



A Taste of Sierra Madre

The first festival showcasing the ‘flavor’ of this treasured foothill Village. A day of fine arts, great food, live music, and unique design on Sept 11, 2010

Schedule of Events

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Coolest Kitchen Tours

10:00 AM Kersting Court Opening Ceremonies
Gooden School Ensemble
Student Fine Arts Awards
Drama performance from St. Rita School
Bethany Christian School
Student musical performances

11:30 AM FOOD COURT in Kersting Court until 2 p.m.

Noon Presentation of Grand Prizes for Student Art and Essay Contest

Police & Fire Department Chili Cook off
Eric Byak Project Live Music

12:30 PM Chef Chris Allen
Chocolate Truffle Demonstration

12:45 PM Cheryl Barnes & Dr. Phil Cabasso vocals and jazz

HEADLINERS CONCERT:
SME Auditorium at 141 W. Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre

1:00 PM Gayle Bluemel and the Late Bloomers in SME Auditorium

2:00 PM Kate Lee’s Family Tree Band in Kersting Court
Michael Bishop and David Cousins in Kersting Court

2:00 PM Chris Stranding # 1 Album BLUE BOLERO and Orchestra performs in SME Auditorium

3:00 PM Paul Brown 2 Time GRAMMY Winner, 38 # 1 Hits in SME

3:20 PM Michael Lington and Eric Byak Project, Lauren Wood, Katisse in SME

4:00 PM Kersting Court Closing Ceremonies with Patriotic Songs by Combined Choirs From St. Rita and Sierra Madre Congregational Churches

4:30 PM Conclusion of Tribute to Police and Fire Department in Kersting Court

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Rotaplast Cleft Palate Surgery Fund and expanded fine arts programming at the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center.

Every dollar makes a big difference to kids near and far!
\$35 All access/ all venue tickets; \$20 Adult Kersting Court ONLY tickets; \$10 Children 5-18 Kersting ONLY
Buy tickets online or in town at Savor the Flavor, Best Buy Drug, The Bottle Shop and Belle’s Nest.

www.ATasteofSierraMadre.com a 501c3 nonprofit
Smiles@dgrp.com 626-355-3471 Taste of Sierra Madre Activities

One Million Dollars



For the second time in less than a year, Happy’s Liquors in Sierra Madre has sold a winning lottery ticket. A lucky Sierra Madre resident, who shall remain nameless, won a million dollars by purchasing the lucky ‘Scratcher’ at Happy’s.
In November, the store sold a winning Super Lotto ticket worth more than \$191,000.

Jandal Singh holds the kind of scratcher that held the winning numbers. According to Singh, Happy’s Liquors will recieve \$10,000 from the California Lottery for selling the winning ticket.
Happy’s Liquors is located on the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre.
Photo by S. Henderson

City To Celebrate New Radio Station

The City of Sierra Madre will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its new emergency radio station on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm. The event will take place in City Hall at the radio broadcast desk. Mayor Joe Mosca will cut the ribbon along with Hank Landsberg, Project Manager and winner of this year’s Public Safety Award for spearheading the emergency radio station project.
WQKW561 is a Sierra Madre’s “Emergency and Public Service Radio Station”. It is a local non-commercial AM radio station that is licensed and regulated by the FCC as a “Travelers Information Station”. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre and surrounding areas at 1630 on the AM dial, and may only be used to broadcast emergency, public safety, and community information.
In times of emergency, AM-1630 will distribute important emergency information to residents, even during power outages. During a fire, earthquake, flood, or mudslide, AM-1630 will provide the important safety information that residents need. Soon, residents will be alerted to tune to AM-1630 with the return of the horn in the center of town. A series of three blasts of the horn will notify the town to tune to AM-1630 for up to date emergency information.
The Sierra Madre Fire and Public Works departments will be conducting intermittent testing of the horn during the next few weeks. Beginning in November, the horn will again sound daily at 5:00 pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
In non-emergency times, AM-1630 will broadcast information about non-commercial community events, e.g., Wistaria Festival, Art Fair, 4th of July, etc. These events will be publicized, providing listeners and visitors about event hours, location, parking, etc. For information on how to publicize an event on AM-1630, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

The Sierra Madre City Council appropriated \$14,672.00 from Internal Service funds that were budgeted for emergency communications in November of 2008 and appropriated an additional \$9,237.00 of unrestricted general funds in February of 2010 to be used if needed. However, the community donated over \$13,000.00 for this project and the system was completed well under budget. Only \$2,250.00 of the City’s Emergency Communication funds was needed and no general funds were necessary to complete this system.
The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council spearheaded the fundraising efforts for the project. Other organizations such as the Sierra Madre Civic Club and private residents contributed more than \$13,000.
This project is another fine example of Sierra Madre’s All America City spirit where residents, community groups, and the local government come together to accomplish a common goal.



Hank Landsberg, Project Manager and Former Mayor George Maurer, who was instrumental in organizing interest in the project test the new equipment.

Festival To Teaches The Entire Family How to Take Action to Be Ready

by Donna Cayson

Do you have emergency supplies set aside in case there is a disaster such as a major earthquake? Does your family have an emergency plan that includes how you will communicate when there is a disaster? For many people, planning for an emergency or disaster is not a priority.

According to the 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey, only 36 percent of individuals believed there was a high likelihood of a natural disaster to EVER happen in their community. Many people think they have everything they need in the event of an emergency at hand, and can simply “grab and go.”

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) – the perfect time to take action and get your family READY. Preparedness is everyone’s responsibility. We all have to work

together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and our communities are ready. During NPM, the Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Project (SMIPP) and the City of Sierra Madre are hosting the *Sierra Madre Family Preparedness Festival* on Saturday, September 11th at Memorial Park. The Festival will begin at 9:00am with a flag and 9/11 remembrance ceremony performed by local Girl and Boy Scouts along with members of VFW Post 3208. Mayor Mosca will deliver a preparedness message and officially kick-off the day.

The festival is designed to educate the entire family on a variety of preparedness topics. Children can learn about safety during earthquakes and fire by going through LA County Fire Departments “Shakey Quakey” trailer and the Pasadena Fire Department’s “Smokehouse” trailer.

Representatives from FEMA will be on hand to distribute a wide variety of preparedness materials along with “REX” the READY mascot who will teach children about preparedness. Pasadena Humane Society will be offering pet preparedness education along with an opportunity to adopt a pet.

The Sierra Madre Senior Commission is also participating and is focusing their efforts on Senior Preparedness offering assistance with The File of Life and resources from Methodist Hospital. The Lions Club mobile medical unit will be on hand offering free eye and hearing tests. Other participants include the Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, Sierra Madre Police & Fire Departments along with Sierra Madre
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Mon:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tues:	Sunny	H 80s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY "Fall" Into a Good Book!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, September 13 through Saturday, September 18, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics are Fiction, Mysteries, Memoirs, Biographies, Specialty and Children's books. Books are replenished daily, and are only \$1.00 each.

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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Senior Citizen Day at the LA County Fair

Arcadia Senior Services is having an excursion for individuals age 50 and over to the Los Angeles County Fair. The specially designated day for senior citizens is Wednesday, September 15th. The bus will leave the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive at 11:00am and return at 6:00pm. Cost of the trip is \$8.00, no refunds, and includes admission to the fair and bus transportation. Lunch is on your own. There are limited tickets available and can be purchased at the Arcadia Community Center before September 7th.

For additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

SIERRAMADRE'S FARMERS MARKET

Wednesday 4-7pm

Fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms.

Specialty foods, vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic foods and hot food - Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free. *Free public parking on Mariposa.*

Sierra Madre, CA. – General Plan Steering Committee Seeks Participation and Input

The City of Sierra Madre is looking for volunteers to participate in updating the General Plan. What is a General Plan, you might ask? It is the document that defines what our city will look like and how it will be economically managed and developed over a long period of time. The General Plan guides the policy-making of city government.

In 1996 the City of Sierra Madre adopted a General Plan that was written by the people and for the people. It was the vision of the community that Sierra Madre retain its village atmosphere, stay safe and friendly, and provide services that people want and need. That plan has served our town faithfully and well, but it is time for an update to look out over the next 20 years. You might ask yourself: "Am I qualified to participate and give input on the future of our city?" YES, you are and the more community members that get involved, the better the plan will be.

In the coming weeks and months there will be many opportunities to participate. The process is being guided by a General Plan Steering Committee appointed by the City Council. The committee is a group of citizens, just like you. The chair of the committee is Denise Delmar and other committee members are Ken Anhalt, Leslee Hinton, Teryl Willis and Debbie Sheridan. The City Council anticipates adding four more members to the Steering Committee at its September 28th meeting; if you are interested, please submit your application to City Hall soon.

There are many opportunities for you and your neighbors to get involved. The steering committee is looking for volunteers with areas of interest in Community Outreach, Environmental Resources, Commercial Uses, Existing Conditions, and Open Space upon others. If you would like to volunteer, please contact De Alcorn, Secretary of Service and Volunteering at dalcorn@cityofsierramadre.com or by calling City Hall at 626-355-7135.

The General Plan Steering Committee meetings are held the first Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The committee and the community look forward to hearing from you!

Alverno High School Celebrates Fifty Years of Empowering Exceptional Women

Alverno High School, the independent, Catholic college prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre is commemorating 50 years of empowering exceptional women with a series of events throughout the 2010-2011.

The celebration begins with a cocktail reception and reunion on September 18 in the school's landmark Villa del Sol d'Oro. In the spring, the school is holding its annual gala and auction with dinner and dancing to be held on March 19, 2011. And, to conclude the yearlong celebration, a community-wide family barbeque and picnic will be held May 21.

Alverno opened its doors in September 1960 as a Catholic high school for girls run by the Sisters of St. Francis. Known as Alverno Heights Academy and built in trend-setting California mid-century modern style, the high school enhanced the property the sisters purchased from the family of Dr. Wallace Jarvis Barlow in the 1940's. The Villa was used as their convent.

"The Sisters of St. Francis firmly believed in the power of women to positively influence the world," says Ann Gillick, Alverno Head of School. "The foundation of empowering women reaches back to the beginning of Alverno and continues through the current sponsorship of the Immaculate Heart Community."

More than 4,100 exceptional women have graduated from Alverno High School during its first fifty years. A multi-media museum retrospective of class photos, uniforms, yearbooks, and mementos will offer guests insight into the Alverno experience past, present, and future. Current students will model some vintage Alverno uniforms.

The 50th Anniversary Kick-off on September 18 is open to the community, and all are welcome to celebrate Alverno's first half century. Tickets are available on scrolling section of the website at www.alverno-hs.org.

Learn the Finer Points of 'Painting Nature'

Artist Jay R. Ewing leads six-week watercolor class series at Descanso

Learn the finer points of painting the natural world from accomplished local artist Jay R. Ewing. He will lead "Painting Nature," a six-week series of watercolor classes at Descanso Gardens. The classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Saturday, Sept. 11.

The classes are aimed at beginning and intermediate art students. Taking it step-by-step, Ewing will teach watercolor basics, including mixing color, using washes, brush control exercises and other techniques. He will also provide instruction in the principles of drawing, including the use of light and shadow and perspective. Students will learn to draw from life and from photographs.

The instruction will take place in the classroom until the final week, when students spend the day drawing and painting in the Gardens.

The cost of the series is \$120 general, \$90 Descanso members. Course fee includes admission to the Gardens. Space is limited. To register, phone (818) 949-7980.

Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. Descanso is open daily (except Christmas) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 general, \$6 seniors and students, \$3 children 5 to 12. Children 4 and younger enter free. Class fee includes admission to the Gardens. General information: (818) 949-4200.



End of Summer Edition

A HUGE thank you to all the great musicians who played at my birthday bash last month, and also to all of you who attended - I hope you had as much fun as I did! And my sincere apologies to Tony at the Buc and Kevin at 322 for taking most of their customers away that night! Stay tuned to the Music News for more fun events coming up at the American Legion. OK - I hope I didn't miss anyone or anything... I'm sort of out of practice!

RECURRING GIGS:

SATURDAY - DAVE OSTI "Unplugged" @ the Novel Cafe in Pasadena - alternating Saturdays. 1713 E. Colorado Blvd., between Meredith & Bonnie. 626-584-5495. Beer, wine & food.

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

THE SUBS have a new venue, Glendora Continental - 316 West Route 66. Every other Sunday, 6-10pm. End of the weekend fun!

OPERA TO BROADWAY! VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

TUESDAY - AMAZING BRAZTEC ORCHESTRA (featuring "Veal or no Veal" and LIVE Karaoke.) Dave Osti's weekly extravaganza. Every Tuesday Night @ Aztec Hotel/Mayan Bar in Monrovia, 9pm (corner of Foothill and Mayflower) <http://www.facebook.com/pages/edit/?id=14670213867750#/?pages/Amazing-Braztec-Orchestra/146702138677570>

Didn't see it listed for Sept: **TUESDAY** - "QUIZZIDGE" - back to Tuesday nights at 8:00pm??? Hosted by Deanna Cogan @ Cafe 322. \$2 per person to play/up to 4 on a team. Cash prizes/gift certificates to the top 3 teams. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 9pm. Bring your favorite vinyl records and play an entire side on the house turntable, commercial free! 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, friendly service!

NOW WEDNESDAYS? IT WAS THURSDAYS IN AUG., BUT I BELIEVE THAT'S CHANGED - CALL TO VERIFY - The MELLOW Dz (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) alternating @ Oceanview Bistro in Montrose from 7:30-10pm. 3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818-248-2722. Acoustic Rock. www.ovbistro.com

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

FRIDAY - The MELLOW Dz (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) Fridays @ The Brass Elephant/Aztec Hotel in Monrovia (corner of Foothill and Mayflower) from 6-9pm. NOTE: earlier time for Fri. 9/3: 5 - 8pm.

BARRY SCHWAM (the Thermin guy) "I play to backing tracks almost every Friday night (the 4th Friday of each month excepted) @ the yogurt shop in Sierra Madre's Kersting Court, "Yogurt and More", from 7 to 9pm. I play to about 50 or 60 cover tracks. I even have a following! My slogan is: Come to Yogurt and More, to hear music on the Theremin, and get your culture."

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

THIS WEEK and beyond:

SAT. 9/4 & SUN. 9/5 - Group Art Show & Entertainment @ McGinty's Gallery at the End of the World in Altadena, 2475 N. Lake Ave. 626-794-8779. More than 30 artists (including Nancy Unruh) will exhibit works in a range of media. Noon-dusk Sat. - Potluck BBQ and entertainment, FREE/please bring a dish to share. Noon-dusk Sun. - Brunch and entertainment, FREE/dish to share welcomed. www.galleryattheendoftheworld.com

SAT. 9/4 - JEFF STETSON BAND @ THE NOVEL CAFE IN PASADENA, 7 - 9:30pm. 1713 E. Colorado Blvd., between Meredith & Bonnie. Beer/wine, burgers, pasta, breakfast all day! Blues. He's the guy who named me SierraMadreSue many years ago! http://novelcafe.cisco-source.com/?page_id=76

SAT. 9/4 - OPEN MIC NIGHT @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. Always on the first Saturday of the month, and just one dollar for performers or audience. Sign-up starts at 7:30. If there aren't enough slots for everybody they'll make a list for the next month, and call you. Each act gets two songs or ten minutes, whichever comes first. The show starts at 8:00. They'll have desserts and coffee ready. Bring your friends and family and join the show! <http://www.frethouse.com/>

SAT. 9/4 - LISA FINNIE & FRIENDS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Country/Jazzy Folk, and always quality musicians.

MON. 9/6 - MAXBUDA @ THE OLD TOWN PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm? Corner of fair Oaks & Union behind the Container Store. Enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Chester, Jerry, Ted, Bruce, Peter and Nick on noisemakers. An eclectic mix of jazzed-up rock. One of my favorite bands. Every first Monday night.

THURS. 9/9 - COW BOP @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. Cowboy Jazz, Western Bebop. PintoPammy on vocals. Lots of fun! <http://www.cowbop.com/>

FRI. 9/10 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES DANCE PARTY @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30pm - Midnight. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. R&B, Disco, Motown, Rock, Blues.

SAT. 9/11 - JEFF STETSON BAND @ ZEPHYR COFFEE HOUSE IN PASADENA, 8 - 9:30pm. 2419 E. Colorado Blvd. Food & beverages. Blues.

SUN. 9/12 - MURPHY'S FLAW @ Peter Strauss Ranch. Details to follow -- presented by Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and the National Park Service. Free admission.

SAT. 9/18 - ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF COCKTAIL PARTY AND ALL-YEAR CLASS REUNION, 5 - 8pm in the Villa del Sol d'Oro on campus. Call 626-355-3463 ASAP for info./tickets.

SAT. 9/18 - JEFF STETSON BAND @ THE NOVEL CAFE IN PASADENA, 7 - 9:30pm. 1713 E. Colorado Blvd., between Meredith & Bonnie. Beer/wine, burgers, pasta, breakfast all day! Blues.

SAT. 9/18 - ROCK NITE @ Cafe 322 in Sierra Madre, 8:30 - Midnight. THE SYRUPS, THE METAL MARIACHIS, CHIMPANJESUS. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, no cover. Tony from the Buc would like this show - too bad he has to work!

SUN. 9/19 - "Voombodian Women from Outer Space" @ The Sierra Madre Playhouse, 7:30pm. "It is an original script by me (Barry Schwam, (the Theremin guy) and has all the flavor of the old "B" movie 1950's sci fi classics. It is funny, full of sound effects, and nice looking Voombodian Women!! Fine for all ages. And only \$5 admission!! Come and see it!! Here is the website for more info: <http://www.voombodianwomen.info>

TUES. 9/21 - MURPHY'S FLAW @ BASC "Bluegrass Night" at Braemar Country Club. "This is our third appearance and it may be the charm! We have no idea what we mean by that. Tip offerings accepted in the love jar."

FRI. 9/24 - SWING DANCE PARTY with FLAT TOP TOM & HIS JUMPCATS @ CAFE 322, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, dance floor.

SAT. 9/25 - ROCK NITE @ Cafe 322 in Sierra Madre, 10pm - Midnight (after dinner music.) DOS featuring Mike Watt, ARE YOU A COP?, FATSO JETSON. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, no cover.

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

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Saturday, Sept. 25, 7-11am

in Memorial Park

\$5 Donation

Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis

2010-2011 Children's programs

On 9/11 Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission to Give Out File of Life Packet

The File of Life is a program that allows Sierra Madre residents to fill out a special form with critical medical information and make it available to the local paramedics in case of a medical emergency. The information is stored in a plastic envelope in the resident's refrigerator and a decal on the resident's front window alerts EMS personnel that the information is available on the premises.

The Senior Community Commission, in conjunction with the Sierra Madre Fire Department's Life Savers Program, is making File of Life packets available to Sierra Madre residents at no charge. The packets will be distributed for the first time at the Preparedness Festival on September 11 - 9 am to 3 pm in Memorial Park. After the event the packets will be available at the Hart Park House - Senior Center, City Hall and the Fire Department.

Commissioners and volunteers will be available at the event to help seniors fill out the form. For further information, please contact the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.

FESTIVAL
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CERT members, Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council and the Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team. There will also be information on making emergency kits,

insurance and many other topics that will cover a broad range of preparedness related issues.

The Sierra Madre Family Preparedness Festival is part of the SMIPP's and City of Sierra Madre's participation in the NPM 2010, a month set aside to encourage individuals and

families to take steps now to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Donna Cayson at 626-318-9743.

Rex is Coming!

Rex, the official mascot of *Ready Kids*, is heading to Sierra Madre on **September 11th** for the **Sierra Madre Family Preparedness Festival** and he wants to meet you!

Rex is a super strong mountain lion who works to help kids like you and your families prepare for unexpected events like earthquakes, wildfires and mud slides.



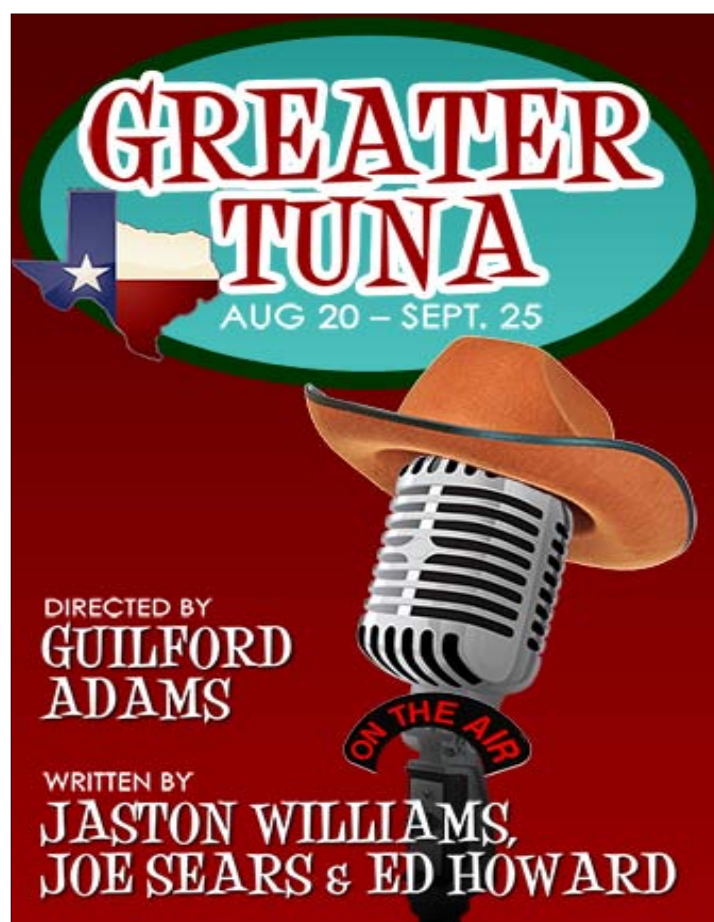
www.site.smipp.org



Get ready to meet Rex by visiting www.ready.gov/kids
You can read all about Rex and his family.

Event Information

Event: **Sierra Madre Family Preparedness Festival**
Place: **Sierra Madre Memorial Park**
Date: **Saturday, September 11th**
Time: **9:00am to 3:00pm**
Phone: **(626) 318-9743**



WHAT: "Greater Tuna."
The hit comedy.

WHO: Written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard.
Directed by Guilford Adams.
Produced by Christine Soldate.
Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse.
Starring Justin Baker and Dustin Fasching.

WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse
87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.,
Sierra Madre,
Ample free parking behind theatre.

WHEN: August 20- September 25, 2010.
Fri. & Sat. at 8, Sun. at 2:30.
Dark on August 22. Opening Night performance on Friday, August 20 is preceded by a Champagne reception and light buffet at 7:15.

ADMISSION: \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$17. Children 12 and under, \$12.
RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION: (626) 355-4318. ONLINE TICKETING: www.sierramadreplyhouse.org

Paul Brown



Eric Byak



Lauren Wood

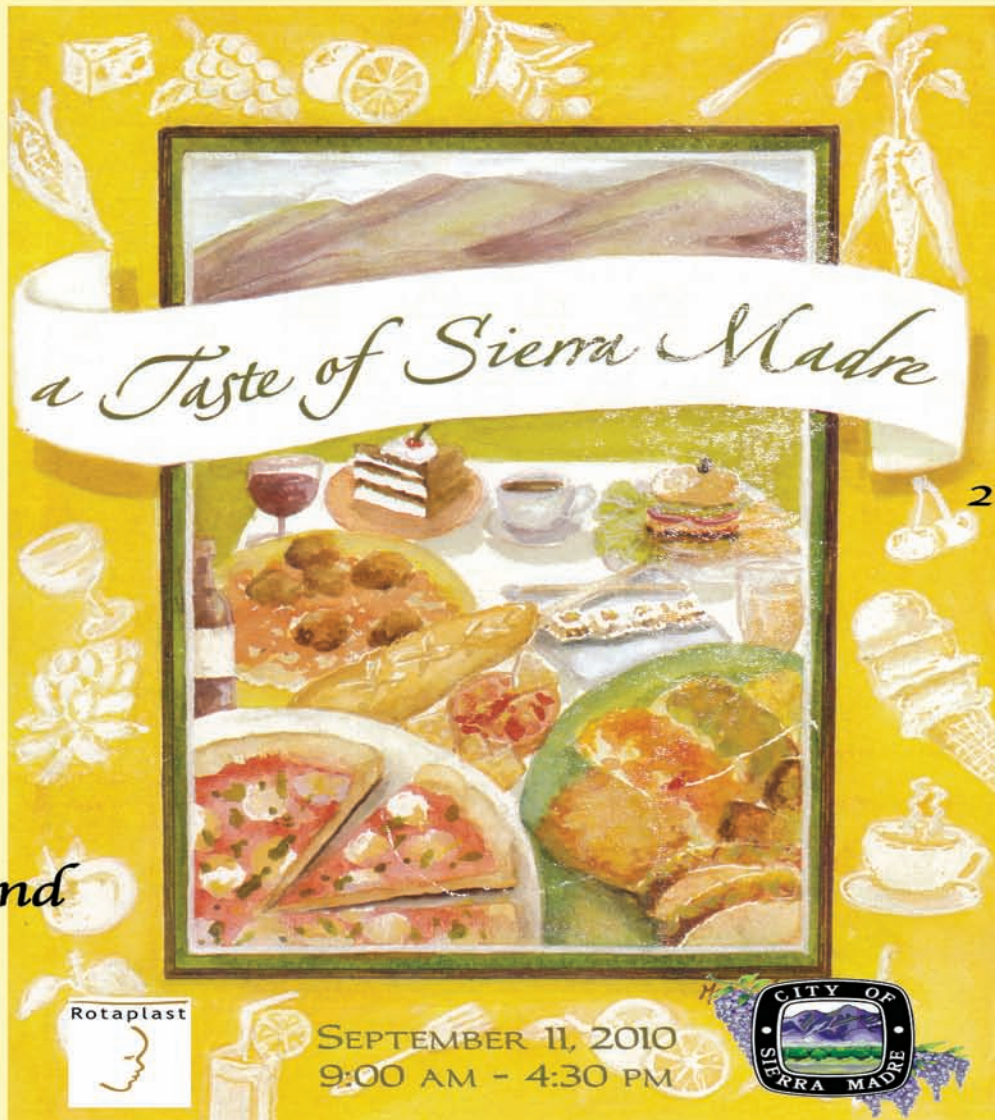


Late Bloomers Band



A celebration of

Student Fine arts and essays
"Childrens Smiles Around the World"
24 food booths and Coolest kitchen Tours
& live Music festival



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Chris Standring



Michael Lington



2 time GRAMMY winner

Paul Brown
Chris Standring
Michael Lington
Eric Byak
Lauren Wood
Cheryl Barnes &
Dr Phil Cabasso
family Tree
Late bloomers band
Gooden School Ensemble





Hit and Run Suspect Sought by Police

Eighty-three year old man critically injured in incident



The Pasadena Police Department asked for the public's help Friday looking for Lucio Morales, also known as, Martin Beltran, in connection with a felony hit and run that left a eighty-three year old man critical injured.

Police say Wednesday morning Pasadena resident Frank Paneno was riding a motorized wheelchair in the bicycle lane westbound on Cordova St. when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Morales. Police further said Morales then made a left turn onto Chester Ave striking Paneno in the intersection dragging him and his scooter several feet before stopping.

Morales along with his passenger exited their vehicle and pulled both the scooter and victim from underneath the vehicle. Morales got back into his vehicle and fled the scene leaving his passenger and the victim behind.

Paneno suffered major injuries to his head and body. He was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. Police said investigators had located the suspect's vehicle abandoned in Los Angeles. Morales is wanted for felony hit and run and possibly DUI police said.

He is described as Hispanic, 5' 8" tall, approximately 160 pounds, with wavy black hair. Anyone with any information about him is asked to contact the Pasadena Police Department at 626.744.4241.

Pet of the Week



Sicily, a beautiful, three-year-old, "diluted calico" cat is very affectionate. She came to the shelter as a stray and is currently awaiting her new home. She can be independent but gets along with other cats too. Come meet her today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A271900 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org



Playhouse Plaza Redesign Gets the Ok

By Dean Lee

The city's design commission gave the go-ahead Monday night voting 5-1 stating there are no significant changes or new information that would trigger further environmental review for new construction of a six-story 159,829 square-foot mixed-use building that some say would dwarf the Pasadena Playhouse directly across the street.

Commissioner John Byram was the only nay vote on the nine member board.

The commission also favored a number of minor conditional use permits for the Playhouse Plaza at 680 East Colorado Blvd, including increase in the square footage and four adjustment permits for deviations from the Zoning Code, including the building's height.

The new submitted design redistributes the mass of the project, including the addition of a full story making the overall project now six stories along Colorado Blvd. It also increases the floor area ratio (FAR) something many at the meeting were apposed to including

Councilmember Terry Tornek. "The approved project has an FAR in zone 1 on Colorado of 3.02," he said. "Which is less than a percent higher than the maximum of 3.0."

Tornek further said that nowhere in the city's Central District, bound east and west by Mentor and Pasadena Avenues, was there a floor ratio above 3.0.

He said the new proposal in zone 1 now has an FAR of 3.98.

"This minor modification is 32 percent greater than the FAR provision for anywhere in the Central District," he said. "So the solution that you're being presented with tonight, of height averaging that isn't really averaging and an FAR that is not a minor but is a major modification, is really quite extraordinary."

Tornek added that he also did not think the project met the requirements for both the Central District Specific Plan and the city's General Plan.

Many at the two hour long packed meeting said they approved of the new plans including a large group of Pasadena Playhouse members. Some said they changed their

minds, first opposed to the project, now that most of the bulk of the project had been moved away from the Playhouse. This was something the city council asked for at a June 7 meeting.

The project's zone 2 and zone 3 along El Molino include a public plaza aligned with the open courtyard of the Playhouse and a six story subterranean parking garage. The plans include a public gathering area and outdoor dining. The square footage for public space increases from 9,600 to 10,515 something supporters also liked. Parking would include 522 spaces, of which, 155 would be public.

Byram shared similar concerns as Tornek including height averaging, FAR and if the changes would trigger further environmental review.

Members of Pasadenans for a Livable City also spoke against the project. The group formed by former council member Sid Tyler and Pasadena planning Commissioner Richard Norton are suing the city to stop the project. Tyler was not at Monday's meeting.



Moving forward, extending light rail from Pasadena to Azusa, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Tuesday opened a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design build and finance the \$450 million project expected to be completed by 2014.

According to officials, Phase 2 of the project will include construction and financing of 11.5 miles of track, utilities, crossings and systems; six stations and multiple bridges. It will also include a 25 acre light rail maintenance facility. "Our communities are eagerly awaiting arrival of the Gold Line," said Construction Authority Board Chairman, Azusa Councilman Keith Hanks. "With the construction industry's enthusiasm for the financing component of the project, it is incredibly exciting that we will be able to realize those dreams years earlier than we would through traditional financing."

Construction Authority officials said they would be entering into a public-private partnership with the winning bidder, who will

finance the gaps between the Construction Authority's funding stream and the project's cost curve during the first several years of the project. They further explained, this financing plan will afford project completion years ahead of the anticipated public funding stream.

The RFP includes more than 10,000 pages of updated engineering drawings and project information, including details of each station and the 11.5-mile corridor. Proposals are due January 27, 2011 and an award is anticipated in April 2011 they said.

"This has taken a significant effort," said Construction Authority CEO, Habib F. Balian. "My staff has spent the last five months drafting procurement documents, coordinating decisions with corridor cities, Caltrans and Metro and going through an extensive external review process which included a peer review panel of transportation agency representatives from around the country."

"Because of the level of detail we are able to provide

the bidders, as well as today's very competitive bidding environment" adds Balian, "we believe the final bids will save millions of tax dollars over the next four years."

The RFP was released to three pre qualified firms, short listed through a competitive process earlier this year, they include: (1) Foothill Transit Constructors (Kiewit Pacific Co. and Parsons Transportation Group Inc.); (2) Shimmick Construction Company/URS Corporation; and (3) Skanska USA Civil West California District/Balfour Beatty Rail, Inc.

Officials said the first contract was awarded in June 2010 to Skanska/AECOM for \$18 million, to design and build a 584-linear foot bridge over the I-210 Freeway that will allow connection between the existing Sierra Madre Villa and future Arcadia stations. A third procurement process will begin in late 2011 to select a team to design and construct parking facilities planned at the six stations.

According to a study published earlier this year by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, The Foothill Extension could result in an estimated 7,000 jobs and nearly \$1 billion in economic output for the region during construction.

It would also be the first rail project to break ground under Measure R, the county's half cent sales tax increase approved by voters in 2008 committing \$40 billion to traffic relief and transportation upgrades throughout the county over the next 30 years.

One Colorado gets into the Fashion

Pasadena is set to take part in the biggest fashion party in history, Fashion's Night Out, with fall fashion previews, consultations, demonstrations, samples, and free refreshments.

A live runway show in the One Colorado courtyard starts at 8 p.m. Sept. 14 and will showcase apparel and accessories from nearby shops.

For more information go to; onecolorado.com/fno.

Thousands Expected in Annual Queen and Royal Court Tryouts



2010 Royal Court (from left) Rose Princess Ashley Thaxton, Rose Princess Kinsey Stuart, Rose Princess Katherine Hernandez, Rose Queen Natalie Innocenzi, Rose Princess Michelle Van Wyk, Rose Princess June Ko, Rose Princess Lauren Rogers

Out of thousands expected to take part in this year's Tournament of Roses Queen and Royal Court Tryouts Sept. 18 and 20 only seven lucky women will be named, after a month-long try-out process, to the 2011 Royal Court.

The month long process will include quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. The 2011 court will be announced Oct. 11, and the queen announced Oct. 19. Both announcements will take place at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Tournament House.

In a statement Tournament officials said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for young women who live in the Pasadena surrounding area to represent not only their city, but their school and the Tournament of Roses."

They also said representatives

of the Tournament of Roses and former Royal Court Members will be conducting informational sessions at area schools over the next few weeks. "Contact your school administrators or the Tournament of Roses for more information."

As ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses and the city of Pasadena, the 2011 Rose Queen & Royal Court will reign over the 122nd Rose Parade and 97th Rose Bowl Game on January 1, themed Building Dreams, Friendships & Memories. The New Year celebration will be seen by millions of people around the world.

Participants can pre-register by submitting an application at <http://www.tournamentofroses.com/participants/court-registration.asp>.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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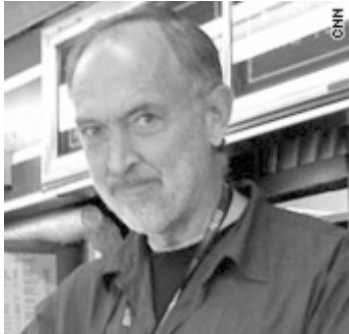


The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

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CNN Cameraman David Rust to be PCC Honoree



David Rust, Pasadena City College class of 1976, was selected by the board of directors of the Community College League of California (CCLC) to receive the California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award. He will be presented with the award at the CCLC's annual convention on Nov. 18 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Rust began his college education at Kent State University in Ohio where he found himself struggling academically. After a bit of soul searching, he returned home to his native Los Angeles and enrolled in the journalism program at PCC. Although Rust didn't plan on taking more than a couple of classes, he ended up completing every photography and journalism course available. "I enjoyed being at PCC so much that I didn't think about making money or using my skills

to get paid," Rust said. He picked up some practical experience working on The Courier while on campus.

After earning his Associate of Arts degree from PCC, Rust found employment at several newspapers and eventually moved into television news. In 1980, he landed a job at the fledgling cable company called Cable News Network (CNN), working out of their Los Angeles bureau. Since then, he has worked in all 50 states and on six continents. As CNN's senior cameraman, his assignments have taken him to such diverse locations as the pyramids in Egypt, the Great Wall of China, the Eiffel Tower, and the Berlin Wall.

"Now when I'm out shooting for CNN, I think about the tremendous knowledge I learned from my instructors [at PCC]. They not only helped me decide whether I wanted to go into photography or journalism, but also to understand the enormous importance of ethics and grammar," Rust said.

Rust currently lives in Rosewell, Ga., with his wife, Agnes, who is also a PCC alumna.

For more information, contact the PCC Alumni office at (626) 585-7468.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, August 8th, to Saturday August 14th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 311 calls for service.

Wednesday, August 11th:

10:22 PM – Robbery, 300 block West Sierra Madre Blvd., Three suspects robbed a male juvenile at gun point. One suspect pointed a silver colored handgun and stole the juvenile's I-Phone and skateboard. The subjects fled westbound on West Sierra Madre Blvd. in a four door burgundy Honda, partial license plate number 6C. The suspects were all described as male whites wearing black "hoodies". One suspect had blonde hair and freckles. The total loss was reported at \$400.00.

Saturday, August 14th:

8:11 AM – Grand Theft, 00 block Esperanza Ave. Suspect stole gardening equipment from the bed of pick-up truck. The truck was parked in the apartment complex carport area. The crime occurred between 7:30 pm, Friday, 8/13 and 7:30 am, Saturday, 8/14. Stolen were a leaf blower, weed eater, and hedge trimmer. The loss was estimated at \$425.00.

During the week of Sunday, August 15th, to Saturday August 22th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 333 calls for service.

Thursday, August 19th:

11:08 PM – Prowling/Peeking in Doors and Windows, 300 block West Montecito Ave. A suspect described as a white man with close cut hair was reported looking into the windows of an occupied home. Officers detained a suspect nearby who matched the description, and they arrested him for an outstanding warrant. The prowling case is still under investigation.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 22, through Saturday, August 28, the Police Department responded to 901 calls for service of which 115 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 22:

1. Between 2:30 a.m. and 9:29 a.m., a grand theft auto occurred in the 100 block of Bonita. A 2003 black GMC Yukon was stolen from the location.
2. Loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised that they had detained a man for theft around 4:38 p.m. The suspect was seen concealing merchandise in a shopping bag and leaving the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and an 18-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for commercial burglary. Additional stolen property from Cotton On was also recovered in the shopping bag.

Monday, August 23:

3. While on routine patrol by the horse trail adjacent to Par 3, 620 East Live Oak, officers recognized a male subject due to numerous prior contacts. The 42-year-old Hispanic was a felony parolee at large with a no bail warrant, so he was taken into custody.
4. Units responded to the 1200 block of Oakwood around 11:14 a.m. in reference to a welfare check. Co-workers were concerned about an 81-year-old male Caucasian who did not show up to work. Upon entry into the residence, officers found the victim deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest. Further investigation revealed that he was suffering from terminal cancer.

Tuesday, August 24:

5. Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Arcadia around 4:27 a.m. regarding a battery investigation between two brothers. A 46-year-old victim was apparently struck in the head and face several times with a broken door jamb and a closed fist by his 40-year-old African-American brother. The suspect fled the scene prior to officers' arrival, and the victim was transported to a hospital for medical treatment. Later in the morning the suspect showed up at the station and presented his side of the story. He also sustained serious injuries to his head and hand and was also transported to the hospital. Due to the serious injuries sustained by both brothers and the conflicting stories, it is unclear who the primary aggressor was in the incident and a follow-up investigation will need to be conducted.
6. Around 1:52 p.m., units were called to the 5400 block of Peck in reference to several suspicious subjects going in and coming out of a parked RV. Subjects were contacted and a male Caucasian lied to officers by providing two different names. A fingerprint check revealed the 53-year-old man's true identity and that he was a parolee at large.

Wednesday, August 25:

7. Shortly after 2:00 a.m., a car was seen swerving between lanes and a traffic stop was initiated at Live Oak and Longden. A 31-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted and officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. A field sobriety test was conducted and it was determined that the driver was operating the vehicle while intoxicated. A record check also indicated that he had a suspended license for DUI and was on court probation for DUI. The driver was arrested at the scene without incident.
8. While officers were conducting an investigation in the 1000 Alta Vista around 4:52 p.m., they discovered a room with more than 30 marijuana plants. Lights, fans, and special ducting were installed in the room for the purpose of cultivating marijuana.

Thursday, August 26:

9. A solo traffic collision occurred in the 300 block of East Live Oak around 3:18 a.m. An intoxicated 23-year-old female Hispanic driver crashed into a tree. The woman was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment.
10. Between July 22 and August 26, a residential burglary occurred in the 00 block of Alta. While the resident was on vacation, unknown suspect(s) entered the home by breaking the dead bolt lock. Suspect(s) ransacked rooms and stole a substantial amount of cash and other property.

Friday, August 27:

11. Around 8:00 a.m., units responded to the 500 block of West Las Tunas regarding a possible suicidal subject. A 58-year-old male Asian victim was located, and he apparently died from self-inflicted lacerations to his wrists. Family members advised that he was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.
12. An auto burglary occurred between 12:55 p.m. and 1:07 p.m. in the 100 block of South First. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a vehicle and stole \$6,000 from the center console.

Saturday, August 28:

13. Around 3:35 a.m., a drunk driver ran a red light and struck a vehicle in the intersection of Baldwin and Huntington. The inebriated driver then struck a parked car in the 600 block of West Huntington. A 48-year-old male Hispanic driver was arrested for DUI, driving on a suspended/revoked license, and an \$85,000 felony DUI warrant.

14. Units responded to Tokyo Waco around 12:38 p.m. in regards to a possible battery. During an argument, a man struck his fiancé in the face with a closed fist. A 65-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for inflicting corporal injury to cohabitant.

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Barraza Named Pasadena High School Principal

Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Superintendent Edwin Diaz today announced that he has named Gilbert Barraza as principal of Pasadena High School. Mr. Barraza will be introduced at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, August 24. He replaces Derick Evans, who retired after eight years as principal of PHS.

“With his leadership and outstanding record as an educator, Mr. Barraza will guide Pasadena High School to even higher levels of academic achievement for every student,” said Diaz. “His experience, expertise, and ability to work collaboratively with students, faculty and parents will help accelerate achievement and enhance PUSD’s leadership team.”

Mr. Barraza joins PUSD from the Calexico Unified School District, where he served as principal of Calexico High School since 2004. As principal, he led the re-constitution of the campus and helped the school earn a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. During his tenure,



Gilbert Barraza, former principal of Calexico High School joins the Pasadena Unified School District

seventeen of the school’s graduates won the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarships, Calexico High School earned national recognition for its Advanced Placement program, and was

named a silver medalist in 2009 by U.S. News & World Report for its college-going culture.

“I am honored, proud and, and ready to join the PHS Bulldog community,” said Mr. Barraza. “I am committed to providing consistent leadership, fostering collaboration and plenty of two-way communication with all stakeholders.”

Prior to his appointment at Calexico High School, Mr. Barraza was assistant principal of Eastwood Heights Elementary School in El Paso, Texas; and activities director at Bel Air High School, also in El Paso. He began his career as an English teacher at Hanks High School in El Paso in 1989.

Mr. Barraza holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Texas at El Paso, and a Master’s in Educational Administration from New Mexico State University. He has a California Clear Administrative Services Credential.

PASADENA OFFERS AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION

Youths will soon have 12 school playgrounds to choose from for their after-school recreation and enrichment.

Organized by the city of Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department, the After School Playground program is a socially active experience that lets children choose from among many activities.

“Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy setting on the playground that is fun for children,” said Darrell Walker, recreation supervisor.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14, the program will be available to children ages 5 to 14 years old, and includes sports, a health and wellness program, arts and crafts, drama, dance, board games, homework assistance and free snacks at most sites.

Programs are at Pasadena Unified School District playgrounds throughout Pasadena and operate from school dismissal bell through 6 p.m. daily. Programs are closed on school holidays and pupil-free days.

School locations are:

- * Don Benito, 3700 Denair St.
- * Field, 3600 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
- * Hamilton, 2089 Rose Villa St.
- * Jackson, 593 W. Woodbury Rd.
- * Jefferson, 1500 E. Villa St.
- * Longfellow, 1065 E. Washington Blvd.
- * James Madison, 515 Ashtabula St.
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- * Webster, 2101 E. Washington Blvd.
- * Willard, 301 S. Madre Ave.

Enrollment fees per school semester are \$25 per child and \$22.50 for each additional sibling.

Registration is now available at www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve (click on View Activities). Walk-in registration is available at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

For more information contact Stephanie Carter at (626) 744-7532, scarter@cityofpasadena.net or Elizabeth Luna at (626) 744-7302, eluna@cityofpasadena.net.

SME Principal Bluemel Dons Her Musical Hat

By Chris Bertrand

Gayle Bluemel, principal of the two campuses of Sierra Madre Elementary School, is known best around the community as a dedicated teacher and administrator, who’s devoted her entire career to the children of the Pasadena Unified School District. To some, she’s also known as a member of the *Late Bloomers* band.

Back in 1973, she began as a fourth grade teacher at Washington (then an elementary) School in Pasadena. Throughout her ensuing twenty years in the classroom and then in administrative roles, she always blended her love and talent for music and drama, her initial college degree, into her academic life.

She arrived at Sierra Madre Elementary in 1990 as a first grade teacher, then moved on to a curriculum position at the school. In 2006, she assumed the leadership reins of SME’s two campuses with 700 students in k-5th grade and about 300 in grades 6-8.

These days she and her staff are proudly at the forefront of PUSD’s improving API test scores, solidly at the top, as highest performing elementary

school in the district for the second year.

“Each year we’ve moved forward in our test scores, which I attribute to our really impassioned educators here, a balanced curriculum and the tireless dedication of our parents and the extended community. We started at 789 in ’06 and moved up 100 points by 2009 and indications are we again improved in 2010.

Karen Miller, an SME parent reflected, “Ms. Bluemel is a champion of both academic excellence and musical artistry, so it’s no wonder she has led Sierra Madre School into one of the top performing schools in the state.”

Now Bluemel’s daughter, Emily Clark, is carrying on the family music tradition in her role as the Upper Campus drama, vocal and glee club teacher for the PAK, Performing Arts Kids, funded by the school’s yearly fundraiser.

Come September 11, Bluemel and her group, *The Late Bloomers*, will share their music with *A Taste of Sierra Madre*. They’ll warm up an enthusiastic crowd at 1 p.m. that day, anticipating the Smooth Jazz sounds of numerous other



The Late Bloomers

Class of 2014 Aims for the Stars at Alverno



Frosh Crew: Daniella Dutcher, Kendall Khonsari, Bella Daniels-Campos, Asia Chapa, Haley Edwards, Tessa Brandstetter, Sarah Cramer-Mason and Kelly Youssef get to know each other. Photos by Mona Lufti

An elegant poster reading “The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Dreams” was one of the first things members of the Alverno High School Class of 2014 saw as they joined together in the school’s Villa del Sol d’Oro for their orientation.



ASU President Julia Morreale (center) with ASU Cabinet members Sascha Rosemond and Emily Near.

“That theme was developed over the summer in our Leadership Workshop for incoming girls,” says Dean of Students Cam Gonzales. “Each girl was asked to bring in a word or phrase that meant something to her, and the class discussed them and chose “Stargazers” as their theme.”

Alverno Student Union (ASU) president Julia Morreale led the extensive planning for the orientation. “The girls in the Leadership Workshop were just exploding with ideas,” she says. “ASU was able to take some of those ideas and build an orientation that would really mean something to this new class.”

Highlight? “Watching how this class came together. It was seamless,” says Julia. “The 2014’s are going to be awesome.”

Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic, college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre, celebrating 50 years of empowering exceptional women. Its college-prep curriculum attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

jazz musicians at the event’s headliner venue later that day in the SME auditorium.

SME’s intimate 1920’s vintage auditorium of only 525 seats was restored during the facility’s remodel a few years ago, and will provide a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with these stellar musicians on September 11.

Bluemel’s group and all the other musicians are donating their performances for the event’s two great causes for children. Half the funds raised will fund cleft palate surgeries for children who can’t afford them through the non-profit Rotaplast organization. The other half will fund expanded fine arts offerings through the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center.

The *Late Bloomers* name is a bit of a play on words, referring to Bluemel and her husband, Dan

Ames, who reconnected after their friendship in high school and married just a decade ago. In fact all four of the group, Bluemel, Ames, Scott Shepherd and Ross Johnsen will turn 60 this year.

Bluemel says she’s always felt it important to share with her students the importance of a balance in life, and that there is a real life application for music and the arts, though not necessarily for personal gain or fame. “Music feeds my soul. My own life would be so empty without music! It’s as much a part of me as the education side.”

To attend the concert and participate in other *Taste of Sierra Madre* events, purchase tickets in Sierra Madre at : Savor the Flavor, Best Buy Drugs, The Bottle Shop or Belle’s Nest. Online tickets are also available at www.ATasteOfSierraMadre.com.

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

My Monday Night Football Round Up 2010

Hello, Football fans, and arm chair quarterbacks. It is that time of year; time to point you to the best spots to watch football in The San Gabriel Valley. A place where you can get a decent beer and some grub that won't keep you up all night. Recently I went to **Clearman's Boat** on The Pasadena/San Gabriel Border. I liked it!! It's a new building with 30 Large screen TV's to catch any game. The place resembles an old German Beer Hall, so there are plenty of places to sit and you will always have a great view of one of the many TV's. The Bar features 10 beers on tap and mixed drinks. The food is acceptable and not gourmet. I usually stick with their great cheese bread and renown salad.

McCormick and Schmick's in Pasadena, has been written up numerous times over the years for their amazing happy hour selections and basement prices. I have noticed that their (\$1.99) specials have been reduced, but there are always ample beer specials and they have upgraded their TV's to make the sports experience a touchdown.

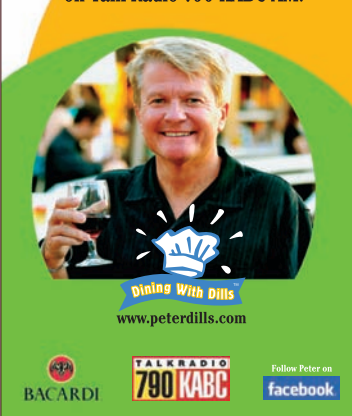
A place that might not come to your mind but offers fantastic food and a good viewing experience is **Il Fornaio**. The Bar has its own TV and they do offer a (\$5) menu with flatbread, salads and Chicken wings that will bring you right back to college days. It is not a place for a big football crowd, but if you just want to watch the game with a small crowd, checkout Il Fornaio.

Pasadena's number one destination for the sport enthusiast is **The Yard House**. With over 130 beers on tap and what I would consider above average pub grub, you can relax, drink and nibble. During the game there are many full portion appetizers at ½ price, plus deals on pints of beer; house martinis and wines are also specially priced. This is a true indoor tailgate experience. I typically sit at the Island shaped bar.

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Did I miss your favorite spot? If I did, let me know at thechefknows@yahoo.com

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



In his column last week, Greg wrote that President Obama “suffers the lowest approval rating of any President since we started keeping track of approval ratings”. I’m not sure when Greg started keeping

track, but according to the latest CBS News poll (August 26), Obama has an approval rating of 48%.

For comparison, there’s polling for other recent presidents taken a year-and-a-half into their first terms: George W. Bush tops the list at 70%, followed by George H.W. at 66%. At this point in his presidency, Obama’s 48% approval is higher than Bill Clinton’s and Ronald Reagan’s, who both came in at 42%.

After success in driving Iraqi forces from Kuwait, George H.W.’s numbers fell and he lost his bid for re-election. Reagan’s and Clinton’s ratings climbed and both went on to second terms. As for “lowest approval rating of any President”, we haven’t since and probably won’t see again the likes of George W. Bush’s 24% at the end of his presidency. (But it’s still a point higher than Sarah Palin’s current favorable rating of 23%.)

One thing presidents are judged on is keeping their promises; President Obama promised one month after his inauguration that all combat troops from Iraq would be withdrawn by the end of August, 2010 - a promise kept.

For the past couple years, the war has seemed like a radio or TV left on while you’re focused on something else; you’re aware of it, but not really paying attention. When it’s turned off, you might recall something you heard or somehow picked up. We all have our own recollections; here are some of mine:

Early in the Bush Administration, Vice President Cheney not having time to convene his committee on domestic terrorist threats, preferred instead to preside over a secret meeting of his energy committee, where reportedly a map of Iraq is pulled out and oil resources divvied up.

National Security advisor Richard Clarke complaining of the Administration’s initial reaction to 9/11; “How can we tie this to Saddam Hussein?”

President Bush making it clear he doesn’t want to go to the United Nations, he wants to go to war. Complaints that U.N inspectors are unable to do their job, while at the same time those inspectors are methodically destroying Hussein’s arsenal.

Ari Fleischer proclaiming Iraqis will “rejoice” at their liberation. Paul Wolfowitz assuring that the war will be paid for with oil revenues. Donald Rumsfeld asserting, “We not only know Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction, we know where they are.”

Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani warning, “We will welcome the Americans as liberators, but will fight them as occupiers.”

The career of Gen. Colin Powell coming to an effective end after having to present amateurish drawings as “evidence” of “mobile weapons labs” to the United Nations.

Invading forces establishing the protection of oil facilities as the number-one priority.

Twenty-somethings manning the U.S.

Embassy in the Green Zone, with experience not in reconstruction but in Republican political campaigns. Thousands injured and dying while staffers debate how best to switch to private, for-profit medical care from the former government-provided system. Hunger rampant and crops destroyed while farmers are compelled to enter into seed-licensing agreements with Monsanto.

No media coverage of returning fallen soldiers, no combat on the nightly news, tightly-controlled “embedded” journalists. The toppling of the Saddam statue staged as elaborate photo-op. Phony stories concocted for Pat Tillman and Jessica Lynch.

Marines complaining of having made progress in pacifying Fallujah, until joyriding Blackwater yahoos barrel through town letting residents know who’s boss (and later whose charred bodies are found hanging from a bridge). The soldier complaining to Rumsfeld about having to scavenge through garbage piles for material to armor vehicles, while billions are shelled out in no-bid contracts (at least \$15 billion still unaccounted for). The officer who, including combat pay, makes about a tenth as much as the contractor hired to ladle out his oatmeal in the chow line.

The lieutenant who had a plan for addressing the problems of unemployment and trash-strewn streets in the town just cleared of the enemy - hiring drivers from among local residents at \$10 a day to haul garbage out of town. That plan being summarily rejected by higher-ups who instead order that outside contractors be hired at almost a hundred times the cost.

Soldiers electrocuted in their showers because of shoddy construction work performed by Halliburton subsidiary KBR.

Hopes for winning a “hearts and minds” campaign dashed with the exposure of the abuses at Abu Ghraib. Low-ranking servicemen and women convicted and sent to prison so those who authorized and encouraged the practices, up to and including Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, can escape accountability.

Joe Wilson, who exposed the lie of “yellow cake” uranium from Nigeria, smeared as a partisan hack. His wife Valerie Plame, twenty-year CIA veteran working undercover on nuclear proliferation in the Middle East, exposed and derided as a “glorified office worker”. Cindy Sheehan, mother of a fallen soldier, savaged by Administration apologists for demanding the President identify the “noble cause” for which her son died.

The Administration and military responding to media reports of soldiers’ complaints of abysmal care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center by punishing the soldiers who complained and further restricting media access.

President Obama suggested in his Oval Office address that now’s the time to “turn the page” on the war. It’s history, though, has just begun to be written. Hopefully, that history will be heeded more than have other lessons from our past, such as:

“ . . . we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence by the military/industrial complex. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.”

Dwight Eisenhower, 1961

Iraqi Lessons

President Obama’s prime time speech this week was given on the occasion of the formal end to hostilities in Iraq. While the president, to his credit, praised the accomplishments and sacrifices of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, it is equally important that we as a nation draw the proper lessons from the Iraq war. After all, 7 years of armed conflict should teach us something, and the all too present danger is that the wrong lesson will be learned.

Our president, as gracious as he was to the troops who bore the brunt of this war, still seems stuck in his original perceptions of the war. In 2002, Mr. Obama was a state senator and attended an anti-war rally in Chicago to pronounce this a “dumb war”. Later, as he entertained and then sought the candidacy for the presidency he articulated a more complex view. He told us that he was under no illusions about Saddam, that he had repeatedly derailed U.N. inspection teams, developed chemical and biological weapons, used these weapons on his own people, sought nuclear capacity and invaded two of his neighbors for no other provocation than either territorial gain or public stature. Nonetheless, Barack Obama concluded that “Saddam pose[d] no imminent and direct threat to the United States. He [could] be contained.”

Thus, Obama’s more nuanced view was that there were reasons to consider waging a war against Saddam, but the proper analysis should have been not to do it, because he could otherwise have been contained. This remains the president’s opinion, and it is widely held among his advisors and the liberal elite. As recently as last week, The Economist’s editors said that President Obama’s view was correct; all that this 7 year long war did was to “rid the Middle East of a bloodstained dictator”.

This is why I believe the stage is set for the wrong lesson to be drawn from this chapter in American foreign policy and military strategy. If this view is chiseled into the history books, we will get marginal credit for helping the Iraqi people, but also be seen as having been pretty stupid in how we choose to deploy our military and conduct our foreign policy. So, let’s ask the questions of what would have happened if the U.S. had not gone to war with Saddam. In all honesty, do we really believe that we could have contained Saddam? And what do we think the world would look like today if that path had been pursued?

I believe the obvious answer lies in the timeline of events from then until now. At the time of Obama’s first major speech on this topic to that anti-war rally in Chicago, there were at least 2 other countries striving for nuclear weapons capability. North Korea and Iran both stated publicly their intents in this regard and took concrete steps toward achieving them. In response, the U.S. and the rest of the “international community” stridently opposed these actions, publicly condemned them and warned of dire consequences if they were pursued. We alternately, imposed sanctions and sent aid. At various points along the way, each country agreed to stop their development efforts in return for aid or the relaxation of sanctions.

What we all know, of course, is that those were just the well played faints and bluffs of experienced poker players. The reality belied the public statements and celebrations of containment that only a true believer in the inevitable superiority of pacifism could deny. North Korea continued to develop their bomb right under our watchful eye, obtained the technology to throw missiles long distances, and even demonstrated their ability to do so by putting one up over Japan and well into the Pacific Ocean. Then came the announcement and world acknowledgement that the North Koreans had a working bomb. I may not be the greatest wordsmith, but the definition

of containment doesn’t allow for nuclear-tipped missiles being fired into South Korea, Japan, The Philippines, Alaska and Hawaii.

On the Iranian front, our favorite madman, Mahmoud Ahmadijead, has taken great delight over this period of time in mocking the West’s efforts to shutter his nuclear program. He has expanded the program, bragged about his progress along the way, threatened to actually use the bomb on Israel and convinced Russian and China to minimize if not outright thwart sanctions against his country. Apparently, the allure of cheap oil is just too much to pass by for Russia and China. Promise them easy access, and they’ll aid and abet your efforts to gain nuclear weapons capabilities. As of this writing, it’s the worst kept secret in the world that Iran will not imminently announce that they have the bomb, have the rockets and are trying to decide what to do with all of them, absent the Israelis doing what we should have done long ago.

Given this history, how does anyone reasonably conclude that we could have contained Saddam Hussein? I really am open to an honest and sincere logical argument about how we could have succeeded here where we so incredibly failed everywhere else we tried it. The most definitive report ever issued on Saddam Hussein’s Iraq, The Duelfer Report, makes clear that while Saddam didn’t have the WMDs he claimed to have, he nonetheless desired them, would have done everything in his power to get them and was very successful in convincing his own generals, his neighbors and every major intelligence agency in the world that he indeed did have them. What sense does it make to try to contain someone from getting what they’ve already convinced you they have?

Saddam was obsessed with Iran, and he was obsessed with ruling the Middle East. Is it at all reasonable to believe that he would have voluntarily given up his desire to have a weapon which would have allowed him to blackmail his neighbors, or to believe that given Iran’s progress along the nuclear timeline that he wouldn’t have felt threatened enough for that reason alone to get the bomb. I honestly don’t think I’m naïve in concluding that Saddam Hussein would have laughed off containment efforts and eventually would have obtained WMD and nuclear weapons capabilities.

Given that conclusion, what do we realistically believe the other Middle East countries would have done? Does anyone really believe that Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia would have stood by and watched all this without taking the steps to obtain a bomb of their own? Does anyone believe that if we had allowed Saddam to succeed that any other country would take the U.S. seriously when we tried to prevent further proliferation?

The answers are as clear as they can possibly be. The proper lesson is that the Iraq War was necessary to preserving world peace and securing the interests of all democratic countries. Yes, we benefited the Iraqi people by removing the despot who had terrorized them. But we also removed the most significant hostile actor in the region, prevented rapid proliferation in that unstable region, and more than likely prevented the military use of a nuclear weapon. Pretty damned good for 7 years’ worth of effort.

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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 pass 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 you questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

Q: Employers and interviewers always have a lot of questions to ask during an interview. Why type of questions should I ask? Erin

A: Dear Erin:

The interview is a time for you and the employer to really get to know each other. Most employers only conduct interviews with candidates that they are possibly considering to hire. So, always consider the interview as the next step in the hiring process. However, do not relax. This is a crucial step to getting hire. The ideal situation would be for you to immediately start asking a few questions after introducing yourself to the interviewer. This would give you some advantage and understanding about the job. You could ask the interviewer: “What are they looking for in the ideal employee?” or “Could you tell me more about the position?” The more you know about the position, the better you will be able to respond to their questions. Also, ask the employer for permission to ask questions during the interview. Be sure that you have done your homework regarding the company and the position. Your questions will give the employer some indication as to the type of employee you will be. Your questions should show your interest in the company and the position. Be a good listener. Avoid interrupting the interviewer. Always ask for clarification about any questions that you did not understand. When the interviewing seems like it is coming to a close or when the interviewer asks that final question “Do you have any questions?” Ask them about their time-frame in making a decision and the start date. Summarize your strengths and ask them how you should follow-up. Then, ask them for the job.

Q: I have been a stay at home mother for 15 years. Before that I was a secretary. Our family has experienced some financial set backs, so I need to return to work. I think my skills are probably out dated. What would you suggest? Nicey

A: Dear Nicey:

Reach out and start networking with family, friends and former co-workers. Let them know that you are planning on returning to the workforce and will need their assistance or referral. Use the internet to search for jobs and job descriptions. This research will let you know what type of skills you will need. Enroll in adult classes or training courses. Develop a resume that summarizes your community, school or church activities. Your resume should include skills that could be transferred to the workforce (i.e., leadership, organizational or decision making skills). Add any achievements or accomplishments (i.e., winning, fundraising, events). Highlight your relationship skills (i.e., communication, customer relations, solving problems). The cover letter will be your most important document when applying for positions. Explain in your cover letter the reason why you are returning to the workforce. Do not state that it is for financial reasons. I would suggest that you explain that you are returning to the workforce because you have raised your family and you are now seeking a position where you could apply those skills and experiences.

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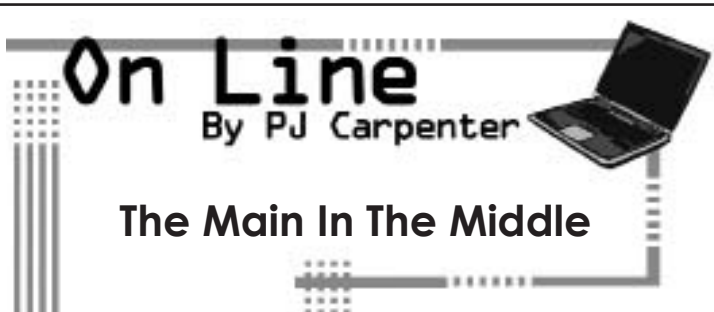
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In Computer World, a Man-in-the-Middle attack is one where an eavesdropper manages to intercept and access previously-supposed confidential communications without the knowledge of either of the intended communicants. This is accomplished by the attacker managing to electronically insert him or herself into the stream of communication without disrupting the actual message flow in progress. These types of attacks can be prevented (or at least made much harder to deploy) with the implementation of various encryption protocols and some technical planning and monitoring. The point is that prevention of potential compromise doesn’t just happen. It has to be purposefully sought after. Makers of various smartphones have gone to great lengths to ensure that communication conducted via their end devices was as secure as possible for all normal working conditions. In this country, telecommunications are also protected by various encryption schemes that work to keep calls and communication separate, encrypted and private. One leading smartphone service provider, Research In Motion, maker of the BlackBerry, had a fairly unique security model that routed and encrypted all traffic through its own servers. This model added an extra layer of security through consolidation and the fact that any potential message interceptions



couldn’t be decrypted in a short enough time for any of the information to still be relevant. It would take a really long time to decrypt a BlackBerry communication. RIM’s reputation for confidentiality made it the preferred device of politicians and business professionals. This reputation for confidentiality also made it the bane of national security policy makers in countries with a big stake in stemming terrorism, such as Saudi Arabia and India, both of whom have demanded that RIM grant their security personnel access to BlackBerry traffic originating from and coming into devices in their respective countries. Both countries also threatened a ban on the devices if RIM refused to comply with this request or provide a technical means of accessing encrypted traffic of interest to them. These developments were not met without a measure of concern on RIM’s part as its once-dominant market share continues to be eaten away by competitors. A ban on the devices by the Saudi market would certainly be uncomfortable but the loss of the Indian market is apparently unacceptable. In

addition to the attention the Indian government has been paying to the BlackBerry, there is also the matter of their concern over Google and Skype communications traversing the Indian telecommunications infrastructure. While the concerns of the Indian government over national security and anti-terrorism appear to be valid on their faces, those companies seeking to do business in the huge Indian business market worry about the very real possibility of sensitive communications related to trade secrets and business dealings being leaked by corrupt public officials to competitors. Even without official subterfuge there is the concern that the very security structure of the BlackBerry Enterprise will be weakened by allowing these exceptions to occur. RIM seems to be willing to compromise about this particular issue in order to appease the governments in question but at the end of the day they will have to question themselves about the quality and security of their signature service now that they’ve decided to let the man-in-the-middle call the shots.



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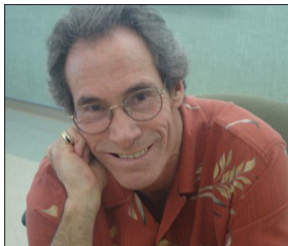
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systematically wiped out of existence in America. The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer at a staggering rate. Once upon a time, the United States had the largest and most prosperous middle class in the history of the world, but now that is declining at a blinding pace.

So why are we witnessing such fundamental changes? Well, the globalism and “free trade” that our politicians and business leaders insisted would be so good for us have had some rather nasty side effects.

It turns out that they didn't tell us that the “global economy” would mean that middle class American workers would eventually have to directly compete for jobs with people on the other side of the world where there is no minimum wage and very few regulations. The big global corporations have greatly benefited by exploiting third world labor pools over the last several decades, but middle class American workers have

My Turn

It should come as no news that the middle class is b e i n g

increasingly found things to be very tough.

The reality is that no matter how smart, how strong, how educated or how hard working American workers are, they just cannot compete with people who are desperate to put in 10 to 12 hour days at less than a dollar an hour on the other side of the world. After all, what corporation in their right mind is going to pay an American worker 10 times more (plus benefits) to do the same job?

The world is fundamentally changing. Wealth and power are rapidly becoming concentrated at the top and the big global corporations are making massive amounts of money. Ten years ago 1% of the population owned 56% of the nation's wealth; today that same 1% owns nearly 70%. Meanwhile, the American middle class is being systematically wiped out of existence as U.S. workers are slowly being merged into the new “global” labor pool.

What do most Americans have to offer in the marketplace other than their labor? Not much. The truth is that most Americans are absolutely dependent on someone else giving them a job. But today, U.S. workers are

“less attractive” than ever. Compared to the rest of the world, American workers are extremely expensive, and the government keeps passing more rules and regulations seemingly on a monthly basis that makes it even more difficult to conduct business in the United States.

So corporations are moving operations out of the U.S. at breathtaking speed. Since the U.S. government does not penalize them, but rather offers them financial incentives to do so, there really is no reason for them to stay.

What has developed is a situation where the people at the top are doing quite well, while most Americans are finding it increasingly difficult to make it. There are now about six unemployed Americans for every new job opening in the United States, and the number of “chronically unemployed” is absolutely soaring. There simply are not nearly enough jobs for everyone.

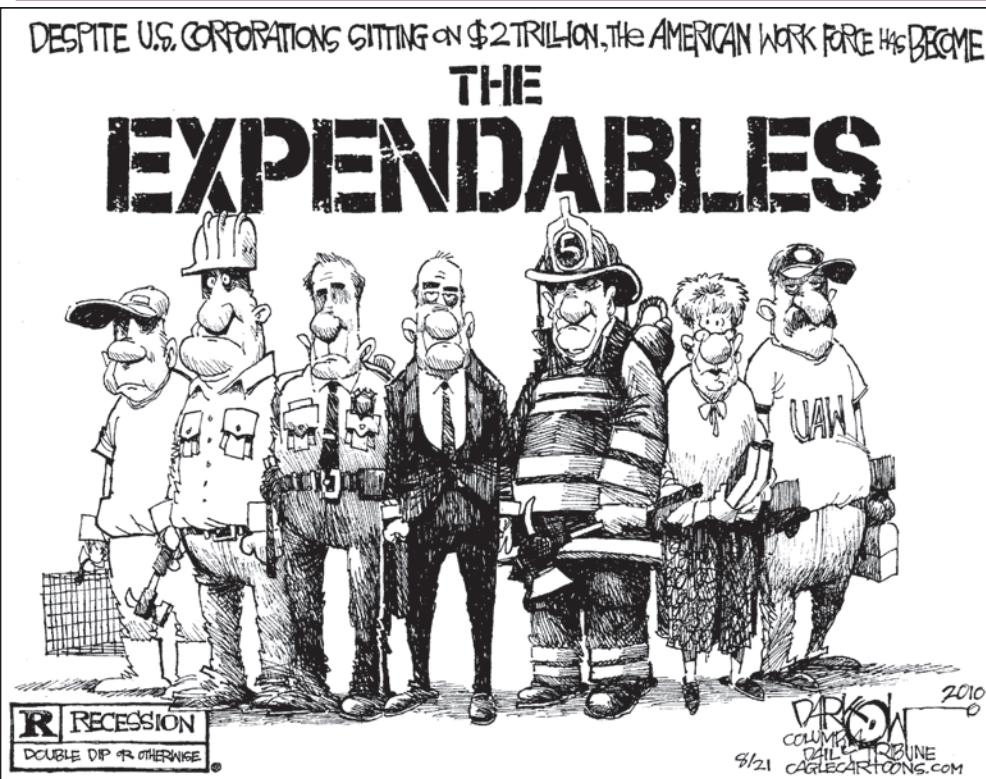
Many of those who are able to get jobs are finding that they are making less money than they used to. In fact, an increasingly large percentage of Americans are working at low wage retail and service jobs. Competing

for these low-paying jobs are millions of undocumented workers that will accept what they are offered, further undercutting wages.

But regardless citizenship or immigration status, you can't raise a family on what you make flipping burgers at McDonald's or on what you bring in from greeting customers down at the local Wal-Mart. Nor can you maintain even a low middle class standard of living collecting unemployment insurance or welfare.

The problem with the United States economy is that the middle class is rapidly being eradicated. Middle class Americans are the backbones of the American economy and spend a greater share of their income on consumption. They are the economic engine of prosperity. Yet the middle class consumer is struggling for survival while the rich are getting even richer.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the U.S. economy will never recover without the return of the middle class consumer. Even worse, once the middle class in America is gone it will be incredibly difficult to rebuild.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS!



In August, 2007, I, Mountain Views News Publisher and Editor, Susan Henderson, embarked on an ambitious endeavor by creating this publication, a community newspaper committed to providing news, not gossip or innuendo, to Sierra Madre, Pasadena, Altadena, Monrovia and Arcadia.

It hasn't been an easy task, but with the help of an amazingly dedicated and loyal staff and supporters, we have published over 2,400 pages of news and information. Countless hours go into the production of this paper every week and there are no words that can express my gratitude for all you have done. When we first began writers, Dean Lee, Bob Eklund, Paul Carpenter (who by the way is my eldest son), Peter Dills, Rich Johnson, Chris Bertrand, and Hail

Hamilton were right there with me. They continue to contribute, every week, and my sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to them. Also there in the beginning and still there behind the scenes today were Pat Birdsall, Joe Russo, Mary Carney, Lina Johnson and Kim Clymer-Kelley.

By our second year of publication, we added Stuart Tolchin, Chris Nyerges, La Quetta Shamblee, and John Avery who continue as part of our newspaper family. Shortly thereafter we were joined by Howard Hayes, Greg Wellborn, Richard Garcia and Patricia Plunkett.

We have had our ups and downs, and we weather the scrutiny and criticism that comes from taking on a task such as this, but I can speak for our entire crew, WE LOVE IT!

The Mountain Views News has been around long enough to even have two retirees, Pat Birdsall and Pat Ostrye, but they both continue to lend a hand and support wherever they can.

We are also quite proud of Teresa Baxter, who covered the Pasadena Unified School District for us. She earned a fellowship to Columbia University's School of Journalism, and she too, keeps in touch.

And last, but certainly not least, everyone at the paper thanks our subscribers and other financial supporters who got the ball rolling in those very, very difficult early years. Oh, of course, there is my family, who, no matter where they live, have given me whatever support necessary to keep the Mountain Views alive.

Thanks to each and everyone mentioned here, those who I may have inadvertently overlooked, and most of all *Thanks To Our Readers*, for you are truly the backbone of this publication.

So, fasten your seatbelts as we embark on yet another year of delivering the “news you care about.”



Subscribers like Grace and Artie Sanders of Buford, Georgia are an important part of the MVNews family.

STUART Tolchin On LIFE HAVE WE DRIVEN OURSELVES CRAZY?



Maybe it's just the books that I read, or the programs I watch, or the

people I hear talking, or maybe it's just in the air but it seems to me that everyone has gone kind of crazy? Every conversation I hear involves someone talking about human extinction and laughing about it and then moving on to some other topic like whether Lindsay Lohan needs more jail time. I feel like Chicken Little screaming that the sky is falling and no one seems to care.

Really, aren't you having the same experience? All right let me ask you the question: DO YOU THINK HUMAN KIND WILL BE AROUND IN ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS? . The most common response to my question is a variant of what do I care, I'll sure be dead by that time. Sometimes neighbors, otherwise seemingly sane people, say that human destruction and world-wide catastrophe is all in keeping with Biblical predictions;, worse yet, they seem kind of pleased about it. I guess they feel they're going to be all right because they go to church and don't say bad words and have good table manners.

Not saying bad word is exactly the kind of thing that makes me crazy. Parents think it's some sort of big deal to make sure that their kids do not say bad words. In Court no one ever uses profanity when speaking to a Judge even after they have been sentenced to prison We have all really learned this lesson but have failed to adapt to our kind of universal realization that the world is coming to an end and no one is doing anything about it. It's like we are all prisoners of our own lies. Children everywhere learn these rules about acceptable social behavior and as adults we are all stuck in these beliefs. The major reason for human survival over all these thousands of years is our ability to adapt and we are not adapting.

Maybe I'm the one who is being inappropriate. After all each of us must come to terms with our own death. Most of us have experienced the death of a beloved pet or even a relative. The world goes on right and each of us has adapted to our loss and has, more or less, gone on living our lives. What's the big deal? Maybe there's eternal life waiting for us after earthly demise; who am I to argue with such long-standing traditions? Wouldn't it be better to spend my time learning how to

use the applications on my iphone or working on my golf game, or even just keeping up with current events?

Current events!! The Tea Party Movement. That stuff really drives me crazy. It all seems to be based on the willing denial of knowledge. Tea Party folk seem willing to create a false world—maybe one like the fictional world that they learned about as children—and pretend that this nonsense is the actual truth. Things, like scientific knowledge or even personal experiences that do not fit in with these preconceived notions of truth are simply ignored. Evolution and stem research and any perceived need for gun control are evil myths propagated by the Devil and anyone who speaks these words is therefore demonstrably evil. It is not only the absolute ignorance of this position that bothers me. It is also the fact that the position is so popular and already has shown to be of great influence in Congressional mid-term elections. Even that isn't so bad—intolerable as it is—as my belief that the whole Tea Party Movement is a cynical and successful effort funded and orchestrated by the very, very rich for the purpose of making themselves even richer at the expense of everyone else.

Still, I should just not focus on Tea Party adherents. We are all guilty. We are all focusing on individual trees and not seeing the dying forest. Really, don't we all want humankind to survive? Have we all become so desensitized, so deluded, so busy, so filled with disinformation that we cannot notice that this time THE SKY IS REALLY FALLING. Our poor planet is going to Hell (and yes I know that I profess not to believe in Hell).

. We've all been so steeped in lies for our whole lives that we cannot now escape. Perhaps this is the inevitable end of human evolution —EXTINCTION. Maybe other live forms will do a better job of just being able to hang around for awhile longer. Still it makes me sad to lose hope for our poor doomed selves. I just happened to look at the Barak Obama Campaign poster that says HOPE. Irony, isn't it—where has HOPE gone?

Well, talk to you next week if da creek don't rise and if it does rise what can you do? Hooray football season is starting up—GO BRUINS. What else is important?

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Groundbreaking Program Saving Heart Attack Victims in the San Gabriel Valley

Arcadia— A successful pioneer program for transferring victims of severe heart attacks to Methodist Hospital for advanced treatment is saving lives – and hundreds more could be saved if the plan were to be replicated throughout the country.

Terrence Baruch, MD, medical director of Methodist Hospital's catheterization laboratory, started the program in 2008. It has already saved dozens of lives and has potential to save countless more in the future.

“Every year, two million people die in the U.S. – half of them from clogged arteries or complications from clogged arteries,” Dr. Baruch said. “If we set up systems like we have here at Methodist Hospital, we can have an enormous impact on heart disease – the number one killer in the U.S.”

The way was paved for the hospital's program in 2007, when Los Angeles County started a network of hospitals capable of treating patients with acute ST elevation myocardial infarctions (STEMIs), the most severe type of heart attack. Through the county's program, when paramedics responding to a 911 call recognize the patient's EKG patterns as a STEMI, they automatically take the patient to a STEMI-approved receiving center (SRC) – such as Methodist Hospital – that has angioplasty facilities.

The system has proven very effective; however, people often fail to react quickly enough during a heart attack.

“About half the people who experience STEMIs do not call 911, and they end up at hospitals without the appropriate

facilities to treat them,” Dr. Baruch said.

Community hospitals that have partnered with Methodist Hospital now avoid lengthy transport times with private ambulance services by calling 911 and reporting a “Code STEMI/SRC transfer” for immediate transport of a STEMI patient to Methodist Hospital.

“The main goal of our STEMI patient transfer program is to provide our community and surrounding areas with access to the lifesaving technology available here at Methodist Hospital,” said nurse practitioner Alisa Rock, coordinator of the patient transfer program.

For the STEMI patient, time is a matter of life and death. The longer the heart is deprived of oxygen, the more risk of the patient developing debilitating results or even death.

“The American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology recommend we strive to get the artery open in less than 90 minutes and obtain that goal in at least 75 percent of STEMI patients,” Dr. Baruch said. Methodist Hospital's cardiac chest pain team recently set a hospital record for unblocking a heart in 14 minutes door-to-balloon time (the time from the patient's arrival at the hospital to the time the blocked artery is opened) – a very rare accomplishment for any hospital.

As chair of the county's STEMI receiving center advisory committee, Dr. Baruch is in a position to ensure that the hospital's success spreads throughout, not only LA County,

but also the nation. Currently, only 4 percent of STEMI patients in the U.S. are transferred from one hospital to another for artery-opening angioplasty.

“My personal goal is to see to it that the level of care we have in this area is available to as many people as possible in the entire country,” Dr. Baruch said.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death for both men and women worldwide. Last year about one million Americans suffered heart attacks (acute myocardial infarctions). Of these, one-third had STEMIs. Heart attacks occur when the blood supply is stopped or greatly reduced to part of the heart, usually due to coronary artery blockage. A STEMI is a severe heart attack caused by a prolonged period of blocked blood supply that affects a large area of the heart.

This type of attack means serious risk of death or disability and requires quick responses by people and systems – from those with or near the one having the heart attack (who should call 911 immediately) to the emergency response team and the hospital staff receiving the patient.

Most hospitals commonly treat STEMI cases with thrombolytic or fibrinolytic therapy (medication injections to break up a blood clot inside an artery or heart cavity). STEMI is best treated, though, with emergency angioplasty (balloon inflation) in a specialized cardiac catheterization laboratory. It must be done within a critical 90-minute window and is only available at about 25 percent of U.S. hospitals.

An article by Dr. Baruch and his team describing Methodist Hospital's successful program was published in the September issue of *Critical Pathways in Cardiology, A Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine*. To view the article, visit the link below.

(http://journals.lww.com/critpathcardio/Fulltext/2010/09000/_Call_911__STEMI_Protocol_to_Reduce_Delays_in.2.aspx)

In the article, Dr. Baruch states that “a simple, focused emergency transfer policy based on calling 911 from a local community hospital can facilitate the transfer of patients to a STEMI receiving center and greatly reduce the time until treatment.” The article attributes a major factor in the program's success to the use of the local EMS, activated by a 911 call by the referring hospital. The article further states that a significant amount of time is saved when emergency department staff at a community hospital only have to make one call instead of multiple calls trying to find the right person to treat the patient.

In June 2010, Methodist Hospital achieved three American Heart Association (AHA) milestones with these designations:

Get With the Guidelines – Heart Failure Gold Performance Achievement Award Hospital

Get With the Guidelines – Stroke Bronze Performance Achievement Award Hospital



Terrence Baruch, MD

Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Center Bronze Performance Achievement Award Hospital.

This means that the hospital has met stringent AHA guidelines “to improve quality of patient care and outcomes” for stroke, heart failure and heart attack patients.

About Methodist Hospital
Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a 460-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care (neonatal and adult) and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's main standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. For more information, visit www.methodisthospital.org.

Mount Wilson Observatory Awarded Renovation Grant

MOUNT WILSON, CA — The National Science Foundation has announced the award of a \$1.48 million grant to the Mount Wilson Institute, which operates historic Mount Wilson Observatory in the San Gabriel Mountains above the Los Angeles Basin. The grant was awarded following a peer-reviewed competition in the NSF's Academic Research Infrastructure: Recovery and Reinvestment Program.

“This is a major shot in the arm for us and reaffirms Mount Wilson's ongoing role in contemporary astronomy,” said Dr. Hal McAlister, the Observatory director. “This grant will provide resources to renovate a significant portion of the aged infrastructure

While the bright skies of Los Angeles render the site no longer suitable for studying very faint objects in the distant Universe, Mount Wilson remains an outstanding site for observations that benefit from excellent seeing. Thus, the two original solar tower telescopes built before 1910 are still in daily operation on the mountain under direction of researchers from the University of Southern California and the University of California, Los Angeles. These two instruments routinely monitor the sun's magnetic field, measure its vibrational motions and monitor the number and nature of sunspots and other phenomena on its surface.



The Mt. Wilson Observatory - Aerial View

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of the Observatory to ensure its continued viability as a site for astronomical research.” To the casual visitor, the most obvious result of this grant will be fresh paint, for the first time in decades, on the major historic telescope domes on the mountain.

Founded in 1904, Mount Wilson Observatory 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. In the 1920s, Hubble used Mount Wilson's 100-inch telescope, then the world's largest, to show that we live in a galaxy among countless others populating a vast and expanding Universe. This launched a revolution in astronomical thought that set the science of astronomy on a new course. 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 site is known for its excellent astronomical “seeing” conditions, resulting from smooth air flowing in from the cold Pacific Ocean and not becoming very turbulent until after passing inland from the San Gabriel Mountains. “The stars over Mount Wilson don't twinkle as much as from most sites,” said McAlister, “which means that objects appear naturally sharper and more clearly defined through telescopes than they typically do from inland sites.”

Two other institutions, the University of California, Berkeley, and Georgia State University, have constructed modern, state-of-art arrays of telescopes that utilize the technique of “interferometry.” This method allows two or more telescopes to be linked together to enable them to perform as a single much larger telescope in terms of their ability to see fine detail in astronomical objects. In particular, Georgia State's CHARA Interferometer Array is for the first time producing images of the surfaces of normal-sized stars like the sun. Such stars have angular sizes equivalent to that of the period at the end of this sentence seen from a distance of 50 miles.

A year ago, Mount Wilson was in the midst of the Station Fire crisis which threatened to sweep the mountaintop, destroying irreplaceable historic facilities along with tens of millions of dollars in modern instrumentation. The Observatory is launching a “Second Century Campaign” to build a major new visitor center on the Observatory grounds. As a prelude to that venture, a new food venue, The Cosmic Café, was opened on the mountain this summer.

The café is open weekends, including long weekends like the upcoming Labor Day holiday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. “Come visit Mount Wilson Observatory,” invites McAlister, “and stay tuned to our development goals up here. This grant is a real milestone in ensuring that the Observatory does indeed survive well into its second century.”

Zippping up a Celebration for Duarte 9.10.10

DUARTE, CA, September 3, 2010 -- What's in a name? What's in a zip code? Beverly Hills' famed zip code 90210 may have a certain cachet that lends itself to the glitzy, star-studded celebration it had on 9.02.10. But Duarte 91010 believes that it too has a lot to be proud of as a city and with its coinciding date 9.10.10 just around the corner, reason to celebrate, with cake.

The City of Duarte is inviting the community to enjoy free cake and punch on Friday, 9.10.10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista St. Duarte Chamber of Commerce offices at 1105 Oak Ave., usually closed on Friday, will be open for business on 9.10.10 and will also host a community reception offering free cake and punch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Chamber will also offer a few special 10% discounts on Duarte Route 66 T-shirts, Casino Night of Stars tickets, and 10% off coupons for the Chamber's tasty pulled pork sandwiches to be served at the City Picnic on Sept. 18. “It's our way of letting the community know that we value our citizens and business stakeholders. We have one of the most active and involved citizenries in the San Gabriel Valley,” said Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera.

Chamber President and Chief Executive

Officer, Jim Kirchner agrees. “Volunteerism is a way of life in Duarte with dozens of organizations that support the community providing services to ensure the welfare of those in need, to supporting our schools, helping to keep our youth safe and positively engaged, enhancing the cultural benefits of the community, and actively participating in government and civic affairs. It is precisely that which continues to make Duarte 91010 ‘Our Kind of Town.’” said Kirchner.

Celebrating is also a way of life in Duarte with many events upcoming including 9.11.10, *Casino Night of Stars*, a benefit event for five nonprofit organizations: The Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Public Access (DCTV), Route 66 Parade, Duarte Senior Center, and Friends of the Duarte Library. On 9.18.10, *Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade* celebrates Duarte's heritage on the historic highway, followed by the *City Picnic and Classic Car Show*, celebrating Duarte's 53rd anniversary of incorporation. The 8th annual *Duarte Festival of Authors* featuring more than 50 authors in talks, panels and book signings takes place at Westminster Gardens on 10.2.10.

For more information about the Duarte 91010 celebration, contact the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or visit www.duartechamber.com.

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Looking Up

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DISTANT STAR'S SOUND WAVES REVEAL CYCLE SIMILAR TO SUN'S



“Essentially, the star is ringing like a bell...”

In a bid to unlock longstanding mysteries of the Sun, including the impacts on Earth of its 11-year cycle, an international team of scientists has successfully probed a distant star. By monitoring the star's sound waves, the team has observed a magnetic cycle analogous to the Sun's sunspot cycle.

The study, conducted by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, and colleagues in France and Spain, was published last week as a “Brevia” in *Science* magazine.

The scientists studied a star known as HD 49933, which is located 100 light-years from Earth in the constellation Monoceros, the Unicorn, just east of Orion. The team examined the star's acoustic fluctuations, using a technique called “stellar seismology.” They detected the signature of “starspots,” areas of intense magnetic activity on the surface that are similar to sunspots. While scientists have previously observed these starspot cycles in other stars (in work pioneered at Mount Wilson's 60-inch telescope), this was the first time they have discovered such a cycle using stellar seismology—a technique also pioneered at Mount Wilson, with the 60-foot solar tower telescope.

“Essentially, the star is ringing like a bell,” says NCAR scientist Travis Metcalfe, a co-author of the new study. “As it moves through its starspot cycle, the tone and volume of the ringing changes in a very specific pattern, moving to higher tones with lower volume at the peak of its magnetic cycle.”

“We’ve discovered a magnetic activity cycle in this star, similar to what we see with the Sun,” says co-author and NCAR scientist Savita Mathur. “This technique of listening to the stars will allow us to examine potentially hundreds of stars.”



The team hopes to assess the potential for other stars in our galaxy to host planets, including some perhaps capable of sustaining life.

“Understanding the activity of stars harboring planets is necessary because magnetic conditions on the star's surface could influence the habitable zone, where life could develop,” says CEA-Saclay scientist Rafael Garcia, the study's lead author.

Studying many stars using stellar seismology could help scientists

better understand how magnetic activity cycles can differ from star to star, as well as the processes behind such cycles. The work could especially shed light on the magnetic processes that go on within the Sun, furthering our understanding of its influence on Earth's climate. It may also lead to better predictions of the solar cycle and resulting geomagnetic storms that can cause major disruption to power grids and communication networks.

The scientists examined 187 days of data captured by the international Convection Rotation and Planetary Transits (CoRoT) space mission. Launched on December 27, 2006, CoRoT was developed and is operated by the French National Center for Space Studies (CNES) with contributions from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Spain, and the European Space Agency.

The study found that HD 49933 is much bigger and hotter than the Sun, and its magnetic cycle is much shorter. Whereas past surveys of stars have found cycles similar to the 11-year cycle of the Sun, this star has a cycle of less than a year. This short cycle is important to scientists because it may enable them to observe an entire cycle more quickly, thereby gleaning more information about magnetic patterns than if they could only observe part of a longer cycle.

For more information and visuals, see: <http://www.ucar.edu/news>

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KATIE TseThis and That

SHADES OF BBQ



Our daylight savings are almost spent and Labor Day is upon us. An aptly named holiday, it marks the end of the summer and the return to our labors. And for most people, it's the last chance to throw a BBQ.

We've all heard that, following the discovery of fire, man's next great innovation was to cook meat over an open flame. Animal protein is easier digested when it's cooked versus raw, and somehow this nutritional boost helped further the

development of our larger brains. BBQ is rooted deep within the human psyche. BBQ is primitive, instinctual, and tastes good. Now, of course, we know the inconvenient truth that charring food produces carcinogens, but that hasn't put Burger King out of business.

There are basically two kinds of people –those who BBQ and those who merely eat BBQ. (Even my vegan mom eats barbequed portabellas, corn, peppers, etc. I think she'd throw lentils on the grill except they'd fall through). My dad is of the former category, so much so that he doesn't let a little thing like the passing of Labor Day keep him from firing up the barbie. Some of my earliest memories are of standing with him out on the deck by his little battered Weber, watching the great clouds of pungent smoke billow over the roof. If he felt especially magnanimous, he'd let me hold the marinade pan between bastings.

My husband, on the other, was born into the latter category and is trying to move over to the former. His was a very urban childhood without these early formative BBQ experiences. In an attempt to learn, he bought a large multi-function grill to use at his parents' new house. (We can't practice at home because we're in a little second story apartment and would feel weird grilling in our carport.) He stores the iron giant in his parents' garage and, due to its bulk, rarely uses it. He also thinks that hooking up the gas and waiting 30 minutes for it to heat up can only be rationalized if he's going to make a lot of food at once. I mentally contrast this line of reasoning with images of my dad wheeling his little Weber under the overhang to avoid winter rains.

Maybe my husband and I will bring something tame and manageable, like macaroni salad, to our friends' Labor Day BBQ. Needless to say, we won't be hosting one this year, but, if you are, then I wish you happy grilling!

FAIRY TALE THEATRE

June Chandler and a terrific cast of actors have spent the summer creating lifelong memories in the hearts of hundreds of children.

The Sierra Madre Playhouse has played host to Ms. Chandler's Fairy Tale Theater offering up a series of four classic fairy tales including “Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz,” “Treasure Island,” “Sleeping Beauty,” and “The Frog Prince.”

Each of the plays has been uniquely written and produced inviting interaction between the cast and the children. The characters routinely move through the audience seeking help, advice, and yes even more from the kids, like hiding Dorothy from the Wicked Witch!

A steady parade of princes and princesses, wizards, pirates, ghosts, frogs, dogs, kings and queens enchant our young audience each week. What's more the entire cast will meet and greet audience members after each performance. What a perfect opportunity for kids to have a photo taken with their favorite characters.



If your kids, or kids you know have not experienced these plays there is still time. Showtimes are Saturdays at 11:00 and 2:00. Performances are 45 minutes long.

The Frog Prince hops on stage on September 11 at 11:00 and 2:00.

Treasure Island sails on stage September 18 at 2:00 only.

Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz takes the stage on September 25 at 2:00 only.

Tickets: \$18, children under 12: \$12.

Credit Card sales:
www.sierramadreplayhouse.org
Phone: (626) 355-4318

The Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA, 91024



RICH Johnson



My column last week “To Mosque or Not to Mosque” earned me a two finger salute (you guess which fingers) from a rather intolerant soul. What was fascinating was I was trying to agree with

him. Well, that's what happens when one ventures out into the public. Fortunately it happens rarely (a swift thank you to all who encourage me in more positive ways.)

So how about some ponderable statements to lighten the load?

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

How do you fold fitted sheets?

Do you think the freezer deserves a light too?

Was learning cursive (writing) really necessary?

Why can't there be a sarcasm font?

And Map Quest needs to start their directions on step #5. I'm pretty sure we all know how to get out of our own neighborhood.

I need to promote three of my favorite causes. Local singer/songwriter Jane Fuller is hosting an “Open Mic...for kids” night

PONDERABLES

at Café 322 on Saturday night, September 11. Showtime 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Kids 17 and under are invited to get up on stage and sing a song or play an instrument. Let's come support this unique opportunity for our kids and enjoy a great meal. Bring a young one if you have one. Jane will also be performing after the Open Mic event.

Quick, think back to a magic experience from your young years that is forever etched in your memory. June Chandler is building those lifelong memories in our young kids at her Fairy Tale Theatre series. The plays are interactive involving the kids in the play itself. And the kids can interact with the

actors after the play.

Finally, my friend Oscar, proprietor of Fresco's Family Restaurant in the Albertson's shopping center on Michillinda is offering great lunch combos at very special prices. \$6.95 buys you a simple hamburger and fries, taco salad, ½ a turkey avocado sandwich with soup or salad, or a cheese enchilada (with rice and beans.) They all include a soft drink.

\$7.95 buys you a carnitas burrito, country style jumbo hot dog, reuben sandwich with fries, chicken pasta, or a chicken tostada, again with a soft drink included. And \$9.95 buys you pepperoni pizza for 2 with 2 soft drinks included. This is Monday through Friday from 11:00 to 2:00)

Have a good week! (Yes, you too Mr. Middlefingers)

Chamber Business Workshop to Focus on Facebook for Your Business



The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce will hold a “Facebook 101 Workshop” featuring tricks and tips on how to use Facebook as a marketing tool for your business.

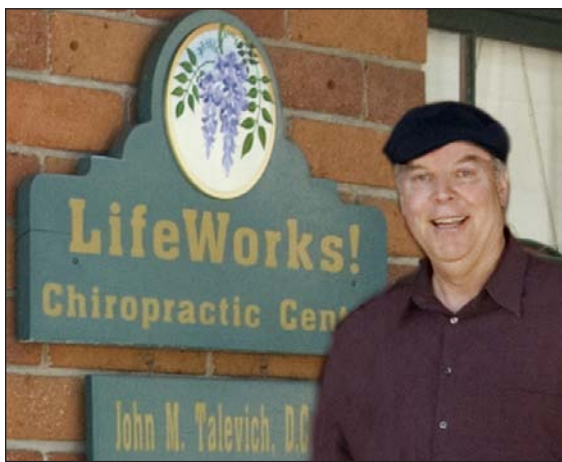
The workshop, facilitated by HUTDogs, will take place at The Shabby Dog, 31 E. Montecito Ave. in Sierra Madre, from 8:30 to 10:30am on Wednesday, September 15th. Cost of the workshop is \$10/Chamber members and \$15/non-members.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops and follow along. There is very limited seating, so reserve your spot today by visiting HUTDogs.com and clicking on the link to “Workshops.”

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

COFFEE: Friend or Foe?



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.

There's really nothing like a good cuppa Joe. Even better, the latest studies indicate that coffee has many health benefits due to its antioxidant qualities. The literature suggests that one to six cups of java per day may decrease our chances of developing diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and some cancers. So, let's get drinking, right?

At the expense of sounding like the proverbial scold, I'd just like to suggest we just hold on for a minute. I'm all for scientific inquiry, but if you've been to a Starbucks in the early a.m., you know full well that underneath those pleasant smiles lurks an urgency that says, "Get between me and my venti and I'm taking you down!" If you don't believe me, let's try a little experiment: place a half dozen customers on the inside of the coffee joint and lock the door. Video and interpret the responses from the people who cannot go in. Looks slightly rabid? Frustrated could be an understatement.

So, on the one hand we have these positive studies and on the other, real time. Road rage? Forget the alcohol levels, check the caffeine. The blazing, flu-like headache you experience when you quit coffee? We all know how that works, we'll just avoid stopping! That headache that seemingly comes out of nowhere, but may well be tied to too much, or too little, coffee. How about sleeplessness? We've all heard it, or said it: "I only have one or two cups in the morning." Then there's the irritability factor: "I don't know what happened, they just made me angry."

What is a stimhead to do? First of all, some people are actually allergic to coffee and it may be possible to desensitize oneself. Secondly, liver and adrenal function have a lot to do with how the body responds to caffeine. Have your local health care practitioner advise you on these issues.

The truth is that some people are fine with caffeine, but if you are irritable, sleepless, headachy and in a world of hurt if you stop drinking coffee, you can't handle the truth. All said, a little bit of discomfort may be worth it. If not, put down that cuppa Joe and walk away slowly.

Have a great week! Dr. John

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LAWN BOWLING IN SEPTEMBER

On a hot summer day eight bowlers endured the heat in the Floy Torvid Singles Tournament held by the Santa Anita Bowling Greens Club at the bowling greens at beautiful Arcadia County Park. The Singles tournament format is to play a morning game, have lunch and play the final game in the afternoon. All this depends on the speed of scoring. Many times the bowlers play game one and take a fifteen-minute break and then play the final game.



The four winning lawn bowlers in the Floy Torvid Singles Competition held September 2nd were: Rose Blennov (4th) Shuman Chan (3rd), Houdini Ho (1st), and Dick Ashmore (2nd) (Photo by John Gonzales)

The eventual winners were: First place: Houdini Ho. Second: Dick Ashmore. Third: Shuman Chan and Fourth place was Rose Blennov. Other bowlers were Margi Rambo, Sandy Dalzell, Marinko Tudor and club President, Jim Miller.

Lawn Bowling is a low impact, light aerobic exercise that anyone can enjoy. Many have had to slow down due to age or injuries, and lawn bowling is a great way to get that bit of exercise your body needs. Bending, rolling the bowls, walking from one end of the green to the other and out in the sunshine with good friends.

If you think you would like to try lawn bowling, go to our web site: www.lalwnbowling-arcadia.com <<http://www.lalwnbowling-arcadia.com>> and get all the information you'll need to get started. Or, call Gene Plunkett at 626-351-5327 and get started on the best-kept secret in the sporting world.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: HEALTH TIPS FOR SENIORS*

Senior Health Tip #1 - Now is a great time for seniors to get out and about. However sun is harsh on anyone but more so on the seniors so sunscreen is a must for all seniors. Their skin is much more sensitive and must be protected. Medical sites suggest that your sunscreen include ingredients such as benzophenones, cinnamates, sulisobenzene, salicylates, titanium dioxide, zinc oxide and avobenzone. This broad spectrum of ingredients will help to keep sunburn away.

Senior Health Tip #2 - Many seniors are able to get around well enough to go on the mall walks. There are many mall walks that take place in this area. Groups of seniors gather at a certain mall before opening or after closing to walk inside the mall. This keeps the seniors out of the heat and in an air-conditioned indoor area for their daily/weekly walks.

Senior Health Tip #3 - If you have a senior in your family or know a senior who is a shut in then contact them to do a health check once a week. If you are unable to do this yourself then perhaps setting up a meals-on-wheels delivery of meals each day to the shut in will assist them in becoming and staying healthy and also give them some company and companionship daily.

Senior Health Tip #4 - As with everyone else to be socially active is necessary for good health. A nice trip on a cruise line may be in your future. Princess Cruises have many trips that are geared just to seniors and have all the safety and health needs of those seniors in mind.

Senior Health Tip #5 - Make sure that you are getting enough physical activity in order to stay healthy. A light form of dance at a local dance studio not only gives you a great way to exercise but can also give them a great social calendar too. *Source: Associated Content

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

September 16th - Long Beach Aquarium & lunch on the Queen Mary.
 More information on the September trip will be available in the next newsletter or later this month by calling the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.



Accredited Sponsor Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month for your chance to win these special prizes.



Meals-On-Wheels

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

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS **ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY**

Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.6220 or (626) 355-0256.

Recipe of the Week:

Black & Blueberry Cobbler

INGREDIENTS:

DOUGH:
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/4 cup and 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 stick (1/2 cup) cold unsalted butter, cut in bits
 3/4 cup buttermilk
FILLING:
 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
 2 Tablespoons of both lemon juice and water, mixed
 2 pints each of fresh blueberries & blackberries (8 cups total)
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
CORNSTARCH MIXTURE:
 2 Tablespoons cornstarch, mixed with:
 3 Tablespoons water

DIRECTIONS:

Place oven rack in lower third of oven. Heat to 450°F. You'll need a 13 x 9-in. baking dish or a shallow 3-qt baking dish.
Dough: Whisk flour, 1/4 cup sugar, the baking powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl until blended. Cut in butter with a pastry blender until coarse crumbs form. Refrigerate flour mixture and buttermilk separately until ready to top cobbler.
Filling: Mix sugar, zest and lemon juice mixture in a large deep skillet over high heat. Stir in 1 pint blueberries and cook, stirring, about 10 minutes until hot and bubbly. Stir in cornstarch mixture, bring to a boil and boil 1 minute or until thickened. Stir in remaining blueberries, blackberries and the vanilla. Spread in baking dish.

Stir flour mixture and buttermilk with a fork until a biscuit-like dough forms. Drop eight 1/4-cupfuls, evenly spaced, over hot filling. Sprinkle biscuits with remaining 2 Tbsp sugar.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until biscuits are golden and filling is bubbly. Cool in dish on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.



September Birthdays

Edwina Garcia, Yvonne Osti, Donna Andersen, Lena Boyadjian, Teresa Chauré, Cathy Gunther, Esther Macias, Maria Padgett, Edna Peyton, Sheila Pierce, Denise Reistetter, Shirley Seiler, Nancy Shollenberger,

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. MENU BELOW

Monday:
 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesday:
 2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon 3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
 5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:
 11 -11:45 am: Balance

Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
 2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursday:
 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.
 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Friday:
 1:00 pm: Ping Pong

Saturday:
 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

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Summer Worship: 10@10! Concludes



Join the San Marino Community Church family for 10@10! - ten weeks of summer worship at 10:00 am concluding September 5.

Sunday, September 5, Pastor Jeffrey O'Grady will preach "Keeping Score" based on

the parable Luke 18:9-14, the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

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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 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108
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Hello Southern California...How are you? My name is Bobby Eldridge and I am so excited to join the staff at the The Mountain Views News as Golf Instruction Editor. My weekly column will consist of instruction on how to help you improve your golf game. For the past 35 years I have stood on practice facilities helping amateur golfers just like you, improve their golf game.

I plan on covering the entire game. Every week I will pick a different part of the game and you in turn can give me some feedback on how it helped you. The one thing that I want you to know is that I welcome your input in regards to what topic you would like me to write about. Without any further delay, let's get started. You have a big weekend of golf coming up so I picked something that ALL of you could use.

One of the most common mistakes that I have witnessed over the years is that many golfers do not stand square to the golf ball. Don't worry, I already know what you are thinking, what does standing square to the golf ball really mean. Believe it or not it is pretty simple.

Take a look at the picture above and let's start with the two white pipes on the ground. The pipe on the right is aiming towards my target and the pipe on the left is aiming "parallel left of my target". The pipe on the right is where I aim the clubface, at the target and the pipe on the left is where I am suppose to aim my body. MY WHOLE BODY!!! As in my FEET, KNEES, HIPS and SHOULDERS.

This is exactly where you guys get off to a difficult start. You can not believe how many of you aim your SHOULDERS miles to the left of your feet line. If you do that at address, it is almost impossible to hit the ball solid. The golf club has a tendency to swing left (along your shoulder line) and you will hit the ball with a glancing blow and not a solid strike.

Have a great weekend of golf and feel free to drop me an e-mail on a subject you would like me to write about.

Golfingly yours, Bobby Eldridge - igolffixes.com

Bobby's weekly pearl: Once you have addressed the golf ball, have a friend place the shaft of a golf club across your shoulder line so you can see if your shoulders are aiming parallel to your feet line or left of your target.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

September 4 - 11, 2010

LASALLE HS

Thursday September 9
Girls Golf Vs So. Pasadena @ Almansor Course 3PM
Boys V Water Polo @ El Rancho (T) Game 1 @ 4PM
Game 2 TBA
Friday September 10
JV Football Vs @ Maranatha 3:30
V Football Vs Maranatha 7PM
Girls V Tennis @ Live Oak Park 3:30
Girls JV Tennis @ Pasadena H.S. 3:30
Boys V Volleyball @ Gahr (T) 6:30
Boys JV Water Polo @ San Marino 4:15 & 7:15
Boys V Water Polo @ El Rancho (T) TBA

Saturday September 11
Cross Country @ Fastback Shootout @ Mt.SAC 7:30 AM
Girls V Volleyball @ Gahr (T) TBA
Boys V Water Polo @ El Rancho (T) TBA
Boys JV Water Polo @ San Marino (T)

ARCADIA HS

September 8th
Varsity Girls Tennis vs Polytechnic High School (Scrimmage)
Junior Varsity Girls Tennis at Polytechnic High School (Scrimmage)

September 9th
Freshman Boys Football vs Saint Francis High School

September 10th
Junior Varsity Boys Football at Saint Francis High School
Varsity Boys Football at Saint Francis High School

September 11th
Junior Varsity Boys Water Polo - San Marino Tournament

PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL

September 9th
V Girls Volleyball vs Temple City
JV Girls Volleyball vs Temple City
JV Girls Volleyball vs Temple City

September 5th
JV Girls Tennis vs Glendale

September 8th
V Girls Tennis vs Maranatha
JV Girls Tennis vs Maranatha

September 9th
V Girls Tennis vs Temple City
JV Girls Tennis at Temple City

September 10th
V Girls Tennis at La Salle
JV Girls Tennis vs La Salle

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September 5th
JV Girls Tennis vs Glendale

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SPORTS

Alverno Equestrian Wins Blue in Inland Empire Show Series

Riding Santiago, her Arab mix, Alverno High School sophomore Eryn Blakely won the blue ribbon in the Jr/Am Rider Division (2'9") Flat Equitation at the Inland Empire Show Series.

"This is a challenging event," says Eryn. "It's the rider who's being judged on knowing the mechanics. And Santiago is not really a "hunter" type horse." Eryn describes a hunter as a horse who is quieter and more stately than Santiago. "He's more of a jumper. Not as stylish, but quicker around the jumps. He's more high-strung than hunters usually are."

Eryn and Santiago originally arrived at the McCoy Equestrian Center in Chino Hills to compete in the Jumper 2'3" Division, which was canceled. She and trainer Marissa Thomas decided to enter the Modified Hunter Division 2'6"-2'9" at the last minute.

This is a more formal event than the Jumper Division, where riders can compete in polo shirts. The Hunter Division requires formal coat and blouse. Eryn hastily borrowed them from a friend, and she and Santiago took to the ring. The result: a first place ribbon.

Eryn is an all-around athlete. She made her mark as a cross-country stand-out during her freshman year at Alverno, and this year she wants to compete in the International Equestrian League as well. "I love all the equestrian events, and luckily, our barn has some great horses that I can use to compete. My dream is to ride in the Olympics."

Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic, college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre, celebrating 50 years of empowering exceptional women. Its college-prep curriculum attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Alverno students can compete in six League sports at the school, or as independents in other sports, such as swimming, diving, golf or equestrian events. There is no limit to what Alverno girls can do!

Eryn and trainer Marissa Thomas with Santiago and the blue ribbon.

Eryn Blakely on her Arabian horse won her event at the Inland Empire Show Series.
Photos by Lara Laramendi

La Salle's Cheer Team Earns Top Banana Award at Cheer Camp

Pasadena, CA –

The La Salle cheer team, consisting of 28 girls, attended UCA camp at UCLA on July 24-27. The UCA program is designed to train cheerleaders to be their best. Throughout the camp they learned a variety of cheers, dances, and stunts in a fun and exciting environment. On the first day the girls were honored to win the "Top Banana" award, which is the biggest award of the day for spirit, hard work, and sportsmanship.

Coach Meagan Loomis leads the girls again this year and captains are Kelly Ikeda '12 and Ashley Rabine '12.

The Cheer team will perform at the Lancer's football season kicks-off this Saturday (September 4) at 7:00pm versus Village Christian at Glendale High School.

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

Tour Seven of Sierra Madre's Coolest Kitchens!



Chris Bertrand

There's something for every kitchen taste at the kitchen tour of seven select kitchens in Sierra Madre during the inaugural "Taste of Sierra Madre" event on September 11. For \$35 you'll have from 9-1 to mosey through Modern, Craftsman, Spanish, Contemporary and even a reconstructed Historical home, one previously owned by Sierra Madre Patriarch, Nathaniel Carter.

The home was actually part hotel used by Carter during his early development days in Sierra Madre, and part old schoolhouse. Of course it's designated a historic home! It has been rebuilt it from the inside out and gives an outstanding example of how to create a modern kitchen in an older home without losing the home's character.

Another kitchen on the tour is a Spanish style home, built in 'the round'. Two homes utilize blue as their theme color. There is another racing toward completion, a Craftsman kitchen and laundry remodel by local contractor. One home on the edge of "the Canyon" was constructed in a relatively tight space to accommodate multiple cooks, and yet another was designed for a Chef and Cook Book author to accommodate cooking classes and demonstrations in her home. The final stop



These are two of the homes that will be featured as part of the 'Coolest Kitchens Tour'. Each kitchen has unique features that are a reflection of the owner's needs and will inspire those considering remodeling.



will be ALNO Pasadena Kitchens on E. Montecito in Sierra Madre, which has several state of the art demonstration kitchens that will be open for viewing.

Your \$35 ticket doesn't stop there! This all access ticket will gain you entrance to the doings at Kersting Court, featuring local culinary tastes and professional and student music. And wait, there's more! At Sierra Madre Elementary, the afternoon will be given over to the Smooth Jazz of two chartbusters, Paul Brown and Chris Standing.

All of your donations go toward two great causes. Half the net funds raised will benefit children in need of cleft palate surgeries by the nonprofit Rotaplast Organization. The other half stays right here in the community and will fund expanded fine arts programs for area youth at the Youth Activity Center.

Tickets are on sale now... until they're gone! Mark your calendar for September 11, starting at 9 a.m. Tour eight great kitchens, then spend the afternoon at Kersting Court and at the Smooth Jazz concerts. For more information visit the event website, www.ATasteOfSierraMadre.com or contact event chair, Tom Brady at 626-355-3471.

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Real Estate Revealed
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A Zogby poll reports that one third of all people who request a credit report find errors. Your score is only as accurate as your information, so scour your report and correct errors immediately. This could boost your score by as much as 200 points!

The largest percentage of your score is determined by your payment histories, but the second largest factor is your "card utilization rate," or your total balances compared to your total credit limits. 10% is the ideal number like \$2,500 in charges when you have a \$25,000 line of credit).

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Saturday, October 2, 2010
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Golf Tournament:
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Tennis Tournament:
Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts located at the corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue. Scoring will be on the honor system. During the first 30 minutes of the tournament test your skills in our serving contest.

Lunch Reception:
Following the tournaments join us for a reception at the Hart Park House (Sierra Madre Senior Center) located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. While at the reception enjoy an Oktoberfest-style lunch, participate in the silent auction and raffle, and watch the awards presentation.

Tax-deductible opportunities exist with this event! If you would like to sponsor a Tee or Court Sign at \$100 (includes one registration in the tennis or golf tournament), please indicate on the registration form below. If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction or raffle, please email Kyle Schnurr at kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com

Please return registration forms to the Community Recreation Center no later than
Friday, September 17, 2010. For additional information call 626-355-5278.

Registration Form

() Golf & Lunch \$70 () Golf Team Registration \$250 () Tennis & Lunch \$50 () Lunch Only \$25

() Golf Tee / Tennis Court Sponsor \$100 (includes one round of golf or tennis entry and lunch)

() I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$ _____

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For golf players - Please circle mode of transportation: Golf Cart Walking

For tennis players - Please circle playing level: Beginning Intermediate Advanced

I would like to play on a court/golf with (indicate other registered players names): _____

Release Waiver:
Intending to be legally bound, and assume all risk in connection with or in any way related to my participation in the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, my training and health are adequate for me to compete safely in this event. In consideration of your accepting my entry, I assume all related risks and do hereby for myself, executors and administrators, waive and release forever any and all rights and claims or damages I may hereafter occur to me against the persons or organizations affiliated with this event, including but not limited to the City of Sierra Madre, committee members, and any and all supporters of the event, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any injuries suffered by me while participating in the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament.

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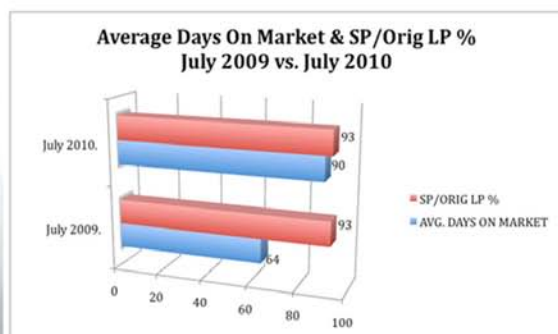
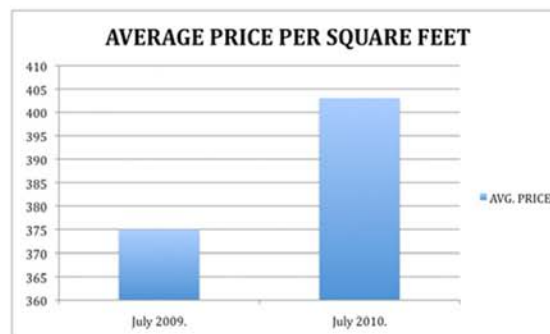
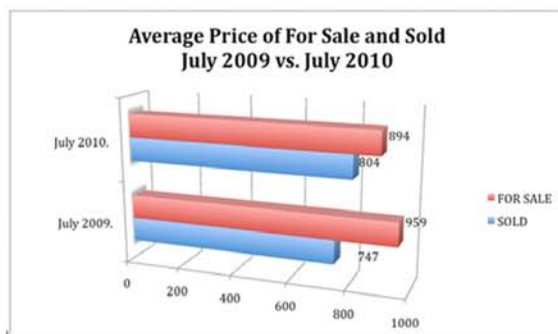
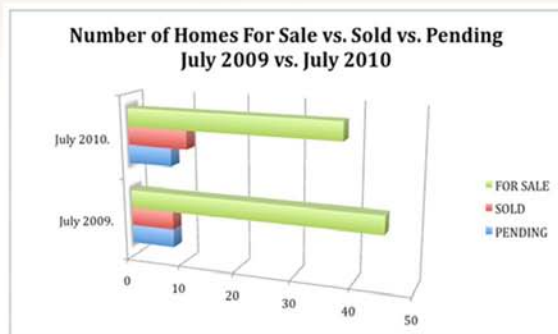
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