accountable for expenditures.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association is a professional business organization. Since the earliest days of Pasadena, the Chamber has played a major role in the development of this internationally renowned city. Since 1888, when the organization was founded as the Board of Trade, the Chamber’s primary purpose has been the enhancement of both the business climate and the quality of life in Pasadena. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce currently serves more than 1450 members.

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Pasadena Chapter Educates Designers at 2010 Industry Partner Design Expo

Pasadena, CA – The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) believes in continuing education for its members. To that end, the organization recently held its annual Industry Partner Design Expo at the Outdoor Elegance, Inc. showroom in La Verne, CA. Twenty-three vendors and approximately 50 designers and guests attended the event. Industry Partners (IP) are non-interior-designer members of ASID who supply their goods and services to the design industry. Among their ranks are manufacturers and suppliers of furniture, fabric, textiles, drapery, flooring, lighting, plumbing and fixtures, tile, and windows

The IP Design Expo is one way that the chapter members stay informed about new products and industry changes as well as forge new professional relationships. Dinner was hosted by Doug and Sharon Sanicola, owners of Outdoor Elegance, Inc. The event was chaired by IP President, Linda Sarkissian, owner of LS Decorative Art, Doug Sanicola of Outdoor Elegance, Rafael Calvo of Tico Tech and Don Boline of Concept Builders.

ASID is a community of people—designers, industry representatives, educators and students—committed to interior design. The organization strives to advance the interior design profession through education, knowledge

sharing, advocacy, community building and outreach, and, in the process, to demonstrate and celebrate the power of design to positively change people’s lives. Its more than 38,000 members engage in a variety of professional programs and activities through a network of 48 chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more about ASID, visit www.asidpasadena.org.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Exhibitors Wanted for Earth Day Festival



Exhibitors that provide green services or sell green products are encouraged to display their wares at the eighth annual Greening the Earth Day and Armory Family Arts Festival in Pasadena .

The free event will be on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park, Armory Center for the Arts, and on Raymond Avenue between Walnut and Holly streets.

This year's festival promises more exhibitors and eco-friendly vendors. Businesses and nonprofit organizations have the opportunity to display information or sell items that promote green lifestyles, composting, organic foods, hybrid and electric vehicles, alternative energy and green building design. Last year's event had more than 80 exhibitors and 5,000 visitors.

The festival is also the place to learn more about the city of Pasadena's resources and plans for waste reduction, recycling, water and energy conservation and other Green City initiatives.

A guided bicycle tour of the city's green projects and facilities organized by C.I.C.L.E. will begin at 11 a.m.

Entertainment will include music from local bands, an interactive drum circle and dancers. Children can enjoy arts and crafts, live animals and more.

Sponsors include the city of Pasadena , Armory Center for the Arts, Conscientious Projector and Metro.

For an exhibitor application form or more information call (626) 744-4721 or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/earthdayexhibits.

Pet of the Week



Marvin, an adorable, two year old Chihuahua mix has great brown and cream markings and a cute personality. He can be a bit nervous when you first meet him but he will surely blossom in a loving home. Marvin would be a great companion for someone in an apartment or condo that allows pets.

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A265728 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



Haderlein Calls Ice Rink Plan 'Worst Council Decision Ever'

By Dean Lee

The city council made recommendation Monday night to direct staff to develop a transition plan to close down the ice skating rink, currently at the Convention Center, and look at the feasibility of moving the rink to a temporary 'tent' location on the east side of the center.

The 7-1 vote passed in light of fierce opposition by city councilmember Steve Haderlein "In all candor this is the worst decision in my 10 years on the council," he said. "I don't mean to direct that at staff." Haderlein added that he felt they were "put in a box" by the council's decision not to put a facility in his' district in East Pasadena.

He preceded the comments by listing all the reasons he thought the plan was a bad idea including that the current proposal was only temporary. An ice skating complex in East Pasadena would have been permanent he said

"Temporary, being five to 10 years," he said. "The other was permanent, 30 years, plus 10 years, plus 10 years.

He said keeping the rink at the Convention Center continues a parking problem and is inconsistent with the city's Park Master Plan.

"This ought to resonate with what we hear about, is the city sticking with the plans we adopt?"

He said the East Pasadena site, near Vina Vieja Park, was called out on the Park Master Plan.

He also said the Convention

Council Member Objects to Police Chief Selection Process



By Dean Lee

City Manager Michael Beck said nothing Monday night in response to councilmember Chris Holden's disapproval of his choice to keep anonymous the names of an advisory panel that will evaluate and rank the candidates for the city's next police chief.

"I must say on this issue, keeping the names silent, is not the way to go," Holden said at the end of their regular weekly council meeting.

Holden did say he thought Beck has, so far, done a "wonderful" job in respect to other matters such as balancing the budget.

He added that if that was truly Beck's decision that he supported it, although Holden made a plea to reconsider.

"I think that a community that is as engaged as this community is, with citizen volunteers at all levels of government... everyone knows each other..." he said. "Confidence has to be established early on in a process and I would just ask, that you think, if there is any room in your mind and hart to maybe reflect on it again.

Holden said he thought withholding the names was a gamble.

"I don't want to see you, vis-à-vis, the rest of us caught in a community debate where that [the advisory panel] should not be the issue," he said. "The focus should be on smooth transition and a process that people feel good about."

He continued, "And in the end you can make a solid

City to Respond to Google's Fiber for RFI

The city of Pasadena will respond to Google's request for information (RFI) to host the roll-out of Fiber for Communities, an experimental, ultra-high-speed, fiber-to-home broadband network that, according to Google, will offer Internet access at a speed of one gigabit per second – more than 100 times faster than what is available to most Americans.

The application strongly depends on the enthusiasm of the community as well as an identification of community assets that can contribute to the effort.

Google has not stated exactly how many cities it intends to serve with the trial program but has made it clear that any cities that are chosen will have demonstrated broad community support and readiness. Pasadena is among hundreds of cities planning to apply by the March 26 deadline.

"With Pasadena's scientific, medical and engineering institutions, as well as schools and highly educated households that rely heavily on the Internet, this community is the perfect innovative partner for Google," said City Manager Michael J. Beck. "There could be a great benefit to local commerce and economic development, as well as exciting potential for impacting the quality of life in Pasadena."

Test communities selected by Google will help demonstrate new capabilities enabled by faster and better broadband access.

"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.

According to the RFI,

Center option was a \$2.5 million investment by the city as opposed to \$1 million initial investment in East Pasadena.

Councilmember Steve Madison said he agreed with Haderlein although saying they should move forward with renovating the current ice rink. He also commented that Arcadia resident, fourth place Olympic medalist, Mirai Nagasu, trained at the current ice rink. Problems with the existing rink including an outdated chiller plant and ice floor system, water damage to the wooden floor, potential environmental and accessibility deficiencies and a lack of standard ice rink amenities.

Work is estimated at \$3,758,100. Most of the equipment is almost 10 years over the typical life expectancy staff said.

decision and there would be, no matter what the decision, the community would recognize it and support it and this council could as well."

Public Information Officer Ann Erdman said the next step in the process is interviews with about 10 semi-finalist candidates from throughout the nation by the advisory panel. Beck will personally brief each member of the panel with his vision and goals for the police chief position and the department.

She added that Beck will interview the recommended finalists one-on-one and conduct extensive background checks that will include visits to the cities in which they currently serve.

Update: At press time Erdman said Wednesday that Beck is expected to release the names at the conclusion of their business. The names would be posted on the cities website cityofpasadena.net she added.

"The public has a right to know who I chose for this important step in the process and I am making a firm commitment to release the names as soon as their day-long work has been completed," Beck said. "I appreciate the community's patience and understanding."

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.

Residents, businesses, institutions, schools and others are encouraged to visit www.fiberforpasadena.com, a special website that has been established as part of Pasadena's application. The site includes opportunities for everyone to share and discuss their enthusiastic support for the project via social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, upload creative videos showing their support, nominate Pasadena as a test city, map their locations, and much more.

For more information e-mail Lori Sandoval of the Pasadena Department of Information Technology at lsandoval@cityofpasadena.net or visit the Google site at www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi.

An Afternoon with Author Alan Drew



Pasadena Public Library will present Sunday Gardens of Water by Alan Drew as the 2010 community read. Join Jan Sanders, Director of Pasadena Public Library in conversation with Author Alan Drew. Prelude

PCC, Metro Partner to Offer Students Low-Cost Passes

Pasadena City College and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority have partnered to offer low-cost public transportation passes to 8,800 PCC students. The Institution Pass (I-Pass) allows full-time students enrolled in at least 12 units to ride the Metro buses and rail lines for \$30 this semester. Students can visit Student Business Services (Room B203) to purchase the passes.

"This bus pass program has the amazing potential to positively affect the entire PCC community, but the largest beneficiaries by far, are the students," said Michael Lance chief justice of the supreme council for the PCC Associated Students. "Overall, this program is important to PCC because it symbolizes a step in the right direction as we continue to improve the ability of students to succeed and at the same time target some of the current problems that the school deals with on a daily basis."

To ensure the program's success, PCC will also be providing shuttle service to the Metro Gold Line in Pasadena to encourage students to use transit. If the program proves successful, PCC may invite Foothill Transit and Pasadena ARTS to join the program in the

to program featuring Lineage Dance Company with a dance presentation titled "Water".

The author will share his experience writing Gardens of Water, followed by a question and answer session from the audience.

The novel tells the story of two families – one Kurdish, one American and the sacrifice and love that bind them together.

Drew was born and raised in Southern California. He has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He has lived on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in eastern Montana, where he worked with emotionally disturbed children. He taught English Literature for three years at a private Turkish high school in Istanbul.

The free event is from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center Ballroom, 300 E. Green St.

fall to greatly enhance its students' transit options.

"Pasadena City College is excited about the opportunity to further its longstanding practice of responsibility toward the environment," said Richard van Pelt, interim vice president of Administrative Services at PCC. "By encouraging students to use public transportation, we will help foster a more sustainable future, and change the paradigm of single-person vehicle use among a very large segment of our population. This new program will also significantly reduce the costs students incur in their educational pursuits."

The I-Pass is valid on Metro buses and Metro Rail lines seven days a week. Students can use the transit access passes for all other transportation needs, including work, shopping, or recreation. Because they are saving transportation costs, students may be encouraged to take additional college units and can invest the free travel time transit affords them to study or rest.

For additional information on the Institution Pass program, call (213) 922-2811. For transit trip planning assistance over the phone, call 1-800-COMMUTE or visit metro.net.

Three More Sites in National Register of Historic Places

The city can boast three new listings in the National Register of Historic Places that will pave the way for preserving noteworthy homes.

The National Park Service recently notified the city of Pasadena that the Poppy Peak and Pegfair Estates historic districts and the Gill House were added to its national register.

These properties have regulatory protections through the city's historic preservation ordinance and owners are eligible for benefits that include historic property contracts and use of the state historical building code.

The announcement brings to 31 the number of districts that have historic designations in Pasadena : 14 in the National Register and 17 landmark districts locally designated by the city council.

A hillside district accessed from La Loma Road , Poppy Peak is a grouping of 52 single-family homes built between 1935 and 1968, the majority of which are designed in the Mid-century Modern style. Several significant architects including Richard Neutra; Buff, Straub & Hensman; James Pulliam; Leland Evison; Harwell Hamilton Harris; and Lyman Ennis have designs in the district, which also includes Modern Ranch and California Ranch styles.

Adjacent to Art Center



Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

The *Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Project* survey will give you a clue and help us help you be better prepared for emergencies. Recent research has shown that even in the wake of 9/11, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and recent natural disasters, there has been little increase in the number of citizens who have a “preparedness plan” in place to cope with a crisis or major state

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 14th, to Saturday March 20th, the *Sierra Madre Police Department* responded to approximately 367 calls for service.

Monday, March 15th:

7:43 AM – Auto Burglary, 100 block North Lima Street. Suspect(s) stole a Jan’s Sport backpack containing books and school supplies from a car. The car alarm activated at 4:00 am, but the loss was not discovered until 7:43 am when the victim found the passenger door ajar. The loss was estimated at \$335.00.

8:14 AM – Commercial Burglary, 160 North Canon Ave. Suspect(s) broke into a classroom at the Sierra Madre Middle School and stole a \$500.00 Apple laptop computer. The suspect(s)

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, March 14, through Saturday, March 20, the *Police Department* responded to 922 calls for service of which 152 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the *Department* during this period.

Sunday, March 14:

1. An auto burglary occurred in the 800 block of Hungate around 6:00 a.m. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and stole a GPS unit, digital camera, DVD player, and purse for a total reported loss of about \$1,000.

2. Shortly after 6:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy’s advised that they had detained a woman for theft. The suspect was seen concealing clothing and jewelry items in her purse while in a fitting room and then left the store without making payment. A private person’s arrest was made, and a 48-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for grand theft.

Monday, March 15:

3. A traffic stop was made around 12:30 a.m. at Las Tunas and El Monte when officers saw a car swerving between lanes of traffic. An intoxicated 41-year-old male Caucasian driver was arrested for DUI and unlicensed driver.

4. Around 4:27 p.m., a private person’s arrest was made at H&M, located at Westfield Mall, where an 18-year-old female African-American stole a jacket, pants, and bracelets. The woman was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Tuesday, March 16:

5. A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of East Arthur between 8:40 a.m. and 6:32 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) forced open a window to enter the home. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and stole jewelry, gaming system, cameras, and other property.

6. Units responded to the Westfield Mall parking lot around 10:30 p.m. in reference to a possible auto burglary that just occurred. A witness saw two male Hispanic juveniles by a car that appeared to have been burglarized. An area search was conducted and a 14-year-old Hispanic was apprehended and positively identified by the witness. A consent search was made and a stolen iPod, iPod cable, and CD’s were recovered. The juvenile was taken into custody for auto burglary.

Wednesday, March 17:

7. Between noon on March 16 and 9:30 a.m. on March 17, a grand theft occurred at Dental Implant Institute, 59 Las Tunas. Unknown suspects removed a \$15,000 bronze statue that was bolted to a cement slab in front of the business.

8. Shortly before midnight, units were

Monrovia Police Blotter

Outside Assist - Los Angeles Police Department Arrest Warrant

On March 11, the Los Angeles Police Department advised Monrovia Police Department that they were going to serve an arrest warrant on a subject at a residence in the 1500 block of Pilgrim. They arrived at approximately 2 p.m. and two Monrovia officers were assigned to assist them. Los Angeles Police Department officers entered the home, but were not able to locate the suspect. The suspect is a known gang member who is wanted in relation to a homicide with a firearm. The suspect’s vehicle was impounded at the location. The suspect is still outstanding at this time.

Receiving Stolen Property - Suspect Arrested

On March 12 at 8:34 a.m., the groundskeeper at a complex in the 1100 block of Royal Oaks called to report a male subject who did not belong on the property loading a large television into an empty storage cabinet in the parking area of the complex. An officer arrived and detained the subject. He had a large, newer model television. The suspect is known to be homeless and has a history of burglary and drug use. His statements about the television were inconsistent. He made a statement that he possibly knew the television was stolen. He was searched and the officer found a used cocaine smoking pipe on his person. The subject was arrested for the possession of drug paraphernalia and for receiving stolen property. Assault

On March 12 at 4:54 p.m., a local hospital called to report they had the victim of an assault that occurred in Monrovia at their hospital. The investigation revealed the subject had gone to his girlfriend’s home on Los

of emergency.

Donna Cayson, a former Sierra Madre Police Sergeant, who is currently working with FEMA and the National Preparedness Directorate in Washington D.C., has developed a project to assess and encourage individual preparedness at the grassroots level of a community. Sierra Madre has been chosen to serve as the “beta site” for this project. If successful, the template created in Sierra Madre will be a model for communities nationwide.

Phase 1 of this project consists of measuring the level of individual preparedness among the residents of Sierra Madre. The survey, which is anonymous, takes only a minute to complete. Copies of the survey can be found at City Hall, the Sierra Madre Police Department and the Library. You can also log on to the project’s website at <http://site.smipp.org/> to take the survey along with further information about the project and useful preparedness links.

The success of the *Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Project* will, in part, depends on your participation, so please take a moment to respond to the survey. Your involvement counts!

also tried to pry open a cash register in the cafeteria and may have drawn graffiti on the school grounds. The crime occurred between 2:30 pm Friday, 3/12/2010 and 8:00 AM Monday, 3/15/2010. The cost for the graffiti cleanup is unknown.

Wednesday, March 17th:

9:35 AM - Petty Theft, 700 block East Grandview Ave. Suspect(s) stole a UPS parcel from the front porch of a home. The package contained a Sony DVD burner valued at \$25.00. The package was delivered at 1:42 PM Tuesday, 3/16/2010 and discovered missing at 2:45 pm on Tuesday, 3/16/2010.

dispatched to the 400 block of North Alta regarding a battery incident. Investigation revealed that an intoxicated male suspect slapped his wife during an argument. A 32-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for spousal battery and disorderly conduct/drunken in public.

Thursday, March 18:

9. Around 12:35 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Alta in regards to a possible suicidal woman. Shortly after the call, the subject left the scene but was later found in the 600 block of Shamrock in Monrovia. The woman admitted to having suicidal thoughts so she was transported to a hospital for evaluation.

10. Units were called to Nordstrom around 6:18 p.m. in reference to a forgery investigation. A female suspect reactivated a dormant Nordstrom account by using a fake driver’s license with the victim’s personal information. The 38-year-old Caucasian suspect purchased about \$200 in merchandise and was arrested for forgery and commercial burglary, and a copy of the victim’s credit report was also found in her possession.

Friday, March 19:

11. A solo traffic collision occurred at Second and Live Oak around 3:44 a.m. When officers tried to extricate the 29-year-old male African-American driver, he fought violently, biting and head-butting one of the officers. The suspect indicated that he wanted to die and had an open bottle of alcohol and an empty prescription bottle in the car. The man was tasered in order to gain compliance and was transported to a hospital for treatment and mental evaluation.

12. Around 10:13 a.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim’s credit union account information by unknown means and made unauthorized purchases in Hawaii totaling \$438.

Saturday, March 20:

13. A traffic stop for a code violation was conducted at Alta and Santa Anita around 2:00 a.m. A 19-year-old female Hispanic driver was contacted and officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath and person. A field sobriety test revealed that the driver was operating the vehicle while under the influence. She was taken into custody for unlicensed driver, DUI, minor driving with a blood alcohol level of .05 or greater.

14. Around 6:00 p.m., a 39-year-old female Asian struck her 69-year-old mother numerous times causing visible injuries. The suspect was arrested for inflicting unjustifiable pain/injury to an elder on March 21 around 11:45 a.m. during another battery investigation.

Angeles Street and attempted to speak to her, despite a restraining order against him. During the encounter, he refused to leave and bumped into another male subject in the group. The male subject then punched him with a closed fist. Initial reports indicate that he may have a broken jaw. The investigation is ongoing; however, it may be that both parties will ultimately be charged criminally.

Residential Burglary

On March 15 at 4:48 p.m., residents walking their dogs in the area of Ranchito and Lemon saw two male juveniles sitting on a curb. The juveniles had backpacks with them and were asked what they were doing. The residents walked away, but kept an eye on the juveniles. They looked back again and noticed a window screen had been removed from a window of a residence in the 500 block of Ranchito, and now only one juvenile was sitting on the curb. The residents called the police. The juvenile on the curb got up and ran. He was chased down by two male neighbors and detained until officers arrived. The second juvenile was found hiding in the rear yard of a residence. Both suspects were arrested for burglary, booked, and later released to their parents.

Residential Burglary

On March 17 at 3:54 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of North Canyon regarding a burglary. When officers arrived, the resident reported that jewelry had been taken from the master bedroom. The suspects apparently made entry through a doggie door. The suspects exited the master bedroom through the sliding door. Investigation continuing.

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

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DONNA SUTCLIFFE - Princess Planner

Donna Sutcliffe's experience of planning weddings for 30 years at Church of Truth in Pasadena surely prepared her for prepping the Princesses and Escorts for the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association (SMRFA) activities.

As wedding director, Donna learned how to deal with younger people. "Also, I'm detail-oriented," she explained. She believes that's one of the necessary requirements of putting together a successful campaign for choosing the City's representatives for the Rose Float Association. That's what it takes to help the Princesses and Escorts through the fall process of selection, learning to speak at a series of local groups, how to write a biological sketch, how to react graciously at the Coronation Ball, and, finally, riding on Sierra Madre's Rose Float during the Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1.

That's just a skeleton outline of what Donna really accomplishes.

What really happens in the Princess Committee is the following: *Arrange for a place and date to hold the princess judging and coronation dinner. *Take or send the applications and information sheets to all of the local high schools so that interested and qualified Sierra Madre girls and/or escorts may apply. *Contact all clubs and organizations in Sierra Madre where the royal court will appear and make up the schedule. *Arrange for food, flowers and tiaras for coronation dinner. *After new royal court is selected, arrange to meet with them and their mothers so all are informed about the activities and obligations for the next year. *Hold several "coaching" sessions to assist the court with their speeches. *Get them outfitted with one matching, donated outfit. *Escort them to each of the organizations and/or events "and sit back and enjoy as they all make us proud to have such wonderful, bright, charming young people living in Sierra Madre."

Of course they have to get themselves up and out long before dawn on New Year's Day to get to the float and ride in the parade, and there are other volunteers helping with costumes and logistics that day.

Donna said, remembering their beginnings in Sierra Madre: "Doug had come back from serving in the Army in Korea and we met at Church of Truth." They were married in February, 1956. Doug was a precision machinist and buyer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory while Donna was a stay-at-home housewife and mother after the children were born.

They moved to Sierra Madre, and two houses later, in 1969, they bought the house formerly owned by C.W. Jones, Sierra Madre's first Mayor. They still live in and enjoy that historic house with its many flourishing fruit trees.

Donna was still volunteering her work at wedding receptions when the children were born. And, as mothers do, she was active in the PTA, Band Boosters, choral groups. During those early years, Donna also started working seriously as wedding planner for the church where the Sutcliffes first met -- Church of Truth. She also worked for Bashful Butler Catering Company, and in 1999, Donna formed her own wedding consulting business.



Then, in 2000, Donna started volunteering for the Rose Float Association (SMRFA).

"We'd always given money to the Rose Float but then Doug and I started volunteering seriously for the group." She began her job with the Princesses in '02 and continued as chairperson in '03. And that's where she's been ever since.

Together the Sutcliffes try to do altruistic work for several local organizations.

Daughter Lynn and her husband, Dan Turpin, live in L.A. County. Dan is a police officer in Burbank. Their son, Christopher, will graduate in June from UC Santa Barbara.

Andrew Sutcliffe is a police officer for Azusa PD. He was a Police Explorer in Sierra Madre and went through the Rio Hondo Police Reserve and Regular Academy.

Andrew married Sue Amor, who was a police officer in Sierra Madre. She retired from the force when they had their children: Samantha, Ashley and Jacob. They also live closeby in L.A. County.

"The nice thing about SMRFA is that there are so many different types of jobs that need to be done that a person can volunteer for the area of their expertise or even learn to do things they never dreamed they would be involved in. Several men and women have learned how to weld or sculpt or paint and glue, and we have all become pretty good at asking for donations since the organization is all-volunteer and nonprofit. Plus, it's fun and rewarding," Donna said.

Donna Sutcliffe has taken her organizational talents primarily to the Rose Float. As a "princess planner committee chairperson" she serves them well, and they consider her the primary reason their Sierra Madre season is so greatly successful.



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Sierra Madre Dominates 2010 Math Field Day Awards

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) today announced the winners of the 25th annual Math Field Day, a district-wide competition for students in grades 4-9. In the annual contest, school teams solve math and algebra problems in a test of their analytical and computation skills. School teams were honored with gold, silver and bronze medals at an awards ceremony. Sierra Madre Teams took a total of 42 out of 75 Awards for grades 4-8. In the Region I Competition, Sierra Madre won - 17 Gold Medals, 12 Silver Medals and 5 Bronze Medals. For the Overall Team Competitions, Sierra Madre won 8 out of 15 Awards - 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. *The list of winners is below. (Grades 4 - 8 only)*

PUSD MATH FIELD DAY RESULTS

Grade	Math Strand	Gold	Silver	Bronze
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Tips To Enhance Teen Interest In Science And Math

(NAPS)—Many experts assert that the strength of the U.S. economy lies in fostering a culture of innovation and educating America's youth in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The good news, according to a recent survey of teens by the Lemelson-MIT Program, is that 12-17-year-olds are enthusiastic about these subjects, with 77 percent interested in pursuing a STEM career. However, ensuring that teens hang on to that enthusiasm as they transition into college or the workforce may require encouragement along the way. Consider the following tips to foster teens' interest in the sciences:

1. Get outside the classroom
For a transformative learning experience, provide teens the opportunity to build things and conduct experiments outside the classroom. Supplementing classroom learning with real-world experiences provides a valuable view into the role of

science and math in everyday life. Two-thirds of students said they would enjoy learning about science more if they could take field trips to places where they can learn. Research and plan visits to local companies, museums or planetariums to help students foster a deeper understanding of the sciences.

2. Take a hands-on approach
Two-thirds of teens prefer hands-on individual and group projects when it comes to classroom-based education methods. In the classroom and at home, keep things fun and interactive. Integrating animations, simulations, building-design skills and other lab tools into assignments are ways to tap into teens' interest in hands-on learning.

3. Find strong mentors
Teachers and parents alike should keep in mind that role models have a tremendous impact on increasing teens' interest in science, math and technology. Strong mentors can also help teens

better understand the impact that STEM professionals have on society. Remember that even access to family members or family-friends who work in these fields can be a driving factor for teens' interest.

There are a variety of channels beyond school and home that can connect teens' interest in STEM with access to hands-on, outside-the-classroom opportunities. For example, educational programs like the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam initiative let teams of high school students, teachers and mentors apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 to invent technological solutions to real-world problems of their own choosing.

To learn more about Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams or to access the 2010-2011 application, visit <http://web.mit.edu/invent> or call (617) 253-3352.

Hands-on experience is a great way to get students to appreciate science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Knott's Berry Farm Excursion

On Friday, April 9, 2010 come spend a day filled with wild rides and fun as the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department sponsors a supervised excursion to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California. Arcadia Unified School District students will be on Spring Break from April 5-9 and this would be a perfect way to end their vacation. The fee for Juniors & Adults - 12 yrs and older is \$62.00; and for children 11 years and younger is \$54.00. The fee includes transportation, admission, lunch, supervision of children and unlimited use of Knott's many exciting rides and attractions. Check in at the Community Center Parking Lot at 8:30am; bus departs at 9:00am sharp and returns to the Community Center Parking Lot at 6:00pm. Lunch is included in the excursion fee but our department recommends bringing \$10-\$15 for snacks, drinks and spending money. Registration will be taken on a first come, first-serve basis, dependent upon receipt of fee. You can register by downloading the form at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, under Recreation and Community Services Department or you can come by our office at 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia. Our hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5:30pm; Fridays, 8am-5pm and our phone number is 626.574.5113.

RACE TO THE TOP IN EDUCATION: A public forum April 1, 2010

The League of Women Voters Pasadena is sponsoring a free public forum on what's happening in the federal "race to the top" initiative in education on April 1, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

Dr. Vera Vignes and Dr. Peter Dreier will be two of the featured speakers. Vignes is Western Regional Director of America's Choice, a non-profit organization that helps schools improve student achievement nationwide. Dreier is E.P. Clapp Professor of Politics at Occidental College.

What's happening locally will be discussed by leading educators in Pasadena, Monrovia and Alhambra. Speakers are Edwin Diaz, superintendent of Pasadena Unified School District; Dr. Debby Collins, associate superintendent of Monrovia Unified School District; and Marsha Gilbert, director of secondary education of Alhambra Unified School District.

Kim Kenne, PUSD parent and member of the LWVPA Education Committee, will talk about progress in reducing dropout rates. Dr. Linda Wagner, superintendent of Monrovia schools, will outline positive changes.

George Brumder, president of the Pasadena Educational Foundation, will describe Measure CC, a parcel tax for Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre that will minimize cuts in programs in public schools. Brumder also is chair of the CC campaign committee.

Lunch is available for \$20, including tax and tip. Further information is available by calling 626-798-0965.

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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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Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Spring Kids Retreat!

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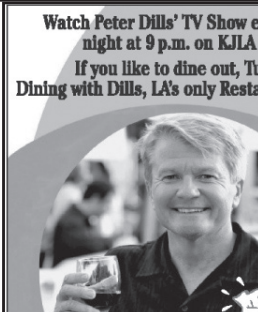
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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

LUCKY BALDWIN'S



Watch Peter Dills' TV Show every Sunday night at 9 p.m. on KJLA. If you like to dine out, Tune in to Dining with Dills, LA's only Restaurant TV Show.

Okay there are two things I wanted to find out before I even ordered my first beer and food. What the heck is Delirium and why is Kersting Ct., Kersting Court? Many of you know the answer but I didn't. The Delirium part is simple enough it is a Belgium Beer. The Kersting Ct. answer is:

According to Debbie Henderson, archivist at Sierra Madre Library: Charles S. Kersting is the person for whom Kersting Court is named. He was the president of the First National Bank of Sierra Madre from 1907 to 1922. Kersting owned some 700 feet of business frontage which he improved with the addition of buildings.

My friend Maxx and I had an hour to partake in food and libations, while my daughter Lauren was stuck enjoying an hour of commencement class at St. Rita. We took a chair on the outside and indulged in a great luxury that is Sierra Madre. Safe and comfortable spectators in the pursuit of people watching!!! Next, we put our night in the hands of our server, Jessi, on what to order. It goes to show you in life about people. Jessi is a budding erudite and a degreed English Major from UMass.

She schooled us up on the finer points of the great Irish author, James Joyce, "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," and went on to tell us how she is working for the theatre and honing her skill as a photographer, her true love. Since she was the only person of culture in our group, I felt it best to utilize her for a suggestion on food items. She cheerfully offered, "Fish and Chips." Of course, it is only logical but I was thinking a little more unconventional than Fish and Chips. After all, the fish is a simple Cod, and they probably robbed the rebellion for the fish by farm raising it. Additionally, I am not wildly inspired by the thought of fried fish. Okay, I fought off my

reservations, lowered the flag, and further queried Jessi for one more recommendation. "Chicken Curry!" That strikes me as an Indian dish, I know, I am a whiner, I think I hate myself! It is strange though, to find it surface at an English establishment. But once I thought upon it and found the key, the English occupation of India. I knew that Rudyard Kipling was going to come in handy someday. Jessi, bring it on!

Now the selections of beers at Lucky Baldwin's are imported from the top beer shelves from around the world. Patrons hike, bike and drive from miles around just to have a cold one at Lucky Baldwin's. Just between you and me, I think the beer and not the food is the King here. The Chicken Curry was good and the Fish and Chips allowed for us to fill our stomachs. For drinks, we both selected the Stella Artois (\$5), for sixteen ounce. That just happens to be my favorite; I suggest that you look at the beer menu for more adventurous selections. There are many great ones, I recently hosted a friend from the State of Washington, and he was very pleased with the IPA.

Back to the menu, Lucky Baldwin's is open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. I will have to try on my return the traditional English breakfast... For (\$8.95), you get eggs, bangers and Irish bacon plus Heinz baked beans. Should those be marked from Pennsylvania? It does say the favorite breakfast of the colonies.

All and all an above average time is to be had at the Sierra Madre Lucky Baldwin's, in fact I am more comfortable, and find it more accessible than the one in Old Pasadena. But, then again I like facebook more then myspace.. Get my drift???

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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 affect 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 conservatives are nostalgic for 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?”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms. Henderson:

Thank you for your editorial comments in your article “Voter Nullification: regarding the polarizing influence of the present majority on the council. Mary Ann MacGillivray beat Enid Joffe by less than 200 votes, yet her actions as Mayor disregard the votes cast by those citizens who chose Joffe. I have had two neighbors, both fine senior citizens, voice their shock and disgust with Mayor MacGillivray’s disrespectful behaving to Councilman Mosca. Your article points out nicely the need for respect and cooperation among council members because they represent ALL citizens of our fine city. Keep up the good work and courageous writing.

Paul L. Hovsepian, Sierra Madre

Dear Editor:

At the recent Sierra Madre City Council meeting it appeared the Mayor seemed to have an “oops” Senior Moment. Two weeks ago she admonished a speaker (who is a current candidate for the council) for “politicking.” Then she sent out a public mailing endorsing the candidates she believes she can best work with. At this week’s council meeting she allowed 4 women to verbally abuse one of the candidates who was not on her personal endorsement list. It was a shameful display of vindictiveness, immaturity and down-right hatred on the part of the speakers. It’s far past time that the preacher needs to practice what she preaches.

Joan Spears, Sierra Madre

Hats off to Terry Miller for so accurately describing our town’s Bully Pulpit! Two generations ago, “bully” was an adjective meaning superb/wonderful. Now it describes some of our elected officials, they’re arrogant bullies on the pulpit that is our City Council!! Remember when elected officials served as “humble servants” of their constituents? Well, there’s nothing humble about the outrageous behavior exhibited in Council chambers by certain, seated members. Watch some of the meetings!! It’s not difficult to identify the culprits, their demeanor is as embarrassing as it is inappropriate.

Now we have a clear choice in Sierra Madre, and a chance to clear the air the foul behavior that has tainted the civility of our City Council. Voters can reject others of this ilk and elect three candidates who, I know, will put responsibility before rhetoric and character before character assassination.

I’m voting for Moran, Mosca and Walsh. Thank you all for running, and for giving us a chance to save Sierra Madre.

Robert Matheson, Sierra Madre

GREG Welborn It’s Just The End of The Beginning



Anyone who believes that last Sunday’s vote to approve the healthcare bill signals the end of the fireworks and bitter discourse in this country is tragically deluding themselves. Candidate Obama campaigned on the promise of killing the politics of the past and on bringing us all together - red and blue states - into a more cohesive purple state. President Obama has proved to be anything but a healing presence in our political citizenry, and the ramifications of this disastrous legislative accomplishment guarantee that the angry discourse will consume us for years - and perhaps decades - to come.

Ignoring 2009’s staggering \$1.4 trillion deficit and 2010’s \$1.3 trillion projected deficit, the \$38 trillion unfunded Medicare liability and the \$69 trillion unfunded social security liability, this president rammed through Congress another \$1 trillion entitlement program under the inherently dishonest moniker of “healthcare reform”. Just based on these financial numbers, America will have to deal with the financial ramifications of this in every future year’s budget. And that assumes the Democrats didn’t game the system when they had the Congressional Budget Office “analyze” the bill.

In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt promised Americans that his new social security system wouldn’t result in runaway spending and that it would always be fully funded. We all know how that’s turned out. The only real question worthy of debate is when (not if) the social security system will fail. In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson assured the country that his Medicare system would have only a minor financial impact. As the unfunded liability numbers above make abundantly clear, these two entitlement programs have soared well beyond their original projections and climbed higher than even the most skeptical of critics ever estimated. In fact, I defy anyone to point to a single government program that hasn’t cost more money by a multiple of its original estimate.

As if incurring debt which is seven times greater than the size of our entire economy isn’t enough to insure a very passionate debate in the years and decades ahead, the manner in which this nightmare was foisted upon us will stoke the fires of rage further. When the final vote tally was confirmed, not a single - that’s ZERO - Republican voted for this bill. Call me simplistic, but when you can’t get a Republican as liberal as Olympia Snowe to vote for a bill, there’s no way to claim that you have cobbled together even a semblance of consensus. You have in point of fact and clarity destroyed the very concept of consensus. Where before there was an honest sense that members of the two parties could come together on many issues out of shared goals but somewhat different approaches, we now have a Democratic party so driven to the left that the word liberal can’t even apply anymore, and their vary goals stand in contrast to those of most Americans.

The lines of demarcation couldn’t be any clearer. The Democratic Party has become the party of the private individual. Not too long ago, I might have had trouble writing that phrase, so disgusted was I at the profligacy of the Republicans in Congress. But with the firm and unanimous vote against the power grab masquerading as healthcare reform the Republicans have declared themselves to be the only party that truly stands for the rights of the individual to conduct their life as they see fit and to decide for themselves what medical care is appropriate at life’s end. The Republican Party has become the only party that will protect the individual from the oppressive confiscations of the tax man which this new law and its requirement of 16,000 more IRS agents will impose on us all.

On a cultural and spiritual level, the distinctions between the two parties are equally as dramatic and unbridgeable. Republicans see America as a country “under God” in which individuals from every imaginable religious, ethnic, racial or national background come together as Americans sharing a common value system in that new identity, where they are free to pursue their dreams and talents to whatever heights they can achieve. Democrats see America as a country which must be solely secular in which individuals must first identify as a member of their separate tribe, race, ethnicity or nationality and thus eschew any commonality of shared American values, where the pursuit of happiness

and success must be forcefully tempered by the requirements of an equal outcome - even if that means we must all be equally miserable.

The debate in this country has not concluded. It has just started. For the debate to end, we would have to willingly ignore the lessons of communism and all other failed national attempts to install a utopian vision. It is romantic and naïve to think that a favorable outcome results when government authority seeks to determine what each of us should do according to our abilities and what each of us should receive according to our needs. Everywhere this premise has been followed, utter failure has occurred. And not just a failure of the nation, but a failure of the development of the individual citizen. Taking excessive amounts from those who are productive in life and giving it to those who are unproductive in life damages the development of both.

To voluntarily give to those who are in need is a noble and uplifting exercise which matures the soul and spirit of the giver. So too does successfully taking responsibility for one’s own life and providing for self and family. We are endowed by our creator with the need to be needed. When that is stripped away, we shrivel up and die. The welfare states of Europe have so insulated their citizenry from the nobility of responsibility that acknowledgements of God’s provisions are mocked, individual charity has dried up, receiving money from the government is considered a right to be jealously guarded, marriages - when entertained at all - are maintained as temporary conveniences, and vacations ultimately become a dominant focus of a person’s dreams and aspirations. This is the European model toward which President Obama is marching us and to which the Democratic Party has pledged its commitment.

This is not the vision of most Americans. We remain a people reverent in our religious considerations, fiercely independent in our desire to chart the course of our own lives, hard working and fully appreciative of the success that such individual effort can achieve. The healthcare bill has served only to clarify these issues and thus marks the end of the beginning. No more will the pretense of bipartisanship or shared visions of America muddle the debate. The left has one vision for America (the government is big, the individual small and the country simply one of many equals on the planet), while the right has a diametrically opposed vision (the individual is great, government limited and the country the rightful leader of the free world by virtue of its commitment to freedom and its numerous sacrifices of blood and treasure in its defense). These are incompatible views.

As Senator McCain stated so succinctly, it will be a spirited debate leading up to this next election, and perhaps to the following two or three. Nothing has been put to rest; nothing has been finally settled; nothing has been incontestably won with the passage of this law. The most radical and destructive elements of the healthcare bill will phase-in, and with each step more details will be revealed, more burdens imposed and more resentment created. Deciding who we are as a nation going forward into the 21st century has just begun.

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SUSAN Henderson

Hate (n) *intense hostility and aversion;*
Community (n): *people with common interests living in a particular area;* **Value** (n): *intrinsically desirable*

When people who have been raised with a sense of community move to a new place, they soon seek out ways in which to be productive and help that community grow. I contribute by publishing a community newspaper, one that provides news and information for the *entire* community. Of course Opinions are included, but the primary purpose is the dissemination of information useful to the residents. Activism is not a part of this paper's primary mission, reporting the news and sharing information is.

One of the challenges of such lofty goals as being unbiased, objective and balanced, comes around every election cycle. Readers expect to hear the paper's position on the candidates over and above the opinions of the columnists. Honestly, I could have a much easier time of things if I just went on vacation while the campaigning and electioneering is going on. Then I wouldn't upset anyone. However, that would be an abdication of my commitment to keep the public informed.

This is the third city council race in which I have participated since living and writing in this town. However, this campaign has turned out to be the most mean-spirited, deceitful one I have ever seen. (FYI, *that's saying a lot, considering I used to earn my living leading a large political organization.*)

Never in my life have I ever seen such political manipulation, such vitriol, and the wholesale spreading of lies and innuendos just for the sake of winning. Yes, during Measure V and other campaigns we had a lot of contentious political activity, but this

time around it is beyond the petty name calling of the past. This time we have a candidate (John Crawford), led by an elected official (MacGillivray) and followed by, in my opinion, two good people (Watts and Alcorn), who have been hoodwinked and embarked in a year long effort to destroy the credibility of those who disagree with them.

They all are campaigning with a bundled pack of scare tactics, lies and hate, and such behavior is of no value to Sierra Madre. Right now, the behavior of our Mayor and John "Sir Eric the Blogger", Crawford have become a real embarrassment to our town. (Please go to SMTV3 and watch the reruns of the last council meeting.) And Mary Ann wants us to vote on three candidates so she will have 'control'?! ***Our town deserves better.***

Collateral Damage

Unfortunately, two good, not perfect, but two good people, Don Watts and Pat Alcorn, have become so inextricably tied to the hate monger and the liar that it is impossible to extract them. I cannot in good conscious say that either will serve the best interests of Sierra Madre when they choose to follow the lead of the morally bankrupt. And, although in a recent forum Mrs. Alcorn indicated that she is not a part of the slate, that, in her own words sometime after the forum, is simply not the case. And we cannot forget how Watts "flipped a nickel" to decide who should sit as Mayor, an action that empowered Mary Ann to begin her reign of terror.

So Let's Get Serious

We need to stop the madness and select candidates anxious to work together to take care of "*the people's business*". Sitting on the Sierra Madre City Council is not a joke, it's not a game. It's serious business and only those committed to serving and respecting the ENTIRE community deserve to sit there. Joe Mosca, Nancy Walsh and Josh Moran have demonstrated through years of community involvement that they have what it takes: the commitment, drive and respect for others, that can turn this city around.

1. All three candidates have a deep

HATE IS NOT A COMMUNITY VALUE!

rooted, serious commitment to Sierra Madre. Moran was raised here; Walsh has been an active member of this community for decades and Mosca, who has lived in this town longer than both Crawford and Zimmerman, is a dedicated and responsible public servant.

2. Moran, Walsh and Mosca are not prone to lying. They have not engaged in character assassination, hate mongering and bigotry. The allegations of Mosca's "broken campaign promises" are a bunch of hysterical lies that have been brewing for years because of, let's face it, homophobia and bigotry. And I should know.

3. Moran, Walsh and Mosca are all intelligent, respectful people with well balanced lives and who want to *serve the entire community*, not just their supporters, for the right reasons! They each collectively bring skills and experience to the council that is sorely needed.

4. Moran, Walsh and Mosca want to be part of a council that works together to come up with solutions that will help maintain the character and integrity of this city.

With new leadership on the council we will be able to get back on track. Don't be deceived by the campaign rhetoric of the Mayor, who for instance takes credit for the audits when they were near completion when she was sworn in. And for God's sake, don't be reeled in by this character masquerading as a responsible citizen, John Crawford. *If you didn't know him before don't judge him by what you have seen lately.* I've known him for 3 years at least and this person, campaigning under the mask of civility, is not the real John Crawford. *This will probably be the only time you will ever see the following statement in this paper:* If you want to know who John Crawford really is, go to www.sierramadretattler.com and skip the last month of articles - he was campaigning then. Look further back and read the pages of hysteria, half truths, fabrications, outright lies and unsubstantiated summations made by him. Look at the cesspool of hate that he has created while hiding his identity and take a good look at his leadership abilities. Read it,

then mark your mail-in ballots or run to the polls on April 13th and vote for Walsh, Mosca and Moran!

P.S. - While I have been the subject of Crawford's hateful rhetoric for years, that is not the basis for my concerns. Ask yourself, what will this town be like if the following kind of person would become mayor, who even now:

- cannot articulate his campaign goals without reading from a script,
- has participated in no community activities other than the UUT Oversight Committee last year.
- has been reported to the Police for being caught twice rummaging through [other Sierra Madre residents'](#) trash,
- has his followers track activities at his enemies' homes (read the blog - they actually monitored who attended a staff meeting for this paper that they thought was at my home, admitting that they drove by my house several times),
- provides an environment where people plot on how to steal legal and publicly located printed materials to prevent the dissemination of news they don't like (January of this year), and who walks in lock step with, and closely studies, a Mayor who:
- operates by her own set of rules;
- won't show up to light the community Christmas Tree for the Children of Sierra Madre and
- tried to charge the Little League \$1,200.00 for an Opening Day Permit.

The question that you must ask yourself about those you are voting for is, "*Has this person shown him or herself to be in possession of the values that I believe are in the city's best interest?*" Think about it.

THIS PAPER WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ENDORSES WALSH, MOSCA AND MORAN FOR CITY COUNCIL, THREE CIVIL, COMMITTED AND INTELLIGENT CANDIDATES, OF WHOM WE CAN ALL BE PROUD.



HAIL Hamilton

On March 1, John Crawford, aka Sir Eric Maudry, posted the following statement on his blog the Sierra Madre Tattler:

"On a melancholy note, it was very difficult for me to read Hail Hamilton's column this week. Hail was a staunch ally and close friend during the Measure V campaign. To me he embodied not only the spirit of Sierra Madre's independence, but also those things that made it what it is today, an independent city fully in charge of its own destiny. To read an op-ed piece from him now using the language of the "No on V" campaign, and doing so in support of the big development crowd that he once so vehemently opposed, was sad."

What a crock! Where have you been for the last four years—Mars? Measure V is here to stay; no one is trying to scuttle it and no one favors big development. Ask anybody. I support it Measure V. My neighbors support it. Even the people who didn't vote for Measure V are not for "big development." Quit distracting voters with your paranoid delusions from the real challenges confronting Sierra Madre—like how do we pay for repaving our streets?

John, you are the king of spin. Your use of **Red Herrings** is unequaled. You resort to them at every opportunity on your blog, your campaign fliers and in your public harangues. In case you've forgotten, a **Red Herring** is a fallacy in which an irrelevant topic is presented in order to divert attention from the original issue. The basic idea is to "win"

an argument by leading attention away from the argument and to another topic.

And this is exactly what all your malarkey about SB 375 and "the threat of regionalism" is supposed to do—confuse and distract voters from looking at you as a candidate. You're running for city council, not student body council! It's time to raise the bar of political debate. It's time to set the record straight.

It is true that you and I were allies during the Measure V campaign. We also wrote for the Mt. Wilson Observer and its successor, the Mountain Views Observer. That is, until you were fired!

According to Susan Henderson, the paper's publisher, you were fired from the Mountain Views Observer in 2007 after you were told that your opinions could only be based upon facts and that if you were going to accuse people of wrong doing, you had to disclose your identity.

Shortly thereafter, you started blogging on the Foothill Cities Blog. According to my sources, your divisive, hate-inspiring style caused the owner of the blog to remove your postings and all comments associated with you. You then contributed your Sir Eric blog postings briefly in 2008 for the Sierra Madre Weekly but, according to your blog you were asked to leave. According to my sources at the Weekly, the issue was the same. "Crawford likes to base his pontifications on exaggerations and outright lies." In a post on your blog with your usual bravado you said that, "I've been asked to leave better papers than that."

Also, your recollections of your participation of Measure V are grossly overstated. Late in the campaign you connected with Kevin and Katina Dunn and provided the anti-development

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bumper stickers of the New York City Skyline. At the debate sponsored by The Mt. Wilson Observer (MWO), Kurt Zimmerman, David Smith and Susan Henderson were the panel. In reality, Susan did most of the talking. At both the Kiwanis and Chamber forums, Susan was the only speaker. Rick Chartow often spoke to the press during Measure V, but you did little if anything. You did write a series of opinion columns for the old Mt. Wilson Observer, but that was basically the extent of your involvement.

Like you, I joined the Measure V campaign late in the game, and wrote a series of articles for the MWO. But unlike you, I added substance to the debate. I blew the whistle on the secret meetings being held in a prominent Sierra Madre realty, I uncovered the secret \$170,000 (later shown to be \$195,000) campaign fund from developers opposing Measure V, and I disclosed the California Association of Realtors (CAR) 32 page plan to scuttle slow growth movements throughout the state. I not only wrote about what I discovered, I spoke out publicly at a number of televised council meetings.

I also advised you and the rest of the "Flipper" Joe crowd not to pursue the effort to recall Joe Mosca so soon after Measure V. However, I was ignored, and as I predicted the recall effort failed. Mosca retained his seat, and, as it turned out, proved to be a relatively effective council member. Most important—for me at least—I always wrote and spoke using my real name.

You, on the other hand, never wrote a thing under your own name and to my recollection only spoke once at a council meeting about Measure V. Rather, you were content to hide in the shadows

behind an old picture of Lesley Howard writing under the *nom de plume* of "Sir Erick Maudry". You contributed little in the way of substance to the Measure V debate; you did nothing but stir up anger and divisiveness. Your articles were almost entirely based on unsubstantiated rumors. All you did was vilify anyone who opposed Measure V as "Dirts," focusing particularly on the three council members who opposed the measure—John Buchannan, Enid Joffe and—of course—Joe Mosca.

Finally, Ever since Measure V's passage, you have continued to poison the political environment on your blog with your relentless attacks on John and Joe. Not content with helping unseat Enid and imposing that dingbat MaryAnn McGillivray on the rest of us, you have continued your four year vendetta against Susan because of her breakup with Katina over the Mt. Wilson Observer, insinuating yourself into something that is really none of your business. And now because I've refused to quit the paper and join you and your screwball friends, I have been added to your ever-expanding "enemies list".

John, I want a council member who is honest and that I can trust. I want someone who will work for the good of the whole community. Most of all, I want a council member who possesses requisite qualities necessary for him or her to perform their duties with distinction. Quite frankly, you just don't have what it takes to be on the city council.

John, when someone tells me that you have posted another nasty remark about me on your blog, I just smile and tell them, **"Anything that crackpot says about me is music to my ears."**



STUART TOLCHIN ON...LIFE

Frankly, for a long time I could not understand the opposition to the Health Care Reform Bill. Finally, it was explained to me that many people oppose

the bill because they saw it as a kind of give-away. The argument goes that people work hard to pay for their own health care insurance or HMO and that these benefits should not be given freely to those who are too lazy to work hard enough to pay their own way. People have the responsibility to take care of themselves and if they can't do it then it's their problem not society's problem. I guess the argument goes further to say that if people are just given things then they won't work hard and all society will fall apart because everyone will just sit back and expect the world to take care of them and pretty soon no one will do anything and then good-bye civilization. Perhaps that's the major argument against income redistribution and socialism. Ambition and creativity and industriousness will vanish to be

replaced by a kind of chronic infantilism and perpetual adolescence which leaves us all vulnerable to being exploited by other more individualistic and competitive cultures.

Really, I don't buy the argument. I think the truth is that many people like the fact that they can feel superior to others because these others are in some way deprived. If I don't have more than other people have, then how can I feel good about myself? Probably racism and sexism and the desire to humiliate homosexuals are all connected to these same feelings. It was not so really long ago that the rules of European and North American Society were that if you were White, Male, and Straight you knew God loved you and that you were better than those poor unloved inferior folk. Working hard and being responsible sort of went along with this. We regular White, Male, Straight folk worked hard, not particularly because we wanted to but rather because that was just the kind of people we were. It was in our genes, whatever they were, and the world needed us to hold things together.

Well folks, times have changed. It

WE ARE ALL FAMILY

really is pretty tough these days to believe that being White or Male or Straight makes anyone automatically superior to anyone else. So how can we validate ourselves? By having things that other people don't have, that's how. Therefore, the more things are "given" to other people, the harder it is to believe that we are "special" and are somehow better than other people. I think this kind of deluded thinking really exists and it is a real problem. Sure, being able to appreciate ourselves as individuals, without comparison to others, should be a simple matter; but it isn't. Right from the beginning it was hard. Think about Cain, the hard-working tiller of the soil, who made his offering to his God but saw that God preferred the offering of his brother. Even though Cain worked hard and did his best he felt rejected and inferior. Of course God noticed and what did God tell Cain? Do not let your feelings rule you. You must be the master of your own feelings and if you are not it is a sin in the face of God. So what did Cain do? He attacked his brother and killed him and then tried to lie to God about it.

So then what happened? You probably know the story better than I do. God banished Cain, but marked him so that whoever found him would not slay him, and bad old Cain became the founder of a city and basically the father of us all. Sure, it may be just a story but I think it is an undeniable truth that, contained within all of us, ALL OF US, is the desire to be validated and appreciated. The story of our individual lives is how we meet this need while remaining the master of our own feelings rather than victim. I humbly suggest a solution. Rather than attempting to validate ourselves by measuring our accomplishments against the accomplishments or attributes of others, perhaps we can all focus on an ideal of working to make life better for everyone. As life improves for even the non-White, the non-male, the non-straight, the Poor, then we validate ourselves. If things do not get better we keep trying and the trying itself is our validation. Sounds pretty simple. So - would things have been different if Cain had just said to God something like, "I'm glad you appreciated our family offerings."



RICH Johnson

Okay, well we are on the other side of the health care bill. Maybe. Now it is going to get thrown into the courts for select judges to tell us whether or not we can have what our elected representatives voted in. Hey, you in the back. Get off your high horse! This judicial phenomenon happens to laws supported by both the right and the left. Your intrepid columnist thinks it's time for a little intelligence self-assessment test. I have prepared one, so please take it at your leisure. If you need the answers, write to me at my email below and ask for test results. Ready? No cheating.

1. How many levels on a double-decker

bus?

2. What major world war followed World War I?
3. What animal was Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull named after?
4. The last names of the two inventors of M&M's began with what letter?
5. The Baby Ruth candy bar was named after President Grover Cleveland's oldest daughter. What was her first name?
6. The Revered Sylvester Graham invented what kind of cracker?
7. How many cowboys save a small Mexican village in the film, "The Magnificent Seven"?
8. What famous president was the city, Washington, D.C. named after?
9. What major border lies between the United States and Canada?
10. What is the primary color of the

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White House?

11. Similarly, Cowboy legend Tex Ritter's horse, White Flash, was what color?
12. How many dwarfs were featured in the Disney film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"?
13. Who was the host of the "Ed Sullivan" show?
14. What broadcast medium does the publication "TV Guide" serve?
15. Thomas Jefferson was presented with a 1200 pound block of food that earned him the nickname, "The Big Cheese." What kind of food was he presented with?
16. The teddy bear was named after a relative of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who also happened to be a president at one time. What was the relative's first name?

On another matter entirely I must publicly voice my displeasure at XM Satellite Radio. As many of you know from previous columns, a major pet peeve of mine is the number of commercials that air in any one hour of broadcast radio. I do understand the need to air commercials to pay the bills. But the percentage of time given over to them makes the radio unlistenable. I subscribed to XM Radio to get away from all those commercials. Well, greed is now permeating the halls of Satellite Radio land as there are as many, if not more, commercials in an hour of broadcast on many of XM's channels than on local radio. It's very disappointing.

By the way, my email is rich@versatape.com.

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This virtual space journey isn't the latest video game but one of several groundbreaking astronomy visualizations created by specialists at the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI) in Baltimore, the science operations center for NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. The cinematic space odysseys are part of the new ImaX film "Hubble 3D," which opened last week at select ImaX theaters worldwide.

The 43-minute movie chronicles the 20-year life of Hubble and includes highlights from the May 2009 servicing mission to the Earth-orbiting observatory, with footage taken by the astronauts.

While Hubble pictures of celestial objects are awe-inspiring, they are flat 2-D photographs. For this film, those 2-D images have been converted into 3-D environments, giving the audience the impression they are space travelers taking a tour of Hubble's most popular targets.

"A large-format movie is a truly immersive experience," says Frank Summers, an STScI astronomer and science visualization specialist who led the team that developed the movie visualizations. The team labored for nine months, working on four visualization sequences that comprise about 12 minutes of the movie.

"Seeing these Hubble images in 3-D, you feel like you are flying through space and not just looking at picture postcards," Summers continued. "The spacescapes are all based on Hubble images and data, though some artistic license is necessary to produce the

full depth of field needed for 3-D."

The most ambitious sequence is a four-minute voyage through the Orion Nebula's gas-and-dust canyon, about 15 light-years across. During the ride, viewers will see bright and dark, gaseous clouds; thousands of stars, including a grouping of bright, hefty stars called the Trapezium; and embryonic planetary systems. The tour ends with a detailed look at a young circumstellar disk, which is much like the structure from which our solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago.

Based on a Hubble image of Orion released in 2006, the visualization was a collaborative effort between science visualization specialists at STScI, including Greg Bacon, who sculpted the Orion Nebula digital model, with input from STScI astronomer Massimo Roberto; the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and the Spitzer Science Center at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

For some of the sequences, STScI imaging specialists developed new techniques for transforming the 2-D Hubble images into 3-D. STScI image processing specialists Lisa Frattare and Zolt Levay, for example, created methods of splitting a giant gaseous pillar in the Carina Nebula into multiple layers to produce a 3-D effect, giving the structure depth.

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THE SPECTACULAR OUTBURST OF COMET HOLMES

The public is invited to a free public lecture on Sunday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Altadena Public Library. The speaker will be Rachel Stevenson of UCLA. The title of her talk is "The Spectacular Outburst of Comet Holmes."

In October 2007, a small comet underwent the largest outburst ever observed in our solar system and brightened by a factor of almost a million. Comet Holmes ejected a cloud of material that grew to be larger than the Sun in just a few weeks. In the weeks following this unprecedented event, Rachel and her team used multiple telescopes to monitor the comet, and observed a number of interesting features including small cometary fragments, dust streaks, and shells. Rachel will share the team's findings and explain how these findings can help us understand what happened to comet

Holmes.

This lecture is free of charge, and all are welcome. There will be light refreshments before the talk, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Avenue ("Christmas Tree Lane").

This talk is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA), a volunteer service organization assisting the Observatory in public outreach. For more information, see the MWOA web site, www.mwoa.org or contact me.

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Chances are, if someone showed you this number - 199.181.132.250 - you would probably be able to identify it as an IP Address. An IP address is what the Internet (or Local Area Network) uses to identify specific computers on a network. In order for a network of any size to function properly, the computers on them that deliver and/or receive data services must have unique addresses, so that requests for data or services can be returned to the correct requestor. This holds true for peer-to-peer networks comprised of just 3 machines, all the way up to the network known as the Internet.

The current addressing scheme used to identify hosts on networks running the TCP/IP network protocol is known as IPv4, and the above-listed ip address for Disney.com - 199.181.132.250 - is an example of an IPv4 address. IPv4 uses a 32-bit addressing scheme that provides 4,294,967,296 (or 2 to the 32nd power) unique addresses. Part of this address space is used for special configurations and the rest is used for public consumption.

ISP's are typically in charge of distributing IP's to the public for Internet access and, with a few technical adjustments, just a few hundred IP addresses have the potential to service millions of unique computers. At one time, the 4 billion addresses available through the IPv4 addressing seemed like far more unique addresses than we would ever need to connect everyone and everything to the Internet. Like many other benchmarks before and after this one, unprecedented technological growth had other ideas. Due to the addition of literally hundreds of millions of network- and Internet-ready mobile devices, cell phones and other equipment, ISP's and other parties concerned with capacity-



planning on the Internet now face the problem of Address Space Exhaustion - we simply have run out of unique addresses to assign to new users and devices on the ever-expanding Internet.

In order to solve this problem, the IPv6 addressing scheme is being implemented at an Operating System, ISP or Internet-accessing device near you. IPv6 uses a 128-bit addressing scheme that has the capacity to provide 340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456 unique addresses. In order to get an idea of just how many addresses that is - well, let's just say it's a lot of addresses and it might be a while before we run out again. And not only is that a lot of addresses, the addresses themselves even look different. The address previously listed for Disney.com - 199.181.132.250 - now looks like this under the IPv6 addressing scheme - 2002:0:0:0:0:c7b5:84fa - and this is the abbreviated version.

For most people using devices that utilize IPv6 addressing, most of the technical guesswork has been taken out of using the new system and happens behind the scenes. Windows 7, for example, uses IPv6 addressing along with the usual IPv4 addressing, like the newer Mac OS's and several Linux distributions. But it seemed worth mentioning that changes were coming, and that your ISP address might look somewhat different, some day.



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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

RE-LIGHT THE FIRE: FINDING THE SPARK

So, you've been married for how long? Are these words familiar? "I'm comfortable with my "old lady" (or "old man")." "Nah, we don't talk much . . . don't have to, she knows me." Activities together? "Nope, he's got his thing & I've got mine." "We're sort of set in our ways." "Fooling around? Huh? Oh that. Not so much, that's for the kids."

Oh, for that feeling of passion! Most of us remember the early days with our spouse. We couldn't get enough of each other. While relationships do change over time and properly mellow out, there is something to be said about rejuvenating romance. The term comfortable should not be the same as boring and predictable.

Romance? One must remember back to the times when you wanted to work at being romantic and how this was appreciated by your mate. Our lives today are dominated by financial stress, work, consumerism, and . . . yes, I'll say it, TV! When we finally collapse at the end of a busy day, do we each take our own chairs and stare blankly at that box which feeds us "reality" shows and advertising?

Make time for romance. Here are some suggestions that will have an amazing effect on your relationship.

CONSUMER WARNING: Sparks can lead to fire. (This is the part where you smile.)

1) Bring her (or him) flowers for no reason other than love.

2) Make Friday or Saturday night, official "Date-Night". Let nothing keep you from it. Turn off the phones; Go out to

dinner; get popcorn; pick a "chick-flick" or a comedy; hold hands; cuddle.

3) Take a walk, and just talk (and hold hands.)

4) Kiss. No not that "hi/goodbuy" peck"; go for a long and slow one. Look into each others eyes.

5) Write a letter about how much you love each other and other "good stuff".

6) Light candles. (See consumer warning above.)

7) Take time to hug.

8) When you leave home tell your other how much he/she means to you. Life is unpredictable; you never want to regret not saying "I love you".

9) Thank your spouse for doing those routine tasks, like cooking, cleaning, or yard work.

10) Realize, every day, that this special person is the same person you originally fell madly in love with.

We must ask ourselves what is really important in life. It's certainly not work, possessions, or money. All this may come and go. Focus your life around that one special person. Take time to be in love.

This article is provided by Bruce Lamarche, a member of Society of Certified Senior Advisors', www.csa.us. Bruce's company, R & B Reverse Mortgage Services (Glendora) helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. www.laseniormortgage.com He can be reached at (626) 335-3412.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: 10 Tips for Happy Retirement Living

Here are a few retirement living tips, from suggestions by Joan Carter, cofounder of Life Options Institute. As you read these tips, think about how they apply to your life.

Retirement living is about more than money. Financial planners tell us to start thinking about retirement living decades before we're ready to retire, and it's good to make a retirement planning checklist about five years before your retirement date.

While you're thinking about how much money you'll need in retirement, think about what you want your life to look like, and how you want to feel.

Make life plans. It's important to plan for the non-financial aspect of retirement living by considering what will make you happy. Maybe you'll climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, go dog sledding in Alaska, make time to write that novel you've been thinking about, or even continue to work part-time. Make a life plan and tick off your experiences as you move ahead. (And no, I'm not talking about a "Bucket List!")

Find a purpose. When making your retirement living plan, look for things you can do on an ongoing basis that bring you joy and add structure to your life. This can include travel, hobbies or even training for a new career.

Keep your mind sharp. "Use it or lose it" applies to your brain. If you feel the need to replace the intellectual stimulation you found at work, try learning a foreign language or a musical instrument, or join a book club. Lifelong learning offers many opportunities to keep your mind sharp. How about checking out the lifelong learning classes offered by your local community center or college?

Volunteer. Getting involved in your community is a great way to give back, and it's a wonderful opportunity to interact with people and make new friends. Senior Corps offers volunteer opportunities tailored for older adults.

Develop new friendships. A measurement of whether people are successful at retirement living is the strength of their social network—that includes family and friends. Check out groups that help you meet new people or join community or religious organizations that have members who share your interests. It's possible to meet people and make new friends even if it's difficult to get around.

Did you know that friendship helps to increase longevity?

Ask your spouse or partner. If you live with someone or have a close partner, retirement living becomes a shared experience. It's important to make time for you and your partner to both share your dreams—you might be pleasantly surprised to learn that your partner wants to join you on that Mt. Kilimanjaro climb, and he or she may have ideas you'll enjoy.

Increase your financial stability. If you can't afford to retire yet, what about partial retirement? This can include working part-time in your current job or finding a retirement job that's new and interesting—and will also help you earn money.

Keep your spirits up. The life changes that come with retirement living can be challenging, but your attitude plays a big part in whether you'll find happiness in retirement living or not. Check in with yourself to assess your mood; if you feel sad or hopeless it's important to see your doctor or a professional counselor. Learn the signs of and senior depression (or ask a friend or family member to assess your mood) and don't be afraid to ask for help.

Remain healthy. Carter brought up an old adage: A lean horse for a long race. With increasing life spans, retirement living can be a long race, so get yourself in shape. That means eating well, watching your weight and staying active. When you feel good, it's easier to stay positive and open to new experiences.

NEW Box Meals at the Senior Lunch Café

The senior lunch program is pleased to offer special box meals that can be ordered & taken home. Participants must be 60 years or older, make a reservation 24 hours in advance, come to the Hart Park House to sign & make a \$2 donation and bring an insulated container to carry out the box meal. There is a special box meal menu available at the Hart Park House - for more information or to reserve a meal, please call (626) 355-0256.



MONTHLY EXCURSIONS

Thursday, April 15th - Palm Springs Follies - 8:30 am to 6 pm; \$51 (limited space still available)

Friday, May 14 - LA Central Library Tour & Lunch - 9 am to 3 pm; \$7 for transportation only - lunch on your own.

June TBA - Cheese Factory Tour & Lunch at a Temecula Winery

April & May excursions are open and reservations can be made by filling out a registration form & making payment. For questions, please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394.

Recipe of the Week:

Baked French Toast Casserole w/Maple Syrup
A Great Easter Sunday Brunch Dish!

INGREDIENTS:

1 loaf French bread (13 to 16 ounces)
8 large eggs
2 cups half-and-half
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Dash salt
Praline Topping, recipe follows
Maple syrup

DIRECTIONS:

Slice French bread into 20 slices, 1-inch each. (Use any extra bread for garlic toast or bread crumbs). Arrange slices in a generously buttered 9 by 13-inch flat baking dish in 2 rows, overlapping the slices. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, half-and-half, milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt and beat with a rotary beater or whisk until blended but not too bubbly. Pour mixture over the bread slices, making sure all are covered evenly with the milk-egg mixture. Spoon some of the mixture in between the slices. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. The next day, preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread Praline Topping evenly over the bread and bake for 40 minutes, until puffed and lightly golden. Serve with maple syrup.

PRALINE TOPPING:

1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and blend well.



March Birthdays

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

Activities:

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

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

Monday:
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesday:
2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon
3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:
11 -11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve

balance & refresh the joints

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

Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursday:
1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information
Friday:
1:00 pm: Ping Pong
Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

Free Lawn Bowling Lessons: The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club will have beginning lawn bowling lessons each Saturday morning starting at 10:00 AM. Located just north of the golf course at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave.<free parking> For information call Gene at 626.351-5327.



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

Rare Camellias and Azaleas at Nuccio's Nurseries

Nuccio's Nurseries is tucked away in northern Altadena. You're even unaware you've reached it until you reach the gate and sign on Chaney Trail, north of Loma Alta, snuggled up against the San Gabriel Mountains. But it's well worth the trip and the search, for hundreds of varieties of locally grown and acclimatized azaleas and camellias.

The Nuccio brothers started their plant nursery business in the yard of one of their homes in Alhambra, back in 1935. During the night shift,

Nuccio's has an avid fan base of azalea and camellia buyers from the southeastern United States. The two plants are the foundation of many a landscape in that area, creating an explosion of color there in the springtime bloom season. Even Martha Stewart's show brought their crew out here to the experts at Nuccio's some years back, during a show on camellias.

Another group of Nuccio buyers are hobbyists, who tinker with creating new varieties of both plants, purchasing quantities of starts for their work. A rare yellow camellia found in China has engendered quite the hobbyist's interest in developing more yellows, since the most abundant camellias are in the whites, pinks and reds.



as finding eggs, so they and the Agriculture department check, inspect, check again and re-inspect time after time to minimize the spread of problem insects, especially before and after the transport/delivery process. They have introduced beneficial insects like the parasitic wasp, as well, for natural population control of pests.

In order to grow more azalea and camellia stock, they take cuttings, starting them at 200 per flat. Some need to be grafted, and require inserting starts into a different root stock, then growth and healing time covered in a microclimate created by covered the new plant with a jar that keeps the humidity high, among other factors. Later on, the camellias are transplanted into 3" pots and the azaleas to 36 per flat.

Gradually, as the plants mature, the pot size is increased with an increasing air and growing space around each pot up to the 15 gallon size for some of the larger varieties. This is not a job that offers instant gratification. Progress in a plant nursery is measured in multiple growing seasons and years.

The great part about purchasing any plant grown locally is that it's acclimatized to our environment from inception, which means it is already accustomed to the high and low temperatures of our local climate, as well as the indigenous humidity and sun intensity levels.

Nuccio pointed out a particularly beautiful, deep pink dogwood variety which they developed. Early on, they weren't going to create a shade structure accommodating the 20' mature height of these small scale trees, so they were left outside to fend for themselves. These particularly lovely dogwoods acclimated and thrived, atypical of the usual understory plantings common to the Northwest and elsewhere where dogwoods bloom under the shade protection of larger trees.

If you're after the usual, like the ever-popular Alaska white azalea to the unusual and rare, Nuccio's is the place to try. They'll give you lots of personal attention backed by a grower's knowledge and experience base, and it doesn't have to price you out of house and home either. Prices begin at \$6 a gallon for the more common azalea varieties, up to \$25 per gallon pot for a rare camellia variety.

In order to help you in what might prove to be an overwhelming decision process, don't miss their many bloom tables that allow you to view and help choose the color, style and variety of plant for your garden!

From January to June, Nuccio's is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 on Thursday through Monday, closed Tuesday and Wednesday for maintenance and deliveries. During July through December, after the blooming season, they're closed on Sundays. Visit Nuccio's Nurseries at 3555 Chaney Trail in Altadena. For more information, call them at 626-794-3383 or visit www.NucciosNurseries.com



the brothers worked at the Tire Brothers glass factory. During the day, they tended their nursery plants. They started growing all manner of plants, but eventually specialized into mostly camellias and azaleas, moving to the Altadena site in 1946.

Today, children of the original Nuccio brothers lovingly run the business, tending cuttings and grafts through 15 gallon sales stock, plus their "parent" stock, from which starts are taken in the multi-year process to create new sales stock. Brothers Jim and Tom and their cousin Julius Nuccio share the passion of growing camellias and azaleas as much as avid hobbyists, developing new varieties, as well as their life's work. It's really seeped into their blood.

Recently, Jim Nuccio took me on a behind the scenes look at what goes into growing the estimated half million plants on site. He joined the business after college in the Bay Area.

In addition to the retail in-person business,

Nuccio pointed out a rather nondescript plant grouping in our tour, the Camellia sinensis, from which the very popular green tea, plus white, oolong and black teas are processed. He recalls that Descanso purchased a number of these plants about five years ago for a new display area. Apparently, after planting, the local deer chose these plants as a delectable favorite, all but mowing them down at Descanso. I can just envision those happy, fully caffeinated deer!

The entire six acres is hand watered, which saves about 70 per cent of the water required on an automatic broadcast irrigation system, according to Nuccio. The hand watering also gives personal attention to each plant on a regular basis, as they look for early signs of pest and disease problems.

As Nuccio checked a square yellow attractant card during our tour for signs of the presence of problems insects, he commented that the presence of an adult pest isn't usually as much a problem

Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

NOW THERE'S NO EXCUSE

It's the best news in real estate since last year's First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit: an estimated \$22 billion will pump into our economy as a result of the government not only extending the tax credit, but including current homeowners, too.

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Holy Week Activities

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE of PASADENA

PazNaz is very happy to offer several worship opportunities throughout Holy Week. Please take a look at the services below and make plans to join the rest of the PazNaz family in celebration!

Palm Sunday, March 28, at 6:00 pm Sanctuary
Palm Sunday night is family worship night with PazNaz Praise! Bring your family and friends to a great evening of music, congregational worship, drama, and celebration with PazNaz's Kidpraise!, Pier 56, Youth vocal team and band, Celebration Choir, and Sunrise Orchestra.

Wednesday, March 31, at 7:00 pm Grace Church of the Nazarene
10936 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90044
Come hear Pastor Scott Daniels participate in the **Seven Last Words of Christ** and listen to Pastor Scott Anderson sing in this special service on Wednesday evening during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 pm Lee Chapel
Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin words "mandatum novum" meaning new mandate. It was Jesus' commandment to his followers to "love one another as I have loved you." This was exemplified by Jesus taking the role as a humble servant and washing the feet of his disciples in the last hours of his ministry. Join this service of music, readings, meditation, and partaking of the Lord's Supper together.

Good Friday April 2, at 7:00 pm Sanctuary
The Tenebrae Service is one of the oldest Holy Week traditions of the Christian church. "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "shadows" and the Tenebrae Service tells in experiential form the story of Jesus' passion. As the service unfolds, symbolic candles are extinguished. The sanctuary is darkened to depict the final hours of Jesus' life and to dramatize the impact of his death. Experience this deeply moving service with music, readings, meditation, and a message by Pastor Scott Daniels.

Eggs-travaganza, April 3, at 11:00 am PazNaz Campus
Eggs-travaganza includes multiple egg hunts for ages 2 - 6th grade, a petting zoo, popcorn, balloons, games, prizes, and yes, a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! Lunch items are provided for only \$1 each and there will be an All-You-Can-Eat Ice Cream Fundraiser for Student Ministries that costs only \$4!

Easter Sunday, April 4 Three Services: 6:30, 8:00, and 10:30 am
Easter Garden (6:30 am) / Sanctuary (8:00 and 10:30 am) / Baptism (9:30 am)
Keeping with tradition, the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord begins early in the morning as the sun rises in the Easter Garden. Two services follow in the Sanctuary, where you can worship with the Celebration Choir and Sunrise Orchestra and hear an inspirational message from Pastor Scott Daniels. There will also be a special time of baptisms between the services in the Sanctuary.

Easter Breakfast, April 4, from 7:30-10:00 am Gilmore Hall
Bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious Easter morning breakfast for only \$5 a person with a \$20 maximum per immediate family. Children five and under are free.
First Church of The Nazarene of Pasadena 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena

BETHANY CHURCH OF SIERRA MADRE PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 28 — Palm Sunday Worship Services at 8 am and 11 am
Thursday, April 1 — PreElementary Palm Parade
— Maundy Thursday
Communion Service at 7 pm — Worship Center
Friday, April 2 — Good Friday Service at 7 pm at Sierra Madre Congregational Church. Pastor Phil will be speaking.
Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday
Worship Services at 8 am and 11 am — Out Children's Choir will be singing during both services. Special Extended Café Family Fellowship time in the Ministry Center Dining Room during A&F hour, 9-15
— 10:50, with full breakfast being served for the whole family.
Bethany Church - 93 N. Baldwin Sierra Madre

Sierra Madre Congregational Church

March 27 Palm Sunday Concert: Jesus, Son of God
March 28 Palm Sunday Concerts: Jesus, Son of God
April 1 Maundy Thursday Service
April 2 Good Friday Service - Tenebrae
April 4 Community Sunrise Service
Sierra Madre Congregational Church 170 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church

- March 28 - Palm Sunday
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday Dinner
- April 2 - Good Friday
- April 4 - Easter Celebration Service

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church—695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre

"God's Footprints to Calvary"

Stations of the Cross at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center

~ Adapted from Fr. Claudio Piccinini, CP
The Passionists welcome the public to join in Devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2, 2010 from 4:30-8:00 pm. The path is the same distance walked by Jesus on the road to Calvary. For more info call 626 355 7188 **700 N. Sunnyside Sierra Madre**

Holy Week at San Marino Community Church

PALM SUNDAY, March 28, 2010

The Rev. Jeffrey O'Grady, Pastor preaching

9:15 am Traditional Worship

Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided

10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation

11:15 am "The Gathering" worship service

Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1, 2010:

7:00 pm Service of Communion and Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, April 4, 2010

7:00 am Community Sunrise Service at Lacy Park

The Rev. Jeffrey O'Grady, Pastor preaching

9:15 & 11:15 Traditional Worship Services

Featuring Choirs, Brass, Organ,

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San Marino Community Church

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Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 28th – 8 & 10:15 a.m.

Monday & Tuesday, March 29th & 30th — Mass 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31st

Tenebrae — 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st -- 7 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The Watch at the Altar of Repose begins after the 7 p.m.

Mass and continues until noon on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Good Friday, April 2nd

Stations of the Cross – Noon

Liturgy -- 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will be heard by appointment.

Easter Vigil -- 6 a.m.

Easter Brunch -- 8 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt -- 8:45 a.m.

Festival High Mass with Baptisms -- 10:15 a.m.

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