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Gold Line Hits, Kills Pedestrian

By Dean Lee

A southbound Gold Line train leaving the Del Mar Station struck and killed a pedestrian early Friday morning. No one on the train was hurt and all 40 passengers were immediately evacuated according to officials from the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Passengers were transported by bus to the next station. Service was restored at 7:54 a.m.

The deceased, Michael Flowers, 24, of Altadena was found at approximately 5:34 a.m. just west of the tracks on Del Mar Boulevard between Arroyo Parkway and Raymond Avenue said Pasadena Fire Department Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian. Early reports suggested the victim may have been a transient.

Derderian said paramedics declared the man dead at 5:45 a.m. It was unclear why the man was on the tracks. MTA spokesman Jose Ubaldo said all the crossing signals were working properly.

A spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Coroner's office said initially that the man's name was being withheld. "The next of kin has not been notified," she said adding that an autopsy was scheduled for Sunday. "We won't know the actual cause of death until then."

Sgt. Dan Gardner, of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said they were reviewing any video tape that may have captured the incident. "Right now there is an only speculation as to why he may have been on the tracks," Gardner listed a range of causes including the obvious, an accident, or suicide or intoxication.

Ubaldo also said the train involved was taken out of service for further investigation, "It was moved to a yard where the investigation continues."

This incident is the second fatality since the Gold Line's inception in 2003.

"The first was a suicide," Ubaldo said. "That was in 2007."



Surveyors study the scene of the accident late Friday afternoon.

Graduation Day At Last!



Pasadena High School's Class of 2010 Graduated on Thursday at the Rose Bowl.



Graduate Treavor Robinson is congratulated by PUSD Superintendent Diaz

More than 470 students were presented with diplomas at Pasadena High School's commencement ceremonies on Thursday, as thousands of friends and family looked on.

This year's graduating class won an estimated \$1.5 million in scholarships and awards, including a National Achievement Scholarship for senior Asya Hollins, an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy for senior Scott Snowden, and an Honors Challenge full tuition scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh for senior Ryan Latimer.

Graduates won admission to a wide variety of colleges including, (partial listing):

Academy of Art University; Arizona State University; Art Institute of California; Art Institute of North Hollywood; Art Institute of Seattle; Azusa Pacific University; Biola University; Butte Junior College; California College of the Arts; California Lutheran University; California Polytechnic University Pomona and San Luis Obispo; California State University Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fullerton, Fresno, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, San Diego and San Francisco; Calvary Chapel Bible College; Centgro Escolar University, Philippines;



Proud graduates wave to family and friends at the end of the ceremony.

Chaffey Community College; Citrus College; College of the Canyons; Columbia University; DeVry University; East Los Angeles College; Emery-Riddle Aeronautical University; Everest College; George Washington University; Glendale Community College; Harvey Mudd College; Howard University; ITT Technical Institute; Kalamazoo College; Langston University; Long Beach City College; LA Trade

Tech; Loyola Marymount University; Marymount College; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Masters College; Mt. San Antonio College; Northern Arizona University; Notre Dame de Namur University; Occidental College; Pace University; Pasadena City College; Pennsylvania State University; Pepperdine University; Santa Ana Community College; Santa Barbara College; Santa Monica City College; Scripps College; South Carolina University; Syracuse University; Tulane University; Tuskegee University; UEI College; UEI College; UNAM; United States Naval Academy; Universal Technical Institute; University of Arizona; University of California Berkeley; UC Davis; UC Irvine; UCLA; UC Merced; UC Riverside; UC San Diego; UC Santa Barbara; UC Santa Cruz; University of Idaho; University of Pittsburgh; University of Texas, El Paso; University of the Pacific; Washington University, St. Louis; Wyotech Institute.



For retiring PHS Principal Derrick Evans, left, this ceremony marked the end of a rewarding career.

City Council Reviews Water Rate Increase Process

By Susan Henderson

At Tuesday's Sierra Madre City Council meeting the topic of the Water Rate Increase was primarily responsible for the longest meeting held so far this year. It was almost 11:30 pm before the meeting was adjourned. The matter will be discussed again, however, at a public hearing on July 13th.

Although the re-agendized item called for a discussion of the Prop 218 process for opposing the rate hike, Director of Public Works, Bruce Inman, Finance Director Karen Schnaider, City Manager Elaine Aguilar, each took time to review the basis for the request again.

Inman pointed out that the Rate Increase was a two part fee, not a tax, that would in the end reward those who conserve water. The proposal calls for an increase of approximately 15.75% of the bimonthly meter charge that is assessed. That is a flat rate fee and is the same for each classification of meter. For households that have a 5/8" meter, the most common type, the flat rate increase would total \$6.50. The second part of the increase, however, would be based upon consumption. It is a 'tiered' rate and, like the current Edison structure, would increase as a users level of consumption increases. It is hoped that the increase will generate sufficient revenue to sustain our current water system and would also encourage water conservation.

Inman noted that 64% of the water used in the city is for irrigation purposes.

Schnaider informed the council and public that without the rate increase we would not be able to rebuild our revenues. In the last five years we have been able to complete a number of major projects with the help of federal grant money, and funds from other sources such as the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. The cost of the improvements was over \$20 million dollars and while a majority of the funds came from other sources, the city was required to use matching funds generated from our water revenues.

Costs for the operation and maintenance have continued to escalate and without the proposed increase, it will be impossible for the city to maintain its' aging wells, and we will have missed the opportunity for future funding matches. (See chart on page 2).

Schnaider also noted that one of the most significant operating expenses is the cost for electricity used to operate the city's wells.

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Sierra Madre's Fourth of July Festivities

A Star-Spangled Weekend - Food, Fun, and Festivities for the 4th in Sierra Madre

You don't need fireworks to brighten the foothills during the City of Sierra Madre's Fourth of July Celebration. The City will be celebrating the holiday in style with a gala parade, concerts, games, food, drink, and plenty of family-friendly fun. Rather than confine the festivities to one day only, the City traditionally has held events throughout the three-day holiday weekend.

A Pre-Parade Party in Memorial Park on Saturday, July 3, 5:00-10:00 p.m., kicks off the weekend's events. The Food Booths and Beer Garden, operated by volunteers from local

nonprofit groups, will open at 5:00 p.m. The popular Bubble-Wrap "Fireworks-O-Rama," a playful event for the youngsters, is now in its sixth year. At 6:00 p.m., Aluminum Marshmallow, known for its exhilarating "Age of Aquarius Horns," will take to the stage and set the night ablaze with classic 60s and 70s rock 'n' roll. Seating for this, and all other concerts, is on the green, so concert-goers will want to bring along a lawn chair or blanket.

On Sunday, July 4th, the Food Booths and Beer Garden in Memorial Park will again be open from 5:00-10:00 p.m. Be ready to rock and roll by 5:30, when Rocktail will be performing in concert. The band specializes in classic rock and typically invites the audience to sing along with their favorite tunes. Not to leave out the kids, at 8:00 p.m. there will be a showing of the movie "Shrek."

On Monday, July 5th, between 8:00-10:00 a.m., the Sierra Madre Woman's Club will hold a complimentary pre-parade breakfast, at the historic Essick House, located on the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside Avenue. Sierra Madre's famous Fourth of July Parade, starts on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Leading the parade down Sierra Madre Blvd. will be artist and civic leader Lew Watanabe, this year's Grand Marshal.

Traditionally, water has been squirted back and forth amongst viewers and participants during the parade. However, this year the City has established a new set of Water Play Zone Guidelines. Sierra Vista Park is now the only designated water play zone (west side of the park on the grass lawn). The Sierra Madre Fire Department will be spraying water into Sierra Vista Park for children

and families to play in. Only water/squirt guns will be permitted at the water play zone. Absolutely no water balloons or use of water hoses will be tolerated at the water play zone or anywhere along the parade route. Absolutely NO water will be allowed along the parade route. Parking signage will exhibit a "No Water Zone" notice along Sierra Madre Blvd. The Community Picnic in Memorial Park immediately follows the parade. The Food Booths and Beer Garden will open at Noon. Also at Noon, the band Night Blooming Jazzmen will get everyone in the groove with a concert of hot and cool jazz at the bandshell. On the south lawn throughout the afternoon kids can enjoy a variety of games, face painting, and balloons.

Matt Bosse is Chairman of the all-volunteer Fourth of July Committee.



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City Attorney Sandra Levin addressed concerns regarding the Prop 218 procedures, explaining that the process was not a "vote" but a vehicle for residents to submit a written protest. If a majority of the rate payers submit an objection that includes the basic information of their name and the property address, the city would not be allowed to increase the rates.

Inman also reminded everyone one that the User Utility Tax that was recently adopted, was in fact a tax for the specific purpose of public safety. Money from the UUT does not go into water revenues. He also noted that the city has established Development Impact Fees to cover the increased expense of new housing on the existing water system.

A public hearing on the increase is scheduled for July 13, 2010.

Changes to Water Fund Net Assets

FY 2003-04	(1,241,394)
FY 2004-05	2,473,882
FY 2005-06	403,662
FY 2006-07	(1,466,147)
FY 2007-08	(5,279,331)
FY 2008-09	2,448,696

During the last eight years, the City has improved almost \$20 million in Wells, Boosters Pumps and Reservoirs. The funding has been a combination of Federal Grants, San Gabriel Valley Water District Loans, and Bond Income.

Even with this, \$2.66 million dollars was needed from Operating Revenue, generated through water rates.

100 Years Of History

St. Rita Parish announces the publication of their Centennial Book, a history of the faith community from the founding of the original parish in 1908 (originally named as St. Teresa Church) through the end of the Centennial celebration in 2008.

The author is the current St. Rita pastor, Monsignor Richard Krekelberg. He has done an outstanding job in organization and writing of this book. The history is divided into four 25-year sections, which parallel the tenure of previous religious orders and diocesan priests assigned to both St. Rita Church and St. Rita School.

Msgr. Krekelberg included pertinent information in each section, from world to national to state to county to town history. Many photographs of the town, the former and present church buildings, the school, personnel, parishioners, and students are included.

Also included are recollections, along with personal photographs, from many former and current parishioners. St. Rita Church is a reflection of the town of Sierra Madre in that there is a highly stable population. It is interesting to read the stories of those older parishioners as they describe the town and parish/school of their youth.

The book is almost 400 hundred pages in length, beautifully illustrated and printed, and contains almost 1800 photographs. Copies are available for \$55 each from the St. Rita Parish Office, 50 E. Alegria Ave., Sierra Madre or call 626/355-1292. Local delivery of books can be provided.



Monsignor Krekelberg, author of the new book, autographs copies for parishioners.

New Public Hearing on Vulcan

The Azusa City Council laid out a list of issues and concerns that Vulcan Materials Company will need to address if the company expects to win approval for its revised mining and reclamation plan.

In a unanimous 5-0 vote at its June 21 meeting, the Azusa Council directed staff to return to the negotiating table with Vulcan with the objective of coming back to the council with an amended application that will address the issues and satisfy the stated concerns of council members. The council also directed staff to set a new public hearing on July 6 for reconsideration of Vulcan's application for modification of its conditional use permit and revised reclamation plan.

On the list of issues to be addressed are:

- **Save Van Tassel Ridge.**
 - Completion within two years of micro-benching of the Mayan Steps.
 - Following completion of the micro-benching of the Mayan Steps, establishment of a trail head to allow access at all times to Fish Canyon Falls.
 - Set aside funds for establishment of trail head, maintenance, signage and all the things that would meet the easement requirements of Duarte for access to Fish Canyon Falls.
 - Revegetation in the micro-bench reclamation plan has to be at 100%, not 40% as stated in the current application document.
 - Tighten up the language regarding the \$80 million performance bond. There should be no ambiguities as to when it kicks in and how it is to be implemented. If Vulcan does not perform what it is supposed to, Azusa gets the \$80 million bond to take care of reclamation on its own.
 - An airtight agreement that Vulcan ceases mining in 2038.
 - In 2038 Azusa gets the reclaimed land to be designated for open space.
 - Institution of on-site monitoring of air quality. Health and safety issues have to be first and foremost. If there are any health and safety issues noted by the state air resources board or AQMD, mining activities stop until addressed.
 - Annual rather than bi-annual review of Vulcan. If any negative impacts are found with air or water, Vulcan is to cease operations until problems are mitigated or addressed.
 - An additional tax imposed on tonnage to provide additional revenues to address unforeseen problems and "to fund certain social and recreational programs in the city which could include a new library".
 - An endowment fund and set aside funds to maintain and establish trail heads, acquire open space.
- Azusa Council Member Uriel Macias said he had spoken with Vulcan officials and they assured him that they were willing to work with Azusa on issues of concern and "raise the bar on what we expect, what I expect personally were this project to go forward." He said that what he took with him to the Vulcan meeting were a few pages from the Draft EIR that were given to him by Duarte's Mayor Margaret Finlay and Council Member John Fasana and a list of items given to him by Save Our Canyon. "Some of them overlapped as to what my concerns are. They were valid concerns." Council Member Macias said he has also encouraged Vulcan to sit down with Duarte and Save Our Canyon people and listen to

and address their concerns. But, as of now, according to Duarte and Save Our Canyon representatives, they have not been contacted by Vulcan.

Vulcan currently has a permit from the City of Azusa to mine 190 acres of its 270-acre property. Vulcan wants to move its mining operations from the eastern portion of the property to a pristine 80 acre site on the west boundary in close proximity to Duarte homes and schools.

On May 17, the Azusa council voted 3-2 to deny Vulcan's application after approving the project's Environmental Impact Report. At that time, Mayor Joe Rocha, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Gonzales and Councilman Uriel Macias who voted against the Vulcan plan voiced their concerns over the plan's financial and environmental safeguards, and expressed serious doubts of whether Vulcan could succeed in the "superior" reclamation plan it promised utilizing a new micro-benching technique.

Then in a surprise move at its June 7 meeting, the Azusa City Council, as an urgency matter, voted 5-0 to both reconsider the May 17 Council vote on the Conditional Use Permit and Revised Reclamation Plan and table the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. The action paved the way for them to reconsider their denial of the plan.

At the June 21 meeting, City of Duarte attorney, Jeff Melchings spent his five minutes addressing the City of Azusa on potential violations of the Brown Act during its June 7 City Council meeting when it both agendized and acted upon the Vulcan matter. The Brown Act requires that there must be an immediate need for action to late-agendize a matter, and, that the immediate need must have come to the attention of the local agency after the agenda was posted. Instead, Duarte officials contend that this move is an after-the-fact change of mind by some members of the Azusa Council. "Instead of voting on the CUP/Reclamation Plan motion as they did on May 17, they have now decided that they would rather continue the item to allow more time for negotiation with Vulcan," said Duarte City Manager, Darrell George, reflecting on both the June 8 and June 21 votes.

Sierra Club lawyers have also questioned the legality of City Council reconsideration of the Vulcan proposal.

In a letter read to the Azusa Council at the June 21 meeting by Sierra Club representative, David Czamanske, and signed by Joan Licari, chair of the San Gabriel Valley Task Force, Angeles Chapter of Sierra Club, the letter states.

"The City Council had an opportunity on May 17 to defer a vote on Vulcan's proposal until such time as such limited modifications could be made to the proposal, but chose not to. The City Council can not at this time reconsider a vote already taken under the assertion that such reconsideration is a re-visiting of the vote taken on May 17."

In 2008, the Duarte City Council established a \$700,000 fund entitled the "Fight Against Vulcan Expansion" in response to the anticipated mining expansion plans by Vulcan and its potential adverse impact on Duarte residents. For more information about the City of Duarte Fight Against Vulcan Expansion activities, call Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

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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.

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For more information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at 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.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



Sierra Madre Aquatic Center Summer Movie Nights

The Community and Personnel Services Department will be offering three FREE movie nights this summer at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center. These wonderful family events are made possible by generous donations from the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Sierra Madre Civic Club. This is a great opportunity to spend family time at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is a safe and fun environment at absolutely no cost!

The summer movie night schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - Movie: Madagascar 2
Wednesday, July 28, 2010 - Movie: Surf's Up
Wednesday, August 25, 2010 - Movie: Muppet Treasure Island

All movies at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will begin at 8:00pm and will finish at 9:45pm. The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Please be sure to arrive early, as maximum capacity may be reached at the Aquatic Center.

For more information on the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center Summer Movie Nights, please contact the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

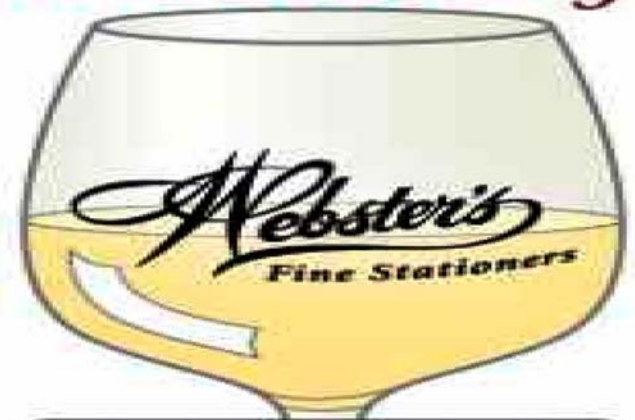
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Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

When CAFE 322 first opened in Sierra Madre, it was primarily a Jazz club. They have since branched out in many musical directions and are my favorite place to see a live band. Maybe it's because Mario and Larry and their staff are all cool people, many of them musicians themselves. Maybe it's because they have great food & drinks, the stage is finally in the right place, and it's walking distance from my house! Maybe it's all of the above? I reckon so. Take a gander at their entertainment calendar at: <http://cafe322.com/> ...and mosey on down for "WHO LEFT THE BARN DOOR OPEN?" BLUEGRASS NIGHT on Wednesday, June 30th. for some pickin', grinnin' & pizza. This month's guest band is WRECK 'N' SOW (right) who you may have seen at the City's Centennial Picnic, the Wistaria Festival, etc. Upcoming gigs include Pasadena's Colorado Street Bridge Party on July 10th and a summer concert at Farnsworth Park in Altadena on August 7th. Yee haw! <http://www.myspace.com/wrecknsow>



SUN. 6/27 - BARRY "BIGB" BRENNER

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"TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER MIDGE, 8pm. \$2 per person to play, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. I heard Midge is leaving town, so call ahead and see if Trivia is still happening.

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.

WED. 6/30* - "WHO LEFT THE BARN DOOR OPEN?" Bluegrass Night with WRECK 'N' SOW @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7 - 10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. *originally listed as 6/23 - this is the one I warned you about! <http://www.myspace.com/wrecknsow>
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THURS. 7/1 - THE CALIFORNIA GIRLS @ RIO RIO IN PASADENA, 5 - 9pm Happy Hour! Brazilian BBQ. At the N.W. corner of Colorado & San Gabriel Blvd. (formerly the Vault.) Sandy Walker on bass, Max Miller drums, Katherine Grimm guitar, Annie Betrucci on keys, Michelle Olsen on keys, everyone on vocals and good looks! Rock 'n' Roll, Cali-style. Every Thursday evening.

THURS. 7/1 - 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/>

THURS. 7/1 - NEW ASTROTURF @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7 - 10:30pm. All ages welcome - bring the family for dinner. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Folk/Rock & Classic Country. Every First Thursday of the month.

FRI. 7/2 - 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/themellowdees>

SAT. 7/3 - ANNUAL 3rd OF JULY CONCERT IN MEMORIAL PARK IN SIERRA MADRE with the Incredible ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW & THE AGE OF AQUARIUS HORNS, 6 - 10pm. Beer garden opens at 5pm.

SAT. 7/3 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES Dance Party @ CAFE 322, 10pm.... right after the beer garden closes... what a coincidence! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Be safe - walk or take a cab....

SAT. 7/3 - OPEN MIC NIGHT @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. Always on the first Saturday of the month, and just one dollar for performers or audience. Sign-up starts at 7:30. If there aren't enough slots for everybody they'll make a list for the next month, and call you. Each act gets two songs or ten minutes, whichever comes first. The show starts at 8:00. They'll have desserts and coffee ready. Bring your friends and family and join the show! <http://www.frethouse.com/>

SUN. 7/4 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. 4th of July Sunday BLUES Brunch! <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. JULY 4TH - NEW ASTROTURF @ the American Legion Canyon City - Post 180 in Azusa, 2 - 6pm. NO COVER, no obligation to buy drinks (full bar) or food (the meal is a rib dinner for \$10, reservations: 626-334-9938) 819 N. Loren Ave. All are welcome. All-American Folk/Rock & Classic Country. <http://canyoncitymusic.wordpress.com/>

SUN. 7/4 - "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!

MONDAY JULY 5th - SIERRA MADRE 4th OF JULY PARADE, 10am - starts at Sunnyside & heads east on Sierra Madre Blvd. down to Sierra Vista Park, where the Fire Dept. hoses down the crowd in the official "water zone"! Look for yours truly with the Alverno High School group - GO JAGUARS!

MON. 7/5 - MAX BUDA BAND @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union behind the Container Store. Enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Chester, Jerry, Ted, Bruce, Peter and Nick on noisemakers. An eclectic mix of jazzed-up rock. One of my favorite bands. Every FIRST Monday night.

"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.

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SAT. 7/10 - CELEBRATION ON THE COLORADO STREET BRIDGE with Live Music from SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES, MERCY & THE MERKETTES, NEW ASTROTURF and many more, 6 - 11pm. WRECK 'N' SOW outside the Orange Grove entrance, 5:30 - 7:30pm. \$13.50 in advance (maybe \$15 at the gate?) 626-441-6333. Food, beer/wine, classic cars. kids activities & entertainment, etc. Always a great summer night under the stars! www.pasadenaheritage.org

SAT. 7/10 - LISA FINNIE & FRIENDS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Country/Jazzy Folk, and always quality musicians.

SUN. 7/11 - YVONNE PEREA @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE, 6 - 8pm. FREE concert in the park, sponsored by the SPERO Foundation, a newly formed, Sierra Madre-based philanthropic organization. \$1 tacos, \$1 water and \$1 cookies!!! Folk, Blues, Rock.

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FRI. 7/16 - The Sin Twins Rhythm & Blues Review @ Arcadia Blues Club, 10:00 p.m. with Bobby Bluehouse at 7:30 p.m. \$15.00. 16 E. Huntington Dr. 626-447-9349. Full bar & kitchen, pool tables, BIG room. Sort of a Blues Brothers thing, with a whole big band build-up with horns, chick back-up singers, etc. Quite the production and lots of familiar faces from other local bands. www.arcadiabluesclub.com

SAT. 7/17 - Billy Vera & The Beaters @ Arcadia Blues Club, 10:00 p.m. with Bobby Bluehouse at 7:30 p.m. \$15.00. 16 E. Huntington Dr. 626-447-9349. Full bar & kitchen, pool tables, BIG room. Remember when they used to play at the Sunset in Sierra Madre 30 years ago??? (for you newcomers - that's Cafe 322 now!) www.arcadiabluesclub.com

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

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News From Your Community



For Your Community

New Metro Fare Hikes Take Effect Thursday



Metro fares for regular riders will change effective July 1. However, there will be no change in discounted fares for seniors, students, disabled and Medicare recipients. Fares on the Metro Silver Line, the bus service connecting the San Gabriel Valley and South Bay, with stops in downtown Los Angeles, also will remain the same.

The regular cash fare will go up from \$1.25 currently to \$1.50.

Metro fares will remain among the lowest of any major transit agency in the nation. According to MTA as a result of expanding service and keeping the lid on fares for decades, Metro riders today only pay 26 percent of what it costs to operate Metro buses and trains. Under the new fare structure, the "farebox" recovery ratio will increase slightly to 28 percent.

Due to the deep economic recession, Metro had faced an historic \$250 million operating deficit in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2010. Metro has been buffeted by a sharp drop in local transportation sales tax revenue and fare box revenue along with cuts in state transportation funding.

To balance the budget, more than 500 Metro jobs are being eliminated and there have been steep cuts in administrative overhead and other expenses. The fare change – only the third in the last 15 years – is necessary to bring in an estimated \$24 million in additional revenue.

Pet of the Week



Abbey, an adorable, nine-month-old kitten is so much fun. She is outgoing, playful and sweet. Abbey has a sensitive stomach and will need special food that is easily purchased at veterinary offices and many pet stores. Abbey is already spayed and 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.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A266096 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



Chalk One Up For a World Record

Although it has yet to be finalized with the Guinness World Records, this year's Chalk Festival made history Father's Day weekend having over 179 murals, all over four feet, being painted at the same time. Organizers said they shattered the number needed, 150.

"They still need to accept all of our paperwork," said Patricia Hurley, Managing Director Light Bringer Project. "And there is a lot of paperwork involved in this."

Not only did the event organizers, including the Paseo Colorado, have to submit paperwork, but each of the artists did as well, making the check in process more complicated she said.

"The artists had a good sense of humor about the whole thing,"

she laughed. "They actually thought it was tons of fun and it builds excitement."

Hurley explained the winning process, "We had adjudicators, we signed up about 14 prominent people in the community," she said. "Like, we had, Paul little [former councilmember] here and Councilmember Chris Holden and other heads of boards or community leaders."

She further explained they each had to stand in front of one of the chalk murals for at least 5 minutes watching and timing each artist. They then wrote down the name of the artist and took a picture with a yard stick. Each mural had to be over four feet to qualify she said.

Hurley said the Guinness World Records charges a fee, "We also had to buy the rights to show the logo, about \$200."

She also said they decided not to fly officials from Guinness World Records, located in London England, to the Chalk Festival. "That would have been something else we would have to pay for."

She did say after being accepted, they would be able to claim, "Guinness World Records holder."

The festival also, each year, has its own set of winners. Best of festival, first place went to Gustavo Lozano for his mural in memory Michael Nimitsil.

Nimitsil a professional photographer and devotee of mountaineering, died mysteriously last year trying to reach Aconcagua, the highest summit of South America.

Best of festival second place went to Britney Lee and third went to Randall Williams.

Big Staffing Cuts in Adopted City Budget

The city council adopted next year's \$725.4 million budget Monday night, less \$16.2 million from last year. According to city staff \$4 million alone is reductions in staffing including defunding one police sergeant position and 23 other positions within the police department.

Fulltime positions in transpiration, Water and Power, public health, parks, planning and development and other departments citywide including the Assistant to the City Manager position will be eliminated or defunded staff said

Also at issue, a temporary 'brown-out' of a truck company at Fire Station 32 servicing East

Pasadena. Councilmember Steve Haderlein was the only opposing vote saying he could not support taking the ladder company out of service which could lengthen response times in his district. Mayor Bill Bogaard was absent from the meeting led by Vice Mayor Victor Gordo.

Fire Chief Dennis Downs said they had to reduce expenses to the point where public impact is unavoidable. He also explained the reduction will save \$125,000 for the remainder of the current fiscal year and \$725,000 in fiscal year 2011, which begins Thursday.

Reduction measures also included freezing 50 vacant full

time positions citywide, reduce benefits for new hires close six libraries on Fridays, saving \$200,000 increase the length of time between tree trimming, saving \$50,000 and delaying or deferral of city facility maintenance. The city will also save \$700,000 by increasing the processing time on business licenses, and parking violations.

Although, the city plans full enforcement of business license fees, with a one-time amnesty period. They are also considering the sale of surplus city property, reducing janitorial services and reducing outreach for public health programs.

Street Resurfacing Extends Into Evenings

some noise in the evening may be unavoidable", they advised, "but only from 8 to 10 p.m."

Work, that started Thursday, consisted of grinding down the old pavement in preparation of the resurfacing. The grinding operation was expected to be noisy but the work tended to last less than 30 minutes at each intersection.

Monday the pavement overlay will be placed, a quieter operation that is nonetheless longer as the material must be placed,

spread, compacted, and cooled. The paving operation is estimated to take about one hour at each intersection.

"We'll do our best to minimize any disruption caused by this construction" said Steve Wright, city engineer. "City inspectors will be on the job site most of the time and will be happy to answer your questions or provide assistance if needed. Look for someone wearing a city identification badge."

For information call Department of Public Works at (626) 744-4720.



Akira Kurosawa's film of the same name; and American Night by Richard Montoya and Culture Clash.

The program cost is \$720 (based on double occupancy). A single supplement fee of \$860 is available for a private room. Cost also includes tickets to all seven plays and the class sessions with the actors and directors. Payment is due June 24.

All participants will be enrolled in courses through PCC and may enroll for credit or non-credit.

Brochures and enrollment

forms are available in the English Division Room C245. The PCC Oregon Shakespeare program is on the web at <http://www.pasadena.edu/divisions/english/ashland/index.cfm> and on Facebook at PCC Ashland 2010.

For more information about reservations, all other costs, and class meetings, contact both PCC Instructors Dr. Dustin Hanvey, (626) 585-3251, dahanvey@pasadena.edu; and Prof. Christopher McCabe, (626) 585-3190, cjmccabe@pasadena.edu.

Fire Retardant Sprayed Around Rose Bowl

Brush areas surrounding the Rose Bowl Stadium will be treated with the wildland fire retardant Phos-Chek on Wednesday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to early afternoon.

The Pasadena Fire Department will take this proactive approach to diminish potential hazards during the Fourth of July holiday and into the summer season.

Fire retardant is one of the

primary tools firefighters use as a preventive measure and to contain fires in untreated areas.

Phos-Chek helps keep trees and grassland from burning. Its main ingredients are phosphates and fertilizers that prevent the ignition of fire and assist in regrowth of areas after a fire has been extinguished.

For more information call (626) 744-7276.



A converted water tanker on loan from Sierra Madre helps out last year with applying Phos-Chek. Photo D. Lee/MVNews

New 511 Phone Service To Outsmart Traffic

City of Pasadena's Department of Transportation joins other officials from Metro, Orange and Ventura counties, Caltrans and CHP in introducing 511 and GO511. com, new automated toll-free phone and Internet services, respectively, that provide 24/7 on-demand updates on traffic, trip planning for public transit and connections with car or vanpools throughout Southern California.

The new service provides schedule information for all the bus services in Pasadena including the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS). The service debuted recently after being previewed by employee transportation coordinators throughout Pasadena.

Commuters can simply call 511 or visit Go511.com to get help with their travel in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. Callers are given automated voice prompts to access the information they need. On the Internet, traffic and travel information for these counties as well as neighboring San Bernardino and Riverside counties is available.

The 511 service complements the city of Pasadena's own website for street advisories related to construction and street paving in Pasadena, www.cityofpasadena.net/trafficadvisory

The 511 phone and internet services are being fine-tuned and new features such as making it accessible on mobile devices and the ability to handle Spanish voice prompts will be added in coming months. The service has debuted in a test mode so the public can give feedback to further improve 511.

"Building new freeways is not the way to beat traffic"

Citizen Journalism Boot Camp

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news

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

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

said Ara Najarian, chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of Los Angeles County. "We don't have the money or the land. But thanks to freeway monitoring and other technology, we do have real time information on traffic bottlenecks so we can avoid getting stuck. We also can steer commuters to public transit, carpools and vanpools simply by calling 511 or Go511.com on the Internet."

"The CHP/Caltrans Traffic Management Center will assist in providing first-hand traffic information to motorists, assisting them in navigating their way around incidents and planned closures," said Assistant Chief Dan Bower, California Highway Patrol.

511 is the three-digit number synonymous with travel information, and can be called in many cities and counties throughout the United States. The service also offers extras like bike information, links to area airports and taxi services, even the latest local weather reports.

Locally, 511 traveler information services are provided by the Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies, in partnership with Metro, the Orange County Transportation Authority, Ventura County Transportation Commission, the California Highway Patrol and the California Department of Transportation.

In Los Angeles County, Metro will keep the 1 (800) COMMUTE phone number where the public can speak to a live operator weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Operators speak English and Spanish.



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.

Alverno Class of 2010: Strength for the Future



The Alverno Class of 2010 lets loose after the ceremony

Family and friends of the Alverno High School graduating class of 2010 gathered on the school's terrace to celebrate the achievements of these young women. The graduates' college plans range from the major campuses of the universities of California to a Historically Black College in the southeastern United States, to small, private eastern schools and some of our best local campuses.

Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender Alexandra McConnell, Alverno Class of 1999, was commencement speaker. She thanked Alverno for empowering her to discover her own strength and the passions that have spurred her to make a career in the law. "Strength is standing up for what you believe in, even if it is not the most popular point of view. Strength is embodied in each and every one of you," she told the graduates. "The best advice I can give you is figure out what you're passionate about, and

do that for the rest of your life. Some people believe that a life is measured by how much money you have, or how many people you know; I disagree. I believe that life is about how much love you have, and what you do with that love."

The Alverno Class of 2010 has already revealed one of its passions: service to others. The 57 members of the class gave more than 18,500 hours to service to others over their four years of high school.

The members of the Class of 2010 are: Safiya Al-Sarraf, Amelia Alvarado, Briana Alvarado, Julie Bailey, Chelsea Bejjani, Chelsea Bond, Mariel Briones, Gabrielle Bruno, Melody Bueno, Dominique Campos, Jessica Capra, Lena Carino, Chelsea Cubas, Gina Dance, Kelsey Dunn, Bethany Dwyer, Lana El-Farra, Djanelle Estacion, Xiomara Garza, Deandra Gomes, Sage Alossi-Grobes, Megan Hofilena, Katherine Howard, Bassant Ibrahim, Rebecca Iraheta,

Cheryl Iwamoto, Isabella Jusay, Jenae Kitaguchi, Gabriella Legaspi, Eva Little, Melissa Long, Courtney Lynn, Meghan Malooly, Mia Mediano, Melissa Miranda, Shelby Mitchell, Chanel Mucci, Annemarie Norton, Karen Opara, Angelina Pellegrino, Sara Pfeiffer, Emily Purnell, Jasmine Rao, Anya Richards, Brenna Robinson, Lillya Roldan, Arriel Sanchez, Lauren Sanchez, Elise Torres, Jordan Turner, Morgan Turner, Marlies Urbauer, Victoria Vega, Taylore Weldon, Sydney Wikkeling-Marotta.

Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic, college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre. Its college-prep curriculum and emphasis on empowering young women attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The school will celebrate the 50th anniversary of preparing young women for the future with a series of exciting events during the 2010-2011 school year.

La Salle's Michael Perry Places Third in State Track Meet



Pasadena, CA - Senior Michael Perry took third in the long jump Saturday, June 5, at the California State Championships for Track & Field at Buchanan High School in Clovis, CA.

Perry's top mark of 23'- 2.5" bettered his own school record by almost six inches. His third place finish represents the highest finish in school history for La Salle Track & Field athletes. Perry's accomplishment in the long jump places him and La Salle third out of 1,442 member high schools in the state CIF. Four of Perry's jumps at State Finals equaled or bettered his previous personal record of 22 feet 8.75 inches, set last week at the Southern Section Masters. His jump series was 22'-10.25", 23'-2.5", 21'-0.75", 21'-5.75", 22'-8.75", 22'-9.5". Going into State Prelims, Perry had the 14th best mark out of the 30 jumpers who qualified. He moved into the 9th spot after prelims, and then up to the 3rd spot after finals. He was the only long jumper in the finals who improved upon his previous marks and set a personal best. Complete results for the long jump and all the Track & Field events at the State Championships can be viewed at: <http://www.sml1.com/recordtiming/cif2010/>



Michael Perry

Hillsides Special Education School Celebrates Six Graduates

(PASADENA, CA)--Graduations can be viewed as the end of a major milestone for students. Graduations can also be viewed as the beginning of a new journey. For graduates at Hillsides Education Center, graduation is a moment to reflect on the previous years of challenges and accomplishments, while looking toward a future that can be bright, filled with hope, and success.

Hillsides Education Center, a special education school in Pasadena serving students who have learning disabilities or severe emotional disturbances, held its commencement ceremony on June 22. Teachers and staff briefly introduced the graduates, sharing stories about each one of them, expounding on their talents and abilities, the smiles that greeted everyone and the confidence and self-expression they found throughout the years.

"What is unique about our graduations is that we have six graduates and six valedictorian speeches," said Jay Bechtol, director of Hillsides Education Center. "We are extremely proud of each student and impressed with what each one has to say."

Each graduate approached the podium and thanked someone for helping them throughout the years, whether it was providing comfort, guidance or education. One young girl, who also lives at Hillsides, the foster care children's charity, acknowledged that she came to the residential facility with many challenges and is leaving with many accomplishments. She thanked the professional staff for helping her get to where she is now—proud of whom she has become and the prospect of where she is going.

Others thanked teachers for simply being there when they needed someone to talk to, while others thanked the charity's caregivers for their patience, love, and for having a father figure.

"Graduation is a wonderful day at Hillsides, in particular for all the staff at Hillsides Education Center, who dedicate year after year to working with our students in providing them a quality education," said Joseph M. Costa, Hillsides Chief Executive Officer. "We couldn't be prouder of them and are excited about their future. Hillsides will continue to care and be a supportive community for them and we are confident of their future success." Bechtol shared with the audience that each graduate is enrolled in college or a vocational training program, a major accomplishment for each student and for the special education school in Program.



Jacob E. Bernstein Named to Dean's List

Jacob E. Bernstein from Sierra Madre was named to the Dean's List at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, for the spring 2010 semester. Bernstein graduated this spring with a B.S. in biology.

Penn State Behrend's Dean's List recipients must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester in which they are awarded. Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is a comprehensive residential college offering 34 bachelor's, six associate, four pre-professional and two graduate degree programs with 22 minors to more than 4,700 students. For more information, visit behrend.psu.edu.

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Super Splash 'Tween Bash

Saturday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m.

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A recent government proposal to give the President broad powers to shut down the Internet in case of a declared cyber-emergency is currently being debated. While the need for the government to be able to take swift and decisive action in the face of serious cyber-threats that threaten our national infrastructure is becoming more of a necessity these days, would-be opponents of such sweeping powers worry about the potential for misuse. During the recent unrest in Iran, the Iranian government tried its level-best to shut down Internet access in order to keep unfavorable reports about its activities from reaching the outside world. The government didn't fail in its efforts to staunch the flow of information for lack of effort but they failed for the lack of a concerted, pre-planned effort. Would-be opponents of the proposed law also worry about the potential for whatever administration that happened to be in power at the time might be tempted to crack down on their opponents through use of the new legislation. Whether these fears are unfounded or not, the fact remains that this new proposed does give wide-ranging powers to the government to do things that would've been very difficult to achieve previously. The actual legislation (titled the "Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act" or PCNAA) would require private companies such as ISP's, software

companies, search engines and hardware manufacturers to immediately comply with any emergency measure or action put into place by the Department of Homeland Security or face serious fines and penalties. As ominous as this simple directive sounds on its face the practical implications of such a plan could run far deeper than they appear at first glance. The basic justification for this proposed legislation is the need to counter the very real threat of an attack on our national infrastructure. Other governments with the same concerns have similar legislation granting similar powers to their respective governments already in place but at this point we may want to step back and ask ourselves if we really want to emulate their leads on this issue. The Chinese government currently has the ability to shut down parts of their Internet for reasons of National Security but that might not go over so well with the freedom-loving American public for various reasons. As more and more of our collective lives and business are centered on cyberspace activities, the need to protect our digital infrastructure becomes more pressing as time goes on. Failure in this endeavor is simply not an option but success cannot come at the expense of our liberty and our privacy. Since this mission is mandatory the challenge our government now faces is how to accomplish these ends without sacrificing who we are.

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REMEMBRANCE EDITH SHANE TIMES SQUARE NURSE

This beautiful Obituary was submitted by Aaron R., a close and valued friend of Edith Shain.

Edith Shain died at her home in Los Angeles, California at the age of 91. She is universally recognized as the VJ Day Times Square Nurse. The iconic picture of a sailor kissing a nurse in Times Square in 1945 not only represents the end of WWII but also the beginning of the Baby Boomer generation. The picture has appeared on the front cover of LIFE Magazine more than any other photo and is celebrated as the most recognized photos of the 20th century. Born in NYC on June 29, 1918 to a Turkish explorer who was featured in Geographic Magazine as one of the greatest explorers who travelled the world by foot. He ended his journey when his traveling partner was malled by a Bangladesh tiger. Edith. at only 4 foot 9. attended NYU during 1945 to obtain her nursing degree with intentions of joining the service as an Army Nurse after graduating. She worked at the then prestigious Doctor's Hospital (which no longer exists) as a psychiatric nurse. When she heard the news on the radio that WWII had ended, her nursing friend, Lucille, and she went to Times Square that morning to celebrate as the Nation would later collect. When she exited the subway with her girlfriend, an unknown sailor grabbed and kissed the then 27 year old nurse which was photographed in spontaneity by the acclaimed LIFE Magazine photographer Alfred Eisenstadt. The picture appeared as an inside small picture that encapsulated the historic day the following month in LIFE Magazine. Edith, who subscribed the the magazine at the time, was "embarrassed" when she saw the photo of herself and would not tell the world who she was until she wrote to Eisenstadt ("Eisie" as she would call him) in 1982 and told him she was the famed nurse that held the curiosity of millions throughout the decades. Eisie would testify that Edith was indeed the mystery nurse in the photo and they became good friends until his passing at the age of 98 years.

Edith moved to Los Angeles, California in 1947 and became an elementary school teacher. Over a dozen men over the decades had written to Edith claiming to have been the sailor. In retrospect, Edith would laugh and tell her public that she simply did not know who the sailor was because her eyes were closed. "It was a long long kiss, but I figured since he was fighting for our country, I would let him kiss me." The kiss became immortal and is even resiliant amongst today's youth. The image recently appeared in the movie "Night Out At the Museum." Edith attended the 60th anniversary of the celebration of VJ Day in Times Square which is celebrated August 15th. The President to the Times Square Alliance claimed that it was the largest attendance of photographers in any event he had seen in the city. Edith accredited her good health and longevity to a healthy diet, cardio exercise and a good attitude. She was grand marshall of numerous parades commemorating Veterans nationwide,



she laid the wreath at the WWII tomb in DC, and has appeared in numerous television appearances. She received a proclamation from the President of the United States claiming the photo to be a symbol of world peace. A 25 foot statue was erected in San Diego, California of the famous kiss by the acclaimed artist Seward Johnson of Johnson & Johnson. People who know the picture loved the photo, however, when people met Edith personally, they found out that the historic iconic figure was just as beautiful as the photo itself. She is survived by her three sons, grand-children, great-grandchildren.

Good Food and Drink

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Happy Fourth



Hot Dogs and Parades, isn't that what it's all about for the 4th of July? I did a little research and here are a few fun facts about the Hot Dog.

- Chicago's O'Hare International Airport consumes *six* times more hot dogs, 725,000 more than Los Angeles International Airport and LaGuardia Airport combined.
- In 2007, consumers spent more than \$4.1 billion on hot dogs and sausages -- the equivalent of more than 1.5 billion pounds -- in United States grocery stores.
- Americans will eat enough hot dogs at major league ballparks this year to stretch from RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. to San Francisco's AT&T Park. That's more than 22 million dogs.
- New Yorkers consume more hot dogs than any other city, beating out Chicago and Los Angeles.
- Use a spatula or tongs to cook your hot dog on the grill. They can lose moisture and tasty juices when pierced by a fork.
- On Independence Day, Americans will enjoy 150 million hot dogs, enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. over five times.

We know were the best parade is, but what about the best Hot Dog? I have two places for you. The first is *The Market Grill* in Monrovia. Why do I like it? They make the buns right on the spot and they are New England Style, it is the same bun that you would use for a Crab Sandwich. There are three dogs to choose from - The Naked Dog at (\$3.95), the Dirty Dog with chili for (\$4.50) and The Mad Dog with bacon and green chilies for (\$4.75)

The newest in delivering dogs is **Slaw Dogs**, conceived by local entrupeurner Raymond Byrne and his mother. I went against my own rule of visiting a brand new restaurant. After all, why not, it's a hot dog, or so I thought. The menu is huge and that little Japanese guy that you see eating 50 dogs in twenty minutes on ESPN would be proud. Slaw Dogs is much more than just the proverbial dog, its menu boosts links, sausages, bratwurst and hot dogs. The real attraction are the toppings, let me just say the possibilities are endless. Here is a sample: chili...celery...cheese... Russian dressing... carrots... garlic mayo... Feta... olive mix... mustard, cole slaw... can I stop now; I think you get the idea. You can get the "original" Slaw Dog for (\$4.99) that comes with chili, cheese, mustard or go all out as I did and get the "Green Monster" at (\$5.59) this was a good choice with roasted green chili, chipotle mayo, grilled onion, pepper jack and spicy garlic salsa.

My daughter and I couldn't decide on a sweet potato fries or regular fries so we did a combo at (\$4.99), it was good, but I can't give these the *Peter Dills* way thumbs up on them. Raymond was honest enough to say that they came out of a bag, much like the **Counter** and **38 degrees**; the sweet potatoes are frozen, but acceptable. I wish someone in the area would make them fresh, then, I would get really excited. The star of the show was the corn on the cob for (\$2.99), man, was that good! I read a few things on the Internet about the prices being a little high. I don't agree, the prices are reasonable and there are combos and kid plates available. For you hamburger lovers there are choices in that arena as well. All and all I think even for you on the fence hot dog lovers give Slaw Dogs a try. Come on, I know you've chowed down a few Dodger Dogs and a Costco Dog or two. Take the training wheels off.

Happy Independence Day, as we consider the soldiers that are an ocean away. May our protectors be protected.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Rosetta's Blind Date With Asteroid Lutetia



The European Space Agency's comet-chaser Rosetta is heading for a blind date with asteroid Lutetia. Rosetta does not yet know what Lutetia looks like—but beautiful or otherwise, the two will meet on July 10.

Like many first dates, Rosetta will meet Lutetia on a Saturday night, flying to within 2,000 miles of the space rock. Rosetta started taking navigational sightings of Lutetia at the end of May so that ground controllers could determine any course corrections required to achieve their intended flyby distance.

The close pass will allow around two hours of rendezvous (good imaging). The spacecraft will instantly begin beaming the data back to Earth and the first pictures will be released later that evening.

Rosetta flew past asteroid Steins in 2008, and other space missions have encountered a handful of asteroids. Each asteroid has proven to be an individual, and Lutetia is expected to continue the trend.

For a start, no one knows what Lutetia looks like. Orbiting in the main belt of asteroids between Mars and Jupiter, it appears as a single point of light to ground telescopes. The continuous variation in its brightness makes it clear that Lutetia is rotating and has an uneven surface. These observations allow astronomers to estimate its shape and size, but their determinations all differ.

Initially it was thought that Lutetia is around 55 miles in diameter but only mildly elliptical. A more recent estimate suggests 80 miles, with a pronounced elongation. Rosetta will tell us for

certain and will also investigate the composition of the asteroid—and herein lies another mystery.

Planetary scientists believe that Lutetia is a

primitive asteroid, left unchanged for billions of years because no planet consumed it as the Solar System formed. Indeed, most measurements

appear to back this picture, making the asteroid

out to be a "C-type," which contains primitive compounds of carbon.

However, some measurements suggest that

That is because although metallic asteroids do exist, they are thought to be fragments of the metallic cores of larger asteroids that have since been shattered into pieces. If Lutetia is made of metal or even contains large amounts of metal, Dr. Schulz says that the traditional asteroid classification scheme will need rethinking. "C-class asteroids should not have metals on their surfaces," she says.

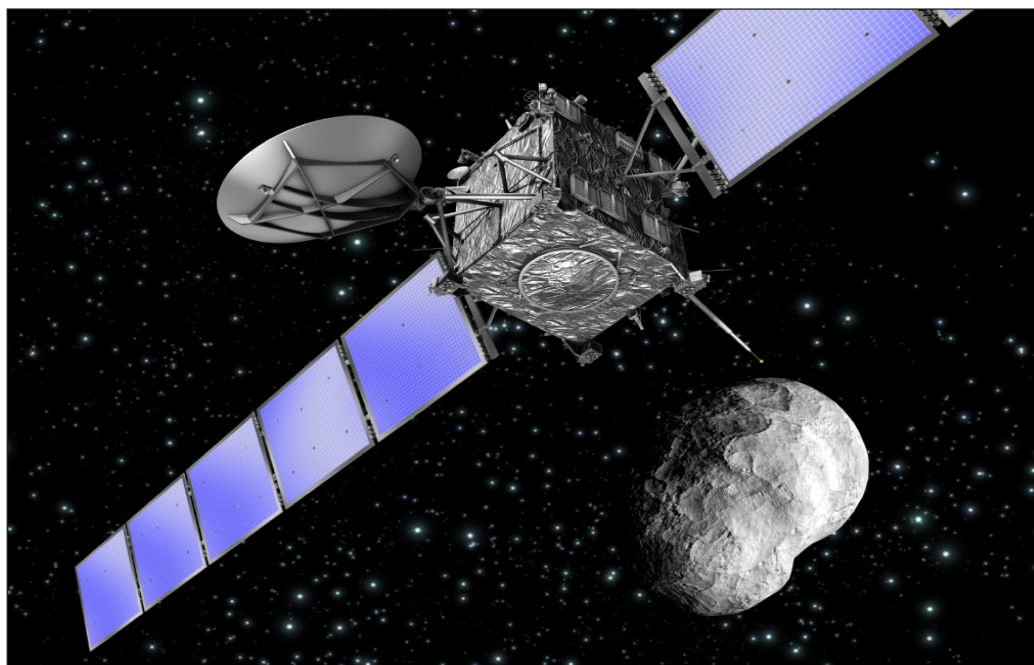
Asteroid science stands to gain once this observational conundrum is resolved, because Rosetta's data will provide a valuable collection of "ground truths" that can be used to resolve conflicting Earth-based observations, not just for Lutetia but for other asteroids as well.

For 36 hours around the moment of closest approach, Rosetta will be in almost continuous contact with the ground. The only breaks will come as Earth rotates and engineers have to switch from one tracking station to another.

Good contact is essential because the uncertainties in the asteroid's position and shape may demand last minute fine-tuning to keep it centered in Rosetta's instruments during the flyby. "The skeleton of the operation is in place, and we have the ability to update our plans at any time," says Andrea Accomazzo, ESA Rosetta Spacecraft Operations Manager.

Stay in touch with the flyby as it happens, by visiting the Rosetta blog: <http://webservices.esa.int/blog/blog/5/>

You can contact Bob Eklund at: beklund@MtnViewsNews.com.



Rosetta encountered asteroid Steins in 2008

primitive asteroid, left unchanged for billions of years because no planet consumed it as the Solar System formed. Indeed, most measurements appear to back this picture, making the asteroid

Lutetia is an "M-type," which could mean there are metals in its surface. "If Lutetia is a metallic asteroid, then we have found a real winner," says Rita Schulz, Rosetta Project Scientist for the Paris-based European Space Agency (ESA).

2nd Quarter Construction Update

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

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

Geotechnical Field-Engineering Work Segments 6 and 11

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

Relocation of Subtransmission Electrical Lines Segment 7 and 8 (San Gabriel Valley)

- To facilitate new renewable energy transmission lines, some existing subtransmission lines need to be relocated.
- This relocation will include use of existing structures where possible, and in other locations will include installation of a combination of underground and overhead facilities.
- The relocations will take place within the cities of Irwindale, Montebello, Monterey Park, Rosemead and South El Monte.

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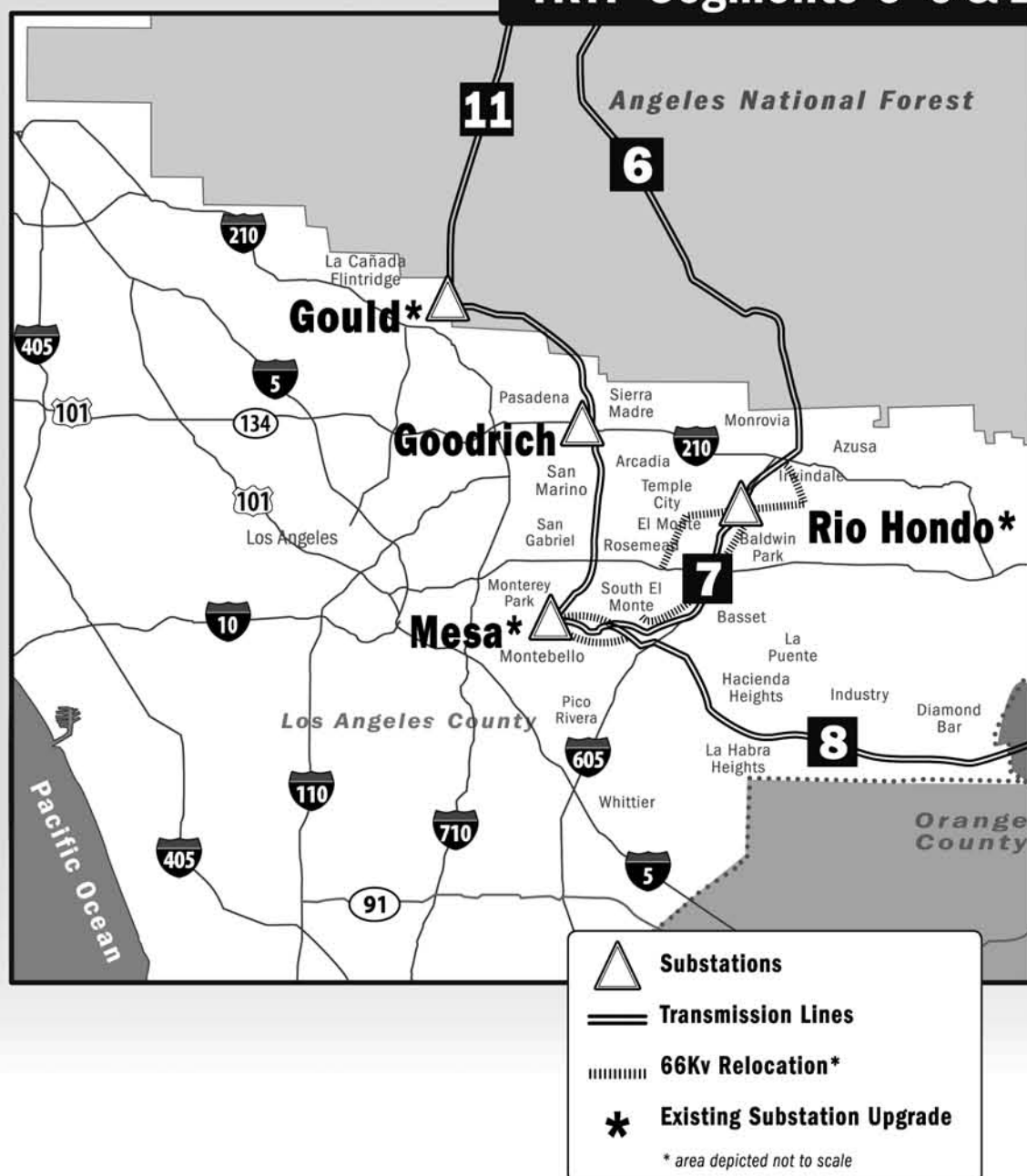
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HOWARD Hays As I See It

plus days and 2 million gallons of oil a day continue to gush up from the ocean floor. (My son offered this one: Did you hear, they've come up with a car that runs entirely on seawater? Only thing is, it has to come from the Gulf of Mexico.) We're about to see how the new Arizona immigration law operates in practice, not in theory. There's a Frankenstein scenario playing out as establishment Republicans see the Tea Party movement they created now coming after the creator.

Oh, yeah - there's also that war against whatever going on in Afghanistan. Something about it now being the longest war in our nation's history, surpassing Vietnam - with over a thousand American casualties. And, combined with our involvement in Iraq, a continuing cost to taxpayers of around \$160 billion a year.

When something goes on for so long, it disappears from the headlines. When somebody prominent says catty things about those he's supposed to work with, let alone report to, that's another matter.

The story of the day is Michael Hastings' article in the current ROLLING STONE on the (former) commander of our forces in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal. After reading a number of articles about the article, I read the article itself - and regret that attention will focus on the personalities, rather than on the questions the article raises about the war itself.

This is not the story of an insubordinate break with an established mission, as in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's desire to expand the Korean War into China (arguing that conquering communism in Asia would save us having to do it in Europe). Nor is there the hypocrisy of an administration promising to heed the advice of the generals, then forcing out those who deviate from the party line - such as happened when then - Army Chief of Staff (and current Secretary of Veterans Affairs) Gen. Eric Shinseki foretold the need for more troops to fight an inevitable insurgency prior to the invasion of Iraq, or when former CENTCOM Cmdr. Adm. William Fallon warned against continuing the drumbeat towards war with Iran.

Gen. McChrystal's story is of one who spent his time in the world of black ops, rather than at the Pentagon, and never learned how to use the media to advance one's agenda without it looking like you're using the media to advance one's agenda. He'd gotten into trouble before; most notably in advancing the myth that former NFL star and Army Ranger Pat Tillman was killed by enemy rather than by friendly fire (Tillman's mother Mary later wrote, "The false narrative, which McChrystal clearly helped construct, diminished Pat's true actions."). Later, he leaked to the press his recommendation for 40,000 additional troops while the Obama administration was in the midst of deliberations, in a clumsy attempt to influence the outcome.

According to Hastings' article, McChrystal remains devoted to the counterinsurgency

becomes not only defeating an enemy but staying to "rebuild society and government", which could take "years and decades". Douglas Macgregor, retired colonel and West Point classmate of McChrystal's, states, "The idea that we are going to spend a trillion dollars to reshape the culture of the Islamic world is utter nonsense." Soldiers have complained about the strategy's emphasis on protecting civilians. They describe an environment where an enemy will shoot at them, then toss away their rifle and assume the immunity of a shepherd or shopkeeper, then take up arms again as soon as the soldier's turned his back. (Despite the complaints of restrictive rules of engagement, NATO forces have killed some 90 civilians during the first four months of this year - a 76% increase over last year.)

The military assuming this nation-building role puts it in conflict with those we'd normally expect to handle it - our diplomatic corps (plus about 40 other foreign ambassadors stationed in Afghanistan). McChrystal and his aides therefore direct their catty comments towards the likes of U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry (a retired 3-star general), Special Representative Richard Holbrooke and National Security Advisor Jim Jones (Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, for whatever reason, is spared the barbs). There's also the obvious advantage of a \$600 billion Pentagon budget, vs. \$50 for the State Department, to throw around.

A major dispute with Ambassador Eikenberry involves McChrystal's devotion to President Hamid Karzai. It would be nice to see Afghanistan providing security in Afghanistan, but it's difficult to find those willing to protect a regime seen as incompetent, corrupt, and in power solely because of a stolen election. In a cable last January Eikenberry described Karzai as "not an adequate strategic partner", and warned that "We will become more deeply engaged here with no way to extricate ourselves short of allowing the country to descend again into lawlessness and chaos." McChrystal dismissed the Ambassador's warnings as merely an attempt to cover his own rear end in the event things don't work out. As author Hastings puts it, "The need to build a credible government puts us at the mercy of whatever tin-pot leader we've backed - a danger that Eikenberry explicitly warned about in his cable."

Hastings also points out the irony that the "COIN doctrine" McChrystal is so devoted to is, in fact, inspired by defeats; the French failure in Algeria in 1962 and the American withdrawal from Vietnam in 1975. There's also the fact that our enemy, Al Qaeda, has pretty much left the country - having shifted operations to Pakistan.

Rather than accounts of the sniping between Gen. McChrystal and members of the Obama Administration, perhaps the most significant observation in the article is made by one of McChrystal's senior advisors; "If Americans pulled back and started paying attention to this war, it would become even less popular". As author Michael Hastings puts it, "counterinsurgency has succeeded only in creating a never-ending demand for the primary product supplied by the military: perpetual war."

in Redevelopment Funds to the state coffers with another quarter of a million dollar check on the way. When cities are cut year after year, reducing staff by 20 percent, giving up employees in the economic development, the precise department used to energize business and revenue in the city, we have to ask ourselves...where does it stop?

On the county level, public safety and social services have taken a big hit as well. Under the Governor's May Revise, select convicted felons sentenced to three years or less would serve their sentence in county jails instead of State institutions. This would bring a savings of \$244 million to the State, while leaving counties on the hook for much of the bill. Some counties quite simply don't have the staff or are already at court imposed population caps, however, forcing the counties to choose between releasing criminals early or further cutting local services to pay for it. State cuts to social and health care services will require the county and the public sector to bare the cost of those seeking services no longer provided by the state.

As a former council member and mayor myself, I understand the struggles of our local governments. I continue to fight for our cities and urge the Governor and my colleagues in the Legislature to be mindful of the implications to our citizens and businesses of any decisions to sap local government funds to pay for the State's fiscal transgressions.

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Local Government Budgets Should Not Be The Solution

By Senator Bob Huff

As California stands at the edge of financial insolvency, many of us would recognize the Governor's lean budget proposal as a step in the right direction. There is still much to do, however. Behind closed doors, and around consecrated tables of negotiations, there will be a plethora of "solutions" to the State's over-indulgent spending behavior. But one solution that ought to be a non-starter in these discussions is the forcing of our local governments to help balance California's books.

Despite the fact that budget analyses have been starkly silent on the issue, this budget will definitely have a significant impact on our cities and counties. While city governments are working to keep their promises of improving safety and local infrastructure, the State has made plans to siphon local redevelopment agency funds and local Highway Users Tax Account, or "HUTA" funds. One local Redevelopment Agency in my district is already on their way to losing \$1.1 million to the State over the next two years without any hope of recovering those funds. In HUTA funds, the Governor proposes taking upwards of \$650 million in the next fiscal year. Like wise, another city in the 29th District has already sent off a check worth \$1.2 million



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the family members and Villa staff further insight into the individual and their needs.

The annual art therapy program and the adult art classes were made possible through generous grants from The Green Foundation and the Rowe and Gayle Giesen Trust.

The art will be on display at the Armory Center for the Arts through August 30th. The Armory is open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., except when the Community Room classes are in session. Call The Armory for the exact schedule, 626-792-5101. Additional exhibits are scheduled for Light Bringer Project's 24-Hour Gallery July 12-August 28, Kathleen's Restaurant - September 2010, and The Body Firm - October 2010.

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STUART TOLCHIN**Do We Need Grandparents Day?**

Today, only 6 percent of American households have grandparents living in the same home as their grandchildren. Sixty years ago, when I was growing up, it seemed that every home had a grandmother living together with the mother and father and children. This is not to say that any of us were very happy about the situation. Grandparents were weird. They had strange accents and stared out the window and didn't seem to care about the things that the rest of us thought were important. I had one grandmother who looked up funerals in the papers and would take the bus to attend the funerals of people she didn't even know. The strange thing is that really no one else in the family though this behavior peculiar. I guess everyone else understood that attending these events allowed her to experience some happiness at still being alive. In addition to that the funerals she attended probably consisted of people who spoke one of the languages she understood and gave her some comfort. I really don't know because English was not one of the languages she mastered and I really never had many conversations with her. I just thought she was weird.

Still I valued my grandmother's presence and still can taste her cabbage borsht and sweet and sour meatballs. Although today I am attempting to follow a vegan diet (and am doing a pretty good job of it) I will sample the cabbage soup when it is offered in a restaurant ignoring its beef broth and small pieces of meat. The reddish color of the soup together with its unique aroma immediately brings to mind my grandmother. As I think of her I think of my father weeping after her death. It was the only time I saw my father cry and the memory of he and my grandmother provide me with a kind of centering and connectedness which I feel is a very vital part of me. Thinking about it now I think that the close contact with my grandmothers (for a while both my paternal and maternal grandmothers lived with our family) developed within me a kind of understanding and compassion that does not resonate within today's more isolated and egocentric children.

Along this line, my regular readers (I like imagining such people exist) will recall that a couple of months ago a picture of my father appeared next to my article. This picture was there to celebrate the hundred year anniversary of his birth. I showed

this picture to my daughter and nieces and nephews and they just did not seem very interested. I understand that really these now fortyish adults have little or no remembrances of the man and other than looking for resemblances they were just not very interested. Really I had a similar reaction when I was shown pictures of deceased relatives who had been killed at Babba Yar. (I never know what information I should presume readers have. Babba Yar was a big hole that was dug by the Germans at the end of World War II. The whole was dug in the Ukraine, at a time when it was clear the Germany was losing the war. Nevertheless, with the assistance of Ukrainian Gentiles, hundreds or thousands of Jews were rounded up and forced to dig the huge hole after which they were machine-gunned and fell to their death in the big hole.)

What more is there to say? There is information about the past that we need to know even if we would rather remain ignorant. Often this information comes from just being in a kind of constant contact with our older relatives and without this knowledge of our own histories we are sometimes unable to understand even our own emotions. Perhaps generational isolation has something to do with the fact residents of the United States consume two-thirds of the world's anti-depressant drugs. Really, I believe that the lack of appreciation and knowledge about the sacrifices and ordeals faced by our forbearers has something to do with the difficulties we are facing today. Our parents, grand parents, and great grand parents did what they could to make it possible for us to have the opportunity to lead better lives. Statistics now show that in places like California many people are not making the best of these opportunities. Do you know that in California more money is spent on prisons than on Universities?

Something is radically wrong. Perhaps a step in the right direction would be for all of us to stop focusing on the satisfaction of minor needs such as being constantly entertained and trying to live to be a hundred without losing our hair and teeth. We are probably going to fail at that anyway and perhaps our lives would be better spent trying to understand something else like the nature of our own existence through contact with our own family histories.. Maybe a way to start is to begin celebrating Grandparents day a few times a year.

RICH Johnson**Name Your Poison**

I owe a profound apology to the hard-fisted drinkers of Sierra Madre for never focusing a column in their direction. You see, I was never one to imbibe in drinks made from hard liquor (that is, of course, except for the "slurpee-esque" drinks such as margaritas and pina coladas.) So, please forgive me. I devote this column to those of you who may not be able to read it due to temporary blurred vision.

Bloody Mary... is a combination of tomato juice, Worcestershire sauce and vodka. Not surprisingly it is called by the "single most popular mixed drink," by the Smirnoff Vodka Company. Credit is given to Fernand Petiot a bartender in a famous Parisian bar named Harry's. Credit is also taken by a Harry's regular aka Ernest Hemingway. The drink was named after Mary Tudor, queen of England in the early 1500's who earned the nickname by not letting a week go by without terminating the life of at least one protestant (How's that for a reality show idea?)

Martini... a short drink made with vermouth and gin, has many potential namesakes. One is the Martini & Rossi Company, which was making vermouth in the 1820s. Another candidate was Friedrich von Martini, a Swiss firearms inventor who supplied the British with Martini-Henry rifles in 1871. The drink in question was said to have had, "the kick of a Martini." Replace the lemon twist or green olive in a martinia with a pearl onion and you have a "Gibson" named after illustrator Charles Dana Gibson.

Margarita... a combination of tequila, lime juice and Triple Sec has multiple claimants. L.A. bartender named Daniel Negrete says he invented the drink circa 1936 in Mexico after a girlfriend named...Margarita. Well, a gal named...Margarita Sames claims ownership having it invented for her in an Acapulco bar circa 1950.

Harvey Wallbanger... created with orange juice, vodka, and Galliano can thank a 1950's surfer dude for inspiring it. After a particularly poor performance in the curl, he started downing this concoction created by legendary Sunset Strip mixologist Duke Antone.

Tom Collins... made with gin, citrus juice, soda water and sugar (leave out the sugar and you call it a "Rickey") Created during the Civil War by a John Collins, the name was changed because a sweeter gin named "Old Tom" replaced the original dry gin.

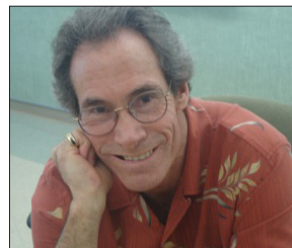
Don't confuse the "*Rickey*" with the "*Mickey or Mickey Finn*." That drink was named after a shady San Francisco bartender who in the 1890's would drug drunk sailors for a variety of reasons.

Grog... was named after a British admiral, Edward Vernon who, in the mid 1700's watered down liquor during long voyages. He wore a coat made out of fabric named grogram earning him the nickname, "Old Grog." By the way, George Washington's estate, Mount Vernon, is named after "Old Grog."

Booze... is named after a Colonel Booze, a 19th century (that's the 1800s for you sober guys and gals) distiller who sold liquor in bottles shaped like log cabins.

Hooch... is credited to the Klondike Gold Rush days when a tribe of Alaskan Indians known as the Hoochinoo brewed a mixture of yeast, flour, and molasses. It was so popular with miners, that in 1898, the local newspaper called it that "joy-dispensing hooch."

So, if you see me in the bar at Café 322 and enjoyed this column, belly up next to me sailor and buy me my favorite libation, a Shirley Temple. That would be 7-up and grenadine. And, di you know until 1933, seven-up went under the name "Lithiated Lemon." Kinda snappy huh?

**HAIL Hamilton My Turn****Environmentalists NOT To Blame**

Greg Wellborn's article, "Gulf Disaster Compliment of Environmentalists" (June 19), was an unabashed rehash of recent attempts--by conservatives like Sarah Palin, Rush Limbaugh, and Sean Hannity--to shift blame from BP to environmentalist for the Gulf Oil Spill. It is no secret that I seldom agree with Greg's views, but that doesn't mean I don't respect his opinions. It's just that in this case he is dead wrong--AGAIN!

Greg begins by asking the right question: "Why are we drilling at 5,000 feet in the first place?" But concludes with the wrong answer.

"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 a 1,000 feet or more, and after that have to drill really deep, at 5,000 feet."

Blaming environmentalists for the Gulf Oil Spill--because of a perceived "radical unrealistic environmental ideology"--is like charging the victim of a crime with the crime itself because of their idealistic utopian views on law enforcement.

The real reason for the disaster is GREED! Money is made by oil production not environmental protection. The result is that for the past 40 years there has been no serious effort by BP and other oil companies to develop new, better technologies to clean up oil spills when they happen.

In recent hearings on Capitol Hill, Congressman Ed Markey of Massachusetts grilled representatives from the top oil and gas companies on the revealing ways in which they had allocated resources. Over three years, they had spent "\$39 billion to explore for new oil and gas. Yet, the average investment in research and development for safety, accident prevention and spill response was a paltry \$20 million a year."

"Part of the reason is there have been so few big spills," BP chief operating officer Doug Suttles told NBC's Tom Costello on the TODAY show. "The events haven't driven the technology change that's out there," Suttles said. "I think this event probably will."

What is Suttles Talking about? Where has he been the last few years? I can think of a several recent big oil spills involving BP. In fact, the company has been at the center of two of the nation's worst oil and gas-related disasters in the last five years.

In March 2005, a massive explosion ripped through a tower at BP's refinery in Texas City, Texas, killing 15 workers and injuring 170 others. Investigators later determined that the company had ignored its own protocols on operating the tower, which was filled with gasoline, and that a warning system had been disabled.

In August 2006, a year and a half after the refinery explosion, technicians discovered that some 4,800 barrels of oil had spread into the Alaskan snow through a tiny hole in the company's pipeline in Prudhoe Bay. BP had been warned to check the pipeline in 2002, but didn't. It was later determined that BP had ignored opportunities to prevent the spill and that "draconian" cost-saving measures had led to shortcuts in its operation.

Other problems followed. There were more spills in Alaska. And BP was charged with manipulating the market price of propane. In that case, it settled with the U.S. Department of Justice and agreed to pay more than \$300 million in fines.

Time will tell whether the accident that killed 11 workers and sent the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig -- a \$500 million platform as wide as a football field -- floating to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico was simply an accident or something else.

This much is clear: In the year before the accident, BP once again aggressively cut costs. A reorganization stripped 5,000 jobs from its payroll, saving BP more than \$4 billion in operating costs, according to Fadel Gheit, an investment analyst for Oppenheimer.

On April 27, as the U.S. Coast Guard worked with BP engineers to guide remote control submarines nearly a mile underwater in a futile effort to close a shut-off valve, BP told investors that its quarterly earnings were up more than 100 percent over the last year, beating expectations by a large margin and topping a decade of outperforming its competition.

Environmentalists are not to blame for the current Gulf Oil Spill. Greed--corporate greed--is the real culprit. This is a disaster that has been years in the making and is solely the fault of BP. It is their irresponsible greed-driven actions that caused the blowout; and it is their irresponsible greed-driven half-measures since the spill began that have prolonged the disaster.

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The Gardens of San Diego's Balboa Park

that city is only 843 acres. I finally realize why it is I always felt a bit overwhelmed (and often lost) when visiting there in years past. I never understood how big it was.

Visited by more than 12 million people a year, Balboa Park, with its 15,000 trees of more than 350 different species, ranks among the nation's Best City Parks, according to a study published in December, 2009's Forbes Magazine. Many visitors' first view of the park is the memorable Cabrillo Bridge towering over the 163 freeway as it delves through the parkland.

Set aside as park area early in the city's development, the land initially stood as treeless, undeveloped mesa land with wide erosion marks on the steep sandy sides, similar to those rapidly disappearing mesas along I-5 and 805, and just one of a series across the city that now bear the names of neighborhoods like Clairemont Mesa, Kearney Mesa and Mira Mesa. The mesa topography

also explains why the streets and access seem so convoluted. One has to climb the steep mesa to get up there!

Many of Balboa Park's gardens were planted nearly a century ago for the 1915-6 Panama-California Exposition celebrating the completion of the Panama Canal. Yet were only part of the larger plan for an urban cultural and horticultural jewel for San Diego which now includes 15 major museums. There is likely a museum to suit any interest: Art, Automotive, Air and Space, Natural History, Sports, Railroad and Veterans Museums, to name just a few; world class performing arts venues like the Old Globe Theater and, of course, the famous San Diego Zoo. Our personal favorite has always been the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

The legacy of the intricate Spanish-Renaissance style architecture lives on in some of the signature buildings along the famous El Prado pedestrian walkway and the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, where free pipe organ concerts are regularly held.

Kate Sessions, known locally as the "mother of Balboa Park" had a significant hand in the early design of the landscaping. She also popularized several, now commonplace species, like the South African bird of paradise plant called *Strelitzia*, the queen palm and the poinsettia, which later become synonymous with San Diego, due to the Ecke Poinsettia operation in suburban Encinitas. During the Depression, the California Pacific International Exposition was held in 1935-6, and more landscape, structures and cultural organizations were added.

Several favorite areas stand out as must see stops in a garden visit to Balboa Park. I seem to have developed an affinity for Japanese Gardens, and the one here is small at only two acres, though delightful, and peaceful. The entry stone, a gift from San Diego's sister city, Yokohama, is inscribed with the kanji symbols of *San-Kei-En*, translating to "A Three Scene Garden."

I was lucky enough to chat with a few of their devoted and knowledgeable staff and volunteers, who sported traditional Japanese gardening footwear, which allow for good traction and flexibility in the discipline and art of Japanese pruning of trees.

All the favorite Japanese plants (or substitutes more tolerant of the San Diego climate) are reverently

grown. The *fuji d a n a* wisteria arbor, adjacent to the koi pond, provides welcome shade from the strong San Diego sun. *San-Kei-En* garden is a favorite for after-hours weddings, photographs and events, which can be coordinated through the Japanese Friendship Garden's offices.

The Moon Viewing Deck offers a view of the deep canyon below, where construction is now underway for an expansion that will eventually encompass 11.5 acres. Don't miss the Tea Pavilion, for a delightful respite from touring the gardens, where you'll find many teas and Japanese foods. The most photographed location in the park is the lily pond fronting the historic Botanical Building. First named, La Laguna de las Flores, or Lake of the Flowers built of wood lattice work to shade the delicate plants inside. Park aficionados consider these two of the most cherished assets in the park. When built, it was the largest lath structure in the world, housing 2100 permanent plants including ferns, orchids, palms, other tropical plants plus seasonal displays.

Another stunning moment was coming upon the Moreton Bay Fig, planted about a century ago. Some 120 feet across and over 60 feet high, the breadth of the tree is simply amazing and breathtaking! I saw my first in Honolulu, and this one is even larger.

Every major city park, whether it's in Alaska, Florida or San Diego usually includes a rose garden. Also popular for weddings, the three acre, Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden,



designated an All American Rose Selection Display Garden, boasts 2500 roses creating quite a heady fragrance. This one is well worth the time! Patterned after the Spanish Castle gardens at Alcazar, exquisite fountains tiled in the Moorish style colors of yellow, green and vivid turquoise provide the foundation for 7,000 bright annuals bordered by boxwood hedging. It was reconstructed to reflect the original Richard Requa design from 1935.

If you want more, more more botanica you can venture into the Palm Canyon, the 1935 Cactus Garden, the Casa del Rey Moro Garden, the Persian Water Rug Garden, the Zoro Garden and the Desert Garden! A tram with several stops ferries visitors from parking and tours are offered, mostly on weekends. A friendly visitor center is located in the House of Hospitality near the El Prado Restaurant, a worthy culinary stop with outside seating.

As with all gardens, Balboa Park is always in a state of change and refreshment. That's part of its beauty, though best enjoyed while wearing your sturdiest walking shoes!

For more information, visit Balboa Park's website at www.BalboaPark.org. For more information about the Japanese Friendship Garden within the park, visit www.Niwa.org

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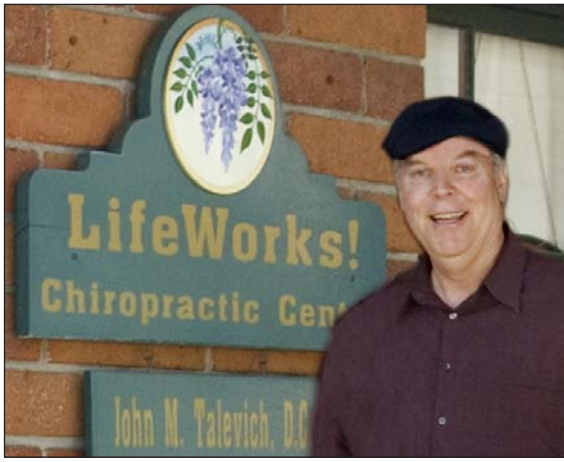
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Today's Subject: Your Digestive Health - Part 2 Health Tips From Dr. John Talevich



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.

~Probiotics

Various kinds of bacteria live along the digestive tract. In fact, there are more bacteria than there are cells in your body! Some are beneficial and necessary, while others are not. A high-potency, dairy-free probiotic can reseed the digestive tract, reducing the population of pro-inflammatory organisms. This is especially important after taking antibiotics, as the "good" bacteria are depleted by the medications. Further, avoid the sweetened yogurts and drinks touting probiotics. Stick to high quality formulas, generally found in powdered or capsule forms.

~Herbs and Extracts

There are a handful of tried and true herbs for digestive comfort and healing: ginger, peppermint, slippery elm, and comfrey are some. Deglycyrrhized licorice (DGL) is very helpful in treating heartburn. Unlike whole licorice, it won't raise blood pressure. You can take two tablets before each meal, allowing them to dissolve slowly in your mouth. Another heartburn helper is d-limonene. However, don't use this if pregnant and avoid using synephrine-containing formulas, as they harbor unwanted side-effects (generally found in stimulating, weight loss formulas).

These are a just a few ideas about the function and healing of the digestive tract. Keep in mind that, with a little bit of work and a few lifestyle changes, you can resolve most digestive inflammatory problems.

Next week, we will look at H.pylori, a little bug that has garnered a lot of attention.

Have a healthy, happy week! Dr. John

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI:

Some Relief For Seniors In The "Doughnut Hole"

by Lori Abbott

Californians who've fallen into the Medicare "doughnut hole" should soon find some relief in the mail. The federal government has started sending out the first round of \$250 rebate checks to help eligible Medicare Part D enrollees pay for their prescription drugs.

Last year, 382,000 Californians reached the drug coverage limit and had to start paying the entire cost of their prescriptions until they reached the catastrophic coverage threshold. At AARP California, Christina Clem says the rebate checks signal the eventual end of the dreaded coverage gap known as the "doughnut hole."

"This is the first step in one of the new benefits of the new health care law. And it is also the first step, when it comes to Medicare Part D and the 'doughnut hole,' to closing the 'doughnut hole' by 2020."

Clem says Part D enrollees will automatically receive the checks when they reach the gap in coverage, so there's no need to apply or take additional action. She also cautions people to be wary of scam artists who are on the prowl.

"People who are trying to help you get it faster or get it through some other site. If you get reports of someone who's trying to help you get that check faster, it's a scam and that should be reported to your police department or to the state Attorney General's office."

Starting next year, those who fall into the prescription drug doughnut hole will receive a 50 percent discount on brand name drugs. The discounts continue to grow until the coverage gap is eliminated in 2020.

In the meantime, if you think you've reached the doughnut hole and haven't received a check within a few months, Clem says having your prescription receipts handy will be helpful when talking to Medicare.

Methodist Hospital Offers Free Hip and Knee Seminar July 10

Hip or knee pain keeps many people from doing the things they love. Aspirin, ibuprofen and other pain medications are temporary fixes. Methodist Hospital will offer a free seminar in Lewis Hall at 300 W. Huntington Drive in Arcadia at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 10, on hip and knee pain and how to find a more permanent solution.

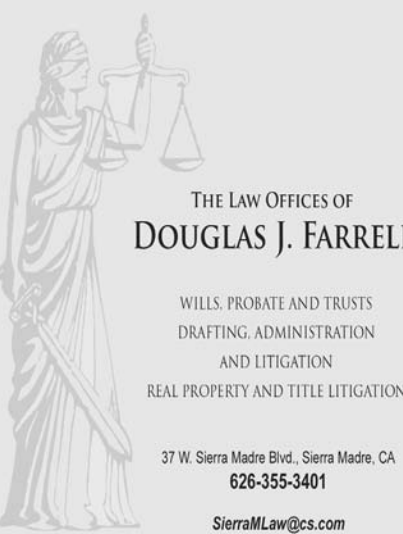
The public is invited to attend this seminar and hear orthopedic surgeon Gary Moscarello, MD, discuss hip and knee replacement techniques.

Combining advanced techniques, leading edge technology, state-of-the-art facilities and skilled surgeons, nurses and staff, the Methodist Hospital Hip and Knee Center features computer navigation systems, ceramic and all-metal implants, mini-incision technique for less pain and quicker recovery and cell-saver device for minimal blood loss.

Although the seminar is free, seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call 888-388-2838 to reserve a seat. In addition to free parking, Methodist Hospital also offers free valet parking and mobility carts. For more information, please call 626-898-8000 or visit www.methodisthospital.org.



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Recipe of the Week:

Very Best Blueberry Cobbler Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 lemon, juiced
1 cup white sugar, or to taste
1/2 teaspoon all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
6 tablespoons white sugar
5 tablespoons butter
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons sugar
1 pinch ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

Lightly grease an 8 inch square baking dish. Place the blueberries into the baking dish, and mix with vanilla and lemon juice. Sprinkle with 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of flour, then stir in the tablespoon of melted butter. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, stir together 1 3/4 cups of flour, baking powder, and 6 tablespoons sugar. Rub in the 5 tablespoons butter using your fingers, or cut in with a pastry blender until it is in small pieces. Make a well in the center, and quickly stir in the milk. Mix just until moistened. You should have a very thick batter, or very wet dough. You may need to add a splash more milk. Cover, and let batter rest for 10 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Spoon the batter over the blueberries, leaving only a few small holes for the berries to peek through. Mix together the cinnamon and 2 teaspoons sugar; sprinkle over the top.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the top is golden brown. A knife inserted into the topping should come out clean - of course there will be blueberry syrup on the knife.

Let cool until just warm before serving. This can store in the refrigerator for 2 days.

Nutritional Information

Amount Per Serving Calories: 478 | Total Fat: 12.9g | Cholesterol: 34mg



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

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MONTHLY EXCURSIONS

June TBA - Cheese Factory Tour & Lunch
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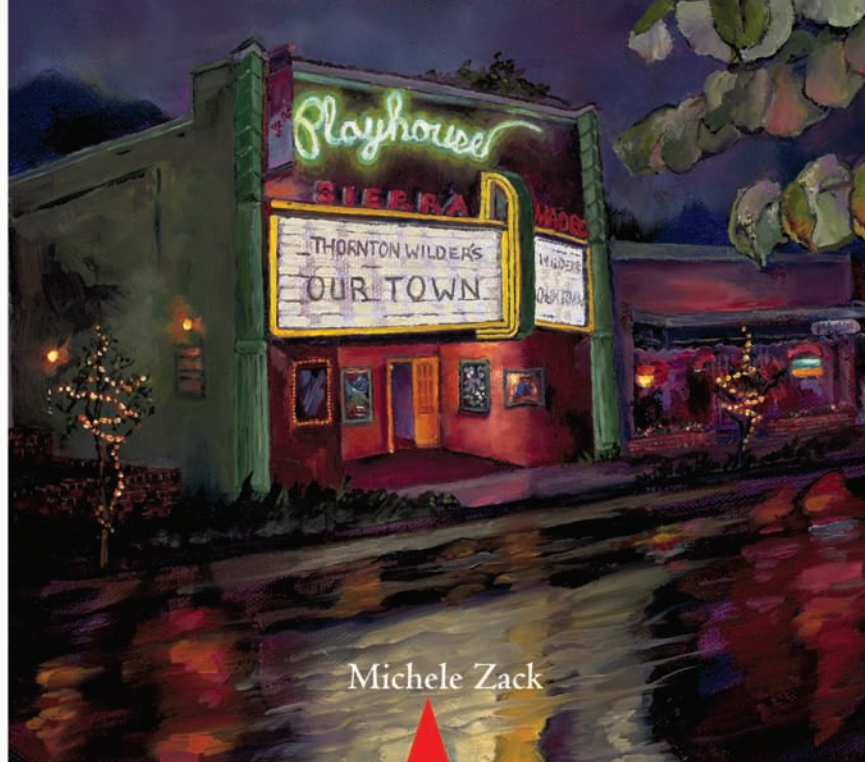
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