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## Sierra Madre Book Wins Two Prestigious Awards

When the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society decided to undertake publishing the history of the city, their goal was to share the rich history of the town with the world. The thought of the book becoming an award winning masterpiece probably never entered the minds of anyone on the committee.

However, the book, "Southern California Story: Seeking The Better Life In Sierra Madre" has recently been selected to win awards from the American



Michele Zack

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design and creativity in the 2010 Winter Semi-Annual Design Contest for the cover of the book.

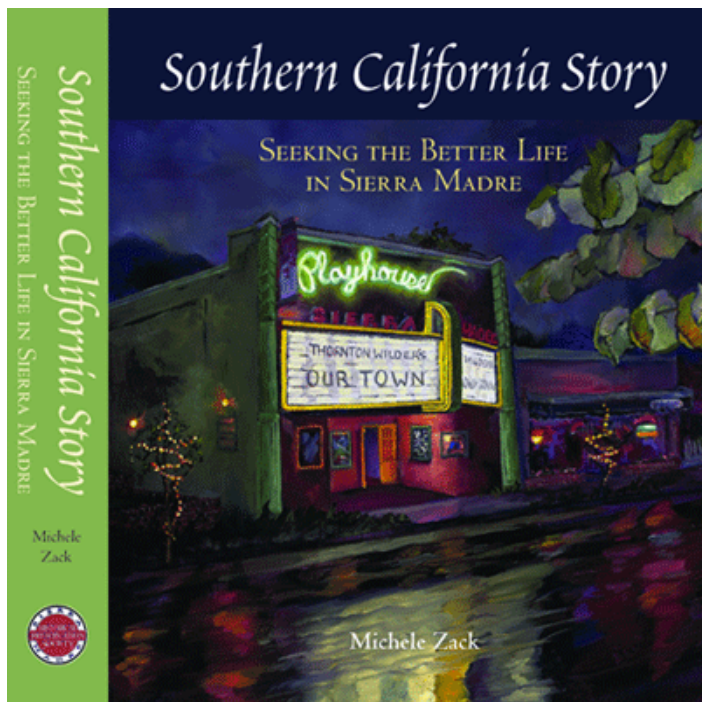
Author Michele Zack will be receiving the The Award of Merit which is presented to recognize excellence for projects (including civic engagement, special projects, educational programs, exhibits, publications, restoration projects, etc.), individual achievement and general excellence.

Both Lapides and Zack have been recognized nationally for their work.

The coffee table book, was printed in limited quantities and covers the first 100 years of Sierra Madre and



Jeff Lapides



Design Awards and the American Association For State and Local History.

Sierra Madre resident, Jeff Lapides was selected as one of only 54 participants among 1888 entries to receive a top accolade for excellence in

includes photographs from 1907 to present.

The book is available at Sierra Madre Books and Vromans or you can contact the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society at (626)355-8129 or go to [www.smhps.org](http://www.smhps.org).

## Republican Nominee For 59th Assembly District Still Undecided

By Susan Henderson

Voters in the 59th Assembly District, which includes Sierra Madre, parts of Arcadia and Monrovia, will have to wait until Tuesday to find out who the Republican nominee is.

Due to the unusual configuration of the district, votes are tallied by two different county offices. While the votes, including provisionals and absenteees have been counted in San Bernardino County, the Los Angeles County absentee ballots have not yet been tallied.

The results in San Bernardino County at press time showed Tea Party backed candidate, and former Minuteman organizer, Tim Donnelly with a 654 vote lead. However, the results of the Los Angeles County votes may change that number. In Los Angeles County, the votes show candidate Chris Lancaster with an almost 2 to 1 lead over Donnelly. Whether or not that trend will continue and will be enough to overcome the 654 overall lead Donnelly currently holds won't be known until the last vote is counted on Tuesday. It is also unknown how many provisional/absentee ballots are waiting to be counted in LA County, making projections impossible.

Whoever gains the Republican nomination will face Democrat Darcel Woods, American Independent Robert Gosney and Libertarian Tony Tyler in November.



San Bernardino County voters showed strong support for Tim Donnelly (above) but LA County voters favored Lancaster (below).



## Carrying The Torch of Remembrance Sierra Madre Memorial Day Observance



WWII Veteran Gordon Caldwell with family.

Hundreds attended the yearly observance of Memorial Day held by VFW 3208 at Pioneer Cemetery on May 31 this year. Though years or decades may have elapsed since those who sacrificed their lives for our country died, it was clearly written on the faces and in the emotional voices of those in attendance. Mayor Joe Mosca first spoke, followed by the keynote address by Charles Carter. Ninety five year old Mike Di Domenico, a World War II vet and VFW member and one of the "Rosie the Riveters," Rose Fafach, joined the observance. (See Speech on Pg. 3)

## Low Watanabe Named Grand Marshal of Fourth of July Parade

Parade To Be Held On July 5th

Low Watanabe has been named 2010 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal in Sierra Madre, according to Matt Bosse, Fourth of July Committee chairman.

A well known and beloved figure in town, Watanabe will lead the annual parade down Sierra Madre Boulevard on Monday, July 5. The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Watanabe and his wife, Joyce, with sons Randy and Steven Sage, moved to Sierra Madre in 1965. Their neighbors and the community were so welcoming to the new family that, Watanabe says, "It was like coming home." He immediately set out to repay the kindness, beginning with volunteer work for the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and the Civic Club. His devotion of time and talent over many years has ever since enriched the City.

Watanabe's original interest in the nursery business expanded into landscape contracting in 1981. In 1987 he started designing and building award-winning granite sculptures known as "water walls" that are now to be seen in many gardens and museums. One such work of art he donated to the City of Sierra Madre in 1999: the "Weeping Wall" in Memorial Park, which is part of the City's World War II Veterans Memorial.

Another gift to the City is his contribution to the renovation of the abandoned Japanese garden given to Sierra Madre Elementary School in 1931 as a symbol of goodwill by local Japanese families. The garden, which fell into disrepair during World War II, was uncovered by schoolchildren and beautifully restored, complete with koi pond.

A dedicated worker for landscape improvements and planting projects of all kinds in Sierra Madre, Watanabe's designs include the setting of local plants, boulders, and a stream bed at the Richardson House, the Kiosk at the Pioneer Cemetery, the Memorial Garden at the Gooden



School, the landscaping around the City entrance at the west end of Sierra Madre Boulevard, and the flower garden in Kersting Court. He brought years of professional experience to his service as chairman of the City's Tree Preservation Committee. A tireless supporter of many local nonprofit activities, Watanabe was honored in 1996 as Sierra Madre's Citizen of the Year for his efforts in enhancing and supporting the community.

The City had another opportunity to thank Watanabe after he suffered serious injury in a fall in 2003; Sierra Madreans enthusiastically rallied around their generous friend to help with his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe are now living on their ranch in Wildomar, where they grow plants and accumulate granite for his landscaping projects. "I feel that I have moved," Watanabe says, "but I don't think my heart has left Sierra Madre. It has been my home for 45 years and I don't think that's going to change." He maintains his local landscaping and water installation business, Good Earth Enterprises. He will have two pieces in the 2010 Malibu Sculpture Show in late June. And, lucky for us, he will be returning to Sierra Madre to oversee his projects.

And to ride at the front of his hometown parade. "I am very honored," he says, "and I think it will be fun. And all my friends who helped me get well will be riding with me."

### Keeping That Small Town Charm:

## Arnold's Frontier Hardware

"Where old-fashioned service is never out-dated"

By LaQuetta Shamblee

If it can be found in a hardware store, you should stop and shop here first. The massive warehouse chains can't come close to personalized service awaiting customers at two hardware stores owned by Basil Kruger and Michael Howland - Arnold's Hardware in Sierra Madre and Frontier Hardware in Duarte.

Both locations offer a broad selection of hardware, building materials, gardening and plumbing supplies, and a list of convenient services including glass cutting and screen repair. With Father's Day a week away, it's an ideal time to stop in to check out their line of Craftsman tools since they'll be offering great discounts as members of the Ace Hardware Co-op.

Whether you're in need of new sprinklers or looking for a place to have pipe threaded or cut, you'll discover one of their biggest

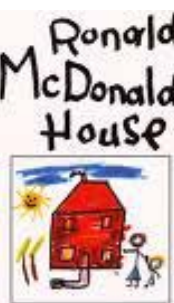
departments is plumbing. An inventory of electrical supplies and a great selection of hardware including stainless steel, metric and Grade 8 quality make these local stores a go-to for both professionals and do-it-yourselfers.



The gardening department stocks everything needed to earn and maintain your green thumb status, including organic potting soil, peat moss and some gardening tools with pretty floral designs popular with women. Some inventory items and features are unique to each location.

Custom-matched and blended paints are one of their specialties. The Ace brand is available at both, with Pratt & Lambert only at their Sierra Madre store. (cont. pg. 3)

### "Ronald McDonald House" Program at Kiwanis Meeting



On Tuesday, June 15, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a program by Elizabeth Dever, Director of the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena.

The Pasadena Ronald McDonald House provides a community supported "home away from home" for families coming into Pasadena seeking advanced medical treatment for their critically or terminally ill children. Premature births, cancer and other critical illnesses can put unimaginable stress on a family. In addition, many people must travel great distances looking for treatments and answers not found near their home.

The meeting will be 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. Visitors who have difficulty hearing the PA system should bring a portable radio with headphones; the PA sound can be heard at 104.7-FM.

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## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY *Quality Books for Only A Buck!*

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, June 21 through Saturday, June 26, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics will include Fiction, Cookbooks, Biographies, Animals, Wildlife, Time Warner and Children's books. All volumes are in good condition and will be sold at the low, low price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

Are your bookshelves bursting at the seams? Is it time to weed out the old to make room for the new? Your donations of gently used books are appreciated, and will help maintain our book sale inventory. Books in bags or boxes may be dropped off at the back of the Library, by the basement door.

For more information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us). The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### 2010 Summer Swim Lesson Walk-In Registration

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be opening on June 14, 2010. Walk-in registration for summer swim lessons is now available at the Community Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. or at the Hart Park House located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Starting Monday, June 14 walk-in registration is available at the Aquatic Center.

Participants can still register online as well 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. For more information call 626-355-5278.

## FOUR SHOWS FOR CHILDREN PRESENTED IN REPERTORY AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ALL SUMMER LONG. STARTS JUNE 26.

June Chandler's Fairy Tale Theatre launches its summer Repertory on June 26 with the opening of the musical The Frog Prince. Four interactive Children's shows, (2 being musicals), will alternate Saturdays, 11:00 and 2:00 through September 25.

The Frog Prince	June 26, July 24, Sept. 11
Treasure Island	July 3, July 31, Sept. 18
Sleeping Beauty	July 10, Aug. 21, Sept. 4
Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz	July 17, Aug. 28, Sept. 25

The Tale of the Frog Prince opens June 26, 11:00 and 2:00

We invite all kids to become froggies in our swamp. The evil witch has turned the handsome Prince into a frog. He's sad and lonely and needs you as his friends to sing and dance and play with him. He is waiting and hoping that somewhere there is a lovely girl who could see past his ugly green exterior and love him for who he really is inside. Then, her kiss would break the witch's spell and he would become a handsome prince once more.

All shows in the Fairy Tale Theatre season are "Participation" plays. The children in the audience play an active part from their seats, wearing costumes, talking to the characters, and then meeting all the costumed characters for autographs after the show. Sometimes a few of the braver kids are invited on stage to play roles in the scenes.

In "Dorothy and The Wizard of Oz," the kids oil the tin man, stuff the scarecrow and play poppies in the field. In "Sleeping Beauty," they all play flowers for Sleeping Beauty's wedding bouquet and some play the Queens doctor and nurse, decorate the wedding arbor and play Flower Girl and Ring Bearer at the wedding. In "Treasure Island," two crews are picked to sail with the good ship and the pirate ship. All the audience create a terrible storm at sea, a mosquito infested jungle and sing with the crew. In the tale of "The Frog Prince," all the kids play froggies in the pond from their seats and are invited to sing and dance with their Frog Prince friend.

June Chandler and thirty adult actors from Sierra Madre and outlying areas have been very busy devoting their time and creative efforts to giving children the magical gift of theatre all summer long at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Their goal is for all children to COME PLAY AT THE PLAYHOUSE and fall in love with theatre forever.

The shows are written by Steve and Kathy Hotchner, music by Bill Roser. Directed by June Chandler. Musical Director is Christopher Callen. Produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing Company.

*Ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years. Online ticketing at [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org). Reservations call 626-355-4318. The Sierra Madre Playhouse is at 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. There is ample free parking behind the theatre.*

## 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.*

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

Santa Anita Park t will offer a terrific Father's Day package in its FrontRunner Restaurant, which will include barbecued ribs, steak, chicken, brats, shrimp, pizza, fish tacos, salads, sides and dessert on Father's Day, June 20.

In addition 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.

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).

## Father's Day at Descanso Gardens: Free Concert with Lisa Hayley and the Zydecats

*Bring dad to the Gardens on Father's Day, June 20, for food, flowers, foliage and entertainment!*

Kick back and enjoy a free concert by Grammy © nominee Lisa Hayley and the Zydecats on Descanso's Main Lawn from 1-3 p.m. Lisa and her high-spirited band have been called "the most joyful Americana/Cajun/Zydeco act on tour today."

The day also features barbecue selections from Patina Catering from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited table and chairs are available so bring blankets and folding chairs to dine among the trees. (No outside picnics are allowed.)

Concert is free with admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, \$3 children 5-12.



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## KICKING OFF MORE THAN A SPARKLING JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT THE ARBORETUM

### The California Philharmonic opens its 2010 summer season with "America the Beautiful: A Powerful Patriotic Performance"

Grammy-award winning singer and actor Brian McKnight and pianist Bryan Pezzone will appear as guest artists Saturday, June 26, 2010; 7:30 p.m.;

His recordings have gone platinum, his fans number in the tens of millions, and the awards he has garnered range from the Grammys and American Music Awards to the NAACP Image and BET Awards. But when singer and actor Brian McKnight joins the California Philharmonic on Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Arcadia and on Sunday, June 27, at 2 p.m. at Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles for "America the Beautiful: A Powerful Patriotic Performance," he'll take on a role his fans might not at first expect. McKnight will narrate composer Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait.

But for Dr. Victor Vener, founder and Music Director of Cal Phil, selecting McKnight to help kick off the orchestra's 2010 Summer Season – and pay tribute to President Abraham Lincoln – was a superb choice.

"Brian is a legendary leader in his own right," Vener explains. "There's nothing he has tackled that he hasn't excelled at, whether it's as a singer who's sold over 20 million albums, as a nationally syndicated host on ABC Radio, or as a member of the team at Extra! I'm so looking forward to introducing Brian to our audiences at The Arboretum and Disney Hall. I've no doubt they'll give him the star-spangled welcome he deserves."

Nor will McKnight be the only star joining Cal Phil at its 'powerful patriotic performance.' Pianist Bryan Pezzone will appear as soloist when the orchestra presents George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

"If you watch television or go to the movies, there's a good chance you've heard Bryan perform," says Vener, who played French horn and earned a doctorate in music performance from USC before turning to conducting. "The range of composers he's worked with is amazing, from John Adams to John Williams."

Pezzone is also the pianist in the ensemble Free Flight, a crossover classical/jazz quartet. "Rhapsody in Blue was originally written for solo piano and jazz band in 1924," Vener relates. "Bryan's versatility as an artist – he is equally comfortable in the classical and jazz worlds – guarantees that this performance of one of the most popular American works ever written will stand out as one of the most memorable."

Also on the program for "America the Beautiful" are Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Copland's Appalachian Spring and a medley of stirring marches by John Philip Sousa. At The Arboretum, the concert will include a pyrotechnics display as well.

*"America the Beautiful" will begin on Saturday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m., when the gates to The Arboretum open for picnicking. Four vendors – including Robin's Wood Fire BBQ & Grill, Bristol Farms and Neomeze Restaurant Bar and Lounge – will provide food on site as well. Wine will be provided by redwhite+bluezz. And, as has happened in the past, live jazz performances will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Parking on site is available. The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Avenue in Arcadia. For more information or to order tickets/subscriptions, visit [www.calphil.org](http://www.calphil.org) or call 626.300.8200.*

## Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

*Hope you find something here that catches your eye... or should I say ear! While you're at it, tempt your taste buds with a beverage or bite. Support your local musicians and the venues who continue to bring them to us. Pass it on....*

SAT. 6/12 - I SEE HAWKS IN L.A. @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA, 8pm. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. \$15. Americana. "I See Hawks are indeed one of California's unique treasures." - Dave Alvin

SUN. 6/13 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Sunday BLUES Brunch! <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 6/13 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

"TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER MIDGE, 8pm. \$2 per person to play, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

EVERY Tuesday Night at "The Brass Elephant / Aztec Hotel" in Monrovia - 8pm-midnight - "VEAL OR NO VEAL". Come test your Vocal Chops and Try to avoid the Veal Chop! The Amazing Brasstek "aka Dave Osti" will be hosting Acoustic Live Karaoke. They provide a songlist and if you want to sing a tune Dave will back you up with his Amazing Brasstek Guitar. Buy a \$1 Raffle Ticket for a chance to play "VEAL or NO VEAL" at 12:00 Midnight - the winning ticket will take home \$20, \$40 or a Veal Chop! (which is kinda like the equivalent of Let's Make A Deal's DUD.) Wacky Karaoke is what it sounds like to me!!! 311 W. Foothill Blvd. 626-358-3231. Full bar.

"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 9pm. Bring your favorite vinyl records and play an entire side on the house turntable, commercial free! 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045.

THURS. 6/17 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 6 - 9pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Burgers, Brews & BLUES Every Thursday. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

FRI. 6/18 - The MELLOW D'z (DAVE OSTI AND DEANNA COGAN) @ THE MAYAN BAR (inside the Aztec Hotel) in MONROVIA, 6 - 9pm Happy Hour. 311 W. Foothill Blvd. 626-358-3231. NO COVER. Full bar, coldest beer in town! Classic Rock and beyond! Every Friday. <http://www.myspace.com/themellowdeez>

FRI. 6/18 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES "DANCE PARTY" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm - Midnite. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. R&B, Disco, Motown, Rock, Blues.

FRI. 6/18 - AMERICAN CATAPULT @ THE BLACK WATCH PUB IN UPLAND, 10pm. 497 N. Central Ave. 909-981-6069. Looks like beer, wine & cider only. Good reviews from folks who like British dive bars - how can you go wrong? Love the band - lots of catchy, original rock tunes.

SAT. 6/19 - COW BOP @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. Cowboy Jazz, Western Bebop. PintoPammy on vocals. Lots of fun! <http://www.cowbop.com/>

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SUN. 6/20 - THE LATE BLOOMERS @ THE COFFEE GALLERY BACKSTAGE IN ALTADENA, 7pm. 2029 N. Lake Ave. 626-398-7917. \$18. "An acoustic folk-rock band who cut their teeth on the music of Dylan and Neil Young while still in high school in the sixties and have since found their own sound by putting their individual stamp on favorites from that era. All four are accomplished vocalists and pleasing harmonies dominate the sets. Dan Ames, Gayle Bluemel (Sierra Madre Elementary's Principal), Ross (Debe) Johnsen, and Scott Shepherd."

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WED. 6/23 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Bluegrass. Note: There might be a discrepancy with this date - could be 6/30. Call ahead to confirm...

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*Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. This is show biz, after all...*

Hope to see you out & about, SierraMadreSue sierramadresue@yahoo.com

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<http://cafe322.com/>  
<http://www.frethouse.com/>  
<http://www.myspace.com/piratedive> (SORRY KIDS - NO BANDS AT THE BUC UNTIL WE GET A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN)  
<http://www.coffeegallery.com/home.html>  
<http://www.myspace.com/americanarootsla>

## Djibril N'Doye Teaches



Popular Sierra Madre artist Djibril N'Doye will be teaching drawing classes this summer at Creative Arts Group, offering a rare opportunity to learn how to create unique and original pieces of art from this internationally recognized master.

Born in Senegal, this Sierra Madre resident is a self-taught artist who has spent many years developing and perfecting his own distinct technique using ballpoint pen and paper. N'Doye has won many awards for his pen and

ink art as well as for images burned directly on wood as well as gourds.

Original work by N'Doye can be seen at the Jameson Gallery at Creative Arts Group. His class will begin Thursday evening, July 1 at 7 pm and continue on Thursdays evenings for 10 weeks.

The Summer Session for children and adults begins the week of June 20 and includes classes in ceramics, drawing, painting, enameling, puppetry, needle felting, mosaics, jewelry, silk painting, sewing, cartooning, mixed media, and glass fusing. Advanced registration can be reserved by calling (626) 355-8350 or coming by Creative Arts Group at 108 N. Baldwin Ave.



## Live from Burger Continental The Harvey Hyde Show

535 So. Lake Ave. Pasadena (626) 792 - 6634

Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
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KSHP Las Vegas - 1400 AM



## Fabulous Fabrications – A Jewelry Show

"Fabulous Fabrications" will kick off with an opening night reception, Friday, June 18th from 7-9:00 p.m. More than 30 jewelry artists from all over Southern California will be on hand to display and sell their work, all of which has been fabricated by the artists (not merely assembled). Individual pieces range from small and delicate, to big and bold. A wide variety of techniques and materials are represented including gold, fine silver, sterling silver, precious metal clay, all manner of gems-some with sandblasted designs, handmade glass beads, lamp work beads, raku clay beads, precious metal clay, enameling including cloisonné and champeve, and even paper and resin. These individual artists, who show at a number of festivals throughout the country, will be assembled under one roof for Friday evening and Saturday only.

*"Fabulous Fabrications" will be held at Creative Arts Group located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre. Hours are 7-9 pm Friday evening and 10-5 pm Saturday, June 18th and 19th.*



## Soroptimists Honor Charitable Organizations at Awards Luncheon

*Sierra Madre Jackie Knowles Among Honorees*

The Altadena/Pasadena branch of Soroptimist International honored three very deserving non-profit organizations at its recent Service Awards luncheon, which was held at Beckham's Grill in Pasadena. At this event, Soroptimists donated \$1,000 each to the Door of Hope, Rosemary Children's Services, and the Women's Room at Friends In Deed to help support their services.

As one of the outreach programs of the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches, The Women's Room provides a safe, daytime refuge for homeless women. Jackie Knowles, manager of The Women's Room, commented, "This is where women can reclaim their personhood and womanhood." At this facility, women have the opportunity to participate in educational programs, wash their clothes, shower, and use a phone and computers.

The Door of Hope is a faith-based organization that provides transitional housing and a restoration program designed for homeless families with children. It operates two facilities — one in Pasadena and one in Glendale — that serve up to 30 homeless families each year. Tim Peters, executive director, had this to say about the organization: "Homeless families have the opportunity to get out of debt and get back on their feet." The Altadena/Pasadena Soroptimists sponsor a room at the Door of Hope's Pasadena facility.

Rosemary Children's Services provides comprehensive services to children who are victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment. They assure that children are safe and given the educational, medical, emotional and psychological attention they need. According to Jennifer Radics, development director, the organization's ultimate goal is to stop the cycle of abuse and help children lead happy, productive lives. "Every little bit helps, and your generous donation will help us to reach



From left to right: Jennifer Radics of Rosemary Children's Services, Jackie Knowles of The Women's Room, Tim Peters of Door of Hope, and Marilyn Commodore of Altadena-Pasadena Soroptimists.

our goal," she stated.

Altadena/Pasadena Soroptimists — whose mission is to help women and children around the world and their local community — raise money via several fundraisers throughout the year, most notably an annual Silent Auction. Soroptimist President Marilyn Commodore emphasized the fact that the Altadena/Pasadena club is committed to these organizations long after the awards luncheon is over. "We're very involved with all three of these organizations," she remarked. "We follow what's going on with them on a continuing basis."

**ARNOLD'S** (continued from page 1)

Somewhat hidden and not easily noticeable from Sierra Madre Boulevard is the "back stock" building stocked with lumber, fertilizer and more.

Propone tanks can be refilled at Frontier's, but they do keep one tank on hand at Arnolds for a cookout emergency in at least one household. Antifreeze, motor oil and related items are a short drive, bike ride our walk away in their automotive section. The selection of houseware items continues to expand at both locations, with a line of whistling tea kettles with copper bottoms, pots and pans, as well as coffee makers. The display in the picture window at Arnold's provides a glimpse into the extensive gift section that sets this location apart from all hardware stores in the region. Employee Janice Beggs is credited with the colorfully engaging front window displays at Arnold's. She is responsible for the selection of merchandise, complete with beautiful free gift wrapping with purchases. It's one of the only hardware stores where mom can come in and have her knives sharpened along with a saw, while browsing for a special gift for a baby shower, birthday or other special occasion.

Arnold's provides a retail distribution site for a number of local organizations and entrepreneurs, including works of local artists, chamber t-shirts,

Wisteria postcards and the E. Waldo Ward & Sons line of preserves, barbeque sauces, imported olives and more.

Hands-on ownership is well-suited for Basil, with Michael as the accountant to keep the administrative part of the business humming. Arnold's Hardware is located at 297 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard and Frontier Hardware is located at 2137 E. Huntington Drive in Duarte.



Basil, front row left, and the staff of the Sierra Madre store

## Charles Carter Carries The Torch Of Remembrance

*Editors Note: After receiving numerous requests, an excerpt of his speech is being printed with the hope that it will inspire all who read it.*



Memorial Day Service  
Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery  
May 31, 2010  
Keynote Address

We are gathered here, today, as are our fellow citizens gathered in cities and towns all across America, to honor the brave men and women killed in war...who rose to the challenge when their country called upon them, and in so doing, paid the ultimate price for their love of this blessed and so very beautiful United States of America.

These wonderful Americans so loved our country, the principles this land stands for, our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the freedoms and liberties our founding fathers gave us, their families, loved ones and friends, that they couldn't stand the thought of tyranny from any source causing loss of or change to our chosen way of life. It was their deep love of country, patriotism, strong courage, and willingness to pay any price asked of them that inspired the freedoms which we love and cherish so much stayed intact. Each one of us owes a great debt of gratitude to each one of them.

This country is unique in the world. There is none other like it. Although some don't seem to realize it, the United States of America is not a democracy. It is a constitutional republic. Its founders asked for guidance from a loving God, and framed the constitution on very proven principles, guaranteeing the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to each citizen. It is a country where respect and love for our fellow man is paramount, a country which is set up to be run

by 'We the People'. It is a country founded on Christian principles.

Throughout our history, these wonderful heroes of ours went into battle to do everything they could to protect and defend this nation against all enemies both foreign and domestic. When one walks through a cemetery anywhere in this nation on Memorial Day and stops at each military gravesite, whether at a National or Local Cemetery, it doesn't take long to realize how many have given their life so that the rest of us might continue living the American dream that they so dearly loved. What is always so amazing to me is that this love they expressed started from the earliest days and has never ceased throughout our history, and that includes numerous skirmishes, a civil war, two World Wars, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and we are currently involved in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. You need to remember that 5,400 Americans have died thus far in these two wars.

So, what do we citizens do about all of this? Well, for one thing we can stop taking for granted all the freedoms we Americans enjoy. Although the press doesn't talk about it, and we don't hear much about it, there is a great deal of good going on all over America, every day, right now.

I'd like to give you one example relating to our younger generation. This example is of a wonderful young man who grew up with great family values and is proud to be an American Citizen. His name is Alex Tejeda. His father, Juan Tejeda, has

worked here in Sierra Madre for just over 20 years. When Alex was 7 years old, his dad started inviting him to share a day at work every once in awhile. Alex so loved those days with his dad and his dad's friends that the young boy kept asking to come more and more often. The boy's dad spoke with his employer who granted the boy a chance to be a volunteer a few hours each week which eventually worked into a part time job for young Alex. This continuing example of family and community supporting each other correctly had predictably positive results. Young Alex went on and successfully completed grade and high school. Four years ago, at age 19, he enlisted in the United States Marines. During his time in the Marines, Alex has already completed 2 tours of duty in Iraq, and just 3 weeks ago, he started his 1<sup>st</sup> tour of duty in Afghanistan. This 7 year old boy, raised with good family and community values, now 23 years old, grew up into manhood and has become Sgt. Alex Tejeda, United States Marine, and is carrying on in the same American tradition of love, patriotism, strong courage, and the willingness to pay any price necessary for his country...those same American characteristics shown so strongly in the Heroes which we honor here, today.

You might be asking the question... 'What can we individual citizens do to show our love and gratitude and thanks to the active duty military person?' Well, for one thing, we can do once again the things that Americans did so well during wartime in the past. We can write letters, send care packages, find out what those on active duty need and send it to them. I have never heard of any service man or woman who didn't like to receive homemade cakes or cookies, cards for any occasion, information about what's going on in their family, what their friends and neighbors are doing, and updates on community goings on. Mail them a book by their favorite author or a photo of family or of friends. Tell them how much you appreciate their service to their country. Maybe, getting involved with the USO might be the thing for some. Most of all pray for them daily, and be sure to let them know that you are keeping them in your prayers.

I would like to give you a few thoughts from my personal life

## Sierra Madre

### Parent/Community Meeting at Sierra Madre School

There will be an important Parent/Community meeting that will be held on Tuesday, June 15th from 6:30-8pm in the Sierra Madre School Lower Campus Auditorium. The school will be viewing a presentation from their Architects on the last planning stages for the construction projects on both campuses, and opening up for Q & A.

Information Night for Projects at Sierra Madre School:

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Where: Lower Campus Auditorium, 141 W. Highland Avenue

Time: 6:30 Upper Campus Project - Middle School Measure TT and 7:30 Lower Campus Projects - Measure TT and Water Project.

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION - 2008-2014 Sierra Madre Housing Element Update

Date: June 17, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Sierra Madre Council Chambers, 232 Sierra Madre Boulevard

The City of Sierra Madre is preparing an update to the Housing Element in compliance with State law. At this meeting, the key policy issues of the draft Housing Element will be presented to the City Council and Planning Commission. City Staff will be seeking direction to forward the draft Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for State-mandated preliminary review.

The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated for the established 2008-2014 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses existing and projected housing needs and provides an analysis of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. The Housing Element also establishes Sierra Madre's goals, policies and

programs for addressing its needs during the 2008-2014 period.

Upon submittal to HCD, the draft Housing Element will undergo a 60-day public review and comment period. A copy of the draft Element will be provided on the City's website and made available for public review at City Hall and the library. Upon addressing any comments HCD may have on the draft, as well as comments received by the public, the Planning Commission and City Council will conduct public hearings to consider adoption. For further information, please contact Danny Castro, Development Services Director, at (626) 355-7138 or by email at dcastro@cityofsierramadre.com.

All interested persons have the right and are encouraged to attend this meeting and express their opinion. You may provide verbal or written testimony at the meeting. You may also submit written comments in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.

## Duarte

### Work Begins on Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale Project Funded with \$507,990 Grant from Rivers and Mountain Conservancy

After a nearly a two year delay, the result of grant funds being frozen by the state — and now released, work has finally begun on the City of Duarte's Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale and Outdoor Nature Classroom project at Encanto Park.

In 2008, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy (RMC) granted \$507,990 to Duarte for the project, following a planning grant of \$150,000 in 2006. In addition to the ecological benefits of the bioswale, the nature walk and outdoor nature classroom will open up educational and recreational opportunities for visitors to the park and the adjacent San Gabriel River.

"We're very excited to be partnering with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The Encanto Nature Walk is destined to be one of the jewels in the regional Emerald Necklace Project. The bioswale will filter the surface water from the park before it reaches the San Gabriel River. The entire project will serve as a valuable educational feature for one of Duarte's most popular

projects," said Duarte Engineering Development Manager, Steve Esbenschade.

The 1,000 foot bioswale being constructed along the southern and western perimeter of the park will include interpretive signage, native landscaping and a small infiltration basin to manage storm runoff from the park. The project will also include:

- A small outdoor nature center with interpretive displays and an outdoor classroom located at the south end of Encanto Park funded with \$100,000 from Proposition A funds from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. The City also contributed \$20,000 in matching funds.
- Nature trail with interpretive exhibits leading from the nature center along the west bank of the San Gabriel River to a view point located at the end of a berm which projects into the river channel. A principal objective of the project will be to enhance connections between the park and the river.

The City was able to get a head start on the river portion of the

project last year utilizing \$150,000 in Proposition A funds provided by Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina. Funds were used to remove a chain link fence and screen of non-native plants that had previously isolated visitors from the attractive river environment. The City involved at-risk youth in the project by contracting with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. The Conservation Corps workers will also be employed to construct the river trail and viewpoint.

America West Landscape, Inc. has been contracted by the City to construct the bioswale, nature center and outdoor classroom at a cost of \$431,244.90.

The entire project is expected to be completed this fall. Duarte's street maintenance staff will provide long term maintenance for the project and will receive training for native landscape maintenance from Amigos de los Rios.

For more information, call the City of Duarte (626) 357-7931, ext 221.

experience which, I believe, helped make America great. I was born in 1934. In my early years, I will remember the great depression. I didn't know how poor we were at that time because of all the love and family values which were so prevalent in the American people of that era. There were hand-me-down clothes, cardboard in our shoes to cover the holes when the soles of the shoes wore out, and so on. I knew well how much love there was in our family between Mom and Dad, 2 sisters, 1 brother, a small puppy that seemed to run the family, and me. My fondest memory is that we were very happy. All of our friends seemed to be in the same boat, and no one seemed to be bothered by it. I don't ever remember anyone complaining no matter their circumstances. One day, a neighbor's barn caught fire and burned down. That Saturday, all the neighbors went over to his house and cleaned up the mess. The following weekend, they all came back and helped build him a new barn on the same spot. And, no one would have thought of asking for anything in return. The women brought homemade soup and sandwiches, apples and oranges, and tea for the workers lunch, and I and the other kids got to carry the water bucket around to the workmen during the course of the day.

Now, why do I mention this on a day like today? It's because the year was 1941. World War II broke out later that year for us. And the character and goodness of America came out in full force once again. Everyone in America began pulling together in order to contribute to the war effort. Citizens started Victory Gardens in their back yards. Dad and Mom talked to each of us about what the family could do to help out. Our parents contributed their spare change, and we children decided to contribute our Piggy Banks. I remember as having 33 cents in mine. That was a lot in those days, as you could buy a piece of candy as a treat for a penny. Dad took the few dollars he raised, went to the store, and bought Birdseye Seeds for 10 cents a pack. Each pack had from 20 to 50 seeds in it, depending on the seed type. That weekend with everybody's help, our entire back yard was converted into a vegetable garden. We ended up planting two rows of every kind of vegetable you can imagine. And, we had saved the seeds from a watermelon and a cantaloupe. At the right time, we planted those.

The neighbor whose barn had burned down had a few dairy cows, and the neighbor on the other side raised chickens and they produced

many eggs. Before long, we were giving unlimited vegetables to both neighbors. In return, we got a chicken a week and lots of eggs from the one neighbor, and the neighbor who had the dairy cows left 1 or 2 bottles of raw milk on our front porch each morning. Food rationing was in effect throughout the nation. Most of the meat and produce that used to be available in the stores was going to the war effort to feed the troops. It was a great learning experience. All of America was pulling together, in the same direction, and doing it cheerfully, in order to support the war effort. That wonderful American ingenuity had suddenly sprouted everywhere.

I got out the 'little red wagon', and with dad leading the way, went up and down the streets, and through the fields, picking up old horseshoes, and nails, and dislodged metal railroad stakes, old metal cans, and so on, and when it was filled, we delivered the collected loads of scrap metal to the train depot. This metal was then sent off to be used in the war effort. It was used to make bullets and guns, and tanks and ships. People from every city and town in America were doing the same thing. The point is that everyone in this nation rallied to a common cause, worked together, in supporting our troops. And, as a result, major positive results were accomplished.

And, we must not forget the most important thing Americans at home had to deal with. Millions of American men had gone off to war, all at the same time. The jobs that they had held would have to be filled. And up stepped our wonderful American women to fill those jobs. Somehow, they not only kept their homes and families together, they found a way to keep up with the production and manufacturing needs of our military. They took care of America's home front while they were helping to build warships and bombers. America was exciting during that period and filled with love...lots of it. The America our founding fathers had envisioned had come to bear fruit once again.

People during that period of American life understood the great sacrifices being made by those in uniform, and they knew what their sacrifices needed to be in their being a good citizen. After all, these were their loved ones over there. They wanted to show their support and appreciation, and wanted to do everything they could to help in the war effort. This support, backed by never ending prayers, paid off. It resulted in the greatest fighting force in the history of the world.

As one Japanese Admiral so succinctly said "We have awakened a sleeping giant."

VFW Commander-In-Chief, Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr. also had this to say: "As America's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer and fewer standard-bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed."

I personally believe that a vibrant movement such as this can be accomplished in a variety of different ways, some by our communities and some by the individual. For instance, from a community point of view, here in downtown Sierra Madre, in the center of Kersting Court, a large American flag is flown daily. It eclipses everything downtown. One cannot miss it. We are all proud of it. It shows our local citizens love for America and all who serve to protect it. It also sets a fine example that other communities might duplicate. On an individual basis, we could encourage more citizens to fly the American Flag on their homes and at their businesses.

It would be nice to see more vehicles flying the American Flag. Parents could teach their children a lot by paying tribute to our military as a family. Asking God to bless America and to bless our men and women in uniform during prayer is a good way. Insisting that our schools start the day with the Pledge of Allegiance is another. Teaching beautiful patriotic songs to our young, and singing along with them would be another. One beautiful way would be to wear the Buddy Poppy. The Buddy Poppy is the VFW symbol which shows that we care, and that we honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and for the ones who served and are no longer with us.

All proceeds from distribution are used for veteran welfare or for the well being of their needy dependents and for the orphans of veterans. Finally, I am sure that each of you can come up with dozens of other good ideas simply by talking together as family, and with friends and neighbors. After all, we can do that here in America. That's part of the uniqueness of America which so very many of our brave men and women gave their lives to protect.

May God bless each of you, and may God bless the United States of America!

Charles A. Carter, Sierra Madre (Photos by Chris Bertrand)



# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community     For Your Community

## Dr. Mark Rocha New President of PCC



The Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Mark Rocha to be the superintendent/president of Pasadena City College. Dr. Rocha will begin his post on July 1, 2010.

“PCC looks forward to working with Dr. Rocha for many years to come to build a bright future for the college and our community,” said Dr. Hilary Bradbury Huang, PACCD Board President. “We especially appreciate the campus and community pulling together as reflected at this meeting today, rolling up our sleeves, and beginning the task of working together for the advancement of PCC, commensurate with its distinguished reputation. We look forward to greeting Dr. Rocha in person and celebrating his arrival to our community at an upcoming board meeting.”

“I am deeply honored by this appointment by the Board of Trustees to serve Pasadena City College as its next superintendent/president,” Dr. Rocha said. “I am grateful for the confidence the Board has placed in me. I come to PCC with profound respect for its long and proud tradition of academic excellence. PCC has an outstanding faculty and I look forward to listening and learning more about how I can support teaching and student success. I look forward to getting right to work with the faculty, staff and administration.” Rocha also expressed thanks to current president Dr. Lisa Sugimoto. “President Sugimoto has done a great job and I hope I can convince her to stay on as part of the team,” Rocha said.

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## Pet of the Week



Nell, a lovely, five-year-old, diluted tortie cat is looking for a new home. She is even prettier in person and would be perfect in an apartment or condo that allows pets. Nell is very affectionate and since she is already spayed, she can go home with you today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Nell qualifies for the Senior for Senior program where people over age 60 can adopt a pet over 5 years for just \$20!

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A267607 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)

## Playhouse Plaza Project Scheduled For Reconsideration



By Dean Lee

Well after midnight, and after hours of public comment, the city council Monday night voted 5 to 2 in favor of having the city's Design Commission revisit the embattled Playhouse Plaza Project.

The 159,829 square foot proposed project at Colorado Boulevard and S. El Molino Avenue was first approved by the council last November. At that time the council granted certain land use entitlements including the total square footage, a six-level subterranean parking garage with a total of 522 parking spaces, a plaza for public use on El Molino Avenue and a pedestrian paseo.

Most of the public comments were in opposition to the project “massive size” although some did say it was pedestrian friendly. Council member Steve Haderlein had no regrets in saying he not only liked the project but also thought it was going in the right direction.

Councilmember Steve Madison suggested the city may have made a mistake in approving the project something many in the audience had said.

“I think what I'm hearing from members of the community is that we made a mistake back in November,” Madison said then asking the city attorney, “Can we reconsider what we did?”

City Attorney Michele Bagneris answered by simply saying they had made a final decision. Madison likened the comment to an umpire who blew last call at a baseball game. “That's just the way it is?”

The Design Commission chair, Julianna Delgado, suggested some of the problems could be worked out by future meeting with the developers. She also said the size of the project was not the problem but the actual design.



After six months of tasting the good life at Pasadena and St. John avenues, Pasadena's now famous 18 foot high utensil was headed for storage Wednesday although a 4 foot fork was placed just yards away by a group calling themselves “The Forkians.”

Bob Stane, who the Fork in the Road was a gag gift for, said last week the fork will be refurbished then hopefully put back just yards from where it suddenly appeared last Halloween in the middle of the night.

## Chalk Fest Set to Make History

As hundreds of chalk painters descend on Paseo Colorado this Father's Day weekend for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Pasadena Chalk Festival, organizers of the event say this year they will try and set the Guinness World Record for the Largest Display of Chalk Pavement Art.

Over 500 artists will come from all across Southern California to spend two days on their hands and knees creating 175 spectacular chalk murals on concrete areas in every style imaginable. Kids can create complimentary Father's Day cards in Kid's Chalkland, and have their faces painted by face painters in a safe designated area. All events are free and will take place between 10a.m. to 7p.m. both days.

At the conclusion of the festival, participating artists will select the outstanding murals of the festival, including Best Overall, Best Technique, Best Use of Color and more. Festival visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite murals as well.

## Police Department to Hold Classic Car Show

Nearly 100 vintage and hot rod cars will be on display Sunday, Father's Day, ranging from 1900-1974 for the Pasadena Police Department's 9th Annual Classic Car Show. The event, sponsored by the Paseo Colorado and the Lojack Corporation, kicks off at 8:00 a.m. on Colorado Boulevard at Garfield Avenue.

There will also be live music, raffle prizes, food booths and a police helicopter ride auction. The event is free of charge.

“This is a great event and engages our personnel and the community in fun and relaxing way,” explained Interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino. “Lieutenant Pederson has put much of his personal time into making this event happen and over the years it has grown. All proceeds go directly to programs that support our efforts to keep women and children safe and that's a win for

the entire community.”

All proceeds go to benefit the Police Activities League and the Haven House, a home for battered women and their families. Trophies will be awarded in several categories for the best cars.

Anyone wishing to enter a car may do so up to the morning of the event. Entry fee is \$20.00 per vehicle. For more information contact Lieutenant Tom Pederson at (626) 744-4620 or [tpederson@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:tpederson@cityofpasadena.net)

## Going the Distance



Police Detective Grant Curry carrying the torch with Cadet David Covarrubias running beside him

## Police Participate in Special Olympic Torch Run

Pasadena Police received the Special Olympic Torch mid afternoon Wednesday from the United States Postal Inspectors running with it from the Pasadena Police Department to the city limit where the torch was handed off to San Marino Police.

Police said the fund raiser for Special Olympics and the department had done well in the past averaging about \$2,000 each year.

“This not only raises money for the Special Olympics,” said Interim Chief of Police Christopher Vicino, “but it

also raises awareness. Special Olympics improves the quality of life for children and adults with special needs. From a crime prevention perspective, people who need and get connected to their services are less likely become a victim of abuse, neglect, or crime. But more importantly, from a human perspective their far reaching efforts have benefited many, even some of our own employees, by providing activities that make our children feel extra ‘special’. We are proud to be a participant in the run.”

The Pasadena Police leg of the run went south on Garfield Avenue to Colorado Boulevard turning east and continue to Sierra Madre Boulevard where it then turned south to Huntington Boulevard at the city limit.

## Summer Swimming at Five Pasadena Public Pools



The first session includes five 45-minute classes Mondays through Fridays and is based on the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim safety program designed for ages 4 to 18.

Walk-in registration is from 9 a.m. to noon at two locations:

- \* For Blair High School, Robinson Park and Villa-Parke Community Center pools, register at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

- \* For CORAL and Pasadena High School pools, register at Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St.

Pasadena residents receive discounts on fees. Those eligible may receive financial assistance.

Recreational swimming is also available at all pools except CORAL Monday through Saturday afternoons. Some pools are open Sundays as well. Participants may choose to purchase daily passes or seasonal family passes. For more information call (626) 744-7530.

## College to Honor Japanese Nisei Students

Pasadena City College will bestow honorary degrees to former students of Japanese descent during its 85th commencement exercises on June 18 as part of the California Nisei College Diploma Project. The aim of the project is to provide honorary degrees to Japanese Americans who were forced into internment camps due to Executive Order 9066 during World War II.

The project is the implementation of AB 37, a bill introduced by Assemblymember Warren

Furutani (D-Long Beach), passed by the Legislature, and signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The California Community College, California State University and University of California systems are all involved. Furutani will also deliver the commencement address to the more than 1,200 PCC graduates. Of the more than 130 PCC (formerly Pasadena Junior College) students identified as affected by Executive Order 9066, 30 will be receiving honorary degrees.

## 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.



Sierra Madre Hosts Pet First-Aid/CPR Event



SMVFD Paramedic Sabrina Somma explains this oxygen mask to her canine friend. Photo By Dean Lee

Do you know what to do if “Fido” gets sick or injured? Do you know where to go in the event of an emergency that may require you to evacuate your home for a few days, such as the wild-land fires we experienced last year? These are just some of the topics that will be discussed, and answered at the first annual Sierra Madre Fire Department “Pet First-Aid and CPR event” to be held on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The event will take place at La Salle High School, located at 3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena in the dining hall located off Michillinda Blvd.

The Pet First-Aid and CPR event will be hosted by the Sierra Madre Fire Department, and Sunny-dog Ink. The event will be sponsored by the “Only Place in Town” in Sierra Madre. Sabrina Somma, a Paramedic with the Department (pictured above), is the individual responsible for making this event become a reality. Somma developed the idea of the event, as she believes that many times “Fido” and our other furry friends are forgotten or left behind in the event of an emergency or a fire.

Denise Fleck, owner of Sunny-dog Ink, will be the keynote

speaker. Ms. Fleck is a true animal advocate, as well as an instructor in pet first-aid and CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation).

During the event, participants will be able to visit multiple vendor tables and booths, and listen to Somma and Fleck discuss topics such as; *What is pet first-aid?; How do you deal with a choking pet? and How do you assist with rescue breathing and administer CPR to a small animal?.* Additional topics will include; How to check your pet’s vital signs; How to deal with your pet in heat and cold emergencies, as well as, How to take care of wilderness type pet emergencies such as; snake bites, bee stings, ticks, and much, much more.

The Sierra Madre Fire Department and Sunny-dog Ink hopes you will join them on July 17, 2010 for this very informative event.

The cost is \$15.00 per person if you pay prior to the event or \$20.00 per person entrance fee on the day of the event.

Please send checks for the entrance fee to: Sierra Madre Fire Dept., 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Make the checks payable to: SMVFA.

You may also sign up for this program at [www.sunnydogink.com](http://www.sunnydogink.com).

All of the proceeds for this event will go to animal charity, and to benefit the Sierra Madre Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Program.

*Please note:* We all love our furry friends, however, please leave them home for this event. Thank you, we hope to see you at the “Pet Event.”

*The SMVFD will introduce the new equipment to the members of the department next month. This equipment is designed to assist in the resuscitation of a dog or cat or other small animal during a fire or other emergency event. Members of the department will receive training on this equipment, and the equipment will be carried on Rescue Ambulance 41.*

*Human life safety will always be the primary concern and job of the Sierra Madre Fire Department; however, we can now attempt to assist a small animal on scene if we are able to do so without compromising human life.*

“Measure for Measure”



In the Old Testament an acquisitive king, his ruthless queen, and a stubborn landowner collide in a story of false accusations, greed, and death. This Sunday Rev. Jeffrey O’Grady preaches on the story of Naboth’s Vineyard from I Kings

21. The Justice of God extends to all.

9:15 am Traditional Worship  
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided, youth worship service  
10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation  
11:15 am “The Gathering” worship service  
Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 267 calls for service.

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:

7:41 AM – Commercial Burglary, 141 West Highland Ave., Sierra Madre Elementary School. Unknown suspect(s) entered the school through an unlocked classroom window and vandalized several classrooms. The suspect(s) also tired unsuccessfully to enter a bungalow classroom. The crime occurred between 10:30 pm, Friday, 5/28/2010 and 6:20 am, Tuesday, 6/1/2010.

11:09 AM - Tampering/Injuring a Vehicle, 400 block North Baldwin Ave. Suspect(s) vandalized a car parked in the apartment complex on three separate occasions. The owner reported the radio antenna was bent, grease was smeared on the driver’s door handle, and the registration tab was damaged. The crimes occurred between 10:00 pm, Sunday, 5/23/2010 and 8:00 am, Monday, 5/31/2010.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, May 30, through Saturday, June 5, the Police Department responded to 891 calls for service of which 145 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 30:

1. Around 1:58 a.m., units responded to the 100-to-1 bar located at 100 West Huntington in reference to a suicidal subject. A man told police that he had taken 30 Xanax pills with alcohol in an attempt to kill himself. He was transported to a hospital for treatment and evaluation.
2. A victim came to the station around 6:28 p.m. to file an identity theft report. He advised that unknown suspect(s) had acquired his personal information by unknown means and opened several credit card accounts without his permission.

Monday, May 31:

3. Between 2:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 900 block of Fairview. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked window and stole a laptop computer, digital camera, cash, and jewelry.
4. Shortly after 4:30 p.m., on-site security from JC Penney advised that they had detained a woman for theft. The suspect was seen removing sales tags from merchandise and then concealed them in a bag. A private person’s arrest was made, and a 58-year-old woman was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Tuesday, June 1:

5. Units were dispatched to the high school around 12:32 p.m. regarding an attempted auto theft in progress. A witness saw a suspicious person in a friend’s car and notified the victim. As the victim approached her car, she saw two male suspects leave the scene in a Jeep Cherokee. The car had its door lock punched, the steering wheel was tampered with, and the housing for the ignition was pulled apart. Shortly thereafter officers located the suspect vehicle and a traffic stop was initiated at Holly and Fairview. The driver was detained inside the vehicle, but the passenger fled the scene on foot. A perimeter was established and the second suspect was later apprehended in the driveway at 457 West Duarte. A 34-year-old was arrested for attempted stolen vehicle, auto burglary, obstructing/resisting, an outstanding felony warrant, and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant; a 31-year-old male was also taken into custody for attempted stolen vehicle, auto burglary, and possession of burglary tools.
6. A traffic stop was conducted on Baldwin Avenue near the Arboretum around 7:36 p.m. for an equipment violation. Officers detected the odor of alcohol on the driver’s breath and a field sobriety test determined that the driver was intoxicated. A consent search of the vehicle revealed bottles of beer, with one bottle opened and half consumed. A 32-year-old male Hispanic was taken into custody for DUI and driving with an open container of alcohol.

Wednesday, June 2:

7. While the residents were away between 1:00 p.m. and 2:10 p.m., suspect(s) entered an unlocked home in the 100 block of west Foothill Blvd. Once inside the suspect ransacked several rooms taking jewelry items in the process. No suspects were seen or heard.
8. Shortly before 3:00 p.m., an officer stopped a man near Santa Anita Avenue and Live Oak for driving while talking on a cell phone. Investigation led to his arrest for driving on a suspended license, possession of two pounds of marijuana, and possession of hashish.

Thursday, June 3:

9. Around 3:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to a motel in the 100 block of west Huntington Drive to check the welfare of a woman who was reportedly being held against her will in a room. Contact was made with the woman and officers determined she was at the location of her own free will. During the investigation officers contacted a man who was in possession of a loaded firearm. He was subsequently arrested.
10. A female juvenile was detained by security and subsequently arrested at about 5:00 p.m. at American Apparel in the Westfield Shoppingtown for stealing two items. She was cited and released to her parents.

Friday, June 4:

11. Between May 16 and June 4, unknown suspects entered a storage unit in the 12000 block of Lower Azusa Road and stole numerous items. Value of the items is estimated at \$2,500.00. Method of entry was not determined.
12. Shortly before 6:00 p.m., a woman dialed 9-1-1 from a business in the 900 block of west Duarte Road seeking help. Upon arrival the 26-year-old woman told officers she wanted to kill herself articulating a previous attempted hanging where a family member intervened. The woman was transported to a local facility for psychiatric evaluation.

Saturday, June 5:

13. At around 3:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 00 block of east Huntington Drive reference a disturbance in a parking lot. Officers contacted an intoxicated man who was too drunk to care for his own safety and the 24-year-old was arrested. During a subsequent search officers discovered the man was also in possession of methamphetamine.
14. Officers contacted two transients at about 10:00 a.m. who were living in a vacant apartment in the 700 block of west Huntington Drive. It was determined they did not have permission to live at the location and had been staying there for about one week. The two men were issued citations and sent on their way.

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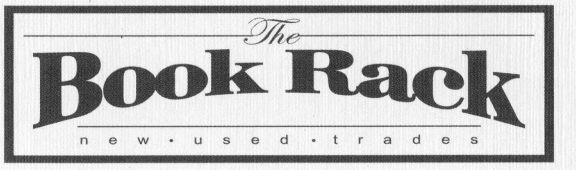
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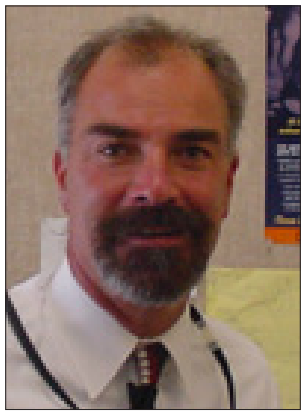
## BLAIR PRINCIPAL APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF MAMMOTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced that Rich Boccia, Principal of Blair International Baccalaureate (IB) School, will end his 30-year tenure with the district to become Superintendent of Mammoth Unified School District.

Boccia began his teaching career in PUSD as a Kindergarten teacher, and moved up the ranks as an elementary school and a middle school principal, prior to assuming the top leadership position at Blair IB School eight years ago.

"Blair's academic performance has improved dramatically over the past several years under Mr. Boccia's leadership," said Edwin Diaz, Superintendent. "Blair students have benefited immensely from Rich's ability to collaborate with parents and community, and his energy and enthusiasm will be sorely missed."

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is a dream come true," said Boccia. "I will always be eternally grateful to



the Pasadena Community for their support to me over these past thirty years. I love you all very dearly."

Boccia led Blair IB School to a 71-point increase in its Academic Performance Index (API) score, and established and expanded the highly-regarded International Baccalaureate (IB) program to include a Middle Years and Diploma program in grades 6-12. He has nurtured strong partnerships with community organizations and businesses to expand instructional opportunities for students in the Health Careers

academy and other programs. Boccia also played a critical leadership role in developing the successful facilities bond measure which will upgrade the Blair IB School Complex. "This is an exciting time in my life and I leave knowing that I have made a difference in the lives of many, many students and their families," Boccia stated. "Thank you for the memories."

A much-loved figure in the Pasadena community, Boccia was perhaps best known for coining the phrase: "We are the few, we are the proud, we are the Vikings!"

Boccia was introduced at the Mammoth Unified School District governing board meeting last evening, June 10th, which was also his birthday, as the new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1st. A national search for his replacement will begin immediately, and will include extensive input from parents, students and community members.

## CLASS OF 1970 WALKS 40 Years Late

On Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m., after 40 years, more than 70 members of Wilson Middle School's Class of 1970 will participate in their graduation ceremony.

Those participating, were promoted into high school during summer vacation and missed the ceremonial promotion. They will finally be formally recognized during a special ceremony later this month.

The ceremony will include a luncheon, tree planting ceremony, speakers and music. The event will take place at Wilson Middle School Auditorium, 300 S. Madre St., Pasadena.

For more information, contact Sarah Rudchenko, (626)396-5800.

## Summer Hours for Bonita Skate Park in Arcadia

The hours of operation have changed for summer starting Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The park will be open 8am everyday until school starts again.

Bonita Skate Park located on Second Avenue and Huntington in Arcadia is 10,700 square feet of fun for skateboarders and in-line skaters who want an advanced park in which to practice and perfect their skills. Classes will be held at the skate park in spring. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

For the safety of everyone at the park, the following rules are in place for Bonita Skate Park and they will be enforced:

- All users are required to wear a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads. Those not wearing protective equipment can be cited for an infraction and required to pay a fine.
- The park is for skateboarding and skating only. Bicycles and scooters are not allowed.
- Additional obstacles, ramps and jumps may not be used at the park.
- No food or drink is allowed on the skating surface. No glass is allowed in or around the skating area

*The City of Arcadia does not assume any responsibility for injuries that occur at the park. Skateboarding and rollerblading are hazardous recreational activities. Participation may result in serious injury.*

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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E-mail address: agillick@alverno-hs.org

### Arcadia High School

180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007  
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: David L. Vannasdal

### Arroyo Pacific Academy

41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,  
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke  
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org

### Barnhart School

240 W. Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, Ca. 91007  
(626) 446-5588 Head of School: Joanne Testa Cross  
Kindergarten - 8th grade  
website: [www.barnhartschool.com](http://www.barnhartschool.com)

### Bethany Christian School

93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
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### Carden of the Foothills School

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626/358-5164 fax office@cardenofthefoothills.com

### The Gooden School

192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-2410 Head of School: Patty Patano  
website: [www.goodenschool.org](http://www.goodenschool.org)

### High Point Academy

1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road  
Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
626-798-8989

website: [www.highpointacademy.org](http://www.highpointacademy.org)

### LaSalle High School

3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 351-8951 Principal: Patrick Bonacci  
website: [www.lasallehs.org](http://www.lasallehs.org)

### Monrovia High School

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(626) 471-2000, email: [schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us](mailto:schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us)

### Norma Coombs Alternative School

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(626) 798-0759 Principal: Dr. Vanessa Watkins  
E-mail address: [watkins12@pusd.us](mailto:watkins12@pusd.us)

### Odyssey Charter School

725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001  
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill  
website: [www.odysseycharterschool.org](http://www.odysseycharterschool.org)

### Pasadena High School

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 798-8901 Principal: Dr. Derick Evans  
website: [www.pasadenahigh.org](http://www.pasadenahigh.org)

### Pasadena Unified School District

351 S. Hudson Ave. Pasadena, Ca. 91109  
(626) 795-6981 website: [www.pusd@pusd.us](http://www.pusd@pusd.us)

### St. Rita Catholic School

322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-9028 Principal: Joanne Harabedian  
website: [www.st-rita.org](http://www.st-rita.org)

### Sierra Madre Elementary School

141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-1428 Principal: Gayle Bluemel  
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### Sierra Madre Middle School

160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Gayle Bluemel  
Contact person: Garrett Newsom, Asst. Principal  
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### Weizmann Day School

1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
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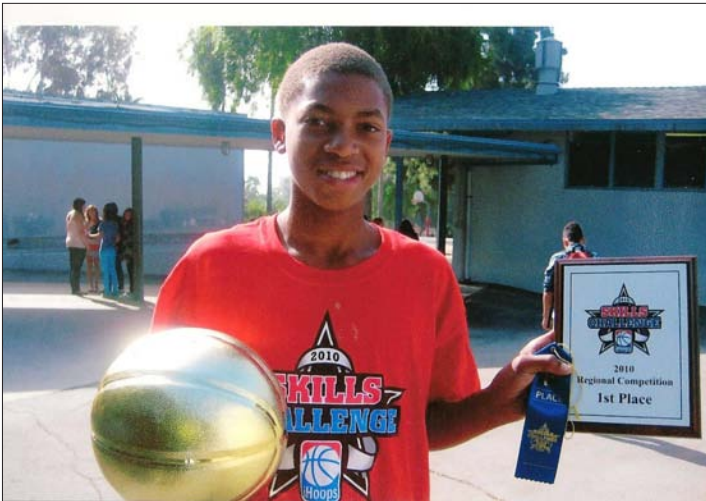
### Wilson Middle School

300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
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## Sierra Madre Hoops Winner



Sierra Madre 8th grader Rayjon Moore won third place in the national iHoops Skills Challenge in Orlando, Florida last month. Rayjon won at the city and regional levels before qualifying for the national competition. His advice to other kids who want to compete in the future: "try your best, never give up and have a good attitude," he says.

## 24-Hour See-Saw-a-Thon to Raise Funds for SAFYMCA Youth Alliance



Teens from the Santa Anita Family YMCA Ywill raise funds to help support the after school program by participating in a 24-hour See-Saw-a-Thon on June 26-27. The goal for this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event is \$8,000 for at-risk teens with educational guidance, homework help, counseling, leadership training, and spiritual support.

## PUSD STUDENTS WIN GOLD IN COUNTY MATH COMPETITION

A team of eighth-grade students from Sierra Madre School won first place overall in the L.A. County Math Field Day competition held last weekend.

The annual event drew students from 23 districts throughout LA County. Sierra Madre's team won a gold medal in the annual regional contest, which tests students' mathematical skills and knowledge.

"I want to congratulate the winning team, and their teachers and families for their hard work," said Superintendent Edwin Diaz. "This is a wonderful accomplishment that reflects the quality and strength of PUSD's math program."

PUSD schools represented in the competition included McKinley in the fourth grade level, Sierra Madre School in the fifth, seventh and eighth grade level, and Marshall in the sixth grade level. The eighth grade team was coached by Dan Martinez.

In the competition, students pit their problem solving, conceptual understanding, and computational and procedural skills against other student teams. More than 300 students in grades 4-8 participated.

## Dad, I Love You- Write the Right

### Words to Connect Hearts,

Sandra E. Lamb, lifestyle and etiquette expert and award-winning author, offers sage advice on how to create the best Father's Day ever, without spending a lot. Lamb also talks about how to tell Dad that he's the best, in words that will melt his heart, based on her new book, *Write the Right Words*

### Q. No budget?

A. The best gift for Dad this Father's Day is the "Love Coupon" that requires only a bit of paper, some crayons, and a lot of love to make some loving memories of this special day. Mom and the kids just need to come up with some great gift ideas the kids can write in. What about a promise to polish Dad's shoes, clean his workshop, take out the garbage, or pack a lunch for a fly fishing day? Your kids will come up with some perfect ideas for their dad.

### Q. What about a very special message for Dad?

A. Instead of buying a greeting card, you might want to use photos or print some out of your favorite "Dad" moments from the past year, and write your own very special message expressing how great Dad is. Focus on him. Start with one of his attributes, then give an example.

### Q. How can we start a Father's Day annual tradition that includes Grandpa, too?

A. Warm family memories are often about traditions. They don't need to be anything spectacular, or take a casting crew and big screen budget to produce. How about an annual backyard barbecue, a picnic in the park, or a family softball game, or even horseshoes. Make your own special family traditions from of Sandra Lamb's suggestions.

Q. Can you name a few more gift ideas? A. Special day trips with the kids, like a ball game, or trip to the zoo will be some of the best gifts.

Go to [WorldVisionGifts.org](http://WorldVisionGifts.org) to create a family tradition and a special Father's Day.



## "A TASTE OF SIERRA MADRE"

### REGIONAL ART COMPETITION DEADLINE: JULY 30th

AWARDS PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 11th, 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 Rotaplast Foundation for cleft palate surgery & the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center.

Rotaplast



### 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 must be delivered to: Moira Love, Schools Art Chair c/o The Destination Group, 66 East Montecito Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 by mail or in person between 2pm – 5pm by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 means 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 volunteers to show my art work in any publication.

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<sup>+</sup>Fr. Joaquin Masmitja Lifetime Service Award



*The proud Class of 2010 gathers on the terrace of Alverno's historic Villa del Sol d'Oro.*

Once again, 100% of the Alverno High School Class of 2010 will be attending college in the fall and half of this talented class received scholarships and grants. We are proud to say that 10% of the graduating class was admitted to UCLA, which remains the most popular campus in the nation with more than 57,000 applicants.

An impressive number of offers of admission were extended to our seniors from the University of California campuses at Berkeley, UCLA, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. A number of the California State University campuses admitted our talented seniors including, Los Angeles, Northridge, Pomona, Long Beach, Sonoma, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Humboldt, Fullerton, Channel Islands, East Bay Hills, Sacramento, Stanislaus, Monterey Bay, and San Luis Obispo.

Our seniors were accepted at highly regarded independent colleges and universities in California including University of Southern California, University of San Francisco, Santa Clara University, Loyola Marymount University, University of La Verne, Notre Dame de Namur University, California Lutheran University, University of the Pacific, University of San Diego, Occidental College, Azusa Pacific University, Pt. Loma Nazarene University, Chapman University, University of Redlands, and Woodbury University.



*Melody Bueno is Valedictorian for the Class of 2010. She will attend Loyola Marymount University to major in math. Co-Salutatorian Lana El-Farra will attend UCLA with a major in Global Studies, and Cheryl Iwamoto will major in Cellular and Molecular Biology at UC Berkeley.*

Offers of admission were received by the Class of 2010 from excellent colleges and universities throughout the country including: University of Notre Dame, De Paul University, George Mason University, Claflin University, Hampton University, St. John's University, Drexel University, Bard College, Beloit College, Grinnell College, University of Portland, Hawaii Pacific University, Seattle University, Emerson University, Hampshire College, Knox College, Ursinus College, College of Idaho, Boston University, Rocky Mountain College, College of Wooster, Goucher College, Juniata College, Bucknell College, Bethune-Cookman University, and Prairie View A&M University, Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Michigan State University, and University of Alabama.

Some seniors focused on art and design schools and they were admitted to the Rhode Island School of Design, Maryland Institute College of Art, School of Visual Arts, Art Institute of San Francisco, Art Institute of the College of Santa Fe, the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, and the Los Angeles Film School. Other seniors are opting for the two year college/ transfer plan at Pasadena City College, Citrus College, Santa Barbara Community College, Mt. San Antonio College, Rio Hondo College and Mary-



*The Class of 2010 gave more than 18,500 hours of service to others during high school. Alyssa Avila, Julie Bailey, Chelsea Bejjani, Melody Bueno, Jessica Capra, Chelsea Cubas, Gina Dance, Lana El-Farra, Xiomara Garza, Katie Howard, Rebecca Iraheta, Cheryl Iwamoto, Melissa Long, Melissa Miranda, Angelina Pellegrino, Lillya Roldan, Lauren Sanchez, Jordan Turner, Morgan Turner, and Taylore Weldon will wear gold tassels at graduation for each performing more than 420 hours of service to the community.*

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In his landmark collection *Leaves of Grass*, famed poet Walt Whitman wrote of a “strange huge meteor-procession dazzling and clear shooting over our heads...” For decades, scholars have debated what astronomical event he was referring to.

Now, a team of astronomers from Texas State University has applied its unique brand of forensic astronomy to the question, rediscovering one of the most famous celestial events of Whitman's day—one that inspired both Whitman and famed landscape painter Frederic Church—yet became inexplicably forgotten in recent times.

Texas State physics faculty members Donald Olson and Russell Doescher, English professor Marilynn S. Olson, and Honors Program student Ava G. Pope published their findings in the July 2010 edition of *Sky & Telescope* magazine, available on newsstands now.

Donald Olson noted that July 20 of this year is the 150th anniversary of the event that inspired both Whitman and Church. “It was an Earth-grazing meteor procession,” he said.

Whitman, known as a keen observer of the sky, included the reference to this event in his poem “Year of Meteors (1859-60),” published in *Leaves of Grass*.

“Meteor processions are so rare most people have never heard of them,” Olson said. “There was one in 1783 and a Canadian fireball procession in 1913. Those were all the meteor processions we knew of.”

An Earth-grazing meteor is one where the trajectory takes the meteor through the Earth's atmosphere and back out into interplanetary space without its ever striking the ground. A meteor procession occurs when a meteor breaks up upon entering the atmosphere, creating multiple meteors traveling in nearly identical paths.

A chance clue from the 19th century artist Frederic Church



Though spectacular, the Leonid meteor storm of 1833 was definitely NOT the inspiration for Whitman's “Year of Meteors. (1859-60).” (Collection of Don Olson)

proved key to unraveling the mystery. A decade ago, Olson saw a painting on the back cover of an exhibition catalog which showed the scene Whitman had described. Church's painting, titled “The Meteor of 1860,” clearly depicted a meteor procession. Not only that, but the catalog gave the date of Church's observance: July 20, 1860, well within the timeframe of Whitman's poem. An accomplished landscape painter, Church was a member of the Hudson River School, living beneath the same skies as Whitman.

Armed with this intriguing new date, the Texas State researchers began searching through newspapers of the time for verification. What they found surprised even them. A large Earth-grazing meteor broke apart on the evening of July 20, 1860, creating a spectacular procession of multiple fireballs visible from the Great Lakes to New York State as it burned through the atmosphere and continued out over the Atlantic Ocean.

“From all the observations in towns up and down the Hudson River Valley, we're able to determine the meteor's appearance down to the hour and minute,” Olson said. “Church observed it at 9:49 p.m. when the meteor passed overhead, and Walt Whitman would've seen it at the same time, give or take one minute.”

Some of the most influential publications in the United States—including the *New York Times*, *Smithsonian* and *Harper's Weekly*—devoted major coverage to the event, and countless letters about it were published. *Scientific American* went so far as to declare it “the largest meteor that has ever been seen.”

“Its appearance, right before the Civil War, at a time of growth and anxiety for America, made it a metaphor and portent in the public imagination,” Marilynn Olson said.

For Frederic Church's painting of the event, see:

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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

What The.....???



Like many people who use a computer at work, I have a certain routine that I usually go through before start attending to the day's tasks. On a typical, uneventful morning I visit a series of news and computer security sites while having “breakfast”, with little variation between the days of the week. After that twenty minute or so jaunt over the web I finally get down to the business of the day, which often involves a technical search or two for information to assist in the resolution of whatever the pressing issue of the moment may be. As far as search engines go I'm usually split between Google and Bing; Bing for general

searches and Google for the technical and specific ones. This morning's schedule called for a technical search and I nearly spewed water on my keyboard and monitor as my entry for Google returned an opening screen that looked remarkably like the Bing opening page, with the same photographic background that has come to mark the Bing homepage as unique. I was more than a little taken aback with what I saw as I was sure that I had typed G-o-o-g-l-e but what was returned looked a lot like the result I usually get when I type B-i-n-g. Upon closer examination it was clear that what I had in front of me was no mistake and that Google had decided (for whatever reason) to alter its iconic white background with a customizable background, which Google decide to default to ‘On’ and this decision caused millions upon millions of Google users around the globe to get the same greeting that I received this morning.

Judging from the reactions listed on tech blogs around the web, the move was perceived as overwhelmingly negative.

It was later revealed this state of affairs was due to a marketing decision to launch a customizable Google page for a period of 24 hours to showcase the new functionality. A bug in the programming caused some users to be unable to opt-out of the new setup. Other users were less than satisfied with the “new” default white background that was described as “not white enough” on one blog. This 24-hour experiment bombed so badly that Google felt it necessary to call the whole thing off and revert back to its “normal” appearance after only a few hours into the venture.

A few factors combined to ensure the doom of this undertaking, but none more so than the fact that people are generally resistant to change in the absence of any real problems. Another factor was the abrupt departure from the normally clean and crisp Google interface to something unasked for and which actually harkened back

to the olden days when many search engines vied for dominant share in the search engine market with many of the players sporting interfaces that were just plain awful. They intermittently blinked and flashed and offered more advertisements than search results on every page. There was little predictability about how the results would be presented or ranked and for every different search engine there was a different way of seeing the world.

Then emerged a search engine that seemed to do all the things a search engine should do, and do it better than all the others at the time. Where the others were loud and all over the place, Google was quiet and to the point. It was focused and exact and those qualities made the user's search focused and exact as well. Google has been delivering this service since its inception. The jarring experience received by millions of Googlers this morning probably had many wondering if the service that they had come to know was a thing of the past. Google would do well to avoid making this misstep again.



## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills  
Give Me A Break.....

Picture yourself in a given restaurant here in the San Gabriel Valley. Let's characterize it as a favorite family owned restaurant. The time is 5 PM and the restaurant is beginning to experience the familiar bustle of hungry customers. Your server/waiter comes by with a couple glasses of ice water and gives you the day's specials. You survey the selections and ask for a brief moment to discuss the options with your companion.

After a lengthy consultation you make your selections, but no server is to be found. You wait and wait, and finally flag down the manager, and are assured someone will be right over. New server, Cindy comes by and starts with today's specials... again. You interrupt, “We are ready to order, what happened to our original server?” Cindy advises that the other server is on their mandatory break. And so it goes in the State of California and I guess in other states as well. Very recently I was at my favorite Starbucks, located in a Vons, and noticed that there was only one person working the entire Kiosk. I knew exactly what was going on because I saw the other Barista outside in the parking lot taking a smoke break. He came back in, saw the line of people and replied, “Sorry guys, they make me take a ten minute break no matter what at this time each day.”

California's law calling for rest and meal breaks is perhaps the most worker-protective in the nation. While the requirements are nothing new—they've been around for decades—the consequences for flouting them have become too costly to ignore. Under legislation signed by then governor Gray Davis in 2000, employers who fail to comply owe their employees one additional hour of pay for each violation. What's more, they're on the hook for offenses going back three or even four years, according to a ruling last year by a surprisingly unanimous state Supreme Court.

It's not difficult to defend such a law, especially when you factor in an industry that employs such a large number of workers that earn minimum wage. An exhausted food server doesn't pose the same potential risk, as say, a tired truck driver. But many people can't even imagine working 8 to 10 hour shifts without being given breaks.

The restaurant association has offered guidelines, “...warning that a violation can occur if an unpaid meal break for employees working five hours or more is less than 30 minutes.....When an employee sues or files a claim, employers also bear the burden of proving meal breaks were taken. (The state is less strict about documentation for 10 minute rest periods, required for roughly every four hours of work.)”

The truth is that there's no particular way to tell when and at what hour a restaurant will be busy and stay busy, especially now with the economy. Many owners are cutting back on

staffing. What happens if you get a rush of kids that get out of school early, or the local play that let out at 9 PM and the a large group of hungry, late night diners stroll into a restaurant that is down a server?

I have spoken to many a server about the break policy. Many servers would rather forgo their break than lose out on tips, while others need that hour to go on errands, talk on the phone or just get something to eat.

How do you, the public, feel about all this? While some customers are supportive, others have been surprised by the notion that servers need to stop and eat. “One waiter told me he felt like saying, “It's the law. Do you work all day without a break at your job?”

Other restaurant owners have looked for alternatives, such as requiring workers to take breaks near the beginning or end of their shifts.

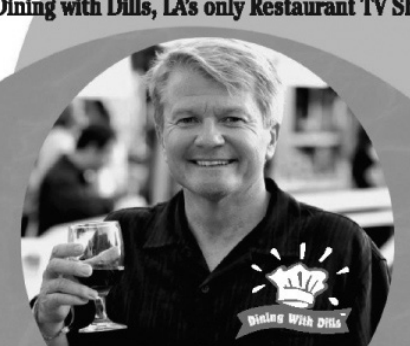
Rest periods are different, but if you tried to enforce dinner breaks and make a server working for tips leave their tables for half an hour, you'd probably have everybody quitting. However individual restaurants resolve the issue, it's clear that this increased attention to workers' rights is changing the restaurant industry in fundamental ways. The days when employers could rely on the, “You take care of me and I'll take care of you,” approach to labor issues, and ignoring the letter of the law, while perhaps embracing its spirit, are coming to an end.

Flexibility is a great advantage in an ideal world, but it can invite exploitation in an imperfect one. For the time being, operators who fail to strike the right balance between the rights of workers and the peculiar demands of their industry run the risk of getting served themselves. Increasingly, their workers seem ready to dish it out.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It

In his column last week, Greg mentioned “6,000 to 10,000 rocket attacks per year into Israel from Gaza”. According to Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the highest number of rocket attacks took place in 2008, with a total of 1,750; followed by 946 in 2006, 896 in 2007, 556 in 2009, 268 in 2004 and 222 in 2005 (there have been 30 through mid-March of this year). Wanted to get that out of the way.

I also want to thank reader Paul Hovsepian for his appreciative and appreciated letter in last week’s paper. Paul points out the need to be both informed and to hold our representatives accountable. Since none of us can be thoroughly informed on everything (no matter how assiduously we read the Mountain Views News), it’s important we elect leaders upon whom we can rely to do their homework and perform in the best interest of our communities and our country while we get on with our own day jobs.

Choosing leaders who can offer reasonable assurance they’ll do the right thing is the hard part. For me, one of the first things I look to is where the money behind the campaign is coming from. I was disappointed to see Democrats, especially former President Bill Clinton, complaining about the out-of-state union money going to the primary opponent of Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), but not about the out-of-state money from the healthcare and securities/investment industries going to Sen. Lincoln. On the one hand there are organizations representing working men and women, and on the other those seeking to deprive working men and women of affordable healthcare and the assurance their retirement funds won’t be gambled away by Wall Street yahoos.

Another thing I consider is not just what a candidate promises for the future, but how that candidate has contributed to our community in the past. In gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman and senate candidate Carly Fiorina, we have two people who have devoted their lives to making lots of money - for themselves. Even to a “community” of shareholders, their contributions have been found lacking - with Whitman forced from her eBay position after a shareholder suit accusing her of self-serving dealings with Goldman Sachs, and Fiorina ousted from Hewlett-Packard following her drive to dump tens of thousands of American jobs in order to exploit cheap offshore labor, and presiding over a 60% drop in HP’s stock value. Both rarely, if ever, bothered to vote, and both became politically involved via brief flings with John McCain’s 2008 presidential campaign (where Fiorina memorably commented she considered Sarah Palin fully qualified to be Vice President of the United States, but not to run a major corporation).

One of the best ways to assess a candidate is to talk to them. I had the opportunity to do so at an election-night celebration in Claremont. Darcel Woods, Democratic candidate for our 59th Assembly District, seems to be the opposite of a Whitman or Fiorina; whereas they were unable to find time to vote, Darcel has devoted her life to



Darcel Woods

public service. Teacher, college professor, deputy sheriff, probation counselor, senior center and food bank volunteer - while others talk of job creation, Darcel has been getting it done through involvement with CalWORKS, displaced worker counseling, employment skills retraining and correctional reintegration programs. When I asked about partisan battles in Sacramento, she responded by not mentioning parties at all and described a community of common interests rather than blocs of competing ones. To her it was not a matter of Democrat vs. Republican, but of common sense solutions vs. continuing practices that have failed in the past. Darcel made clear there are some things (home health care availability, for instance) that aren’t options to be bargained with but are essential - and it doesn’t matter what the party affiliation might be of the person needing it.

The theme of “community” also ran through my chat with 26th District congressional candidate Russ Warner. Russ described himself as the “moderate” in this race, as opposed to sequestered incumbent Republican David Dreier. There are concerns most of us have, whether being able to afford skyrocketing health insurance premiums or needing financial legislation that protects consumers as well as big banks; concerns Russ shares but that Dreier has ignored and actively opposed for no apparent reason other than that party bosses have told him to. It’s reassuring talking to a candidate who’s experienced “corporate downsizing”, starting and running a business, seeing a son go off to Iraq and dealing with household concerns most of us share. With Rep. Dreier, I’ve often wondered if, for example, he’s ever in his life had to shop for private health coverage.

David Dreier’s record has pretty much been supporting whatever came out of the Bush Administration, and opposing whatever’s proposed under President Obama. I asked Russ if he had any issues with the current administration. He said he regarded the



Russ Warner and wife Chris

challenger. For Russ himself, he said he’s more prone this time around to tell audiences exactly what he feels, rather than what he thinks they’d like to hear. And, in this era of poll-driven, party-defined talking points, that’s an approach audiences appreciate - whether they like what they hear or not.

I felt reassured after talking face-to-face with candidates Darcel Woods and Russ Warner. With a simple phone call to either of their campaign offices, I’m sure anybody reading this can arrange to do the same. Regardless of this assurance, though, I still agree with reader Paul it’s up to us to stay informed, keep them on their toes, and make sure they remember to whom they’re accountable.

## GREG Welborn Gulf Disaster Compliment of Environmentalists



Thankfully, it would appear as though BP has finally been able to successfully implement a strategy to stop the oil spill in the gulf. Assuming that’s correct, there will be a brief - if even perceptible - period of political calm before the massive finger pointing and blame affixing begins. The odds-on favorite to play the fall guy is, of course, British Petroleum. Now, I want to go on record as stating that it appears BP made some colossal blunders, but I think there really is a more important question that needs to be answered.

Why are we drilling in 5,000 feet of water in the first place?

You see, I’m one of those people who assumes that humans make mistakes. I don’t assume that anything goes perfectly. So, were I to make public policy in the energy and environment realms, I would count on mistakes happening and do everything I could to make sure that we incorporated that realism into public policy. Given that, it seems pretty obvious to me that we should be drilling for oil (and yes we do need

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to drill for oil... it’s the only option we have right now) first on land, where it’s easy to contain spills and get people to the well site to fix the problem, then second drill in shallow water where it’s only a bit more difficult to contain the spill by getting people in to fix the problem. Unfortunately, we don’t do that primarily

because of radical unrealistic environmental ideology.

Because environmentalists have succeeded in closing off the Arctic circle area of Alaska (a 30-year moratorium in place) and have rendered the Pacific and nearly all the Atlantic coast off-limits to oil production, we have to drill deep, at 1,000 feet or more, and after that have to drill really deep, at 5,000 feet. Think for a moment about the challenges of drilling, placing a wellhead, servicing that wellhead and then fixing problems to that wellhead in 5,000 feet of water. No diver can get there; light doesn’t penetrate that deep; and any robotic actions are painstakingly slow to conduct. Simply put, there is no precedent to the technological challenges of having to drill and operate this deep. The April 20 blowout in the Gulf of Mexico and the ensuing ecological disaster were inevitable and are the direct result of stupidity and hubris among those who claim to be protecting our environment.

There will always be catastrophic oil spills. We make them as rare as possible, but they are going to happen. Ask yourself: where would you rather have one: in the Gulf of Mexico 5,000 feet down, a geographic region which supports the livelihood of thousands of people, or in the Arctic, where you can walk to the wellhead and very few people actually live or work? All spills run the risk of seriously damaging wildlife. That’s part of the risk we have to take. But doesn’t it make infinitely more sense to drill in barren areas, where even wildlife is minimal, instead of in highly populated areas that are also teeming with wildlife?

Now, I’m not trying to defend BP here. They blew it. But if they hadn’t suffered a catastrophic screw up, someone else would have. Again, people are human, and we make mistakes. A huge blowout was inevitable, and - guess what? - there will be another one before you and I are dead and gone. That’s the nature of anything we humans do. Mistakes happen.

But since the accident, we have to stop the hysterical trashing of BP’s efforts. This company, like any company that wants to make a profit, has absolutely no incentive whatsoever to do anything except to fix this problem as fast as they possibly can. If only to repair their public image and to limit the amount of the economic damage claims and lawsuits that will be filed against them, they have to be doing everything in their power to fix this problem. To assert otherwise is stupid. So give them the acknowledgement that they deserve in these superhuman efforts to contain this problem.

Government officials who rail in righteous indignation against BP are simply trying to deflect attention away from their own role in

the disaster. Ken Salazar’s Interior Department was lax in its permitting and oversight responsibilities, which makes them equally culpable that the inevitable happened now (in 2010), but even here we should cut them some slack. I can only imagine the legitimate complaints about the difficulty of drilling in this deep sea area that BP articulated in an effort to get some relief from the extraordinary costs associated with the endeavor. Perhaps someone at Interior realized how insane the effort really was. I don’t really know, but when I stand back and think about this, I’m amazed that humans are even able to get any oil out of the ground under the circumstances that exist at 5,000 feet below sea level. What amazing and ingenious creatures we are.

Likewise, I find President Obama’s finger-pointing Rose Garden speech unpalatable and inappropriate for a man who claims to have the wisdom to guide the free world. First, he denounces finger-pointing, then he proceeds to point the finger at everyone but his own government that forced the oil companies to drill in this inhospitable environment when much more accommodating ones are readily available.

In the end analysis, the buck always stops at the president’s desk. At least President Obama has been gracious enough to admit to that obvious truth. He didn’t start the whole environmental paranoia that has much of this country sipping cool-aid when it comes to the development of sound energy policy, but he certainly has claimed the mantle of being an intelligent enough - gifted even - leader to have realized how stupid our policies have become. He should have been able to see that a disaster of this magnitude was right around the corner. He should have been able to realize that safer, easier, more controllable and less potentially damaging drill sites were and are available.

This disaster is Obama’s. Of that there can be no mistake and no excuse. But he doesn’t own it because of what happened after the spill. The more legitimate Obama paternity claim is based on the environmental policies he has championed as a candidate and as a President. He has done nothing to lift the ridiculous burden placed on nuclear power development projects. He has all but killed any chance that new coal-fired energy plants will be built in this country. In short, he has increased our reliance on foreign oil and increased the demands that we seek our own energy development in the most dangerous and potentially damaging of environments possible.

We drill deep - and suffer catastrophic ecological disasters - because of the foolishness of current environmental fashions championed by this president. The gulf oil spill, the concomitant death and destruction, the loss of jobs and economic ruin were caused by the very people who take every opportunity to grab a microphone and lay claim to the title of grand protector while accusing the rest of us common sense folks of being insensitive and uninformed.

I’m just a simple guy when it comes to some things. But even I can figure out that I’d rather have our oil drilled on land where few animals, and even fewer people, live, and where fixing problems is tantamount to taking the car into the shop instead of doing it where mistakes are more disastrous and fixing them more difficult than putting a man on the moon.

So, let’s have some Congressional hearings, let’s have the inevitable investigation to document what went wrong, but in so doing, let’s be honest about who should have known better and who could have solved this problem with the stroke of a pen. Let’s be sure that an honest assessment of all this shows America just how much damage unchecked environmental ideology can do. Maybe then we’ll get a reasoned and balanced approach to energy policy wean ourselves from foreign oil and actually protect a bit more of the planet in the process.

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ROCHA (cont. from page 4)  
The appointment of Dr. Rocha was the culmination of a nationwide search conducted by Academic Search Incorporated and the PACCD. The selection process included campus candidate forums, candidate meetings with campus groups and community members, and extensive input from students, faculty, staff, and community members.

In their comments, many faculty noted Dr. Rocha’s experience and knowledge in basic skills and his deep commitment to student success, especially in STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) and workforce education. The PACCD Board carefully reviewed and considered all faculty and staff input and voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Rocha as PCC president at its June 9 meeting.

“I am very pleased at the decision of the Board of Trustees to appoint Dr. Mark Rocha as the next president of Pasadena City College,” said Dr. Jack Scott, California Community College Chancellor. “Dr. Rocha has a wealth of experience in community college administration, including a very successful tenure as president of West Los Angeles College. I have heard many glowing reports about his outstanding work at that college. I predict a bright future for Pasadena City College as Mark Rocha works with the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff at PCC in the years ahead.”

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## STUART TOLCHIN



## Intended Beneficiaries

Well, I think it was just announced that the turnout for the California Primary elections today were the lowest in history. Really, it's no surprise that people have not bothered to vote. After all things are going so well in California it's clear that our system is working so well that there is no need for individual voters to unnecessarily concern ourselves with the results—WE ARE IN GOOD HANDS. Aren't we???

No, I'm afraid not! Everything is falling apart and there is a great need for responsible, competent, capable leadership. This particular California Republican Primary has presented the indifferent electorate with two extraordinarily wealthy candidates. As reported on television news, the winning candidate spent something like \$80,000,000 (that's 80 million dollars) on her own election campaign. Remember, this is only the warm-up. She'll probably have to spend even more in the general election campaign. I find the whole process obscene. Great individual wealth has always seemed like a mistake, a flaw in the system. It reminds me of the discussions that would take place in my Legal Ethics classes. (No, that is not an oxymoron - there really is something called Legal Ethics.) In class someone would inevitably say they did not understand how a lawyer could responsibly defend a person who was guilty. Some smart guy would respond and say that defending the guilty was the job of the defense attorney and, after all, such defense was necessary in order for the advocacy system to function.

At this point I would break into the conversation and say something like, "No, I don't think the job of any attorney is to defend the guilty. In fact during a trial, prior to a verdict, there are no guilty parties, as everyone is presumed to be innocent. What is going on instead is that the Defense Attorney is Defending the Constitution and is attempting to ensure that the Constitution is being properly followed in this one particular case. The particular Defendant, be he or she later found guilty or innocent is the unintended beneficiary of the attorneys' efforts."

Well, if the Defendant is the unintended beneficiary, then who is the INTENDED BENEFICIARY? Answer- ready? It's us - The People of the United States. Remember those first words in the preamble to the United States Constitution:

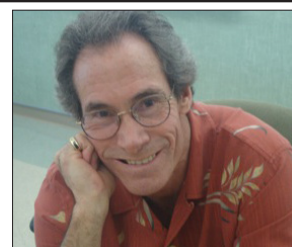
WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, ESTABLISH JUSTICE (perhaps you have the rest memorized)

Yes, the Constitution was created to protect us, all of us. If a person who has violated the law and committed a crime but escapes punishment, it is a flaw in the system but a necessary and foreseen flaw. The non-convicted Defendant is not the victor, it is the Constitution that is victorious. Guaranteeing that our legal process complies with Constitutional requirements is of such value to the entire nation that it trumps the need to punish any potentially guilty offender.

Similarly, our financial system is based upon the assumption that human greed will be the spark that continually fuels the engine of industry in our country. Enterprising individuals (and Corporations, I guess) acting in their own individual interest will provide jobs and goods and services that will benefit the rest of us. That's the theory. All of us will benefit from a strong economy. We are all the intended beneficiaries of this system. But there is an inevitable flaw in this system too. Certain individuals or corporations may gain so much wealth and consequent power that they will be able to unfairly deprive the rest of us from receiving the benefits to which we are entitled. Who or what is there to protect us? Of course it's our old friend, the Constitution. And who enforces the Constitution-- our elected representatives and Judges - that's who.

You see the problem, I'm sure. The Constitution is there to protect all of us but, in order to benefit from these protections we, the general public have to be extremely vigilant as to what is really going on. It's tough, because every day, those with money and power make sure that disinformation and diversions are disseminated to distract the population from what is really going on. I hope people begin to notice, but from the minimal participation in this latest primary it seems like most folk are too distracted to care. Maybe people have become fatalistic and the think that the catastrophic end is inevitable and there's no use fighting it. (The recent inability to halt the oil flow seems to demonstrate the impotency of governments to deal with catastrophe.)

Well, I would like to write more about the need to remain vigilant and concerned but I've got to watch the end of the Lakers game. After all, the true purpose of the game is to entertain us, isn't it?



## HAIL Hamilton My Turn Mexico is Angry With Arizona!

I ran across this May 19 posting and had to share it with you.

*"Three cheers for Arizona!*

*The shoe is on the other foot and Mexicans from the State of Sonora, across the border from Arizona, don't like it. Can you believe the nerve of these people? It's almost funny.*

*The State of Sonora is angry at the influx of illegal immigrants in Arizona returning to Mexico. A delegation of nine state legislators was in Tucson on Tuesday to complain about Arizona's crackdown illegals from Mexico.*

*At a news conference, the legislators said Sonora, Arizona's southern neighbor, made up of mostly small towns, cannot handle the demand for housing, jobs and schools that it will face as Mexican workers return to their hometowns from the USA without jobs or money.*

*It seems that many Mexican are returning to their hometowns and the officials in the Sonora state government are ticked off. The legislators said the that Arizona's new Employer Sanctions Law will have a devastating effect on the Mexican state.*

*The Arizona law, which took effect Jan. 1, punishes Arizona employers who knowingly hire individuals without valid legal documents to work in the United States. Penalties include suspension of, or loss of their business license.*

*The Mexican legislators are angry because their own citizens are returning to their hometowns, placing a burden on THEIR state government. 'How can Arizona pass a law like this?' asked Sonora Rep. Leticia Amparano-Gamez, who represents Nogales.*

*There is not one person living in sonora who does not have a friend or relative working in Arizona," she said, speaking in Spanish. "Mexico is not prepared for this, for the tremendous problems it will face as more and more Mexicans working in Arizona and who are sending money to their families return to their hometowns in Sonora without jobs," she said.*

*We are one family, socially and economically," she said of the people of Sonora and Arizona.*

**Wrong!**

The United states is a sovereign nation, not a subsidiary of Mexico, and its taxpayers are not responsible for the welfare of Mexico's citizens. It's time for the Mexican government, and its citizens, to stop relying on the United States and start taking care of its/their own needs. Too bad that other states within the USA--particularly California, New Mexico and Texas--don't pass a law just like that passed by Arizona.

Maybe that's the answer, since our own Congress will do nothing! Oh, and another thing I found....

**New Immigration Laws:**

1. There will be no special bilingual programs in schools.
2. All ballots will be in this nation's language.
3. All government business will be conducted in our language.
4. Non-residents will NOT have the right to vote no matter how long they are here.
5. Non-native-born citizens will NEVER be able to hold political office.
6. Foreigners will not be a burden to the taxpayers. No welfare, no food stamps, no health care, or other public assistance. anyone who is a burden will be deported.
7. Foreigners can invest can invest in this country, but it must be an amount at least 40,000 times the daily minimum wage.
8. If foreigners come here and buy land... options will be restricted. Certain parcels including waterfront property are reserved for citizens naturally born in this country.
9. foreigners may have no protests; no demonstrations, no waiving of a foreign flag, no political organizing, no bad-mouthing our president or his policies. These will lead to deportation.
10. If you come to this country illegally, you will be actively hunted and when caught, sent to jail until your deportation can be arranged. All assets will be taken from you.

**Too Strict?**

The above laws are the current immigration laws of... **"MEXICO!"**

A couple of things not mentioned in the posting: Mexican law mandates that federal, local and municipal police cooperate with federal immigration authorities in the arrests of illegal immigrants. In Mexico illegal immigration is a felony, punishable by up to two years in prison. Immigrants who are deported and attempt to re-enter can be imprisoned for 10 years. Visa violators can be sentenced to six-year terms. Mexicans who help illegal immigrants are considered criminals.

Mexican authorities can deport foreigners who are deemed detrimental to "economic or national interests," violate Mexican law, are not "physically or mentally healthy" or lack the "necessary funds for their sustenance" and for their dependents.

*If Mexico can protect itself against illegal immigrants, why can't Arizona?*

## RICH Johnson Quote This!



If you've spotted me in Fresco's Family Restaurant lately, you've probably seen me sitting across from a wonderfully brilliant, witty and not-bad-to-look-at blonde lady. After the initial shock (and stupor) of wondering what such a chic, sophisticated gal would be doing sitting across from me, you would notice we each had our laptops open.

The truth be known my friend's name is Lisa Bowman. She and I have become writing partners and our first project is a book on funny motivational quotes. Pardon the pun but we have shelved the written word for now, and jumped into the 21<sup>st</sup> century compiling the book to be first released in App form for the iPhone. If you are unfamiliar with the term "app" it is simply short for "application." If you are not sure what an iPhone is, it's probably because iPhone's do not work well (if at all) in the Sierra Madre and surrounding areas. At least, the telephone part.

People with iPhones can buy from thousands of little "apps" for their phone. Many are free, but most are typically \$1-\$3 dollars each. Apps have a variety of functions. Many of them are little video games. But, you can also get recipe apps, a guide to tying knots app, an app that helps you identify birds in your backyard. There's even an app that will help you tune your guitar. The list goes on and on.

Lisa and my app will offer up motivational and inspirational quotes. Many, not all, with a humorous edge offered in a variety of categories such as Motivate Me, Make Me Laugh, I'm Outta Whack and so on.

No, this is not a commercial (at least not yet.) It's a way for me to segue into some of the funniest quotes we've compiled. I hope you enjoy them.

"Before I speak, I have something important to say." Groucho Marx

"I didn't like the play, but then I saw it under adverse conditions. The curtain was up." Groucho Marx

"From the moment I picked up your book until I laid it down I was convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend reading it." Groucho Marx

"If you're not fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm." Vince Lombardi

"If Patrick Henry thought taxation without representation was bad, he should see it with representation." Handy News

"A young man may have more money than brains, but not for long!" Unknown

"If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?" Abraham Lincoln

"In Bible times, a man could have as many wives as he could afford. Just like today." Abigail Van Buren (Dear Abby)

"The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is they share a common enemy." Sam Levenson

And maybe the most profound and succinct quote of all time. We can learn from our canine friends as we read this:

"Wag more, bark less." Have a good week.







## City of Sierra Madre

## ORDINANCE NO. 1308

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 5.36 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE PERMITTING OF FILMING AND VIDEO FILMING ACTIVITY IN THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sierra Madre is often used as a backdrop for commercial and film production due to its close proximity to the Foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, the Mount Wilson trail and the unique quality and character of the many areas in the community;

**WHEREAS**, the "Uniform Film Permit Act" commencing with Section 14999.20 *et seq.* of the California Government Code encourages municipalities to adopt uniform permit procedures throughout the State;

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to update Chapter 5.36 ("Filming and Video Filming") of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to establish a more uniform process for the permitting of commercial film activities in the City of Sierra Madre;

**WHEREAS**, as required by the Uniform Film Permit Act, the California Film Commission reviewed the City's proposed ordinance and provided comment;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a meeting regarding the proposed amendments to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as outlined in this ordinance, reviewed the City staff's agenda report and received public testimony and documentary evidence provided prior to and at the public hearings; and

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Municipal Code Amendment.** Chapter 5.36 ("Filming and Video Filming") of Title 5 ("Business Licenses and Regulations") of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**5.36.010 TITLE**

This Chapter shall be entitled "Commercial Photography and Motion Picture Filming" and shall constitute the rules regulating the permitting of commercial film activities in the City of Sierra Madre.

**5.36.020 PURPOSE AND INTENT**

This chapter is to establish procedures for the review and issuance of city filming permits allowing work associated with the production of commercial filming activities, within the City of Sierra Madre, subject to the permit requirements. The intent of this chapter is to facilitate the production of such work while protecting the residents and property owners from the potential adverse impacts of filming activities.

**5.36.030 DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "City Film Permit" shall mean a permit issued by the City of Sierra Madre to allow the activities associated with the production, filming or video taping of motion picture and television shows, programs, commercials and still photography.

B. "City Film Monitor" shall mean the City Manager of the City of Sierra Madre or his/her designee.

C. "City Produced or City Sponsored Government or Educational Access Productions" shall mean motion picture, television, or still photography produced by or in association with the city.

D. "Extra Small Film Productions" shall mean a cast and crew of five or fewer persons not using a generator.

E. "Family Videos" shall mean the filming or videotaping of motion pictures or taking of still photographs solely for private use.

F. "Film Activity" shall mean and include all activity attendants to staging or shooting motion pictures, television shows or programs, and commercials and to still photo shoots as defined in this chapter.

G. "News Media" shall mean the photographing, filming or videotaping for the purpose of spontaneous, unplanned television news broadcast or reporting for print media by reporters, photographers or cameramen.

H. "Small Film Productions" shall mean a cast and crew of fifty or fewer persons that are self-contained on the site where film activity will take place and will not involve the parking of vehicles on any public street beyond the filming site.

I. "Still Photo Shoots" shall mean commercial photography utilizing a cast and crew of three (3) or more persons.

J. "Student Film" shall mean motion picture, television, or still photography produced to satisfy a course or curriculum requirement at an educational institution. The student must supply proof that he/she is currently enrolled in an educational institution.

K. "Studio Productions" shall mean a legally established, commercial, motion picture/television/still photography, place of business where filming activities (motion or still photography) are regularly conducted inside a studio/stage upon the premises.

**5.36.040 CITY FILM PERMIT REQUIRED**

No person shall use any public or private property, building, facility or residence for any Film Activity without a City Film Permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

**5.36.050 CITY FILM PERMIT EXCEPTIONS**

The provisions of Sections 5.36.040, 5.36.060, and 5.36.100 shall not apply to the following:

A. News Media. B. Family Videos. C. Professional Still Photo Shoots with a crew of two or less that have been issued a valid business license.

D. Studio Productions. E. City Produced or City Sponsored Government or Educational Access Productions.

**5.36.060 CITY FILM PERMIT APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE.**

A. City Film Permit Application.

(1) Any person desiring a permit under the provisions of this chapter shall fill out an application provided by the City Film Monitor. The form must be signed and accompanied by all applicable fees, deposits, indemnification agreement and insurance certificate required by this chapter before the permit will be processed.

(2) Such application shall be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the date on which such person desires to conduct the activity for which a permit is required. If such activity involves traffic control exceeding three minute intervals and/or such activity involves stunts or special effects, an application shall be submitted at least seven (7) business days in advance. If such activity involves street closures, an application shall be submitted at least ten (10) business days in advance.

(3) Accompanying the application form shall be evidence of the following:

(a) All applicable fees and deposits.

(b) Evidence of Insurance as required under Section 5.36.100.

(c) An executed indemnification agreement, on a form approved by the City Attorney, as required under Section 5.36.110.

(d) If determined by the City Film Monitor to be necessary, written evidence of permits and/or coordination with other public agencies may be required upon submission of an application for a City Film Permit. The conditions and requirements of these responsible agencies shall be requirements of this permit.

(e) Proof of Approval

(f) An application for a City Film Permit shall provide evidence of property owner/tenant approval in the form of a petition, signature card, facsimile or e-mail from a minimum of 51% of all property owners and/or tenants, over the age of 18, for each parcel located within 250 feet of the perimeter of the property on which the filming is to take place; or If the film permit will involve a street closure, the application for a City Film Permit shall provide evidence of property owner/tenant approval in the form of a petition, signature card, facsimile or email from 100% of all property owners and/or tenants, over the age of 18, for each parcel located within 250 feet of the perimeter of the property on which the filming is to take place and the approval of the Director of Public Works and the Fire and Police Chiefs is required.

ii) For Extra Small Film Productions, Small Film Productions, and Still Photo Shoots, the applicant for a City Film Permit shall distribute a "Notice of Intent to Film", explaining the date(s), time(s), location and general details of the Film Activity, to property owners and/or tenants within 250 feet of the location of the film site. If the Film Monitor receives written disapproval from more than 25% of residents and/or tenants within 250 feet of the film site within 48 hours of the delivery of the Notice of Intent to Film, the application for a City Film Permit shall be denied.

B. City Film Permit Issuance.

(1) The City Film Monitor shall issue a permit as provided for in this chapter when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may be otherwise obtained, that the application complies with the provisions of this chapter and he or she finds that:

(a) The conduct of such activity will not unduly interfere with traffic or pedestrian movement or endanger public safety and that no streets will be completely closed to traffic for an unreasonable period of time. Forty-eight (48) hours advanced notice of any street closure shall be posted;

(b) The conduct of such activity will not unduly interfere with normal governmental or city operations, threaten to result in damage or detriment to public property, or result in the city incurring costs or expenditures in either money or personnel not reimbursed in advance by the applicant; and

(c) At the determination of the City's Public Works Department as well as the Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments, that the condition of such activity will not constitute a fire hazard or any other type of hazard and all proper safety precautions will be taken as determined by the heads of the aforementioned departments or their designees.

(2) The City Film Monitor may condition the issuance of a City Film Permit by imposing reasonable requirements concerning the time, place and/or manner of Film Activity. The applicant shall comply with any conditions or restrictions the City Film Monitor may impose as a condition to issuing a City Film Permit.

(3) The decision of the City Film Monitor to issue, conditionally issue or not issue a City Film Permit shall be final unless appealed pursuant to Section 5.36.080.

C. Cost of Additional Services.

If deemed necessary by the City Film Monitor, additional police, code enforcement, fire, and other city services shall be provided for the purpose of protecting, assisting and regulating the proposed activity. The cost of providing such additional services shall be paid in advance to the City by the applicant for a City Film Permit. Additional city services will be provided and coordinated through the City Film Monitor.

**5.36.070 REVOCATION OF CITY FILM PERMIT.**

A. A City Film Permit may be revoked in writing by the City Film Monitor for the following reasons:

(1) Misrepresentation of production parameters or special effects on the permit application.

(2) Any violations of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, State or Federal law, and/or the City's filming rules and regulations.

(3) Any violation of the conditions imposed on the City Film Permit.

B. The Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments are authorized to suspend any filming activity not authorized by the necessary permit or when permit conditions are violated or where the City's filming rules and regulations, laws or ordinances are violated. If either the Sierra Madre Police and/or Fire Departments suspend filming, such suspension shall be reported to the City Film Monitor who may revoke the permittee's City Film Permit under this section. C. The decision of the City Film Monitor to revoke a City Film Permit shall be final unless appealed pursuant to Section 5.36.080.

**5.36.080 APPEAL PROCEDURES.**

The decision of the City Film Monitor to issue, conditionally issue, not issue or revoke a City Film Permit may be appealed in writing within five (5) working days of the decision by requesting a hearing of the City Council at the next available meeting. The appeal must include copies of all pertinent material necessary to support the applicant's position on appeal. Written notice of the appeal must be mailed to residents within a 250 foot radius of each filming location. Any actions of the City Council shall be final. Such written request for an appeal shall be accompanied by a fee, as established by City Council resolution.

**5.36.090 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The City Film Monitor is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations governing the time, place and manner of any Film Activity within the City.

**5.36.100 CITY FILM PERMIT FEES.**

All fees, costs and charges associated with the issuance of a City Film Permit or associated with the regulation and enforcement of this chapter and the rules and regulations for Film Activity shall be set forth in a schedule of fees, costs and charges adopted by City Council resolution.

**5.36.110 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

A. At the discretion of the City Film Monitor, a certificate of insurance for general liability and automobile insurance shall accompany the application for a City Film Permit. Such insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 naming the City of Sierra Madre, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insured for protection against claims of third persons for personal injuries, wrongful deaths, and property damage and to indemnify the city for damage to city property arising out of the applicant's Film Activity. The certificate shall not be subject to cancellation or modification until after thirty days written notice to the City. Such insurance shall be issued by a company permitted to do business in the State of California with an AM Best's rating of at least A-VII. Such insurance shall be evidenced by the standard General Liability Special Endorsement Form mandated by the California Film Commission which will remain on file with the City's Risk Manager. B. An applicant shall conform to all applicable State requirements for Worker's Compensation Insurance for all persons operating under a City Film Permit.

**5.36.120 INDEMNIFICATION.**

The applicant must submit with an application for a City Film Permit an indemnification agreement, on a form approved by the City Attorney, in which the applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from all claims and liability arising from or in connection with the Film Activity and the issuance of the City Film Permit.

**5.36.130 ENFORCEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any other penalty provided by this Code or otherwise by law, any person who violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition, the City may enforce the violation by means of a civil enforcement process through a restraining order, a preliminary or permanent injunction, or by any other means available by law.

**Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act.** This ordinance qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15061 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a code text amendment is not a project and it can be seen with certainty that it will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Section 3. Severability; Continuation of Provisions.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance or the rules adopted hereby. The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as they read immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.

**Section 5. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2010.

Ayes: Mosca, Buchanan, MacGillivray, Moran, Walsh No: None Abstain: None Absent: None

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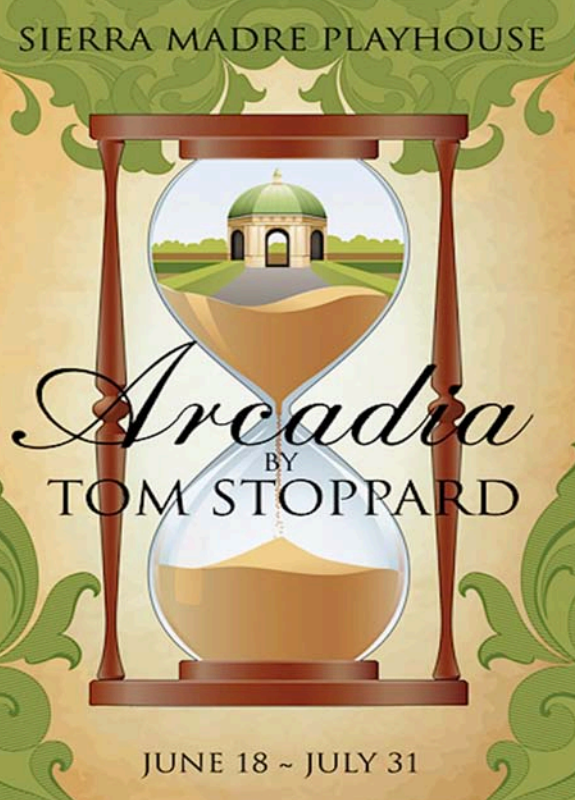
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**290 W. Highland Sierra Madre \$749,000**

3 BR 1 BA nice single level home on a large 50x192 LOT! there are even plans from the owner/developer for a beautiful spanish hacienda. the home is in a very quiet neighborhood, mature trees on lot. the home has lots of windows, mountain views from front of home. very roomy, feels much larger than 1310 sq feet! owner is very motivated and eagerly awaits your offer!



**1612 Coolidge Avenue Pasadena \$569,000**

2 nice sized bedroom, 1 full bath with another 1/2 bath off family room. beautiful hardwood floors throughout the home, windows facing west, south, east sun! the backyard has a lovely patio with a grassy yard and pretty gardens around. off the 2 car garage is a workshop/office with a wall air conditioner. the kitchen has beautiful stainless steel GE stove and fridge that are STAYING with home. as is washer and dryer in laundry room! in the large living room, there is a great brick fireplace with a mantle framing the fireplace.

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject: That Stubborn Sciatica 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.

The very thought of sciatica sends chills down the spine! That miserable condition wherein pain travels down the back of the leg is often troublesome and chronic. There is hope, though, for the alleviation and resolution of this problem.

\*\*Check the Feet\*\*

In many recurring cases of sciatica, there is an underlying instability in the feet. The easiest way to evaluate this is to check the wear pattern of your shoes. If the heel is worn unevenly, either on the outside or inside edge, make sure that your heels are replaced and perhaps look into getting a high quality, soft orthotic from your podiatrist, chiropractor or other specialist. Even a generic foot stabilizer can be beneficial.

\*\*Eat Your Veggies\*\*

Should you develop the symptoms of sciatica, it is important to eliminate foods which create a pro-inflammatory state. Hot, spicy foods are on the top of the list, as well

as acid-forming foods such as meat, chicken, and grains. Increase your intake of veggies and fresh fruits (with the exception of citrus) and use soy, beans, raw nuts and seeds for your protein. Dairy products and nightshade vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes, peppers and eggplant) can also be problematic for some people. Sugar, in all its forms, is highly inflammatory. Keep it simple and eliminate these foods for a few days, see what happens. It doesn't have to be a life sentence.

\*\*Water\*\*

Drink up! Consume a glass of pure water each hour to reduce inflammation.

\*\*Calcium/Magnesium\*\*

Try a calcium citrate/magnesium supplement, 1500 mg calcium/750 mg magnesium, per day.

\*\*Sleeping\*\*

If you are a back sleeper, place a pillow behind your knees; if you prefer sleeping on your side, place a pillow between your knees. It can also be beneficial to purchase a body pillow ~ sleeping on your side, put the pillow between the knees and hug it with your arms, correcting the alignment of both the upper and lower body as you sleep.

\*\*Epsom Salts Bath\*\*

A cup of Epsom salts in a shallow tub of warm water (up to the navel) for ten minutes will relax the low back tissues. In exiting the tub, be careful to avoid straining the low back.

\*\*Ice Pack\*\*

A good-sized ice pack placed just to the left or right of the bottom of the spine (sacrum and coccyx) will reduce swelling and release pressure on the sciatic nerve. Keep the pack on for twenty minutes and take off for twenty minutes ~ longer is not better. You can repeat this as often as you like. If the pain worsens with ice, discontinue.

\*\*Last, but Not Least\*\*

Finally, see your practitioner for a thorough evaluation of the condition. Treatment options, depending on complexity, should always go from the least invasive procedures first, ie. postural re-education, core strengthening, chiropractic and osteopathic manipulation, deep tissue work, and acupuncture. Time and patience are a must for healing!

To your health! Dr. John

Next Week: Part 1 ~ Healthy Digestion

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9558 Workman Ave.,	Temple City	Elmer Black	\$515,000
9240 Hecla Ave.,	Temple City	Phil Daniels	\$599,000
Open Sunday 1-5pm			
1011 Rodeo Rd.,	Arcadia	Peggy Fong Chen	\$1,349,800
1130 Fallen Leaf Rd.,	Arcadia	Peggy Fong Chen	\$3,888,000
Open Sunday 2-4pm			
3024 Glenrose Ave.,	Altadena	Susan Stone Rey	\$460,000
109 San Miguel Dr.,	Arcadia	Susan Miali	\$668,000
1941 Highland Oaks Dr.,	Arcadia	Jeff & Darlene Bowen	\$848,000
1328 Oakwood Dr.,	Arcadia	Amy Ellis	\$950,000
2159 Highland Vista Dr,	Arcadia	Darlene & Jeff Bowen	\$998,000
1725 Holly Ave,	Arcadia	Dee Chou	\$1,080,000
2413 S 3rd Ave.,	Arcadia	Ted Javidpour	\$1,195,000
1020 Fallen Leaf Rd.,	Arcadia	Dee Chou	\$2,680,000
11572 Celine St.,	El Monte	Marcus Younessi	\$518,000
262 Grand Ave,	Monrovia	Bruce Pfeiffer	\$559,000
352 Hill St.,	Monrovia	Susan Miali	\$849,000
955 Hillcrest Dr.,	Monrovia	Sandy Radey & Sue Vogel	\$859,500
121 Marion Ave.,	Pasadena	Jean Valiquette/Blanca Jenkins	\$585,000
3320 Thorndale Rd.,	Pasadena	Susan Stone	\$595,000
240 N Orange Grove Blvd.,	Pasadena	Mel Macklin	\$610,000
610 S Orange Grove Blvd #1,	Pasadena	Kelly Myers	\$725,000
2440 Las Lunas,	Pasadena	John Kermgard	\$779,000
3005 Paloma St.,	Pasadena	Jeannie Vukovich	\$849,000
1345 Inverness Dr.,	Pasadena	Janie Steckenrider	\$1,175,000
50 Esperanza Ave #C,	Sierra Madre	Ash Rizk/Victor Mansour	\$688,000
Open Sunday 2-5pm			
4825 Arden,	Temple City	Howard Lu	\$588,000
282 Santa Anita Court,	Sierra Madre	Michael Paris	\$585,500

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: Protecting Yourself From Investment Fraud

Even well-educated and experienced investors can find it difficult to avoid investment fraud. In fact, studies show that investment fraud victims are typically college-educated males, with above-average income and financial knowledge, who tend to be open to listening to new ideas or sales pitches and may have experienced a recent health or financial setback. In one such instance, a licensed stockbroker named Steve Sampler invested \$40,000 in an oil well deal. In the end, Sampler's years of experience in the stock market didn't protect him from being a victim of a scam and he lost the entire investment. "If it can happen to me," he said, "it can happen to anyone."

To help combat investment fraud, the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, in collaboration with AARP, state securities regulators and noted fraud experts, developed Outsmarting Investment Fraud, a comprehensive, research-based program that arms investors with the tools and knowledge needed to recognize and prevent investment fraud. The centerpiece of the program is an hour-long documentary, "Tricks of the Trade: Outsmarting Investment Fraud." Utilizing both humor and compelling stories of real-life victims, including Sampler and perpetrators, the film explores who is at risk, how fraudsters use persuasion to carry out their schemes and what simple steps investors can take to prevent costly mistakes. "We found that a majority of investors ages 55 to 65 do not perceive themselves as vulnerable to investment fraud, yet many engage in investment behaviors that put them at risk," according to John Gannon, president of the FINRA Foundation. "The truth is, regardless of age or circumstance, anyone with money is bound to hear from a fraudster at some point.

Gannon encourages organizations and individuals working to protect citizens from financial fraud to watch the film and use it to engage those who are most vulnerable to scams. "Even if you are not at risk for investment fraud," said Gannon, "...you probably know someone who is and who could benefit from seeing 'Tricks of the Trade.'"

The film's three-part message of risk, persuasion and prevention has been shown to reduce the incidence of fraud by approximately 50 percent.

To order a free DVD of "Tricks of the Trade" or for more information on avoiding investment fraud, visit www.SaveAndInvest.org. "A free documentary by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation helps investors identify behaviors that put them at risk for fraud," says Foundation President John Gannon.

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Recipes of the Week:

Summer Beef Salad with Cilantro

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 pound arugula, washed (about 5 cups)
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 2 cups broccoli slaw (such as Dole)
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch small radishes, quartered
- 1 pound skirt steak
- 8 ounces green beans, halved lengthwise

DIRECTIONS:

Heat broiler. Season the steak with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper and place on a rimmed broiler-proof baking sheet. Broil to desired doneness, 3 to 4 minutes per side for medium rare. Let rest at least 5 minutes before slicing. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together the mustard, vinegar, lemon juice, oil, cilantro, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Add the arugula, bean sprouts, broccoli slaw, scallions, red onion, radishes, and green beans and toss well. Top with the beef before serving.

Fresh Cucumber/Tomato Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon sea or kosher salt
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 10 fresh basil leaves
- 5 fresh oregano leaves
- 3 small fresh cucumbers (pickling or thin slicing)
- 2 large beefsteak tomatoes, vine ripened

DIRECTIONS:

Mince garlic or press through a garlic press. Let garlic stand in balsamic and wine vinegars for 10 minutes (this takes the "edge" off). Discard any garlic which has green sprouts in the center, as the flavor is too sharp and bitter for this salad - use for another purpose. Wash basil and oregano leaves (pick at noon time on a sunny day for best flavor). Roll up leaves and slice into little strips (chiffonade). Chop and add to your best olive oil and allow to stand in oil while garlic marinates. Meanwhile, prepare salad ingredients. Wash cucumbers and tomatoes. Peel cucumbers, leaving a scant amount of peel (helps with digestion). Slice cucumbers into 1/4 inch coins (circles). With a sharp knife, remove stem and blossom end from tomatoes (a very small amount). Slice tomatoes into wedges, being careful not to crush and lose juice. Place tomatoes and cucumbers in salad bowl and sprinkle with sea salt or kosher salt. Combine olive oil with vinegars, whisking together well. Use to dress tomatoes and cucumbers; serve at room temperature.

June Birthdays Pat Fujiwara, Nellie Haynes, Laura Aguilar, Florence Brown, Mary Carney, Theresa Daley, Ann Disbrow, Ann Durgerian, Joan Ellison, Ruth Kirby, Irene Kudirka, Marilyn McKernan, Anne Montgomery, Trini Ornelas, Martha Spriggs, Patricia Starkey

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

Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to homebound 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.





Chris Bertrand

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

### 2010 Arcadia Beautiful Award Winners Announced

Local residents had the opportunity again to nominate neighbors and businesses that help make Arcadia a beautiful place to live by their pretty front yards. From those nominations, thirteen properties were chosen as the best of the best this year.

According to Connie Schacatano at the city of Arcadia, "Judging criteria included the overall appearance as well as all the elements relative

to the general beautification of the property, including general property maintenance, design, architecture, color plus improvements to the structure and landscaping. Other things that the judges look for is originality and "eye catching appeal." The property should upgrade the image of the neighborhood and add to the beauty of the community." Homes can win only once every four years.

I took two "judges" with me on a pleasant tour of this year's winners, and of those listed, we chose our three favorites: 1120 Singingwood Drive, 1120 Encanto Drive and the commercial building at 1601 S. Baldwin.



I routed the homes in a somewhat logical sequence for those who might enjoy a tour of lovely front yards:

1. 1610 Rodeo Road
2. 300 Hacienda Drive
3. 1489 Caballero Road
4. 1145 Fallen Leaf Road
5. 1120 Singingwood Drive
6. 516 Catalpa Road
7. 431 Monte Vista Road
8. 857 Volante Drive
9. 1120 Encanto Drive
10. 921-933 W. Huntington Drive

11. 1601 S. Baldwin Avenue
12. 1201 Greenfield Avenue
13. 233 E. Huntington Drive

Come December, the city also gives out its Holiday Awards for outstanding exterior decorations. So Arcadia residents, keep your eye out for great decorations in December and send in those nominations to the City Manager's office 240 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007!

**Have an interesting home or garden that might interest our readers? Send the details to [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com)!**



### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

## GIVE THEM A HAND

With all of the changes enacted in real estate and related industries, the appraisal process has not been immune. Because lenders were found to be pressuring the appraisers they hired, banks now must largely work with independent appraisers, and they're finding themselves buried in a backlog of jobs.

Because of their workloads, appraisers will gladly consider any information you can provide about your property, and will hopefully generate a more accurate report. As a seller, list the best features of your home, including recent improvements, professional landscaping, or even benefits of your location

(like access to public transportation and schools). While you won't necessarily be graded for your housekeeping skills, appraisers do pay attention to the very appearance and cleanliness of your home. You can positively affect your appraisal's outcome if your lawn is mowed or raked, your windows sparkle, and your closets look spacious. Appraisers are practically looking through the buyer's eyes, so pretend you're preparing for an open house before their arrival.

Finally, be sure to request a copy of the report, because lenders are required to provide it, but you've got to ask. If you find any errors in important features like square footage or property description, contact the appraiser directly. Let the lender and your agent know, too, but understand that they cannot take any direct action under the new rules. *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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**1619 Whitefield Rd. Pasadena**  
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This gorgeous 1913 updated Craftsman offers 3 bd, 2 ba, living room w/ fireplace, kitchen w/ granite counters, built-in stainless appliances. Hardwood floors, new copper plumbing, & updated electrical. 2-car carport & wrap around porch.

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