

Beating The HEAT



With temperatures soaring and humidity rising, the ‘coolest’ place in town was, without question, the city’s municipal swimming pool. Members of the Sierra Madre Swim Team, Ages 9-12, (above) enjoy the cool waters as they practice their ‘moves’.

Sierra Madre Honors Lew Watanabe

Photo and Story by Chris Bertrand

The Sierra Madre City Council recognized the volunteer efforts of Lew Watanabe at its Council meeting on Tuesday, July 13. Mayor Joe Mosca read the proclamation to those assembled in the city council chambers and those watching on channel 3.

Watanabe, who just moved out of the community to his ranch in Wildomar, after living here for over 45 years, volunteered with the Civic Club, Cub and Boy Scouts, created and donated sculptures for meditation and reflection in the city.

Watanabe was something of a celebrity for his custom garden and stone work across Los Angeles, known especially for his water wall sculptures. He is one of the featured artists in Malibu’s sculpture art show during July and August. The event’s website offers more information at www.MalibuSculpture2010.com



Mayor Mosca presents Lew Watanabe with a Resolution from the city.



Grand Marshall Watanabe at the July 4th Parade

A dedicated worker for landscape improvements and planting projects of all kinds in Sierra Madre, Watanabe’s designs include the setting of local plants, boulders, and a stream bed at the Richardson House, the Kiosk at the Pioneer Cemetery, the Memorial Garden at the Gooden School, and the landscaping around the City entrance at the west end of Sierra Madre Boulevard.

He brought years of professional experience to his service as chairman of the City’s Tree Preservation Committee. A tireless supporter of many local nonprofit activities, Watanabe was honored in 1996 as Sierra Madre’s Citizen of the Year for his efforts in enhancing and supporting the community. The City had another opportunity to thank Watanabe after he suffered serious injury in a fall in 2003; Sierra Madreans enthusiastically rallied around their generous friend to help with his recovery.

“It’s Complicated”

Opponents of water rate increase turn in over 1,829 ‘Statements of ‘Protest’

By Susan Henderson

After a lengthy public comment period regarding the proposed water rate increase, Mayor Pro Tem John Buchanan summed up the situation with two words, “It’s Complicated”. He went on to say, “This isn’t going to get better with age”.

His reference was in response to all of the comments that the council heard on both sides of the issue regarding the fee hike and the process that state Proposition 218 prescribed for formal protests.

State Law says that if citizens submit letters of protest representing 50% plus 1 of the city’s water rate payers, the council cannot go forward with the proposed rate hike. According to information received from the City Manager at Tuesday’s council meeting, number of signatures needed would be 1,848.

Sierra Madre City Clerk Nancy Schollenberger confirmed that 1,829 signatures had been turned in and that another 112 protest letters had been brought to the council meeting. If all of those signatures are valid, the city will have to start the process all over again, or come up with an alternative to a fee hike.

Although Schollenberger confirmed the number of documents she had received, she acknowledged it would be at least five days before all of the signatures could be verified. The law states that only ‘rate payers’ have the right to protest.

During the hearing, which was conducted very orderly by Mayor Joe Mosca, opponents and supporters of the increase addressed the council with their concerns.

The primary issue for those who opposed the fee hike was the size of the increase. Since recommendations had been made as far back as 2003 regarding raising rates sufficiently so that the Water Division would remain ‘in the black’, many residents felt that the fee hike should have been expected. Others felt that the current request was too large an increase for

the five year period. The proposed increase averages out to be less than \$9.00 per month.

While some felt as though the process by which the city notified residents of the increase was not adequate. There were also residents who are in favor of the increase that felt that signature gatherers for the protest violated the process by distributing confusing “misinformation”.

Resident Tom Love, who is also the city’s representative on the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, supports the increase and reminded those in attendance that the state’s number one utility expense is because of the power that is required to move water throughout the state. He also noted that since Sierra Madre is in the foothills that process is expensive.

Bill Coburn, Executive Director of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, noted that he was not speaking on behalf of the Chamber which had not taken a position on the matter, but was speaking on behalf of the business owners he had discussed the fee hike with. He indicated that all but one opposed the hike, citing examples of beauty salons, coffee shops and E. Waldo Ward that use a lot of water in order to operate.

Allegations were levied against the council and city staff by opponents of the fee hike that suggested the city had been using water funds for the expenses of other departments. However, Mayor Mosca noted that “It is illegal to co-mingle funds” and that the audits are proof that no such practices exist in the city.

The hearing concluded with staff being directed to work with the City Clerk in validating the protests and report back at the next council meeting. If there are sufficient signatures, then the City will research other alternatives to the fee hike as proposed. If there are not enough signatures, the city shall proceed with the reading of the Ordinance for passage.

FREE Art and Essay Contest Workshop July 22 for k-8 Students For A Taste of Sierra Madre



Art Chairperson Moira Love hangs some of artwork submitted.

Sierra Madre, CA On Thursday, July 22, Taste of Sierra Madre volunteers will hold a workshop at the Youth Activity Center (YAC) to help children brainstorm and “flesh out” their creative ideas for the event’s art and essay contests, which close July 30.

Art and writing professionals will explore ideas within this year’s theme, “Children’s smiles around the world.” The one hour workshops will help students brainstorm for ideas on preparing an entry to the Taste of Sierra Madre’s art and essay contests due on or before July 30. The workshop is intended to help get the creative juices going for student’s entries. Children should bring a pencil and a pad of paper.

The workshop is free but you must RSVP to Workshop@dgrp.com.

Rules and entry forms can be downloaded at www.ATasteOfSierraMadre.com. For more information, contact Moira Love, art chair for “A Taste of Sierra Madre” at 626-836-9266.

Student entries are welcome from k-12 students residing in or attending school in Sierra Madre or at Pasadena and La Salle High Schools. K-4th grade workshop will be from 12:30-1:30; 5th-8th graders should plan to attend from 1:30-2:30 on the second floor of the YAC. The Youth Activity Center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre.

Links to Art and Essay Application and Rules Forms: <http://www.atasteofsierramadre.com/ART.pdf> <http://www.atasteofsierramadre.com/ESSAY.pdf>

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s

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, 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.

BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY Summer Selections To Savor!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, July 19 through Saturday, July 24, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics will include Fiction, Mysteries, Biographies, Health and Medical, California History, Specialty and Children's books. Books are replenished daily, and are \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

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

For more information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. 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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Summer Evening Jazz Concert at Descanso Kenny Sara and the Sounds of New Orleans

Enjoy an evening of blues, jazz and gospel with a Big Easy feel. The concert runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets and picnics (normally not allowed at Descanso) and settled back to savor the music.

Evening visitors can also check out the Camellia Lounge, a relaxing spot in the Gardens' Japanese Full Moon Tea House. Enjoy refreshing signature cocktails and appetizers as twilight falls. Lounge hours are 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until Sept. 9.

Descanso Thursday Evening Jazz concerts are free with Gardens admission: \$8 adults, \$6 senior/students and \$3 children 5-12. For more information, call (818) 949-4200 or visit www.descansogardens.org.

Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

One of my favorite summertime happenings is tonight in Pasadena - the annual "Celebration on the Colorado Street Bridge", from 6 to 11pm. Due to the poor economy and lack of sponsorships, the Pasadena Heritage organization cancelled the Bridge party last year, so I'm really glad to see it back, and so are alot of other folks! There's something special about being on that awesome Bridge on a starry summer night that makes me wonder why anyone would want to jump off (thus the nickname "Suicide Bridge"). The event is filled with live music on several stages, food and beverage booths, kids activities, classic cars, and more. Two of the hardest-working musicians in local show biz (pictured here) will be appearing with their respective bands, SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES and MERCY & THE MERKETTES, making it a challenge to get from one stage to the other and back, in order to catch both acts! It's a been a friendly rivalry for the past 30 years, so why should tonight be any different?! See below for more info....

SAT. 7/17 - Doo Dah Parade Photo & Memorabilia Exhibit @ McGinty's Gallery at the End of the World in Altadena, 6pm - midnight. 2475 N. Lake Ave. 626-794-8779. \$5 - proceeds benefit the Light Bringer Project. Professional and amateur photographers are invited to submit their best photographs of the Doo Dah Parade in a contest. All photos will be exhibited at the event during which trophies will be awarded in a number of categories with the "Spirit of Doo Dah" as top prize. In addition, you can view royal gowns, portraits and more. CHICO'S BAIL BONDS will treat you to blues, while THE SUBS will keep the beat with a repertoire ranging from folk and rock to R&B and dance. Reigning royalty Queen Erica Valentine will serve up some sweet guitar licks, Queen Naughty Mickie will awe you with her sword dance and Queen Skittles will be offering her talents to take your photo with the Doo Dah denizen of your choice. Also, throughout the event, you are invited to bid on a selection of silent auction items. For more information and to enter the photo contest, e-mail Gary Barbuto, coordinator, at garyb@recycler.com. Photo submission deadline is Monday, July 12. www.lightbringerproject.com, www.galleryattheendoftheworld.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 a hundred years ago and Patti Smith would be at every show??? <http://srv.ezinedirector.net/?n=3823413&s=61715327>

SUN. 7/18 - "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!

FRI. 7/23 - MERCY & THE BEETS @ Friday Night Live in Kersting Court, Sierra Madre (Baldwin & Sierra Madre Blvd.) Enjoy live music from 6:30 to 9pm, accompanied by shoppers incentives and a chance to enter drawings when you shop downtown. Visit the Chamber of Commerce booth for all the details. www.SMFridayNightLive.info.

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

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

Mariachi Divas



Join us this summer at Arcadia's Summer Concerts in the Park series presented by Target. This week the Mariachi Divas will perform on Thursday evening, 6:30-8pm on beautiful City Hall West Lawn located at 240 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

Admission and parking are free. (Additional parking held at Santa Anita Race Track, Gate 5.) You don't want to miss this award winning show!

SIERRA MADRE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Should you wish to apply to be a commissioner, applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at www.cityofsierramadre.com should you wish to apply. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however the first review will take place July 6, 2010.

COMMUNITY ARTS COMMISSION

The mission of the Community Arts Commission is to promote the community's interest in, awareness of, and appreciation for the arts; to provide support and encouragement to artists living in the community; and to increase the community's participation in the arts. Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's recreational and service needs. Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The responsibilities of the Library Board include the following: establishing Library policies and programs to ensure that quality programs are provided to the community, recommending an annual budget to the City Council for approval, and ensuring that efficient and effective services are provided at the Library. Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Conference Room

PLANNING COMMISSION

The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories: consideration of current land-use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendments, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land-use decisions); and advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City's General Plan. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

The Senior Community Commission is responsible for defining the needs, locating and publicizing available resources, and coordinating and initiating services and opportunities for the senior population of Sierra Madre. Meets the 1st Monday at 3:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Tree Commission is an advisory body to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission, and City Council. The commission shall make recommendations to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission and the City Council as appropriate on matters involving care and maintenance of City-owned trees and trees on private undeveloped property. Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

SUMMER FUN IN THE PARK



TUESDAY

JULY 6 MISSION RENAISSANCE
(Sketching)

JULY 13 EATON CANYON
(Nature Presentation)

JULY 20 ARTS COMMISSION
(Craft)

JULY 27 MISSION RENAISSANCE
(Learn to Draw)

AUG 3 SIERRA MADRE P.D.
(Safety Day)

AUG 10 WILDLIFE WAYSTATION
(Exotic Animal Presentation)

AUG 17 L.A. ARBORETUM
(Garden Craft)

AUG 24 T.B.A
(TBA)

THURSDAY

CATZ Fitness Program

Come and enjoy the learning extravaganza and the GET OUT, GET ACTIVE program targeted for children ages 3-10 years, but people of all ages are welcome. Programs will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings all summer long from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Bandshell in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. The CATZ program will run Thursdays, July 8 - August 26. It will include sports and games and encourage kids to recreate during the summer. Remember to bring you sneakers, shorts, t-shirt and water bottle and get ready to GET ACTIVE!

All events are free and there is no need to pre-register. For more information, please call the Community and Personnel Services Office at 626-355-5278.



Mt. Wilson

The Cosmic Café Opens on Mount Wilson

MOUNT WILSON, CA — Visitors to the world-famous Mount Wilson Observatory can once again enjoy a memorable lunch among the telescope domes and Ponderosa pines up in the clear air overlooking the Los Angeles Basin. The Mount Wilson Institute today announced the opening of the “Cosmic Café” where visitors to this historic site can purchase fresh-made sandwiches, hot dogs, soft drinks, snacks and souvenirs. Not since 1992 has food been available for purchase at the Observatory to enhance the visitor experience or to refresh hikers as they reach the mountain’s summit.

The Cosmic Café is located in the open-air pavilion overlooking the large parking lot just inside the gate to what has been known as Skyline Park since the 1970s. The pavilion serves as the entry point to the Observatory grounds.

“We’re delighted to reopen this food venue to the public after all these years,” said Dr. Hal McAlister, the Observatory director. “The income from the Cosmic Café will support our ‘Second Century Campaign’ in which we hope to build a wonderful new visitor center that will entice Southern Californians to rediscover this world-class science heritage site in their back yards.”

Mount Wilson was home to the world’s largest telescopes during the first half of the 20th Century. The Observatory’s astronomers utilized those powerful instruments to revolutionize our understanding of the Universe. The Hubble Space Telescope was named for Mount Wilson’s most famous astronomer, Edwin Hubble. The Mount Wilson Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in California and operates Mount Wilson Observatory under an agreement with the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The Angeles Crest Highway remains closed due to washouts following the Station Fire, but the Observatory is still readily accessible via LA County roads from Sunland. “The drive to Mount Wilson is a bit longer than we are all used to,” said McAlister, “but the roads are in great shape, and you can witness the recovery progress of the forest following the massive destruction of the Station Fire.”

While the Observatory is open daily to public visitation from 10 am to 4 pm during April through November, the Cosmic Café will be open initially only on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am until 4 pm. The Café will also be open on Monday, July 5, for the upcoming Fourth of July weekend.

A map and driving directions showing the current route to Mount Wilson Observatory are available at www.mtwilson.edu.

Summer Worship: 10@10!



Join the San Marino Community Church family for 10@10! - ten weeks of summer worship at 10:00 am on Sundays, July 4 to September 5.

This week: the Rev. Jeffrey O’Grady, pastor, will preach

“The Taste of New Wine” based on the parable of the new wineskins. The service will also feature special music from a vocal quartet.

10:00 am Summer Worship
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

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Arcadia

HBO’S ‘LUCK’ GIVEN GREEN LIGHT FOR FULL SEASON, CUTTING EDGE TV PROJECT TO BE SHOT AT SANTA ANITA

ARCADIA, Calif., (July 15, 2010)—As was announced in Daily Variety Thursday morning, Home Box Office (HBO) has committed “Luck,” a cutting-edge depiction of life on the racetrack, to an inaugural season, with shooting to commence at Santa Anita either this fall or early in 2011. Highly placed executives at HBO have indicated that “Luck’s” first season will consist of a pilot and seven to nine additional weekly episodes.

“Luck” is the creation of world renowned writer/producer David Milch, who is also a prominent Thoroughbred horse owner and as such, has won two Breeders’ Cup races.

The pilot for “Luck,” which is due to air on HBO late next year, was shot primarily at Santa Anita this past March and April. Milch enlisted the services of highly coveted director Michael Mann, whose credits include “Miami Vice,” “Ali” and “Public Enemies,” and Mann will remain in an advisory capacity for the upcoming series. Milch also procured the services of A-list actors Dustin Hoffman, Nick Nolte, Dennis Farina and John Ortiz.

Although they will not all remain series regulars, it is believed those actors who contributed to the pilot will maintain a presence as “Luck” develops in seasonal episodic form.

“It’s hard to quantify how much we feel this could mean to Santa Anita and horseracing in general,” said Santa Anita Community and Events Coordinator Pete Siberell. “Anyone who’s watched ‘Hill Street Blues,’ ‘NYPD Blue’ or ‘Deadwood’ knows what David Milch is capable of. He has a heart-felt passion for racing and although he’ll be delving into to some dark areas on occasion, we feel strongly that “Luck” has the potential to have a similar impact to that of “The Sopranos,” which also aired on HBO.

“This is great news and it couldn’t have come at a better time. Horseracing is experiencing many challenges right now and now, more than ever, we need to be reaching out to new people in a creative and innovative way. ‘Luck’ is going to generate a lot of buzz and it is going to get people talking about racing and about Santa Anita—which is fantastic.

“From what we understand, the people at HBO are absolutely thrilled with what Michael Mann has been able to put together thus far and we feel that people are going to view horseracing as they’ve never seen or imagined it before, with a compelling plot line, dynamic acting and film production that Mann is famous for.”

Live racing will return to Santa Anita Park with the beginning of the Oak Tree meeting on Sept. 29.

Mountain Views News On Vacation



Sierra Madre residents Norma and Hail Hamilton hold a copy of the Mountain Views News while vacationing recently in Venezuela.

Sierra Madre

Calling All St. Rita Alumni!



School Assembling Database of Graduates

Melissa Delgado Stutenroth, Tom Behrens, Ellen Behrens Hoffman and “Sierra Madre Sue” Behrens (L to R in photo) spent the evening identifying photos from class pictures to add to the school database under construction for all of the Sierra Madre school’s graduates by PTO members Tom Brady and Cheryl Allen.

To add your name to the St. Rita School alumni database, please email Tom Brady, Tbrady@dgrp.com or call him at 626-355-3471.

Duarte

From Mt. Everest to Route 66 13 Year-Old Mountaineer Jordan Romero Named Grand Marshal of Duarte’s Salute to Route 66 Parade

What’s next after one has climbed to the summits of six of the highest peaks on the world’s seven continents?

Jordan Romero, the 13 year-old mountaineer whose most recent conquest was Mt. Everest, will serve as Grand Marshal of the 15th annual Duarte’s Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 18.

“We’re thrilled that Jordan has agreed that his next climb will be onto the seat of a fabulous classic car to lead our Route 66 Parade. Route 66 heralds the spirit of adventure which this young man embodies. He has followed his dreams to the highest peaks and his accomplishments are an inspiration to us all,” said Parade Chair, Lisa Magno, in making the announcement.

Before he was 12, Romero had climbed five of the world’s highest mountains. He was only 10 years and 12 days old when he stood on the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, in Africa, the first mountain in his quest to climb the highest peaks on all continents. Next came Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia; followed by Mt. Elbrus, Russia; Aconcagua, South America; Mt. McKinley (Denali), Alaska; and Mt. Everest last May, the highest mountain in the world at 29,035 feet. Only one mountain remains, Vinson Massif in Antarctica, for Jordan to reach his goal. Jordan’s team is scheduled to leave for Antarctica in December.

“Rockin’ and Rollin’ Down Route 66” is the theme of this year’s parade. The celebration in honor of the historic Mother Road will feature antique and classic cars, marching bands, equestrian units, and hundreds of parading participants representing local schools, churches and community organizations.



Jordan Romero, the 13-year mountaineer/adventurer who last May became the youngest climber to conquer Mt. Everest, the world’s highest peak, will be Grand Marshal of the 15th Annual Duarte’s Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 18.

Heading the list of parade sponsors are the City of Duarte, City of Hope, Home Depot, and Sonic. Other sponsors include Duarte Elks Lodge, Frontier Hardware, Joe’s Place, Store America, and Wal-Mart.

Following the parade, which starts at 10 a.m., the community is invited to attend the City’s 53rd Anniversary Picnic and Route 66 Vintage Car Show at Royal Oaks Park, where among many other activities, people will be able to meet and talk with Grand Marshal, Jordan Romero.

For more information, visit the parade website at www.duarte66parade.com or call (626) 260-0993.



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Input Sought On Rose Bowl Loop



Rose Bowl recreation loop walkers, bicyclists, runners, dog owners, parents with strollers, skaters, unicyclists, golfers and motorists are encouraged to review draft plans to improve the loop.

A display and copies of the preliminary plan will be available for review and comment at the Rose Bowl loop Tuesday, July 28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in tents at Brookside Golf Club and Lot K. Information is also available at www.cityofpasadena.net/rosebowlloop.

As recreation in the Rose Bowl area continues to rise in popularity, the city of Pasadena is proposing improvements in roadway circulation to ensure the needs and safety of all users.

Preliminary plans for the 3.3-mile loop call for modification of striping and signage to provide a wider lane so walkers can travel in either direction around the course, a suitable lane for bicyclists and vehicles, and a narrower outside lane for vehicles.

"This option was chosen for its adaptability to future changes if needed," said Pasadena Transportation Director Fred Dock. "The roadways that encircle the Rose Bowl Stadium provide a unique and valuable resource to those who enjoy outdoor exercise."

The innermost portion of the loop is a dedicated walkway that currently is outlined with a painted buffer zone separating foot traffic from adjacent bicycle and vehicular traffic.

For more information call 744-4610.

Pet of The Week



Tigger, an adorable, five month old red tabby needs a new home. He is sweet, friendly, and just look at those great stripes! Tigger will be neutered before going to a new home but he is available for adoption 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. Currently, you can adopt two cats or kittens for just \$85.

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Bridge Celebration Goes Sour



The Colorado Street Bridge

Local restaurants have now called for a Saturday "bridge benefit day" after hard times led Pasadena Heritage to cancel this year's Summer Celebration on the Colorado Street Bridge. Local participating eateries will donate up to 25 percent of their profits for the day.

"This would be the weekend that we close the bridge and then have 4,000 people up there having a fabulous time," said Sue Mossman, Executive Director, of Pasadena Heritage. "But because of the economy we are not doing that event this year."

Mossman said the bridge party is their biggest fundraising event although the up front costs were just too high this year.

It costs us almost \$100,000 to put that event on," She said. "So we have to raise \$100,000 to break even."

Mossman went on to say that in normal years the bridge party would net in the range of \$30,000 to \$40,000. This year they were nervous they could lose money she said.

"We decided that to put up the money in this economy could, in fact, put us in the hole," she explained. "Rather than help us raise money." She said they planned a number of smaller fundraisers including Saturday's bridge benefit day and a formal reception in September.

"We are going to do a smaller and more formal reception in September," she said about an alternative event planned for Sept. 12 honoring those that made the bridge restoration possible. This year marks 20 years since its closure in 1989 for four years of renovation and earthquake improvements. This year also marks the 95 anniversary of the bridge opening itself.

Photo D. Lee/MVNews

She also said, "This is just a one year vacation and we do plan to be back next year."

According to the Pasadena Heritage website participating include Big Mama's Rib Shack 1453 North Lake Avenue; Cha Da Thai Restaurant 29 East Holly Street; Chandra Thai 400 South Arroyo Parkway; Los Tacos - 1 West California Boulevard; Robin's Restaurant 395 North Rosemead Boulevard.

Mossman also encouraged people to support the bridge by doing something bridge-related such as taking a walk under the bridge or riding, pedaling or walking across it this weekend.

"We are just reminding people that it's theirs, it's there for them to enjoy all the time," she said. "We just wanted them to think of us this summer even though we're not out partying."

Survey Looks at City Services, Quality of Life



By Dean Lee

Although the results of a new citizen survey released Monday really pat the city on the back showing overall 93 percent of residents say Pasadena is an excellent to pretty good place to live, some council members questioned the methodology of how the analysis was done.

The survey also showed everything from job rating of departments and services to the most important things residents would like to see improved. Police protection topped the list and traffic came in second.

According to Richard Bernard, Senior Vice President, of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates, 700 Pasadena voters were called since May 31, 100 from each council district. Mayor Bill Bogaard was quick to point out that there were some concerns to who was contacted.

"I think it's an understatement to say that some of your findings are counterintuitive to the group around the dais this evening," Bogaard said lightheartedly. "So let me pose this question, more than one person has said to me, 'not a person in my



experience has come and said they have gotten a call about this survey," does that prove that the survey number is not adequate to get good and valid finding?"

Bernard said he was not surprised.

"I will tell you that over time people forget that they got a call even though it's an important issue for their livelihood or where they live, quality of life," he said. "I often find that within a week, in the first few days people remember but a few days later they don't always remember what the topic was, after a week they don't remember they were solicited."

Bernard assured them they did contact 700 residents saying that those residents that are mad all the time are the ones that call city hall. "This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from those folks that are happy with what is going on and therefore not going to come to your meeting and say that you are all doing a great job."

Councilmember Steve Madison was the most critical questioning the randomness of the survey. Bernard then went in detail over the sampling process to which Madison was still not



satisfied.

"If your sample size is sufficiently large and it's truly random than it should come very close to approximating the demographics without the need for sort of rigging the pool," he said.

Bernard had explained that they took the demographics of the city, ethnicity, age, gender and made sure they matched the voters profiles, "So it was random and they mirrored the voters of the city. He also said the samples were then stratified to make sure there were the right percentages.

Highlights from the survey showed, 92 percent of those surveyed knew the state was experiencing a large budget deficit and 84 percent knew that Pasadena would be impacted: That 83 percent of voters were aware of the water shortage and 73 percent knew that water rates were being planned: That 75 percent of the service provided by employees is ranked as being professional; the overall customer service received 74 percent; and courtesy ranked 73 percent.

Transportation issues drop in priority.

PCC Police Lieutenant Certified Terrorism Specialist

Brad Young, lieutenant of Pasadena City College Police and Safety Services, was recently certified as a terrorism specialist by the federal government after graduating \ from the Department of Homeland Security's Academy of Counter-Terrorism at \ Louisiana State University. Young will be certified by the California Governor's Office \ this September after

he completes 172 hours of training.

Young is a 35-year law enforcement professional. After retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department in 2000, he was recruited to supervise PCC Police and Safety Services.

"Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, I became intensely interested in the subject of terrorism

and Middle Eastern studies," Young said. "I chose to become a terrorism specialist as this field will define the face of law enforcement for generations to come." Young will be teaching a new course at PCC called "Homeland Security" this fall.

For more information, contact Police and Safety Services at (626) 585-7484.

President Gives Highest Honors to JPL Scientist



Josh Willis

Photo courtesy of NASA

Josh Willis, an oceanographer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has been honored by President Barack Obama with the 2009 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on young professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

Willis is one of 100 beginning researchers to receive the 2009 award. This year's recipients also include three faculty members with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, which manages JPL for NASA. The honorees will receive their awards this fall at a White House ceremony.

A researcher in JPL's Ocean Circulation Group, Willis uses satellite data as well as data collected at sea to study the impact of global warming on the ocean. His studies of ocean warming and sea level rise have been widely used by colleagues around the world and were cited in the 2007 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. That report shared the 2007 Nobel Peace prize with Vice President Al Gore. Willis frequently lectures to the public and works with students to educate them about climate change issues and their impact on global warming.

Established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers annually honors researchers whose early accomplishments show the greatest promise for strengthening America's leadership in science

and technology and contributing to the awarding agencies' missions. The awards are made to those whose innovative work is expected to lead to future breakthroughs.

Recipients are selected from among nine federal departments and agencies based on two criteria: pursuit of innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology, and a commitment to community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, public education or community outreach. Winning scientists and engineers receive up to a five year research grant to further their study in support of critical government missions.

"These extraordinarily gifted young scientists and engineers represent the best in our country," Obama said in a White House news release. "With their talent, creativity and dedication, I am confident that they will lead their fields in new breakthroughs and discoveries and help us use science and technology to lift up our nation and our world."

The three Caltech recipients are John O. Dabiri, an expert in biological propulsion who studies mechanics and dynamics of biological propulsion and fluid dynamic energy conversion; Beverley J. McKeon, who studies experimental manipulation of wall bounded flows for improved flow characteristics; and Joel A. Tropp, who is developing new algorithms for solving inverse problems, a basic challenge that arises throughout the mathematical sciences.

Outstanding PCC Teacher Award Given to TV Instructor



Porreca (right) chats with a Battlestar Galactica producer

Carmen Porreca, television operations instructor at Pasadena City College, was recently honored with the prestigious Risser Outstanding Teacher Award. The Risser award is the most prestigious honor given to a full-time, tenure track or tenured faculty at PCC. Porreca was chosen for the award based on the quality of his instruction, inspiration to students, fairness in grading and evaluation, and loyalty to the college and the United States of America.

The recipient of the Risser Award is determined solely by students. The proposal process requires a student-written letter of nomination and a petition with 50 student signatures. It usually takes multiple nominations for an instructor to receive the award. A panel of the five previous Risser winners selects the award winner each year. "When Dr. Paulette Perfumo announced that the 2009 Risser Award winner was Carmen Porreca, it was much bigger than I expected. The satisfaction of this high honor is unbelievable. I have never felt anything like this. It is enormous. A career capstone," Porreca said. "What could possibly be a greater award for any instructor on the planet? No politics. No old crony stuff. Initiated by a student and supported by students."

Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness

The best defense is prevention. Here are some prevention tips:

Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.

Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:

Infants and young children
People aged 65 or older
People who have a mental illness
Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching. If you must be out in the heat:

Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first “tip” (above), too.

Try to rest often in shady areas.

Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say “broad spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels).



Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 4th, to Saturday July 10th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 339 calls for service.

Wednesday, July 7th:

9:35 PM – Trespassing on private property, 38 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Renaissance Plaza. A resident heard noises on the roof of the apartment complex and called police after finding two teenagers on the roof. Officers arrested a 17 year old male from La Canada and a 17 year old female from Pasadena. The two juveniles were transported to the police station where they issued citations and released to their parents.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 4, through Saturday, July 10, the Police Department responded to 910 calls for service of which 127 required formal investigations. The following is a summary of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 4:

1. Units were dispatched to the 200 block of Laurel around 1:13 a.m. in reference to a suicidal subject. A woman advised that her 20-year-old granddaughter was hysterical and wanted to kill herself. Officers determined that the subject was a danger to herself and was transported to a medical center for a 72-hour detention and evaluation.

2. Around 4:00 p.m., an injury traffic collision occurred at Baldwin and Gate 10. A female driver made a left turn and struck another vehicle. She complained of head and arm pain and was transported to a hospital for treatment.

Monday, July 5:

3. Between 6:00 p.m. on May 1 and 9:30 a.m. on July 5, a commercial burglary occurred at Public Storage, 12340 Lower Azusa. The victim advised that the padlock to his storage unit had been switched and a footlocker containing gun holsters, ammunition, and other miscellaneous property were stolen.

4. Two mailboxes in the 2400 block of South Second were vandalized between the morning hours. The mailboxes were knocked off from its foundation.

Tuesday, July 6:

5. A victim came to the station around 12:15 p.m. to file an identity theft report. Unknown suspect(s) obtained her debit card information by unknown means and made four unauthorized purchases totaling over \$1,170.

6. Around 10:16 p.m., a traffic stop was initiated at South Myrtle and East Camino Real for a code violation. Three occupants were inside the vehicle and officers detected the odor of alcohol from the driver's breath and person. A field sobriety test was conducted and it was determined that the 19-year-old male Caucasian driver was operating the vehicle while intoxicated. He was taken into custody for DUI; the other two female 19-year-old Caucasian passengers were also extremely intoxicated and were arrested for disorderly conduct/drunken in public.

Wednesday, July 7:

7. Around 1:10 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 700 block of West Camino Real regarding a naked man running around the neighborhood. An unconscious male Asian was located and when he became semi-conscious, he began thrashing his head from side to side and foaming at the mouth. AFD paramedics arrived and transported the 34-year-old man to a hospital for medical treatment.

8. Units responded to the 1700 block of South First around 1:47 p.m. in reference to a grand theft investigation. A female Hispanic victim advised that she was waiting at a bus stop when a white van pulled up with two female Hispanic suspects inside. The women struck up a conversation and the suspects advised that there was a winning lotto ticket available for purchase and they were willing to share the prize money with the victim. The suspects duped the victim into giving them \$1,000 and some jewelry.

Thursday, July 8:

9. A robbery occurred around 1:37 a.m. at Second and Pamela. A 16-year-old victim was riding his bicycle with a friend when a heavyset female Hispanic driver asked him to stop. Two male Hispanic suspects then exited the vehicle; one suspect tried pushing the victim the ground while the other suspect punched the victim several times in the stomach. The suspects then took the victim's wallet and fled the scene in a dark colored four-door sedan.

10. Two residential units in the 00 block of Genoa were burglarized between 11:44 a.m. and 3:35 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) kicked open the front door to the residences and stole laptop computers, cash, jewelry, and a designer handbag.

Friday, July 9:

11. Around 3:46 a.m., units responded to the area of Wistaria and Terra regarding a suspicious man walking through various yards and driveways. An area search was conducted and a 44-year-old male Caucasian was found hiding underneath a bulldozer in the 2000 block of Terra. Stolen property from nearby residents was recovered and the suspect was arrested for residential burglary and auto burglary.

12. A commercial burglary occurred at Public Storage, 12340 Lower Azusa, between June 15 and July 8. The victim discovered over \$39,000 in antique furniture, silver bars, and coins were stolen from his storage unit. The unknown suspect(s) replaced the victim's lock with a different padlock after the burglary.

Saturday, July 10:

13. A victim came to the station around 8:47 a.m. to file a grand theft of firearm report. He indicated that his house is under renovation and between 8:15 a.m. on July 9 and 8:15 a.m. on July 10, unknown suspect(s) stole a Remington shotgun.

14. Around 11:28 p.m., officers were called to Santa Anita Inn, 130 West Huntington, in regards to an assault and robbery that just occurred. During an argument, the victim's boyfriend, a 34-year-old Hispanic, choked her, threatened her with a handgun, took her car keys, and fled in her rental vehicle.

THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Sky Treats For Your Summer Pleasure.....



July Sees Gathering of Five Bright Celestial Lights

An array of five of the sky's leading lights gather together over the western horizon on mid-July nights. Venus, the dazzling “evening star,” is sneaking past Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation of Leo, the lion. Venus was well to the lower right of Regulus as July opened, but the planet is moving to the upper left of the bright star.

The crescent Moon joined this bright pair on July 14, forming a triangle with Venus and Regulus. The orange planet Mars and golden Saturn hang a little higher, to the group's upper left.

HD animation and high-resolution images of this sky show are available online from StarDate magazine at <http://stardate.org/mediacenter>.

NASA and Microsoft Provide Mars 3-D Close Encounter

NASA and Microsoft Research are bringing Mars to life with new features in the “WorldWide Telescope” software that provide viewers with a high-resolution, 3-D map of the Red Planet.

Microsoft's online virtual telescope explores the universe using the images that NASA's spacecraft return from other worlds. Teams at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., and Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., jointly developed the software necessary to make NASA's planetary data available in WorldWide Telescope.

The fully interactive images and new NASA data will allow viewers to virtually explore Mars and make their own scientific discoveries. New features include the highest resolution fully interactive map of Mars ever created, realistic 3-D renderings of the surface of the planet, and video tours with two NASA scientists, James Garvin of

Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., and Carol Stoker of Ames.

Garvin's tour walks viewers through the geological history of Mars and discusses three possible landing sites for human missions there. Each landing site highlights a different geological era of the planet. Stoker's tour addresses the question “Is there life on Mars?” and describes the findings of NASA's Mars Phoenix Lander.

“Our hope is that this inspires the next generation of explorers to continue the scientific discovery process,” said Ames Center Director S. Pete Worden.

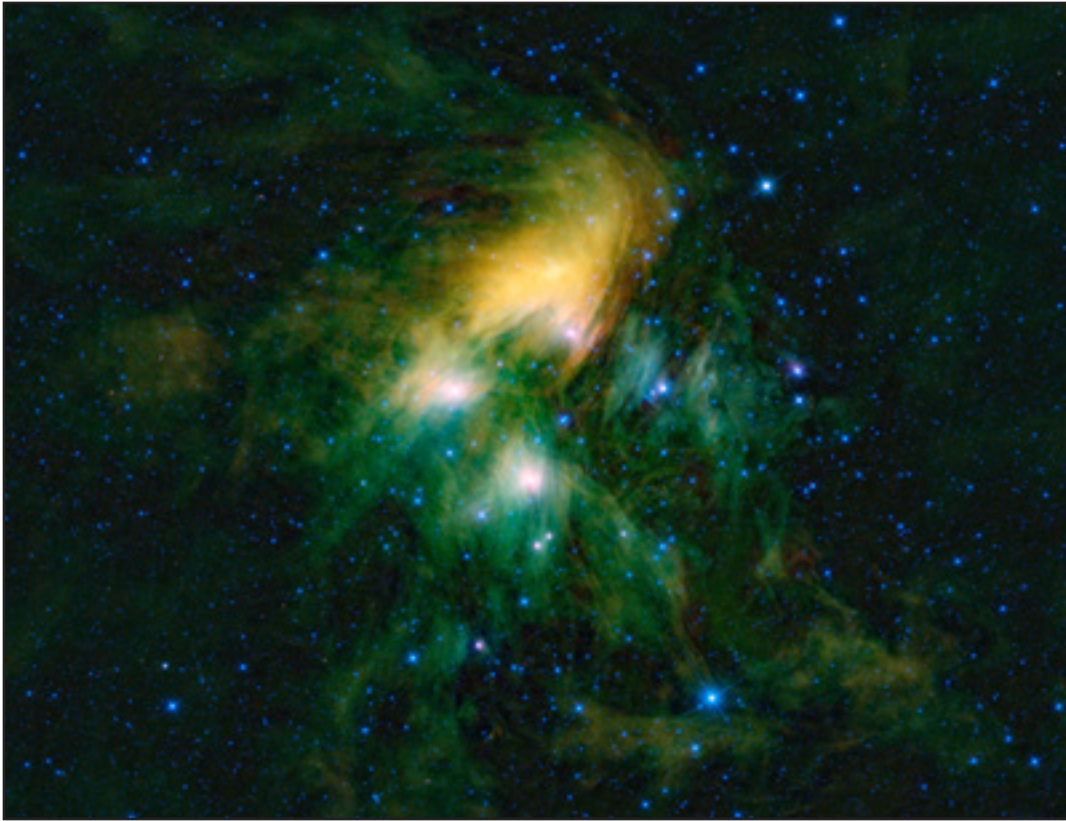
To learn more and download the WorldWide Telescope, visit: <http://www.worldwidetelescope.org>

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July 24 Lecture in Altadena Explores the Infrared Universe

At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, you can explore a new Universe as surveyed by an infrared telescope in space. Dr. Edward L. (Ned) Wright, Professor of Physics and Astronomy at UCLA, will speak on “Exploring the Universe with WISE” in a lecture at the Altadena Public Library.

The Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) was launched in December 2009, and its all-sky survey began in mid-January 2010. WISE is expected to detect hundreds of millions of stars and galaxies, including millions of ultra-luminous infrared galaxies and quasars; hundreds of thousands of asteroids; and hundreds old cold brown dwarf stars. This orbiting telescope takes more than 7,000 framesets per day, with each frameset covering 0.6 square degrees of sky.



This image shows the famous Pleiades cluster of stars as seen through the eyes of WISE, or NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer. The mosaic contains a few hundred image frames -- just a fraction of the more than one million WISE has captured so far as it completes its first survey of the entire sky in infrared light.

Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/WISE Team

The lecture begins at 2:30 p.m. It is free of charge, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served before the talk, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and

Santa Rosa Avenue (“Christmas Tree Lane”).

Many images of the infrared sky taken by WISE can be found at: wise.astro.ucla.edu.

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

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PUSD HIGH SCHOOLS IMPROVE PERFORMANCE ON STATE EXIT EXAM

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) today announced the results of the March 2010 California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), which showed that 78 percent of 10th graders passed the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the test and 79 percent have passed the mathematics portion. PUSD's passage rates were similar or better than Los Angeles County, which saw a 78 percent passage rate in ELA and a 78 percent passage rate in mathematics.

"Passage rates indicate that our schools are making progress in preparing our students for graduation, and we are beginning to outpace Los Angeles County and the state," said Superintendent Edwin Diaz. "While the results are encouraging, our goal is to ensure that all students pass both portions of the exit exam, and are prepared for college and careers."

PUSD's passage rates among Latino and African American students are keeping pace or surpassing county and state, which indicates that PUSD schools are working to close the achievement gap.

Seventy-eight percent of Latino 10th graders in PUSD passed the math portion, compared to 74 percent in the County and 75 percent statewide. In ELA, PUSD Latino students also outpaced the county, with a 75 percent passage rate, compared to the County's 74 percent.

Passage rates among PUSD's African American students also outpaced County and statewide results in math and ELA. In PUSD, 71 percent of African American students passed the math portion of the test, compared to 67 percent countywide and 70 percent statewide. In ELA, 76 percent of African American students passed the test, compared to 72 percent in the county and 73 percent in the state.

Marshall Fundamental Secondary School had the highest passage rate in the English Language Arts portion, with 90 percent of the school's 10th graders passing. At Pasadena High School, 86 percent passed, 78 percent of 10th graders at Blair IB School passed, and 66 percent at Muir High School.



PUSD Superintendent Edwin Diaz

Marshall Fundamental also had the highest passage rate in the mathematics portion, with 90 percent of its 10th graders passing. Blair IB School was next with 83 percent, followed by Pasadena High School with 82 percent and 70 percent at Muir.

"I am pleased that our 10th graders are acquiring the essential skills every high school graduate needs for college and career success," Diaz said. "This confirms that our focus on additional support, preparation and instruction for the CAHSEE has had a positive impact on student achievement."

California requires that high school students pass the CAHSEE to be eligible for graduation. Students are required to take the CAHSEE for the first time in the tenth grade. Students who do not pass the test as tenth graders are given two more opportunities as juniors, three more as seniors, and an additional opportunity during a summer administration.

Data cited is for the March 2010 administration of the test. Full passage data for the entire 2009-2010 school year will be available from the state later this summer.

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Teen's Eagle Scout Project Nets SAFYMCA - A Butterfly Garden and Refurbished Patio



The Santa Anita Family YMCA netted a butterfly garden and a refurbished patio thanks to the efforts of 17 year-old Steven Taylor, who took on the project to earn his Eagle Scout merit badge.

When Boy Scouts see a need, they figure out a way to help. The patio at the Santa Anita Family YMCA in Monrovia was looking a bit neglected. Weeds and roots had taken over the garden area and paint was beginning to peel on the benches. Seeing that, 17 year-old Steven Taylor realized he had stumbled on the perfect project to earn his Eagle Scout merit badge.

He rounded up 25 volunteers and solicited \$300 in donations to help purchase paint, plants and other supplies. Then his team swung into action. With all the help, the project took just one day of hard work. The result is a pretty, new butterfly garden and freshly painted patio benches where Y members can sit and take a break, eat lunch, or just relax after working out.

"It really makes a difference. We are very grateful for all the work that Steven and his crew did. The patio is much more inviting now," said Executive Director, Damon Colaluca.

Steven's mother is also grateful and proud of her son's effort on behalf the Y. Kathryn Taylor happens to the president and chief volunteer officer of the SAFYMCA's board of directors.

For his part, Steven said he really enjoyed helping to improve the look of the patio. "I've practically grown up at the Y, swimming, attending summer camp, and working part time last summer. So it was good to be able to help in this way."

The Loyola High School student started in the Boy Scouts in the 5th grade and has earned 21 merit badges over the years, not including the Eagle Scout badge he soon hopes to add to his collection. He also volunteers at Annunciation Church, where he serves as a lector.

Vacations From School Can Be Learning Opportunities

(NAPSI)--Vacations from school can serve as opportunities for children and teens to brush up on essential skills-and reinforce what they learned during the school year.

Research shows that if students are not actively engaged in learning and practicing skills during vacation months, they lose some of what they were taught during the school year. According to the National Summer Learning Association, students typically score lower on tests at the end of the summer than they do at the beginning of the summer.

Many students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months. Fortunately, there are steps parents can take to keep their children engaged and interested in learning.

Here are a few tips to help:

- Schedule in visits to museums, trips to points of historical interest and exposure to nature through zoos and aquariums. All of these can be great learning experiences and lead to further reading and discussion.

- Take your children to the library. If your child likes movies or television shows, watch them together and then encourage your child to take

out books on related subjects.

- Use online resources such as those provided by Discovery Education, the leading provider of digital content to schools across the country.

These resources include:

The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, an environmental sustainability challenge for grades K-12.

Ready Classroom, a program that educates parents, teachers and students of all ages about severe weather and disaster preparedness for classrooms, families and even pets.

The Take Me Fishing™ "Explore the

Blue" online initiative, which engages teachers, students and parents in the importance of outdoor recreational activities and conservation.

Energy Balance 101, a free wellness resource for elementary teachers, students and families, which aims to deliver tools and information to help students make decisions for a healthy lifestyle.

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Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding where the jobs are located and how to get past the “gate-keepers”. As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering your questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

Q: I recently graduated with a M.B.A. with no experience as a supervisor or manager. I expected that I would find employment in management since I have a M.B.A. But, I am being told by employers that I have no supervisory experience. So how do I get management experience if no one will hire me? Aspiring Manager

Dear Aspiring Manager,

Most companies will not hire you, even with a Masters Degree, directly into a management position if you have not supervised or managed a staff. I would suggest that you apply for Management Trainee or Junior Management positions. You will find a lot of these positions posted with major corporations in various industries. These positions are fantastic because the company will train new graduates in their corporate culture, sales, marketing and management style. As a trainee this will give you time to learn about the company and them about you. When companies hire you into management trainee positions you are considered a corporate investment and they will usually assign you a mentor to insure your success. The Trainee or Junior Management position is a great track to management level positions and typically very short, between 1-2 years after your start date.

To apply for a Management Trainee or Junior Management position you should decide on what is your professional category (i.e., accounting, marketing, computer, etc.) and industry (i.e., medical, public relations, technology, education, etc.). Write a dynamic cover letter that clearly states: why you are writing to the company, your field of expertise, reason for choosing the industry, your goal and that your career path is senior management.

Be sure to include what valuable skills and experience you would bring to their company. Next, write a great resume to include any accomplishments that exemplify any of your leadership or supervisory qualities. This can include any volunteer or community activities, part-time or internship experience. Starting salary ranges for Management Trainee positions are not going to be what you expect but future advancement or promotions will eventually result in financial reward.

Q: I am trying to get a part-time job at a large retail store to supplement my income. Do I have to disclose that I have a Masters Degree? Need Extra Income

Dear Need Extra Income,

Yes. Retail stores usually will require you to complete and answer all questions on an application form. At the bottom of the Application form you will be asked to sign a statement and agreement that everything that you have written on the application form and the resume you have submitted is true to the best of your ability and that if anything is discovered to be untrue that the company has the right to terminate your employment. Do not risk termination. I would suggest that you enclosed or attached a cover letter explaining why you are seeking a part-time position with the retail store. Do not disclose in the cover letter any personal reasons or details for seeking employment. Be sure to include the skill sets that you have to do the job.

Jai Johnson has over 20 years experience as a national and local Executive Recruiter, Job Search Advisor and Career Coach. She has assisted thousands of job seekers to find and secure employment in their chosen field of education and experience. Ms. Johnson is a member of NRWA and CPRW. Send your job search questions to her at: j.johnson@mtvnewsnews.com



The sight of someone thumbing away furiously on some sort of handheld gadget, oblivious to everyone and everything around them, is about as common these days as common gets. Even though this sort of behavior has been with us in various guises for quite some time, it has only been in the last few years or so that it has become the near-norm for every age group or demographic that one could possibly imagine.

For the most part this activity can be described as mildly inane, in some cases, and just plain dangerous in others. The distracted driver is a danger not only to themselves, but to that part of the driving public that is directly exposed to their selfish behavior. Although there is legislation on the books against this behavior in nearly every state in the union, the behavior persists. And the behavior persists because, for many engaged in it, the payoff seems to be worth the risk, even more so than any possible penalty.

At its most basic level all of this endless tweeting, texting, IM'ing and emailing can be summed up neatly under one heading: “Seeking”. And unlike the type of seeking alluded to in spiritual songs, movies and literature, this particular form of seeking leads directly to an immediate satisfaction. Everytime. It is the itch that CAN be scratched. The attraction to this particular

satisfaction is directly related to the fact that we can control it. We can control the content and flow of the stimuli, our response or non-response to it and how much importance we place on the entire process.

At first it does seem to be all fun and games. Loading up the new device with all of our important data and contacts. Discovering and installing new killer apps. The endless customization to make it our very own unique creation, showing off our new pride and joy to friends and the endless toying with it. Toying might not be the right word to describe this interaction, because at some point there stops being an element of play involved in all of this. All one has to do to validate this viewpoint is to remember the twinge of terror that leapt in one's breast the last time the cellphone \ BlackBerry \ iPhone \ fill-in-the-blank wasn't in its familiar place and was thought to be lost or worst, even if only for a moment. It really was a big deal, probably bigger than it really should've been at the time. Even so, it mattered a lot. It mattered because in these times of more and more things that we can't control, that we can't find and that we can't trust here is something that we can control, we can find and we can trust.

There is a real comfort in finding whatever it is we're looking for.

Food & Drink

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Arcadia Meets Beverly Hills - Sesame Grill

I pulled out my Restaurant checklist this morning and decided to do the lunch checklist. On this checklist are: reasonable prices, a lovely dining companion, and great food. Check – Check - Check

The Zagat Guide, several years ago, called the Parkway Grill the “Spago of the East”. I would like to submit that a challenger for the “Parkway Grill of the East” is the **Sesame Grill**. The restaurant is located between a Starbucks and a pool supply store, in the strip mall directly across from the famous Derby Restaurant. While the restaurant has a small interior, it does not feel cramped. The walls have grown into a magnificent shrine of endorsements from critics that came before me. There is no showcasing of a fancy television, or bring the view of the ocean to you. What they are is a nice neighborhood restaurant with food that soars far above the prices. Some people have labeled the food at Sesame Grill as Asian Fusion or America Bistro. I had an eclectic experience with the artful influence of the Pacific Rim tying it all together.

Soon after you arrive at your table, a server person rushes up with fresh, warm bread before you have an opportunity to warm your own seat.

Lunch offers a special menu. While the menu looks limited, you don't have to feel boxed in because there is plenty to offer any diner. The First Course (appetizer) weighs in at the paltry sum of (\$1.50) each (without entrée you get the a la carte price). Amongst the variety of choices are mixed greens, melon and for the Chicken Dumplings at - let me repeat - (\$1.50). Entrees range between (\$7.50 to \$10.50), and include Linguine with Meat Sauce, Chinese Chicken Salad, Fresh Salmon. Orange Chicken and Sand Dabs are two of the lunch hour highlights. Me? I luxuriated in the Chicken Ravioli that was cooked to perfection; the best I have had in many years. My lunch companion had the Shrimp Ravioli. I had work hard to distract her enough so I could steal a single bite from her plate. We both got stuffed, with no room for dessert. The only tiny chink in the array of presentations was that I thought the Chicken Dumpling sauce bordered a bit on a BBQ sauce. That was a very small imperfection in a place of paradise.

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Taste of Arcadia



The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce is already gearing up for our annual Taste of Arcadia evening at the Arboretum on Monday, September 20 at 5:30pm. Just go to the arcadiacchamber.org website to find out more and to buy tickets. If you would rather, you may call the Chamber office 626 447-2159 to place your order for tickets, too.

TASTE OF ARCADIA ticket prices will remain the same as last year, only \$35 until August 20, \$45 until Sept 19, and at the door tickets are \$55. The price is inclusive of all restaurant, beer and wine samplings and tastings. Live entertainment by Cold Duck, and raffle prizes round out the evening of food and beverage tastings from over 35 restaurants, and many wineries and breweries.

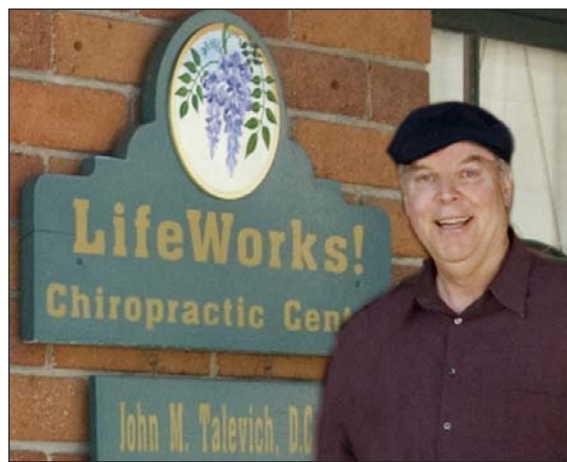
Presently, we are happy to announce several sponsors: Matt Denny's Alehouse is sponsoring the Martini Bar, Westfield and Waste Management are coming on board with sponsorships, also. Tables of 10 may be reserved, and for businesses, a reserved table for 10 and 2 Pasadena Star News ads on your choice of dates, plus special recognition is part of a special package, too.

Many food and beverage establishments have opted in already: Souplantation, The Derby, Classic Wines, Matt Denny's Alehouse to name a few.

September 20 in Arcadia, at the Arboretum, Taste of Arcadia - "nothin' could be fin" . .

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject: Why Vitamin D?



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.

In the last few years, there has been a great deal of information generated about Vitamin D levels. At the risk of adding to the complexities of an already complicated subject, let me contribute this simple observation: many people are living with conditions that defy conventional diagnosis and treatment (fibromyalgia, chronic joint pain, fatigue to name a few). The "vertically ill" may benefit from Vitamin D testing and supplementation. It is important to know if levels are low, especially of they are significantly low, in order to strengthen a weak link in the system. Once this link is strengthened, the body is more able to resolve the underlying issue.

Getting on the Bandwagon

Estimates vary on how much Vitamin D is necessary to maintain adequate blood levels. Typical daily multivitamins contain 400 i.u., but recommendations of 1000 to 2000 i.u. a day are not uncommon. Amounts up to 50,000 i.u. have even been suggested. So how much do I need? These concerns can be discussed with a nutritionally-minded doctor. There are also various online organizations that offer home testing kits.

To Sum It Up

Vitamin D is an emerging area of study and represents a complex set of insights, questions and concerns. The purpose of this brief article is to encourage those individuals who have been suffering from treatment-resistant conditions to look into whether there may be an underlying Vitamin D deficiency. It may be the solution that they have been looking for.

Have a great week!

Dr. John

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

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Both men and women substitute tutors are needed for this program run entirely with volunteers and co-sponsored by the Arcadia Public Library and Arcadia Branch American Association of University Women. An orientation/training meeting will be held on July 19 at 10 a.m. There is no obligation in attending. Please contact the Library Services Manager at (626) 821-5570 for further information or to let us know you would like to attend.

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Walking Tips For Seniors

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

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

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

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

Benefits of Walking

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

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

Getting started

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

For more information on walking or general foot care, please call 800-FOOTCARE or visit the APMA's Web site at www.apma.org. The Foot Health Foundation of America -- a 501(c) (3) organization -- is a national health initiative of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Recipe of the Week:

BUTTER BEAN SALAD

INGREDIENTS:

You can add canned tuna, chicken, or seafood to this salad for more protein. Use your family's favorite type of canned bean; chickpeas, kidney beans, or black beans would work well.

- 3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 5 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 3 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 2 (15 oz.) cans butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 11 oz. can shoepeg corn, drained
- 14.5 oz. can zesty chili diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 small red onion, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

In large bowl, combine vinegar, olive oil, salt, pepper, and parsley and mix well with wire whisk. Add remaining ingredients and toss to coat. Cover and chill 2 hours, or serve immediately. Serves 4-6

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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.

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FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
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5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga;



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Wednesday:
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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



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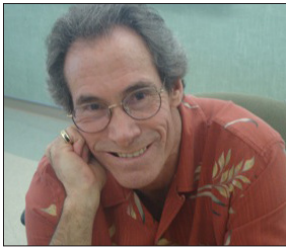
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HAIL Hamilton



Calif. People attacked the oil washing ashore by skimming it off the surface, dispersing it with chemicals, and soaking it up with straw and other materials.

Forty-one years and many generations of technology later, BP is attacking the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico with techniques similar to those used in Santa Barbara. And just as in those days, choppy water and strong winds can make it impossible to use those tools to bottle up oil once it has leaked into open sea.

Unlike the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, the well that blew up April 20 while being drilled by Transocean's Deepwater Horizon rig is much farther out and has given BP and federal authorities an extra week or more to respond to the oil leaking into the gulf before it makes landfall.

While oil companies have spent billions of dollars to drill deeper and farther out to sea, relatively little money and research have gone into finding new, improved ways to respond to oil spills in deep sea conditions like those in the Gulf of Mexico.

Experts say the massive Gulf spill has exposed a failure by the industry and the federal government to commit adequate resources to oil cleanup and response technology.

Improvements to these methods have been incremental few new ones have been ones developed, critics say, because oil companies have no financial incentive.

Five companies - Shell Oil, ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Chevron Corp., BP America - together spent about \$33.8 billion to explore for new oil and gas in the past three years, according to answers the companies provided this month to a House Energy & Commerce subcommittee.

But their spending on research for safety, accident prevention and spill response is paltry by comparison. These same five companies - Shell Oil, ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Chevron Corp., BP America - spent less than \$200 million during the

My Turn

“Drill Baby Drill” -- What have we learned?

In 1969, a Union Oil well blew out five miles off the coast of Santa Barbara,

same period on safety, accident prevention, spill control and cleanup technologies.

For its part, the federal government has spent relatively little to advance cleanup

technology for spills.

Congress appropriated only about one-sixth of the \$30 million in research grants to universities authorized under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 after the Exxon Valdez, according to the Coastal Response Research Center. It mandated among other things a multiagency federal effort to research better ways to clean up oil spills.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement - which was known as the Minerals Management Service until this month - collects \$13 billion a year in oil drilling royalties. But the agency has been spending only between \$6 million to \$7 million a year since 1995 on oil spill research.

And the Coast Guard's annual oil spill research budget has steadily dropped from about \$5.6 million in 1993 to about \$500,000 for each of the past four years.

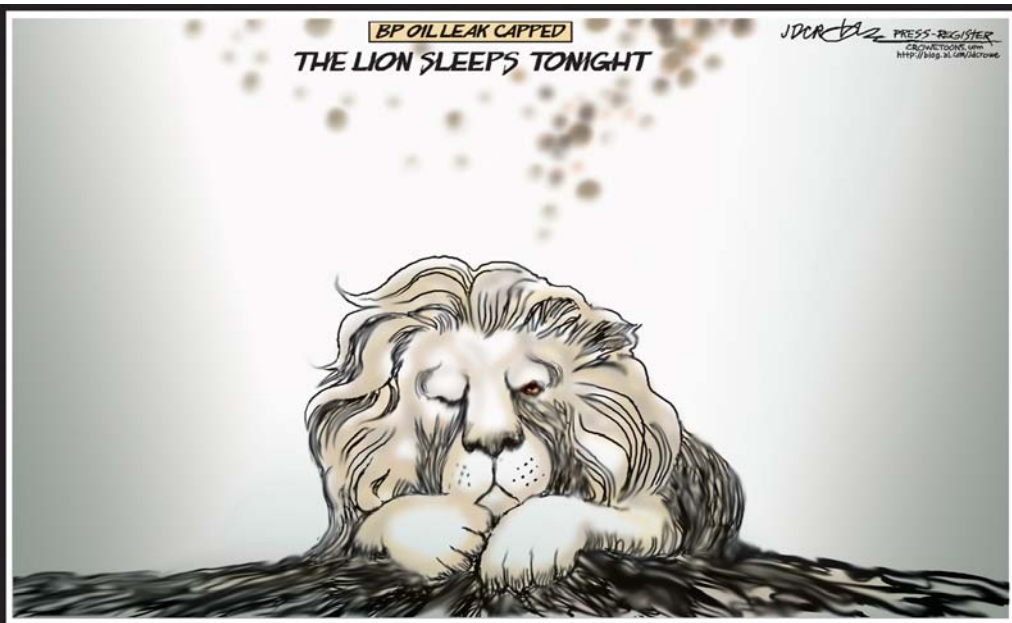
Two other agencies, the EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, spent less, according to congressional reports. Overall federal spending fell far below a planned \$28 million a year, and the multiagency task force filed its last research plan 13 years ago.

Last year, legislation to increase federal spending on better oil cleanup research and to reorganize the effort died in the U.S. House of Representative's Science and Technology Committee - the victim of other priorities.

The law would have amended OPA 90 to mandate newer techniques or better skimmers and boom, not just more of them with more capacity.

In a nutshell: Our priorities have been about how to extract more oil in greater volumes and for greater profits, and there haven't been corresponding priorities on how to do so safely and how to prepare if there is an accident.

So what have we learned in the past 4 decades? Not much. Forty-one years after the Santa Barbara oil spill the mantra is still-- “drill baby drill!”



Left Turn/Right Turn



HOWARD Hays As I See It

I took time off from my column last week and accompanied the Mountain Views News crew in the Fourth of July parade. I got a shout-out from a couple friends who came from Pasadena. Rich Johnson and Susan got shout-outs from everyone else. I took some time to do yard work and thought I'd solve the problems facing our state, our nation, and the world - along with coming up with the meaning of life. So I did. (But there's still yard work to do).

For the world, we should never commit to ensuring the survival of the leadership of a country whose citizens would never allow the survival of that leadership if we weren't there committed to ensuring it. This goes back to the Vietnam era - but bears repeating.

For the state, it's to establish single-payer health coverage for state employees and retirees. In a column last March, I figured the savings in a single-payer public vs. a private plan to be about \$250 per person per month. Figuring 350,000 current state employees and 400,000 retirees, this comes out to savings of \$187.5 million a month, or \$2.25 billion a year. I'm not sure how many jobs of laid-off firefighters, teachers and others this would save, but those folks would pump the money back into the economy, and it would be a better investment than taxpayers' footing the bill for multi-million dollar bonuses added to the multi-million dollar salaries of insurance execs to sequester in offshore tax havens.

For the nation, the solution is twofold: Raise taxes and increase government spending. It may not be effective as a campaign slogan, but the fact is, it works. Over the past hundred years, the periods when our economy has been strongest, unemployment lowest and prosperity most widespread, have been those periods when the top marginal rate has been highest, our unions strongest and our government most dedicated to investing in our schools, our infrastructure and our people.

To make it simple, one could just look back to see who's been right and who's been wrong. I remember nearly thirty years ago when then-Sen. Pete Wilson (R-CA) was wheeled onto the Senate floor on a hospital gurney to cast the deciding vote on the Reagan tax cuts. There was the "Laffer Curve" showing how deficits go down as a result of the increased prosperity brought about by tax cuts. Democrats said no, it'll increase the deficit. The national debt went from a third of Gross Domestic Product under President Carter to well over half of GDP after the tax cuts. It neared 70% of GDP by the end of the first President Bush's term.

There was another party-line vote twelve years later for President Clinton's budget; Republicans warned the tax hikes would result in soaring deficits, unemployment and economic ruin. The bill passed, the deficit dropped below 60%

of GDP and the country saw its greatest economic growth since the postwar boom. George W. Bush took office, top tax rates were cut again and the deficit went up past 80% of GDP - helping create the mess we're still trying to dig out of.

Ironically, Senators blocking extension of unemployment benefits are insisting they be "paid for", but have no such concerns about billions in tax cuts for the wealthiest among us. One of those is Sen. John Kyl (R-AZ), who was asked last week on Fox News Sunday by host Chris Wallace how he can insist on offsetting spending cuts before extending help for desperate American families, but not for extending the Bush tax cuts shelling out \$678 billion to those making over \$250,000 a year. His reply was simply that as far as tax cuts are concerned, "you should never have to offset the cost".

That line we hear about corporate tax cuts leading to job creation sounds familiar, but fewer people fall for it nowadays. Sam Pizzigati of the Institute for Policy Studies notes that the CEO of an S&P 500 company makes 319 times as much as the average American worker; back in the 1970's the ratio was 30 to 1 (in Japan it's 16 to 1). "We've seen, over the past three decades, a tenfold-plus increase in the gap between top executives and average American workers". Pizzigati attributes this largely to the fact that back when the top marginal rate was higher (91% in the 1960's, 28% under Reagan, 35% today), there was more incentive to put profits back into the business, rather than the pockets of top execs.

Government spending works. According to the President's Council of Economic Advisors, his stimulus bill has already created 3 million jobs, and is on track to reach the goal of 3.5 million new jobs by the end of the year. This doesn't make up for the 8 million jobs lost from the Bush recession, but with growth predicted to hold steady through 2011, it looks like we'll pretty much have the recession behind us as we near the end of President Obama's first term.

In his 2008 Congressional testimony, Mark Zandi, former advisor to Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) explained how certain government investments are more beneficial, in that the money goes right back into the economy. He prepared a chart showing the dollar effect on the GDP of each dollar spent. Unemployment benefits (\$1.64 benefit for each dollar spent) came in second to food stamps (\$1.73), with infrastructure spending (\$1.59) third. Towards the bottom were extending Bush's dividends and capital gains tax cut (\$0.37) and his income tax cuts (\$0.29). Whatever happens in the world of exotic derivatives and collateralized securities, the fact remains that two-thirds of our economy is based on consumer spending.

As to the meaning of life: I'm reminded of something we were told in Boy Scouts - "Always leave the campsite in better shape than it was when you came." Something to strive for.

That takes care of the world, the state, the country and the meaning of life. Now back to the yard work.

STUART TOLCHINOn LIFE



DO YOU REALLY WANT TO HOLD ON TO THAT FRITTER?

Last week's paper contained an amusing but critical response to my July 3, 2010 article Self-

Defense. Val Uslé satirizes my position relating to healthy food by imagining the establishment of huge governmental agencies employing "tens of thousands of government workers to enforce food consumption laws and to crack down on illegal drive-by donut purveyors or the rogue individual who drops a piece of dough into a fish fryer behind closed curtains in their home". The author of the response laments that it was bad enough that the government first came after his or her gun but now they seem to be coming after an innocent apple fritter.

Well is that so wrong? Answer—yes, it is wrong. Generally, I do not favor laws that require, in the words of Val Uslé, "a surrender of citizens' freedoms". There are some tough calls. The response seems to consider the legalization of abortion a violation of the rights of the unborn. To me this is a simplistic doctrinaire way of viewing a difficult question that concerns all of us. Admittedly, I used to be an opponent of abortion laws until I had a discussion with my grandmother. In a very few words, but with great facial expression and intensity, she explained the horrors endured by women inevitably connected to illegal abortions. Her expression conveyed the fact that I knew little of the pain endured and was unqualified to discuss the matter. The word she used I spell phonetically as "Nahrishkeit" which is an individual's propensity to exemplify the qualities of the irretrievably and irreparably stupid.

I think my grandmother's characterization applies to much of the debate regarding the Constitutional application of governmental power to restrict individual actions. One of the columnists whose articles generally appear on the same page as mine asked me if there were actual statistics proving that the use of guns caused more harm than they prevented. Unhappy as the obvious truth might make Charlton Heston (also quoted in the response to my article) a person need only look around. Guns are bad—they hurt people—sometimes inadvertently but they hurt people just the same. The recently concluded trial of the BART officer who allegedly reached for his gun thinking it was a taser and killed an unarmed teenager emphasizes the point. One more time, GUNS ARE BAD,

and their use and availability must be limited.

Really though my article was not intended to be about abortion rights or gun control. It was about self-defense. How can individuals like you and me defend ourselves against the moneyed-interests that have placed us under attack? Furthermore, is it the province of government to aid us in our defense? I maintain that the main purpose of government is to provide for the safety of its citizenry. The justification for the Declaration of Independence was that people in the colonies were being treated unjustly and unfairly and were unsafe and therefore had the right and obligation to throw off the Colonial Rulers and cobble together a new and independent Country.

Citizens of this new Country, we Americans, are now imperiled by a different oppressor; or maybe, it's always the same old oppressor? The rich and powerful are utilizing their power to damage the rest of us. Yes, this is a capitalist, consumer society which by definition is fueled by greed. The manufacturers and retailers want to sell us stuff whether or not we need the stuff or whether or not the stuff is good for us. That's the way the system works and along the way jobs are created for us wage earner types who gain a certain amount of power and as we gain power we can obtain other services. Part of the way we exercise our power is through elections but in order to make decisions that benefit us we need to be an informed electorate. Our election process has become so dominated by the rich and powerful that many of us are too confused to define our own self-interest. Instead of understanding what's really going on we are captured by a way of thinking that prevents rational consideration. It is very possible that we are all being poisoned by the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, and even the education we receive.

I maintain that it is the responsibility of government to assist its citizens to separate the lies from the truth. Given this service we can make our own decisions. Sure, maybe we want to eat that fritter and maybe we want to feed that fritter and other sugars, salts, and fats to our kids. They taste good don't they? Well, maybe they wouldn't taste as good if we knew what we were doing to ourselves and to the future health of our kids, and to the future of the planet. We need to know what's happening in order to make informed decisions. That's all—now you can decide what to do with your fritter.

GREG Welborn

Healthcare's Destruction

The most prominent news of the week is the NAACP's decision to label Tea Parties as racist is not the most important news of the week. That moniker belongs to President Obama's recess appointment of Dr. Donald Berwick to head the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Now some of you are probably already bored with my article this week. After all, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services sounds like a boring title, boring job and boring topic. And I would agree with you. Unfortunately, this agency, and therefore its head, represents one of the most important players in our country's healthcare system. This is the agency which will ultimately decide how doctors are reimbursed, what procedures are allowed, how doctors are trained, how much input the patient will have in his or her medical decisions; in short, the person who heads this agency will determine what healthcare looks like for most of us average Americans. And the outlook is really, really, really ugly. That's why Obama appointed him at a time when there would be no confirmation hearings and no media scrutiny.

So, let's explore a little bit what this guy stands for, and let's do this using his own words, writings and pronouncements. Here's just a mild sampling of what Dr. Donald Berwick believes and will try to foist onto the rest of us.

- Any healthcare funding plan that is just, equitable, civilized and humane must-redistribute wealth from the richer among us to the poorer and less fortunate.
- I do not believe that the individual consumer can enforce through their personal choices a proper configuration of healthcare. This is for the leaders to do.
- You have to cap your national healthcare budget and then make the choices to keep it affordable regardless of who pays the price.
- Don't put your faith in the invisible forces of the consumer to do a better job of designing care than leaders can.
- It may be necessary to limit the growth of healthcare spending.
- 8% of GDP is sufficient.
- A progressive policy will control healthcare supply. It will have to be limited.
- The unaided human mind cannot assure excellence. Leaders must do this.
- Healthcare is a common good. It is not an individual issue.
- Healthcare must be made to be a collective human right so we can argue for control of nutrition, housing, employment and the like.
- Those working in healthcare must not be

allowed to work the system for the benefit of the specific patient. They must work the system for the benefit of the collective good.

- Prevention, annual physicals, and other screening tests are over-demanded services. They should be discouraged.

- Young doctors and nurses should come out of their training understanding the risk of putting an emphasis on individual autonomy.

If after reading these, you don't understand what a disaster healthcare under the Obama plan is going to be, then you and I are living on different planets. The President's claims that choice would be expanded, and that we could keep the healthcare plans we currently have in place if we want to, always appeared fanciful. This appointment of a man holding these views makes it clear that the President's statements were bold-faced lies.

We can't really be mad at Dr. Donald Berwick. He has been very clear from his earliest writings and speeches about what he believes and what he would do if put in charge. In that, there is a certain admirable intellectual honesty. Our anger should be directed toward a President who knowingly lied to us and then has purposefully waited until the 4th of July Congressional recess to appoint Dr. Berwick so that there would be no public Congressional hearings on his opinions and on what he will be doing for the next several years.

If the American people really want a government mandated, controlled and RATIONED healthcare system, which has as one of its primary goals decreasing choice and bringing down the quality of care at the top so that everyone is equal in receiving the lowest quality (that's what true "equality" means), then so be it. But Americans have a right to know that this is what is being proposed and to vote on it - either directly at the polls or through their elected representatives, who themselves have to stand for re-election. By bypassing the traditional and constitutionally proscribed Senate confirmation hearings, President Obama has denied all of us that right.

So much for bringing us the most transparent administration in history, or for eschewing the "old" ways of doing politics in D.C. through hidden or backroom deals. This appointment is only the latest in a series of traditional corrupt, Chicago-machine (continued on page 11)



Chris Bertrand

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

Spectacular Annandale Contemporary... Just Listed

The prestigious Annandale neighborhood, in western Pasadena, grew up around the Annandale Golf Club established over a century ago by, among others, railroad magnate and philanthropist Henry Huntington, and included members with familiar names like Gamble, Kellogg and Weyerhaeuser.

The winding streets above the club curve up and up, revealing only short bits of road ahead, like slowly unwrapping a delightful package. The slow climb leads one to expect panoramic views from the homes situated above. This sleek contemporary, just extensively remodeled, does not disappoint that or any expectation of this 4633 square foot single level home with separate guest house.

It's a neighborhood built on privacy, with many of the properties gated. The entrance to the property is elegantly "wrapped" in sleek lines suggesting the delights inside without revealing any of them. The pattern of the wrought iron gate is beautifully mimicked in the driveway detailing.

A camera intercom at the gate, part of a state of the art 8 camera DVD security system, provides the resident with a full view of guests at the gate. A long level driveway whets the appetite for the 2.1 acres with fresh landscape and hardscape, including punctuations of grass infused pavers.

A courtyard entry soothes the soul with a long stone waterfall which can also be enjoyed from the formal living areas. Conversely, from the courtyard one can see all the way through the home to downtown LA and well beyond, even to the ocean on clear days.

The water feature extends across the pathway to the front door, inviting the entrant to step across the steel bridge to this contemporary refuge. In accordance to the owner's attention to detail, the pattern of the bridge material imitates the front door hardware.

Once inside, the owners kept the best of noted Pasadena architects Cain and Mc Kerracher's design and materials, during an extensive remodel, just completed. An earlier owner expanded the floorplan, adding master suite space and an extra bedroom. I found the home perfect for a single or couple, as well as a family, a true rarity. The wing with three bedroom suites is separate, with a fourth bedroom and bath off the kitchen. A separate, 835 square foot guest house with full kitchen and bath is adjacent, but completely private.

Dark polished terrazzo still eloquently speaks of the home's 1961 origins, as does the living room's fireplace wall of Palos Verde stone and floor to ceiling glass views toward the saltwater, infinity edge pool, downtown and the ocean.

The owner's stone and tile industry background provided them knowledge and expertise in choosing unusual and exciting, yet highly durable, flooring, counter and bath surfaces. Each application is sleek and uniquely stunning, like the 24" polished porcelain "super white" tile in the kitchen and casual areas with stainless steel spaces to tie the kitchen's stainless steel to the rooms beyond.



1352 Glen Oaks

Porcelain tile is a wonderful application for kitchens, baths and pool areas due to its through color and impermeability to stain. Believe me; I've tested it in my own home, accidentally, of course. The iridescent glass tiles in the pool change color and personality depending on the weather and light. The Indian "Rainforest" marble is spectacular in one of the baths, as is the "Deep Sea" granite in the dining room wet bar... and much more.

Outside, the 550 square foot deck, just renovated with cable rail and fire resistant decking creates an outdoor living space for the gentle breezes that come up into Annandale Canyon through the notch in the hills below the home. The neighborhood banded together over the past years to purchase previously development-ready land, to preserve the neighborhood as is, for future generations.

Important in this area, there is dedicated parking outside the gate, plus ample space for a dozen cars onsite, in addition to the (fabulously finished) garage.

The owners have created the magical balance between elegance and a practical comfortable lifestyle. I was admittedly reluctant to leave it behind to return to hot city life.

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political acts that have made a mockery of our democratic traditions, ideals and the President's own words.

The appointment was so brazen and wrong that even the Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Max Baucus, complained about the end-run, stating "Senate confirmation of presidential appointees is an essential process prescribed by the constitution that serves as a check on executive power". We can only hope that other Democratic senators come to realize that it is not just the people's power this president seeks to limit. He is truly comfortable – desirous actually – ruling from on high without the consent or opinion of the Senate or House.

Those who follow and count themselves as fans of Barack Obama may seem themselves as philosopher kings who, along with their anointed leader, know what's best for the rest of us, but the rest of us Americans simply see arrogant, condescending bullies who want to control the most sensitive and private decisions we will ever be called to make: decisions about our health.

Elections have consequences, and we are living the natural consequences of electing to the office of the presidency the 2nd most left-leaning Senator in the history of the Senate. I am willing to forgive the electorate for their 2008 decision, since candidate

Obama did everything he could to position himself as a moderate (see my Dec 11, 2008 article). The voters accepted that version and prayed it was close to the truth. The ensuing 1-½ years of his presidency have shown the color and texture of Obama's true stripes. In that sense, then, the next election will matter more. With the truth being disclosed with every utterance and appointment of this administration, voters will have a clear opportunity to inform their leaders whether they wish to live in a land of freedoms or limits.

The choice has never – I repeat, never! – been clearer in my lifetime. My only hope is that when the inevitable repudiation of the extreme leftist turn in our country's governance occurs that we will not have traveled so far down that path that we will not be able to repair the damage. Actions and elections have consequences. Whether it is in the form of Supreme Court nominees or Medicare agency appointments, we must always be vigilant and guard our freedoms and rights, or we will find them usurped and co-opted by those who believe that they know better than the rest of us how to live our lives.

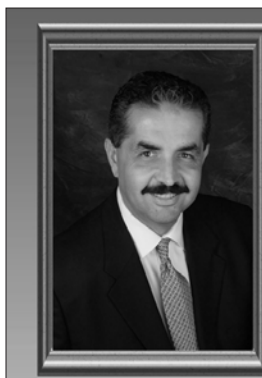
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This year's tax filing season is behind us, but if you sell your home this year (or any other, for that matter), you'll find your home will shelter your taxes as well as your family. Specifically, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 provides a substantial exemption on your capital gains when you sell.

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There are even provisions if you are forced to sell before you satisfy the two-year requirement, for reasons such as job change, illness, divorce, disaster or others. The exclusion on capital gains taxes is simply prorated in



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

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these cases.

For example, if you live only one year in your home before being forced to sell early, you can exclude up to one-half of the normal limits from capital gains taxes (up to \$250,000 instead of \$500,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly). As always, consult your tax professional to discover how to maximize the benefits of homeownership.

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