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2010 Sierra Madre Municipal Election



SIERRA MADRE CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

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

1. Why are you running for city council?
 2. What will you do for Sierra Madre?
- Candidates answers are printed as submitted without editing.

See Kiwanis Candidate Forum
Online at: www.mtnviewsnews.com

Candidate Josh Moran

Because I love this town. That's why I'm running for Sierra Madre City Council. Yes it may sound old-fashioned or cliché, but that's why we all live here. It has been home for me and my family for well over 30 years; I plan on being a part of this community for many years to come, which is why I want to serve.

I want to serve because I understand the importance of giving back and being a responsible neighbor. I served on the Community Services Commission and wrote the Youth Master Plan Scorecard, which helped re-create the same wonderful opportunities for today's youth as I had growing up. I have been a proud member of the Sierra Madre Rotary Club, the Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee, and the All-America City Award delegation.



But there is more to do. Wonderful opportunities and difficult challenges are on our horizon. I believe that most Sierra Madreans hold a similar vision for what our town should be. Lately, we have let the debates over which path to follow prevent us from bringing that vision to life. I want to open lines of communication and find the common ground that will lead us all to a more vibrant and prosperous future. You can trust that my vote will not be tied to the allegiances of a slate; rather it will be a vote for the entire town.

I want to keep the downtown small and quaint, but find ways to inject new life and opportunity for local business owners. I will advocate for good public policy that protects our hillside from further development and works with homeowners to help them be good stewards of our city. It is going to take a lot of long-term planning and creative thinking to achieve these goals, and I am excited to take on the challenge.

I pledge to restore civility to the council chamber, to set aside mean-spiritedness, so that we can roll up our shirt-sleeves and see to the work at hand: maintaining and improving our Volunteer Fire Department and our local police department, planning strategically for the budget shortfalls that we will face in the next few years, searching for funding to improve the infrastructure of our streets, sewers and water mains, providing and expanding services for our youth and seniors through the community services department and the Sierra Madre Public Library, retaining our hard working City staff, and preserving the historical character of our town. I want to encourage all of you to become involved, be part of the process, and voice your opinions to make things happen.

SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTER INFORMATION

Pursuant to information submitted by the Sierra Madre City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, the following shall apply to the Municipal Election on April 13, 2010:

1. Ballots will be counted at a central location. The City Clerk has designated that location to be the Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.
2. The City Clerk has designated that City Hall will be the place for the manual tally of the ballots for one percent of the precincts of the General Municipal Election held on April 13, 2010. This manual tally will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 @ 7:00 pm.
Prior to the conduct of the manual tally, the election official will randomly select one precinct to be tallied.

3. The City Clerk has appointed the following persons to canvas the Vote By Mail ballots:

Inspector:	Madeline Anderson
Clerk:	Kathleen Tobin
Clerk:	Joanne Williams
Clerk:	Carolyn Valencia

4. There will be 3 Voting Precincts and the persons appointed have actually served as officers of election for their respective voting precincts:

A: Voting Precinct 640002A
Episcopal Church Of The Ascension
25 E. Laurel Avenue, Sierra Madre Accessible to Handicapped
Inspector: Ed Vidimos
Clerks: Laurie Cooper, Tommy Ann Miller, Karlene Enmark

B: Voting Precinct 640006A
Sierra Madre United Methodist Church
Hartzell Hall - 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
Accessible to Handicapped
Inspector: Dixie Coutant
Clerks: Ivette Dostalek, Mary Shinnick, Melissa Thew

C: Voting Precinct 640010A
Sierra Madre Congregational Church
160 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre Accessible to Handicapped
Inspector: George Fawrup
Clerks: Barbara Fawrup, Kathleen Tobin, Eunice Banis

POLLS OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Challenges Await New Council



This boarded up building on Sierra Madre Blvd., across from City Hall, is only one of several issues that residents are hoping the new council will finally address.

While Campaign Rhetoric Discusses The Pros and Cons of SCAG and other agencies, Sheriff Deputies Discuss Moving To Sierra Madre

Story and Photo by S. Henderson

It is hard to move about Sierra Madre these days without engaging in conversations about the election to be held on Tuesday. It appears that of the seven candidates, there are two camps. One, supported by controversial Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray, includes Blogger John Crawford, Councilman Don Watts and Pat Alcorn. The other, while not an organized 'slate' includes Councilman Joe Mosca, Commissioner Nancy Walsh and Josh Moran. "Eagle" Bill Tice is truly running an independent campaign.

As the days until election day diminish, many have become concerned with the lack of solutions being offered on how to deal with the city's current problems. One resident said, "I'm tired of hearing about how they all want to preserve this town. Tell me how they are going to do it."

Of particular interest to many residents has been the preservation of the city's independent Police and Fire Departments. At the request of Mayor MacGillivray, outside agencies were asked to submit proposals to Sierra Madre for taking over the police department. When the initial responses came in from Pasadena and the LA County Sheriff's Department, it was clear that Sierra Madre was able to provide more services at less cost than either of the responding departments. However, at the direction of MacGillivray, the LA County Sheriff's Department was asked to submit Phase II of their proposal which gives more detail into the type of services LASD would provide and a more in depth review of the costs. (See Mountain Views News March 20, 2010 at <http://mtnviewsnews.com/v04/htm/n11/index.htm>)

Deputies Discuss Transition

Despite the fact that there is currently no executed contract between the city and the Sheriff's Department, within days of the request for Phase II of the proposal, LASD officers were heard making plans to transfer to Sierra Madre this summer. According to one officer who shall remain unidentified, the word has already "come down" that the Sheriff's Department will be taking over Sierra Madre. "Deputies are already trying to position themselves for assignment to Sierra Madre", said another source.

Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz acknowledged that, "Yes, I have heard those rumors too, but to my knowledge nothing other than the request for Phase II has been done." Captain Giannone had a more humorous response, "No, I haven't been given any instructions to turn the Police Station into a museum".

Nevertheless, when an inquiry was made to Supervisor Antonovich's office, while they were aware of the possibility, no formal request had been received from the Sheriff's Department. In order for the Sheriff's Department

to accept a contract with Sierra Madre, the approval of the LA County Board of Supervisors would be necessary. "Considering how broke the County is, they may jump at the idea", said another source inside the county.

"Stop right now and never even think of outside police ever again!"

Without knowledge of the internal affairs of the Sheriff's Department, residents are already concerned about the Mayor's investigation into contracting out police, and possibly other emergency services. One resident of Sierra Madre said, "We voted an increase in the utility tax so we could keep our own police department. We do not want out of town police protection. Why can't you understand that? Why do you keep sending out proposals? Do not spend \$25,000.00 for further proposals! This last one should prove that it is cheaper to have our own."

In addition to the concern based upon the council's actions, residents have not been satisfied with the answers of some of the candidates running for council seats, especially those that the Mayor has identified in a letter she mailed to voters asking them to send Crawford, Alcorn and Watts to the council so she would have a solid voting block. At one of the forums when Crawford was asked point blank whether or not he would support contracting out city services he not only stumbled on his answers, he was apparently unaware as to the current state of negotiations. In his answer he indicated that the responses were from the Sheriff's Department and Arcadia, something that bothered many in attendance.

Other Issues

Sierra Madre is in much better financial shape than most other cities, with a surplus that has remained steady since Bart Doyle was Mayor. It has provided a necessary cushion when operating funds were low and has been replenished accordingly. In addition, the residents did pass the User Utility Tax to guarantee our ability to pay for police, fire and paramedic services as they are currently configured.

However, other aspects of keeping the city functioning have not been a high priority under Mayor MacGillivray's leadership and need to be addressed. These include the maintenance of city streets, identifying new revenue sources, and dealing with business development issues such as the Skilled Nursing Center (pictured above).

The outcome of Tuesday's election will determine without speculation whether or not the city will move forward or will continue neglecting important issues while spending time and energy on ones over which they have no control.

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Thur:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Résumé Workshop at Sierra Madre Public Library

Are you between jobs, changing careers, or re-entering the work force, and want to ensure that your résumé is well designed and organized, and apt to get noticed by prospective employers? On Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m., Melanie Hamon of CareerCoachPro will present "Résumés That Work," a workshop explaining the "do's and don'ts" of résumé preparation and how to craft one that will help you stand out and win that all-important interview. Learn the key elements that employers look for and how to present your accomplishments to best advantage. To obtain the maximum benefit from this workshop, please bring your résumé or a summary of your work history, volunteer activities, and other achievements. This program is free and open to the public.

The Sierra Madre Public Library is your source for up-to-date career and job-hunting resources. If you do not have a computer and need to fill out job applications on-line, internet access is available with your Sierra Madre Library card. If you are new to computers, or need a refresher course or two, the Library offers free computer classes year-round. A current class schedule is available at the Service Desk and on the Library website.

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

Lifeguard Training Course

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be hosting an American Redcross Lifeguard Training Course. The course will be held on the following dates: April 24 and 25 and May 1 and 2. Participants will need to attend all four dates, from 9:00am-5:00pm. The cost of the program is \$171 per person. Call 626-355-5278 for more information and the registration process.

Water Safety Instructor Course

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be hosting an American Redcross water Safety Instructor Training Course. The course will be held on the following dates: May 9, 23, and 30 and June 6. Participants will need to attend all four dates, from 9:00am-5:00pm. The cost of the program is \$171 per person. Call 626-355-5278 for more information and the registration process.

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"SLEEPING BEAUTY" AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE; OPENS APRIL 10

WHAT: "Sleeping Beauty," Interactive musical for a young audience, based on the classic fairy tale.

WHO: Adaptation directed by June Chandler. Presented by June Chandler's Faerie Tale Theatre.

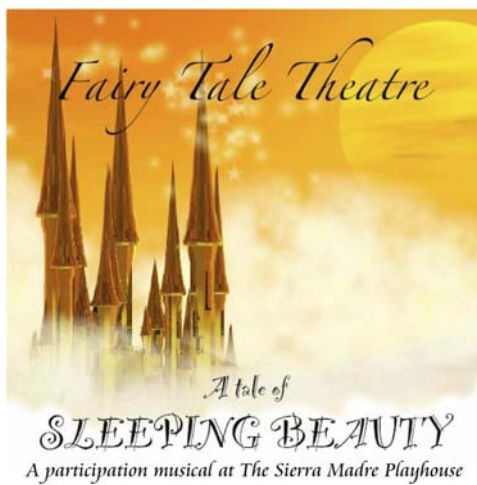
WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Abundant free parking behind theatre.

WHEN: April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 2010. Saturdays at 2 p.m.

ADMISSION: Adults \$18. Children 12 and under, \$12.

RESERVATIONS: (626) 355-4318.

WEBSITE: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org



BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Buy a good book for only a buck!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a table sale inside the Library, Monday, April 19 through Saturday, April 24, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics will include Fiction, Health, History, Politics, Cookbooks, Children's, and Specialty Books. All books are in good condition and will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Bl. Sierra Madre. Open Mon. - Wed. Noon to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at www.sierramadrelib.ca.us.

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1619 Whitefield Rd. Pasadena

\$2,975/month



This gorgeous 1913 updated Craftsman offers 3 bd, 2 ba, living room w/ fireplace, kitchen w/ granite counters, built-in stainless appliances. Hardwood floors, new copper plumbing, & updated electrical. 2-car carport & wrap around porch.

560 W. Duarte Rd. Monrovia

\$1,395/month



Updated 2 bd, 1-ba unit offers kitchen w/ new cabinets, dishwasher, microwave, stove, A/C & heat, new bath, wood floors, custom moldings & paint & updated windows. Building offers laundry facilities, BBQ area/patio and covered parking. Apprx. 975 sq.ft.

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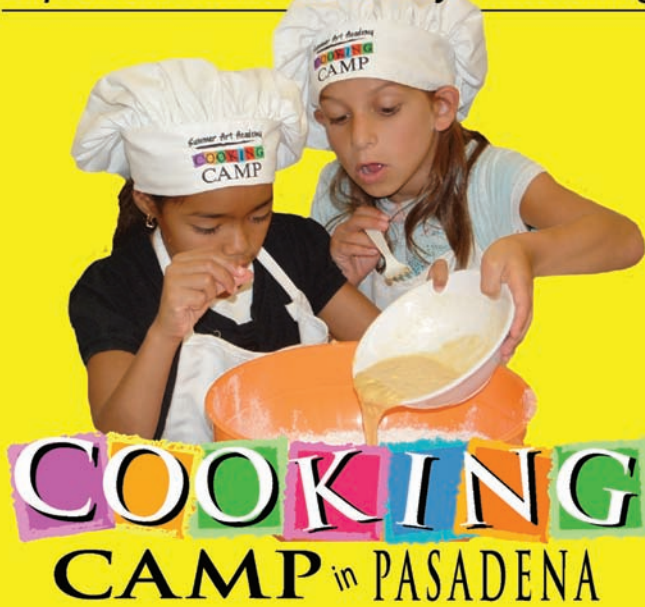
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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them* Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand



Chris Bertrand

Lew Watanabe

Lew Watanabe's name comes to many residents' lips when asked about a short list of notable Sierra Madre residents. Known as both a driving force and fixture in his beloved foothill town, this self described "landscape artist" and forty five year Sierra Madre resident has operated from a wheelchair since a 2003 jobsite accident. Another mishap last month fractured his spine's T1 area, so in addition to a motorized wheelchair, Watanabe sports a neck and chest brace while the bone mends. Yet the wheelchair and the brace quickly melt away as our conversation deepens about 77 year old Watanabe's passions, gardens, ponds, granite monoliths and his signature "weeping walls."

Lew Watanabe was born to Japanese immigrants



to farm life in Utah. As a young adult, Watanabe relocated to Azusa, working for plant nursery with a brother, then retail and wholesale nurseries like San Gabriel Nursery. He decided to study the plants he was working with at both Citrus College and the LA Arboretum, discerning the names, habits, delights and diseases of the garden. Soon, Watanabe took on side jobs, pruning roses and planting shrubs and trees for nursery

clients, then larger and larger landscape projects. Eventually, Watanabe forged out on his own, as Good Earth Enterprises.

Watanabe and his wife speak almost humorously about his first "weeping wall" creation almost twenty years ago. His wife, Joyce, suggested they stack up some of the granite stored in their (previous) Grand View Avenue home, pour water on it and call it a weeping wall. The first one was installed at Descanso Gardens in La Canada, and strategically drilled holes recirculate water up through the interior of the granite, causing them to "weep" with gentle, soothing sound, sparkle and movement.

Learning by doing, Watanabe's two loves, landscape and landscape art eventually emerged. He caught the attention of media types like actor Alan Alda, producer Allan Burns, "LA Law" cast members plus other Westside movers and shakers after an event at a 1.5 acre, tony landscape project for an art collector and dealer with two commissioned "weeping walls" sparked interest in his creative landscape vision... and a huge LA Times article.

At 62, the Times article spoke of him as an artist. Seeing that descriptor in print was the first time Watanabe considered himself one. Each new project built confidence and steam, and now his work is highly respected and well known, with noteworthy projects at Descanso Gardens, Pepperdine University, several Pacific Palisades and Westside estates, as well as many San Gabriel Valley landscapes. Today, dozens of articles and even a book, Master of Stone and Light chronicle his inspired work. The book, available at the LA Arboretum gift shop in Arcadia, was a work created by Kathy Childs, as a fundraiser for Watanabe's therapy after his 2003 accident.

Though the 2005 accident interrupted his work for a time, Watanabe triumphed when even the finest doctors said he wouldn't recover. He returned to his beloved craft, where someone with a weaker spirit might have remained on the sidelines, bound only by the speed of his wheelchair.

Years back, the Watanabes purchased a ranch about an hour away in Wildomar, in part, to store his collected granite pieces, some up to five tons, intended for future art works, water walls and monoliths. Laughingly, they agreed it could be Riverside County's version of Stonehenge. Soon they'll make the ranch their main home.

Every project begins with a site visit and careful listening to the visions, preferences and dislikes of the clients. Then the project develops, not on



paper, but in Watanabe's head, like a virtual version of the Tetris game, moving and adjusting, resizing and rescaling the project's elements until his vision slowly develops into landscape reality.

Gooden School's Patty Patano says of their work with Watanabe, "Lew Watanabe created such an inspirational garden at Gooden School. It was just a pleasure to work with him and his crew. So much thought went into planning its design....a contemplative, peaceful place to go. At first I was very worried that the students were going to be tempted to resort to mischievous ways, such as dropping stones down the center of the water feature or pulling up the mondo grass. But shame on me. Those children entered the garden quietly and must have sensed its spirituality. They skipped on the stones of the walking rosary; they sat together along the rock wall and chatted." The 2008 garden project was formerly "a bramble patch even the school children didn't use or venture into," remembers Watanabe.

"Lew's garden is where the school community celebrates International Day or Peace and Earth Day," continued Patano. "Staff members and parents often sit and enjoy its tranquility. Many times teachers take their classes into the garden to read to them, even the music teacher conducts music class in the garden. No one ever does business in the garden - it is truly an oasis. As a school, we are truly fortunate to have this serene garden on our campus. The children are so fortunate to have it as part of their school memories growing up."

Some projects, though, challenge even Watanabe's keen vision and creativity, by their daunting topography. He remembers a hillside Pacific Palisades project where even the cement mixer had to be disassembled then hauled in pieces and reassembled where the work was to be done. After they removed fifteen massive eucalyptus trees, and hauled all the wood up the hill.

Watanabe also made his mark on Sierra Madre through many volunteer projects. Dozens of articles chronicle his "get it done" spirit for many local projects over the decades. He muses it was somewhat easier in years past to have a community improvement or fundraising idea, and make it happen. "Each year seems to increase the bureaucracy, paperwork and liability issues," he commented. Somehow, Watanabe always found the right volunteers or donors to make those volunteer projects a reality.

You can see one of his newest "weeping walls" at the LA Arboretum in Arcadia, a wall and monolith at Descanso Gardens in La Canada, which also displays Watanabe's work refurbishing the Japanese Tea garden there, in Memorial Park, a monument to the town's pastors who've passed in Pioneer Cemetery, the landscape at the West entrance to the city on Sierra Madre Blvd., the Gooden School garden at N. Baldwin and Laurel plus the restored Japanese Friendship Garden at Sierra Madre Elementary School, the subject of next week's column.

Pasadena

Are you 45+ and Job Hunting?

Women At Work in Pasadena presents this all too relevant workshop

Your life and work experiences can be put to work for you. Learn how at Women At Work's workshop entitled **45+ and Job Hunting** taking place **Monday, April 19th from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm** in their offices at 3871 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena.

Cost of workshop is \$20 if you register by April 15th; thereafter \$25.

Career counselor, Diane Woodard will cover such topics as:

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- How to maximize your opportunities as a more experienced worker
- Discover what has worked for other successful workers over 45

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Monrovia

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Make the World a Better Place!

In a time of so much negative news, you have the chance to help people and have fun at the same time! Monrovia Reads invites you to a "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" to raise funds for literacy programs in Monrovia. The event will take place at the Doubletree Hotel, 924 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia on Monday, May 3rd from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a Mexican Appetizer Buffet for \$25 per person with No Host Bar for great Margaritas, wine, and mixed drinks (complimentary water and ice-tee provided). Vie for the chance to win a Four Course Wine Pairing Dinner for Eight at the Doubletree Hotel valued at \$1,500 and assorted other great prizes in the Opportunity Drawing. Opportunity Drawing Tickets are just \$10 each. For event or drawing tickets, contact Diane Delmatoff at (626)303-6600 or ddelmatoff@ci.monrovia.ca.us. Or, write to Monrovia Reads at P.O. Box 1033, Monrovia, CA 91017.

Monrovia Reads is a non-profit organization committed to creating and supporting an environment where reading is valued and resources are provided in order that all community members know how to read and do read. It organizes and supports several literacy projects in Monrovia and the surrounding area such as:

- "Read Across Monrovia"
- The Pro-Active Tutorial (PAT) Program at the elementary, middle and high schools;
- Monrovia Reads & Plays (MRP), a mobile library and recreation vehicle;
- A Book Grant Program for middle and high school classes providing teacher-selected literature when lack of school funding prevents purchase; and
- New Book Distributions to the community's children.

For more information visit www.monroviareads.org.

Sierra Madre

Kiwanis Presents Earthquake Preparedness Program

Scientists are warning that our San Andreas Fault is "more than 10 months pregnant". When it goes, it will likely move the earth over 28 feet and shake many locations for almost two full minutes.

What will you do when the entire region is cut off without access to power, water, natural gas, money, medications and communications? How will you help injured loved ones when 50,000 injured are competing for aid in hospitals that have been rendered out of service?

The Tuesday, April 13 meeting of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will feature April Kelcy, CEO of Earthquake Solutions, who will provide crucial and practical information on preparing your family to survive the aftermath of the "Big One".

The public is invited to attend this informative meeting. The meeting will be at noon at the Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$11 per person; reservations and exact change are required. For lunch reservations, please contact Harriet Lyle at 355-6786 by noon the preceding Monday.

2010 Mount Wilson Trail Race

8.6 mile course, begins and ends on pavement, in between it's a dirt path no more than 3 feet wide. Elevation gain of more than 2,100 feet. Turnaround point is at Orchard Camp, 4.3 miles from race start. Much of the race is on the Mt. Wilson Trail, with occasional vertical drop-offs of several hundred feet. Emergency support is stationed along the course to provide aid, if needed. Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops provide water at two locations, the 2.3 and the 4.3 (turnaround) mile marks.

Registration forms for the Mount Wilson Trail Race are now available at the following locations: Sierra Madre City Hall, Sierra Madre Library, Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, and Community and Personnel Services Office. Electronic registration forms can be downloaded at www.mountwilsontrailrace.com and is attached to the email. Be sure to register early as the Mount Wilson Trail Race is limited to 300 participants. For more information call 626-355-5278.

2010 Mount Wilson Trail Race – Volunteer Opportunities

RACE COMPONENTS:

Pasta Feed Dinner – May 28, 2010

- The pasta feed dinner is held the Friday before the Mount Wilson Trail Race. The dinner is sponsored by Café 322, which provides the food for the event. The dinner is open to anyone, not just race participants and costs \$7.00 per person. The pasta feed dinner is held in Kersting Court from 5:30pm-7:00pm.
- Arrive at 3:00pm, Kersting Court
- Assist with table and chair setup, distribution of food, and event clean up.

Race Day Set Up – May 29, 2010

- The Mount Wilson Trail Race begins at 7:30am; however setup for the event will start at 5:00am. The registration area, kids' art show, and trail race booths will need to be set up prior to the event along with barricades and other miscellaneous race components.
- Arrive at 5:00am, Kersting Court
- Assist with set up of: kids' art show, booths, and registration area.

Kids Fun Run – May 29, 2010

- 2010 marks the 5th year of the Kids Fun Run. Youth ages 3 and up will race one mile, starting at Kersting Court, running up Baldwin Ave., and back down to Kersting Court. The race begins at 7:45am for the older youth, and 7:50 for the younger youth. The race is open to any child that wants to participate and the first 150 youth receive a free t-shirt as well.
- Arrive at 7:00am, Kersting Court
- Organize youth into two groups; 6 and under, 7 and up.

Beer Garden – May 29, 2010

- The beer garden is sponsored by Spaten West, with all proceeds donated to the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue. The Spero Foundation will provide the ABC License for the event. The beer garden will be held in Kersting Court, from 9:00am – 11:30am.
- Arrive at 8:00am, Kersting Court
- Assist with checking of ID at entrance, setup of beer garden tables and chairs.

Kids Art Show

For 2010, the Kids' Art Show will utilize old running shoes as the canvas for the art show. We are seeking donations of old running shoes in order to have enough for youth to decorate. Please drop off old running shoes at the Community Services Office.

If you are interested in assisting with the Mount Wilson Trail Race please call Adam Matsumoto, Recreation Supervisor at 626-355-5278 or by email at amatsumoto@cityofsierramadre.com.

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Asteroid Flies Within Earth Moon Orbit



Caption: NASA's Infrared Telescope Facility atop Mauna Kea, Hawaii

A newly discovered asteroid, 2010 GA6, safely flew by Earth Thursday afternoon. At time of closest approach 2010 GA6 was about 359,000 kilometers (223,000 miles) away from Earth - about 9/10ths the distance to the moon. The asteroid, approximately 22 meters (71 feet) wide, was discovered by the Catalina Sky Survey, Tucson, Az.

“Fly by of near-Earth objects within the moon’s orbit occur every few weeks,” said Don Yeomans of NASA’s Near-Earth Object Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

NASA detects and tracks asteroids and comets passing close to Earth using both ground and space-based telescopes. The Near-Earth Object Observations Program, commonly called “Spaceguard,” discovers these objects, characterizes a subset of them and plots their orbits to determine if any could be potentially hazardous to our planet.

JPL manages the Near-Earth Object Program Office for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate in Washington. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., operates the Arecibo Observatory under a cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Va.

For more information about asteroids and near-Earth objects, visit: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroidwatch>.

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Hemingway, an adorable, four year old Miniature Pinscher mix needs a loving home! He is outgoing and gets along well with other dogs. He knows the “sit” command and walks well on leash. Come visit with Hemingway today!

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Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A267123 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.

7.2 Magnitude Quake Shakes Southern Calif

By Dean Lee

Geologists at Cal tech had Easter Sunday celebrations abruptly cut short to hold a press briefing after a large earthquake rocked the U.S. Mexico border severely damaging eighty percent of historic downtown Calexico, Calif.

Officials said the 7.2 magnitude quake, located in Mexico, was responsible for at least three deaths in the cities of Mexicali and Tijuana.

Over 5,000 families have also reported that their homes are



Lucile Jones

uninhabitable.

The shaking was widely felt throughout Southern California.

The quake, located along the Laguna Salada fault line in Baja California, was similar to the 1992 Landers Earthquake said seismologist Lucile Jones with the US Geological Survey.

Vicino Officially in the Race for Top Cop

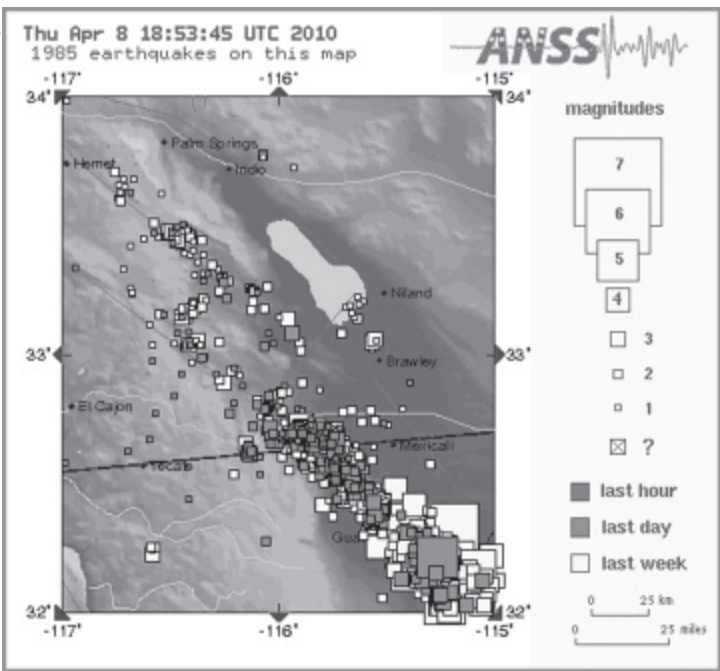
By Dean Lee

The buzz around town Thursday had numerous sources reporting that interim police chief Chris Vicino is, in fact, a candidate for the open permanent position of Pasadena police chief. Vicino later confirmed the reports as true.

Two other top candidate names were also leaked, neither of which could be verified at press time. A now embattled advisory panel had, behind closed doors last month, recommended three top candidates out of a pool of 66. The city’s next police chief will be hired by City Manager Michael Beck.

Critics of Vicino have said that because Pasadena police officers on the 16 member advisory panel answer directly to him, the selection process in choosing Vicino was flawed. Community members have called for the hiring process to be done over, for this and other reasons.

At a meeting March 24 community leaders criticized



“It [Landers] was the same size, the fault was 60 miles long, that was also a strike-slip earthquake,” Jones explained. “It also started in the south and ruptured to the north. And we saw all these triggered earthquakes to the north and northwest.”

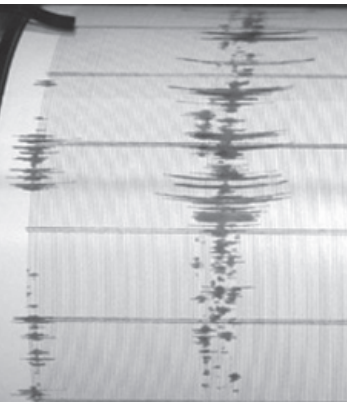
Jones said the USGS had little aftershock data in Mexico because they do not have instruments there.

She also said that although the type of faulting between Landers and Sunday’s quake were the same, strike-slip, the two occurred on different tectonic plates. Landers’ mainshock was located on the Pacific Plate while Sunday’s quake happened on the North American Plate.

Users of popular social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter were also quick to post what they

felt. Hundreds of people have also posted video of the quake on YouTube and CNN’s iReport.

At press time Thursday, a 5.3- magnitude aftershock struck 32 miles southeast of Mexicali, according to the USGS. Since Sunday, there have been hundreds of aftershocks scientists said.



Chris Vicino

Beck for the advisory panel saying it did not reflect the community. There was a lack of representation from Northwestern Pasadena, black men and low income residents they said.

At the end of the meeting Beck made a plea not to start over. He made a number of suggestions including putting together a second community advisory panel to interview the top three candidates. He also said that he could go back to the 66 original applicants. Beck also made clear that he did not have to choose any of the recommended top

candidates.

Beck did announced Wednesday his plan to appoint a second advisory panel that will interview the three finalist candidates and provide him with their feedback.

The intention is for the panel to represent a cross-section of the entire Pasadena community.

“I encourage everyone to consider who could provide excellent leadership to this important work,” said Beck. “I will make the names of the panelists known before they interview the candidates.”

Nominations may be e-mailed to mbeck@cityofpasadena.net; they may also be made by calling (626) 744-4222 no later than Monday, April 12.

According to reports, Santa Monica Deputy Chief of Police Phil Sanchez and Austin Chief of Police Art Acevedo also made the cut.

Acevedo said late Thursday he is no longer a candidate. Sanchez could not be reached for comment

Art Dealer Gets Seven Years for Selling Fakes

A La Cañada woman who sold fake art – including works purported to be by Picasso, Dali and Chagall – through a rigged televised art auction has been sentenced to 84 months in federal prison.

Kristine Eubanks, 52, was sentenced late yesterday by United States District Judge Gary A. Feess, who said that the fraud scheme was “audacious in its scope” and “blatantly illegal.”

The scam, run through a company called Fine Art Treasures Gallery, falsely told customers that art sold on the company’s television show had been found at “estate liquidations all over the world.” Instead, Eubanks and others sold fake and forged art that they had bought from suppliers, as well as forgeries they had printed themselves and signed on behalf of the artists. The scam brought in well over \$20 million from more than 10,000 victims across the country.

Eubanks pleaded guilty in April 2007 to conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud, interstate transportation of stolen property and to filing a false income tax return. Through this company, Eubanks and her conspirators operated an art auction television show, which aired on Friday and Saturday nights on DirecTV and The Dish Network, and sold art to customers around the United States. Eubanks and her husband, Gerald Sullivan, ran the scheme from 2002 through 2006.

Eubanks admitted that she obtained fake art from various suppliers, and printed other art works in her

own printing shop, and sold that bogus art on the auction as genuine. Eubanks and others forged signatures on some of the works, including purported lithographs from Picasso, Chagall and Dali. To support the scam, Eubanks also forged Certificates of Authenticity for certain pieces and provided falsified appraisals for some of the jewelry that was sold to customers. Eubanks and others also rigged the bidding for the auction process by arranging for fake bids to be announced on the program to falsely drive up prices for the art they sold to the public.

Eubanks’ husband, Gerald Sullivan, 54, previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and interstate transportation of stolen property. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Feess on May 24, at which time he faces a statutory maximum sentence of six years in federal prison.

As part of the investigation into Fine Arts, federal authorities seized approximately \$3.8 million from bank accounts controlled by Eubanks and Sullivan. Those funds have been forfeited to the government, which is in the process of notifying thousands of potential victims that they may have purchased bogus artworks.

This case was investigated by the national Art Crime Team at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, IRS-Criminal Investigation, and the Los Angeles Police Department’s Art Theft Detail.

Community Meeting will Provide Update on Heritage Square

The Northwest Commission and the Fair Oaks Project Area Committee will host a community meeting Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at Jackie Robinson Center , 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Pasadena.

The Heritage Square Request For Proposals Working Group will present the draft RFP for the residential component of the Heritage Square development site.

The working group, comprised of community members and city staff, was formed to prepare an RFP for development of this first phase of the Heritage Square site at 19 E. Orange Grove Blvd. and north to 790 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Once finalized, the RFP

will be reviewed by the Northwest Commission, Fair Oaks Project Area Committee and Pasadena City Council.

Heritage Square is a 2.88-acre site owned by the Pasadena Community Development Commission. As proposed, development of the site would occur in two phases, with the first phase to consist of an affordable rental-housing complex for very-low-income seniors and a second phase with a commercial component.

To receive alerts about future community meetings and other Heritage Square updates, e-mail jwong@cityofpasadena.net or call (626) 744-8316.

Rose Bowl Loop , Police Helicopters, Police Chief Search are Topics on the Latest ‘City Beat’

Improvements to the Rose Bowl Loop, a new Pasadena police helicopter with quiet technology and the search process for the next police chief are the topics on the latest “City Beat” airing on KPAS and the Internet.

Moderator Ann Erdman is joined by Pasadena City Councilman Chris Holden , Pasadena Star-News reporter Dan Abendschein and Mountain Views News reporter Dean Lee.

“City Beat” replays Mondays at 2 p.m. and 6

p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

KPAS is on channel 3 on the Charter Communications cable system in Pasadena . Streaming video of all KPAS programming can be accessed in real time by going to www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs and clicking on Video Streaming.

For more information call (626) 795-5556.

Police to Host ‘Twist on Classic Rodeo’

The Pasadena Police Department will host a “motorcycle rodeo” Wednesday featuring the motorcycle riding skills of law enforcement officers from all over southern California. The event is open to the public to observe at no cost.

“This event really showcases the talent, skills and incredible abilities required of motorcycle officers,” says interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino. “The skill level required to operate a motorcycle under the conditions with which most urban officers must function far exceed what is required for normal street riding.”

“This event is part training, but mostly friendly competition for bragging rights,” says Lt. Randell

Taylor, who recently became Pasadena’s second Traffic Lieutenant to complete the rigorous two-week traffic training course in order to better understand what’s required of his team. Most motor officers complete the training early in their careers since a promotion typically involves transferring out of the section to another area of the department.

“To complete the course as a lieutenant with 25 plus years on the department means keeping up with the youth and enthusiasm of much younger officers,” Taylor continues. “It was a grueling two weeks, but I’m glad I did it.”

The competition will take place at the Rose Bowl beginning at 8:00 am in Lots K and F.

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AQMD Town Hall Meeting in Duarte Responds to Resident Concerns About Vulcan’s Proposed Expanded Mining Project

By B. Hoffman

Officials from the South Coast Air Quality Management District told a packed Duarte Town Hall meeting that it will submit additional comments on Vulcan Materials Company’s Draft Environmental Impact Report. The AQMD will recommend a need for greater justification of baseline emissions and offsite emissions in the final EIR, due to go before the Azusa City Council for consideration of approval on April 19. Vulcan is requesting a revised Conditional Use Permit that will allow the company to expand its mining operations from a currently approved and partially mined site on the east side of its 270-acre property to a pristine 80-acre mountain ridge abutting hundreds of Duarte homes and schools. The City of Duarte had taken issue with several of AQMD’s initial comments submitted to Azusa on the Vulcan DEIR, specifically: The baseline emissions cited in the DEIR were overestimated, and established using inappropriate time; Project emissions such truck traffic due to increased mining were underestimated; and Meteorological data used in the model were incorrect. At the request of Duarte, AQMD remodeled the project using two years of wind data previously collected in Duarte and conservative modeling parameters. Based on modeling assumptions of flat terrain, Duarte wind data, and modified emission



Duarte resident and school teacher, Jean Hart, who lives close to the Vulcan Materials Company mining site testified an AQMD Town Hall meeting in Duarte that she was diagnosed with silica dust in her lungs two years ago. She blames her health condition on the dust that blows from the rock mining activity.

source locations, AQMD found modeled air contaminant concentrations higher in Duarte. While particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide concentrations were found to be below acceptable thresholds, the “health risk assessment indicates possibility of higher impacts.” AQMD Executive Officer Barry Wallerstein said his agency will also work with Duarte to study locations to install one or more monitoring stations to measure particulate emissions from the mining site. “One of the options that AQMD is considering is a real-time monitor that will tell us in essence by the minute what the particulate levels are. Because of the concerns about silica dust we’re probably going to want to take some additional samples that allow us to do a chemical analysis of the

type of particulate. We are already scouting out potential sites near the fence line of the facility so that we are right in the residential neighborhood as opposed to a distance away at the school as in the previous model,” he said. Congresswoman Judy Chu and State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino lent the weight of their offices and the weight of their support to the Duarte community, as co-hosts of the Town Hall meeting. In her opening remarks, Congresswoman Chu said she was “disappointed that the Environmental Impact Report still leaves much to be desired. “Specifically mitigation measures described in the EIR are still insufficient and not delineated enough in precise language. These mitigation measures need to be specific and there must be legal mechanisms in place to ensure their implementation. I also feel that the indirect impacts of the project have not been addressed in the EIR, particularly in traffic, air and noise pollution,” said Chu. The AQMD’s presence in Duarte with AQMD Governing Board Vice Chair, Dennis Yates, Governing Board member Dr. Joseph Lyou, AQMD Executive Officer Barry Wallerstein, and other staff members “underscores the serious nature of what is going on,” said Assemblyman Portantino. “What makes this situation unique is that it is a large project in one community that borders and affects a neighbor and that’s why it is important to take care and take time and make sure that the residents of each community have the confidence that their environmental conditions are going to be protected; that their homes, their quality of life will be protected and addressed. The nature of an Environmental Impact Report is to take in those public concerns and address them. If there are concerns that cannot be addressed, the proper thing to do is to not move forward with that project. We are watching from a Sacramento perspective and interested in what the AQMD has

to say,” said Portantino. More than 100 people attended the meeting and many took the microphone to share their concerns, among them Jean Hart, a teacher and resident of Duarte who told the assembled officials that two years ago she was diagnosed with silica dust in her lungs. “At first I could not understand how this could have happened. In my family there is no instance of lung problems. I bought my house in 1993 at the corner of Encanto and Fish Canyon Rd. and the wind blows in my garden some days very hard. There isn’t any doubt in my mind that the silica dust in my lungs comes from the mining operation. It might be a good idea to ask the mining company to go mine where they will not harm older people, younger people and people in general because when I bought my house, I was not so old, but it harmed me,” she said. In her closing remarks, Congresswoman Chu told the crowd: “I learned a lot from your comments and questions tonight. I will never forget the woman who testified about having silica particles in her lungs. That’s the real everyday effect of this and I am taking this to heart and I will stand by you residents,” said Congresswoman Chu. Assemblyman Portantino praised the community for their constructive comments. “I think the AQMD in its own right raised legitimate concerns and I hope it was listening to the legitimate concerns raised by the citizens who were here tonight. I know that there were representatives of Vulcan here tonight and I hope that they were listening to the legitimate concerns of the AQMD and of the concerned residents,” he said. Videotaped coverage of the Town Hall can be viewed on Duarte Public Access (DCTV), Charter Cable Channel 3 in Duarte, and on DCTV on the Web, www.dctvduarte.com. For more information about the issues surrounding Vulcan’s mining expansion plan, visit www.saveourcanyon.org and contact Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931. #

1st Quarter Construction Update

Southern California Edison’s Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6–9 & 11

Project Update— Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors have begun construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable wind-generated electricity and help meet California’s renewable energy goals.

Geotechnical Field-Engineering Work Segments 6 and 11

- Field-engineering (geotechnical) borings in Segments 6 and 11 in the Angeles National Forest (ANF) and in the Acton area began in February and are needed to complete final foundation design for the new transmission structures.
- Small storage yards are being used in areas outside the ANF for the geotechnical work.

Temporary Cellular Site Relocations Segments 7 and 8

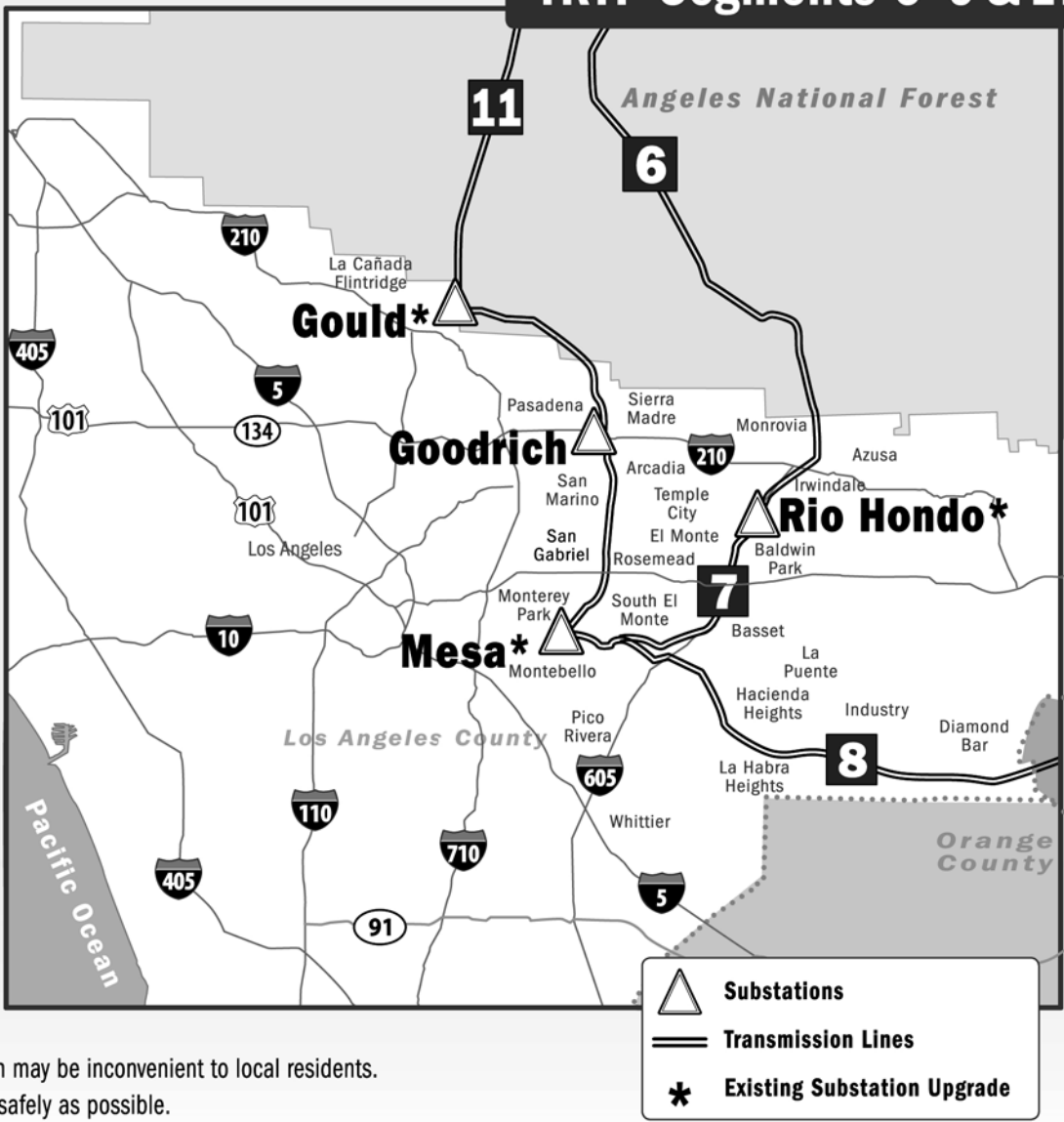
- Third-party cellular carrier contractors, in coordination with SCE, will soon be installing temporary cellular sites along the SCE right-of-way in the areas of Baldwin Park, Montebello, Whittier and La Habra Heights. The temporary sites are needed to relocate existing cellular infrastructure currently positioned on SCE’s structures that will be replaced as part of the TRTP.

Telecommunications Installation for SCE Facilities Segment 7

- Installing of fiber optic telecommunications cable. The installation involves underground and above ground activities and the installation of one wooden pole.
- Helicopter operations and ground base support crews will be needed to perform the work.
- The upgrades will take place at the Rio Hondo Substation in the city of Irwindale and along the existing SCE right-of-way to the intersection of Lower Azusa Road and Rivergrade Road.

SCE’s Commitment — Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

TRTP Segments 6–9 & 11



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Editorial

THE MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS SUPPORTS MEASURE CC



SUSAN HENDERSON

Most of the adults that will read this have benefited from a country that provided a quality free, public education. During our 'school days' we could never have imagined schools not being there for us. There are also

many people like myself who reared our children in public schools and perhaps even have grandchildren in public schools right now. Further, the people who taught us were more than likely the products of public schools. So it is inconceivable to me that our society could contemplate turning their backs on public schools now.

Our children did not create the economic crisis in the country today. Our schools are also not to blame. But right now we don't have time to argue about what happened. We have to act now to stop the hemorrhaging. We can no longer rely on the state and federal governments to support us as they may have in the past. The money just isn't there. So, don't say no for the sake of taking a political position. Don't say no because you don't have children in public schools. It is also not the time to say no just because you can. *We must say YES to Measure CC to help the Pasadena Unified School District weather this current economic storm.* After all, it isn't like PUSD is the only district in financial trouble. Everyone is.

What is Measure CC? (partial listing)
A tax of \$120 per taxable parcel – \$10 a

month for a five-year term, starting July 1st property owners only.

It contains a need-based exemption for persons 65 and older. The proceeds of Measure CC will help preserve quality education and protect academic programs against State budget cuts. It will continue advanced math, science and technology courses and continue art and music programs.

It will keep school libraries open and retain qualified teachers while maintaining manageable class size.

Just Say YES to Measure CC. Give our kids the same chance you had. For more information go to: www.yesoncc.org

Long time, no write.

By Trisha Collins

It's been a while, I know. Somewhere between SAT's and the Easter earthquake, I had lost a love for writing. Not entirely, but enough so that even my journal entries were getting shorter, containing only a few lines here and there about my boring day, nothing of substance. I completely abandoned my blog. Writing became a chore; it was a job I had to do enough of in my AP English Language class and anything more would be overkill. My column slowly, but surely, ceased to exist.

What changed? I'm not sure. I had convinced myself that I didn't have time for writing. That two night classes and a little sister was already too much, that there was no way I had time to sit down in a quiet room and simply type out my thoughts and ideas. Besides, I was too busy stressing myself out. I had forgotten that there is a balance. My constant blogging and journaling and, well, writing in general, almost cancels out any worries and concerns. It's an outlet. A necessity. And frankly, now, with college right around the corner, is when I need it most.

And now I am back in the swing of things. It feels good; it feels right. Sitting in this chair armed with ideas and a story is where I belong, and I'm so glad I get to share them with you.

Editor's Note: We welcome Trish back with open arms. Trish is a teen age contributor who has been writing a column from a teen's perspective for over three years!



Academic Testing: A Life Lesson

(NAPS)—Students of all ages take a variety of tests throughout the school year, and to ensure students are on the right track, experts agree, it is more important than ever for parents to work with teachers and extended family members to prepare their youngsters from both an academic and emotional perspective.

Consider these tips from Champions, a nationwide provider of before- and after-school programs, to help prepare your child for testing success.

Months Before Testing:

- Start by sharing with your child that, as adults, we are also expected to learn new information, processes and skills and that we have to be able to demonstrate and are evaluated on what we have learned. Sharing your personal experiences might help reduce some of the pressure that many children feel. They'll know they're not alone.

- Establish regular study routines. Research shows that students who study in an environment that is similar to the actual testing environment (lighting, seating, time bound and so on) perform better on tests.

- Talk to your child's teachers about the test experience—what will be tested, the format of the test (multiple choice, essay)—to help better understand how to work with your child on similar homework

assignments. Help make the connection to the testing experience.

- Monitor your child's progress throughout the year to understand what your child needs in the way of additional support or practice.

Days Prior to the Test:

- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and gets enough sleep to perform well.

- Avoid schedule disruptions the week of the test such as doctor/dentist appointments, etc.

- Provide tools needed for the test. It's amazing what a morale booster having new pencils and erasers can provide. Lay everything out the night prior.

- Dress for success. Having something that children feel good about wearing helps to provide another layer of security and a tangible component to help them feel prepared.

- Encourage your child to ask questions to get clarity on test directions.

- Practice easy stress management and relaxation techniques: deep breathing when their chest feels tight; "Squeeze Lemons" (tighten fists up and release); "Elephant Stomp" (envision that you are lying in a jungle and an elephant steps on your stomach; tense up to support his weight and release when he steps off).

- Don't cause additional stress. If you

find yourself anxious, distance yourself from those emotions to help alleviate any stress your child might be feeling.

After the Test:

- Debrief with your child about the test experience (i.e., what went well, what they think they could do next time, etc.) to help them prepare for future test experiences.

- Once results are in, go over what the scores are and what they mean.

- Relate lessons learned in a testing experience to homework and school assignments to help "connect the dots" on how regular school-day learning relates to test success.

- Celebrate your children's achievements regardless of their scores.

"Just as children were taught to read, ride a bike or navigate a computer, there are simple activities to perform, conversations to have and steps to take that can assist students in becoming more comfortable and confident when testing time rolls around," says Janeal Roberts, vice president of Education for Champions programs.

A good thing is for children and parents to realize that this is one of many important phases of their life that will challenge them. Working together to develop a supportive environment and proactive plan will most always bring a positive result.

For more information, visit www.discoverchampions.com.

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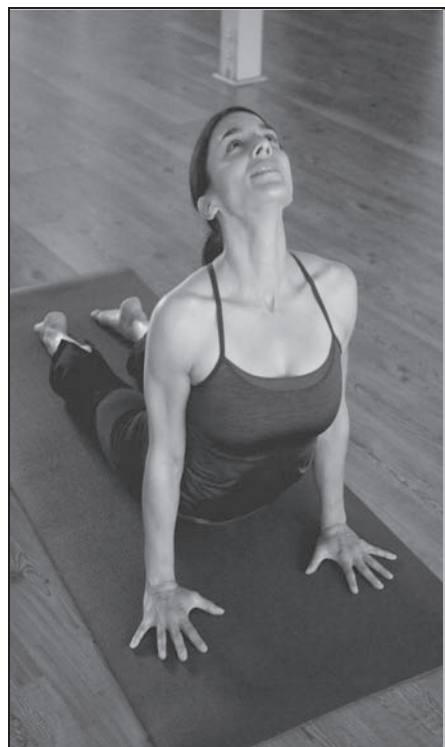
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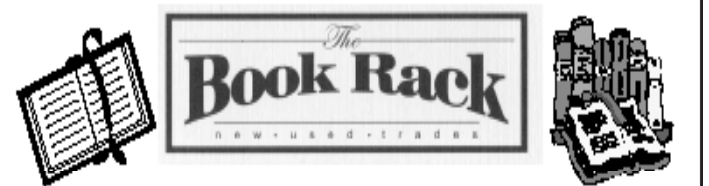
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The PUSD Voice, a sponsored article in print editions of this week's Pasadena Star News, erroneously stated that PasadenaLEARNS would be canceled this summer.



TABLE FOR TWO EATING DEALS COUPONLESS

By Peter Dills

have no coupons."

Rarely, if ever do I use coupons. I would not be shy about offering them at a supermarket, as men are extended pardon at this institution, but I would sooner see the dentist than use a two for one at El Torito with a date. It may pattern after the same genetics that will not allow me to ask for directions and force me to attempt to fix the pipe when I know that I have no clue what I am doing. I am certain that I am not isolated in this and I feel confident that a majority of men would rather pay the extra money than be troubled, or should I say, have their mancard relinquished by surrendering a coupon.

With that being said, Ladies, this one is one is for you.

It is going to be Girls Night Out at Hamburger Hamlet. I will not give HH five stars for their food, but their Girls Night Out promotion is the closest thing to diamonds the restaurant industry can give a girl. Get this... every Friday and Saturday Night after 9 PM, ladies over 21 may enjoy well drinks, draft beer and house wine for (\$1), yes, that is not a typo. It costs more to clean the glasses than that! Plus, all appetizers are half off until closing. If I had the legs for it, I would consider wearing a dress for this deal. The guys get shutout on the drink deal, but the good news for us, is that even if I don't own a dress, our bill will be significantly lower when we escort our better halves. I am sure men won't mind picking up that tab on this promotion.

The Mountain Views News readers jammed my email box this week. The Editor, Susan, must be performing magic over there. Here are a few suggestions from my readers. Alex Campbell of Monrovia really likes the Steer 'N Ale on Rosemead and Foothill. You can still get a reasonably priced complete steak dinner there (\$11-\$13) and they also have daily specials. On Wednesdays try their Chicken Fried Steak (\$7.99). Camille Casserino of Sierra Madre, with whom I went to Junior High, threatened me if I did not mention Dona Rosa's (\$1.50) Taco and Tortas on Tuesdays and Fridays. I did some additional research and discovered that Kids eat free on Mondays at Dona Rosa. Larry Martinez loves the Chiquita Bonita Mexican restaurant on Colorado Blvd. in East

Pasadena. Marsha Brachman thinks Crest Lounge on Temple City Blvd is the bomb. A bar/lounge where you can get a steak, salad and a potato for (7.99). A great steak at an unbeatable price. Crest's "Queen of the Grill", Carrie Earhart, is definitely a maestro of the steak dinner. Here is my suggestion. Fu Shing Restaurant on E. Colorado is celebrating thirty years of incredible food, way to go, Cindy and Felix. Their lunch specials are good and you can sub the eggroll for an appetizing Chinese chicken salad.

New to the "Dining with Dills" reviews, Kari Wenger suggests La Adelita on Colorado in Monrovia. The lunch special is only (\$5.99), it includes an entrée and a drink. Kari's choice is always the burrito.

Hey Friends! Fantastic suggestions this past week. If you have an incredible value to share, please email me at thechefknows@yahoo.com or you become a contributor via facebook. As always, check out "Dining with Dills" every Sunday Night at 9 PM. Those of you with Champion can now tune in on Channel 24.

Word to the wise... Always double check with the restaurant to make sure any offer is still good before heading out.

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

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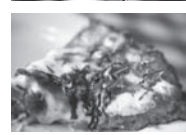
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HOWARD Hays As I See It

By the time you read this, it will have been a few weeks since President Obama signed healthcare reform into law. I only hope there is still some semblance of our nation as we knew it, and we have not yet surrendered completely to "socialist tyranny". We heard the warnings; Glenn Beck proclaimed this would bring "the end of America as you know it", and allow Obama to "control every aspect of your life". Rush Limbaugh proclaims, "It is a government takeover of healthcare, and Granny's gonna die." Jim Kramer on CNBC warns, "Obamacare will topple the stock market." Cal Thomas says, "Euthanasia is coming." Sean Hannity is sadly resigned; "it's over . . . This is socialism." For Sarah Palin, it's a defeat "for those who love America". RNC Chair Michael Steele declined to disavow the characterization "Armageddon".

Those "over my dead body" Republicans in Congress have vowed to extend their opposition to whatever initiatives might come out of the Obama Administration, whether jobs bills, energy legislation, reform of financial markets or nominees for crucial government and judicial posts. As bipartisanship advocate Sen. John McCain (R-Az) put it, "There will be no cooperation for the rest of the year." After accusing Democrats of abusing Senate rules to "ram through" health care in that chamber (which they did with a "super majority" of 60 votes), Republicans promise to use those same rules to grind progress to a halt on all fronts.

Most of all, there is talk of repealing the measure and using it as a campaign issue to pummel Democrats (presumably more fun than tending to the nation's business). The response to these threats would be, "What part of the bill do you want to do away with?" Is it the part forbidding insurers from refusing to cover children with pre-existing conditions? Allowing young adults to stay on their parents' plan until the age of 26? Are Republicans going to campaign to restore the right of insurers to drop customers once they get sick? No help for laid-off workers to continue coverage for themselves and their families? No high-risk pool allowing the currently uninsurable to get coverage?

I'm not sure if Republican opponents were unaware, or simply pretended to be unaware, that the public opposition they constantly reminded us of was in fact opposition to the bill as it was portrayed on Fox News, while polling actually showed sizable support for what was really in the bill. In polls showing disapproval for the bill passed by the Senate, half the opposition came from those who felt it wasn't progressive enough. What we ended up with is a plan reminiscent of what was advocated by President Eisenhower, and particularly Richard Nixon's proposal from 1971 based on increased availability of private insurance through employers. It also has similarities to what the Republicans proposed as an alternative to Bill Clinton's 1993 health plan.

In short, what we have is a signature achievement for an Obama Administration not even halfway through its first term; one that moderate Republicans (when there was such a thing) would've supported and that, like the Social Security Act of 1935 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, will serve as a foundation for improvements to be made in years to come. Hours after the signing, a Gallup/USA Today poll showed 49% approval for the bill with 40% opposed, and the stock market rallied to a 17-month high. Already, the industry trade group America's Health Insurance Plans has signed on to help boost enrollments under the program.

Life goes on, our nation endures and history has been made. Aside from the bill itself, though, there are troubling images that will also remain part of the history. Early in the campaign for passage, Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) declared that defeat of health care legislation would be President Obama's "Waterloo" and would "break" the president. Let alone having a U.S. Senator hope for the failure of a president, the term to "break" somebody has special meaning in former slave-holding states. The imagery was continued at "tea party" rallies, financed and organized by industry-sponsored lobbying groups such as former Rep. Dick Army's FreedomWorks, and promoted by Fox News. The spectacle of Medicare and Veterans Administration beneficiaries railing against government involvement in health care was at first absurdly comical, then became increasingly disturbing as racist and violent imagery increased, and elected representatives of both parties were shouted down and prevented from addressing their constituents.

Ignorance concerning the bill itself is matched by fear and hatred of President Obama, fed by the corporate-financed disinformation machine. According to a recent Harris poll, 67% of Republicans feel President Obama is a socialist, and 57% think he's a Muslim. 45% think he was not born in the U.S., and therefore not qualified to be president. To top it off, 24% of Republicans (and 14% overall) say President Obama "may be the Antichrist". In the days before the final vote, outside the Capitol in Washington, protestors hurled the f-word on Rep. Barney Frank (D-Ma) and the n-word on Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga), reminiscent of when he marched with Rev. Martin Luther King almost fifty years ago. Another black congressman was spat upon. All the while, Republican members stood on the balcony above offering encouragement.

Former George W. Bush speechwriter David Frum had a gloomy assessment for his party, saying Republicans "suffered their most crushing legislative defeat since the 1960s." He described the winners as those in the "conservative entertainment industry", rather than those elected to serve our country, explaining, "We followed the most radical voices in the party and the movement, and they led us to abject and irreversible defeat." Perhaps there are Republicans who will heed Mr. Frum's advice and work with the Obama Administration and Democratic colleagues to make a better future for our country. If not, Democrats have shown, as they have in the past, they are more than capable of making history on their own.

**Greg Wellborn, our columnist from the Right,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let The Truth Be Told

Dear Editor:

On March 30th Candidate John Crawford's blog misrepresented a connection between me, my former employer, a client they took after I left their employment, and a current candidate for city council. A misrepresentation I tried to correct.

Rather than responding to John Crawford on his blog, I called the author directly about his claims, and asked that he correct the post. On two separate occasions we spoke about this issue. I explained that what he claimed simply was not true. He mistated my employment history with Schubert Flint Public Affairs. I left that firm in 2007. He associated me with a campaign the firm handled in 2008. He then went on to make a connection between me, the firm and Mr. Moran because of a Facebook association. All of these claims were incorrect and damaging to both my reputation and the reputation of Mr. Moran, whom Crawford is running against..

While some minor tweaks were made to the author's inaccurate claims, the inferred association remained. Mr. Crawford's inference that because I know Mr. Moran and I used to work for a firm that took a client after I left, somehow they are all connected... is not true, and is frankly inappropriate.

Should we assume that Mr. Crawford supports the federal weapons violations that imprisoned T.I., a rap artist with the Warner Music Group - a company Mr. Crawford works for? If we follow Mr. Crawford's perverse association philosophy, he does.

This is an example of the attempted character assassination that is uncalled for in elections. Especially when it comes from an until recently anonymous bully pulpit purporting to be "news."

The current (as of this writing) representation also includes a reference to a current client of mine, the Arcadia Association of REALTORS(R). The Arcadia Association of REALTORS(R) has been a strong supporter of the Sierra Madre community for more than 85 years, and were the only major sponsor in this year's Wistaria Festival. The REALTORS(R) are good people, and strong civic leaders, who should not be dragged into this discussion.

I appreciate the opportunity to correct what had been previously claimed and implied.

Chip Ahlswede

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Dear Citizens of Sierra Madre,

Upon reading the *misinformation* contained in John Crawford's Sierra Madre Tattler, I would like to provide some clarity regarding the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

1. Chief Heydorff does not receive a salary as Fire Chief; he is the Director of Fire Services for the City. His job description is defined by the City and I am unaware of any City staff concerns regarding his performances. In addition to his city employment, he also covers the required nights and weekends as a volunteer.

2. The Fire Department, in fact, does NOT have a fire truck. The previous truck was a 1975 LaFrance and as purchased from the Fire Department of New York for \$1000. Because of the age of this ladder truck, it could no longer be certified for use and was decommissioned. The truck was not replaced due to financing.

3. The Department does not have water tenders, only one 1975 GMC tender, which will be replaced by a new tender approved for purchase by the current City Council. The department is requested on many large out-of-town incidents, because of the quality of their competence. Our tender is often used in these large fires. The income to the City from the tender and our strike teams normally exceeds the sale tax revenue from the commercial district.

4. The comment was made that our Fire Department "is the laughing stock of the state." Considering our department's size, it's amazing that we are known throughout all of California. Having been involved with over 600 runs during my tenure with the Department, I can remember no homeowner, merchant, or patient that laughed at our efforts for their safety. None of the transports to the hospital during the early morning hours suggested that our assistance was laughable. At no time did I see Mr. Crawford or his anonymous bloggers there to help. In fact, who will they call when they have an emergency?

5. I trained as a probationary with our Department for a year. During that year, I found that the hours involved in training, EMT classes and certification, on-duty weekends, weekday nights, and fund-raisers for the community's youth, were extensive. Each team member volunteered over 2000 hours. Since most members of the Department work full time elsewhere, this commitment is equal to a second full time job.

6. The City does provide a yearly stipend of \$360, or \$1 per day. Most of the firefighters use the stipend for equipment or certification classes.

Having now become a "desk firefighter", due to knee replacements, I continue to be impressed with the members of the Department for their dedication and professionalism. Chief Heydorff and his department do not take their duties lightly and I admire their services to this community. Persons who criticize the Department should actually visit the station and try to get their facts straight.

Rodney Spears

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Dear Editor

I loved your editorial. You hit the nail right on the head! It is too bad and so sad that our elected official should act as childish. Isn't there a law that campaigning at a city council meeting is out of line?

The Mayor is backing three people because they agree with her. Doesn't she realize that it is her duty to follow the desires of the people who elected her? We do not need or want a dictator!

Thank you for writing such a great article. I hope that Walsh, Mosca, and Moran will win by a land slide as a result of that slanderous meeting.

I do not want to go public about this because I am in business and do not want to mix politics and business.

Thank you again for your wonderful article and for speaking out for us all. I voted for Joe Mosca and I'm voting for him again because I think he has done a very good job.

Concerned Sierra Madre Resident and Business Owner, Name Withheld By Request

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WHICH JOHN CRAWFORD SHALL I VOTE FOR?

I am confused. I've been reading a lot and I don't know who to vote for. I was sold on John Crawford because he had a lot of nice looking signs but then I started to read more about him on his blog and three other places online. The more I read the more confused I am. Who is he? I couldn't tell. And then I saw a picture of him on one of the newspaper websites. Maybe that is the problem. There are too many John Crawfords. Since we can only vote for three people, I will have to vote for three that only have one identity. That's too bad because I think having a record executive on the council could have brought some new business to the city. Maybe that empty building downtown could be a recording studio, but he just has too many faces.

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If it aint broke, don't fix it. Leave our police department alone.

Marjorie O. Peterson, 84 years in Sierra Madre

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 28th, to Saturday April 3rd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 225 calls for service.

Monday, March 29th:

10:41 AM – Petty Theft, Oak Crest Drive and Carter Ave. A resident reported a Neighborhood Watch sign and a Not a Through Street sign were stolen from the corner of Oak Crest Drive and Carter Avenue. The signs were discovered missing on Wednesday 3/24/2010. The loss was estimated at \$70.00.

4:16 PM – Vandalism, 500 block Acacia Street. A resident reported her sprinkler was pulled out from her lawn. The home has several campaign signs displayed on her front lawn. She believes the vandalism is due to the upcoming elections. The crime occurred between 6:00 pm, Sunday, 3/28/2010 and 3:00 pm, Monday, 3/29/2010.

Saturday, April 3rd:

6:38 PM – Petty Theft, 400 block West Grandview Ave. A resident reported the theft of three political campaign signs from the front yard. The crime occurred between 3:00 pm, Wednesday, 4/3/2010 and 6:00 pm, Saturday, 4/3/2010.

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grant program it expected, and school districts all across California are bracing for another round of massive state cuts to programs and staff, including the loss of 21,905 teachers. PUSD will get \$23 million less a year, starting July 1.

Last year the district received a one-time federal bailout that helped ease that \$23 million problem. This year, there's no new help coming from the state or the feds. That's why the highly successful neighboring districts of San Marino, La Canada and South Pasadena have recently passed parcel taxes in their communities, the money from which goes directly into *instruction*, not construction.

This is where the money is most needed. It is keeping classrooms open that the money ought to be spent. It's saving the jobs of the 105 teachers who received preliminary pink slips last month from a district already beset by one of the largest classroom sizes in the county. It's preserving academic programs at a time when Sacramento's budget problems have caused a huge loss of funding for the district from the state.

Should Measure CC not pass the consequences for PUSD could be disastrous, especially for its elementary schools.

The classes most affected will be K-3. Current classroom size is limited to a student to teacher ratio of 20-1. Failure of Measure CC could mean the ratio will go up to 32-1, adversely affecting language arts and math learning for students just beginning their education.

This could have a devastating effect on the California State Standards Test (CST) results, as well as an overall decrease in the district's Academic Performance Index (API) and Academic Yearly Progress (AYP) scores. API and AYP are required by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and the results are used by the state and federal governments to reward or punish school districts. Most importantly, larger class size could sabotage the significant gains PUSD has made in recent years.

Critics of the PUSD parcel tax proposal argue that since the schools in Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre are not nearly as renowned for high standardized test scores and graduates heading for the Ivy League, they ought to be punished for their perceived failures. This seems a rather lame argument considering the dire consequences that are likely to happen if the measure doesn't pass. Not all parents can afford to send their kids to private school.

To avoid the most damaging cuts, a broad coalition of local citizens is now mobilizing public support for Measure CC. The PUSD proposal is a modest \$120 a year (33 cents a day or \$10 a month) tax on residential and commercial property. It will raise an estimated \$7 million a year for the next five years. At that time the parcel tax will automatically end. The tax also contains an exemption for low-income senior citizens.

Measure CC will not fix the entire budget problem on its own. Administrators, teachers, librarians, maintenance workers and other PUSD employees are taking pay cuts and unpaid furlough days. Superintendent Edwin Diaz is voluntarily taking a significant cut in pay.

Whatever else is said, the harsh reality remains "that without Measure CC, class sizes will increase, school libraries will be closed, many music and art programs will be eliminated, advanced courses in math and science will be reduced, and summer school will be cut back drastically or eliminated altogether."

As a parent this is just not acceptable! Join me April 13 in preserving our children's education.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE CC!*

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

YES on Measure CC is also the official position of the Mountain Views News.



STUART TOLCHIN VALUES

This Tuesday afternoon was beautiful and after work I raced over to Eaton Canyon to try and sneak in nine holes of golf before it got too dark. Hooray for daylight savings time and beautiful days. The starter allowed me to join a twosome composed of a man and a thirteen or fourteen year old boy. The young man asked where I was from and then informed me that he was from Georgia and had never been to California before. He explained that he was here spending a little time with his Dad and that when summer came he was going to move here and begin to live with his father. He further explained that his Dad was a really good golfer but that he had not played in two years. This was all the information I needed to construct a back story for my playing partners. I imagined the young man wished to do anything to be worthy of his father's approval. I imagined the father wishing to display a kind of mastery at the game that he clearly no longer possessed. I imagined them searching for a comfort zone, struggling with the game and trying to learn to love one another without displaying much of themselves and really lacking any clue as to how to behave.

For me the nine holes were a very poignant experience. At no time did the father put his arm around his son. The closest they came to one another was to occasionally share a putter. The father constantly criticized the son's efforts but I observed the son to be gloriously happy to be spending time with his father. At the end of the round I wished them the best of luck and seriously meant it. I wish all of us the best of luck as we try and cope with this new world in these changing economic times.

I wonder what values we should try to pass on to our children. What values are going to help them succeed? I think many of us imagine that we should tell our kids to just follow the rules, tell the truth, and everything will be fine. Really, though, as I reflect upon it, these are not the lessons I have learned in my life. I have learned that rules are frequently arbitrary and unfairly applied and, besides that, they keep changing. Take, for example, living together before marriage.

As I grew up in the 1950's and early 1960's this was some sort of terrible sin. My friends and relatives who married then never lived together before marriage. Now almost everyone does.

What about drugs? In my post-college years almost everyone I knew regularly did illegal drugs and tried to hide that fact from their parents. As the years went by many kept using illegal drugs and tried to hide that fact from their kids. Today some of these same people score drugs from their adult children and get high together. I find that pretty appalling but I'm not sure why. Many, many, of my friends and relatives regularly use prescription anti-depressant drugs and this makes me crazy. What is the overall message? Is it that times are tough, do whatever you can get away with, and try not to get into too much trouble? As to right and wrong, no one seems to have much of a clue which is probably the real problem. Nevertheless, people still seem to be having children but without any idea of how to raise them. I think of my golfing partners trying to learn to know one another. All the patterns have been broken. No more communities, no more marriages and families, no more steady work. I read about the sex-changes of sports-writers and subsequent suicides and it leaves me afraid to open the newspaper. The vicious and seemingly senseless political quarrels of this City, the State, and the Federal Government demonstrate that the whole system of governance may well be dysfunctional. Meanwhile more earthquakes and natural (if anything is natural) disasters; just what we need.

Is the only solution continued distraction. More plotless 3-D movies. More Tiger Wood Scandals. More Olympics and March Madness. More Masters Tournaments and Baseball and Basketball endless seasons. More meaningless election squabbles. Hey, why not, MORE DRUGS! Maybe life will go by without any of us noticing that we don't have a clue and then gradually a new ethic of harmony and attachment will sneak in while everyone is distracted. It doesn't seem likely but perhaps the kind of important need to actually SAVE THE PLANET will sink in and we all will get it together and things will change. After all, it really still is a very nice day and it is glorious to be ALIVE.

RICH Johnson



Recycled Political Column

Actually, I have plenty of time to write a new vibrant and vivacious column. However, since we are knee deep (or maybe hip deep) in campaign rhetoric and other blah, blah, blah, I thought it time to resurrect the favorite column from my ill-lustrious journalistic career.

So much of what a politician does is attempt to elucidate or clarify their position to the public through the media. And those well-intentioned attempts are often clouded by the media wanting a little more sizzle in the press coverage. The obvious solution is to put people in office who have the ability to dish whatever it is back to the media. Modern day examples might be Bill Maher, Anne

Coulter, or Dennis Miller.

My first and obvious choice is Mark Twain. Imagine President Twain during a press conference in the White House: (All of my candidates responses are actual quotes)

Reporter: "Mr. President, Should we go into Iraq?"

President Twain: "It's easier to stay out than get out."

Reporter: "Mr. President, what do you think of the gridlock in Congress?"

President Twain: "Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

Reporter: "Finally Mr. President, When will you start addressing our economic challenges?"

President Twain: "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."

My second choice is Will Rogers.

Reporter: "Mr. President, What is your prediction for the future of our country?"

President Rogers: "Things will get better - despite our efforts to improve them."

Reporter: "Mr. President, What is your political affiliation?"

President Rogers: "I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a democrat."

Reporter: "Mr. President, Why are you a Democrat?"

President Rogers: "It takes nerve to be a Democrat, but it takes money to be a Republican."

I think, during the depression, we could have done no better than electing Groucho Marx as our Commander in Chief.

Reporter: "Mr. President, how would you define the political process?"

President Marx: "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies."

Reporter: "Mr. President, Care to comment on your recent budget proposal?"

President Marx: "A four-year-old child could understand this report. Run out and find me a four-year-old child. I can't make heads or tails out of it."

Reporter: "Finally Mr. President, how are you and the first lady doing?"

President Marx: "I was married by a

A Word From Former Mayor and Current City Councilmember John Buchanan

We have an important city election April 13. Your vote is important for many reasons and I know you will exercise your own good judgment when you cast it. Still, I hope you will take a few moments to consider the following thoughts on this election, why it is important, and why I am supporting Joe Mosca, Josh Moran, and Nancy Walsh.

Our city faces big challenges ahead. A renewed commitment to infrastructure needs like streets, sewers, and water will require planning, hard work and, yes, building the alliances necessary to secure the resources to make it happen. Our budget will see the impact of rising pension and health care costs that probably will hit us beginning in fiscal year 2011 and test our financial resolve. The preservation of our quality of life will be measured by how we act to preserve our historic resources and how we provide services for our seniors and our youth right here in Sierra Madre. And, of course, the pride we take in the great strides made by our still mostly volunteer fire department and our innovative paramedic program must be matched with the forethought as to how we sustain that model for the delivery of public safety services to our residents.

A good council member approaches these challenges with hard work, planning and preparation. Just as importantly, a good council member will appeal to the best in us by confronting these challenges with the optimism you and I share about the future of our city, thereby motivating all of us to be part of the solution. A council member who is elected based on a "can do spirit" that accompanies the fundamental view that the purpose of elected office is to do good for all Sierra Madreans will best be able to meet the challenges ahead. In other words, that candidate will best be able to govern.

I urge you to support candidates who resist the temptation to appeal to your worst fears. The appeal to fear is tempting in campaigns, especially in tough economic times when people are genuinely concerned. Such appeals to fear, however, invariably solve nothing and do harm. They pit neighbor against neighbor and crowd out important issues in favor of false choices and petty disagreements.

Joe Mosca, Nancy Walsh, and Josh Moran have focused their campaigns on the issues confronting Sierra Madre and the need for a change in the level of public discourse on these issues. They know that if city government is to rise to the challenges ahead we must put policy and principle ahead of personality.

Joe Mosca has done the hard work of council member who takes seriously the honor voters gave him. He has been at the forefront of public safety improvements, cast the deciding vote so that our strengthened hillside ordinance would apply to the Stonehouse property, helped build the alliances that will provide support and resources for continuing necessary improvements to our water system, and continues to put street improvement at the top of our public agenda. Joe does not just talk about fiscal responsibility, improved public safety, and conservation of resources both historic and natural, he has made the wise policy choices and cast the critical votes that make them happen.

Josh Moran, through his work on the Community Services Commission, pushed hard to create and implement the Youth Master Plan and promote the services that give our youth constructive options here in town. His service in other community organizations and active support for our All America city effort have helped improve the quality of life for our residents and brought valuable recognition to our community as a special place to live. Josh has spent most of his life in Sierra Madre and knows as much as anyone that this town thrives when its residents give back.

Nancy Walsh has done wonderful work on behalf of our seniors in her role as Chair of the Senior Commission. She not only took a leadership role in creating the Senior Master Plan but has continued to push to see that it is implemented. She has committed herself to making support for our local businesses a focus of city policies and has great depth of experience in how government best delivers the services its residents need.

Joe, Nancy and Josh will come to the council prepared to do the hard work necessary to keep our town moving forward by making sure that whatever new challenges come our way are anticipated and molded to fit our community values. Each is committed to be an engaged, thoughtful leader for all, and not just for those who vote for them. I think that is what an elected civic leader ought to be.

I hope you will join me in voting for Joe, Nancy and Josh on April 13.

John Buchanan

Census 2010 From Senator Bob Huff

It's that time of the decade! Census 2010 mailed out the Census questionnaire, and the initial response numbers have already been posted, bringing good news and bad.

I am proud to report the good news that my district, Senate District 29, is the leading district in the state with a 64% response! The statewide average is a meager 51%, so we are doing substantially better than the state as a whole.

The message to respond to the Census has been carried by elected officials, the business community, and through volunteer organizations, and I would like to personally thank everyone who is working to get a complete count. But more needs to be done! The bad news is that 10 years ago, the response was much better. In 2000, Senate District 29 had a 79% Census participation return rate.

Please remind your contacts that we need full participation in the Census, so everyone needs to mail in their questionnaire right away. The Census response determines our state's political representation and federal funding, so it is critical to get a full count.

Also, the Census hires people to physically track down those who have not responded, and the more non-responses there are the more employees have to be hired, at great expense to the taxpayers. The easiest solution is to respond early and completely, so the monumental task of holding a Census can be accomplished smoothly.

Saturday, April 10th is National March to the Mailbox Day with Your Census Form!

judge. I should have asked for a jury."

(This part of my column is new.)

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have saved the best for last: The first woman president of the United States, Mae West: (Again, the quotes are really hers.)

Reporter: "Madame President, why won't you commit to putting troops in Iran?"

President West: "A dame that knows the ropes isn't likely to get tied up."

Reporter: "Madame President, we're surprised at your choice of Dick Cheney as a running mate. Care to elaborate?"

President West: "A man can be short and dumpy and getting bald but if he has fire, women will like him."

Reporter: "Madame President, we're amazed at how you have certain members of Congress eating out of your hand. How do you do it?"

President West: "I always say, keep a diary and someday it'll keep you."

Vote, vote, vote (In the words of the first Mayor Daley of Chicago: "Vote early and vote often.)

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Triton's Summer Sky of Methane and Carbon Monoxide

According to the first-ever infrared analysis of the atmosphere of Neptune's moon Triton, summer is in full swing in its southern hemisphere. Using the Very Large Telescope of the European Southern Observatory (ESO) in Chile, a European observing team discovered carbon monoxide and made the first ground-based detection of methane in Triton's thin atmosphere. These observations revealed that the moon's thin atmosphere varies seasonally, thickening when warmed.

"We have found real evidence that the Sun still makes its presence felt on Triton, even from so far away. This icy moon actually has seasons just as we do on Earth, but they change far more slowly," says Emmanuel Lellouch, the lead author of the paper reporting these results in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*.

On Triton, where the average surface temperature

is about minus 235 degrees Celsius, it is currently summer in the southern hemisphere and winter in the northern. As Triton's southern hemisphere warms up, a thin layer of frozen nitrogen, methane, and carbon monoxide on Triton's surface sublimates into gas, thickening the icy atmosphere as the season progresses during Neptune's 165-year orbit around the Sun. A season on Triton lasts a little over 40 years, and Triton passed the southern summer solstice in 2000.

Based on the amount of gas measured, Lellouch and his colleagues estimate that Triton's atmospheric pressure may have risen by a factor of four compared to the measurements made by Voyager 2 in 1989, when it was still spring on the giant moon. The atmospheric pressure on Triton is now between 40 and 65 microbars — 20,000 times less than on Earth.

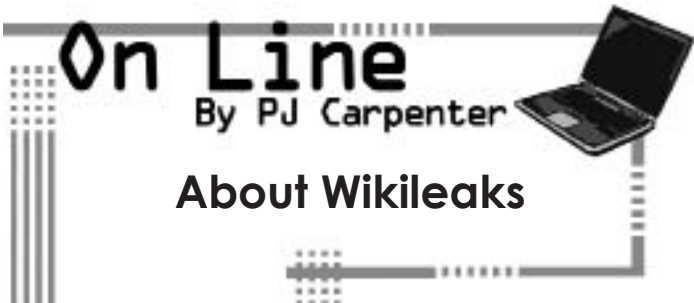
Carbon monoxide was known to be present as ice on the surface, but Lellouch and his team discovered that Triton's upper surface layer is enriched with carbon monoxide ice by about a factor of ten compared to the deeper layers, and that it is this upper "film" that feeds the atmosphere. While the majority of Triton's atmosphere is nitrogen (much like on Earth), the methane in the atmosphere, first detected by Voyager 2, and only now confirmed in this study from Earth, plays an important role as well. "Climate and atmospheric models of Triton have to be revisited now, now that we have found carbon monoxide and re-measured the methane," says co-author Catherine de Bergh.

Of Neptune's 13 moons, Triton is by far the largest and, at 2,700 kilometers in diameter (three quarters the size of Earth's Moon), it is the seventh largest moon in the whole Solar System. Since its discovery

in 1846, Triton has fascinated astronomers thanks to its geologic activity and its many different types of surface ices—such as frozen nitrogen as well as water and dry ice (frozen carbon dioxide)—as well as its unique retrograde motion.

Observing the atmosphere of Triton, which is roughly 30 times farther from the Sun than is Earth, is not easy. In the 1980s, astronomers theorized that the atmosphere on Neptune's moon might be as thick as that of Mars (7 millibars). It wasn't until Voyager 2 passed the planet in 1989 that the atmosphere of Triton was measured, showing the presence of nitrogen and methane and an atmospheric pressure of 14 microbars - 70,000 times less dense than the atmosphere on Earth.

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The week the controversial website known as Wikileaks made public disturbing footage that showed a 2007 US airstrike that killed two veteran Reuters reporters in Iraq. Despite efforts to keep stories and footage such as this from public view, the controversial website managed to clear several hurdles and get the footage released in wide rotation. The video (and audio) shows the entire operation from beginning to end and the gruesome killing of the journalist and several other Iraqis leaves no doubt as to the grim nature of the reality of war. The fact that it was later revealed that two of those killed were civilian reporters who worked closely with the US military adds an element of irony to the term "collateral damage".

This is the kind of footage that governments around the world do their level-best to keep from the front pages of the free press and it is precisely this type of news and information that Wikileaks seeks to uncover and deliver to a public that needs to know the whole story about issues and events that affect their lives. Wikileaks was started in December 2006 and its stated purpose is to publish anonymously sourced, confidential documents from governments, corporations and other powerful organizations. A quick look at some of the high-profile targets of Wikileaks include the US Government,

the Bildeberg Group, Sarah Palin, the Scientology Religious Technology Centre and various government agencies who were in the midst of concealing crucial information from their respective publics. Despite publishing credible news stories that are often ignored, blocked or watered down by the mainstream media, the site has endured a long struggle in trying to keep its doors open and the information flowing. Wikileaks is supported by a staff of 5 but accepts stories from hundreds of contributors, much like the more popular Wikipedia and is built upon the same technology and publishing model that makes that sites' existence possible. Donations from the public keep the site running and the site has links for contributions and submissions.

Wikileaks represents one of the many ways that the Internet has had a significant impact upon the way news is collected and disseminated, particularly news that those in positions of power and privilege would prefer not to have published. Although the confidentiality of news sources is kept in the highest regard, Wikileaks does not engage in the all-too-common practice of tabloid journalism. Each story is vetted and all multimedia contributions screened for veracity before public dissemination.

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The Senior By Bruce Lamarche When Loan Mod Doesn't Work - Go In Reverse



Aside from its central purpose of enabling people 62 or older to pull equity from their homes for various retirement uses, a reverse mortgage also may be a financial lifeline for seniors struggling to make their forward mortgage payments. Many seniors are ineligible for help under the federal government's HAMP, Home Affordable Modification Program. They simply cannot show enough income to qualify. The reverse mortgage has no income qualifications because there are no payments to make.

The HAMP program, for borrowers with government-insured loans – such as those owned by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac – calls for modifications of loan terms for those mortgagors whose PITI (principal, interest, tax and insurance) payments exceed 31 percent of their household debt-to-income (DTI), also known as “front-end ratio.” While it serves to reduce payments, there is a minimum income needed after terms are improved. If these are not met the lender can foreclose because of delinquency.

So far, fewer than 200,000 borrowers have been granted permanent loan modifications under HAMP and the program is now expected to help far fewer than the up to 4 million struggling borrowers initially envisioned. In response, a new HAMP proposal put forth last week would provide refinancing to several million households through government-backed mortgages with lower payments. Still, there are minimum income requirements to qualify and the lender has to approve it. There are many “big-business” reasons why lenders are choosing to avoid helping homeowners and many lenders simply can't take the time to care.

But, as Meg Burns, director, FHA Office of Single Family Program Development, explains that, “There are a lot of consumers whose front-end ratio” might not reach 31 percent, “and it is still difficult for them to make their mortgage payments. They don't qualify for HAMP.” She estimates that some 30 percent of consumers seen by HUD's approved counseling organizations are in that situation.

A reverse mortgage can be advisable for seniors in need of financial support generally, according to Burns, who notes that “it has been suggested by AARP as a solution for seniors in trouble. We often get calls from people in the lending community about it.” Seniors in trouble or even in the foreclosure process can use the Reverse Equity Mortgage (REM) to refinance their home and have no monthly payments for life. With no income qualifications needed and no credit requirements, the REM can solve the mortgage payment problem, assuming the senior is over 62 years old and has sufficient equity. Getting the facts and all the numbers should be the first step towards a good decision. Call a professional who specializes in Reverse Mortgages for “the numbers” and see if it is appropriate as a problem solver.

Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net

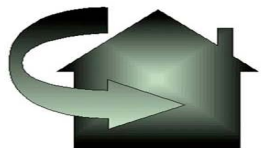
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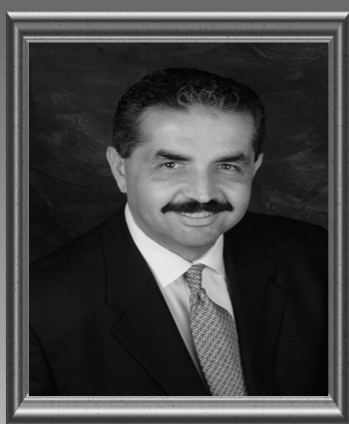
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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

THE PRESSURE COOKER

Phew! After four years of declining home sales, the numbers appear to be finally turning back upward, with closed sales and pending contracts at above-normal increases. In particular, first-time buyers helped buoy the market by taking advantage of low prices and interest rates, as well as the \$8,000 tax credit offered by the federal government.

At least for now, home prices remain attractively low, and mortgage payments as they relate to income are very comfortable. All the information seems to point to the fact that home prices have actually overcorrected downward. What does that mean? It indicates that many markets may experience a price “snap back,” with values increasing a lot more than the historical average of 4% appreciation per year.

Some factors may continue to make buyers cautious, mostly declines in retirement savings and a lukewarm economic recovery with unemployment hovering around 10% nationally.

Now is not the time to hesitate, however, as mortgage interest rates are expected to rise in 2010.

We can expect the momentum of home sales to continue, especially with the extension of the tax credit through April and the fact that qualification is no longer limited to just first-time buyers. Prices and interest rates will rise this year, so buyer confidence should be at an all-time high. The pressure cooker of pent-up demand is about to blow its top!

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Health Care Reform: Top Questions For Seniors Answered For Healthcare

1. Will I be forced to buy insurance under the new health care bill?

When most people consider the health care reform bill pros and cons, one of the things that they bring up is the fact that people will be forced to buy insurance if they don't already have it. This is only partly true, as current health insurance reform will not force you to purchase insurance right now. If you are not insured through an employer or you have no family health insurance plan, then the health care reform bill may require you to purchase a plan by 2014. This is one of the most important aspects of the health care reform bill summary 2010. You don't have to go out and get insurance right away, as there is a grace period attached.

2. What does the health care bill say for people who can't afford insurance?

One of the biggest concerns has been over what people will do if they don't have the money to go out and buy an expensive health care plan. When you study the health care reform bill pros and cons, you will see that people who are living under the poverty line do not have to go out and purchase insurance by 2014. They are exempt from the rules. Additionally, people that make between 100% and 400% above the poverty line can receive credits to help them pay for the insurance. This is the new health plan's way of making sure that everyone has a means of getting on board, even if they aren't doing well financially.

3. What if I already have health insurance?

This health plan grandfathers in old plans, which is a definite positive for those people who already have an insurance plan. Under the current health plan, you will not have to go out and purchase anything new. Though you will not be able to modify your plan or change things up nearly as easily, you are free to stick with your current level of coverage and your current provider under this health care reform bill. This is one of the single most important things to take from any health care reform bill summary in 2010 that you read.

4. Where does Medicare go?

One of the keys of the health care reform bill summary is to know that Medicare is still going to be alive and kicking. The government made Medicare one of its focuses of healthcare reform this time around. They intend to pay for at least some of the costs of healthcare reform by cleaning up Medicare and making it a more efficient program. A government committee is a part of healthcare reform and will be assigned to cleaning up waste and taking fraud out of the current Medicare system. These savings should help to pay for the program to some extent.

What things will the government mandate from insurance providers? One of the keys to the current health reform is that insurers are going to be required to maintain a certain level of care. They will have minimum benefits that are required, which might force some of the premium prices up. The government has not set a ceiling on benefits with this health reform program, so people can still get luxury healthcare plans if they see fit. The key to the health care bill is basically seeing that everyone is protected as much as possible.

5. What about my pre-existing conditions?

No health care reform bill summary in 2010 would be complete without mentioning pre-existing conditions. The health insurance reform plan puts restrictions on how insurers can deal with these conditions. In this health care reform bill summary 2010, we have learned that the new health insurance reform stops insurers from withholding coverage on the basis of pre-existing conditions. Though they can modify their plans and change about pricing options, insurers must still provide coverage to people who currently have illnesses or conditions. *Excerpts from www.todaysseniors.com

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:

Chicken & Asparagus Fettuccini

INGREDIENTS:

12 ounces dry fettuccini pasta
2 cups 1 inch pieces fresh asparagus
1/2 cup butter
2 cups half-and-half cream
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pinch cayenne pepper
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 pound cooked chicken breasts - cut into bite size pieces

DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta, and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente. Add the asparagus during the last 3 to 5 minutes of cooking. Drain, and transfer to a large bowl.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine butter and half-and-half. Cook until thick and bubbly. Season with garlic powder, black pepper, and cayenne pepper. Stir in Parmesan cheese and chicken, and heat through.

Pour sauce over pasta and asparagus, and toss to coat.

April Birthdays



Blanca Martinez, Lillian Snyder, Dorothy White, Betsy Abbe, Freda Bernard, Beth Copti, Terry Cummings, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Julia Gottesman, Betty Jo Gregg, Betty Mackie, Ethelyn Polley, Elizabeth Rasmussen, Anne Schryver,

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.



Meals-On-Wheels

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

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS **ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY**

Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.6220 or (626) 355-0256.

Staying Independent – How to Avoid Falls

Arcadia Senior Services Department is having a health presentation on Tuesday, April 20, 1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Dr. Giancarlo Licata, D.C. will continue his lecture series, “Staying Active and Independent”, and this seminar will focus on “5 Ways to Avoid Injury”. The increased number of falls after age 65 and the increase in significant complications from falls is well known in the health care community. However, there is something that individuals can do about avoiding falls. This health presentation will discuss practical tools to maintain and even increase your quality of life.

Advanced registration is required. For reservations before April 15 or if you have questions, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

Wednesday 3-7pm

Fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms. Specialty foods, vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic foods and hot food - Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free. **Free public parking on Mariposa.**



On April 13th Vote For A Responsible Leader

Nancy Walsh For City Council



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Leadership For Our Future...

- ◆ Thirty seven year resident of Sierra Madre
- ◆ Chair of the Senior Community Services Commission
- ◆ 29 year career in public service for Los Angeles County
- ◆ Lead in development of Senior Master Plan
- ◆ Lead in development of Hart Memorial Parkhouse renovation plan

I Will...

- ◆ Ensure continued enforcement of the Hillside Ordinance and other laws that protect the environment and our small town character
- ◆ Sensibly integrate Measure V into the planning process
- ◆ Promote common courtesy in city government and work to end the petty bickering on the city council
- ◆ Pursue every possible revenue source
- ◆ Work to draw new business to our city
- ◆ Strengthen fiscal accountability at every turn and increase transparency at city hall
- ◆ Work to expand services to all Sierra Madre residents, including youth, seniors, the disabled, working people and business people

★ **Vote Tuesday April 13th** ★

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JOSH MORAN

City Council

Common Sense for an Exceptional Future

Pasadena Star-News - "Josh Moran is no stranger to public service in Sierra Madre... He is dismayed over the tone of some debates in the city, which have turned personal and eccentric. He wants to keep Sierra Madre's voice heard in regional planning and seek the city's fair share of county and state resources, and we are pleased to endorse his candidacy."



Photo by Gina Long

Pete Siberell, President of Sierra Madre Little League, former Community Services Commissioner, 2007 Citizen of the Year - "Volunteers are at the heart of everything we celebrate and enjoy about Sierra Madre, I want a City Council who values what it means to be a volunteer. Josh Moran is one of those true Sierra Madreans who has given his time and his own heart for the betterment of the town."

Roger Lowe, former chief of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department - "I believe Josh Moran will preserve the integrity and spirit of our Volunteer Fire Department and Paramedic program and help us create new opportunities to enhance our town's level of safety and preparedness."

Greg Asbury, owner of the Pinney House - "As the owner of one of the grand historical homes in Sierra Madre I am looking for a candidate who will preserve not only the historical homes but also the character and history of our town which is why I whole heartedly endorse Josh Moran for City Council."

John Buchanan, City Councilman, former Mayor - "Josh Moran has my support because he sees a seat on the City Council, not as a prize to be won, but as a unique opportunity to give back. He shares my view that the singular role of an elected official is to do good. Josh has demonstrated his commitment to Sierra Madre through his service on our Community Services Commission, in his active support of our All America City program, his work on the Youth Master Plan, and countless other efforts large and small. He will make a wonderful public servant for all Sierra Madre."

Melissa Castillo, President of the Sierra Madre Elementary School PTA - "As a former teacher and an advocate for community services, Josh Moran understands the challenges facing Sierra Madre schools and families, and will help us craft a bright, creative future for our children."

On Tuesday, April 13 Vote for Josh Moran

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Re-Elect JOE MOSCA

Sierra Madre City Council

“Difficult times demand the very best of us. At this critical juncture in Sierra Madre’s history, we need his experience, his know-how and his consistent leadership.

Councilman Joe Mosca brings people together to get things done for Sierra Madre.”

George A. Maurer, Former Mayor

THE RECORD IS CLEAR!

- ☐ “In the last 4 years, Councilmember Joe Mosca has emerged as a key ally in our continued quest to preserve the historical nature of our community. He cares deeply about the history and character of Sierra Madre. Among other things, Councilmember Mosca cast crucial votes against overdeveloping our hillsides and for support of the Mills Act, which provides incentives for homeowners to restore and preserve the historic homes that grace our community. Join us in voting to re-elect Joe Mosca.”

LOUISE NEIBY, Member, Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society/**PHYLLIS CHAPMAN**, Town Historian

- ☐ “Councilmember Joe Mosca has always understood the fiscal constraints that Sierra Madre continues to face. Because of Joe’s fiscal responsibility and leadership abilities, more of our tax dollars are finally coming back to Sierra Madre. The City’s budget has been balanced without service cuts, and we now have \$3 million in reserves. Thank you, Councilmember Mosca.”

MIKE COMER, Member, 2007 Sierra Madre Ad Hoc Finance Committee and Sierra Madre Utility Users Tax Citizen Oversight Committee

- ☐ “Councilmember Joe Mosca has been a very strong supporter of improving our Fire Department. Implementing paramedic services, adopting a Firefighter Auxiliary Program, setting aside funds for training emergency staff, and funding new firefighting equipment all have enhanced the Fire Department’s ability to protect Sierra Madre and ensure our quality of life. Vote to re-elect Councilmember Joe Mosca.”

BILL MESSERSMITH, President, Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters’ Association and Past Sierra Madre Citizen of the Year



SENSIBLE LEADERSHIP FOR ALL OF SIERRA MADRE
Vote Tuesday, April 13 for Councilmember Joe Mosca

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