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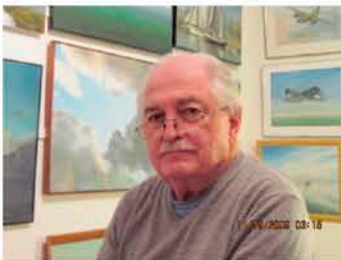
2010 Art Fair and Mother's Day a Perfect Fit

By Rich Johnson

"A good painting to me has always been like a friend. It keeps me company, comforts and inspires." Hedy Lamarr

Here's the perfect Mother's Day gift idea! Surround yourself Saturday, May 1, and Sunday, May 2, amidst the finest in Watercolors, Pottery, Ceramics, Gourd Art, Woodcarvings, Mixed Media, Glass, Photography, Jewelry, and Oil Paintings in the heart of Sierra Madre. The treasure of Sierra Madre will take on a whole new meaning as you as you shop the Sierra Madre Art Fair seeking the perfect gift for Mom.

Admission is free as the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library transform Memorial Park into an exquisite kaleidoscope of colors, shapes and sizes. 100 invited artists seek to amaze and delight your senses with their original creations. Those senses also include what you hear. The Art Fair plays host to musical performers Carbe-Durand, Ann Luke, The Tumbling Tumbleweeds, Jean's Music, Banna Beg Mall, String Planet, and the Joel Penner Trio. Tantalizing our sense of taste will include Taquito Lover, Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Chinese & Korean BBQ, North Shore Hawaiian BBQ. The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society will be serving up old-fashioned lemonade and coffee. And the Friends of the Library Food Booth offer up carrot, banana nut, zucchini, spice, cranberry and walnut breads.



Well known Sierra Madre Artist David Darbyshire (above) will be one of the featured artists at this year's Art Fair. His painting, Thames Sailing Barge is shown below.

Also committed to helping encourage the artists of the future we have asked the Creative Arts Group to offer up a fun and imaginative craft activity for children. "Fanciful Birds" invites our younger crowd to choose their favorite bird and decorate it with feathers, beaks, tails and wings that you can draw or cut out.



Gift your mom this year with the opportunity to bring the Art Fair home in a memorable work of art: A keepsake that will prove a lifelong reminder of your love and devotion. Your participation and support of the Art Fair enable the library to add new acquisitions and additions to collections and support library services and programs.

Be sure to mark Saturday, May 1, 2010, 9:30 - 6:00pm, and Sunday, May 2, 2010, 9:30 - 5:00pm. Memorial Park is located in Sierra Madre at 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. 1 long block west of Baldwin Avenue.

Wear It With Pride!

Hugh von Delden, designer of the Sierra Madre Flag Makes T-Shirts Available.



In 2006, the Sierra Madre Arts Commission asked the public to come up with a design for a flag for the city. The image needed to reflect the 'spirit' of this 'village in the foothills' and longtime resident Hugh von Delden came up with the winning entry.

von Delden, who retired from JPL after 38 years of employment, is very proud of the flag which flies in front of City Hall and in the City Hall chambers. Many residents also purchased the flag for display in their homes.

Now Hugh is offering residents the chance to by T-Shirts bearing the Flag's insignia. The shirts, available in adult sizes S-XL, can be purchased for \$15 at the Bottle Shop located at 58 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Election Results Finalized - Citizens Await Reorganization

On Monday, April 19, 2009, the final tally of votes cast in the city's recent Municipal election was completed. As expected, the final tally did not change the results.

Joe Mosca remained the top vote getter with 20.5%	
Josh Moran	19.8%
Nancy Walsh	17.6%
Don Watts	14.8%
Pat Alcorn	13.0%
John Crawford	13.0%
and Bill Tice	.9%

The final voter turnout figure was 38.6%, slightly below the turnout for the last 3 person council race in 2006 which was 40.9%. In a previous press release from the City Clerk an incorrect figure was given of 27%.

On Tuesday evening, the City Council will meet and among the items on the agenda are certification of the election results and reorganization.

At that time, it is expected that incumbent Joe Mosca, the top vote getter in both the 2010 and 2006, will be elected to serve as the city's Mayor.

In 2008 and 2009, rather than elect the Mayor based upon the traditional standards, Councilpersons Kurt Zimmerman and Mary Ann MacGillivray, respectively, were elected as Mayor, skipping over Mosca. At that time, the voting block of Watts, Zimmerman and MacGillivray were able to block Mosca's 'turn' as Mayor. It appears unlikely that the new council will break from the tradition thus allowing Mosca the opportunity to serve as Mayor for the first time since 2006.

At Tuesdays meeting, the agenda calls for presentations to outgoing councilmen, Zimmerman and Watts, as well as a presentation



Councilman Joe Mosca on election night with supporters.

to MacGillivray. That will be followed by the administering of the Oath of Office to new councilmembers. A reception will be held honoring their service as well as welcoming the new council members. There will be refreshments immediately following.

Parcel Tax In The Hands Of Voters

By Susan Henderson

May 4, 2010 may very well go down in history as the day that voters turned their backs on Public Education. Ballots for Measure CC, a measure to support the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), must be in the hands of election officials by 8 p.m. that evening.

The mail only ballots, which were sent to registered voters earlier this month, ask the public to adopt a parcel tax of \$120 per year to support the Pasadena Unified School District.

If passed, the tax would only be effective for five years beginning July 1st. It would have an exemption for Seniors, 65 and over based upon need.

Supporters of the Measure, citing the drastic cuts which may be as much as \$23 million by Sacramento, say the funds generated will help preserve quality education by protecting academic programs, providing for the continuation of advanced math, science and technology courses as well as the continuation of art and music programs. The funds will also keep school libraries open, help the district retain qualified teachers and maintain manageable class size.

Opponents of the measure basically argue that the measure is unfair and puts a disproportionate amount of the burden on homeowners. Opponents also argue that the PUSD 'overspends' on its students.

"A parcel tax of approximately \$7 million per year (PUSD estimate) for five years equals \$35 million. In 2008, PUSD spent \$9,977 per student. The five adjacent districts spent the following amounts per student: Arcadia \$7,629; South Pasadena \$7,691; La Canada \$8,579; Glendale \$8,524; San Marino \$9,404. Of the 47 unified

school districts in Los Angeles County, only Beverly Hills, Santa Monica/Malibu and Los Angeles unified school districts spend more per student. The other 43 unified school districts (91%) in Los Angeles County spend less per student than PUSD.

However, according to the the ballot arguments in favor of the Measure,

"Our school district is not unique. Surrounding school districts have much higher parcel taxes to supplement minimal state funding. While we all wish California would provide more funding for our schools, unfortunately it doesn't. The number one factor in maintaining property values is the quality of local public schools. Measure CC is a smart investment in our own community." It is a fact that other local districts, such as South Pasadena have voted for a much higher Parcel Tax to support their schools.

The PUSD has, over the last five years, made "significant reductions" to staff and budgets in an effort to run more efficiently. According to information obtained from the district, the following reductions have been made between 2004 - 2009:

The District made a 16.5% reduction in school site and District Administration personnel;
Reduced teaching staff by 6.1%;
Between 2006 - 2009, reduced classified, clerical, custodial and office personnel by 12.6%;
Reduced maintenance staff by 13.6% and in 2007-2008 made a 26% reduction in Executive Level central office staff.

Despite the reductions, with the cuts from Sacramento, supporters cite parcel tax as the only "stable, consistent source of funding for the schools that serve Pasadena, Sierra Madre and Altadena." The PUSD serves over 19,000 students in 29 schools and 3 Charter schools.

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR MEASURE CC BALLOTS

Election workers from the L.A. County Clerk's Office will accept hand-delivered mail ballots for Measure CC Tuesday, May 4, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. This will be the final day ballots will be accepted in time to be counted.

Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., from 7 a.m. to noon at the front entrance and noon to 8 p.m. in the reference room.

Two additional drop-off locations May 4 will be Metropolitan Baptist Church, 2283 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Altadena, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and in the grand entrance of Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information visit <http://lavote.net/LOCATOR/ballot/676/pasadena.pdf> or call (562) 462-1310.

Sierra Madre Volunteer Receives Distinguished Service Award

Sierra Madre resident Patricia "Pat" Birdsall was recently awarded the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award by District Governor Roy Talley on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at the Monrovia Restaurant in Monrovia, Ca.

Birdsall was given the award because of her many years of service to the local Kiwanis Club, and a wide range of community service in Sierra Madre and Pasadena.



Pat Birdsall, left, recently recognized for outstanding service to her community was also crowned "Queen For The Day" by Kiwanian Judy Webb-Martin and friend Louise Neiby

A former Senior Services Commissioner, she has been an officer in the Sierra Madre Senior Club and SMEAC (Sierra Madre Environmental Action Committee), a vocal member of RPSM, a group which bitterly opposed development of the 1 Carter property, and many other organizations. She is currently the Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre.

She also volunteered at Pasadena's Union Station feeding the homeless.

An extremely committed animal rights activist Birdsall has spent many, many hours assisting at the Wildlife Way Station.

When Birdsall retired from a career in banking she expanded her volunteer activities in the community. She recently retired as a columnist and contributor with the Mountain Views News and its predecessors, the Mountain Views News and the Mount Wilson Observer.

Governor Talley, who presides over all Kiwanis Clubs in California, Hawaii and Nevada, laughed heartily when Birdsall was introduced by her club president as "one tough cookie".

Birdsall's acceptance speech moved the audience when she gave a special thanks to her son Chris, who has suffered from the devastating effects of crippling arthritis since he was a child. "Chris really sacrificed the most with all my volunteering", said Birdsall.

Her proud son was in the audience with his wife, Annette, and a host of other friends and well wishers.

Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre

- April 27 BREAKFAST MEETING - 7:30 a.m.
Former CIA Veteran Earl Abbe speaks on ISLAM & JIHAD
For Meal Reservations contact: Harriet Lyle, 355-6786



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Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon: Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Tues: Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed: Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Thur: Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri: Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



Five faiths to Unite for Arcadia National Day of Prayer

Members of five major San Gabriel Valley faith traditions will join in a public evening service celebrating the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at Santa Anita Church, 226 West Colorado Boulevard in Arcadia.

The event is being presented by the Arcadia Interfaith Action Group, a consortium of leaders from some twenty faith organizations in the area.

This year's service, themed "Prayer for Times Such as These," will be the only San Gabriel Valley interfaith observance at which Baha'is, Buddhists, Christians, Jews and Muslims join in celebrating the shared beliefs and values that unite them as Americans. During the evening, each faith will share a small part of its practices to help attendees realize that there are more similarities than differences among them.

The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952, when the US Congress designated the first Thursday in May as a time for all Americans, regardless of their faiths, to come together and pray in their own ways.

All monies contributed to the evening's offering will go to local assistance agencies in the area, including Foothill Unity Center, which in the past year distributed nearly 4,000,000 pounds of food to 3,974 unduplicated very low-income families in eight San Gabriel Valley cities.

For further information on the Arcadia National Day of Prayer, call (626) 447-8053.

Sierra Madre Community Observance National Day of Prayer

Thursday
May 6, 2010

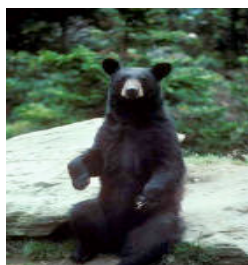
Noon-12:30

**Sierra Madre
Memorial Park
(under the flag pole)**

**Corner of Hermosa Ave
and Sierra Madre Blvd**

*Join your neighbors
to pray for our local,
state & federal elected
officials...and know you
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BEARS our New Urban Immigrant



Learning to Live with Bears

Presentation by:
The Lake Tahoe Bear League
+
Sierra Madre Police Department

Living with Bears in Your Backyard?
Dipping in your pool - Lounging on your lawn
Like them or Not this meeting is for you!



When : Sunday May 2, 2010
Time : 1:00 pm
Where: 141 W Highland Sierra Madre
Sierra Madre Middle School

Why:
Because
Education
Always precedes

Respect + Responsibility... it's up to all of us to respect the lives and nature of the animals in our midst and to accept the responsibility of keeping them wild and our environment safe, for our families.



What we do not understand, we fear... come and find out what you can do to make your space safer and Save the Bears at the same time.

Ann Bryant
Executive Director
Sierra Madre Police Department

Lake Tahoe Bear League

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FRIDAYS**

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
April 23, 2010

HOTEL FOR DOGS
MAY 7, 2010

**CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE
OF MEATBALLS**
MAY 21, 2010

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS
JUNE 4, 2010

**LOCATION
KERSTING COURT**

**START TIME
7:45p**

ABSOLUTELY FREE!

For more information, please contact Community & Personnel Services at 626-355-5278.

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.

SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

Wednesday 3-7 pm

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.

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Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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"THE RAINMAKER" ARRIVES APRIL 30 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

WHAT: "The Rainmaker." The classic romantic comedy.

WHO: Written by N. Richard Nash. Directed by Bob Hakman. Produced by Ward Calaway for Sierra Madre Playhouse.

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

WHEN: Opens Friday, April 30, 2010 at 8 p.m., runs through Saturday, June 5. Dark on Sunday, May 2. Regular show times: Fri. & Sat. at 8, Sun. at 2:30. Opening night April 30 performance preceded by Champagne reception and light buffet at 7:15 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$17. Children 12 and under, \$12.

RESERVATIONS:
(626) 355-4318.

ONLINE TICKETING:
www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

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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.



A MOTHER'S DAY TEA with LAURA INGALLS WILDER

SATURDAY, MAY 8
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club and Sierra Madre Public Library cordially invite you to our annual Mother's Day Tea. Performance artist Judith Helton will be appearing as *Little House on the Prairie* author Laura Ingalls Wilder in a unique one-woman program. Following the presentation, enjoy afternoon tea and a buffet of delicious sweets and savories. Celebrate Mother's Day with us in style!

The Sierra Madre Woman's Clubhouse
550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre 91024

Adults - \$20.00 Under 17 - \$8.00

Seating is limited **Tickets are required**

Purchase tickets at the Woman's Club & the Library

For more information call Polly Bonnett @ 626-355-7186

Proceeds benefit Sierra Madre Woman's Club charities.

This program is based on the LITTLE HOUSE books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Presented by arrangement with the copyright owner, Little House Heritage Trust.

Hope to see you there!

Arcadia Republican Woman's Club is having their Fashion Spring Fling at the San Gabriel Country Club, 411 E. Las Tunas, in San Gabriel on Thursday, May 22, at 11:30. Fashions from Magnolia's. Mail reservations with name of guests to Barbara Ludt, 7151 N. Muscatel, San Gabriel by May 7. Cost is \$50.00 per person.

Join the Arcadia Republican Inc. for a western hoe down night Bingo night. Our annual Bingo night event is on Saturday May 15 at 6:00 at the Arcadia Community Center located at 240 W. Huntington Dr. in Arcadia. Outback Steakhouse will be on sight with a great dinner. Included in the \$25 (\$30 at the door) is bingo games, great prizes, beverage, dinner and desert. Reservations by May 7 can be mailed to Arcadia Republican Hdqts. 43 C East Huntington Drive Suite, Arcadia, CA 91006. Make checks payable to ARI. Families invited.

The Sierra Madre Anarchist Picnic
(Monthly)
Saturday, May 8, 2010
12:00pm - 5:00pm
Memorial Park
222 W Sierra Madre Blvd
Sierra Madre, CA

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REMEMBRANCES

Charles Melbourne Carpenter, Jr.

Charles "Charlie" Carpenter Jr., 79, of Sierra Madre, CA passed away suddenly on April 13, 2010 after a brief illness.

A graduate of the Hackley School and Tarrytown, NY and Harvard University in Cambridge, MA., he was always very active in community affairs, including the Sierra Madre CERT team, the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, the Sierra Madre Neighborhood Watch, the Pasadena Republican Club, and the Boy Scouts. He was also a member of the First Church of the Nazarene also in Pasadena.

Charlie, as he was called by his friends, was a fixture in Sierra Madre, frequenting Beantown in the mornings and Cafe 322 in the evenings.

"Charlie wanted to give back, so he displayed his dedication through his volunteer efforts in Sierra Madre", says one close friend. "Anyone who knew Charlie was blessed to have him in their life. Charlie was a gentleman who truly defined class. When I think of him, I am reminded of a quote that Rudyard Kipling once wrote. He could "walk with kings and keep his virtue and keep the common touch." Charlie was genuinely interested in other people and would always display honest appreciation. He had a way of making others feel important and would do it sincerely."

Charlie Carpenter is survived by his sister, Jean Carpenter DeVos of Hartsdale, NY, two nieces of NY and CT, four children; Charles Carpenter III, Wendy Carpenter, and Jeff Carpenter, all of Santa Rosa, CA and Anne Gay of Salem, OR; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Charlie Carpenter's name to Sierra Madre CERT c/o Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department, 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.



Fish Canyon Hike Nixed as Part of Ongoing Mining Battle

Story and Photo By Dean Lee

Long established Wilderness Day in Encanto Park took on new meaning Saturday in Duarte as residents seized the opportunity to protest Vulcan Materials Company's plan to move its 80 acre mining operations to the west side of Fish Creak immediately above Duarte.

A hike to Fish Canyon Falls was also called off just days before after Duarte city officials and Vulcan Mining could not agree on transportation issues through Vulcan's property.

Duarte City Council Member John Fasana said the 1.5 mile hike has been the centerpiece of the celebration for at least 15 of the 20 years Wilderness Day has survived. This was the first time the popular trek had been canceled he said.

Vulcan had asked for an indemnification agreement, a contract between two parties not to hold one of them liable for future legal action.

"The access has been provided by our own city transportation," Fasana said. "We have never been asked for an indemnification agreement before."

Fasana said that the agreement did not specify Wilderness Day but rather any circumstance. He said negotiations between the cities of Azusa and Duarte were called off April 12. Azusa started a public hearing last Monday night although failed to vote on whether to allow the mining. The Vulcan mining site is in Azusa.

Congresswoman Judy Chu also held a press conference as part of Wilderness Day after touring, from the air, the mining site. A helicopter was provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department after Vulcan refused them access she said.

"Now I understand what the people were talking about at the [Air Quality Management District] AQMD hearing when they were saying silica dust flies around," Chu said. "Now I understand what this elderly woman was talking about when



she said she went to the doctor and found that there was silica dust in her lungs. There are pollution effects from this mining, there are health effects from this mining."

She also urged the Azusa City Council to fully investigate these effects before approving the Environmental Impact Report EIR.

"If there can not be good mitigation measures, I think they deny the EIR," she said.

A number of protesters questions Chu's motive.

"If you really care you would find a way to buy this site," one of them said. Chu acknowledged the idea.

Fasana said moving the mine west would essentially double its size.

"Right now, they are authorized to go, there is a western 80 acres so a total of 190 acres that they want to pursue," he said. "It's kind of the back side of Castle Ridge that they want to take the top off."

He also said the mining would take place within 3,000 feet of a school.

At last Monday's Azusa City Council meeting A.G.I. Geotechnical principal geologist, Mark Swiatek, said the mine is located in a landslide area and portions of the property are also located in a liquefaction hazard zone as designated on the state of California's geologic map. Earthquake shaking or activities such as blasting can trigger liquefaction.

"One of the most significant areas of CEQA guidelines is that the EIR documents address the possibility of landslides on the offsite properties," Swiatek said.

Unrelated to Swiatek's report Vulcan Mining has said they will allow a rescheduled hike to Fish Canyon Falls this weekend.

The public hearing will also continue this Monday at 7:30 in the Azusa City Hall.

Marilyn Maureen Sailer



Marilyn Maureen Sailor, age 74, died on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from complications of pneumonia.

Marilyn resided in Sierra Madre for more than 50 years. She was a member of the League of Women Voters for many years and served on their Board of Directors.

A native of Kansas where she was born in 1926, her true home was Sierra Madre, "wouldn't have chosen to live anywhere else", she often said.

A medical transcriptionist by profession, she worked with several area hospitals and eventually opened a home based medical transcription service.

Her hobbies included music, concerts and gardening. She was also an avid reader. A generous and hospitable person, Marilyn's door was always open to friends and family.

Marilyn is survived by her two children, Melinda Sailor Monachino and Mark W. Sailor, both of Sierra Madre.

Services will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Church of The Ascension, 25 East Laurel Avenue, Sierra Madre.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a worthy charitable organization of your choice.

Monrovia

Second Annual Bark For Life of Monrovia

It's more than a walk in the park. Dogs have fun, fight cancer at May 16 rally to benefit Relay for Life

Hundreds of dogs on a mission will head to Recreation Park, 620 South Shamrock Avenue, Monrovia. on Sunday, May 16, for the second annual Bark for Life of Monrovia. The 12 noon to 3 p.m. event is a rollicking chance for dogs and their humans to socialize, have fun and raise funds for the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay for Life on June 5-6.

Highlights of the afternoon will include an agility course for dogs, a "Best in Show" contest, dog massages by Animal Rehabilitation Center in Pasadena, and more. Proceeds from the event go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Monrovia to help fund cancer research, education and advocacy plus community programs for cancer patients and their



barkmonroviaca. Dogs and their owners are encouraged to gather sponsors to help raise funds. Participants who raise \$50 online by May 1 will receive a Bark for Life T-shirt. Companies are welcome to sponsor teams and may order Bark for Life T-shirts featuring their company's name. Team booths are also available for a registration fee of \$50.

The event shares the Relay for Life theme: "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." There will be an opening ceremony celebrating

families. Registration fee is \$10 per dog. Participating dogs can be registered online at www.relayforlife.org

pets who have survived cancer as well as a "Paws For Hope" ceremony remembering pets who lost their battles with the disease. A number of pet professionals, including local veterinarians, will be on hand to field questions about pet care, health and the treatment of cancer in pets.

"Bark for Life fights cancer on two fronts," says event chairperson Jen Havens of Two Dogs Petsitting in Monrovia. "Dogs are deeply impacted when their family members suffer from cancer, so it's wonderful to be able to involve them in the fight against the disease. Even more directly, since canine and human cancers are often similar, research discoveries that benefit human patients can impact veterinary treatments, too."

To register online or get more information on Bark for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/barkmonroviaca or contact Jen Havens at Two Dogs Petsitting, (626) 244-4207, jen@twodogspaws.com. To register online for Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/monroviaca or contact Betsy Laban at BetsyYoga@gmail.com.

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"All Eyes on You"



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students to attend its regular experiential student worship service, ELEMENT, held Sundays at 9:15 am.

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PICK 5 FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

• *The 40th celebration of Earth Day was held around the country on April 22, 2010. And while many remembered to be conscious of our environment on that day, or even for the whole week, we really need to be mindful of the earth everyday. So, listed below are a few things you can do on a regular basis. Pick 5 and become a good citizen of the earth!*

Water

1. Use only the water you need, and reuse when possible.
2. Help keep water clean by using biodegradable and environmentally friendly cleaning products.
3. Dispose of solid and liquid wastes and medications safely.
4. Protect your local water source from pollutants, excess pesticides and garbage.

Air

1. Use human powered modes of transportation to get from place to place! Walk, jog, skip, ride a bike instead.
2. Pass on gas! Take public transportation, carpool, plan your day to reduce trips and vehicle emissions.
3. Make sure your home's air is healthy, learn about indoor air pollutants from indoor energy use and toxins.
4. Buy locally, or grow your own! Reduce air pollution caused by food and goods transport.

5. Reduce your potential for exposure to mercury.
6. Plant a tree. Or plant many trees!
7. Prevent additional air pollution by finding alternatives to burning your waste.



Land

1. Use pesticides safely! Reduce or eliminate where possible.
2. Learn about composting, try it out!
3. Learn about 'Greenscaping'! Try it out at home and promote it in your community.
4. Learn about the native species and the negative effects of non native plants and animals in the environment. Plant native species in your gardens, encourage important pollinators such as bees and birds by planting gardens full of their favorite plants. Join a team

in your community that removes non-native species.

Energy

1. Save energy at home. Choose energy-saving appliances if they're available. Look for Energy Star!
2. Go renewable! Create your own power from wind, the sun, water, or biofuels.
3. Find alternate ways to reduce use of diesel and other fuels for transportation, production and energy.
4. Find out how much of your home's energy is supplied by renewable sources, seek to increase it. Research or contact your local power provider.

Waste

1. Reduce. Cut back on the amount of 'stuff' that could later end up as waste.
2. Reuse. Upcycle! Take something that is disposable and transform it into something of greater use and value.
3. Recycle metals, plastics and paper.
4. E-cycle. Recycle and/or properly dispose of electronic waste such as computers and other gadgets.
5. Don't litter! Properly dispose of trash and waste.
6. When purchasing goods, opt for sustainable, recycled or reused resources. Choose items in less packaging.

Want to do more? Go to: www.cleanLA.com or www.sgvnmwd.org.

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

City Looks to Community College Police for Parking Enforcement

Council member Victor Gordo asked city staff last week to bring back information that could lead to Pasadena City College or other private institutions issuing parking citations as a way to enhance parking enforcement in the city.

Gordo said he thought the idea of having the PCC's campus police issue parking citations, similar to Caltech, could possibly help ease parking problems around the school.

Staff said Caltech was the only private institution currently allowed to issue citations within the city. Gordo said he wanted more information on how the arrangement came to be.

"It might be a good thing, it might be a bad thing, I don't know," He said. "But if there is opportunity for other private institutions like PCC where there is a parking problem... It may be a way to go."

Staff explained that Caltech security issues tickets on city streets around the school for such violations as expired parking meters, hourly parking and overnight parking.

There was no time given as to when Gordo would get the requested information.

Bank Robber Arrested

Pasadena Police Detectives last week Tuesday arrested a suspect responsible for a bank robbery at City National Bank earlier that day.

The suspect had brandished some replica firearm, demanded money from a bank teller, and obtained cash from the bank drawer. While leaving the scene, a dye-pack was activated causing the suspect to drop the replica firearm and currency.

The suspect was identified as Josh Lettiere, 34 of West Hollywood. Investigative personnel staked out the suspect's vehicle and upon his appearance, detectives took him without incident. He is being held on \$100,000 bail.

"This is an excellent example of a combination of great police work and good citizenship," says interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino. "The community members and witnesses who provided information were critical to our success," Said interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Pasadena Police.

Pet of the Week



Zoe, a wonderful four year old cattle dog mix needs a loving home! She is outgoing and gets along well with other dogs. She also loves to play fetch and walks well on leash. Come visit with fabulous Zoe today!

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Eminent Domain Used to Acquire YMCA



By Dean Lee

City workers will begin to shore up the empty YMCA building across the street from city hall after the city council last week voted unanimously in favor of filing eminent domain proceeding to acquire the property for historical preservation purposes.

Only six council members voted on the issue as both Council Members Chris Holden and Steve Madison were absent.

The building at 78 North Marengo Ave has fallen into disarray after being vacant for 20 years staff said. City Redevelopment Manager Dave Klug explained the buildings current state which he said includes broken windows, puddles of water, peeling paint and missing skylights. He added that the building has had 11 code violations over the last 10 years.

"The deferred maintenance has resulted in the continued decay of the building," he said. "The current owners have made only a minimal effort to maintain the premises."

The building was designed and built in 1922 by architect Julia Morgan, the first woman

accepted into the architecture section of the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. She was also California's first female architect. During her 49 year career, she designed many high profile properties, including the Hearst Castle Klug said.

In order for the council to use eminent domain they must first determine that; "The public interest and necessity require the proposed Project; The proposed project is planned and located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury; The subject property described in the Resolution of Necessity is necessary for the proposed project; and that the city has made an offer as required by Government Code section 7267.2 to the owners of record of the real property it seeks to acquire."

John Peterson, an attorney representing the owner Angela Chen-Sabella, said she was willing to cooperate with the city submitting plans for use of the building.

"Unfortunately, the reaction by city staff back to the owner has been an increasing difficult layering of requirements," He

said. "Perhaps the projects that have been proposed have not been what staff wants but the fact is that the owner is here willing and ready to try and cooperate."

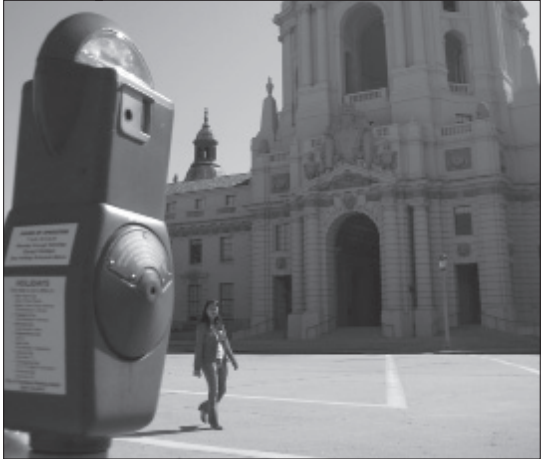
Proposed projects have included office space and low-income housing among others.

Chen-Sabella bought the building for \$1.8 million in 1996. The city had made an offer to buy it although that was rejected. Chen-Sabella has said she wanted almost \$12 million for the property while the city was willing give half that staff said.

"This building is important for all of the reasons stated in the staff report," Councilmember Victor Gordo said. "The building is also important because of its proximity to city hall and the place that it enjoys within our central district and the civic center and the downtown."

Gordo added, "It would be a shame to allow these conditions to continue... if we don't act, it's clear that the property owner will not act and we will lose a historic structure that we deemed 20 years ago to be historic."

City Goes After Unpaid Parking Tickets



The city council last week approved entering into a five year contract with DataTicket Inc. for collection of parking citations issued to out-of-state registered vehicles as well as collection

of delinquent citations for in state registered vehicles.

Although not before Council Member Steve Hadirlrien made sure that every safeguard was in place to assure that the tickets are accurate and that DataTicket was not being over aggressive in the collections. The company would get \$18 for each successfully collected delinquent parking citation.

Staff said most out of state tickets go unpaid because the car owners are only notified with the initial ticket being placing on a windshield.

The city anticipates a monthly average of 380 eligible out of state accounts forwarded to the agency for collection, equaling approximately, \$191,520 annually.

City Staff also said there were about 600 in state eligible accounts per month with a value of \$475,200 annually. They said these were cars that either did not reregister with the Department of Motor Vehicles or transferred ownership.

MTA Initiative to Now Benefit Entire County

To ensure a balanced and equitable 30/10 plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) voted to support the initiative as amended by MTA Directors Michael D. Antonovich, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Gloria Molina and John Fasana to support the priorities outlined in the unanimously approved MTA Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

"The Metropolitan Transportation Authority

(MTA) voted to support the amended 30/10 Initiative by adding highway, public-private partnership projects and support for the LRTP-approved requests for the Foothill Extension and the Crenshaw/LAX Line. Previously, the plan only accelerated 12 transit projects -- but now it is balanced and equitable for the entire County," said Antonovich. "With the inclusion of our County's San Fernando, Antelope, Santa Clarita and

San Gabriel Valley's the 30/10 Initiative can move forward."

According to the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, Measure R highway projects will generate 341,500 jobs, \$46.3 billion in economic output and \$15.1 billion in earnings, which now will potentially benefit Los Angeles County years ahead of schedule under the revised proposal.

Doo Dah Romps Through East Pasadena



Photo by Brian Biery

attired sound inventors known as "The Highland Park Thursday Evening Gentlemen's Society Circuit Bending Marching Band & Ladies' Auxiliary," and the "Pasadena Zombies," who execute a move-for-move true zombie send-up of Michael Jackson's Thriller. Yes, another Doo Dah is here to help you forget your humdrum existence.

Known as the twisted sister of its counterpart Rose Parade, the Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade begun as a grassroots event in 1978 to gain national

attention for its eccentric and, often, irreverent satire. The parade which has spawned numerous off-beat replicants across the country was named by Readers Digest as "America's Best Parade," and was recently featured in the book 50 Places You Must Visit Before You Die!

Also featured among the 1,000 marchers at this year's Doo Dah will be Dr. Steel's Army of Toy Soldiers, A REAL Doo Dah Wedding, Her Royal Highness Queen Erica Valentine, and many others.

Budget Forces City Libraries to Cut Hours

All branch libraries will be closed on Sundays

Hours will be reduced beginning Saturday, May 1, at branch libraries in the Pasadena Public Library system as a result of budget challenges for Fiscal Years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

According to Jan Sanders, director of the Libraries/Information Services Department, the library system has had to cut expenses to the point where public impact is unavoidable.

"We have carefully considered our options," said Sanders "and are at the point where programs must be altered. Based on circulation, number of visits and overall costs, these adjustments to hours were the most reasoned options."

Allendale, Hill Avenue, Lamanda Park, Linda Vista, San Rafael and Santa Catalina branch libraries will be closed on Fridays beginning May 7. Current Friday hours will continue to be provided at the La Pintoresca, Hastings and Villa-Parke branches as well as Central Library.

All branch libraries will be

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closed on Sundays beginning May 2. Central Library will continue to be open on Sundays.

Circulation and meeting-room studies have shown that Pasadena's branch libraries are least used on Fridays.

"These actions were taken after much thought and deliberation," Sanders added. "They will allow us to maintain geographic equity to all parts of the city with all areas having reasonably close access to an open and available library facility.

They will also allow us to deploy staff temporarily to areas of greater need." While the budget challenge impacts hours at some city libraries, conditions of the 15-year special library tax approved by voters in 2008 will continue to be honored. Those conditions include Central Library being open seven days a week, branch libraries being open no fewer than five days a week, an expansion of library collections in a variety of formats by nine percent of the total budget and a continuation of programs at all libraries that respond to community needs.

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High School Essay Contest to Be Sponsored By Pasadena Human Relations Commission

The 17th annual high school essay contest sponsored by the Pasadena Human Relations Commission challenges high school students to identify and offer solutions to issues that affect the greater Pasadena area.

The theme of the contest is "What Can I Do to Improve Human Relations?" While writing essays, students should consider the most important human relations issues, existing programs that address issues, effectiveness of these programs, actions the students would take, who would be affected by the students' proposed solutions, and how the students would reach them.

The contest is open to all high school students in public and private schools in the greater Pasadena area. More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Cash prizes will also be awarded to the teacher whose student wins the first place prize and the teacher with the most students who enter the contest.

"This is one of the events the Human Relations Commission is most excited about every year," said commission chair Milena Albert.

Each essay must be 1,000 words or less, written in first person, double-spaced and typed, and must have a stapled

cover sheet that includes the student's name, address, home phone number, school and grade. The student's name and a page number must be in the top right corner of every page.. Entries may be e-mailed to hressay@yahoo.com, faxed to (626) 744-3721 or mailed to City of Pasadena Human Relations Commission, Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena CA 91103. Entries must be received by Friday, April 30, no later than 5:30 p.m. Students and teachers who need more information about the contest may call (626) 744-4234.

"This contest makes us aware of a range of issues we might otherwise be blind to because of generational, socio-economic and/or cultural boundaries," said commissioner Felipe Infante, chair of the contest committee. "Reading each of the entries gives us a unique perspective on real-life issues important to our youths."

The essay contest began in the early 1990s as a way to engage youths in the greater Pasadena area in bringing their perspectives and possible solutions to the community.

For more information about the Human Relations Commission visit www.cityofpasadena.net/commissions.

Hastings Branch Library Creates A Butterfly Garden

Hastings Branch Library and District 4 are teaming up to create a Butterfly Garden at Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena on Saturday, May 1 from 8 to 11 a.m.

The community is invited to bring their gardening tools, sun screen, hats, and gloves and join in planting new native drought tolerant plants sure to attract Monarchs, Queens, Swallowtails, Painted Ladies, Buckeyes, Red Admiral, Suphurs, Whites, Gray Hairstreaks,

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To sign up for this event contact Rhonda Stone at rstone@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-4740. Or just show up!

Community project partners include; City Councilman Steve Haderlein, District 4, the Pasadena Public Library and City of Pasadena's Public Works Parks and Natural Resources Division.

For more information contact Rhonda Stone, (626) 744-4740 or the Hastings Branch Library, (626) 744-7262.

La Salle Students Witness "Every 15 Minutes" Anti-Drunk Driving Event

On April 15, the entire La Salle community witnessed a staged auto accident in front of their school. Two students were killed and one was arrested for drunk-driving. Story and Photos by John Blackstock

Every 15 minutes someone in the United States dies in an alcohol related traffic collision. Fortunately, the accident that occurred on April 15, 2010 was staged as part of a two-day interactive role-playing exercise called "Every 15 Minutes," presented by the Pasadena Police and Fire departments. The program challenges students to think about drinking and driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions where lives are involved. This was the third program witnessed by La Salle students since 2000 when it was the first of its kind held in Pasadena.

"We try to reach the juniors and seniors of Pasadena-area high schools to share this valuable anti drunken driving program," said a spokesperson for the Pasadena Police Department.

The 'stage' was Sierra Madre Boulevard, the street in front of La Salle. The scene was set with a "dead" student in the roadway (complete with makeup), who was hit by the drunk driver, a seriously injured passenger and the drunken driver. A radio broadcast of the initial 9-1-1 call was played over loudspeakers for those assembled on the sidewalk to hear. Within minutes, police and fire-rescue personnel arrived. The pedestrian (played by senior Trevor Pick) was pronounced dead and covered with a sheet.



Attention was then turned to the trapped and seriously injured passenger (played by senior Beth Blackstock). The Fire Department had to completely cut and remove the top of the vehicle to rescue the passenger. The driver appeared drunk and was uninjured in the collision. Open containers of beer were discovered in the vehicle. Officers conducted a field sobriety test right in front of the students. The driver (played by senior Michael Alexander) was arrested, taken to the Pasadena Police Department and booked for driving under the influence causing injury or death. (He was later tried and sentenced to 10 years and 4 months in Chino Men's Prison). The injured passenger was taken to Huntington Hospital, where she died from her injuries. Her parents were there to say goodbye. It was very emotional; bringing tears to the eyes of many hospital employees even

though they knew it was all an act.

While this was unfolding, the Pasadena Police Chaplain arrived and offered last rites and prayers for the dead student. Then nine of the student actors entered the street dressed in black, as the "living dead." The Grim Reaper, who had previously pulled each of them from their class, led them to the scene.

As the living dead left their classrooms, their obituaries, prepared by their parents, were read to their classmates. 12 courageous students were selected to participate as actors in this two-day program and to share their thoughts on the program with their peers in an assembly. "It was extremely hard for my parents to say good bye at the hospital," said La Salle senior Beth Blackstock. "Many tearful hours were spent together preparing for this event," she continued. "It was kept secret to all but a few students for months to have the impact of an actual crash at the school. It was good for all of us involved. Of course, if just one student makes the right choice and saves a life it was all worth it."

The second day the entire student body, role players, parents, emergency response participants, a representative from M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and others involved in the program gathered for an assembly where a video shot the day before was shown. The student body was shocked when the film revealed that their schoolmate, Beth had died at the hospital.

Her presentation at the assembly was especially emotional and poignant because as her mother rode to the hospital in the ambulance she heard the EMT announce that Beth's eye pupil was blown. Mrs. Blackstock, an RN in real life, knew that meant there was brain damage to her daughter. She forgot this was "an act" and broke down in tears. Beth said "There was no accident yesterday. It was a crash. A crash that killed people because someone made the wrong choice." The most important idea impressed upon the students in attendance was that alcohol can not only hurt those who drink it, but it can devastate family, friends, and people we do not even know.



Impassioned and tearful accounts of the previous days events were shared, including testimony from freshman Jennifer Robi who, along with her mother, were hit by a drunk driver, three years before she enrolled at La Salle and is still going through physical therapy.

"We were the first Pasadena school to participate in this program with the Pasadena Police Department in 2000," said La Salle's Principal, Patrick Bonacci. "Now, according to our senior questionnaires, 'Every 15 Minutes' is one of the most frequently mentioned La Salle memories that our students take with them when they graduate. State Farm Insurance and their representative Eddie Martinez must also be commended for their continued financial support of the 'Every 15 Minutes' program," he said. Martinez commented, "Since the program started nearly 15 years ago the death rate has lowered to every 38 minutes, but that's still too high," he said.

La Salle's Director of Student Life, and coordinator of the event, Mr. Ed O'Connor said a video of the entire two-day program would be given to every senior at La Salle before graduation. "The 'Every 15 Minutes' program comes at a particularly important time because the prom and Grad Night are right around the corner, and it gives our students a chance to think and make the right choices," O'Connor said.



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Summer Camp registration is now open. Register by May 1 and get a free backpack.

For more information, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244, or visit the web site at www.safymca.org.

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By Peter Dills

CONSUMER BEWARE

I have done it, and I am sure that you have done it. We have placed your credit card down without verifying the items on our bill. I caught myself doing it recently, and as I went to sign the bill, I noticed that the lunch seemed on the high side. I asked the waiter for a copy of my bill, and certain enough, there rested a pork cutlet upon my tab in the range of (\$17). Now, I love pork cutlets, and I know that didn't sneak past me lips, that I was certain. Of course, it was an error. The waiter gladly took it the manager, who approved the void and removed the dish from my check. "Once bitten, twice shy," as they say, so my attention to this oversight was on my mind as I went out the following evening for a couple beers. Would you believe my luck? Sure enough, I had ordered two beers and the bill came back with three. Almost makes me wonder if I am the unluckiest restaurant critic in town or someone is out to get me? I did bring this to the attention of the bartender and I was quickly rectified with the correct amount. It is a good reminder that we should all take a moment to survey the items on the bill before placing our John Hancock upon the line.

My daughter Lauren is past the age of being able to order from the kids menu, but I am trying to dress her younger so we can pull it off. But you know kids; they refuse to stay young forever. If you are fortunate enough to have a blossoming progeny of your own, many restaurants offer free meals for kids with purchase of an adult entrée. Once again, it is easy for the server to forget that once a week special, so ask!

Most restaurants automatically add the gratuity to your bill when the party has six or more people? Typically, 18% is added to your bill with a party of that size. It is a common for the server to not volunteer that the tip is already added to your bill, and there are many restaurants that it is impossible to discern from the bill. If there is any doubt, inquire with the server, and ask if the tip is already factored on your bill. This procedure at restaurants concerns me. I think a conscientious server should make a point to be certain the customer is aware of the restaurants procedures, too often that does not occur. There are some ethical issues here, ones that we would need a priest, a rabbi and minister to comment on, so, I will stop short of damning this common practice to Hades.

Restaurants have a number of rules about reservations. Some restaurant won't accept reservations for small parties. One common practice is to accept half reservations and half walk-ins. If it's a popular restaurant they often utilize this practice to encourage new customers and make it easier for first timers to stop and walk-in and receive a table. I think that it is a great way to approach reservations, and be accommodating to the customers that walk-in. But even with a reservation, I strongly recommend that you call the restaurant to confirm your reservation and let them know you are on the way.

If you have a special occasion or a special demand; birthday, kids or an elderly parent, let the restaurant know in advance. Another item to consider is that many restaurants require that all guests be present before seating. Keep that in mind! You may have to invite the chronically late Uncle Phil; a half an hour early to make certain the event is not a disaster. I know this one is hard to swallow, but some restaurants will only hold your table for 20 minutes and then they will give it away.

Hope this helps!!! If you have any tips, grapes or gripes, please let me know.

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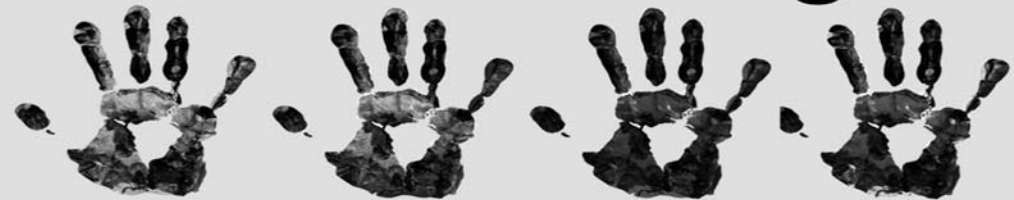
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HOWARD Hays As I See It

In reviewing the recently-released survey from the Pew Research Center on “Distrust, Discontent, Anger” towards government, I was reminded of the words of Abraham Lincoln; “. . . a government of the people, by the people, and for the people . . . “ I’ve been trying to reconcile the notion of Government as a fearful, threatening force, with the ideal of it being nothing more nor less than a manifestation of “We, the People”.

In the surveys (conducted March 11 - April 11 among 3,500 adults), animus seems directed not so much towards government as against those who supposedly serve us. Also, there appears to be a significant “sore loser” factor among those whose side didn’t prevail in recent elections. Not surprisingly, “Trust in Government” tracks pretty closely with how satisfied people are with the state of the nation. Over the past quarter-century, things were at a low point at the end of Jimmy Carter’s term, headed upwards with the election of Ronald Reagan, started down towards the end of George H.W. Bush’s term and continued as Bill Clinton took office, then saw a rise through Clinton’s second term continuing under George W. Bush until shortly after 9/11/01. Things have gone downhill from there, with a slight uptick following the election of Barack Obama. (The lowest point was reached in October 2008, at the onset of the current financial crisis.) Interestingly, although under Jimmy Carter few people were satisfied with the state of the nation, slightly more still had trust in their government. Now, the numbers are equally lousy.

A big question is, what part of government are people so upset with? A 45% approval rating for the Obama Administration isn’t impressive, but doesn’t look so bad compared with a 17% approval for Congress. Our military gets an 80% approval rating, and the Postal Service 70%. More people still feel inefficiency in government is a bigger problem than not having the right “priorities”, but that gap has narrowed since 1997; people give government credit for running more efficiently, but feel the priorities have gotten further out of whack. More people today feel government has a negative effect on their daily lives (43%) than a positive one (38%). This is a reversal from 1997 (50% positive, 31% negative). As in 1997, slightly more than half the respondents say they’re “frustrated” with government. A big change, though, is that back then only about one in ten said they went beyond frustrated to feeling “angry”; now one in five do - matching the record-level of anger reached mid-way through George W. Bush’s second term. 30% of respondents see government as a “major threat”.

Looking at poll results over the past fifty years, it’s clear that partisanship plays an increasing role. Democrats will have more “trust in government” during Democratic administrations than Republicans, and vice-versa. During the Kennedy/Johnson years, 10% more Democrats trusted government than Republicans, who enjoyed a similar edge during Nixon/Ford. During the Bush and Obama years, though, the differences

are over 20%. The shift is especially noticeable among Republicans; Democrats are skeptical no matter who’s in power, but Republicans will largely defer to Republican administrations while offering hardly any trust at all when a Democrat takes over (currently only 13% of Republicans trust government to do the right thing).

To put the Obama Administration’s approval rating of 45% in perspective, colleges, churches and small businesses enjoy ratings over 60%. News media, labor unions and the entertainment industry have a little over 30% approval. Large corporations are at 25%, with banks and financial institutions at 22%.

Believe it or not, there are issues on which the parties seem to agree. With both Democrats and Republicans, as well as with independents, more feel the problem lies in the people we send to Washington, rather than in the system itself (though more Democrats will put the blame on a broken political system). About two-thirds of Republicans, Democrats and independents alike feel the middle-class should be getting more attention from Washington, with about half saying Wall Street is getting too much deference. There’s a lessening of support for government regulations and control over the economy, but over 60% want stricter controls put over Wall Street and the major financial firms. Ratings for the major parties have also nearly evened out; favorable ratings for the Democratic Party have fallen to their lowest level ever, and are now just barely edging out the Republicans.

Much commentary revolves around how all this might affect upcoming elections. A bad sign for Democrats is that a greater proportion of Republicans are “highly dissatisfied” with government, and 83% of that group is “highly certain” to vote (vs. 63% of dissatisfied Democrats). For Republicans, there seems to be frustration with the party itself - only about half of those identifying themselves as Republican have a favorable impression of the Republican Party. This is also reflected among independents; those “highly dissatisfied” are more likely to turn out and vote, but as to who they say best represents their views, it’s pretty evenly divided three ways between the Republican Party, the Tea Party, and “nobody”.

One encouraging sign from all this is that it’s apparent that the wackos (those given so much media attention, those preparing armed bunkers, talking of secession and regarding census workers as vanguards of totalitarianism, those who tune in to Glenn Beck and Rep. Michelle Bachman), are in a distinct minority. The overwhelming majority of those who don’t like government the way it is will be participating in the system to change it. In addition to Abraham Lincoln, they might heed the words of Pogo; “We have met the enemy, and He is Us.”

Finally, I’d like to offer some advice to Mike Donahue, who, according to Greg’s column last week, complained in a Wall Street Journal article that he pays 65% of his earnings in taxes: Next time, use the “long form”.

Although I have no personal, direct experience with being the object of unquestioning devotion, I can imagine that the job of being a cult leader probably isn’t all it’s cracked up to be. Things on the inside of the organization are probably quite comfy for those in the upper rungs, but performing the occasional miracles necessary to keep ones’ followers in awe has got to be more than just a little bit draining, to say the least. Then there’s that awful bumping-up-against-reality every once in a while that may have the effect of getting the flock to begin asking questions of their leadership. On a more personal level for the leader, being surrounded by a cocoon of one’s own making has got to take its toll on the normal state of thinking and being required to make it in this world. Often a departure from “normal” thinking leads to true innovation and the delivery of something spectacular, where previously only the hum-drum existed. Sometimes, though, it’s just the recipe for truly weird behavior.

Earlier this week the techie world (and specifically the Mac section of it) was all abuzz over the revelation that a next generation iPhone had been “found” in a Silicon Valley watering hole and sold to a Mac Fan tech website known for getting the inside scoop on all matters Apple. The resulting article took the new phone through its paces and the staff created a detailed technical rundown of the new unit as well as a high-quality pictorial of the new model iPhone. By all appearances this appeared to be a scoop of major proportions. Popular opinions about the validity of this “find” fell into two very distinct camps; Believed It or Didn’t Believe It. Camp 1 (Camp Believed-It) was set on a brand new cycle of salvation waiting for the release of this new product from the holy campus at Cupertino. In no time flat the word was out that there was something more awesome on this planet than the iPhone and that it was the next generation iPhone, available soon at a store near you. Camp 2 (Camp-Didn’t-Believe-It) was less than wowed, to say the least. The entire episode looked and felt staged in the worst “I’m not a Mac Fan” way. Apple security, both in its computing models and in its protection of the brand, is the stuff of legend. It was simply too hard to fathom that this perfect storm of events was bestowed upon a Mac fan base who was blown away most recently with the release of the iPad. It just seemed like an über-marketing ploy foisted upon an all too easily duped audience.

But even to non-Mac observers, Apple has never really been in the duping business. If nothing else, they have managed to deliver quality and innovation on a level that most commercial computing businesses can only aspire to in their wildest dreams. The next gen iPhone DOES look like a must-have and the pre-orders for it will most likely be record-breaking. Since the beginning of this news story, more details have come out to boost the veracity of this account, including the name of the engineer who lost the prototype in the first place. A story concerning Apple products that didn’t garner the positive press that this event did was the story of an Apple Product Manager named Sun Danyong. Sun worked at an Apple facility in China where he had the unfortunate luck of losing a next gen iPhone that was under the charge of his group. An aggressive investigation by his Chinese bosses, coupled with the secretive Apple culture, eventually caused the young man to take his own life in distress over the loss. It’s going to be interesting to see how the rest of the story plays out here.



The Ridiculous Focus On Racial Diversity

A recent local newspaper expressed sadness and concern that the Arcadia City Council elections did not result in a single Asian being elected to the council. It will be the first time in 12 years that Asians aren’t on the council, and supposedly that’s a bad thing. Count me as one citizen who doesn’t really care about the racial make-up of the council, or any other elected body for that matter. I’m too much an admirer of Dr. Martin Luther King to care about the color of a person’s skin; I care about the content of their character. Sadly, this isn’t just a local issue. In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court is hearing a case to decide whether a college student group has any right to prevent anyone under any circumstances from joining their group. In dispute is whether a UC Christian students’ group can exclude atheists. So insane has the mandate for diversity become that the dean of the college has publicly stated that the Jewish Anti-Defamation League must admit Muslims and the black students’ group must admit white supremacists. A few years ago, such arguments would have been laughed off campus, out of court and off the front page of any serious newspaper in the land.

You see, diversity seems like a good thing, but the term is never really specifically defined. Most people immediately focus on racial diversity, and the nature of the conversation then centers on a handful of easily identified races: white, black, Hispanic, and sometimes Asian. Whenever we start separating people by any criteria, we are implicitly arguing that the criteria being used are the meaningful ones. If we talk about white, black, Hispanic or Asian, we’re implying that each race has different needs and that every member of a particular group shares all the needs of everyone else in that group. This puzzles me because I don’t see racial categories as particularly meaningful or practical.

Perhaps an illustration would help. Instead of focusing on race, what if we divide our community into people with blue eyes, green eyes and brown eyes. A bit laughable, I know, because there is a certain silliness to those distinctions. But let me propose some distinctions that aren’t as silly and that are potentially as meaningful as race. We could focus on the differences between ugly people vs. beautiful people or on the differences between smart people, average people and dumb people. Each of these groupings has real issues that distinguish themselves from the other groups. Should we approach ugly people - who may well have self esteem issues - differently than the presumably confident beautiful people? Should we carve out special quotas for them at college, in hiring or on our community boards and councils? We tend not to think about these distinctions because, while they are real, they are unimportant. But somehow we’ve been indoctrinated to believe that racial divisions are important, and the more we think about them, the more we reinforce that silly notion. Interestingly, though, we always seem to halt this line of thinking at a very superficial level. We talk about black vs. white vs. Hispanic vs. Asian, but we never delve deeper. If black vs. white is important, then why isn’t Armenian vs. Turkish or Chinese vs. Japanese, Jamaican vs. African, Mexican vs. Guatemalan important? If cultural norms are considered important enough to establish quotas, then we should also focus on the distinctions between the needs of the Armenians in our community vs. the Turks here. We should focus on the needs of Catholics vs. Protestants. We should take into consideration the antipathy that many Guatemalans have toward those of Mexican lineage. If we’re going to argue that race and culture are significant enough to warrant quotas in order to provide “proper representation”, then there really is no end to how we could slice and dice the cultural pie. Precisely because it is so difficult to decide how to slice and dice, and therefore which cultures to validate, we stop at the superficial level of

GREG Welborn



skin color, and the discussion devolves to the issue of head count - to a quota. The vast majority of people can’t answer these questions well, and they know it, but they still want to solve the “problem”. Inevitably, human nature being what it is, we opt for the easy answer, and we start talking about quotas. Whether we use that term or not, that is the essence of what we do when we start saying that we need X number of blacks on staff or Y number of Asian leaders on the town council.

At the same time that we argue that cultural identification is important, we fail to consider the full depth of cultural issues. Once you agree that culture differences are important, you have to be intellectually honest to acknowledge that some aspects of some cultures are destructive and unhealthy for the members of that culture. But we don’t do that. It’s politically incorrect, and it certainly doesn’t fit into the all-aspects-of-all-cultures-are-equally-good narrative that we’ve been taught to believe.

In truth, there are cultural issues which are important. They are the values that any culture espouses, embraces and elevates. Sadly, there are some cultural values which are destructive. We have to be honest. If we are going to frame our conversation in terms of cultural diversity, then we should be straightforward in acknowledging the negative aspects in various cultures. We should denounce the elements in black culture which decry hard work as “being white”, or the elements in Hispanic culture which have led to an explosion of unwed pregnancies and single-parent families, or the elements of Chinese culture which overemphasize academic performance and produce poorly socialized workaholic young adults. These may seem stereotypical, and they certainly don’t apply absolutely to every member of the respective culture, but each one of these generalizations has been validated in print and speech by members of the referenced culture. These are not my stereotypes. These are not the basis by which I look at members of one group or another. I am as unprejudiced as a person as you’re going to find, primarily because I look at individuals not groups.

But, for those who do believe in looking at culture, the sword of diversity cuts both ways. If it’s appropriate and productive to discuss the superficial culture elements that we should specifically include in our community boards or town councils, then we should be able to discuss cultural values which are particularly destructive. The truth is, as I’m sure you’re beginning to see, that race doesn’t matter any more than ethnicity matters, nationality matters, physical attractiveness or eye color matters. What does matter are values. The great beauty of America since its founding is the quaint, yet powerful, notion that we are all created equal, all endowed with inalienable rights, and all given the freedom to pursue the talents we have. I will always do business with the person who can serve my needs best. I will vote for the person who can represent me best. I have done business with, befriended and voted for people who are white, black, Hispanic, Asian, Armenian, Greek, and God knows what other combination of heritage. I judged each one by the content of their character. That’s the only thing which is important. Focusing on racial or cultural diversity is simply ridiculous and counter-productive. We have a black-white, Hawaiian-Illinois, Muslim-Christian influenced President leading this great country. Isn’t it time we put race behind us?

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Looking Up

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‘This Planet tastes Funny,’ According to Spitzer Telescope

NASA’s Spitzer Space Telescope has discovered something odd about a distant planet—it lacks methane, an ingredient common to many of the planets in our solar system.

“It’s a big puzzle,” said Kevin Stevenson, a planetary sciences graduate student at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, lead author of a study that appeared April 22 in the journal *Nature*. “Models tell us that the carbon in this planet should be in the form of methane. Theorists are going to be quite busy trying to figure this one out.”

The discovery brings astronomers one step closer to probing the atmospheres of distant planets the size of Earth. The methane-free planet, called GJ 436b, is about the size of Neptune, making it the smallest distant planet that any telescope has successfully “tasted,” or analyzed. Eventually, a larger space telescope could use the same kind of technique to search smaller, Earth-like worlds for methane and other chemical signs

of life, such as water, oxygen and carbon dioxide.

“Ultimately, we want to find biosignatures on a small, rocky world. Oxygen, especially with even a little methane, would tell us that we humans might not be alone,” said Stevenson.

In this case, we expected to find methane not because of the presence of life, but because of the planet’s chemistry. This type of planet should have cooked up methane. It’s like dipping bread into beaten eggs, frying it, and getting oatmeal in the end,” said Joseph Harrington of the University of Central Florida, the principal investigator of the research.

On Planet Earth, methane is commonly known to us as the “natural gas” that we burn daily in our stoves and heaters. It is piped from underground deposits, usually found in conjunction with petroleum, but it is also being formed today—mainly by microbes living in cows or in boggy places such as waterlogged rice fields.

All of the giant planets in our Solar System have

methane too, despite their lack of cows. Neptune is blue because of this chemical, which absorbs red light. Methane is a common ingredient of relatively cool planetary bodies, including “failed” stars, which are called brown dwarfs.

In fact, any world with the common atmospheric mix of hydrogen, carbon and oxygen, and a temperature up to 1,340 degrees Fahrenheit is expected to have a large amount of methane and a small amount of carbon monoxide. According to our knowledge of chemistry, the carbon should “prefer” to be in the form of methane at these temperatures.

With a temperature of 980 degrees Fahrenheit, planet GJ 436b should have abundant methane and very little carbon monoxide. Spitzer observations have shown the opposite. The space telescope has captured the planet’s light in six infrared wavelengths, showing evidence for carbon monoxide but not methane.

“We’re scratching our heads,” said Harrington.

“But what this does tell us is that there is room for improvement in our models. Now we have actual data on faraway planets that will teach us what’s really going on in their atmospheres.”

GJ 436b is located 33 light-years away from us in the constellation Leo, the Lion. It rides in a tight, 2.64-day orbit around its small star, an “M-dwarf” much cooler than our Sun. The planet transits, or crosses in front of, its star as viewed from Earth.

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STUART TOLCHIN We Are The Wanderers AND Wonderers

Call us Ishmael. This afternoon the Spanish Language Interpreter stopped me and suggested that I write an article about the bewilderment that seems to be resulting from over-technicalization. He complained that to protect himself against identity-theft and unwarranted entry into his private data-files he has been told to change all of his passwords on a monthly basis. "It's just too much. I can't do it. I'm overloaded. I feel paralyzed", he muttered.

I think many folks of my age are suffering from this kind of emotional fatigue. It's not just that the demands of mastering our computers and iphones and ipads have become so complex, but that may be a part of it. Computers came gradually into our lives and at first promised to make things easier so as to allow for more leisure time. Now the computers and related electronic appliances have become like guests who are invited into the house and gradually take over the whole place. Their demands are insatiable and more time and energy must be devoted to learning the various applications and maintaining contacts and keeping up with the world that is speeding by. We are no longer running the machines; it seems as if they are running us and there is no end in sight.

I do not believe, however, that it is just technology that is causing the confusion and resultant fatigue. We of the baby-boomer generation are reaching the age of retirement. As you read this article, I will be celebrating my 66th Birthday. Yes, I am entitled to receive my monthly Social-Security payment and am already checking the mailbox. Does reaching this age mean that I am now redundant and of no further use to society. Of course, it doesn't and we all know that "retirees" are often the most active people around. I'm sure that's true but I can only ask "why"? My first-wife keeps me so informed as to her activities in the orchid society and the book group and her music group and her planned trips that I get tired just listening. Maybe all that stuff is fun and interesting and broadening; but it all just sounds intimidating to me. It sort of reminds me of electronic technology; it's so much more than I am ready for right now.

This weekend my wife and I visited an old college friend and his wife. I recounted the story of how my friend and I met while we were living in the Dorms at Berkeley. The thing I remember most though, about this period, was my wandering and wondering and worrying about the future. This whole new life, filled with new opportunities had opened in front of me and I hadn't a clue what to do with it.

Well, the future is already passed now and none of us changed the world. Looking back on it now I think I exercised my new freedom by getting enmeshed in all sorts of emotional traumas. I worried about the political situation, and about money and had constant on and off again traumatic relationships that used up most of my energy. While I was distracted by these worries, I kind of unconsciously lived my life. Every one else I knew basically did the same thing. We married, fought, and remarried and did our best to raise our kids. Now we are much older than we ever imagined possible. Remember, we're from the "never trust anyone over thirty" generation. The world still keeps moving and there are always new problems and demands but now there is little excess energy to waste. Enough with the wandering already! What do we really want to do with our remaining years? Travelling seems too tiring and expensive and the news this week of the stranded travelers in Europe does not make trips abroad seem very appealing. Furthermore, in a way travelling has always seemed a way of just postponing the inevitable return home and facing the rest of one's life.

Ishmael, the wanderer-survivor-narrator of Moby Dick perhaps presents a model. He survived and was around to tell the story and the story was pretty interesting. There really is no need to go anywhere or to become a slave to our machines. If we have survived this long, I think the important thing is just keeping our senses alive and being interested and involved in the life around us. If working feels right - we should work. If there's enough money around to stop working and do something else one really wants to do - then do it. Perhaps one does not have to reach the age of 66 to live this way, but in this one instance, maybe actually being older helps and the golden years are about to begin. I wonder.

OPINION

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, April 11th, to Saturday April 17th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 314 calls for service.

Saturday, APRIL 17th:

18:50 PM – Auto Burglary, 500 Grove Street. Suspect(s) smashed the front passenger side window of a car parked in the street and stole two CDs. The crime occurred Saturday, 4/17/2010 at 6:15 pm. The loss was estimated at \$14.00.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 11, through Saturday, April 17, the Police Department responded to 839 calls for service of which 125 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 11:

1. Shortly before 3:30 p.m., units responded to the 600 block of Arbolada in reference to a theft that occurred during an open house. The victim hid a diamond watch and necklace in a drawer prior to the open house. Several hours later, she discovered that the watch and necklace were stolen, along with 15-18 prescription pills. The realtor advised that while she was pre-occupied showing the house to a family, a male Caucasian, 50's, entered the home and was allowed to browse around the house unsupervised for a brief period. The total reported loss was about \$4,500.

2. Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of West Huntington around 10:17 p.m. to investigate a battery and grand theft incident. The victim advised that during a verbal argument, her ex-boyfriend, a 27-year-old Caucasian, grabbed her arm, causing visible bruising. He then fled the location with her laptop computer, Fendi handbag, \$300 cash, cell phone, and car/house keys.

Monday, April 12:

3. Between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 600 block of West Wistaria. Unknown suspect(s) forced open a rear window to enter the home. The suspect(s) rummaged through drawers and closets and stole jewelry and a safe containing firearms and cash.

4. Around 11:32 p.m., officers observed a car swerving in the roadway and initiated a traffic stop at Live Oak and Santa Anita. A 48-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted and the odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected on his breath and person. A field sobriety test determined that the driver was operating the vehicle while under the influence, and a DMV check revealed that his license was suspended for DUI. The man was taken into custody without incident.

Tuesday, April 13:

5. Units were called to Chase Bank, 60 East Huntington, around 9:24 a.m. in reference to a fraud investigation. The victims were unable to check their bank account information online until they reset their password. They then discovered that unknown suspect(s) had created joint accounts using their personal information and made \$6,200 in phone transfers from the victims' accounts to the fraudulent accounts.

6. Around 12:40 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. An 89-year-old victim discovered that a suspect, possibly a previous housekeeper, made over \$16,000 in unauthorized purchases by using her credit card information.

Wednesday, April 14:

7. A residential burglary and vehicle theft occurred between 10:00 p.m. on April 13 and 5:40 a.m. on April 14. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house through a sliding glass door and stole a laptop computer and gaming equipment. The suspect(s) found a car key and stole a 2006 Mercedes from the garage. The car was recovered on April 15 in the 200 block of West Norman with major front end damage.

8. At approximately 10:17 a.m., units responded to a business located in the 11700 block of Goldring in reference to a commercial burglary that occurred between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 11. The suspect pried open the locking mechanism to a metal rollup door and stole several nitro/electric powered helicopters, airplanes, and racing cars for a total reported loss of about \$8,860. The burglary was captured on surveillance video.

Thursday, April 15:

9. Between 5:30 p.m. on April 14 and 7:00 a.m. on April 15, a residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of Sharon. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear door of a house that is currently under construction and stole about \$1,000 in miscellaneous tools.

10. Officers responded to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus, around 3:00 p.m. in reference to a student in possession of a controlled substance. A school administrator received an anonymous tip about a 14-year-old male Hispanic in possession of Ecstasy tablets. The student was detained and the pills were found in his possession. The juvenile was booked at City jail and later cited and released to his mother.

Friday, April 16:

11. Around 1:27 p.m., units were sent to Arcadia High School regarding a student who was under the influence of a controlled substance. A 15-year-old male Asian student admitted to taking Ecstasy, a hallucinogen. He was examined by a nurse and was later cited and released to his parent.

12. Around 7:22 p.m., a solo traffic collision occurred between the racetrack and Westfield Mall. An intoxicated 25-year-old male Caucasian driver struck a fence, and he failed to perform the field sobriety test. He was taken into custody for DUI without incident.

Saturday, April 17:

13. Units were dispatched to the 300 block of Cambridge around 12:46 a.m. regarding a possible suicide. A 33-year-old male Caucasian had apparently shot himself in the backyard.

14. At 4:40 p.m., racetrack security personnel advised that they had detained a man for vandalism. The suspect was seen writing on restroom walls with a permanent marker, and a search of his person revealed hydrocodone pills that were not prescribed to him. A private person's arrest was made, and a 28-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance and felony vandalism.

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

Big or Small...

How To Have A Great Family Reunion

A family reunion is a wonderful opportunity to renew lost contacts, introduce new members of the family, and celebrate your history. If you're thinking it would be nice to have a family reunion, big or small, here's some advice on how to have a highly successful one.

Planning is crucial. The more elaborate your reunion is in terms of number of participants, distances traveled, and the length of the gathering, the more time you should allow for planning the event. With a large family, it may take you over a year to plan your family's first reunion. If your reunion is large, consider organizing a reunion committee, with a secretary for mailings, a treasurer and a social-events planner. Think of who in your family is excited about the idea and what talents they have to bring to the event planning. Reunions may be one-time gatherings, or held at regular intervals, depending on the finances, distance and interest of your group. If you're holding regular reunions, it will be easier to plan them if you find a format that works for your group and simply duplicate it each time.

Take care with the costs of the event, especially if family members are incurring travel expenses from a distance. You don't want to make the reunion prohibitively expensive. Plan your budget in detail, and don't forget to ask for advance payment from those attending so you can make necessary deposits for advance booking of accommodations, entertainment, catering, or the purchase of materials. Visit potential reunion sites such as hotels, resorts, inns or country clubs, and reserve your site early. It's a good idea to have traveling family members stay at one local hotel.

Choosing food that can be served to everyone can be tricky – taking into consideration medical requirements, religious restrictions, or just strong individual preferences. One thing you might consider is choosing menus that celebrate your heritage.

With large family reunions, activities like "guess the baby picture," designed to break the ice, are very helpful. For a large and scattered family, name tags can be appropriate. When your group hits the road for activities -- for example, heading to an amusement park, giving everyone the same T-shirt is fun and a good way to keep the connections going during the outing.

For a reunion that extends more than a day, it's useful to have planned activities. Your group can visit a historical site, head to the beach, play at a picnic in the park, or even go bowling, or fishing. You could award prizes for the youngest and oldest family member to attend, the person who traveled the farthest, etc.

Sounds like a lot of work? You can also do a simple event by finding a family member who has a larger house and have everyone invade it. Even crowded can be fun. Encourage everyone to bring pictures, potluck, and set up a few fun games. Even silly games will capture a spirit of fun. Have the elders tell stories of the kids when they were young. Be it simple or doing it fancy, getting everyone together is what it's all about. Keeping the family connected is important as new generations become aware of what it is to be called "family". A number of Internet sites are available to help you plan your family reunion, including free newsletters and ideas for interesting places and activities. One of them is: <http://family-reunion.com>. Check it out and even if you keep it simple, get the family together and send that special time together.

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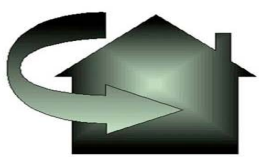
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AARP Walgreens Wellness Tour Stops by to Deliver Free Health Screenings at Event

AARP, in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente and the Pasadena Senior Center, is helping older adults get the advice and resources they need to improve their health and long-term financial security. On **Friday, April 30 (8:00am-1:30pm)**, attendees will hear from leading physicians and financial experts at the 2010 Pasadena Conference on Aging: Your Health, Your Finances, Your Life at the **First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena**.

The half-day conference will feature several sessions on ways attendees can maintain their health, use medications wisely, and protect their financial future. They'll also get the latest in consumer, legal, and job-hunting advice. Recent AARP surveys showed that 1 in 5 boomers worried about affording health care in a weakened economy and that 70 percent of mature workers plan to work into what they view as their retirement years.

The AARP/Walgreens Wellness Tour is also visiting the conference for a second year. The AARP/Walgreens Wellness Tour is delivering free health screenings and health education to communities across the country with a special emphasis on diverse and underserved areas.

The nationwide tour features nine customized buses that travel 240,000 miles across 45 states, visiting more than 2,000 communities in 300 cities. Last year, the Wellness Tour provided more than \$1 million in screenings to over 180,000 customers. Over the next two years the Tour has a goal to deliver more than 2.5 million in FREE health screenings - a value of over \$60 million.

Available screenings are worth over \$140 per person*, and no appointment is necessary. Screenings include:

Total Cholesterol Levels
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Body Mass Index

This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Jerome P. Lisk, will speak on "Risk Factors, Treatment and Prevention of Stroke. Dr. Lisk is a board certified neurologist and practices in Pasadena.

The conference is free to the public and includes lunch. Call toll-free 1-877-926-8300 or visit www.conferenceonaging.eventbrite.com to register online.

Methodist Hospital to Co-Sponsor Free Workshop: Seniors on the Move

Arcadia- Methodist Hospital's 50+ Health Connection Program will join Metro, Los Angeles County Commission on Aging and Arcadia Community Center to sponsor the free workshop, Seniors on the Move, May 18.

The workshop will be from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, in Arcadia. Please call 626-574-5130 for reservations or information. Reservations are required by May 10.

Workshop attendees will be given useful information on the transportation options available for older adults who no longer drive but are able to remain active and go wherever they want. Seniors who are still driving will learn about using transit for some trips instead of worrying about traffic and parking.

After the workshop and a discussion, participants may take a short field trip on a Metro bus to a nearby Metro Rail station. They will experience riding a bus and learn how to purchase a rail ticket from the vending machine at the station platform.

Seniors who are 62 or older may receive a free Metro Senior TAP card that can be used throughout the month of June. The workshop is open to anyone, but only those 62 or older who have a photo ID with proof of age may receive a Metro senior TAP card.

50+ Health Connection Program

Designed with the needs of active, older adults in mind, the 50+ Health Connection Program at Methodist Hospital offers members a wide array of services. The program is not a medical insurance but a free membership for those 50 and older. For more information on the 50+ program, please call 626-574-3733.

Recipe of the Week:

Lemon Chili Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

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

DIRECTIONS:

Combine all ingredients except chicken in heavy-duty zip-lock food storage bag. Add chicken; close bag and zip to close. Place in bowl or baking dish and refrigerate for 2-6 hours.

When ready to cook, prepare and preheat grill. Cook chicken for 12-17 minutes, turning once and brushing frequently with marinade, until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Discard remaining marinade.

Serves 4

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.

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.



Meals-On-Wheels

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

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

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

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

DerVaes Gardens: Farming a 1/10th Acre Urban Homestead

first glance, you might notice that the front yard is landscaped differently than the others on the block, tastefully planted with flowers and herbs, some fruit trees and a picket fence appropriate for the vintage of the home and its surroundings. Step behind the driveway gate, though, and a whole new world unfolds.

Jules Dervaes and his family call it urban homesteading. From what they calculate as a tenth of an acre, half of the .20 acre standard lot size for this neighborhood, they have raised, then sold, ate or canned over 5,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables, herbs, edible flowers... and duck eggs last year. Without artificial chemicals, pesticides or insecticides.

Their backyard chickens and ducks are members of the family, it seems, and their eggs add to the family's vegetarian diet and the family's income. The birds, raised outside and cage free without antibiotics, are not used for meat-related purposes. The birds and two family goats (for future dairy purposes) are organically vege-fed, supplemented with greens.

They carefully capture precious rainwater for later use, as it is superior to irrigation water due to its ph level, and reduces water bills. The drought of the nineties was the initial impetus to move from gardening for pleasure to gardening to supply food. First they removed the front lawn, spreading wildflower seeds over mulch. The following El Nino brought flowers that Dervaes sold to a tea shop, their first customer. Eventually, their simple yet rich life would include a diesel vehicle run on homebrewed biodiesel, and a refrigerator powered by solar panels during the day.

Their use of an ancient form of slow watering, called *ollas*, is probably the biggest practice that we home gardeners can easily adopt. Looking like a bulbous clay vase, an *olla* filled with water once or twice a week, then capped with a stone will slowly leach its water cache into the surrounding soil, only as needed.

An *olla* is a nearly perfect watering system that gets water directly to the roots, and is available in different sizes and shapes on their website's "Peddler's Wagon" (www.PeddlersWagon.com) and a few gardening websites.

Dervaes estimates he saves thousands of gallons of irrigation water each year by using an *olla* in each 15 gallon tub of three or four tomato plants or other vegetables throughout their gardens, and other water saving or recycling measures.

After fifteen years at this, the Dervaes family helps others toward their self ascribed, "path to freedom" whether across the street or across the ocean on the journey to this homegrown revolution. Though they've achieved their own goals of living more sustainably and careful stewardship of the land, they consider it a mission of sorts to share their successes and challenges, with outreach speaking engagements

and moderating the discussion worldwide, with followers on most continents, including Africa. They're a family that walks the walk as well as talking the talk, manning their websites, blogs, plus their Facebook , Twitter and YouTube presence.

Over the last decade, they've received significant media attention, as well. Even Oprah Winfrey called it a "little patch of Eden just 100 feet off the freeway" during a segment about the Dervaes Farm last Earth Day, even bringing some of their now famous greens to her show in Chicago.

Currently, the spring crops are just on the edge of readiness, so produce availability is a day by day check in at their website, by email or phone. Dervaes points out that they "pick to order" instead of harvesting quantities in anticipation of demand, so you can expect the freshest of the fresh, and ripest of the ripe here.

You can choose now from a colorful array of edible flowers like pansies, nasturtiums, borage, violas, calendulas, bachelor buttons, dianthus, lavender and more. French radishes are a specialty here, and available now, as well. Twenty varieties of specialty greens and heirloom lettuces regularly bring devoted buyers from distances that amaze even Dervaes.

As the welcome rains and the heat return, heirloom tomatoes, peppers, beans, broccoli, cucumbers, eggplant peas, squash, and eight fruits will expand the leafy greens offerings. DerVaes Gardens has become the darling of caterers, personal chefs and a couple of restaurants including Elements Kitchen in Pasadena, so you'll have to get in line... online or by phone.

Since this small family's supplies are limited, they ask you to place orders a day or two in advance, either by phone (626)844-4586 or email. For more information, check their websites: www.DerVaesGardens.com and www.UrbanHomestead.org.

For those of you who are in the spirit of homemade and homegrown, below is a simple version of Jordanne Dervaes Homemade Ginger Ale. We decided not to disseminate the more involved, "original" method using yeast to create carbonation, due to the careful monitoring of the



The Dervaes family live simply and richly, farming their Urban Homestead in Pasadena

increasing carbonation which poses an explosion risk. No risk in the recipe below, but great, refreshing ginger taste! For the original version, go to www.LittleHomesteadInTheCity.org

Homemade Ginger Ale by Jordanne Dervaes Recipe makes four quarts of ginger ale

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 ounces of fresh ginger root (You can add more if you like strong ginger taste.)
- 6 tablespoons of citrus juice (Lemon &/ or orange)
- 3/4 cup of sugar (Natural cane is best. Light brown sugar gives an extra richness to the flavor.)

- 1 ½ quarts of water
- To create extra zing, simmer the ginger mixture with 1/2 teaspoon of ground cardamom, or a few cloves. A 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract to the cooking will give a subtle earthy flavor. If you really want a bite to your pop - or for a cold / fever remedy, add a teeny pinch of cayenne pepper.
- 3 quarts of carbonated water

DIRECTIONS:

1. Grate ginger root and put in a large, heavy bottomed soup pot.
2. Simmer the ginger, juices, and sugar in 1 1/2 quarts of water for 30 minutes to an hour. The longer it simmers, the stronger the brew will be. You can add a pinch of dry ginger spice for extra "bite"
3. Remove from heat and strain. Make sure you squeeze out all the juice. The leftover ginger root pulp can be composted.
4. Mix the brew with the other 3 quarts of water.
5. Let it all cool till lukewarm.

We recommend that you use empty plastic soda bottles. Make sure you CLEAN your bottles with a bleach solution. Make a mixture of 2 tablespoons of bleach in a gallon of water and clean your bottles with this -- inside and out. Make sure to use a bottle brush to get in all the "corners" and then rinse thoroughly with hot water and air dry. Drink cold and enjoy!

Do you know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps created them? Send the details to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com.



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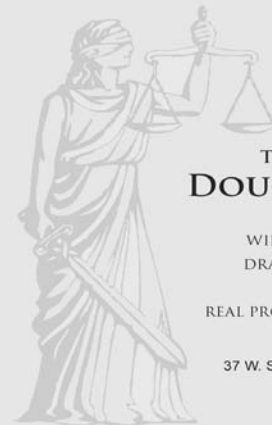
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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

MAKE SOME LEMONADE

It's probably no surprise that homeowners who have faced the ordeal of foreclosure feel a certain measure of shame or guilt about their experience. Whether or not those feelings are warranted, it's hard to survive the process completely unscathed.

What is surprising is the recent development of "buyer's guilt." Some who are fortunate enough to afford to take advantage of a low-priced foreclosure offering are suffering some degree of remorse about the transaction.

Whether it's because they got a deal that none of their friends or family did, or whether they just feel badly about someone else's unhappy situation, the emotions are real, but should be approached in a different way.

These buyers are not necessarily capitalizing off someone else's misfortune, but actually helping by removing a distressed property from the market and maintaining property values. It's actually good for the market and the local

economy for buyers to take advantage of these bargains.

If you have some doubt about buying a foreclosure, you can ease your concerns and do some good for others. When you make your move, why not make a donation of household goods instead of packing them in boxes? Certainly a local shelter or charitable organization like the Salvation Army can improve the lives of others with your kindness, and put you in a great frame of mind about your move!

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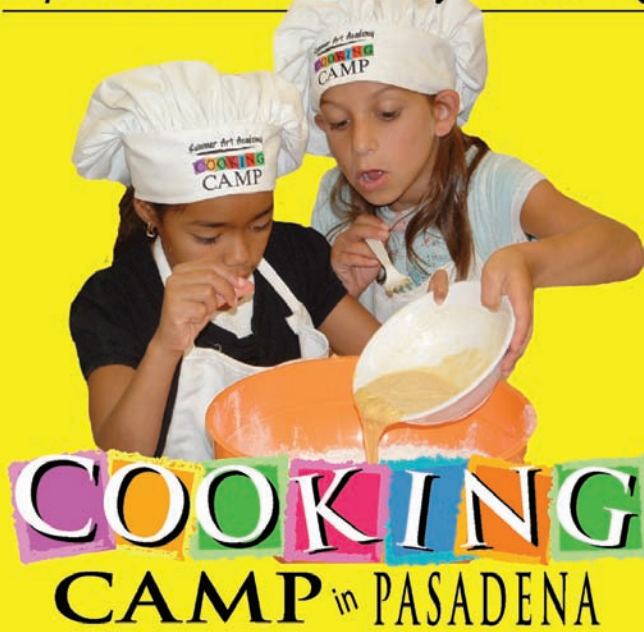
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