



## Memorial Day 2010 - In Memory of Those Who Died For Us

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### We Remember & Give Thanks

By Craig Hakola



They are the faceless figures that secure freedom. They are sons, daughters and parents, but to most Americas they remain nameless strangers. The history books have managed to chronicle a few of these heroes. Conversely, we know volumes on Washington, on Grant and that of Eisenhower. And if those men are rightly thought upon as the brains of war, than it must be true that farther down in the ranks resides the heart of America. As a nation, we demand much from our soldiers, for in their toil we find safety and in their sacrifice we obtain victory.

On a rainy day in November of nineteen hundred and sixty-three, a group of people gathered upon a strip of land in Gettysburg to mark a battle. The Civil War had not concluded when these people gathered, but the magnitude of what occurred on this now quiet land demanded a voice. The renowned speechmaker, Edward Everett, had been deemed as the best equipped for a dedication of this importance, and when Everett was initially informed of the decision, he told the committee that he would need more time to prepare a proper speech, so the ceremony was postponed. The committee then decided to send an invitation to Abraham Lincoln a little over two weeks before the event. He was told that he was to have a "small part in the ceremonies." Everett went on to give a marvelous speech that day, but would famously say in a note to Lincoln, "I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes."

For Lincoln, the emotion of that day at Gettysburg rose upon the mighty and inescapable witness of the Civil War. It was the soldiers that inspired and compelled the speech that Lincoln would deliver that afternoon. Lincoln's life was seeded with the words of the Bible and that of Shakespeare. And it is fitting that in a single poetic manifestation of precise cadence and embodiment of language, Lincoln would usher forth both the head and the heart of a people. The Gettysburg Address requires no backdrop for us to understand it; it needs no buildup of a great battle to be haunting in its theme. It is self-evident. A reverent prayer and venerated acknowledgement of all the actions that inspired America's greatest testament to the laws of freedom. The dead are eulogized, but we, the living, are implicated too. For as we look over the graves of those that have perished, we must know that their dreams were not wholly realized because of their sacrifice. And just as certain they have given to us a measure stronger than steel, they have delivered their "Sacred Promise."

If we are to endure as a nation of people we must determine that our eyes and our actions inhabit the example that is their sponsor. The light of Freedom burns brightly upon the holy alter, and it remains incumbent on us to justly recall the judgments of those thoughtful people that boldly risked and forfeited their lives for that common cause.

May the knowledge of their sacrifice always reside upon our prayers and our hearts.

#### THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.*

Dedicated to Peter Sinclair, Neil Hakola and all brave soldiers. craighakola@aol.com



### SIERRA MADRE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Annual Sierra Madre Memorial Day service will be held at Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery on May 31, 2010 at 11:00 AM.

This service is open to the public and conducted by VFW Harry L. Embree Post 3208.

Food and refreshments will be served following the Service.

## Proposed Water Rate Hike Hard To Swallow

By Susan Henderson

Some residents in Sierra Madre are up in arms. Again. This time, however, it isn't about an election. It's about the city's stated need to raise water rates. At the May 11, 2010 city council meeting, Director of Public Works Bruce Inman and Director of Development Services, Karin Schnaider presented a staff report to the council suggesting the initiation of a Proposition 218 Process for a Water Rate Increase.

Prop 218 allows for a notification of all water customers of the proposed rate increase and allows them the opportunity to protest the increase. A notice was mailed out to all water customers informing them of the suggested increase and advising them of how to protest the action. In the event that a simple majority of the water customers, 50% plus 1, submit protests, the rates will not increase.

The city of Sierra Madre has not had a rate increase since 2005 and went into effect in 2006. At that time, the city council did not undergo the Prop 218 'Right To Vote' process and the public was upset. No further attempts were made to increase rates out of fear that water customers would reject such proposals out of anger.

As a result, the city's water fund reserves have been "eroded to a level that does not provide adequate coverage for the City's existing Water Bonds or funds to meet the local match requirements for the Federal Grants the city has received and is due to receive".

Inman recently addressed the local Kiwanis Club and explained how the process will work, why the increase was needed, and, should the increase pass, how much more it will cost customers.

The proposed increase is a long term program that will allow for continued system improvements and grants.

#### How The New Rates Were Determined

A water rate study was conducted by Bucknam and Associates, a firm that the city has used in the past. It recommended that the basic meter charge be increased as well as implementing a 'tiered rate structure' based upon usage. It also recommends increases every fiscal year for the next five years, with the largest increase coming in 2010-2011 (15.75%) and the increase dropping dramatically to 3.5% for FY 2011-2012; 3.51% for FY 2012-2013; 3.49% for year 2013-2014 and 3.51% for FY 2014-2015.

Should the increase take effect, residents will, depending on the size of their meter see an increase of the base rate of approximately \$6 bi-monthly for the next fiscal year. The commodity charge, which is currently averaging \$68 would increase to approximately \$78. Under the current structure, with



both the base and commodity charged combined, current users pay on average \$108.02. Based upon the model given, that same customer would now pay approximately \$125 per billing cycle.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed increase on July 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers. At that time residents are encouraged to voice their concerns regarding the impact of the rate increase. Oral and written testimony will be accepted.

While several members of the community spoke out against the increase because of personal financial hardship, others recognized that the maintenance of our water system is critical. At his Kiwanis presentation, Inman pointed out that the work that was done on the Miramonte and Grove Street facilities was done because the city received federal grants and was able to meet the matching fund requirements.

## Alverno and Neighbors Reach Agreement

### School To Be Granted Temporary Use Permit Allowing Private Rental Events To Continue

Alverno High School, the All Girls High School on Michillinda in Sierra Madre, has come to an agreement with neighbors and was granted a much needed Temporary Use Permit that will help generate funds to sustain the school.

Since 2007, there has been an organized effort to have the school modify the way it operates so that neighbors would not have to have their tranquility disrupted. A group formerly known as the "Village Neighbors" initially wanted to prevent the school for its' supplemental income activities. However, after two years of negotiations, both sides finally came to an agreement and a TUP will be issued.

Alverno, which is on the grounds of the historic Villa Del Sol d'Oro, according to the Head Of School, Ann Gillick, depends on the income derived from private rentals to "provide scholarships and maintain the grounds". If a compromise had not been reached and the city had refused to issue the use permit, the result would have been a major financial setback.

Not all residents took issue with the way Alverno operated. During the three council meetings that were held, there were as many neighbors in support of the school as there were those against the school. For the most part, supporters stated that not only was the school a responsible neighbor, but that the school had existed long before most of the members of the Village Neighbors moved to Sierra Madre. Said one resident, "The



The grounds at Alverno are a very popular setting for weddings and private events.



school was here when they bought their homes."

However, other neighbors complained of noise and disturbances. Police records of calls regarding problems at Alverno did not support those allegations.

Nevertheless, both sides agreed to change the way things are done. Alverno has agreed to new limits on events and the quantity of events they will hold during a month. They also agreed to install air conditioning in the Villa so that more events could be held inside and would not disturb anyone in any way.

As soon as the parties agreed, Village Neighbors began removing the protest signs that had appeared on lawns for month, and for now, the neighbors and school are in harmony.



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## Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast  
Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b> Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Tues:</b> Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b> Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b> Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b> Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



**FAMILY MOVIE FRIDAYS**

SPONSORED BY THE  
Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association

**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.

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## 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.**

## June Faire at The British Home

A parade of flags accompanied by a Scottish piper will open this year's June Faire at The British Home on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Admission to the Faire is free and everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the fun from 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. The beautiful grounds of The British Home provide a perfect setting for the Faire, which is the major fundraising event held at the Home each year.

There will be plenty of booths, entertainment and refreshments to keep the whole family busy. Live entertainment includes a display of Scottish dancing which will be followed later in the afternoon by a group of Irish dancers. This year there will be a Giant Slide and a Sticky Wall to keep children of all ages happy.

A variety of booths set on the lawns of the Home will be selling art work, bric-a-brac, books, garden plants, birdhouses, cards and lots more. There will also be plenty of refreshments available including Victorian style tea by the fountain on the patio as well as English bangers and hotdogs cooked on an open air BBQ. Home-baked goods such as Cornish pasties, sausage rolls, shortbread, lemon curd, cakes and other British food will be on sale too.

The British Home is a non-profit, licensed Residential Care Facility for the Elderly, which has been providing personalized care to its residents for over 78 years. Seniors of all nationalities, races and religions are welcomed into the Home which is located at 647 Manzanita Avenue, Sierra Madre.

## Sierra Madre Dolphins Swim Team

Registration for the 2010 Summer Dolphins Swim Team will begin on Monday, May 17, 2010. Online registration may be done at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration). Please see the attached letter for more information on the new online registration process. Participants must be between the ages of 5 and 17 and be able to swim the length of the pool (33 yards). The cost is \$170.00 per child for the summer. Practices will begin on June 14th and go through the end of August; the practice schedule is as follows: Monday-Friday: 7:30am - 8:45am and 3:00pm-4:15pm and occasional Saturday mornings: Swim meets. We ask that both you and your children attend the first practice on June 14th so that we may get acquainted and address various issues such as swimsuit ordering and volunteer sign-up information.

2010 Summer Swim Lesson  
Registration and Swim Test Day

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be opening on June 14, 2010. Early registration for summer swim lessons will begin online Monday, May 24, 2010 at 9:00 am. The City of Sierra Madre has debuted a new online registration system at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration) which we hope will make registering your child for swim lessons much more convenient. Unlike the previous online system, the cost to register online is the same for participants as registering in person. Instructions for creating an online account are on the reverse side of this letter. The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information call 626-355-5278.

## St. Rita Drama Club

presents

**Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR.**

Follow Alice down the rabbit hole and experience the magical world of Wonderland!  
A world filled with great songs and dances, outrageous action and surprises!

**A great family show that all ages will enjoy!**

**WHEN:** Friday • June 4 & Saturday • June 5 at 7PM  
& Sunday • June 6 at 5PM

**WHERE:** St. Rita's O'Malley Hall  
322 N Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**Admission is FREE!!**



## The Arboretum

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM &amp; BOTANIC GARDEN

HUGE Overstock Plant Sale at  
The Arboretum!!301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia,  
Memorial Day Weekend:

Friday, May 28 - Monday, May 31

9am - 4:30pm

30-50% Off!!!

At the Garden & Gift Shop and  
surrounding patios

Credit cards (except American Express), checks and cash accepted. Free to members and free with Arboretum admission (\$8 adults/\$6 seniors & students with IDs/\$4 children from 5-12/ Ages 4 and under are free)

## Free parking

Excess stock from The Arboretum's collections!  
Plants donated by Monrovia Nursery to the recent LA Garden Show  
Plants include cactus, succulents, flowering shrubs and trees  
Plants from the nursery and greenhouses  
Specialty plants  
Plant sales benefit The Arboretum

SANTA ANITA OFFERS DAD'S  
DAY BBQ BUFFET,  
RIBS, STEAK, CHICKEN for  
JUNE 20th FATHER'S DAY  
FARE

Santa Anita Park has announced it will offer a terrific Father's Day package in its world-renowned FrontRunner Restaurant, which will include barbequed ribs, steak, chicken, brats, shrimp, pizza, fish tacos, salads, sides and dessert on Father's Day, June 20.

It's being billed as "Dad's Day BBQ Buffet," and it will provide families with a great way to enjoy a great meal and a great time at The Great Race Place.

In addition to the afore mentioned food items, fans attending the Dad's Day event will receive Club House admission, parking and a racing program for just \$29.95 per person. Teens will be admitted for \$19.95 and kids aged three to 11 will be included for \$9.95.

Simulcast racing from Hollywood Park and tracks across North America will be available throughout the day. Gates will open at 10:45 a.m. and the Dad's Day Buffet will be open from noon to 3 p.m.

Additionally, Santa Anita will offer a large selection of beers, wines and cocktails, all served from FrontRunner's one-of-a-kind 215 foot-long bar. Make your reservations now by calling (626) 574-6480. For more information on the Dad's Day Barbeque Buffet, go to [www.santaanita.com](http://www.santaanita.com).

"The Color of Sound" Art Exhibit -  
Sierra Madre City Hall  
Mark your calendars for the next  
City Hall Art Exhibit, The featured  
artist, is Stan Kazanjian.

Date: June 11, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Exhibition will be on display at the  
Sierra Madre City Hall starting  
Friday, May 27 through  
July 23, 2010.

Live from Burger Continental  
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535 So. Lake Ave. Pasadena (626) 792 - 6634

Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Outdoor Adventure Day  
Camp and Sports Camp!

The Recreation and Community Services Department offers the Outdoor Adventure Day Camp at Wilderness Park with 10 weeks starting June 14 to August 20<sup>th</sup>. The day camp features a variety of fun summer activities for youth entering grades 1-6. Each week there is an excursion to a location that matches the theme for the week. Camp is limited and fills up quickly, so be sure to register soon.

The Sports Camp is held at Arcadia High School and offers three weeks starting August 2 to August 20. Weeks one and two are for youth entering grades 5-9 and week three is for youth entering grades 1-4. This camp utilizes the school's athletic facilities and features a variety of fun sports activities for youth including swimming, flag football, basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball and other fun group games. Each week there are two excursions and two swim days.

Both day and sports camps are \$110 per week with the exception of week four of day camp which is \$100, dated July 6-9, (Monday, July 5 is a holiday). To get a copy of the summer "Buzz" stop by Arcadia City Hall or the Arcadia Public Library. To register in person come by our office located at 375 Campus Drive. You can also go to the city's website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) under the Recreation and Community Services Department to download a copy. The "Buzz" also displays programs and classes for the 2010 summer season in our new, more user-friendly format for you and your family. Do you want to know what the "Buzz" is about in Arcadia? Pick up the latest copy of "The Peacock Buzz" to find out!

For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

## City of Sierra Madre

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions. Currently, there are six citizen commissions established by the Council to advise and assist in dealing with specific problems (presently the Planning Commission has the responsibilities of the Cultural Heritage Commission). These advisory bodies are able to study a variety of issues and problems in detail. After gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notice on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act.

Should you wish to apply to be a commissioner, applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) should you wish to apply (see attached application) Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however the first review will take place June 1, 2010.

## COMMUNITY ARTS COMMISSION

The mission of the Community Arts Commission is to promote the community's interest in, awareness of, and appreciation for the arts; to provide support and encouragement to artists living in the community; and to increase the community's participation in the arts.

Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's recreational and service needs.

Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The responsibilities of the Library Board include the following: establishing Library policies and programs to ensure that quality programs are provided to the community, recommending an annual budget to the City Council for approval, and ensuring that efficient and effective services are provided at the Library.

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Conference Room

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories: consideration of current land-use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendments, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land-use decisions); and advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City's General Plan.

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

The Senior Community Commission is responsible for defining the needs, locating and publicizing available resources, and coordinating and initiating services and opportunities for the senior population of Sierra Madre.

Meets the 1st Monday at 3:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Tree Commission is an advisory body to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission, and City Council. The commission shall make recommendations to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission and the City Council as appropriate on matters involving care and maintenance of City-owned trees and trees on private undeveloped property.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

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- TPLO
- Neurosurgery
- Soft Tissue

Gary R. White, DVM



## REMEMBRANCE:

Correction:  
Richard Otho Wimmer



The photo of Richard Otho Wimmer that appeared with his obituary last week was actually taken at Ascension Parish Day School, at Church of the Ascension in Sierra Madre, possibly by Joe Hinojos. According to his mother, each year one girl from (probably) the eighth grade class was chosen to portray the Virgin Mother for the annual Nativity Pageant. In 1956 my younger sister Sharon K. Lord (now Gregory), was chosen and because she had a baby nephew, at

the time, Richard, I was asked if it would be possible for him to serve as the Infant Child Jesus.

Richard was a large baby, rather placid. The Sisters marveled, after the second performance, at how quiet and well behaved he had been. They said the only movement he made during the entire production was to lift his chubby little hand at just the right moment, as if giving a blessing.

## Ron Polidan Speaks to MWOA May 30 On “Future Space Telescopes”

The Mount Wilson Observatory Association's monthly public lecture, on Sunday, May 30, at the Altadena Library will feature Ron Polidan, Director of Civil Space Advanced Systems at Northrop Grumman, speaking on “Future Space Telescopes.”

NASA is about to begin a new era of space telescopes with the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope in 2014. This telescope, currently under construction at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems in Redondo Beach, will be discussed in detail both as the scientific and technological marvel it is and as the pathfinder for a family of even larger telescopes of the future. In addition, other telescopes and related systems will be discussed in the context of the science they will perform and the technology that will be needed to enable them.

Dr. Polidan currently manages Northrop Grumman's Environmental Systems and Space Science and Exploration Business Areas. This includes Civil Space strategic planning, technology investment strategy, and the development of advanced mission architectures and concepts for NASA and NOAA science business. He received a Ph.D. (in astrophysics) from UCLA and has worked for over 30 years with NASA science missions of a wide range of sizes and disciplines. He is the recipient of a number of NASA awards including the NASA Medal for Exceptional Service.

Please note that for this month only, the MWOA lecture/meeting will be on the 5th Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day weekend), instead of the 4th Sunday as is usually the case. This change was made necessary because the library had scheduled an event of its own in the meeting room on Sunday, May 23.

The lecture begins at 2:30 p.m. It is free of charge, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served before the talk, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

*The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Avenue (“Christmas Tree Lane”). Exit the 210 freeway at Lake Avenue in Pasadena and go approximately 2.5 miles north to Mariposa Street in Altadena. Turn left on Mariposa, go to the second stop sign, turn left on Santa Rosa, and turn into the parking lot at the first driveway on your right.*

## Sierra Madre

## JPL's Dr. Bill Patzert's To Discuss Drought and Rainfall Issues



On Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a fascinating program by JPL research scientist Dr. Bill Patzert who will speak about climate change, drought, and rainfall.

Dr. Patzert, a climatologist and oceanographer, has been conducting research on the ocean's role in climate changes and serves as JPL's media spokesperson for ocean and climate related activities. During his career, he has served as a consultant to NASA, the U.S. Department of Commerce, United Nations and many scientific and environmental groups. He has received many awards for scientific accomplishments, including 4 NASA Exceptional Service Medals and the Medal of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (highest award of the French Space Agency).

Area residents who are interested in climatology and how it affects our local weather and water resources shouldn't miss this opportunity to have the science

of climate explained by a trusted and credentialed expert in the field.

The meeting will be Tuesday, June 1 at noon at the Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$11 per person; reservations and exact change are required. For reservations, please contact Harriet Lyle at 355-6786 no later than noon the preceding Monday. Guests who have difficulty hearing the PA system should bring a portable radio with headphones, and tune to 104.7-FM to hear the PA sound.

### About Dr. Patzert:

Often called the “Prophet of California climate,” Dr. Bill Patzert is a scientist at the California Institute of Technology's NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif.

His research is focused on the application of NASA satellite data to improving our understanding of our planet's climate and important environmental problems ranging from developing El Niño, La Niña and longer-term climate forecasts to monitoring the health of coral reefs. The author of many scientific and popular

articles, Bill works with undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world, and lectures at many local universities. A media favorite, he is often sought out by reporters and is regularly seen on local and national television representing NASA and JPL. In a recent article, he was named as one of the West's most influential individuals in dealing with water issues.

He is a graduate of Purdue University and went on to earn a Ph.D. in oceanography at the University of Hawaii. Bill began his career on the research faculty of the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif., and then moved to JPL, where he has been employed since 1983. During his career, he has served as a consultant to many respected organizations including NASA, the U.S. Department of Commerce, United Nations and many scientific and environmental groups. He has received many awards for scientific accomplishments, as well as communicating science to the public, including 4 NASA Exceptional Service Medals and the highest award of the French Space Agency.



## Monsignor Krekelberg

## St. Rita Church Pastor Elevated By Pope Benedict XVI

In April, Pope Benedict XVI accorded the papal honor of “Prelate and Chaplain of His Holiness” to fourteen priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, carrying the title of Monsignor in the Roman Catholic Church.

St. Rita Catholic Church pastor, Rev. Richard Krekelberg, was included in this honor. Krekelberg has served the Catholic community in Sierra Madre for six years.

On Sunday, June 6 at Noon, an Investiture Mass will formally bestow this title on Fr. Krekelberg. Bishop Gabino Zavala, Auxiliary Bishop for the San Gabriel Deanery region, will preside.

The St. Rita community is absolutely delighted that the Church recognizes the exemplary work and service of their pastor in this way and invites the community to attend the Mass and investiture. Both will be held at St. Rita Church, Baldwin at Grandview, in Sierra Madre. The investiture will be followed by a reception onsite in Garra Hall, on the lower level of the church. For more information, contact the church at 626-355-1292.

## Sierra Madre Woman's Club Presents Annual Games Tea

An afternoon games tea with bridge or a game of your choice is being hosted by the Woman's Club on Saturday, June 12, 2010 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Essick House, the Woman's Club's historic clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

You are invited to come and bring friends and play together or come alone and join a group. The lavish tea refreshments will be available all during the afternoon with the opportunity to “take tea” at any time.

Tickets are \$16.00 each with proceeds supporting club charities. For reservations or more information call 626-355-0606

## Pasadena

## PUSD - Teachers Reach Agreement

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education approved a tentative agreement with the United Teachers of Pasadena (UTP), the union that represents district teachers. If approved by the UTP members, the agreement will extend until June, 2012. The Board also approved revisions to its agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA), which represents administrative, clerical, para-educator and security employees. The UTP agreed to furlough days, reducing their paid work year by five days in 2010-11 and 2011-12. The furlough days will result in the loss of three professional development days and two instructional days, reducing teacher work days to 181 and student days to 178. The agreement provides no salary increases from 2008-09 through 2011-12, and requires UTP members to cover any increased benefit costs beginning in January, 2011. The agreement establishes the calendar for one year; calendars for 2011-12 and 2012-13 will be negotiated after input sessions with all stakeholders. The 2010-11 calendar will be available in early June.

## Monrovia

## SAFYMCA's Youth Alliance Leader Speaks to LegacyMakers on "Leading from Ground Zero"



Ulises Gutierrez, Santa Anita Family YMCA Youth Alliance Coordinator with Marion Skeete, founder and president of LegacyMakers, International Ministries. Gutierrez spoke at a LegacyMakers luncheon meeting in Pasadena on the topic, “Leading from Ground Zero”. SAFYMCA's Youth Alliance program helps at risk teens in Monrovia, Duarte and Arcadia with homework, tutoring, mentoring, drug and alcohol counseling and

leadership training to help them develop the tools and behavior required to fulfill their dreams. LegacyMakers is a multicultural leadership and discipleship development network that trains and equips individuals and organizations, locally and globally, to both live and leave their God-defined legacy through personal and community transformation.

## Duarte

## HATS OFF TO DUARTE!



The tree shaded grounds of Westminster Gardens Retirement Community was the site of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual “Hats Off to Duarte” business Expo presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. More than 500 people enjoyed the western-themed event featuring live entertainment by the Cactys Fire country and western band, food from 17 area restaurants and displays by some 40 local businesses. Event sponsors included Foothill Workforce Investment Board, Southern California Edison Co., The Gas Company, Royal Oaks Manor, Performance Nissan, Old Town Sign Co., Wells Fargo-Duarte, Burrtec Waste Services, SCE Federal Credit Union, and OneWest Bank.

## “A TASTE OF SIERRA MADRE”

## REGIONAL ART COMPETITION DEADLINE: JULY 30th

AWARDS PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 in Kersting Court 9:30 — 4:30 pm

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

## 2010 Theme: CHILDREN'S SMILES AROUND THE WORLD

OPEN to all students who reside in Sierra Madre or attend one of the following schools: Alverno High School, Bethany Christian School, Gooden School, La Salle High School, St Rita School, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Sierra Madre Middle School or Pasadena High School. **All students are encouraged to apply. All net proceeds equally support the Rotary Club fund for cleft palate surgery and the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center.**

### ENTRY RULES

Create an artistic piece in drawing, watercolors, paint medium, B&W photography, color photography or mixed media to reflect our 2010 theme. All pieces will be on display during the summer for viewing by local area artists and judges. Art is to be mailed or hand delivered to: Moira Love, Schools Art Coordinator by July 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The Destination Group  
66 East Montecito Avenue  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All entries must be postmarked no later than July 30th. All art entries must be submitted on a minimum 8 1/2 x 11” paper with a maximum size of 12” x 16” Include your name, phone number, email address, name of school and teacher with your entry. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per submission and only **one** entry is allowed per student. Make all checks payable to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation or include \$5.00 cash, or \$20.00 if adding a T-Shirt.

The art contest will be judged in the following at each grade level: A) Kindergarten, B) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grades, C) 7th and 8th grades; D) 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th grades. Therefore all students are competing at the same grade level. For example, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will compete with all other 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in town.

### SAVINGS BONDS AWARDS:

Each division will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winner and Honorable mention. All awards are supported by private donation. Art work will be archived and registered by a student number for judging purposes. All participants release their rights and grant permission to submit submissions into a publication for print or electronic mean for the purpose of showcasing the best artists and writers in our Sierra Madre community. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition. The winners will be awarded savings bonds prizes donated by the local Sierra Madre merchants, donors and friends after the final judging has been completed. All art and essay entries will be available for pick up within 10 days after judging. We will not be responsible for items unclaimed after September 21, 2010.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre to use my art work in any publication.

• **This form is to be attached to the back side of your art work for identification purposes.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pasadena

News From Your Community



For Your Community



## Well known Dodger dies of Uncertain Cause

**Autopsy to be released next week, massive hart attack suspected.**

Pasadena Fire Department Paramedics responded Sunday night to the home of former Dodger pitcher Jose Lima. According to police Lima was found to be in full cardiac arrest and transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The specific cause of death is unknown. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office Said Tuesday an autopsy is pending although a hart attack is suspected. Due to the undetermined cause of death, Pasadena police said detectives responded and will be following up with the Coroner's Office report.

A statement made by the Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt read. "We are shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic loss of Jose Lima. Though he was taken from us way too soon, he truly lived his life to the fullest and his personality was simply unforgettable. He had the ability to light up a room and that's exactly what he did every time I saw him. His memorable contributions to the Dodgers in 2004 and throughout baseball will always be remembered. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to his family during this extremely difficult time."

According to McCourt, Lima had rejoined the team within the past month as a member of the Dodger Alumni Association and was preparing to open a youth baseball academy this summer in Los Angeles to help teach the game he loved to youngsters. He was committed to making appearances in the community on behalf of the team, including an upcoming musical performance at a Viva Los Dodgers event this summer.

He attended a game at Dodger Stadium on Friday night McCourt said and received a rousing ovation from the crowd when he was introduced between innings.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

## Pet of the Week



Meet Phantom, a beautiful black and white cat in need of a new home. He may seem shy at first but he is very affectionate and loves to snuggle. Come visit with this great cat today!

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Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A269389 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)

## City Looks into Norton Simon Art Possibly Stolen by Nazis in WW II

By Dean Lee

City Councilmember Steve Madison raised concerns Monday night over a pair of 16th century wood panels, once owned by a Nazi leader, on display at the Norton Simon Museum saying that they may in fact belong to a Connecticut family who is again asking for the paintings back. Madison asked the city's involvement?

Marei von Saher, of Greenwich, Conn., had unsuccessfully sued the museum for the paintings, depicting Adam and Eve, in 2007. Recently, Attorney General Jerry Brown filed a "friend-of-the-court" brief May 19 asking the U.S. Supreme Court to consider an appeal. The paintings were appraised last year at \$24 million.

"I was surprised to learn that there was even an allegation the Norton Simon was even in possession of such a piece," Madison said suggesting city attorney Michele Bagneris to look into the matter. "The city owns that property and leases it to the Norton Simon... I'd like to think that someone who's operating a museum on city property might be less swayed by technicalities."

Madison also said the litigation issue focused on the statute of limitations and whether it is still timely for someone to bring a claim about the seizure of art during WWII. Other reports say the case was ruled unconstitutional and thrown out of court by United States District Judge John F. Walter Oct. 18, 2007 for the same reason.

Brown's request for a new appeal is on the grounds that California law does extended the statute of limitations for heirs of Holocaust victims and is constitutional even though twice, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied Ms. Von Saher's request for a reconsideration of its decision that the California statute is unconstitutional. The first ruling came August 19, 2009 and then more recently on January 14.

A statement released May 20 by The Norton Simon



Art Foundation (NSAF) said they had done an in-depth archival research and comprehensive legal analyses concluding that the NSAF has proper title and that, "consistent with its fiduciary duties, it is required to defend its rights vigorously."

Reports say von Saher claimed the two painting, by German artist Lucas Cranach were stolen from her father-in-law, art dealer Jacques Goudstikker, after he fled the Nazi invasion leading up to WWII.

The NSAF agreed that the paintings did fall into the hands of the German's during the period, however, give a different account of their history.

According to the NSAF "Adam and Eve" were confiscated and auctioned off more than a decade before World War II by the Soviet Union's Stalinist government at a forced estate sale in Berlin. "The USSR's actions were met with outrage, and the auction was widely reported to be unlawful," the statement reads. "Ms. von Saher's predecessor attended



Norton Simon Museum

and bought Adam and Eve at that Berlin auction. In her lawsuit against the NSAF, Ms. von Saher alleges that the artwork was actually originally taken by the Bolsheviks from a church in Kiev."

The statement continues giving complicated details that "under a lawful settlement under existing Dutch law, Ms. von Saher's mother-in-law left the panels with the Dutch government," after "United States armed forces found the paintings and returned them to the Netherlands as part of the restitution policies jointly adopted by the Allied governments." The paintings returned to the U.S. in 1960 through an auction in Berlin.

Reports also said the paintings were once owned by Nazi leader Hermann Goering. The paintings were eventually sold in the early 1970s to Norton Simon and his foundations, and have been on display for over 30 years.

Von Saher could not be reached for comment at press time Thursday.

## Kinneloa Avenue Extension Opened

By Dean Lee

Well, it was, kind of, a parade Thursday afternoon as Councilman Steve Haderlein refused to let it rain on a gathering for the grand opening of the long awaited Walnut Street and Kinneloa Avenue extension intended to help traffic flow adjacent to the 210 Freeway.

Just in time for the busy Memorial Day weekend, Haderlein and the city of Pasadena Public Works Department cut the ribbon to the 1,700-foot extension. At 5 p.m. the street was opened to all traffic for the first time. Haderlein was joined by Vice Mayor Victor Gordo and other city officials to do the honors.

Prior to the opening of the street, the public was encouraged to be among the first to bike, jog or walk along the extension. And they did just that, with a parade that began on Walnut and

## Supervisor Calls for Report on Vehicle Forfeiture Ordinance to Stop Illegal Dumping

Los Angeles Supervisor Michael Antonovich introduced a motion Tuesday that asked for a report on the legal standing of the County's illegal dumping ordinance.

"Posing a danger to public health and safety, illegal dumping continues to be a significant problem in Los Angeles County -- decreasing property values, lowering the quality of life and contributing to urban blight," he said "Vehicle seizure for those used in this crime is a valuable tool to deter



Haderlein leads the pack opening Kinneloa Avenue

Sunnyslope and continue to Foothill Boulevard passing under the 210 Freeway and looping back to Walnut.

According to city staff Walnut Street has been extended from Sunnyslope to Kinneloa avenues, and Kinneloa has been extended north to Foothill Boulevard, under the 210 Freeway. The extension provides an alternate route, improve traffic circulation, and ease

potential dumpers."

In July, 2004, this Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance granting law enforcement the authority to utilize the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used in illegal dumping.

However, the California Supreme Court in O'Connell vs. City of Stockton has cast doubt on the enforceability of the ordinance. The Court found that where local law conflicts with state law, state law would prevail.

## City's Murder Rate Up, Although Crime Down Overall

By Dean Lee

Overall violent crime rates were down in Pasadena last year according to a report issued Monday by Federal Bureau of Investigation, although murder, forcible rape, larceny-theft and arson were all slightly up from 2008. The city saw 5 murders last year compared to 3 the year before.

The report compiled for cities with populations over 100,000 showed 483 violent crimes in the city last year down from 621 the year before. There were 78 less robberies in the city down from 260 to 182. Aggravated assaults were also down from 337 to 271; however, forcible rape was up from 21 in 2008 to 25 last year. Nonviolent property crime was down slightly from 4,182 to 4,158. In 2008 there were 367 motor vehicle thefts also down from 311 last year.

Larceny-theft accounted for 3,023 reported crimes in the

city up from 2,957 in 2008. Arson was also up from 18 instances to 23.

The report states that all crime numbers are submitted voluntarily by law enforcement agencies. The violent crime category includes murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

The FBI report indicates that, "as a whole, law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation reported a decrease of 5.5 percent compared with figures reported for 2008."

The number of property crimes in the United States in 2009 decreased 4.9 percent. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. "Arson is also a property crime, but data for arson are not included in property crime totals. Figures for 2009 indicate that arson decreased 10.4 percent when compared to 2008 figures," according to FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III.

Pasadena has already seen two murders this year, including a 20-year-old man killed in a shooting Tuesday night. A 17-year-old young adult was shot and killed in February at a bus stop near Fair Oaks Avenue in Northwest Pasadena according to police.

## Two Young Men Shot Resulting In One Fatality

Officers responded Monday night to reports of shots fired in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Zanja Street. Approximately five minutes later, at 10:27 p.m. a local hospital notified the police department of the arrival of two gun shot victims, Emilo Landaverde, 22, and Oscar Mendez, 19, both Pasadena residents. Victim Landaverde later died from his injury. Victim Mendez was treated and remains in stable condition. The suspect was described as a Male Hispanic wearing a white t-shirt.

## Police Officer Unintentionally Discharges Weapon in Car

According to an issued statement Monday, a Pasadena police officer accidentally shoot out the front windshield of a patrol car while initiating a felony traffic stop in the 1100 block of North Raymond Avenue. Another officer in car was taken to a local hospital complaining of hearing loss.

Police said the two officers were responding to a domestic violence call approximately 8:45 a.m. The names of the officers were not given.

"I will release a full statement when all the facts are known," said Interim Police Chief Christopher Vicino.

At the time, Officers were following Armando Garcia, 35, of Pasadena, a parolee wanted for felony assault on his live-in girlfriend Sunday night.

As police recognized Garcia driving the vehicle they initiated a traffic stop. Instead of yielding, Garcia turned into a driveway, accelerated and crashed into a parked car police said.

"Due to the dangerous nature of felony car stops, officers were readying their weapons



when one of the officers unintentionally discharged his sidearm," Vicino said. "No one was injured as a result of the discharge, nor was there any damage to any residential property."

Responding officers assisted according to police and Garcia was taken into custody without further incident.

Vicino also said that administrative services and detective personnel responded to the scene and are investigating.

"It will take some time to gather and assess all of the details," he said. "Our officers, detectives and community outreach personnel will be contacting people in the area and compiling witness statements."

## Citizen Journalism Boot Camp

**Learn Not Just How to Blog But How to Report the News**

Get hands-on multimedia journalism training! What makes news? Is it better to use a video instead of a still photo? How can I get this story out?

Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a seminar on Citizen Journalism. Putting the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print

along with the internet. Free orientation June 29, 11a.m.-1p.m. at the PCN studios 2061 N. Los Robles Ave. #109. For more info contact Aaron Wheeler (626) 794-8585. Cost of the six week camp is \$10 which covers all instructional materials and equipment.





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Thank you Sierra Madre Police Department for:  
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Your quick response times,  
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Citizens of Sierra Madre

## CAL FIRE Stresses Safety this Memorial Day Weekend

Sacramento – This Memorial Day weekend, Californians everywhere will be recreating in the majestic outdoor areas of the Golden State. In anticipation of the increased outdoor activities, CAL FIRE officials are urging everyone to exercise caution and emphasize safety this holiday weekend.

“The heavy rainfall this past winter and spring has led to abundant growth of grass and brush, said Chief Del Walters, director of CAL FIRE. “Despite the recent wet weather, this weekend’s warmer temperatures will dry out the vegetation, contributing to California’s elevated risk of wildfires.”

Thousands of acres of wildland have already burned this year in California, and the potential for even large, more destructive fires will increase as the state enters the summer and fall months.

Wildfires are not the only danger posed by the outdoors; drownings also dramatically increase during the Memorial Day weekend. In California, drowning is the leading cause of deaths among children under 14, and every year CAL FIRE responds to water rescues all across the state, many of which tragically claim the lives of both adults and children.

“Memorial Day is a great time to get together with

freinds and family to enjoy the outdoors,” said Chief Walters. “But it is important that everyone understands the dangers that the outdoors pose, and take steps to stay safe and prevent tragedy.”

CAL FIRE would like everyone to remember these important steps this holiday:

**Camping:**  
Obtain necessary permits needed for campfires  
Clear away grass, leaves and other debris within a 10-foot perimeter of any campfire  
Have a responsible person in attendance at all times  
Ensure all campfires are completely extinguished before leaving  
When barbequing, never leave the grill unattended

**In the Water:**  
Always wear a life jacket!  
Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult  
Never swim alone  
Swimming and alcohol don't mix. Alcohol can impair your ability to under estimate the water and overestimate your abilities.  
For more ways to be safe during the Memorial Day Weekend visit the CAL FIRE website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 262 calls for service.

**Saturday, May 22<sup>th</sup>:**

**1:09 AM** – Arrest, Public Intoxication, 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., The Buccaneer Lounge. A patron reported that an intoxicated man was causing a disturbance. Officers arrested the man for public intoxication and transported him to Pasadena jail for remand.

**1:54 PM** – Attempted Auto Burglary, 200 block North Baldwin Ave. Unknown suspect(s) tried to break into a car, damaging the front driver’s door. The car was parked in the driveway of the residence. The crime occurred between 2:00 am and 11:00 am on Saturday, 5/22/2010. The damage was estimated at \$100.00.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, May 16, through Saturday, May 22, the Police Department responded to 939 calls for service of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

**Sunday, May 16:**

- Between 10:00 p.m. on May 15 and 7:00 a.m. on May 16, a 1985 beige Toyota 4Runner was stolen from the 2500 block of South Sixth.
- Loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised that they had detained two female juveniles for theft around 7:24 p.m. Investigation revealed that a female Hispanic juvenile concealed merchandise and left the store without making payment. Once outside she was standing next to another female Hispanic juvenile, who also admitted to stealing property. Additional stolen property from Wet Seal, H&M, and Forever 21 were recovered in their bags. Private persons’ arrests were made, and the 13 and 14-year-old girls were taken into custody for commercial burglary.

**Monday, May 17:**

- Around 12:47 p.m., units were dispatched to the 500 block of Arbolada in reference to a theft that took place at the high school on May 14 between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. A male student advised that his \$600 iPhone was stolen from his locker.
- Shortly after 3:00 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. She advised that she had not received checks that she had ordered and later discovered that unknown suspect(s) had made an unauthorized charge and created fictitious checks with her account information. The suspect(s) then used the forged checks to make over \$900 in purchases.

**Tuesday, May 18:**

- A commercial burglary occurred at JC Penney around 3:29 p.m. A woman stole two pairs of pants from the store and later returned to steal a necklace. A private person’s arrest was made, and a 43-year-old female suspect was taken into custody.
- Around 7:35 p.m., a late auto burglary report was filed. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle that was parked at Westfield Mall between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on May 15. A digital camera, GPS unit, and laptop computer were stolen for a total reported loss of about \$1,950.

**Wednesday, May 19:**

- A consensual contact with a female skateboarder was made at First and Floral around 12:33 p.m. A record check indicated that the 29-year-old Caucasian had a \$50,000 outstanding warrant, and a consent search revealed a glass-smoking pipe and a jar containing a green leafy substance resembling marijuana. The woman was arrested at the scene without incident.
- Between 1:25 p.m. and 2:10 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 2000 block of South Second. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house via an open window and stole cash, jewelry, iPod, and digital camera.

**Thursday, May 20:**

- Shortly after 2:00 a.m., a robbery occurred at 7-Eleven, 200 East Live Oak. A male suspect, wearing a black hoodie, exposed a handgun and demanded cash from a store clerk. The suspect took money from the cash register and fled the location.
- A hit-and-run traffic collision occurred at Baldwin and Val around 5:00 p.m. A male driver rear-ended a vehicle and fled the scene, and fortunately a witness observed seeing the reckless driver enter the racetrack. Officers subsequently located the vehicle with severe front-end damage and arrested a 27-year-old Hispanic driver.

**Friday, May 21:**

- Shortly before 6:00 p.m., units responded to Baldwin and Estrella in reference to a traffic collision. Investigation revealed that an intoxicated female driver rear-ended a vehicle and the collision caused her own car to overturn. A 19-year-old Hispanic was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol and minor driving under the influence.
- An armed robbery occurred in the 600 block of Fairview around 11:15 p.m. The victim was sitting in his vehicle when a male Hispanic or Caucasian suspect approached and asked to use his cell phone. The suspect then displayed a handgun in his waistband and demanded the victim’s property. The suspect took a \$600 iPhone and fled in a waiting vehicle driven by another suspect.

**Saturday, May 22:**

- Around 2:23 a.m., a strong-arm robbery occurred in the 500 block of West LeRoy. A DJ/ victim was putting his equipment in his vehicle after a party when he was assaulted by four to five male Asian suspects. The victim was beaten and the suspects took his equipment and fled in a dark green Honda. The victim sustained severe facial and head injuries and was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.
- Units were dispatched to the 200 block of West Woodruff around 9:48 a.m. regarding a domestic battery in progress. During an argument, a 23-year-old male suspect took his girlfriend’s wallet, damaged about \$1500 in property, sprayed her face with Frebreze, and slammed her by the throat onto the bed. The suspect was taken into custody for inflicting corporal injury to cohabitant, robbery, and vandalism. An emergency protection order was obtained and served.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 618 service events, resulting in 133 investigations. Following are the last week’s highlighted issues and events:

**Driving Under the Influence**

Suspect Arrested. On May 14 at 1:05 a.m., an officer noticed a vehicle swerving on the roadway. He conducted a traffic stop and during the investigation, determined the driver was under the influence. The driver was arrested and later released on a citation.

**Vehicle Burglary**

On May 16 at 3:25 p.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of West Colorado on the report of a vehicle burglary. A female subject returned home from shopping and parked her vehicle in the carport of her residence. She left merchandise she had purchased in the vehicle. Approximately 30 minutes later, she returned to her vehicle and found a window had been pried open and the merchandise was gone. The victim called the Station shortly after the officer left her residence from taking the report and said she had talked to an employee of the store where she bought the merchandise, and her items had already been returned to the store. The suspect did not get any money or credit for the merchandise he returned. Instead, the amount was credited back to the victim’s charge card. Investigation continuing.

**Burglary**

On May 17 at 6:44 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 2600 block of South California regarding a break-in. The officer arrived and spoke to the reporting party, who stated she was the last person to leave the evening before. When she arrived at the business in the morning, she found the glass front door smashed. Officers entered to clear the building, but no suspects were located inside. It appears the suspects attempted to take several computers, but the computers are locked down with cable security systems. Employees checked the inside and determined that a printer and scanner were missing from the mailroom. Investigation continuing.

**72-Hour Mental Evaluation**

On May 17 at 2:52 p.m., Dispatch received a call from a female resident reporting a male subject wearing a green shirt and tan shorts had jumped through her front window yelling. The subject then left the residence heading westbound on Walnut. As officers were responding, other calls were received. Another caller reported the subject had jumped over her wall in the 800 block of West Walnut, and the subject had now taken off all his clothes. An officer located and contacted the subject, who did not respond to verbal commands. The officer used his pepper spray on the subject and was able to detain and restrain him. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics were requested, and the subject was taken to a hospital, where he was held for 72-hour mental evaluation. The subject is 19 years old and has a history of bi-polar disorder.

**Exhibiting an Imitation Firearm / Public Intoxication - Suspect Arrested**

On May 17 at 10:14 p.m., a female subject walking her dog in the 200 block of W. Cypress was threatened by a male suspect carrying what appeared to be a handgun. Officers responded and located the suspect who was still in the area. The weapon, which the suspect attempted to discard, was also located and turned out to be a BB pistol. The suspect was arrested for brandishing a replica firearm and for public intoxication.

**Burglary**

On May 18 at 11:04 a.m., an officer went to the 200 block of West Olive regarding a residential burglary. When he arrived, the victim reported that someone had broken into his house one week prior and had taken personal papers and identification. He did not make a report at the time because he had no identification. Investigation continuing.

**Petty Theft with a Prior / Warrant / Possession of Marijuana - Suspect Arrested**

On May 19 at 13:28 p.m., loss prevention officers from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington reported a male suspect had stolen merchandise and exited the store without paying. Officers responded to the area, detained the suspect, and arrested him for theft. Computer checks revealed the suspect had a prior conviction for petty theft, had failed to appear on a warrant, and was in possession of marijuana. He was booked for the listed charges.



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Do you have enough supplies to survive in your home for 72 hours?



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### Community Preparedness Meeting

Please join us for the June 11<sup>th</sup> Community Preparedness Meeting presented by the Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Project. This month’s meeting will feature **Mikael Gartner and Robert Nowaczek from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team**. They will present on their experiences as first responders to the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Raffle Prizes!

**Date: June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

Presented by the Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Project  
For Further information contact: Donna Cayson @ 626-318-9743  
Visit the Project Website @ [www.site.smipp.org](http://www.site.smipp.org)





## Can You Fool A Hampster?



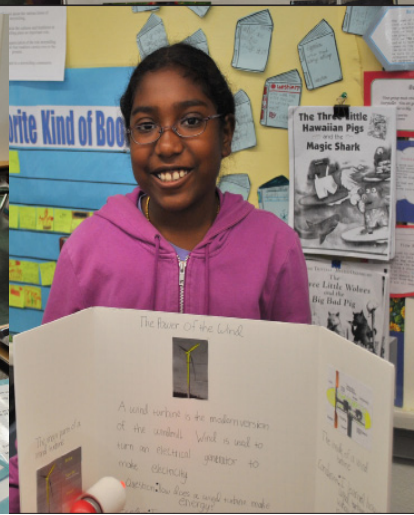
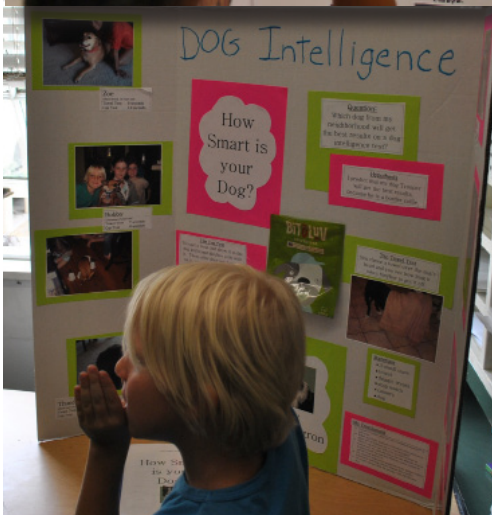
That question was the topic of discussion for Sophia and her hamster, Misty (pictured top left) at the 5th Annual Solution Celebration held on Friday at Sierra Madre Elementary School.

The Science Fair is an introduction to "the experience of the scientific process", says Suzanne York, the Third Grade teacher who came up with the idea five years ago. The students in her class choose a question, research it and create a showcase that displays their findings.

Once the displays are set up, other classroomms are invited to view the projects, ask questions and have the exhibits explained to them by the projects creator. The visiting students come equipped with a 'passport' and as they stopped by each exhibit they had their passport stamped. There were also many parents that came to have provocative questions like, "How Can Erosion Be Slowed" or learn about "Aliens" or "Dog Intelligence".

One exhibit displayed the results of "An Examination of the Plant Life In Bailey Canyon". Another, discussed mold, complete with old moldy bread for visualization.

The event was a wonderful interactive teaching, learning experience for all who attended. Staff/MVNews



## PASADENA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS TO PUSD SURPASS ONE MILLION DOLLAR MARK

Few organizations have given as much to support public education in Pasadena as the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF). With this week's announcement of a new major grant of \$24,140.00, the Pasadena Community Foundation will have contributed, over its 57-year-existence, a record-breaking \$1,042,935 to the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) which includes schools in Altadena and Sierra Madre.

"At this time of decreased funding for public education, PCF sees an even deeper need for community support of the schools" says Jennifer DeVoll, Executive Director of the Foundation. "We believe that people care passionately about the education of our children and as the local community foundation we respond by funding very carefully selected projects such as this new multi-media program for enhanced learning." In reviewing the Foundation's 36-year support and long-standing commitment to PUSD, Pasadena Superintendent of Schools, Edwin Diaz acknowledges that "PCF has developed a clear understanding of and commitment to our educational priorities. The Foundation is one of our most valued community partners."

This new major grant from the Foundation will allow for the purchase of multi-media equipment to be used in classrooms to support teaching and learning.

Among the exciting advantages made possible by this innovative technology (l8 document cameras and LCD projectors) is the opportunity for English and history teachers to project streaming video content and documents such as maps and historical texts right into their classrooms. Research has shown that these tools are especially effective in increasing student engagement and achievement for students developing English Language skills. For English language learners in middle school, teachers will be able to utilize a new curriculum from HB National Geographic that is rich in visual images. Schools scheduled to receive this new technology are the Middle Schools at Blair, Marshall, Wilson, Washington, Eliot, McKinley and Sierra Madre.

"Each grant that we have given to PUSD since the first one in 1974 is important," says Jennifer DeVoll, Executive Director of the Pasadena Community Foundation. "But what is more important is that year-after-year, the Foundation has been a dependable charitable resource for programs that promote learning and strengthen student achievement. When it comes to supporting our public schools with well targeted grants, the Pasadena Community Foundation is committed for the long haul" says DeVoll.

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## Friends June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Book Sale

Ahhh, summer is upon us. No doubt weekend excursions and vacation plans are in the works. So, where will your 2010 holiday take you? Up to the mountains, down to the beach or safely tucked in your own backyard? Remember, the right setting accompanied a cool drink and the right book will provide the perfect getaway from the rigors of the other eleven months of the year.

And especially in these difficult economic times cutting corners will help make the vacation a pleasure. The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is here to help. Plan to visit the library at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd for the June Best Used Book Sale on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm, and Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm.

## Making Kids Safe In Sound The Focus Of A New Website Launched

*What Every Parent Should Know About Their Child's MP3 Use*

As iPod or MP3 use among children grows at an unprecedented rate -- fueling concerns that many are using the technology unsafely -- the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is launching a new website ([www.listentoyourbuds.org](http://www.listentoyourbuds.org)) aimed at empowering parents and protecting children from noise-induced hearing loss and other communication difficulties. The explosion of mobile media and potential for misuse among young people, something ASHA has warned about for years, has led others to raise warning flags and call for more public education. The most recent in a series of studies by the Kaiser Family Foundation about media use among 8- to 18-year-olds found that, in the past five years, ownership of iPods and other MP3 players rose dramatically, from 18 to 76 percent. This statistic is particularly alarming given that in 2009 leading authorities predicted a rise in hearing loss nationally due to unsafe use of personal audio devices.

It's not too late to curtail further hearing damage in younger kids just starting to use personal audio technology and similar devices. Equipped with many new technical features, a new design, and improved navigation, [www.listentoyourbuds.org](http://www.listentoyourbuds.org) offers visitors access to the latest information about safe use of these devices, hearing loss prevention, and the negative consequences misuse and/or overuse can have on a child.

The site also allows users to participate by taking a personal "pledge" to protect their hearing by following three basic principles: Keep the volume down. A good guide is half volume. If someone else can hear the music, it's too loud. Limit listening time. Give your hearing "quiet breaks." Damage can occur after just four songs.

Watch for warning signs of hearing loss. The site features an up-to-date "Buds" concert calendar of events, designated sections for parents and educators, and access to other national organizations that

help get the "Buds" safe listening message to parents, educators, and children. Bookmarking and social media tags are also embedded throughout the site so that visitors can share "Listen to Your Buds" news and information with others on sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and Del.icio.us. In the coming months, ASHA will be introducing new site features including downloadable at-home educational resources for families and additional multimedia.

*About the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association*  
ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 140,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists. Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiological treatment including hearing aids. Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems including swallowing disorders.

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## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills  
**Beckham Grill**

I am fully aware that times are tough and when you are going to spend your hard earned dough, you want to feel that you got your money's worth. I thought about changing the name of the article to, "My Money Says ...". What do you think? But I digress.

Beckham Grill has been around since 1977. Originally named after owner Bob Beckham, it was known as Beckham Place. There are new owners, but the management remains the same. The restaurant by today's standards is "Old School." It's not a dark restaurant, but is cozy and faintly lit. The Bar, or "The Crown Room," as it is familiarly known, is illuminated by the burst of a fireplace. There's an old Car decorating the outside, and a 1960s English style Telephone Booth starts you on a journey. Often I come to Beckham to sit in the bar by the fireplace, a soothing respite. Beckham Grill has an item which seems simple enough in the description, but I don't know of any other restaurant in Pasadena that serves it... Smoked Norwegian Salmon with Capers (\$9.50). Seriously, I could order a double and have that alone for dinner, it's that good. That may not be your cup of tea, so, maybe you are here for meat? Roasted Prime Ribs of Beef is the specialty, always has been, and I suspect always will be. Prices are (\$23.50 to \$32.95) for the Crown Cut; on my visit I ordered the End Cut (\$26.75). All the aforementioned items come with Yorkshire pudding, creamed Corn and creamed spinach.

The menu is skillfully represented with fish, meat, duck, steak and salad. My dinner companion, Mike Bingley from Charter Cable, had the Duck for (\$19.95), he gave it two thumbs up. No room for dessert on this visit, but next time for sure.

If it's a drink by the fireplace or a game of darts with some special friends, you may want to consider "Old School" dining. On Tuesday Nights all entrees are discounted at least 20%. Bloody Marvelous!!

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The Next Sake Tasting is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Cost for the sake-tasting course is (\$45.00).

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## Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## Phoenix Mars Lander Does Not Phone Home

NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander has ended operations after repeated attempts to contact the spacecraft were unsuccessful. A new image transmitted by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), looking down on Phoenix from orbital height, shows signs of severe ice damage to the lander's solar panels.

"The Phoenix spacecraft succeeded in its investigations and exceeded its planned lifetime," said Fuk Li, manager of the Mars Exploration Program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "Although its work is finished, analysis of information from Phoenix's science activities will continue for some time to come."

Last week, NASA's Mars Odyssey orbiter flew over the Phoenix landing site 61 times during a final attempt to communicate with the lander. No transmission from the lander was detected. Phoenix also did not communicate during 150 flights in three earlier listening campaigns this year.

Earth-based research continues on discoveries Phoenix made during summer conditions at the far-northern site where it landed May 25, 2008. The solar-powered

lander completed its three-month mission and kept working until sunlight waned two months later.

Phoenix was not designed to survive the dark, cold, icy winter. However, the slim possibility that Phoenix had survived could not be eliminated without listening for the lander after abundant sunshine returned.

The MRO image of Phoenix taken this month by the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment, or HiRISE, camera on board the spacecraft suggests the lander no longer casts shadows the way it did during its working lifetime.

"'Before' and 'after' images are dramatically different," said Michael Mellon of the University of Colorado in Boulder, a science team member for both Phoenix and HiRISE. "The lander looks smaller, and only a portion of the difference can be explained by accumulation of dust on the lander, which makes its surfaces less distinguishable from surrounding ground."

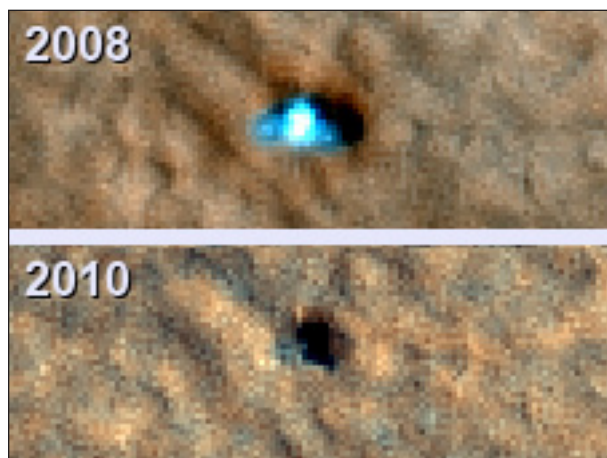
Apparent changes in the shadows cast by the lander are consistent with predictions of

how Phoenix could be damaged by harsh winter conditions. It was anticipated that the weight of a carbon-dioxide ice buildup could bend or break the lander's solar panels. Mellon calculated that hundreds of pounds of ice probably coated the lander in mid-winter.

During its mission, Phoenix confirmed and examined patches of the widespread deposits of underground water ice detected by Odyssey, and identified a mineral called calcium carbonate that suggested occasional presence of thawed water. The lander also found soil chemistry with significant implications for life and observed falling snow. The mission's biggest surprise was the discovery of perchlorate, an oxidizing chemical on Earth that is food for some microbes and potentially toxic for others.

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MEANWHILE, NASA IS ABOUT TO BEGIN A NEW ERA of spaceborne astronomy with the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope in 2014. You're invited to attend a preview of what's just ahead, given



by Dr. Ron Polidan, Director of Civil Space Advanced Systems at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems in Redondo Beach. This free talk, presented by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association, is at the Altadena Public Library this Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m. The library is at 600 E. Mariposa St. (corner of Santa Rosa Ave.) in Altadena. Refreshments beginning at 2:00.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: [b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com).



It is now official. As of Wednesday May 26, 2010, Apple is now the world's most valuable technology company. This comes after decades of dominance by the business behemoth known as Microsoft. For the previous generations that grew up using Microsoft's various OS and office computing software packages, that day pretty much came and went as business as usual. That's because when it came to Microsoft and their customers, it was always about business as usual. Apple's rise to its current position of dominance didn't happen as a result of its climbing over the back of the previous business leader to assume the throne with the promise of better OS and office computing software.

Apple's success has come about by offering their customer base products that they simply couldn't do without for their personal computing and entertainment purposes. At this point it would be necessary to point out that Apple is now the world's most valuable technology company and not the world's most valuable computer company. Although the company does enjoy the benefits of strong computer and software sales that have grown consistently over the last decade or so, the bulk of its business has come from its sales of hand-held devices and on-line music. This trend reflects the fact that consumer tastes and preferences have become a much more driving force behind the popular

technology of the day. In days gone by, business was the dominant force behind much of what was developed in the world of computing and in those days the big computing providers of the day just about dictated what it was that the public needed and wanted. Although there has always been a lucrative market for consumer electronics, until the days of affordable high-speed internet and low-cost computing components and manufacturing processes, the bar was a little high for most people to reach. Things have changed considerably since those days. Now it seems that consumer preferences have much more power than they've ever had before.

Just as the game has changed for Apple, Microsoft and other tech company giants that once ruled barely challenged, the playing field has changed as well. Google is also on the scene and they are making a serious, well-financed and technology-backed bid to capture the hand-held device market that has been cornered by Apple with products and innovations of their own. They've already sliced into the business computing software market dominated by Microsoft and they are looking to do the same to Apple. Until that happens, Apple can congratulate itself on a job well-done.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It

so doggone long to get in there, to dive in there, and grasp the complexity and the potential tragedy that we are seeing here in the Gulf of Mexico.” That was from Sarah Palin, whose ticket in the 2008 election received \$2.4 million from oil and gas, vs. \$900,000 for Obama.

There’s been a reference to another Louisiana tragedy in calling this “Obama’s Katrina”. But in 2005 we had an administration ignoring days and weeks of warnings (as it similarly ignored warnings of an impending terror attack four years earlier). No doubt there were inadequate preparations, but here’s what happened after the initial April 20 blast on the offshore rig: The next day, April 21, President Obama held a briefing on the event with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen, EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe and FEMA Administrator Bob Fugate. Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes was dispatched to the site to “assist with coordination and response”. The Coast Guard had four units at the scene fighting fires and engaging in search and rescue, with additional units on the way.

By April 23, the Coast Guard and the Interior Department had “technical teams in place overseeing” efforts by the “responsible parties” (BP and Transocean) to “secure the well”. At that time it looked like the situation was under control, but the Coast Guard said they were working with BP to “prepare for a worst-case scenario”. On April 25, a “unified command team” of federal, state and industry personnel was in place. A plan was approved to activate a “blowout preventer”, and BP had another rig on the way to drill a relief well.

By April 26, 1,000 personnel, 10 offshore vessels and 7 skimming boats were involved in the clean-up. Air crews from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and teams from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration conducted their own surveillance, and their findings led Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry to declare on April 28 that the spill was at least five times worse than what BP had led everybody to believe.

On April 29, Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano declared the spill to be of “national significance”, allowing the draw-down of resources from across the country. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson described onshore teams already in place in advance of landfall, as well as continuing flights monitoring the situation from the air. Two Air Force planes were sent to Mississippi to prepare for a chemical drop. On April 30, the Wall Street Journal reported the U.S. Navy had sent 12 miles of inflatable booms, seven skimming systems and 50 contractors to the Gulf, and made available facilities in Mississippi and Florida to the effort, as part of what it described as President Obama’s “robust response” to the crisis. All this occurred within 10 days of the initial blast.

Who’s to blame? Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal acknowledged that “BP is the responsible party, but we need the federal government to make sure they are held accountable and that they are indeed responsible”. Commandant Thad Allen of the Coast Guard explained, “To push BP out of the way (as suggested by Interior Secretary Salazar), it would raise the question, to replace them with what?” There’s the reality that, despite the resources of the federal government, fighting a major oil gusher fifty miles offshore and over 5,000 feet beneath the surface requires a rather specialized set of skills and equipment. Regardless of blame, it appears BP is in charge of taking care of the situation, and the federal government is in charge of making sure they do.

Who’s going to pay for it? BP has committed to covering all “legitimate” costs, but it’s unclear how long it might take in court to define the term “legitimate” (there’s been twenty years of litigation in the Exxon Valdez case). Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) has introduced legislation to remove the relatively insignificant \$75 million cap on damage liability, but has been stopped by Republicans who want to treat oil companies the same as Wall Street investment houses; fully entitled to profits, but able to turn losses over to taxpayers. Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) advances the argument that removing the cap would have a discouraging effect on small businesses (like those Mom-and-Pop entrepreneurs who can’t decide whether to open a corner deli or an offshore drilling platform).

Who’s to blame? There’s BP, who invested heavily in buying off politicians and federal agencies in order to avoid investing in safety equipment and inspection teams. There’s the federal government, which allowed itself during the last administration to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Big Oil.

And, there’s us - specifically the “us” of thirty years ago. At that time we had a president calling for “the most massive peacetime commitment of funds and resources in our nation’s history to develop America’s own alternative sources of fuel” and achieving “the crucial goal of 20 percent of our energy coming from solar power by the year 2000”. We had a governor calling for conservation and taxpayer subsidies going to wind and solar energy rather than to Big Oil. An early act of the incoming Reagan Administration was to remove the solar panels Jimmy Carter had installed on the roof of the White House; Jerry Brown was derided as “Moonbeam”.

I don’t know what crisis will be occurring some thirty years from now, but I’ll bet some columnist will be writing about warnings given back in 2010 - about global warming, for example - that were ignored. And we won’t have to ask who’s to blame for ignoring them.

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Who’s to blame? I want to point fingers. I want to “play the blame game”. President Obama, usually criticized for doing too much, is now being accused of not doing enough in addressing the BP oil spill. One critic suggested a link between campaign donations and “taking

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GREG Welborn

## Memorial Day 2010



This week’s article is going to be shorter than most, and so I offer apologies to the editor who has to now figure out how to use the space I would have otherwise taken. My rational for brevity is simply to direct the most attention possible away from me, my opinion, or anything else that might distract, and to place the attention where it more rightly belongs: on those who have given the last full measure of their devotion in support of the values and blessings we hold most dear as Americans.

This week’s article is dedicated to those who have served, and most especially to those who have died, in defense of this great country.

I have been able to travel a great deal in my life and in so doing developed a habit which has only been reemphasized in the years since 9-11. Wherever I am, in whatever airport I am transversing, restaurant I’m eating or hotel I’m staying, I make a point of approaching anyone who wears the uniform of one of our services in order to thank them for their selflessness and to ask how things are going for them. In all the years I have done this – both before 9-11 and after – I have never experienced a bad attitude or heard a complaint. Given the number of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines I’ve met, that’s an amazing occurrence. And it’s not accidental.

If you’ve ever really looked into a soldier’s face, you’ve seen the same thing I have. Now sometimes that face belongs to a kid, too young to bear the burden we ask, sometimes it belongs to a wizened middle ager who’s born more of that burden than we should ever ask, but always it belongs to someone who radiates a determination to do what’s right, to do what’s needed at the moment, to do what his or her country asks in order to bless the rest of us who call ourselves Americans. That face, that certain look which they all bear, speaks of pride in how that responsibility has been shouldered over the years of their own time in uniform, but also pride in the long line of those who have gone before. Band of brothers is more than a movie title; it’s more than a description of the bond shared by members of the same unit. It’s a description of the loyalty to one another that they all share across the years, decades and centuries – a description of the mutual respect they have for one another and the acknowledgement that they all are responsible for what we enjoy today.

Some of them are more responsible for these blessings than others. They are the ones who didn’t come back to these shores after doing their duty. They are the ones who have indeed given the last full ounce of their devotion. Their comrades in uniform owe them much, but we owe them more.

I want to close this week by paraphrasing a poem. I don’t know it’s author – so I hereby thankfully give attribution to an unknown – and with acknowledgement that it originally applied to all who wore a uniform, I hereby dedicate it on this Memorial Day specifically to those who did not come home.

*It is the one who has fallen, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion,  
although many a man of the cloth condemn  
all who bear arms.*

*It is the one who has fallen, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press,  
although many a journalist can’t wait  
to fault the soldier for his honest mistakes.*

*It is the one who has fallen, not the pundit,  
who has given us freedom of speech,  
although many an orator has mocked the idea  
of duty, honor and country.*

*It is the one who has fallen, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to assemble,  
although many a student has sought to expel  
the uniform from the commons.*

*It is the one who has fallen, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial,  
although many a jurist has sought to hamstring  
the military and destroy its warrior culture.*

*It is the one who has fallen, not the politician,  
who has given us the right to vote,  
although many who hold public office  
have sought to use the military as props or  
weapons for their own political expediency.*

*It is the one who has fallen, not the rest of us,  
who knows the price of what we have.  
May we honor them publicly today and  
in our hearts always.*

May you all have a wonderful Memorial Day holiday and may we each be purposeful about taking a moment to remember those who made this all possible. Churchill was right. Never have so few owed so much to so many.

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## RICH Johnson



Jeff, my very good, much older, cribbage rookie (and very liberal) friend of mine forwarded this bit of satire to me.

Dear Mr. President:

*I'm planning to move my family and extended family into Mexico for my health,*

*and I would like to ask you to assist me. We're planning to simply walk across the border from the U.S. into Mexico, and we'll need your help to make a few arrangements.*

*We plan to skip all the legal stuff like visas, passports, immigration quotas and laws. I'm sure they handle those things the same way you do here. So, would you mind telling President Calderon, when you see him, that I'm on my way over?*

*Please let him know that I will be expecting the following:*

- 1. Free medical care for my entire family.*
- 2. English-speaking government bureaucrats for all services I might need, whether I use them or not.*
- 3. Please print all Mexican government forms in English.*
- 4. I want my grandkids to be taught Spanish by English-speaking (bi-lingual) teachers.*
- 5. Tell their schools they need to include classes on American culture and history.*
- 6. I want my grandkids to see the American flag on one of the flagpoles at their school.*
- 7. Please plan to feed my grandkids at school for both breakfast and lunch.*
- 8. I will need a local Mexican driver's license so I can get easy access to government services.*
- 9. I do plan to get a car and drive in Mexico but I don't plan to purchase car insurance, and I probably won't make any special effort to learn*

## STUART TOLCHIN



### INFORMATION, INFORMATION!!

The Chinese Master-Eye Surgeon got right in my face and kept yelling, "Information!" "What do you want to know?" I pleaded. Once more he asked for information. Finally,

I got it. He wasn't asking

for "information" at all. He was screaming INFLAMMATION because the swelling and the pressure had returned to my son's eye and once again my son was in great pain and might be losing the vision in his one remaining functional eye.

Finally I understood. The doctor wasn't yelling at me because he wanted information. He was yelling because he was upset that the eye was inflamed again and we were back to square one. The Doctor kept berating me for letting this happen and wanted me to understand how serious it was. Finally, I couldn't take it anymore. I screamed back into his face that of course I understood how serious it was and that we had spent four hours waiting for him after driving two hours to get there

It turns out that the doctor had thought my son had completely ignored his instructions and failed to apply the eye-drops. No, I said. He has religiously followed the schedule. The doctor calmed down and asked my son to demonstrate how he was applying the eye-drops which were prescribed to combat infection. Watching his attempts it became clear that it was a hit or miss proposition. Most of the time the drops hit the eye-lid and fell off to the cheek, never getting to the eye at all. Sometimes the drop got into the eye and my son squeezed his eye and the liquid came out doing no good at all. My son had been trying his best but he has his problems and really can't apply the drops properly. Me either. My wife does a terrific job but she has her own career to attend to. The doctor emphasized that nothing could be more important than having the drops applied properly every two hours.

Okay, fine how do we do it? For two months, my son had accompanied me as I went from Court to Court and he very much did not want to do this

## Moving To Mexico?

*local traffic laws.*

*10. In case one of the Mexican police officers does not get the memo from their president to leave me alone, please be sure that every patrol car has at least one English-speaking officer.*

*11. I plan to fly the U.S. flag from my housetop, put U. S. flag decals on my car, and have a gigantic celebration on July 4th. I do not want any complaints or negative comments from the locals.*

*12. I would also like to have a nice job without paying any taxes, or have any labor or tax laws enforced on any business I may start.*

*13. Please have the president tell all the Mexican people to be extremely nice and never say critical things about me or my family, or about any strain we might place on their economy.*

*I know this is an easy request because you already do all these things for all his people who walk over to the U.S. from Mexico. I am sure that President Calderon won't mind returning the favor if you ask him nicely.*

*Thank you so much for your kind help. You're the man!!!*

The Arizona law states that, "It is a crime to be in the state illegally." This sounds like something from the (DRD) Department of Redundancy Department. But seriously folks, I have examined the Arizona Immigration statutes along side the federal immigration statutes. The big difference I see is the federal law permits federal officers to stop anyone, anytime without reason. The Arizona law forbids Arizona law enforcement officers from doing that. I guess the reason people are so against the Arizona law is that unlike the federal laws, the Arizona law is more likely to be enforced. Now if you really want to see what's what, read what the Mexican law is regarding people who cross their southern borders illegally.

## Durability

again. More importantly both he and I had little confidence that I could apply the drops properly. We drove to a Kaiser facility and a nurse gave me a lesson on how to apply the drops but my son understandably had little confidence in me which made it even more difficult. Certainly, there must be someone who could help. I called and called but, not surprisingly, no one I knew was available to administer the drops eight times a day. Furthermore, I guess I was feeling some guilt and I was alienating people left and right and making my son feel worse.

Meanwhile, he complained that he was starving and I noticed that I hadn't eaten either. A bad thing for a diabetic to do; especially after having taken medication. We were nearing downtown and my car, almost on its own, headed for the Pantry, a place I've been going to for about fifty years. Upon arriving at the Pantry and going into its familiar environment I felt a kind of reassurance. I remembered as if in the present being there with my father and figuring out how to deal with problems during the time he was losing his vision. I remembered my friends and me teaching my mother to drive and convincing her that she could drive my father on his route and miraculously she did. She acted as his driver for another ten years or so and the family survived.

What can I say? It's now the next day and today my son went to work with my wife and hung out at her work. She does a great job of applying the drops and she's trying to teach my son and me how to do it.

Okay, so it's 2:00clock in the morning and I'm worried about tomorrow. I'm not sure about anything but I'm sure glad the Pantry is there. Maybe after my wife applies the drops my son will want to go out for breakfast and we'll try and figure out what to do next. You know one can rely on the fact that the place will be open because it never closes. Yes, it's good to be able to take some things for granted. I wish that cars would be advertised for the fact that they last thirty years and are always reliable and dependable. I guess that's not our world but it's great to know of at least one place that will be around and available when you need it. I wish people were like that.

### More Jobs, Not More Lawsuits By Senator Bob Huff



More than 12 percent of California's workforce is now unemployed. In Los Angeles County, more than 600,000 former workers are without jobs. Public tax revenues have plummeted, critical services have been slashed, family incomes have stagnated and the business climate is depressed. While we struggle to find a comprehensive solution to these economic woes, one obvious, critical remedy is consistently ignored: frivolous lawsuits. California's burdensome and biased litigation climate discourages new start-up businesses, slows the growth of our existing small companies and threatens millions of jobs at the very moment we need them the most.

California has one of the worst litigation climates in the nation. Pointless, wasteful and unnecessary civil lawsuits cost Californians billions of dollars every year. Frivolous lawsuits

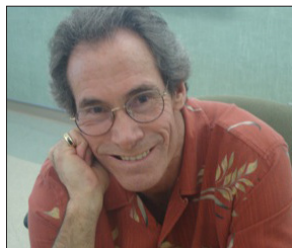
erase thousands of jobs in our state. In an economy as depressed as this one, we simply cannot afford to waste critical resources or slow our workforce. Right now, we need more jobs and fewer lawsuits.

More than four class action lawsuits are filed every single day in California. Last year more than 1.6 million class action, tort, personal injury, damages and contract lawsuits were filed in California - making us the most litigious state in the nation. Not only do we file the most actions, but our courts are among the most biased. A recent survey by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce ranked our state 46th in the nation for legal fairness - placing California among the five most biased court systems in the country.

The legal costs of these cases, both in financial terms and job losses, are immense. The negative legal climate affects all businesses, but small businesses are at the greatest risk. Most small businesses operate on small profit margins; in an economic downturn like ours, a single lawsuit can be the difference between a job-creating business and more people looking for work. The National Federation of Independent Businesses in California recently found that 98 percent of responding small business owners believe lawsuits hurt our economy, one third have been sued in the last five years, and six-of-ten have been threatened by lawsuits during the same period. Of equal concern are the job losses from larger companies that relocate from litigious California to other states with more balanced legal systems.

We can't know the full financial cost or number of jobs lost to frivolous lawsuits. What is certain, though, is that these personal and economic losses are a very serious burden in the best of times - however, in this recession, unnecessary lawsuits threaten any chance we have of recovery. It is way past time our Legislature acted to balance our courts, limit unnecessary lawsuits and give our businesses a chance to restore this state's wealth. As a state senator, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to pass common sense legislation to support our businesses. I introduced a bill, Senate Bill 1017, which will protect retailers from product liability lawsuits when the retailer has no responsibility for the product. Current law now holds retailers liable for anything they sell, even when the seller has no knowledge of or control over the defective product. SB 1017 represents just one element of desperately needed broad civil justice reform. We need to remedy a number of costly, valueless and destructive aspects of our legal system before we will see real improvement in our economic situation. A survey of Southern California voters by the non-profit group California Citizen's Against Lawsuit Abuse found voters overwhelmingly recognize unwarranted lawsuits negatively affect job growth and our economy. The same voters overwhelmingly support candidates that promote genuine legal reform. All the elements necessary for real progress on legal reform are in place: economic pressure, public support, a recognized problem and clear solutions. All we need now is the political will to do what must be done.

*Senator Bob Huff serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair and represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.*



## HAIL Hamilton My Turn Why We Celebrate Memorial Day

Once in a while I'm moved to tears.

On April 17 I went with a couple of old friends to get together with a bunch of other folks, most of them combat veterans, in a small Burbank park to commemorate a Marine who had been awarded the Medal of Honor.

It was a beautiful day to be in the park, and an even better day to rename a park.

The focus of attention was a young Burbank man named Larry L. Maxam who died 42 years ago in a far away place this nation has tried hard to forget.

Vietnam.

The 20-year-old Burbank Marine never got the due he deserved from his hometown, on this day he finally did. Pacific Park in Burbank was renamed the Larry L. Maxam Memorial Park.

There were hundreds who came to the ceremony that lasted about two hours to hear numerous dignitaries speak. There were also a dozen Marines present, who had fought alongside Larry when he died. The last of his old squad.

The audience solemnly watched as a lone bugler played Taps and Larry's family was presented with an American flag. Afterward a contingent of Marine riflemen fired a 21-gun salute. There wasn't a dry eye in sight.

The dedication included new a park sign and a bronze plaque containing Larry's full Medal of Honor citation. It was a moving ceremony for a war hero who died saving his fellow Marines. I'm sure Larry would have been pleased with the crowd who came to honor him.

Born in Glendale, Larry attended Burbank schools before enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1965. He arrived in Vietnam two years later and served as a rifleman, radioman and squad leader with Company D, 1st Battalion 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division.

On 2 February 1968, four months after being promoted to corporal, while participating in Operation Kentucky, Larry's squad was sent to Cam Lo District Headquarters, Quang Tri Province, Republic of South Vietnam. TET, the massive North Vietnamese offensive, had begun three days earlier.

Larry's squad was guarding the perimeter of the compound when his position came under heavy artillery and gun fire. A large breach was created in the perimeter. Wounded by fragments of exploding grenades, Larry ran to an abandoned machine gun and fired on advancing forces.

"As the enemy directed maximum firepower against the determined Marine, Cpl. Maxam's position received a direct hit from a rocket-propelled grenade, knocking him backwards and inflicting severe fragmentation wounds to his face and right eye," according to the citation that accompanied the medal.

"Maxam returned to his feet and kept firing.

He was hit again with small-arms fire... [but] gallantly continued to deliver intense machine gun fire, causing the enemy to retreat to cover. In a desperate attempt to silence his weapon, the North Vietnamese threw hand grenades and rifle fire against him, inflicting two additional wounds.

"Too weak to reload his machine gun, Cpl. Maxam fell to a prone position and valiantly continued to deliver effective fire with his rifle.

"After 1 1/2 hours, during which he was hit repeatedly by fragments from exploding grenades and concentrated small-arms fire, he succumbed to his wounds, having successfully defended nearly half of the perimeter single-handedly."

Larry did what was right; he sized up the situation and, with extraordinary valor, did what he had to do to protect his fellow Marines. His actions are a remarkable testament of courage under fire.

On 20 April 1970, Larry was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard Nixon for his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." Larry was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Oahu, Hawaii.

The Marine Corps Motto "Semper Fidelis" means "Always faithful." More common is the abbreviated verbal version, "Semper Fi," used by Marines to voice loyalty and commitment to their comrades in arms. As they say, "Once a Marine always a Marine."

This Memorial Day take a moment to reflect on Larry L. Maxam and all the other American servicemen who have sacrificed their lives in our defense.

*This is why we celebrate Memorial Day. Semper Fi.*

## SUSAN Henderson



### Priorities?!

**priority (n):** *something given or meriting attention before competing alternatives*

It is common knowledge in California that our schools are failing miserably and there is no money to properly fund them. Our society has become so litigious that for every teacher in the classroom, we practically have to pay for a psychiatrist, accountant, insurance broker

and lawyer to protect the interests of the teacher committed to serve and the children who want to learn. As a result, there is little left to pay teachers a decent salary and provide the proper tools to assist in educating youngsters who are growing up in a technically oversaturated society.

Yes, we're broke, as in, we have no money to take care of the things that should be most important to us. And the ultimate shame lies in the fact that, whether you are the head of a Fortune 500 company, a doctor, scientist or factory worker, when asked what person has had the greatest influence in your life, most will answer, "My first grade teacher," or "My High School Counselor" or an educator in some form or fashion. So, why is it that we have allowed the education of our children to be thrown to the bottom of our list of things that are important to us?

I'm over the failure of Measure CC, I didn't believe that people in this District would see the need to contribute a mere \$120 a year to help educate the next generation who will ultimately run this society. (But it's not too late to still make a donation - See Mountain View News May 22, 2010 edition). Anyhow, I'm over it, but what I am not over is the way we find it *unacceptable to fund our schools, but acceptable to spend obscene millions to buy a vote.*

Just look at the amount of money that is being poured into the 2010 PRIMARY Governor's race. This state would be much better off if those candidates would turn their fundraising skills to solving the state's education crisis. Honestly, this year in particular the campaign funding is getting outrageous. Consider this, from January to May 22, 2010, the three top contenders for governor have raised and/or spent over 100 Million Dollars, and this is only to get the nomination! How much more will be spent before the November election? And they tell me that they want to LEAD our state?! Where are their priorities when they would rather pour millions into trying to brainwash us into voting for them?

In case you think I am kidding, here are the stats as of 5/22/10 per the California Secretary of State:

-*Jerry Brown*, lead Democratic Candidate has raised *\$20 million plus*. He hasn't spent much, just on popcorn watching the battle between the top Republicans.

-*Steve Poizner* has spent over *\$20 million* trying to keep Meg off his butt.

And then there is dear old *Margaret C. Whitman* who was spending over \$249 a minute in advertising at one point. Meg has spent over *\$61 million dollars* in the first five months of this year trying to get the nomination!

Jerry, Steve and Meg, do us a favor. Show us that you really care. Send us ONE handwritten, xeroxed note telling us why you want to be elected. That is more than enough information, and then show us that you really care by raising that kind of money for our kids. *We all need to get our priorities straight.*

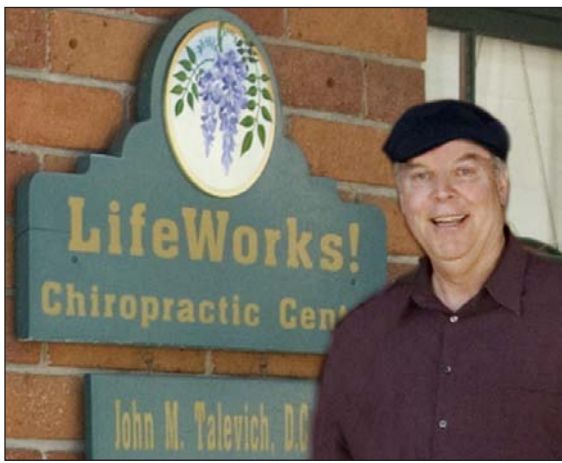






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### Today's Subject: More On Stress Management Health Tips From Dr. John Talevich



Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

*"I am an old man and have seen a great many troubles, but most of them never happened."*  
~ Mark Twain

While there are many things that stress us which are outside our control, we see in Mark Twain's quote that a good number of stresses come from our own projections. So, if it's an inside job, what can be done about it? How can we practice custody of our thoughts and feelings? How can we calm down?

Brain wave studies have produced a working model of how body chemistry is affected by our thoughts and how this chemistry, in turn, affects our thinking. One of the primary pathways is called the HPA axis; it excites a series of responses that light up the fight/flight pattern. When this pattern becomes chronically active, a preference for stress is established. One more easily becomes anxious, depressed, confused, angry or moody. Fortunately, this response pattern can be trained to move along other

neuropathways, establishing balance and equanimity.

Here are a few simple practices that raise the threshold for stress response patterning:

- Take a walk. Not a horse race, a stroll of a half hour, twice a day. Smell the flowers!
- Breathe. A simple breathing practice of inwardly saying "I am breathing in, I am breathing out" is very effective. If you need some help with this, set a timer and breathe in and out calmly for one or two minutes.
- Stay in the present moment. By keeping our minds aware of "the now," we eliminate the constant provocation that our monkey-minds demand. We relax.
- Water. Bent out of shape? Sit down with a glass of water, breathe, calm the mind and return to the present moment.
- Last, but not least, practice the art of forgiveness. There is a wealth of research that shows the benefits of such mental and emotional "housecleaning."

All of these practices are designed to slow down and redirect the movement of our energies toward a more positive and healthy outcome.

Next Week: The "Staff of Life" and Gluten Sensitivity.

*Have a calm and healthy week! ~ Dr. John*

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## Pool Masters!

The City of Arcadia Senior Services Division hosted a senior pool tournament on Tuesday, May 25th at the Arcadia Community Center. The tournament was held in preparation for the San Gabriel Valley Senior Center Tournament which is set for Thursday, June 24th in the City of La Puente. The top four finalists (pictured left to right) are Bryan Wen, John Greenwood, Lee Hollman and Pieroro Santoro, who will represent the City of Arcadia in the "Mayor's Cup" tournament against other City's pool players.

## Opening Night at the Hollywood Bowl

Come celebrate one of the most talked about highlights of the summer! Join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department for an adult excursion to Opening Night at the Hollywood Bowl on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-11:30pm - \$40 per person. The brilliant Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, special celebrity guests and a spectacular fireworks finale will offer a delightful kick-off to summer. Invite a few friends and bring a basket of picnic delights for a captivating evening of entertainment. Meet at Arcadia County Park on Santa Anita. There is limited space for this trip. For more questions, please contact the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

## Social Security Administration E-Services Workshop

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department in partnership with the Social Security Administration will be holding a free seminar on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30pm-3:30pm for adults, 50 years of age and older on navigating the Social Security Administration Website. The workshop will be held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, and a representative from the SSA will discuss the "E-Services" or online enrollment and access to your social security account information. In this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Apply for social security
- Check spouse or disability benefits
- Estimate your retirement benefits
- Request a Medicare replacement card and apply for "extra help" with the prescription drug program
- Receive information on how to read your social security statement
- Sign up to receive updates on social security via e-mail

All workshop participants will receive an online retirement planning CD and printed materials, compliments of the Social Security Administration

For more information, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

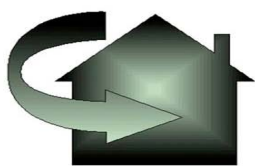
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# The Good Life

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### FYI:

### Walking Tips For Seniors

Walking may be the best fitness activity for many seniors given the relatively low physical risks and the enormous long-term health benefits. These "Walking Tips for Seniors" are designed to reduce the risk of often preventable foot and ankle injuries and ailments that could lead to inactivity, and prohibit many seniors from realizing the tremendous benefits of walking.

The Foot Health Foundation of America (the Foundation) -- the education arm of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) -- has issued guidelines for seniors in response to the recent release of two major long-term studies confirming the beneficial effects of regular walking on a person's overall health and well-being.

One study revealed that regular exercise walking lowered the risk of death from cancer and cardiovascular disease and -- in general -- prolonged life. Increasing the walking distance from just one to two miles produced even greater results. The second study found that taking brisk half-hour walks just six times a month appeared to cut the risk of death by 44 percent, and even occasional exercisers were 30 percent less likely to die than sedentary folks.

"Now -- more than ever -- we are urging Americans to get up and go. These tips should serve as a great starting point, from choosing a proper walking sneaker to knowing where and when to walk," commented Dr. Marc Lenet, DPM, president of APMA. "To ensure a successful and safe walking program, seniors should also consult their primary care and/or podiatric physician -- especially if they have a family history of heart disease, poor circulation or diabetes, or if they have any pre-existing foot conditions."

### Benefits of Walking

In addition to the long-term benefit of prolonging life, the Foundation points out that seniors can experience many short-term benefits from walking. Walking:

- Controls weight, blood sugar and cholesterol levels. A brisk walk can burn up to 100 calories per mile or 300 calories per hour. Walking is the perfect complement to a sensible diet to lose weight and keep it off;
- Improves cardiovascular fitness and circulation. Walking gets the heart beating faster to transport oxygen-rich blood from the lungs to the muscles; and increases the size and improves the efficiency of tiny vessels that supply blood for cellular respiration;
- Facilitates medical rehabilitation and recovery from many ailments, including heart attack;
- Generates a sense of well-being, and can relieve depression, anxiety and stress by naturally producing endorphins, the body's natural tranquilizer;

**Getting started**  
The Foundation recommends setting appropriate and realistic goals, pacing oneself, choosing an appropriate and "like-able" activity, and paying attention to what the body, including the feet, reveals. Drinking fluids on hot days or during very strenuous activities to avoid heat stroke and heat exhaustion is vitally important.

*For more information on walking or general foot care, please call 800-FOOTCARE or visit the APMA's Web site at [www.apma.org](http://www.apma.org). Founded in 1912, American Podiatric Medical Association is the leading professional society for foot and ankle specialists in the nation. With more than 9,000 active members, the Association has components in 53 locations in the U.S. and its Territories. The Foot Health Foundation of America -- a 501(c)(3) organization -- is a national health initiative of the American Podiatric Medical Association.*



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### Recipe of the Week:

### Really Good Potato Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 eggs
- 10 red potatoes
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1/3 cup dill pickle relish
- 2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- 2 stalks chopped celery
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup pepperoncini (optional)
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS:

Place the eggs into a saucepan in a single layer and fill with water to cover the eggs by 1 inch. Cover the saucepan and bring the water to a boil over high heat. Remove from the heat and let the eggs stand in the hot water for 15 minutes.

Pour out the hot water; cool the eggs under cold running water in the sink. Peel and chop the cooled eggs.

Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Drain and refrigerate until cold. Peel and cube once cold. Stir together the mayonnaise, ranch dressing, relish, mustard, salt, pepper, paprika, and celery seed in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs, potatoes, onion, pepperoncini, and olives; stir until evenly mixed.

Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.



### May Birthdays

Juanita Loera, JoAnn Serrato-Chi, Barbara Siyakukkem Dorothy Tillquist, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Diwney, Shirley Hall, Dorothy Murphy, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck

### 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

### 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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### MONTHLY EXCURSIONS

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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Chris Bertrand

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

### Progress At The Pinney House

"Welcome to the Money Pit!" chuckled Pinney House owner and chief restorer, plumber, painter and carpenter, Greg Asbury last week to two civic groups, The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the local Rotary Club.

Invited by Asbury and his wife to hold their meetings at their 10,000 square foot historic home in the midst of restoration and renovation, both groups enjoyed a tour of the family's progress on restoration since they purchased the property in 2003.

Constructed in 1887 for retired civil war surgeon, Dr. Elbert Pinney, the Asburys have been delighted by contact and visits from descendants of the original owner, and now have copies of family and historical home photos for their archives. They've learned that early civic meetings took place at the home, in lieu of a town hall.

When I last visited the Pinney House for a 2007 article, Asbury calmly chatted with me while workers were busily lowering decades of plaster and lathe room dividers right behind us. I saw a warren of rooms, 1960's era kitchens, 6'x10' windowless "hotel" rooms from a century old design and dust, dust, dust.

Back in the 1800's, a modestly priced hotel room at a place like the Sierra Madre Hotel sometimes meant a "room with only room for a bed" to fall into after a day of hiking in the San Gabriel Mountains, or later a room to "dry out" in a Betty Ford-style Center in the Jimmy Durante era. Even later, those windowless rooms became part of nine apartments within the Pinney House. (One was occupied by new city



The Hotel Sierra Madre in the late 1800's (inset) and The Pinney House today. Historical photo courtesy of [www.pinneyhouse.com](http://www.pinneyhouse.com).



Greg Asbury recounts their home restoration journey.

council member, Josh Moran, in his tender years.)

Today those windowless hotel rooms are gone, and work is well under way for six new bedrooms and baths befitting this Sierra Madre treasure. The Asburys reflected that it was financially possible to do some much renovation only because they shouldered most of the work themselves. Hence, they've drawn heavily on Greg's experience rehabbing old homes, begun way back in college.

Asbury fascinated the groups with anecdotes and near horror stories of remodeling. Asbury discovered an old style of house framing called ballooning was used for the construction of part of the home. Common until modern building codes required firestops and shear walls stiffening the structure, the good news is that "the balloon framing allows air to flow from under the house that is naturally temperate and moderate both hot and cold days. It actually provides flexibility to the structure" evidenced by the home's survival though several other Sierra Madre structures fell in the 1990 earthquake, including several homes on Grove behind them, and the monastery on Sunnyside.

In one harrowing incident, work on an outer wall uncovered that only one 2"x6" beam fully supported the turret room, or oriel, on the third floor. Wide eyed, Asbury hustled up to the turret, currently occupied by a crowd of nine at a meeting his wife was holding. He didn't rest until the turret was emptied and the framing reinforced.

In completing the turret, Asbury ruefully recalls, "I will never forget climbing up to the top of the roof to plant the spire on the turret as the wind whipped me around." Oh, the joys and adventures of restoration!

Another time, an unsent love letter by a senator contemporary of Abraham Lincoln was uncovered when baseboards were removed in one of the bedrooms. Written in the flowery Victorian language of the era, it was penned at another hotel stop for the senator, Pasadena's Hotel Green. Alas it was never sent and somehow slipped behind the baseboard a century ago.

In 2006, when I first started traversing Lima Street in Sierra Madre on daily treks through town, my eye was drawn to the tired but still majestic "Lady on Lima"... the Pinney House. Its faded color was one we'll call "formerly white." After years of work, including a period with scaffolding around the structure, the house now sports an intricate Victorian color palette that fits beautifully in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as well.

If I'd been painting, I'm not sure I could have kept all of it straight with all the curlicues and spindles in multi colors, but the finished effect is stunning, with olive and tan and maroon. I'm truly afraid to ask the number of gallons required.

Designed by San Francisco then Los Angeles based brothers, Samuel and Joseph H. Cather Newsom, this

huge Queen Anne Victorian structure was intended as a country inn, and as such, not meant to be elaborate. The Asburys are slowly purchasing accoutrements for their Victorian, sometimes searching out of state for pieces. In Arizona recently, they found an elaborate walnut fireplace facing manufactured by the Newsoms. Now it's the beautiful focal point of the main parlor.

More "over the top" examples of the "Gruesome Newsom" brothers' work is available at the Carson Mansion in Eureka, CA, reputed to be one of the most photographed and ornate Victorians. A much closer example is the fully restored San Dimas Hotel about 15 miles east of Sierra Madre, completed in March, 2009.

We wish the Asburys the best in their endeavors to restore one of the most recognized and historic buildings in Sierra Madre!

For more information about the Pinney House, visit [www.PinneyHouse.com](http://www.PinneyHouse.com).



Pinney House offers some of the most breath taking views of the San Gabriel Valley from the second and third floor balconies.

**Tips of the Trade:**  
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In today's real estate climate, you want to be sure to take all the necessary steps to squeeze every possible penny out of the sale of your home. Small oversights or missteps can be costly when it comes to your bottom line. However, there are some common mistakes that are easily avoidable if you listen to the experience and advice of your real estate representative.

One error that can cost you is to put your home on the

market before it is truly ready for presentation. Image is everything, so get all the cleaning, painting, patching, and lawn care done well in advance of your first showing.

Another costly stumbling block involves your initial listing price. Remember that you control the asking price, but not the selling price - that is finally determined by the buyers and what the market will bear. Try to detach yourself emotionally from what you want to net, and price your home aggressively against your competition, right from the beginning.

Emotional attachment can keep you from perceiving and presenting your home as what it now is, a commodity. Present it, market it and price it as you would any new product on the market. Your agent will make sure it gets exposure to the right demographic, and will help you avoid costly errors along the way to a successful closing.

Luther Tsinoglou has just been named the top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2009, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at [luther@tsinoglou.com](mailto:luther@tsinoglou.com).

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She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans.

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