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A DYNAMIC DUO GLENN & AMY PUTNAM

Sierra Madre's 2010 Citizens Of The Year

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce held its 45th Annual Citizen of the Year Dinner at the Santa Anita Turf Club. Surrounded by family, friends and well wishers, Glenn and Amy Putnam graciously, humbly and at times humorously accepted their award.

This is only the second time in the history of the event that the honor has been bestowed upon a husband and wife couple. The first was the Late Dr. Paul Neiby and his wife Louise, who received the honor last year.

Mayor Joe Mosca was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Presentations were made by Chamber Board Member and Mountain Views Publisher Susan Henderson and Board President, Matt Krantz, owner of Bean Town in Sierra Madre.

The Putnams, who have been married for 34 years and have lived in Sierra Madre since 1992, are the personification of the essence of this foothill community - volunteerism and community service.

The two of them have worked either as a team or individually with almost every organization in town. This includes the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, The Civic Club, The Garden Club, The Creative Arts Group, Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, the Senior Community Commission and much more.

Photos By Chris Bertrand



Amy Putnam, standing, shares a moment with incoming Chamber Board Members Kate Lee (Starbucks), Madeline Romo (Savor The Flavor), Matt Krantz (Beantown), and Neil Vance (Neil Vance Photography). Center: Glenn enjoys a moment with his neighbors. Below: Glenn smiles for the camera with his mother, Mrs. Putnam from Deming, New Mexico and one of his sisters who flew in from Sacramento.



SIERRA MADREAN WILL DANCE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Sierra Madrean Mary Claire Maloly, an Alverno alumni who is currently enrolled at UCLA, has decided to let her feet speak for her heart. In February, she will participate in the largest student-run philanthropic organization on the West Coast, the AIDS Coalition at UCLA, in a 26-hour "Dance Marathon" to help raise money for the fight against Pediatric AIDS. This is the organization's 9th year and Mary Claire's first appearance in the event.

In response to the devastating global AIDS pandemic, students at UCLA have rallied together to put on an annual 26-hour dance-a-thon to raise money for the cause-- and to acknowledge the battle of children suffering from AIDS-- by lighting their own personal battle: staying on their feet for the duration of the event.

With thousands of participants each year, live music, and appearances by celebrities and activists alike, Dance Marathon has raised over \$2.15 million to support HIV-positive children around the world. Their proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF)--the largest pediatric AIDS foundation in the United States, Project Kindle & One Heartland--two free summer camp programs that provide HIV-affected children with the experience of a lifetime, and PAC's newest addition, the UCLA AIDS Institute, which conducts research right here at

UCLA. In 2010 alone, Dance Marathon united over 2,500 supporters and grossed \$407,000 in financial contributions.

Moreover, since its inception in 2002, DM has sought to empower the UCLA campus community in the fight against pediatric AIDS. In addition to fundraising, the DM Committee raises awareness about the importance of HIV education and testing beyond the UCLA community, enabling young people to do their part in halting the spread of this preventable disease.

Now in its tenth consecutive year



of operation, Dance Marathon has established itself as a tradition on the UCLA campus and in the Los Angeles community. Still a young organization, DM is constantly looking for new and innovative ways to unite students, community activists, celebrities and leaders around the cause of pediatric AIDS. This year, Dance Marathon at UCLA anticipates another monumental celebration of campus unity, entertainment, energy, education, and an ongoing commitment to the cause.

The organization invites you to learn more about our organization and how you can get involved.

PROPERTY OWNER TO RE-OPEN GAS STATION

Sierra Madre is getting another gas station - on the very site where the EVG scandal took place.

According to Police Chief Marilyn Diaz, George Attar will open "Sierra Madre Gas" on south Baldwin Avenue. Ironically, there has been a banner in the window of the station for months that says, "Under New Management".

Diaz says that Attar, who could not be reached for comment at press time, is required by the State Department of Weights and Measures to open the station because the tanks have a significant amount of gasoline still in them.

Attar is not under investigation with any crimes that were committed while the station was operated by Evengy Yakimenko. It is not known whether or not the new station will accept credit cards.

In the meantime, the number of victims of the credit card scam has continued to grow. The latest figures from the Sierra Madre Police Department indicate that there are now over 500 victims and the dollar volume has grown to over \$170,000. No arrests had been made at press time.

Residents and former patrons of the EVG station are asked to carefully review their bank and credit card statements and report any fraudulent activity. Chief Diaz reminds everyone that regardless as to whether or not the bank corrected the problem, it is important that every incident be reported to the police. Contact the SMPD at 626-355-1414.



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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



Eat - Shop - Worship in Sierra Madre!

Coffee Houses:

Niko's & Friends Coffee

900 Valley View Ave Pasadena (On Sierra Madre Border)

Beantown Coffee House & Bakery - 45 N. Baldwin

Fine Dining:

Cafe 322

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Sierra Madre Float Souvenirs

Kersting Court
Monday Jan 3 8am-5 pm

Churches

Episcopal Church of the Ascension - 25 E. Laurel
(626) 355-1133Sierra Madre Congregational Church - 170 W. Sierra Madre
(626) 355-3566Foothill Center For Spiritual Living - 49 S. Baldwin
No. A
(626) 836-2022Greek Evangelical Church
69 Suffolk Avenue
(626) 355-2153Sierra Madre Church of Christ
212 N. Lima
(626) 355-1817Sierra Madre United Methodist
695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(626) 355-0629Bethany Christian
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(626) 355-1403St. Rita Catholic Church
38 N. Baldwin
(626) 355-1292
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Pasadena's First United Methodist Church presents:

"Religion and Science"

The First United Methodist Church of Pasadena SpiritSeekers continues its ongoing series entitled "Religion and Science" facilitated by Tom Prince. Tom Prince is a professor of Physics at Caltech and a Senior Research Scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). His research interests include black holes, neutron stars, and the early universe. Between 2001 and 2006, Tom was the Chief Scientist at JPL, responsible for internal research and development. He is currently the Director of the Keck Institute for Space Studies at Caltech.

Is there a dichotomy between religion and science? What are the limits of religion and science? What does the universe tell us about God? These questions and others will be explored during this series. The class is open to all. It begins at 9:00 am Sunday mornings in the church lounge off Green Street. First United Methodist Church is located at 500 East Colorado Blvd, Pasadena CA 91101. For more information contact the church at 626.796.0157. Please join us.

YARD SALE!

Saturday 1/29/11 8am - 3 pm
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Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra

Pasadena Community Orchestra, under the baton of Alan Reinecke, proudly presents Charles Parsons performing Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra. The orchestra will also play Dvorak's Othello Overture and Variations on a Theme of Haydn by Johannes Brahms.

The concert is Friday, January 28, at 8 pm. Admission is free, with donations taken at the door. Free parking is also available.

The concert will be held in the Sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Pasadena.

For more information, please call 626.445.6708 or visit it on the web at www.pcomusic.org.



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BRETT PERKINS IN CONCERT ON JANUARY 30 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE; ALSO, MUSICAL GUESTS

Brett Perkins, a singer-songwriter whose brand of pop/folk has won him an international following, will perform in concert for one night only at Sierra Madre Playhouse on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Appearing on the same bill will be musical guests, which include some of the finest singer-songwriters from Southern California, as well as musical friends from Europe.

Perkins began his musical career over 20 years ago, and was lead vocalist for The Sneaks as well as a featured dancer on Soul Train before settling into a solo career as a singer-songwriter. At one point, in the 90s, he was CEO of the National Academy of Songwriters. Over the years, he's worked with legendary musical figures like Burt Bacharach, Joni Mitchell, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills and Jackson Browne.

An American, Perkins has for several years made his home in Copenhagen, where he presents the annual Copenhagen Songwriters Festival. He performs internationally. His mellow, soothing brand of pop has intergenerational appeal.

Brett returns to the Sierra Madre Playhouse following a successful date there last winter.

All seats are \$10. Suitable for all ages. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE HUNTINGTON FEB. 5-6, 2011

SAN MARINO, Calif. -Visitors can experience the beauty of Chinese music, dance, and culture at a Chinese New Year festival on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5-6, at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Ushering in the Year of the Rabbit, the festival gets under way on Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. (grounds open at 10:30 a.m.) with an exuberant performance by lion dancers and drummers near the north entrance to the Chinese garden. Other activities will include Chinese shadow puppet theater, mask-changing (bian lian) performances, music, folk songs, children's book readings, painting and calligraphy demonstrations, and more. Visitors on Saturday can also purchase freshly cut flowers—a traditional way to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Activities on both days will be ongoing until 4:30 p.m.

The Huntington's Chinese garden, the Garden of Flowing Fragrance, will be one of the focal points of the festival. Inspired by the traditional scholar's gardens of Suzhou, China, this breathtaking landscape features a large lake, tile-roofed pavilions, stone bridges, a tea shop, and native Chinese plants set against a wooded backdrop of mature oaks, redwoods, and pines.

All festival activities are included with general admission to The Huntington: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students (age 12-18), \$6 youth (age 5-11), and free for children under 5. The group rate is \$14 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. For additional information call (626) 405-2100 or visit www.huntington.org.

East West Bank is the corporate sponsor of the event. Additional funding provided by the Justin Vajna Memorial Fund for Educational Programs in the Chinese Garden. Special sponsorship has been provided by ICN TV Network enabling a delegation of artists from Chongqing, China, to demonstrate traditional arts.

Civic Club Offers Education Awards

Sierra Madre Civic Club will again provide its annual Education Awards to worthy Sierra Madre High School seniors graduating in 2011. Monetary awards and individual certificates will be presented to those chosen at the club's May 12th meeting, 7:30 p.m., held in Memorial Park Hart Senior Center.

Applications for the award are available at local high schools, Sierra Madre Public Library, City Hall, Youth Activity Center (YAC), also by contacting Education Awards Committee Chair Leslee Hinton or by emailing smcceducation2011@hotmail.com or by phone (626) 355-5595.

A personal essay is required and must be typed or printed legibly. Also, a letter of recommendation from the applicant's community service supervisor with significant knowledge of his or her experience and involvement.

The deadline for applications to be received is March 1, 2011. Those postmarked after that date or those that are incomplete will not be considered.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

January 25, 2010 6:30 pm

Arts Commission - 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30

Community Services - 3rd Monday @ 6:00

Library Trustees - 4th Wednesday @ 7:00

Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00

Senior Community - 1st Thursday @ 3:00

Tree Advisory - 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00

January 22, 2011

Parks and Facilities Master Plan Committee
Special Joint Meeting with Community Services
9:00 AM - Community Recreation Center

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. This new radio station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year

The Senior Community Commission is now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year. If you know someone living in Sierra Madre who has demonstrated outstanding community service and is 60 years of age or older, please contact the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394 for a nomination form.

Nominations are due to the Community & Personnel Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., by Monday, February 28, 2011. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees at its Study Session on March 3, 2011 and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting also on March 3 at 3 pm in the City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a special reception held in their honor on Friday, May 13th at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House.

Correction



State Senator
Anthony Portantino

In the January 15, 2011 edition of the Mountain Views News, a photo of Congressman David Dreier appeared with the article on State Senator Anthony Portantino. The article was regarding Senator Portantino joining Police Chiefs and Rank and File Police Officers in calling on California to ban the open display of firearms. AB 144 will ban the "Open Carry" of unloaded handguns.

The correct photo of Senator Portantino appears on your left.

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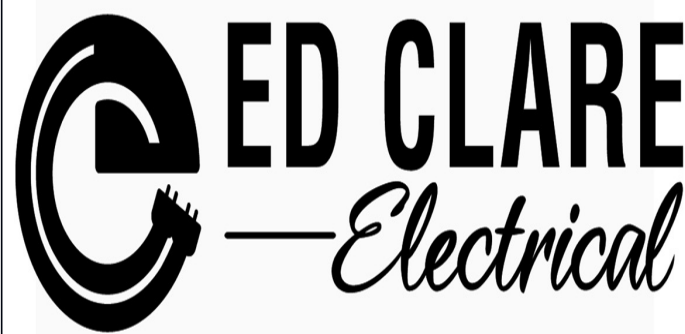
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REMEMBRANCE

DARYL TIMMONS BRYANT

Beloved Pasadena artist January 14, following a mid-September while small group of fellow artists for many years to Europe flavors, color and new found expression in her

An artist of exceptional talent in galleries through the In 2008 she received a 97th Annual Gold Medal Museum of California unique beauty and skill in national and international was often selected as a throughout California of Watercolor West and Daryl was an artist member of the California Art Club, the San Gabriel Fine Arts Association, and the mid-Valley Art League Creative Arts Group where she taught classes while maintaining a studio in South Pasadena.

A third generation Californian, Daryl was born in Los Angeles, the third daughter of Virginia and Colin Timmons. She grew up in Sierra Madre and graduated from the Polytechnic School in Pasadena and Girls Collegiate of Claremont before attending the University of Southern California. Early classes with Millard Sheets, a long-standing friend of her parents, inspired her to nurture her artistic talents and she sailed for Italy to live and study for a year in Florence, igniting her lifelong passion for that country. Returning home, Daryl earned a degree in graphic design, worked as a commercial art director and experimented with ceramics, printmaking and murals. Ultimately, Daryl focused on watercolor and embarked on the career for which she is known.

A devoted wife, mother, sister and friend, Daryl reflected a spirit of love and generosity wherever she went, always putting the needs and wishes of others before her own. Her life was her art, but her generosity extended to helping others less fortunate. Her philanthropic focus was Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation and the integrated arts program, Tools for Tomorrow.

The wonder of Daryl's beautiful floral and landscape watercolors are her gift, the memory of her graciousness, humor, charm and loving heart are her legacy.

Daryl is survived by her husband of twenty five years, Daniel W. Bryant of Pasadena, her son, John Murphy, wife Maggie, and children, Jack and Finnegan of Charlottesville, Virginia; her daughter, Sarah Murphy of San Francisco; and Daniel N. Bryant, wife Karen and children Sarah and Danny; Matthew Bryant, wife, Mahvash and daughter, Maria Parisa; her sisters, Janet McNeil of Irvine and Ginger Ludwick of Brentwood; and the grandchildren, nieces and nephews of the extended family that she cherished.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, at 11am at the Oneonta Congregational Church, 1515 Garfield Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Award, Tools for Tomorrow, 42-800 Bob Hope Drive, Suite 209-0, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

Tools for Tomorrow is a 501(c)3 charity which provides a free, on-site arts literacy program integrating art, writing, drama and music for disadvantaged children grades 3 through 5.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 6 ST. RITA CHURCH

Come early to donate critically needed blood, then go home to enjoy the Super Bowl game and restore your reserve!

All are welcome on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at St. Rita Catholic Church, O'Malley Hall (located on lower level of church), located at 318 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre.

Schedule your appointment for anytime between 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM on Sunday, February 6 by logging on today to www.RedCrossBlood.org, then enter sponsor code: **StRita** or contact Marilyn McKernan at St. Rita Parish office, 626-355-1292.

For more information contact Marilyn McKernan, St. Rita Parish, 626-355-1291 or Marilyn@St-Rita.org

Are you 45+ and Job Hunting? Women At Work in Pasadena presents this all too relevant workshop!

Your life and work experiences can be put to work for you. Learn how at Women At Work's workshop entitled 45+ and Job Hunting taking place Monday, January 31st from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm in their offices at 3871 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena.

Cost of workshop is \$20 if you register by January 27th ; thereafter \$25.

Career counselor, Diane Woodard will cover such topics as:

- How to package your skills, talents and experience to be more valuable
- How to maximize your opportunities as a more experienced worker
- Discover what has worked for other successful workers over 45

Women At Work is a nonprofit career center offering career counseling, computer access and job seeking skills. The organization provides numerous workshops as well as classes in computer programs in both English and Spanish, in a small environment. All workshops are held at Women At Work, 3871 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107.

Register by calling 626-796-6870, ext. 0.
Check out our website: www.womenatwork.org

Schiff Statement on Hu Jintao's Promise to Take Action on Software Piracy, Protectionism

Washington, DC - Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) released the following statement in response to Chinese President Hu Jintao's promise that his country will start providing funds for government agencies to buy legitimate software, and will also set up audits to monitor the purchase and management of legal software by those agencies:

"I welcome President Hu Jintao's pledge to take action on software piracy," Rep. Schiff said. "It will take a nationwide campaign against piracy to be successful, and one that includes civil and criminal measures. The toothless 'administrative enforcement' that People's Republic of China authorities have used in the past, must become a thing of the past, replaced with meaningful and aggressive new action."

America is the largest creator, producer, and exporter of copyrighted material, and China is one of the top markets for American exports. However, China is also among the five countries on the 2010 International Piracy Watch List, as deemed by the Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus, Co-Chaired by Rep. Schiff.

"Piracy in these countries is largely the result of a lack of political will to confront the problem," Rep. Schiff said.

China made the Watch List because of the scope and depth of its piracy problems, which cost U.S. copyright industries and millions of Americans who work in these companies billions of dollars. The combined copyright industries - movies, home video and televi-

sion programming, music, books, video games and software - generate more revenues than any other single manufacturing sector, including automobiles and auto parts, aircraft and agriculture.

According to the Business Software Alliance, 80 percent of programs installed on personal computers in China are pirated, with a cost of \$7.6 billion in 2009.

In 2009, industry estimates that global piracy costs U.S. firms more than \$25 billion in lost sales annually. Countries on the 2010 Watch List in addition to China include Russia, Canada, Spain, and Mexico. The International Anti-Piracy Caucus is closely monitoring the serious problems of copyright piracy in all five of the countries on the 2010 International Piracy Watch List.

DEA PRESENTATION ON YOUTH PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

City of Sierra Madre Police and Community Services departments and Sierra Madre School are hosting a special DEA Presentation about the risks and dangers of prescription drug use. The presentation is open to the public and will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Sierra Madre School Auditorium, 141 W. Highland Ave. from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

The presentation will be given by Sergeant David Ross of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Tom Lenox with DEA San Diego, and a parent who has been affected by her child's pharmaceutical drug abuse. This presentation will contain useful information for parents and caregivers on the risks and dangers of prescription drug use and how to identify abuse. Counselors from Pacific Clinics will be on hand to advise on how to care for children misusing pharmaceutical drugs.

Current data shows that youth ages 12-17 have the second highest annual rate of prescription drug abuse and are turning away from street drugs for prescription drugs. Prescription drugs have become the second most abused drug behind marijuana in youth ages 12-17 and most commonly abused among 12-13.

For more information please call 626-355-5278.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 9th, to Saturday January 15th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 377 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Monday, January 10th:

10:40 AM- Commercial Burglary, Sierra Madre Learning Center, 300 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) entered through an unlocked door and stole 2 Dell Laptop computers \$3,700.00 and a Hewlett Packard Office Jet L7590 Fax Machine worth \$100.00.

7:00 PM- Attempted Residential Burglary, 100 blk. Lowell Ave. Unknown suspect(s) tried to force entry into a house through a rear door with an unknown pry tool. Two sliding screen doors were open but the sliding glass doors were not opened.

Wednesday, January 12th:

1:03 PM- Fighting in Public Place, 100 blk. Lowell Ave. Officers were dispatched to a report of a man and woman fighting. When officers arrived, both people ran inside the house. Officers found the woman intoxicated inside, and her male companion had fled. The woman denied that there had been a fight. The incident was documented.

Thursday, January 13th:

7:44 PM- Possession of Marijuana/1oz or less, 100 blk. Wilson St. Officers were called to a suspicious person sitting on the side of the road. The investigation revealed that the El Monte resident was in possession of marijuana. Officers cited the man and released him in the field.

Friday, January 14th:

4:53 PM- Petty Theft, Bonita Ave and Mountain Trail Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a newly installed street sign for Bonita Ave. valued at approximately \$278.00.

Saturday, January 15th:

11:17 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, 300 blk. Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The Sierra Madre resident was arrested and transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for blood draw. The suspect was cited and released to the hospital due to medical conditions.

Become an Independent Contract Instructor

The Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department is looking for new and different classes to offer to the community. If you are interested in becoming an instructor there is a new handbook available to guide you through the process. The instructor handbook is available online www.cityofsierramadre.com, under departments (Community & Personnel Services) by searching Community Services downloads, by email city@cityofsierramadre.com attn: Recreation Coordinator or by calling (626) 355-5278 ext. 227.

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Employees at JPL Lose Court Ruling

By Dean Lee

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that NASA can subject government contractors to background checks ending a long running lawsuit that started with a decision in October 2007 to require mandatory rebadging for all JPL employees. At the time NASA said those who did not comply would be fired.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the court's official ruling, "Reasonable investigations of applicants and employees aid the government in ensuring the security of its facilities and in employing a competent, reliable workforce."

He also said, "The questions respondents challenge are part of a standard background check of the sort used by millions of private employers. The Government has been conducting employment investigations since the Republic's earliest days, and the President has had statutory authority to assess an applicant's fitness for the civil service since 1871."

The ruling was 8-0 with Justice Elena Kagan removing herself citing a previous case she considered as President Obama's solicitor general.

Known as the JPL 28, the group of senior scientists and engineers filed a lawsuit against NASA claiming a violation of constitutional rights since the implementation HSPD-12.

The policy, set forth by then President George W. Bush, Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors was implemented as part of post 9/11 programs.

The JPL 28 were granted an injunction the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. At the time the court said some open ended questions, such as drug use, went too far.

In Wednesday's ruling, the Supreme Court found the questions were reasonable saying there were safeguards in place to make sure the information would not be public.

The court rejected the argument that questions were unconstitutional.

"The 'treatment or counseling' question is a follow up question to a reasonable inquiry about illegal-drug use," Alito wrote. "In context, the drug-treatment inquiry is also a reasonable, employment-related inquiry. The Government, recognizing that illegal-drug use is both a criminal and medical issue, seeks to separate out those drug users who are taking steps to address and overcome their problems."

When asked, organizers of the JPL 28 said it was now a personal decision to decide if they stay or leave JPL.

Pet of the Week



Chuck, a handsome, four year old, black and white cat is looking for a new home. He is calm, friendly and loves to lounge around. Chuck also gets along with other cats. He has already been neutered and would love to be adopted 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 A282057 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org

Mayor Gives State of the City



By Dean Lee

The next fiscal year is expected to be the third successive year Pasadena's budget will see significant reductions Mayor Bill Bogaard told a crowd of hundreds during his annual State of the City address Thursday.

"Major revenue sources have fallen dramatically over the past few years, most significantly in the General Fund – the largest operating fund for providing basic city services," he explained. "Sales tax revenues alone have decreased more than \$7 million since 2008. The current General Fund budget, approximately \$217 million, is at the same level as in 2007." He added that the city council had no choice but to explore ways to reduce expenses even further including employee layoffs.

ArcLight Cinemas was chosen as the location of this year's address.

Bogaard acknowledged that the city's budget shortfall was not unique to Pasadena saying that California faces a projected \$25.4 billion shortfall

over the next 18 months. He said Governor Jerry Brown's budget proposal will have further negative impact to Pasadena.

Bogaard said, as a vice president of the League of California Cities, he would be involved in the negotiations at the state level. At the city level he said they also need to take a hard look at current employee compensation and benefit practices including pension programs. An assessment from CALPERS of pensions imposes an increase of \$13.2 million over the next three years he said.

Using this year's theme, "Leading the Way," Bogaard shared some immediate examples including a ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place Friday at the new Teen Education Center at La Pintoresca Park and the upcoming celebration Jan. 29 to inaugurate a new soccer field at Villa Parke.

Last week, work began on the renovation and expansion of the Rose Bowl an icon to the city.

"This work is scheduled for completion in time for the 100th Rose Bowl Game in 2014, with the final game of the Bowl Championship Series one week later," he said. "Plans for the project as well as the financing were completed last year."

He also made the announcement that new President of the Tournament of Roses, Rick Jackson, took office Thursday. The 123rd Rose Parade theme "Just Imagine" was also announced.

He had good news for the school district saying the PUSD Academic Performance Index has risen 52 points since 2007, and more students are scoring at a proficient or advanced level in English, language arts, and math – especially in the middle schools and high schools.

Bogaard wrapped the hour long speech noting the March 8 elections, with the mayor's seat, four City Council seats and three board of education seats on the ballot. He also said this year marks the 125th anniversary of Pasadena's incorporation as a city.

A full copy of the speech can be found at www.cityofpasadena.net under latest news.

City Hires New Planning Director

City Manager Michael J. Beck announces that Vince Bertoni has been appointed as the new director of the Pasadena Planning Department effective Feb. 28.

Over the past two years Bertoni has overseen and managed the planning operations of the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, including community planning, historic resources, urban design, environmental review, zoning, code studies, expedited processing and public counters.

During his tenure in Los Angeles, 16 historic preservation overlay zones were adopted, new guidelines for the Broadway Historic District were instituted, innovative downtown street standards were enacted, a bicycle master plan was drafted and a new community plan for Hollywood was created. He streamlined operations in the



department due to budgetary cutbacks and re-engineered the internal culture.

"Vince Bertoni has a strong background in development and a reputation as an excellent manager who is sensitive to community issues," said Beck.

Bertoni served as director of community development in Beverly Hills from 2007 to 2008, interim director of planning and building services in Santa Clarita from 2003 to 2004 and

interim planning director in Malibu from 1996 to 1997. His career has also included work as a city planner and principal of a planning consulting firm.

He is co-chair of the 2012 American Planning Association national conference and a member of the California Planning Roundtable.

Bertoni earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in transportation and urban geography from San Diego State University in 1988.

He and his partner, architect and landscape architect Damon Hein, are long-time residents of the historic Windsor Square District of Los Angeles, which Bertoni helped establish.

The Pasadena Planning Department has a \$13 million budget and 73 employees. It includes community planning services, design and historic preservation, zoning, arts and cultural affairs, and green city programs.

Locking Recycling Bins Ward Off Offenders



Hands off, scavengers! Pasadena residents can now order locking bins to keep others out of their items to be recycled. Call 744-4087 to exchange your recycling bin for a new one at an additional charge of only \$1.34 per

month.

By selling recyclables collected through our curbside recycling program, we offset the cost of the pickups, support environmental education, keep other Public Works Department programs going strong and support Pasadena's goal of creating zero waste by 2040.

By using locking bins, residents can ward off illegal scavengers, cut down on the number of stolen shopping carts, prevent potential identity theft and help safeguard our neighborhoods.

Each locking container

City Looks For Input on New Director of Human Services

The city will hold meetings next week to provide input on the search for the city's next director of human services and recreation.

Staff explained there are two opportunities: Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.; and Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St.

City Manager Michael Beck, who will make the final selection, said he encourages residents to participate by voicing their opinions on the ideal qualities the next director of human services and recreation should possess and the issues the director should be prepared to undertake.

"The job has been posted and the final day for applications is Jan. 31," said Beck. "I want to provide an opportunity

for the community at large to provide input because I value their opinions."

The new director will have an opportunity to present a fresh assessment of the department's business practices, systems and customer orientation.

After semi-finalist candidates have been identified, Beck will appoint a community committee to assist him in selecting three to four finalists. He anticipates appointing a new department director by the end of the year.

Patsy Lane, the current department director, will retire by early March after 19 years with the city of Pasadena, 26 total years of public service and a 36-year career.

For more information call the Pasadena Human Resources Department at (626) 744-4366.

Richard Jackson Elected Tournament of Roses President



In a ceremony Wednesday, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association's Board of Directors confirmed Richard Jackson as President for the 2011-2012 Tournament year. Jackson will provide leadership for the 123rd Rose Parade presented by Honda and the 98th Rose Bowl Game® presented by VIZIO on Monday, January 2, 2012.

President Jackson revealed Just Imagine... as the theme for the 123rd Rose Parade. "While this theme can represent the world of a child's imagination, it can also be expressed as a reflection of the achievable hopes and dreams of adults, the remarkable accomplishments and innovations of business and the world vision of an optimistic future," said Jackson. "It should celebrate a new year of opportunity, underscore the brilliant imaginings of our past, and inspire us to reach higher, try harder, and believe in our dreams."

Jackson has been a volunteer member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association since 1975 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2004. Throughout his extensive Tournament career, Jackson has chaired and served on various committees including Parade Operations, FanFest, Float Entries, Music and Post Parade.

In addition to Jackson's

many years of service with the Tournament of Roses, he has been and still is involved with numerous community organizations.

Jackson served as president of the Pasadena Optimist Club in 2003 and the Swedish Club of Los Angeles in 1986. He has also served on the board of directors of the Pasadena Jaycees and

Treasure Little Children Foundation. Professionally, Jackson is a CPA in Pasadena and is a member of The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Jackson earned his B.S. in Business Administration from Oregon State University. He currently resides in Altadena with his wife Sharon. They have four children and four grandchildren. Jackson's interests and hobbies include sailing, Napoleonic wargaming, reading and traveling.

This year, the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game will take place on Monday, January 2 according to the Tournament of Roses' "Never on a Sunday" policy. In 1893, officials decided it would be best to avoid interfering with Sunday worship services and decided to move events to January 2nd whenever January 1 fell on a Sunday.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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



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.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using

the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Jan. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

NASA Spacecraft Prepares For Comet Rendezvous

NASA's Stardust-NExT spacecraft is nearing a celestial date with comet Tempel 1 at approximately 8:37 p.m. PST (11:37 p.m. EST), on Feb. 14. The mission will allow scientists for the first time to look for changes on a comet's surface that occurred following an orbit around the sun.

The Stardust-NExT, or New Exploration of Tempel, spacecraft will take high-resolution images during the encounter, and attempt to measure the composition, distribution, and flux of dust emitted into the coma, or material surrounding the comet's nucleus. Data from the mission will provide important new information on how Jupiter-family comets evolved and formed.

The mission will expand the investigation of the comet initiated by NASA's Deep Impact mission. In July 2005, the Deep Impact spacecraft delivered an impactor to the surface of Tempel 1 to study its composition. The Stardust spacecraft may capture an image of the crater created by the impactor. This would be an added bonus to the huge amount of data that mission scientists expect to obtain.

At approximately 336

million kilometers (209 million miles) away from Earth, Stardust-NExT will be almost on the exact opposite side of the solar system at the time of the encounter. During the flyby, the spacecraft will take 72 images and store them in an onboard computer.

"You could say our spacecraft is a seasoned veteran of cometary campaigns," said Tim Larson, project manager for Stardust-NExT at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "It's been half-way to Jupiter, executed picture-perfect flybys of an asteroid and a comet, collected cometary material for return to Earth, then headed back out into the void again, where we asked it to go head-to-head with a second comet nucleus."

As of today, the spacecraft is approximately 24.6 million kilometers (15.3 million miles) away from its encounter. Since 2007, Stardust-NExT executed eight flight path correction maneuvers, logged four circuits around the sun and used one Earth gravity assist to meet up with Tempel 1.

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"Currently, approximately 12 percent of the inpatients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles come from the San Gabriel Valley. By establishing a new outpatient center in Arcadia, we intend to bring our pediatric expertise closer to the children and families living in the San Gabriel Valley, making it more convenient for them to access the world-class specialists at our hospital," says Rich Cordova, CEO of Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

The Humane Society Commends Arcadia for Sparing Coyotes

The Humane Society of the United States applauds the city of Arcadia for suspending its coyote trapping and killing program. The HSUS had raised concerns with City Council of Arcadia about this inhumane and inefficient approach to reducing conflicts. While The HSUS remains concerned that the coyote killing could be revived, the City's decision to attempt humane and effective approaches is a good one.

On Jan. 18, the City Council unanimously voted to halt its three-year, \$30,000 contract with Animal Pest Management, the local company that carried out the program. At the meeting, the council was presented with a petition signed by 1,000 Arcadia residents asking that the City use humane methods for resolving coyote conflicts. The City Council agreed that their contract with Animal Pest Management did not make fiscal sense and opted to focus on the education of residents instead.

"Communities such as Denver have achieved

great success in reducing coyote conflicts using humane techniques," said Lynsey White Dasher, urban wildlife specialist for The HSUS. "The previous method, besides being cruel, was both expensive and ineffective. We commend the City Council of Arcadia for seeking more humane and sensible solutions."

Effective non-lethal techniques include education on ways to avoid and minimize conflicts, managing trash and other items that attract coyotes, and "hazing" - using scare tactics on coyotes who have become too bold with humans. Coyote hazing helps restore the fear of humans back into habituated coyotes. Hazing involves the systematic use of deterrents such as noisemakers, projectiles and water hoses.

For tips on how you can live in harmony with coyotes and protect your pets, visit: humanesociety.org/animals/coyotes/tips/solving_problems_coyotes.html.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, January 9, through Saturday, January 15, the Police Department responded to 938 calls for service of which 130 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 9:

Between 9:30 p.m. on January 8 and 10:30 a.m. on January 9, a commercial burglary occurred at HK Café, 558 Las Tunas. Unknown suspect(s) removed a glass pane from a side door to enter the business. The suspect(s) then took plasma televisions, surveillance equipment, music player, and cash for a reported loss of about \$2,600.

2. A grand theft from vehicle occurred between 3:00 p.m. on January 8 and 10:30 a.m. on January 9 in the 900 block of West Wistaria. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole camera/video equipment and a hard drive. The total loss was approximately \$2,240.

Monday, January 10:

3. Units responded to the 500 block of Las Tunas around 8:15 a.m. in reference to a commercial burglary. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location by smashing a hole in a common wall from an adjacent vacant office. The suspect(s) removed a computer and office equipment for reported loss of \$4,400.

4. Another commercial burglary occurred at a construction site located in the 100 block of South Second. Between 5:00 p.m. on January 8 and 11:00 a.m. on January 10, unknown suspect(s) cut the locks to the front gate and storage container in order to steal 8 toilets.

Tuesday, January 11:

5. Shortly after 10:00 a.m., officers conducted at traffic stop at Michillinda and La Rosa for an expired registration. A record check revealed that the 40-year-old male driver had a suspended license and 2 outstanding misdemeanor warrants totaling \$32,000. He was arrested at the scene without incident.

6. A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of East Arthur between 9:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Unknown suspect(s) forced open a side door window to enter the home and then stole camera equipment, LCD television, and a camcorder.

Wednesday, January 12:

7. Around 9:55 a.m., a victim came to the station to report a grand theft that occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on January 11. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle in the 500 block of East Live Oak and stole a laptop computer and cash.

8. A traffic stop was conducted around 10:35 p.m. at First and Santa Clara for an equipment violation. Officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle, and a field sobriety test indicated that the driver was operat-

ing the vehicle while intoxicated. A 23-year-old male Caucasian was taken into custody for DUI, and he also admitted to being on probation for DUI in Nebraska.

Thursday, January 13:

9. Shortly after 3:00 a.m., units responded to the 1500 block of South Baldwin in reference to a domestic disturbance. Investigation revealed that during an argument, the suspect ripped his girlfriend's shirt, causing minor injuries. A 36-year-old male Filipino was arrested for battery and an emergency protection order was obtained and served.

10. Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of South Tenth regarding a residential burglary that occurred between 10:00 a.m. on January 8 and 7:00 p.m. on January 9. Unknown suspect(s) stole a television, gaming consoles, DVD player, iPod, and cell phone from the house with no sign of forced entry.

Friday, January 14:

11. Around 12:27 a.m., a hit-and-run traffic accident occurred at Foothill and Second. An intoxicated 21-year-old male Caucasian driver fled the scene on foot after colliding with another vehicle. He was apprehended after an area search and was taken into custody for DUI causing injury and hit-and-run resulting in injury.

12. Around 9:58 a.m., units responded to Foothill Middle School, 171 East Sycamore, regarding a suspicious man videotaping on school grounds. He was asked to leave the premises and school personnel followed him. The 23-year-old Hispanic suspect was seen retrieving a bag hidden in some bushes by Bank of America and was later detained by police. A search of the bag revealed a possible homemade explosive device, and the LASD Bomb Squad was called to the scene. It was confirmed that the device was an explosive and was detonated. The man was arrested for possession of a destructive device and an outstanding warrant.

Saturday, January 15:

13. Officers were dispatched to Duarte and Lovell around 3:01 p.m. in reference to a disturbance on a Metro bus. A 26-year-old female Asian was crying and yelling for no apparent reason. A consent search of her purse revealed four baggies containing a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine. She was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance and a \$75,000 outstanding warrant.

14. A hit-and-run traffic accident was reported in the 800 block of South Golden West around 11:40 p.m. Investigation revealed that an intoxicated driver struck a parked vehicle and then fled the scene. A 24-year-old male Hispanic was later found sleeping underneath a vehicle in the 1000 block of West Huntington and was arrested for DUI, hit-and-run, and unlicensed driver.

Recreation and Community Services Department New 2011 Winter Classes!

This winter the City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a variety of new classes for youth, adults and adults over 50 years of age. For youth we have Parent and Me Ceramics; Introduction to Tap; and Improv and Debate for Kids. For adults and adults 50+ we have Cooking; Pajama Bottoms Sewing Class; Brazillian Self Defense; Kinetic Tai Chi; Zumba Gold and Hoopnotics. You can register now on-line, by mail or in person! For times, location and fees go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

Gaming Unplugged

The popular board game returns to the Arcadia Public Library with old and new favorites on January 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. exclusively for high school students. Come and get your game on.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. For more information check out the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or call (626) 821-5569. For more upcoming events, follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

Will Read For Chocolate!

A special storytime on Saturday, January 29 at 3:30 p.m. filled with everyone's favorite candy. Join us for chocolate stories, sweet songs and make an amazing craft to take home. All ages welcome and no prior registration required.

For more information, please call (626) 821-5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>.

You can also follow the Library on Facebook and Twitter too. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia.

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1 BR Refrigerator/Stove
A/C - Carport
\$1095 per month
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Mosaic Table Workshop

Leigh Adams, instructor
Saturday, February 12 (Day 1): 10am - 3pm Saturday, February 19 (Day 2): 12noon - 3pm
\$90 members / \$100 non-members; Limited to 15 participants
Includes limited supplies
Reservations required—please call 626.821.4623 or email jill.berry@arboretum.org

Come for a two day mosaic table class! Bring a template of your table and we'll create a substrate OR bring a glass table top to work upon. In this two day class, we'll spend the first day learning to cut glass and tile using a variety of tools both electric and manual. We'll learn how to cut substrates (platforms) for indoor or outdoor work. We'll focus on designs, adhesives and options, processes that will enable you to work on a variety of projects in the future. Using your own resources and your secret stashes of cherished ceramics or glass, you will gather the materials to cover your table top, including treasures gleaned from thrift stores, garage sales, and tile store seconds and broken pieces.

We will provide tools, adhesives, gloves, grout, mixing containers, colorants and an unlimited supply of ideas! We'll also have a box of "rescue glass" and "ceramic treasures" to spice up what you bring.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Your substrate OR a template of your table top
- Glass or ceramic pieces to cover your table top
- Mind that the "depth" of the pieces is fairly uniform and that you have enough for coverage of the entire piece.
- Bring an apron or wear old clothes. We'll be using different kinds of adhesives this time.
- You may wish to have a piece of cardboard, tarp or old cloth to put under your table top for the ride home.
- You will need eye protection.....feel free to use ours or purchase your own more comfortable pair of goggles and LABEL it.
- Bring a sack lunch or snack for sustenance!

Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer

WINTER 2011: 8 Thursdays: January 6 – February 26
9:30am–Noon / Palm Room
(Please note special times for field trips, which are self-driven and require pre-registration)

\$100 for the series, \$20 per class / Reservations or you may pay at the door:

Information and registration: 626.821.4623 or jill.berry@arboretum.org

ARCADIA CALENDAR

City Council Meeting

1/18/2011 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Council Chamber / Conference Room

Missed a Council Meeting?

For the benefit of residents who cannot attend in person, City Council meetings are broadcast live to all residents who subscribe to local cable television service on the Arcadia Community Television Channel (Time Warner customers: Channel 3; Champion customers: Channel 6) with daily replays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. AT & T, which services some areas of Arcadia, does not yet carry our government access channel, but will in the future.

Planning Commission Meeting
1/25/2011 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Arcadia City Council Chambers

Modification Committee Meeting
1/25/2011 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM
Arcadia Council Chambers Conference Room

Other Community Events

January 19th Friends of the Arcadia Public Library present historian/curator Phil Brigandi to discuss role of the Ramona Myth in shaping Southern California at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Library, 50 W. Duarte Road. Reservations are not necessary; refreshments will be served.

January 22nd **Library dog sled**
Time: 2:30 PM
Meet dog sled team mushers of Adventure Quest! at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Road. More information: (626) 821-5566.

January 27th **Relay for Life kickoff**
Time: 6:00 PM
Kickoff event for the annual Cancer Society fund-raiser Relay for Life Arcadia, will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at Dave & Buster's.

Brown Bag Lunch
Brown Bag Lunch Talks -Museum Treasures: Their Origins and Donors

Date/Time:
1/20/2011 12:00 PM
Location:
The Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
380 West Huntington Drive
Arcadia, California 91007

Cost: Free

"Museum Treasures:
Their Origins and Donors"
Featuring Carol Libby
January 20, 2011
12 p.m.

The Museum will continue presenting our popular Brown Bag Lunch Talks which take place the third Thursday of every month on the Museum's outdoor patio. Please dress appropriately according to weather conditions. Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about Arcadia history, people, places and events. For more information on each talk, please call the Museum.

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SAFYMCA Kicks Off 2011 Support Campaign For Financial Assistance Program

Monrovia Business Leaders Diane Balsamo and Julie Gentile Co-Chair Campaign

MONROVIA, CA, *With two of Monrovia's most active and financially savvy businesswomen at the helm as co-chairs, the nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA has kicked off the 2011 support campaign for its Financial Assistance Program.*

SAFYMCA board members Diane Balsamo, a home loan consultant for Bank of America and Julie Gentile, a partner in Gentile, McCloskey and Company, are leading the campaign to raise \$160,000 to help the Y provide programs and services for youths, teens, families and seniors regardless of their ability to pay full fee. Helping them toward the goal will be a team of 100 volunteers including community members, board members and staff.

"It is especially at times like these when many families are experiencing economic hardship that the programs and services of the Y become even more important, a lifeline to the health of the community," said Balsamo.

Gentile notes that as the need for programs and services increases so does the demand for scholarship assistance. "Kids are especially at risk. This year's campaign theme is 'Ensure a Brighter Future'. Thanks to generous donors, the Y can be counted on to provide a place where kids can enjoy being a kid, swim, go to camp, play a sport, or get help with their homework," she said.

Last year nearly 15% of the 535 kids participating in the Y's day camp and after school programs were able to participate because of the Financial Assistance Program. In addition, 1,850 youths participated in YMCA youth sports and mentoring programs and 1,170 seniors improved their health through fitness classes and workouts in the wellness center.

The six week support campaign runs to March 3. Several local



MONROVIA, CA, January 21, 2011 – Local business leaders Diane Balsamo and Julie Gentile are co-chairs of the 2011 Santa Anita Family YMCA Support Campaign for the Y's Financial Assistance Program. They and a team of more than 100 campaign volunteers kicked off a six-week effort to raise \$160,000 to help the Y provide programs and services for youths, teens, families and seniors regardless of their ability to pay full fee.

businesses, organizations and families have stepped up to support campaigners by sponsoring weekly pledge drop-off dinners. Sponsors are Gentile, McCloskey and Company, Ed Hotchkinn, Caracci-Collins & Co., Adamson Chiropractic, Jesus is Lord Christian Center, Mora and Gutierrez Family, and Bank of America.

For information about contributing to the Y Financial Assistance Support Campaign, or to learn more about any of the programs or services offered by the Y, call Cheryl Reynolds at (626) 359-9244, or visit the website at www.ymcala.org/santaanita. The Y is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia.

Road to the Academy Awards!

Sponsored by Friends of the Monrovia Public Library
January 24– **Inception**

In a world where technology exists to enter the human mind through dream invasion, a highly skilled thief is given a final chance at redemption which involves executing his toughest job to date. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Ellen Page, 148 minutes, Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout.

January 31– **The Social Network**

A story about the founders of the social-networking website, Facebook. Starring Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake, 120 minutes, Rated PG-13 for sexual content, drug and alcohol use and language.

February 7– **Winter's Bone**

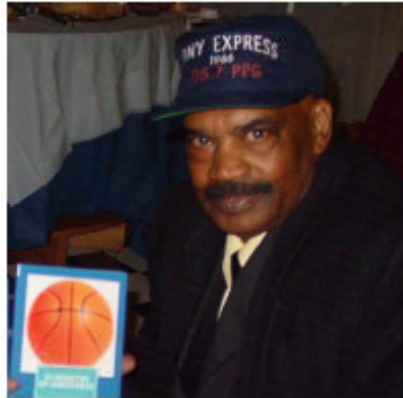
An unflinching Ozark Mountain girl hacks through dangerous social terrain as she hunts down her drug-dealing father while trying to keep her family intact. Starring Jennifer Lawrence, John Hawkes and Garret Dillahunt, 100 minutes, Rated R for some drug material, language and violent content. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Library Community Room

6:00, FREE
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www.monroviapubliclibrary.org



32 Minutes of Greatness

Daniel McLaurin III, author of 32 Minutes of Greatness, reveals the untold story of basketball triumph in an era of blatant racial discrimination. The author was part of a team of star athletes at Hillside High in Durham, North Carolina in the mid-1960s. His basketball team persevered in the face of racist coaches from other schools, averaged 100 points or more per game, and became the hottest ticket in town for basketball. Nicknamed the Pony Express, their inspiring story was featured on ESPN's Outside the Lines, which will be shown. A documentary is currently being filmed to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of dedicated players.



Meet the man who was determined to have their story heard and his teammates given the recognition they so richly deserve.

Registration is encouraged. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk, call 626-256-8274, or visit www.monroviapubliclibrary.org and click on the calendar icon on the top right of the page. Find February 16 and click on the event to sign up. Walk-ins welcome.

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Library Community Room

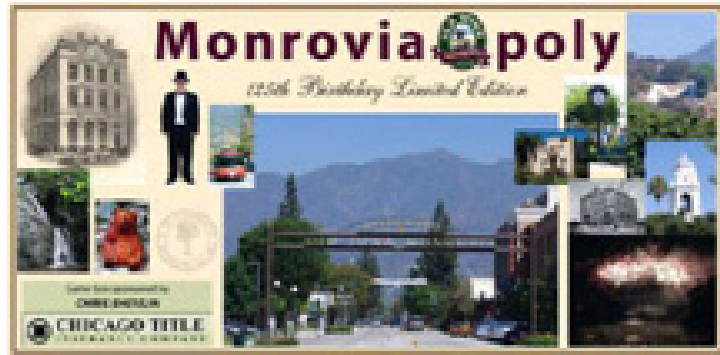
6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Free

Sponsored by Friends of the Monrovia Public Library

Afternoon Movie Munchies For Seniors

Celebrate the New Year with "Afternoon Movie & Munchies" presented in the Library's Community Room at noon on the last Friday of each month. On January 28, enjoy the comedy antics of Caroline Goodall in, My Life in Ruins. Take advantage of this free movie, meet new friends and look through the Library's inventory of movies available for rent. This program is open to Monrovia seniors 50 years and over. For additional information please contact the Department of Community Services at 626.256.8246.



CELEBRATE MONROVIA'S 125th ANNIVERSARY WITH MONROVIAOPLY AND A COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

The limited edition game, featuring Monrovia locations, has been created in celebration of the community's 125th birthday. It can be purchased for \$25 at City Hall, the Monrovia Community Center, Friends of the Library Bookstore and at select Old Town Monrovia businesses.

The calendar, with historic photos and facts and a listing of upcoming civic events, is \$10 and on sale at the Community Center and Dollmakers Katywompus in Old Town.

Monrovia Yard Sale Permits

Monrovia: Community Development Offers Free Yard Sale Permits

As part of the City of Monrovia New Year's Resolution "Reduce Your Waste Line" event, the Department of Community Development offered free yard sale permits for residents throughout the City. This was a one-week effort as part of the reuse undertaking going on all across the City. Community Development pitched in by not only encouraging residents to host yard sales, but advertised them online through the City website and with hand-out lists at the public counter. Many residents responded and were excited to get involved in the Go Green effort. The "Reduce Your Waste Line" event continues the entire month of January, which focuses on donations (January 17-23) and recycling (January 24-30). Check the City of Monrovia website to see how you can get involved as well.

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Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 512 service events, resulting in 117 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Grand Theft from Vehicle

On January 6 at 6:51 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Wildrose regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim reported that his truck was broken into sometime during the night. The victim had parked his truck in his driveway, but did not lock it. He returned to it in the morning and discovered the loss. Investigation continuing.

Outside Assist

Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) - 5 Suspects Arrested. On January 6 at 1:02 p.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of West Duarte Road to assist LA IMPACT personnel on a residence check. As they arrived at the residence, a vehicle was exiting the garage. The vehicle was stopped. A large amount of marijuana was located in the vehicle. Five suspects were detained and arrested; one subject ran and was not located.

Vehicle Tampering - Suspects Arrested

On January 6 at 7:31 p.m., a witness reported two male juveniles seen checking car doors on several vehicles on Foothill near Shamrock. Officers responded and the two were stopped and subsequently arrested for vehicle tampering. The investigation determined no burglaries or thefts had occurred, probably because all the doors were locked. The two juveniles were later released to their parents with citations.

Attempt Burglary

On January 6 at 11:34 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 700 block of East Huntington. An employee of a business reported that a male subject had just broken the front, glass door to an adjacent business. When the suspect saw the employee, he left walking west on Huntington. An officer responded and found the suspect at California and Huntington in a parking lot. When the suspect saw the police car, he fled through the parking lot. Containment was set up with the assistance of Arcadia police officers and the El Monte Police Department helicopter; however, the suspect was not located.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon / False Imprisonment - Suspect Arrested

On January 7 at 6:59 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Olive regarding a fight in progress. When they arrived, a female subject exited the house and ran to the officers. Her hands had been tied behind her back with a belt and she was screaming for help. Her mother was with her and the mother's finger had been cut. The two subjects were at the location visiting an aunt, who lives in the garage, which has been modified into a dwelling space. An argument had begun with residents in the backhouse as to whether or not they had a right to be there. The male resident from the backhouse grabbed the daughter by the hair and pulled her into his house, where he tied her up, then wielded a knife and slashed at the mother who was trying to protect her daughter. The officers arrested the suspect. An I.C.E. hold was placed on the subject, as he was found to be illegally in the United States.

Driving Under the Influence / Hit and Run Traffic Collision - Suspect Arrested

On January 7 at 11:41 p.m., officers responded to the report of a traffic collision at Alhambra, just north of Diamond. A driver struck a fire hydrant with his vehicle. There was no damage to the hydrant; however, there was extensive damage to the vehicle. The driver lost his front bumper as he fled the scene. He drove around the corner to his home on Montana, followed by a witness. As he parked in his driveway, officers arrived and saw him enter his home. He was located hiding in a small cabinet next to the backdoor. He was positively identified by the witness and was determined by officers to have been driving under the influence. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon / Conspiracy to Commit a Crime / Participation in Criminal Street Gang / Violation of Gang Injunction - Suspects Arrested

On January 8 at 8:02 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Montana regarding several victims being attacked by gang members. The victims alleged they were standing in the carport area of the location when a black SUV approached and four gang members exited the vehicle. One of the gang members was armed with a machete and another was holding a handgun. The gang members chased the victims for a short distance, but returned to the SUV without further incident. No shots were fired and no one was injured. Approximately 30 minutes later, an officer located the SUV at Peck and Longden. One of the suspects fled on foot through residential yards. The Foothill Air Support helicopter arrived and directed officers to the suspect, and he was taken into custody. The suspect is a juvenile gang member who had a no-bail warrant out for his arrest. During the foot pursuit, a high-risk stop was conducted on the SUV. Three additional suspects were detained. The victims positively identify the suspects and their vehicle. The weapons were not recovered.

Parole Violation / Possession of Methamphetamine Pipe / Possession of Marijuana - Suspect Arrested.

On January 9 at 2:55 a.m., an officer stopped a suspicious person parked behind a business at Pomona and Myrtle. Upon contacting the subject, a subsequent investigation revealed he was on parole for arson. The officer found a glass methamphetamine pipe, marijuana, a folding knife and a laptop computer that is believed to be stolen. The subject was arrested and a parole hold was obtained.

Vehicle Burglary

On January 11 at 5:52 a.m., two male suspects wearing dark clothing and black beanies were seen smashing the window on a vehicle. The suspects were seen removing a GPS from the vehicle. They fled and were last seen getting into an older Honda with a roof rack. The incident is under investigation.

Robbery

On January 12 at 11:06 p.m., a robbery was reported at a business in the 500 block of West Huntington in the parking lot. A female employee had just ended her shift and was walking to her car. An older, grey, four-door Honda Civic with tinted windows approached her. The vehicle was occupied by two male subjects, possibly gang members. The passenger exited the vehicle and approached the victim with a knife in one hand and a small black club in the other. When he demanded the victim's money, she told him she did not have any. He then demanded her cell phone, which she gave to the suspect. The suspects fled southbound on Mayflower. Investigation continuing.

PUSD CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Student Art and Essay Contest Winners Announced

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) the life and work of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. with service activities, student musical performances and a district-wide student essay and art contest. Students learned about the life and legacy of Dr. King with classroom and campus activities, and participated in celebrations and commemorations throughout the District.

Students submitted pieces for the annual Martin Luther King essay and art contest. The winners are listed in the chart on the right. The top represents the Art Contest Winners and the second chart shows the essay contest winners.

PUSD students, families, teachers and officials joined together for a day of service at Eliot Middle School, where they helped beautify the campus.

On Monday, January 17, PUSD officials participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at Jackie Robinson Park. Muir High School, Jefferson Elementary and Longfellow Elementary School students sang, and essay and art contest winners were congratulated.

Place	Student	Age/Grade	School	Teacher
1 st	Julia Amestoy	10/5 th	Hamilton	Lopez
2 nd	Trevor Tsang	10/5 th	McKinley	Gangi-Hall
3 rd	Alena DeVaughn	9/5 th	McKinley	Rojas

MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Place	Student	Age/Grade	School	Teacher
1 st	Samina Forbath	12/7 th	Gooden	Patano
2 nd	Matthew Gonzalez	11/6 th	McKinley	Malian
3 rd	Elena Forbath	11/6 th	Gooden	Patano

HIGH SCHOOL				
Place	Student	Age/Grade	School	Teacher
1 st	Angelica Parr-Rosser	15/10 th	PHS	Schultz
2 nd	Chris Ovando	17/12 th	Marshall	Mores
3 rd	Ceandre Cade	17/12 th	Blair	Martinez

ELEMENTARY				
Place	Student	Age/Grade	School	Teacher
1 st	Simone Williams	9/5 th	McKinley	Rojas
2 nd	James Chilingirian	9/5 th	Don Benito	Foster
3 rd	Nathan Stuart	10/5 th	McKinley	Rojas

MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Place	Student	Age/Grade	School	Teacher
1 st	Amadea Tanner	12/7 th	Sierra Madre	Nepf
2 nd	Kami Durairaj	11/6 th	Chandler	Newhall
3 rd	Samina Forbath	12/7 th	Gooden	Williamson

HIGH SCHOOL				
Place	Student	Age/Grade	School	Teacher
1 st	William Mason	15/9 th	Peace & Justice	Mendendorp
2 nd	Gregory Belan	17/12 th	Blair	Dakan
3 rd	Grace Rosema	14/9 th	Peace & Justice	Mendendorp

“BUY IN PUSD” KICKS OFF



By Vivianne Parker

Concerned parents have developed a marketing program to persuade businesses to invest in Pasadena Unified Schools, with the potential of reaching over 1700 buyers, which includes parents, businesses, and educational leaders in the Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre communities. In turn, these buyers are encouraged to “Buy In PUSD” at businesses where the decal appears to help the schools with funds needed for extra curricular activity, classroom materials, and office supplies.

“We’ve seen some wonderful developments in improving our school district,” said Robert Niles, organizer of Invest in PUSD Kids, who introduced the program to the public Wednesday at Bob’s Big Boy, one of the frequent spots hosting Restaurant Nights for the organization. Bob’s Big Boy was determined to be the place to help launch their campaign. According to Darla Dyson, another organizer with the group, over 70 businesses with contributions over \$150 have also been recognized.

“Test scores are rising faster than the state average last year,” an-

nounced Niles. “PUSD students are making regional and national honors for their academic work. So great schools cannot survive without strong communities. So that’s why we’re here today to thank the businesses that have chosen to support the families and students. With \$150 a year, you get a sticker and local businesses can reach thousands of families to invest in a worthy cause...all of our kids.”

Education Superintendent Edwin Diaz thanked the organization for its efforts and the business community “for stepping up to the plate and acknowledging that public schools are important to the community. “It’s important for the business community to support our children,” he added. “I also would like to thank the parents for taking leadership and taking control of your public schools. And using the power that you have as parents and consumers to provide focus and support for our schools.”

“Over the last three years, we’ve cut 32 million dollars out of our budgets. We’ve laid off teachers. We’ve laid off administrators. We’ve reduced programs - summer school and enrichment programs. These are all programs that kids need to have a full educational experience. The only way for us to continue the progress that you’re going to have excellent schools is that the community has to take responsibility beyond the school district. What you’re doing here today is you’re taking ownership in responsibility for the public schools. That’s a model for other districts in other communities in the state.”

Linda Machida, Grants Director, at Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) was one of the leaders there to support the “Buy In” efforts of the group. As part of her work, PEF has supported the Pasadena Unified in other ways with writing grant proposals, development of both a summer enrichment programs and a robotics program which teaches middle school students about computer programming.

Other supporters on hand were parents like John Fenyes, one of the stay-at-home fathers who does volunteer work at McKinley K-8 School in Pasadena. “At McKinley, it’s about doing more for our kids, and it’s not just our kids. It’s doing more for the school.”

Bill Podley, of Dickson Podley Realtors was one of the business leaders who promotes the schools system through the selling of property. “It’s important for us to give back and encourage our fellow businesses members to be a part of Buy In PUSD. I’m looking forward to seeing stickers all over town.”

mailed in early March.

This year, applications are accepted online only at www.openenrollment.info. To assist families who may have limited access to the Internet, PUSD’s Parent and Community Welcome Center has established computer labs at various locations throughout the district. The schedule of computer lab locations, dates and times is attached.

“Pasadena Unified schools offer excellent academics, great teach-

ers and vibrant music and arts programs that prepare students to succeed on a global scale,” said Superintendent Edwin Diaz.

Campus tours are available by calling PUSD schools directly. For more information, contact the PUSD Office of Student Support Programs, Enrollment and Permits at (626) 396-3600, extension 88340.



Ms. Chaparian’s 3rd Grade Class Project

Sierra Madre School 3rd graders are alive with the spirit of giving. Twenty-Eight students in Ms. Chaparian’s class have spent the last 3 months making quilts to donate to Project Linus.

Project Linus’ mission is to: “provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.”

The students learned about the history of quilting and were invited to participate. They discussed the significance of a hand made quilt or blanket to provide comfort when a child might need it most and were asked if they would not only make the quilts but donate them to Project Linus. Five teams of enthusiastic 3rd graders accepted the challenge and hand colored blocks, selected matching fabrics, created the quilt patterns, sewed the blocks together and finished their quilts by hand tying with yarn.

The five completed quilts will be presented to a Project Linus volunteer representative at a special ceremony on January 26, 2010 at 12:15 in the auditorium of Sierra Madre School.

Welcome Event for New Families at St. Rita School on Sunday, January 30, 2011

Are you looking for a safe and loving family environment that provides an excellent faith-based education for your children? If so, St. Rita School is the right choice.



Join us at a student-led Mass with our children’s choir at 10:00 a.m. followed by a coffee and donut social in Gara Hall and a tour of the classrooms at 11:00 a.m. We offer a California Standards-Based Curriculum, State of the Art Technology Classes, Spanish, Academic Decathlon, Art, Drama, Speech and Debate, Music, Championship CYO Sports Program, L.E.A.P.S Enrichment Program, Community Service Projects, Homework Helper and much more. St. Rita School is a community of loving parents and highly qualified teachers who meet the needs of each child. St. Rita School’s 89 years of excellence continues the formation of moral and responsible citizens for the future.

For more information visit our web site at www.st-ritaschool.org or call our school office (626) 355-6114.

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Alverno High School

200 N. Michillinda Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3463 Head of School: Ann M. Gillick
E-mail address: agillick@alverno-hs.org

Arcadia High School

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

Arroyo Pacific Academy

41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke
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240 W. Colorado Blvd Arcadia, Ca. 91007
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Kindergarten - 8th grade
website: www.barnhartschool.com

Bethany Christian School

93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3527 Principal: James Lugenbuehl
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Carden of the Foothills School

429 Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 626/358-9414
626/358-5164 fax office@cardenofthefoothills.com

The Gooden School

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

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Pasadena, Ca. 91107 626-798-8989
website: www.highpointacademy.org

LaSalle High School

3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 351-8951
website: www.lasallehs.org

Monrovia High School

325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 471-2000,
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us

Norma Coombs Alternative School

2600 Paloma St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 798-0759 Principal: Dr. Vanessa Watkins
E-mail address: watkins12@pusd.us

Odyssey Charter School

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

Pasadena High School

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 798-8901 Principal: Dr. Derrick Evans
website: www.pasadenahigh.org

Pasadena Unified School District

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

St. Rita Catholic School

322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-9028 website: www.st-rita.org

Sierra Madre Elementary School

141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1428 Principal: Gayle Bluemel
E-mail address: gbluemel220@pusd.us

Sierra Madre Middle School

160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Gayle Bluemel
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Walden School

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www.waldenschool.net

Weizmann Day School

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Lisa Feldman: Head of School

Wilson Middle School

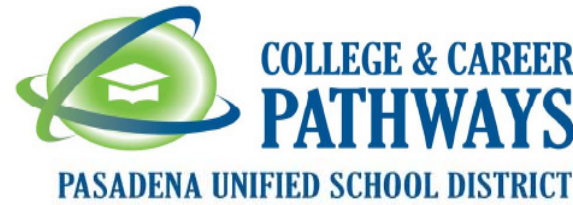
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
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SMWC Scholarships

Sierra Madre Woman’s Club announces Academic Scholarships are available for graduating seniors who live in Sierra Madre. Applications are due by April 2, 2011. High school counselors may request application forms by email: smwcfinearts@charter.net.



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Wednesday, January 12

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300 South Madre Street

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Monday, January 24

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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325 South Oak Knoll Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91101

SESSION I: 6:30p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

SESSION II: 7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Registration & Check-in

Welcome & Admissions Presentation

Pathways Tours

Application Assistance

Prospective College and Career Pathways students are eligible for early admission.

Applications will be available December 13 at www.openenrollment.info.

Questions? Please call the Welcome Center at (626) 396-3600, extension 88340.

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Eat Well!

Café 140 South - Post Crocodile Cafe

There is an old adage - if it ain't broke why fix it? Because I was in a curious mood (not to mention hungry) this past week, I called my friend Gregg Smith and invited him out to lunch. Oddly enough I invited him to one of his own restaurants, Café 140 South. You may remember this as the Crocodile Café, a very reliable go-to restaurant for thousands of diners through out the years. Gregg agreed to meet me for lunch; we picked a spot on the al fresco street side patio, so after the how are you's and other pleasantries, as any good reporter I asked Gregg, "So, why the change?" Gregg, answered without blinking, "We wanted to reward our customers with an updated and better choice of entrees." Better choice? Gregg replied, "Expanded choices, including smaller plates, expanded wine list and a cleaner look. We are offering a wine-by-the-glass program that will rival anyone in the area." I glanced at the sign and, sure enough, a glass of Opus One was available for \$18. Gregg made sure I understood that there were few other places where you can get a glass of Opus One for that price. OK, but what about the menu? I literally have grown up eating pizza from the Crocodile and the OOOHHH-sooo-good Oakwood grilled cheeseburger (\$10.95) is a staple for many local businessmen's weekly lunch visit. Gregg assured me that the best of the original Crocodile menu was still in place, but his brother and partner, Bob, and he wanted to improve on their already successful formula. Their handcrafted pizzas (\$12.50 range) have been best sellers for years, but maybe just maybe they could improve on the dough? So I ordered the Margherita pizza. I was indeed blown away by the flavor and, true to Gregg's word, the new dough made such a difference I even ate the crust. My host pointed out that the vine-ripened tomatoes had been cut just minutes before.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

Ah - but just one great pizza won't sway this reporter's pen. When it was my turn to order, our server Jasmine came by and without once looking down at her notes, rattled off seven or eight specials. Wow, now that's impressive. I have to repeat to myself ten times at my own address at times. At the top of the menu are Artichokes (\$4.95), these, like the burgers are Oakwood grilled. I know a thing or two about Artichokes and they both looked the part of being grilled and were fantastic. I cheated just a bit and cut right into the sweet spot; hey, but more food was on the way. Up next the Thai Salad (\$13.50) easily enough for two and Gregg said, "Bravo Peter, that is our Number 1 seller." Plenty of chicken and just the right amount of Thai dressing. I felt the stomach starting to raise the white flag so I quickly ordered the entrée. It was a newcomer to the menu - Stout Braised Short Rib (\$16.95), with the stout being one of Samuel Smith's and another winner. Somehow after all this we shared a butterscotch pudding (\$6.95). That didn't last too long, either. There is indeed something for everyone here at the "updated" Café 140 South, yes there are veggie dishes, plus salads, pastas, pizzas and the expanded Wine list. Tell me what you think? Thechefknows@yahoo.com

Fast Facts: Full Bar, valet parking at Smitty's lunch and dinner. Patio dining, wines by the glass or bottle.

Café 140 South, 140 S. Lake, Pasadena, (626) 449-9900. Website www.140south.com for hours and updates.

Join me This Sunday afternoon at 4 PM for Dining with Dills on Talk Radio 790 KABC

New from Sierra Madre Grocery Company – Caramelized Onions & Roasted Garlic

Sierra Madre Grocery Company, a leading manufacturer of premium bruschetta salsas and specialty foods, today announced the introduction of their new Caramelized Onions & Roasted Garlic product.

Caramelized Onions & Roasted Garlic is a delicious and diverse product that can be used in a variety of ways and to add amazing flavor to the simplest of dishes. The product can be used as a spread on toasted baguettes or for upscale appetizers. Caramelized Onions are perfect on sandwiches, hamburgers, steak, pizza or in a gourmet quesadilla. The possibilities of getting creative and using this distinct product are endless.



"The Caramelized Onions & Roasted Garlic is now one of the top selling products in our shop. We love it on a cracker with brie and topped with this outrageous product – yummy," said Karen Keegan, Owner of Savor The Flavor in Sierra Madre and a top specialty retailer of the Sierra Madre Grocery Company product line.

Sierra Madre Grocery Company's Caramelized Onions & Roasted Garlic are now available at select retailers throughout California and a 12oz jar retails for \$8.99. Case packs are also offered and make exceptional gifts for companies to give clients and consumers alike.

Sierra Madre Grocery Company offers a full line of gourmet food products that include Roasted Garlic & Olive Bruschetta, Black Bean & Corn Bruschetta, Sweet & Spicy Mountain Trail Snack Mix and Sierra Seasoning Rub. The business is owned by Karen Swisher and is made up of a successful and talented team with over 25 years of industry experience. Sierra Madre Grocery Company is dedicated to producing healthy, fresh and reasonably priced products for the gourmet specialty food marketplace. For more information contact 626-355-9556 or on the web at www.sierramadregroceryco.com.

The company will be exhibiting at the Fancy Food Show this month in San Francisco (Booth #304).



Wine Tasting & Cuisine Tasting

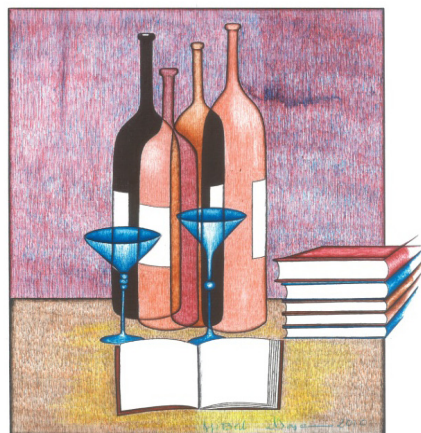
MORE THAN FOOD AND WINE AT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENT

The 41st Wine and Cuisine Tasting promises to be the most entertaining ever, as event chairs work to bring you music and magic to the Villa as well as premium wines and marvelous food. On February 18th you will be treated to the music of four great groups. Mario Lalli of Club 322 is again sponsoring the groups as his contribution to the Friends. Mario has booked for your enjoyment: Steve Vargas and Friends (folk, rock country acoustic); The Echo Park Hot Club featuring harmonica virtuoso Bill Barnett (Retro ragtime, Gypsy Jazz); 2 Frets Lower (Blue Grass & Folk Blues); and Vince Meghrouni & the Downbeats Trio (Jazz). These groups will be stationed throughout the Villa and the tents.

For almost 20 years, Magicians Steve Silverman and Will Chandler of the Magic Castle have beguiled you with their magic. They won't disappoint you this year as they are looking forward to again participating.

At our Premier Event, Michael Riboli, 4th generation winemaker of San Antonio Winery and Riboli Family Wine Estates will be there to speak about wine making and wine from his famous winery. In addition to Mr. Riboli's talk we will also have a very special door prize for one lucky attendee to the Premier Event. Other door prizes will be given throughout the main event.

You may purchase your tickets on line at www.SierraMadreLibraryFriends.org or at the Sierra Madre Library, The Bottle Shop, Savor the Flavor, Arnold's Frontier Hardware, and Iris Intrigue. Tickets are \$80 for the Premier and Main Event and \$60 for the Main Event. Members of the Friends of the Library will be given a \$5.00 discount for the Main Event tickets if they purchase them at the library. Premier tickets are limited to 100 guests and last year they were sold out two weeks prior to the event, so be sure you don't miss out this year.



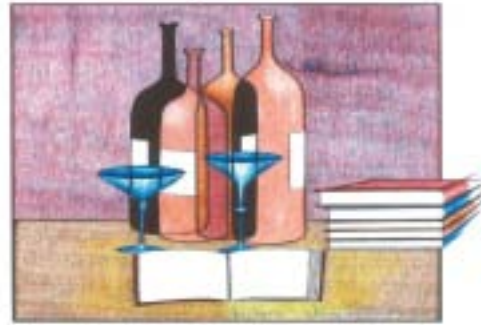
Win Two Tickets to the Friends of the Library 41st Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event

February 18th at the Alverno Villa

Look for this Wine-Tasting Artwork in Mt. Views Publications now until January 31st. Answer the wine trivia question, complete the entry form and drop off at the Sierra Madre Library.

Drawing Rules – Limited to one entry per person, per Mt Views publication. Winner need not be present to win General Admission tickets. Completed entry from must be delivered to the Sierra Madre Library during hours of operation, same week of publication. Drawing tickets have no cash value and cannot be refunded. Eligible entry form does not require a correct answer to the trivia question.

Wine & Cuisine Tasting Ticket Give-away Entry Form



Wine Trivia Question:

- ☐ What can you tell from tasting the wine?
- ☐ Where the bottle was purchased
- ☐ The type of grape used in producing the wine
- ☐ That my girlfriend is better looking than I'd initially thought



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Drop form off at the Library at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd during regular hours



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HOWARD Hays As I See It



Last week Greg decried “blatant hypocrisy” in coverage of the Tucson tragedy. He cited the aftermath of a shooting last August; that when “a black man purposefully killed 8 whites and himself credited liberal rhetoric about racist America as his motivation, the press told us to ignore those associations.” The shooter, in fact, turned the gun on himself before anyone had the opportunity to question him about “motivation.”

Omar Thornton killed eight co-workers at a beer distribution warehouse in Connecticut, and the media reported that past and present girlfriends said he’d told them about being victimized by racist acts of his predominantly white co-workers. He told of images of nooses and racial epithets scrawled on restroom walls, and of over-hearing intentions to “get rid of the n - - r”. There was evidence of stolen beer, but none indicating the influence of “liberal rhetoric.”

There weren’t the warning signs of mental illness in Thornton as there were with the Tucson shooter; he often complained about racist treatment at various jobs, comments directed at his white girlfriend, and was increasingly hounded by debt collectors.

He was also into guns; buying them (legally) in stores and shopping over the internet. The ones he used in the murders were Ruger-9’s, which, according to gun websites, were specifically designed for the market created by relaxed concealed-carry laws. His were concealed in his lunch case, and were brought out after he’d signed resignation papers handed him along with evidence of his stealing.

Similarities between that tragedy and the recent one in Tucson include focused outrage from the right not on the crime itself, but on coverage in the media. Last year, the commentary on the Connecticut shootings cited most on right-wing websites was Dennis Prager’s. His take on the incident differed from Greg’s, but both missed the truth. Greg missed that Thornton complained of first-hand experiences with racism, not of hearing about the subject from “liberals”. Prager missed that it wasn’t the “liberal media” connecting the murders to racism, but rather the girlfriends and family members whose comments the media reported on.

There’s another similarity between reactions to the two incidents. In response to calls to tone down vitriolic and potentially dangerous rhetoric since the Tucson shootings, we’ve heard cries from the right of “But they do it, too!” In response to allegations of racism related to the Thornton case, Prager expressed his frustration that “(a)fter 50 years of being inundated with stories of white racism, and being taught in college that . . . only a white can be a racist. . . the liberal media . . . does not brand these Connecticut murders for what they are: racist.” There’s grudging acknowledgement that white people have committed racist acts, “But they do it, too!”

Smith and Schiff Introduce Drug Safe Harbor Elimination Act

Washington, DC - Today, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) introduced the Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act – legislation to close a loophole in U.S. drug enforcement laws and give law enforcement officials greater authority to prosecute individuals engaged in international drug trafficking conspiracies.

“Criminals who plot from within our borders to traffic drugs internationally should not be given a free pass just because the drugs they transport never enter the U.S.,” Chairman Smith said. “In order to protect Americans and combat the illegal drug trade, we must ensure that conspirators in the U.S. are brought to justice. We know that the illegal profits from these organizations fuel violence and fund terrorism around the world. And it is increasingly important to combat international drug cartels as the drug war in Mexico brings violence closer to home. This bill will close the dangerous loophole that allows international drug traffickers to avoid prosecution in the U.S.”

“In light of the destructive trade in drugs and guns between the U.S. and Mexico, it is more important than ever to eliminate any safe harbor for drug traffickers,” Rep. Schiff said. “This bipartisan bill closes a loophole in current law, giving law enforcement officials the ability to prosecute drug trafficking conspiracies conducted in the U.S., even

The attitude seems to be, thanks to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we now have a colorblind society and whatever problems there may have been were taken care of decades ago. Accusations of “racism” today can therefore be dismissed as attempts to deflect blame for something else. Dr. King has been gone now for more years than he was here on this earth, with both he and the causes he fought for relegated to history books.

Princeton Professor Dr. Cornel West, in an interview with Tavis Smiley on PBS, discussed what he called “the Santa Clausification” of Dr. King: “He just becomes a nice little old man with a smile with toys in his bag, not a threat to anybody . . . rather than acknowledge him as to what he was, what the FBI said, ‘The most dangerous man in America’.” Dr. West explained, “ . . . love and justice is a serious thing in a world that’s obsessed with fear, hatred and greed, and that’s very much what we’re talking about.”

“A lot of our young people see Martin as just an item in a museum rather than part of a vital and vibrant tradition, part of an ocean.” Dr. West offered how he’d explain Dr. King’s legacy to his own children: “ . . . he was a human being who mustered incredible courage to think for himself, free, against the grain. You have to be able to think for yourself. You have to be able to cut against the grain, get the distance from your peer group . . . you have to have an habitual vision of greatness, you see. You have to believe in fact that you will refuse to settle for mediocrity. You won’t confuse financial security with your personal integrity. You won’t confuse your success with your greatness or your prosperity with your magnanimity.”

I can remember from my own childhood hearing comments expressing puzzlement over why someone who had already done so much for “his people” in the area of civil rights, who’d attained such acceptance and stature, would risk it all by coming out in opposition to the Vietnam War.

I later learned how, although for most people being awarded a Nobel Prize would be the culmination of a life’s work, for Dr. King it signified an obligation to renew and expand efforts in all areas; from poverty to inequality to unjust wars.

Today’s debate seems more about the spin media and pundits apply to issues, rather than the issues themselves. There’s access to healthcare, particularly mental healthcare. There’s inequality of opportunity, particularly educational and economic opportunities.

There’s an increasing tendency to resort to violence; guns brought to town hall meetings and a presidential appearance, shootings in Connecticut last August and Tucson earlier this month; a bomb discovered and defused that was set to go off at a Martin Luther King Day parade in Spokane last Monday.

It’s hard to say what role violent rhetoric played leading up to these events. It’s hard to say what role it played over forty years ago in silencing the one whom the FBI called “the most dangerous man in America”.

if many of the illegal acts occur outside our borders.”

This legislation comes in response to a 2007 decision by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. In the case, the defendants were convicted of a conspiracy to transport cocaine from Venezuela to Paris for distribution in Europe. The defendants appealed the conviction on the grounds that the objective of the conspiracy was to procure and distribute cocaine on foreign soil, and as such was not a violation of U.S. law. The government argued that because actions and meetings to further the conspiracy took place on U.S. soil (in Miami), they were subject to punishment under the title.

The 11th Circuit overturned the conviction, finding that Congress’s lack of specific guidance on whether the statute should extend to drug trafficking outside the United States necessitated a dismissal. The legislation introduced today will clarify Congressional intent that conspiring to traffic in drugs in the United States is a Federal offense, regardless of where other parts of the conspiracy take place.

This bill was introduced in the 111th Congress, when it passed the House as a companion bill to legislation introduced in the Senate by Senators Kent Conrad and Jeff Sessions. Although it did not pass the Senate to become law during the 111th Congress, the Congressmen hope it will pass during the 112th Congress.

governmental level because the decisions should be made by those most directly effected. Such a policy, of course, requires that the local agencies have both legal authority and a reliable source of funds to carry out their responsibilities.

Unfortunately, the Governor’s approach to the first is to permanently deprive cities and counties of both the authority and revenue source that they have traditionally had.

There are few decisions as peculiarly local as whether to engage in redevelopment and the details of the plan. Sunday’s Pasadena Star-News features the universally applauded redevelopment of downtown Alhambra. There is no way such a matter could be properly decided in Sacramento and no principled basis to say that Alhambra should not be free to make the decision at all.

Furthermore, the property taxes proposed to be taken from the Redevelopment Agencies only exist because of the enhanced property values and thus enhanced property taxes created by the actions of the Redevelopment Agencies. If they kill the Redevelopment Agencies to take these taxes there won’t be future tax increments or other economic development to benefit the communities.

If the Governor is going to work out a plan that will work he needs to immediately remove this detail from his plan.

--Eric Olson,
Sierra Madre

Defending The Constitution

Politicians continue to amaze me, and that’s saying something since I’ve been ready on more than one occasion to think that I’ve seen it all. But that’s what makes my job fun; being amazed that I’m amazed at what politicians will do or expect me – an average American Joe voter to believe. Most recently, we were treated to several U.S. Congressmen telling us that they have no responsibility to considering whether their actions are constitutional or not. Such pronouncements are not only ludicrous at face value, but dangerous if not countered with a proper understanding of just how important our constitution really is.

First, let’s deal with the responsibility issue. Every Congress from the very first one convened in 1789 has sworn an oath as specified clearly in the Constitution. There is no exact wording specified in the Constitution, but article 6 clearly states that they shall be “bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution.” The current oath has been around since 1884, and it is administered by the Speaker of the House on a yearly basis to all congressmen – new or returning – on the first day of each new congressional year.

Thus, it would a great surprise to me if any congressman really didn’t realize that he or she had “solemnly sworn (or affirmed) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic... So help me God.” So what are we to make of an elected official who either doesn’t understand what he or she is supposed to protect and defend or can’t remember that he or she is supposed to protect and defend anything? The most charitable thing I can suggest is that they might seriously consider another career option.

But what of the question as to the importance of defending and understanding this constitution? It is possible after all that this oath they swear is simply a quaint tradition... akin to swearing allegiance to a Queen or King who serves a purely figure-head role. Sadly, I do think that many of our elected officials view the constitution in just such a figurative manner. Politicians who want to increase their own personal power and to increase the power of the central government over our individual lives are highly motivated to convince us and themselves that the constitution is just a neat old historical document that we drew up after we through the Brits off the continent.

To view the constitution in such a manner is to miss the genius in it. Our founders were keen students of human nature and behavior. They realized that the quest for power would never be tamed and that any government they created would have to recognize and deal with that one overarching truth. Their solution was to structure government in such a way that two things happened. First, and foremost, they listed the specific powers that the central government was to have and left everything else to the individual states and the people. In this structure, the federal government isn’t allowed to do anything that the constitution doesn’t specifically authorize it to do. Second, because the federal government did have some powers delegated to it, they wanted to make sure that these powers would be abused as little as possible. Thus, they divided up this power among three competing institutions: the presidency, the congress and the Supreme Court. Our founders delegated certain of the federal powers to each institution and counted on the fact that each in-

stitution would compete for power against the others and thus be forced to compromise and work together.

It is a beautiful system which has guaranteed our individual freedoms longer than any other form of government on this planet. It may not be perfect, but it is the best system ever created, and we are all its beneficiaries in ways and to degrees we will never be able to fully appreciate. We get only a glimpse into the blessings we enjoy when we witness the periodic dissolutions of governments or the rise of dictatorships in other countries. God truly blessed those great men who created our constitution.

Over the decades, there have been several attempts to interpret the constitution in ways that would allow the federal government, and thus the politicians who are drawn to D.C., to exercise more authority over our lives. Today, this effort is being put forward under the guise of interpreting the “commerce clause” in a way that allows the government to mandate that Americans engage in a specific business transaction that they might not want to make. I grant that the commerce clause allows the government to regulate interstate commerce, but it has never been understood as a way the government could force someone to engage in commerce in the first place.

Obamacare’s most dangerous provision is the one that compels citizens to purchase health insurance of a type stipulated by the government and then to fine or jail those who do not comply. If the commerce clause can be interpreted as requiring you or me to buy health insurance, then the “commerce clause”, along with the “general welfare clause” and the “necessary and proper clause”, could be used to make us do anything. In other words, our freedoms are at grave risk. As our founders understood all too well, if the government’s power is not restricted and checked, it will grow unrestrained until we have no freedoms left.

Thus, it is absolutely critical that every congressman, every senator, every president, and I’d add every voter, understand what this wonderful blessed document says about our freedoms. Accordingly, I have a couple of recommendations for congress. First, for any proposed law, ask where in the constitution the specific justification for the law is to be found. Second, congressmen should stop writing laws that simply delegate new powers to unelected bureaucrats. If the EPA can decide that CO2 is a pollutant, then it has way too much power. Third, Congress should start policing the bureaucracies and agencies which already exist and make them justify publicly the various and sundry stupid rules and regulations they’ve already promulgated.

We have a wonderful system of government, one that bears the mark of human genius that has guaranteed us all greater freedom and prosperity for a longer period of time than has ever been experienced before in human history. It would be a tragedy if such a blessed document and system were not defended by politician and voter alike.

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Legislative Fellowship Application Deadline Approaching

Senator Huff Urges All Qualified South State Students to Apply

SACRAMENTO: The application deadline for the 2011-2012 California Senate Fellows program is quickly approaching – and applications are now available in the office of Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) and are also available online. Established in 1973, the California Senate Fellows (CSF) program is one of the oldest and most distinguished service learning programs in the country. It offers college graduates a paid, full-time legislative staff position in the State Capitol for 11 months.

The application postmark deadline for the 2011-2012 California Senate Fellows is February 23, 2011.

The CSF program is jointly sponsored by the California State Senate and the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento. Fellowship opportunities are also available in the California State Assembly, the Governor’s Office and the California Judicial Council.

“The Capitol Fellows Program has been recognized as the number one internship opportunity in the country according to rankings from www.vault.com,” said Senator Huff. “My first year in the Legislature, I had a non-paid high school intern who volunteered in my District Office. This year he returned as a graduate from UC Berkeley to work with me as a Senate Fellow in my Capitol Office. It is especially gratifying to have a Senate Fellow who understands, first hand, the needs of the 29th Senate District.”

The only requirement for the CSF program is a college degree and there is no preferred major since work in the policy arena covers a vast number of issues. Individuals with advanced degrees and those in mid-career are encouraged to apply. Although no previous political or legislative experience is necessary, applicants should have a strong interest in public policy and politics.

Senate Fellows are offered a stipend of \$1,972 per month plus earn generous health, vision and dental benefits. They also earn 12-units of graduate credit from California State University, Sacramento for the academic portion of the program.

Eighteen 2011-2012 California Senate Fellows will be selected to serve as full-time Senate staff for 11 months beginning in October 2011. Fellows are assigned to Member or policy committee offices and work as part of the public policy staff team in the Capitol. Responsibilities include helping develop legislative proposals, researching and analyzing bills, responding to constituent inquiries, and writing press releases and speeches.

The online applications can be accessed at the links below:

Senate Fellows Program: www.csus.edu/calst/senate

Assembly Fellows Program: www.csus.edu/calst/assembly

Editor,

Today, for the very first time, I read your newspaper! Don’t know how I have missed it for so long but I found a copy of Saturday, January 15, 2011 paper at SCPH, Royal Oaks Manor lobby. Many residents here speak so highly and fondly of Sierra Madre and your publication captures the friendly atmosphere of that community (even with the police blotter reports). Interesting ads, informative columns, appealing events, good pictures.

Good job.
KB, Bradbury, CA.

To the Editor:

January 16, 2011

Re: the Governor’s attempt to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, and it isn’t his goose.

Governor Brown’s proposal to do away with Redevelopment Agencies and divert their tax funds to other uses is a serious betrayal of principle and amounts to an attempt to kill our goose that lays the golden eggs.

I basically agree with the Governor on two points –

First, solving the budget crisis is going to require a combination of serious budget cuts and at least a temporary extension of present taxes.

Second, to the extent possible, decision making authority should be pushed down to the local

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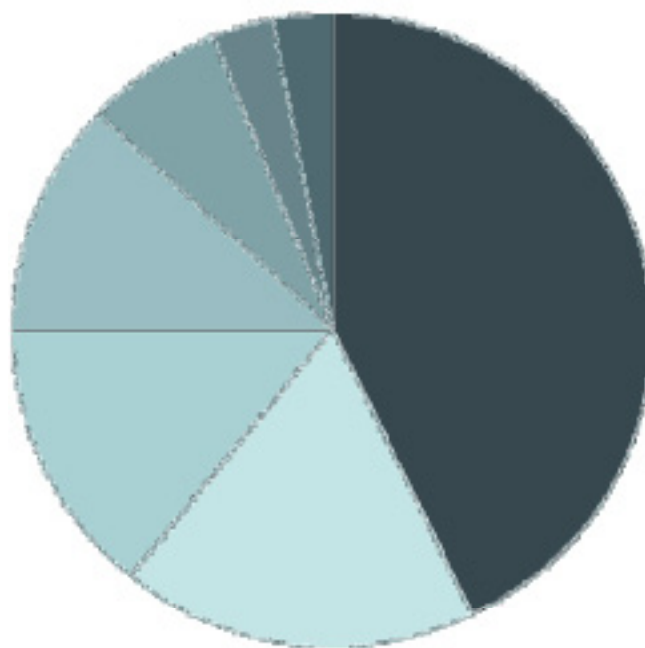
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Most Important Thing for Congress to Concentrate On?



House Republicans may be focused on fulfilling their campaign promise to work to overturn the health care reform law, but a new CBS News/New York Times survey finds that a plurality of Americans prefer they focus instead on creating jobs.

The poll finds forty-three percent of Americans believe the most important thing for the new Congress to focus on is job creation - compared to just 18 percent who say the top priority should be health care. Fourteen percent chose the federal budget deficit, 12 percent the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and seven percent illegal immigration. Respondents were presented with a list of options.

The poll also found that a majority of Americans polled - 56 percent - do not believe the health care bill's impact on themselves and their families has been clearly explained. Only 41 percent say it has been explained somewhat or very well, including just one in ten who say it has been explained very well.

Republicans have sought to tie their effort to repeal the health care law to the issue of jobs, labeling the legislation passed last year "job-killing" and "job-destroying." Democrats have used Republican endeavors to overturn the law as a second opportunity to sell the law to the American people after falling short in their first attempt.

This report covers an early release of a pair of questions from the survey. The full poll will be released at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

CBS News Poll analysis by the CBS News Polling Unit: Sarah Dutton, Jennifer De Pinto, Fred Backus and Anthony Salvanto.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

I THANK GOD FOR MAKING ME AN ATHEIST

When and how did the universe begin? Why are we here? Why is there something rather than nothing? Maybe even the question of Who Am I Really? and finally, Is there something I'm supposed to be doing, and can I help the world?

Yes, I know most people don't seem to have time to ask these questions after they reach a certain age. Still there were a couple of thousand people quietly lined up for hours tonight as we waited to see (or more accurately experience) Stephen Hawking. Professor Hawking, as you probably know, is considered by many to be THE SMARTEST MAN IN THE WORLD. He holds the Isaac Newton Chair at the University of Cambridge and is responsible for theories related to the Big Bang, Black Holes, and the expanding universe. All of this despite the fact that he suffers from ALS and cannot move hardly a muscle. He sits scrunched in his wheel chair with a frozen stoic expression on his face. He is tiny and he doesn't move. His words come through this fancy synthesizer or simulator or whatever that he activates by twitching a cheek muscle. Somehow his presence for me reminds me of the conflicted atheist's statement about God as expressed at the conclusion of the Golden Globe Awards Show. There is something transcendent going on here. I like being free to think about it but it all seems like something more than the operation of randomness and I thank God for making me an atheist and allowing me to explore the feeling without telling me what to think.

Professor Hawking is considered by most to be the greatest living scientist and is thought to be the most influential scientist since Albert Einstein. The major competitor for this title of most important scientist since Einstein is Altadena's own Richard Feynman. The Hawking presentation actually contained little science. Instead it was a prepared brief history of his life together with jokes, witticisms and a sense of fun that emphasized that a big part of life was the ability to enjoy and make the most of whatever came around. In contrast to this was the TEDx Cal Tech presentation of the legacy of Richard Feynman. Yes, I was there too in the hope of finding some answers to the eternal questions. I enjoyed the eight hour presentation which involved about 40 speakers talking about different aspects of Feynman's influence, but my overall experience was that something was missing. The many brilliant men and women were working to make technology faster and smaller but

still something of the vision of Richard Feynman (an avid conga drum player and practical joker) was missing.. The closest that magical vision came to the stage was during the music segments, when Ondar, a throat singer from Tuva performed. Professor Feynman had dreamt of going to Tuva to learn about throat singing, an ability wherein the singer sings in several voices and notes simultaneously. I hate to say it, but this exhibition made me think a little about God and a little about the eternal questions. The singer, dressed in the traditional garb of his almost forgotten country, smiled sincerely throughout his presence on and off the stage. I walked up to him and had some one take a picture of the two of us and I felt authentic warmth from him as we hugged. Since my technical ineptitude prevented me from obtaining a picture of Professor Hawking even though he passed in his wheel-chair just a few inches from me, I am including a picture of the ancient warrior Ondar as representative of the hope for the survival of our poor endangered specie.

Other than Ondar, I had not experienced much contact with the eternal questions in the presentations. There was much talk of technological progress moving on to the smaller and the faster but without much purpose other than the quest for awards and prizes. I had a hollow feeling and shared that thought with the man sitting at the table with me. Synchronistically, he turned out to a guy named Steve Robertson who happens to be behind something called Project Peace on Earth, an attempt to heal the world. (The God in which I do not believe never rests) He, Steve, intends to utilize music emanating from sacred places as a kind of vehicle. He told me about the intended concert which is to come from Bethlehem on November 11, 2011. All sorts of respected and famous people are involved in this project. Perhaps you are interested in this project; I'm going to check it out on the Web.

In conclusion it's nice to know that other people, lots of other people, still search for answers to the eternal questions. The search is a hard one and may take us to strange places, perhaps even to Bethlehem; (it won't be the first time) but it is a search that for me is worth everything. With all the sham I have seen in this world it is inspiring to know that there are still a few could-be shaman around.

HAIL Hamilton My Turn The Failure of the War on Drugs



I was disappointed by the failure of Prop. 19 -- the legalization of marijuana initiative -- in last November's election, but I was disgusted that its failure at the box office has been spun by the mainstream media and numerous public officials

as a reaffirmation of the War on Drugs.

The War on Drugs is a sickening and the ocean of hypocrisy, incompetence, corruption and human wreckage it has left in its wake is almost endless in its magnitude. Originally declared by President Nixon in 1971, the War on Drugs became institutionalized two years later with the creation of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

U.S. involvement in the international narcotics trade began during the Vietnam War when the CIA began shipping home heroin from the Golden Triangle in the body cavities of dead American soldiers. Our involvement has continued unchecked from transporting cocaine from Columbia to pay for the Contras in Nicaragua to money laundering in Panama to the reintroduction of heroin production in Afghanistan.

Incredible isn't it? The CIA is importing the same illegal drugs the DEA and local law enforcement are arresting street drug dealers and users for, and it is this involvement that have added an extra 1.25 million non-violent drug offenders to our already overcrowded prison system. More insidious has been the domestic laundering of CIA profits by some of America's largest, most respected banks, and offshore by CIA-run financial operations like BCCI, aided and abetted by U.S.-supported dictators like Panama's Manuel Noriega.

Since January 1, 2011, the War on Drugs has cost the American taxpayer approximately \$1 trillion -- or more than \$700 million a day! This is a total waste of tax dollars; and we just began the new year!

The human cost is much worse. Drug prohibition has decimated generations and criminalized millions for behavior which is entwined in human existence, and for no other purpose than to uphold the defunct and corrupt thinking of a minority of misguided, self-righteous, degenerate, racist demagogues who wish nothing but the unadulterated destruction of blacks and Hispanics.

Based on the unalterable proviso that drug use is essentially an unstoppable and ongoing human behavior which has been with us since the dawn of time, any serious reading on the subject of past attempts at any form of drug prohibition (including alcohol prohibition) would point most normal thinking people in the direction of sensible regulation.

By its very nature, drug prohibition cannot fail but creates a vast increase in criminal activity and, rather than preventing society from descending into anarchy, it actually fosters an anarchic business model -- the international illegal drug trade. Any decisions concerning quality, quantity, distribution and availability are then left in the hands of unregulated, anonymous and ruthless drug dealers, who are interested only in the huge profits involved.

Thus, the allure of this reliably and lucrative industry, with its enormous income potential that consistently outweighs the risks associated with the illegal operations that such a trade entails, will remain with us until we are collectively forced to admit the obvious -- our failed drug prohibition policy.

There is therefore an irrefutable connection between drug prohibition and the crime, corruption, disease and death it causes. Anybody who's not mentally challenged should be capable of understanding that it is not simply the demand for drugs that creates mayhem, it is our refusal -- despite all evidence to the contrary -- to allow legitimate businesses to meet the demand.

Because drug cartels -- the largest being the CIA -- will always have an endless supply of ready cash for wages, bribery and equipment, no amount of tax dollars, police powers, weaponry, wishful thinking or pseudo-science will make our streets safe again. Only an end to prohibition can do that! Remember the positive effects of ending national alcohol prohibition in 1933. How much longer are we willingly to foolishly risk our survival by continuing to ignore the obvious, historically confirmed solution?

If you support the mass suicide cult of prohibition, and erroneously believe that you can win a war without logic and practical solutions, then prepare yourself for even more death, tortured corpses, corruption, terrorism, sickness, imprisonment, economic tribulation, unemployment and the complete loss of the rule of law. The only thing prohibition successfully does is prohibit the regulation while turning our schools and streets into black markets for drugs. Regulation would mean the opposite.

RICH Johnson 1961



Wow! 1961 was fifty years ago. Einstein was right! Time is relative. When you are ten years old one year is roughly 10% of your life. When you are 20 it is 5% and so on and so forth. This may explain why time goes by faster and faster the older we get. Each year becomes a smaller percentage of our entire lifetime. Is this deep? Enough is enough. Let's take a look at 1961.

1961 could certainly be called the year of freedom. That year students of all races took up the cause of ending racism by becoming "Freedom Riders." Busloads rode south to help force integration. Sadly, lives were sacrificed as Americans made the tough choices to help right wrongs and expose injustices.

Speaking of race, the first American (and second person ever) to travel in space, Alan Shepard, suddenly found himself, well, in space. Suddenly may not be the right word. On May 5, 1961 he spent hours sitting atop a Mercury rocket waiting for the launch that would shoot him up and bring him down in 15 minutes. While he was waiting and waiting, nature called, and he did a very childish thing. I'm not coarse enough to come right out with what he did other than to suggest that if Depends (adult diapers) had been available at the time he wouldn't have made as big a mess. He did get another chance at space travel going to the moon his second time out. Nothing childish that I know of happened on that flight...if you know what I mean.

Also in 1961, several thousand Harvard students were tear gassed by police as they demonstrated over a very serious issue. It seems the Harvard administration decided future diplomas would be printed in English and not Latin. This apparently infuriated a big part of the student population. How about pig latin? Will that work? Nothing like a cause to sink your teeth into!

Skateboarding in California (called sidewalk surfing) took off in 1961, as did the return of the yo-yo, selling 15 million. If you wanted to move up from skateboarding, a 1961 corvette set you back \$3,934. A little short? A Porsche only ran you \$3,780. The New York Yankees won the World Series. "West Side Story" won best picture. Sophia Loren was the best actress in "Two Women." Maximilian Schell won best actor in "Judgment at Nuremberg." Miss Michigan, Nancy Fleming, became 1961's Miss America.

Oh, here is an interesting set of statistics. Research in 1961 revealed it took 62 years for electric wiring and 80 years for the telephone to reach 34 million homes. Furthermore it took 49 years for cars and 47 years for the electric washing machine to reach 34 million homes. How many years do you think it took for the television to reach 34 million homes? 10 years baby!

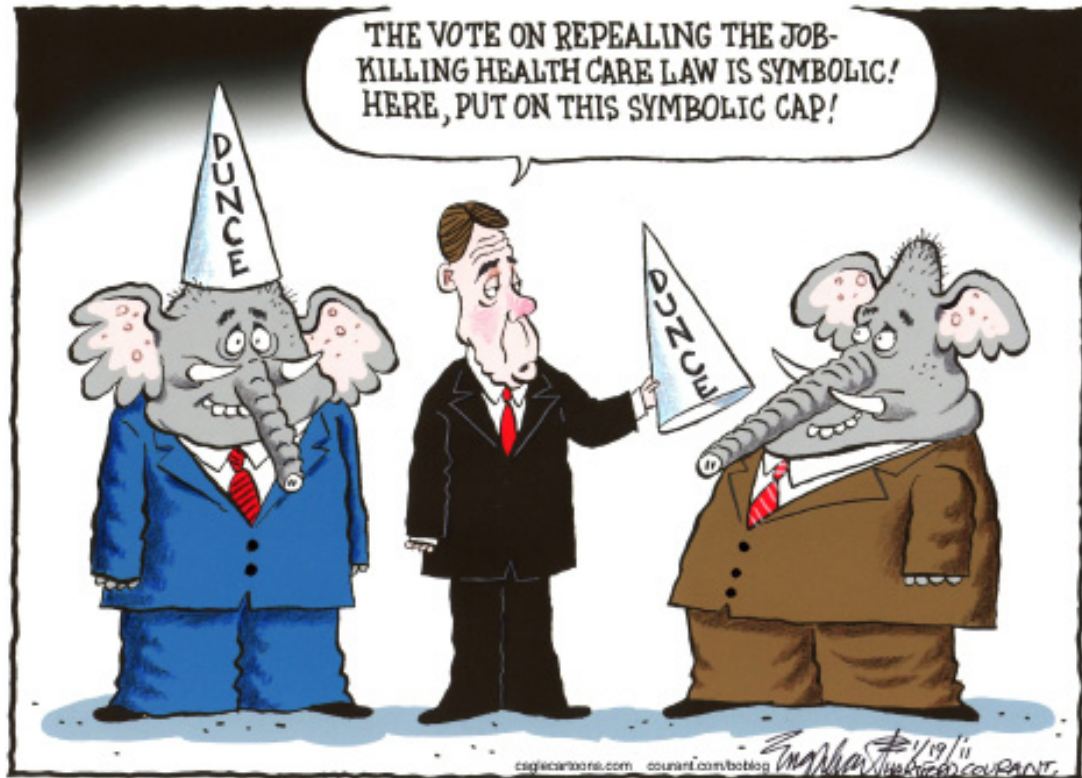
Speaking of television, the top 5 shows of 1961 were: 1. "Gunsmoke," 2. "Wagon Train," 3. "Have Gun Will Travel," 4. "Andy Griffith," 5. "The Real McCoys." In case you're interested "Rawhide" was number 6 (Rawhide introduced us to Clint Eastwood whose characters name was Rowdy Yates.)

In the really important news of 1961 Marvel Comics introduced us to "The Fantastic Four" comic book characters.

Finally, speaking of fantastic, I sat through a dress rehearsal of one terrific play. The Sierra Madre Playhouse's Fairytale Theatre production of "Cinderella." The music is grand with local Jane Fuller playing the lead. What needs to be seen to be believed are the ugly stepisters, played by good friends of mine, Richard Halstead and Guy Crawford. All the children in the audience play mice and are encouraged to help Cinderella throughout the play. Also, Prince Charming comes out into the audience and dances with any girl in the audience who wants to dance with him. Thank goodness the ugly stepisters don't come out. As wonderful as watching this play is, it is also a joy to see the look on the children's faces as they become involved throughout the entire play.

The play just premiered Saturday the 22nd. It will be playing the next four Saturdays at 11:00 am at the Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. For reservations call (626) 355-4318.

Congrats to June Chandler for a sensational play. Come and bring kids if you can. But come.



Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

New Telescope Explores Solar System “Outback”

In the outer reaches of our solar system lies a mysterious region far more aremote and difficult to explore than the Australian outback. It remains the only part of our solar system not visited by spacecraft. Called the Kuiper Belt, this area beyond Neptune is home to the dwarf planets Pluto, Eris, Makemake, and Haumea. It also harbors thousands of smaller objects that form a second, icy asteroid belt (or more appropriately, comet belt). In this realm of perpetual twilight, the distant Sun looks like just another bright star.

A new telescope located on Haleakala, Hawaii, has begun to explore the “solar system outback,” and already is scoring discoveries. The Panoramic Survey Telescope & Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS) PS1 telescope has found ten Kuiper Belt residents. Based on their brightnesses, the newfound objects range in size from 180 to 300 miles.

“We’re excited that Pan-STARRS is beginning to find these objects,” said Smithsonian astronomer Matthew Holman, who leads the Pan-STARRS-1 Outer Solar System Key Project.

“It marks the tip of the iceberg for future Pan-STARRS discoveries,” he added.

Among the known Kuiper Belt objects, the most famous is Pluto. Discovered in 1930 by Clyde Tombaugh at Arizona’s Lowell Observatory, Pluto was considered to be the 9th planet in our Solar System until 2006, when it was reclassified as a “dwarf planet” by the International Astronomical Union (IAU)—primarily because other similar-sized objects had been discovered in the Kuiper Belt. However, many professional astronomers took issue with the IAU decision, and a large part of the public was outraged. In fact, the House of Representatives of New Mexico (where Tombaugh had



long resided) resolved that Pluto would always be a planet in New Mexico skies; and the State Senate of Illinois (Tombaugh’s birth-place) also passed a resolution condemning the reclassification.

The Outer Solar System Key Project is part of a larger survey to which 60 percent of Pan-STARRS telescope time will be devoted. Over the course of the coming months and years, PS1 will repeatedly survey the full sky that is visible from its location on Hale-

akala, spotting objects as faint as magnitude 23 (10 million times fainter than visible to the unaided eye). “The survey is expected to find a whole range of objects—from small, nearby asteroids to possibly more dwarf planets,” stated Harvard astronomer Pavlos Protopapas.

“By the end of the survey, we’ll have an essentially complete census of everything brighter than the survey’s limiting magnitude,” said Holman. This corresponds to Kuiper Belt Objects about 180 miles in diameter or larger.

“Pan-STARRS-1 offers us a remarkable opportunity to study the outer solar system in unprecedented detail,” said team member Ying-Tung Chen, a graduate student at the National Central University of Taiwan.

Pan-STARRS will allow planetary astronomers to locate many new Kuiper Belt Objects and characterize their orbits. This will provide a firmer understanding of the structure, dynamics, and evolution of the outer solar system. Pan-STARRS is also likely to be a productive tool for discovering new comets.

Pan-STARRS-1 is a 1.8-meter (71-inch) telescope featuring the world’s largest digital camera—a 1.4-gigapixel (1,400-megapixel) monster that can photograph an area of the sky as large as 36 full moons in a single exposure. PS1 became fully operational in June 2010.

The Pan-STARRS Project is being led by the Institute for Astronomy of the University of Hawaii.

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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 were 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.

I have over 15 years experience in marketing and worked for 3 employers. I do not feel that a one page resume tells my story. What is the right number of pages for a resume? Perplexed.

Dear Perplexed,

The appropriate number of pages for a resume depends on your work history and experience. Rule of thumb is no more than two pages. I would suggest one page if you have less than five years experience and two pages if you have more than five years experience. Be sure that you include all the necessary information to get the employer’s attention to respond to your interest in their position: Summary of Experience, Work History with accomplishment statements, Computer and Software skills, Industry skills and Education.

I received a call from an employer who said she was reviewing resumes and wanted to ask me only one question: “what type of salary did I want?” I wasn’t sure what to say. I was afraid that I would give her an answer that would be too high or low and not be considered for the job. The answer I finally gave her was the salary that I made at my last position. I was really underpaid at my last job. What should I have said? Underpaid.

Dear Underpaid,

Employers typically conduct a “candidate screening call”. It sounds like this was a screening call and not a telephone interview. In this scenario there is only one person who does not know what the salary is. That is you. You should always prepare yourself to answer this question during a screening call, telephone interview or office interview.

If you have no idea what the salary for the position is you have all the right in the world to ask the employer. Knowing the salary should also become part of your employment screening process. A possible response could have been “I did not notice a listing for the salary, could you tell me what the range is?” At this point you should be prepared to respond if you are or not comfortable with the range. If the employer does not give you a salary range and pushes you for a response, again, be prepared with a salary response. I would suggest that you give the employer a \$5,000 - \$10,000 range around the salary you actually want. Be very careful with your response because an employer will usually hold you to what ever salary or salary range you give. Research salaries in your area by checking out the following websites: HYPERLINK “<http://www.PayScale.com>” www.PayScale.com or HYPERLINK “<http://www.Salary.com>” www.Salary.com.

Sweet Tater

As the youngest of seven children, I spent my childhood growing up in the rural deep south, with loving parents who taught me to be a sensitive, caring person. I had a charmed life, with a big yard, peach trees and a sustainable fresh vegetable garden. We raised chickens & rabbits, and had many pets including dogs, cats and horses.

When I was 6 years old, we had a neighbor who raised hound dogs that he used for the sole purpose of hunting. I remember feeling so sad for those hounds next door, because the owner would nearly starve them between hunting trips, to peak their senses and make the most of their tracking abilities. At times those poor hunting dogs got so thin, you could count the rib bones on either side of their pitiful empty stomachs. When our neighbor would leave his house to go into town, my sister Vicki and I would sneak into his back yard and feed his dogs left-over scraps our mother saved from the dinner table. It broke our hearts to see them snap up the scraps within a few short seconds , then look up at us with those sad eyes, begging for more. It wasn't long before my parents called the humane society and reported our neighbor for animal neglect, and the dogs were taken away.

The memory of seeing those hungry hounds in my neighbor's back yard as a young child stayed with me all of my life. I promised myself I would somehow find a way to make up for the cruelty those dogs had been subjected to, and I decided that one day I would have a bloodhound of my own who would receive the love that they had been denied.

A few years ago, I finally found myself in the position to pursue my long awaited pilgrimage of finding a bloodhound in need of a good home. Before I started my quest, I read a lot about the breed, and I consulted with people I knew who were familiar with their specific characteristics and peculiarities. Within a week after I started my search, I came across a non-profit breed rescue agency called “Bloodhounds West” and I called them to see if there were any dogs available for adoption. The volunteer told me there were no hounds on hand at the time, but when she realized how determined I was, she told me about a young AKC registered female bloodhound that had been bred for show, but had proven to be less than promising in the ring. Apparently the owner/handler had become quite fond of the dog, but had been forced to make the difficult decision to give her up to a loving home when the right person came along. She went on to say that this particular bloodhound was special, and would require more love

and attention than most typically do. Well, I could not have custom-ordered a more perfect match! After all, I had set out to find a hound dog in need of lots of tender loving care, and this one apparently needed way more than most!

That weekend I drove up to a gorgeous canyon ranch



Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

in Saddleback, where I met “Tatertotts” for the first time. When I arrived at the ranch she was in a kennel, cantering back and forth under a huge canopy of old California Oak trees. The excitement that glowed through her big brown eyes stole my heart! I knew I had to have her.

Upon arrival at her new home in Sierra Madre, Tater-totts was quite nervous about being suddenly transported to a strange place with people she did not know. It took me about an hour to convince her that it was safe to go inside the house, but once she was in, there was no getting her out! Little by little, Tatertotts became familiar with her new surroundings and eventually gained full trust in her new owner. Within a few short weeks, we were best buddies!

I like to call her “Sweet Tater”, because she really is very sweet and because she makes those “poor pitiful me” kinds of looks on her face when she gets hungry or wants her way. My Sweet Tater is indeed a special girl, with very specific, special needs. Most bloodhounds are pretty easy going and for the most part very social, from what I understand, but Tater is different. She is selective when it comes to who she chooses to allow in her personal space. Ironically though, Tater is way more sensitive to the feelings and thoughts of other beings than many other dogs, therefore she reacts more intensely to those who approach her. Regardless of her individual idiosyncrasies, that floppy-eared, sloppy-faced hound dog has made her way into my heart, and become a major part of my life. Each day I am comforted, knowing that Tater receives the unconditional love that my childhood neighbor's dogs did not receive, and I benefit from knowing that I chose to be driven in a positive way by the emotional impact that early childhood experience had on me. And I tell you what, Sweet Tater appreciates that very much!

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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

“ZERO DAY”




A frequent topic of computer security discussions is the so-called “Zero-Day exploit”. A Zero-Day exploit is defined as a computer vulnerability being used by a hacker taking advantage of the vulnerability on the same day as the vulnerability is generally known, before software vendors have had a chance to fix the issue. There are typically “zero days” between the discovery of the exploit and the attack, hence the name. In most cases when vulnerability is found in computer code, the discoverer will notify the company responsible for creating and publishing the software (and sometimes the computing community at large) so that a fix can be developed and implemented before any real damage is done. Even if hackers happen to learn about the exploit as the same time as the software publisher they may not be able to take advantage of the vulnerability before it is fixed. When the hacker also happens to be the discoverer of the exploit and the vulnerability wasn't generally known in advance, there may be no effective way to guard against an attack using this new vector. For these instances, security software companies have devised programs and sub-routines that look for specific, suspicious activity (such as requests to format drives that do not originate from the console) and disallow such actions.

The name “Zero-Day exploit” itself is a bit misleading because in many instances the vulnerabilities that are taken advantage of have been know to either the software company or hackers themselves for quite some time before “something bad” happens. Many of the larger software manufactures have entire well-financed sections of their operations devoted to identifying, tracking and repairing security holes in their products. Sometimes there are differing opinions as to what constitutes a vulnerability needing immediate attention and a bug to be fixed in the next scheduled software update.

The best thing you can do to protect against zero-day exploits is to follow good security policies in the first place. By installing and keeping your anti-virus software up to date, blocking file attachments to emails which may be harmful and keeping your system patched against the vulnerabilities you are already aware of you can secure your system or network against 99% of the bad stuff that’s out there.

One of the best measures for protecting against currently unknown threats is to employ a hardware or software (or both) firewall. You can also enable heuristic scanning (a technology used to attempt to block viruses or worms that are not yet known about) in your anti-virus software. By blocking unnecessary traffic in the first place with a hardware firewall, blocking access to system resources and services with a software firewall or using your anti- virus software to help detect anomalous behavior you can better protect yourself against the dreaded zero-day exploit.

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It was a particularly frigid winter, wouldn’t you say? We got a lot of rain, which helps the environment and lets me get away with not washing my car. Besides keeping us soggy down here in the foothills, the rain and cold ushered in a familiar winter guest. I’m not talking about your relatives from the northern Mid West who time their visits to coincide with the weeks they’d be most likely to slip on a patch of ice on their porch; I’m talking about snow. It shined and twinkled at us from the peaks as we drove along the freeway, and beckoned to the skiers and snowboarders like Odysseus’ sirens.

I love the hot sun and hate being cold. I think snow is best appreciated as part of a nice documentary viewed from the warmth of my couch. My husband, however, is passionate about snowboarding. When we were first dating, he invited me to hit the slopes with him, and offered to buy me the clothes necessary for such a venture. I persuaded him to only purchase the pants; I would assemble the rest of the outfit from my existing cold weather clothes. In the back of my mind I knew it would likely be my one and only winter sports experience (which it was), and I didn’t want to feel guilty that his money was spent in vain (it was).

I have absolutely no athletic skills even under the best conditions. So needless to say, I spent most of the day on my rear. I don’t know who invented the snowboard, but having your feet strapped to a plank at hips width makes you feel like one of those little green toy soldiers. For my husband, the board is a natural extension of his legs, allowing him to cut and glide through the snow. I, on the other hand, found myself tipping forward almost as often as I fell backwards. The snow insidiously found a way inside my boots and jacket; the only thing keeping it from refreezing was my constant movement. After several hours of alternately slamming my wrists and bottom, I was cold, clammy and sore. I wanted to cry but managed to keep laughing at my pathetic attempts at grace and balance.

We decided to have some friends join us for our next trip to the snow so that my husband wouldn’t have to snowboard alone. A couple of the non-snowboarding girls and I walked around Mammoth while the others spent hours going up and down the hill. I soon got tired of having to put on my mittens and take them off every time we entered and exited a store. I slipped a few times on the slushy sidewalk and toppled onto a couple eating lunch at an outside table (who eats outside with a wind chill factor?). At least their drinks were empty; otherwise it could’ve been even more embarrassing. That night our rented condo quickly ran out of hot water, so I had to shower cold. I seriously considered staying dirty, and probably would’ve if the others weren’t with us. I’m usually easy to please and overlook minor inconveniences, but the snow did something horrible to me – it turned me into a diva!

Since then I have cheerfully sent my husband off on any snowy excursion he wishes to take. People sometimes say it’s so nice of me to let him go off and have fun while I stay home. Smiling, I nod and keep my real motives to myself.



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



Monrovia's CV Tile: A Family Stone and Tile Business...

From Design and Showroom to Custom Mosaics and Fabrication

If you've driven eastbound on the 210 just past Myrtle Avenue, you'll probably spotted the expansive grey and black, CV Tile & Stone complex on the South side of the freeway in Monrovia.

Owner, Craig Reiber, and his mother started the business back in 1987 as Crescenta Valley Tile. A short time later they moved to the current Monrovia location. Now three decades in business, Reiber, President, and son, Shawn Robb, COO, now run this large Monrovia company as CV Tile, a "one-stop" tile and stone shop. "Seeing our operation from the street, most people don't realize our operation is so big."

Carrying over 100 lines from companies all over the world, CV offers a 10,000 square foot stone, tile and cabinetry showroom, 8,000 square foot warehouse, an 18,000 square foot slab yard with exotic and mainstream marble and granite, in house stone and tile designers to work with consumers and contractors plus an in house fabricator and installation arm.

Concept boards with thousands of different combinations are available to inspire and whet your design appetite. If you don't find just the right stone or tile combination size or finish, CV can probably make it for you.

Over the years, CV has developed a reputation as the "go to" company for intricate custom tile products. "In these economic times, most manufacturers maintain minimal inventory instead of stocking six to eight sizes of a particular stone tile. We can fill in the gap, either for the manufacturer or the consumer. By using our onsite water jet, multi-bladed saw and stone tumbling equipment, we can custom size an 18"x18" tile into long narrow 6" tiles for a backsplash, inset or mosaic, or tumble stone tiles to a shape or finish not currently available in manufacturer stock. And it's all done in house," reflects Robb.

Over the years, CV's growing reputation as a company that can

saic designer hand cuts the small infill pieces to complete the design. It's an exacting art, to make the sizes fit to allow the design to flow as if it were a picture.

Glass tile is a hot design element right now. CV does some amazing things combining glass tile and granite these days. The new kitchen showroom features a stunning full backsplash of water jet cut vines using green metallic glass tile leaves, winding through a neutral Crema Marfil marble background. In a nearby Bradbury estate, they cut intricate mosaics of sea life for one bath and recreated Hollywood landmarks including the signature hillside sign, street signs and even the "star" walk, all out of water jet cut stone mosaics.

Out in the slab stone yard, stunning marble and granite slabs with exotic names like Verde Fire, Jurassic and Rain Forest provide the foundation upon which clients can bring out tile concept boards of tile combinations to feel out complementary stone and tile choices in natural light for a true color assessment. Jurassic is my favorite right now," says Robb. "Nature created this granite at the bottom of a river bed, embedded with fist sized, granite river rock in various colors and textures. There really is nothing else like it I've seen.

Last fall, CV expanded into domestic and imported cabinetry for bath vanities and kitchens. Vanities can now be purchased with the granite, marble or CaesarStone countertop and sink already installed. "These 24"-72"



Roman Warrior Mosaic in the high roller suite at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

handle the hard and intricate projects has led them to produce the custom mosaics for installations at nearly every upscale casino in Las Vegas including the Bellagio and Caesar's Palace (a huge wall mosaic of a Roman soldier in a high roller's suite), nearly twenty Brighton handbag stores, a 200' long "serpent" in a San Diego college administration building, tile manufacturers like the huge Dal-Tile company, dozens of Wolfgang Puck's restaurants as well as residential applications across the country in baths, fountains, kitchens, pools, etc.

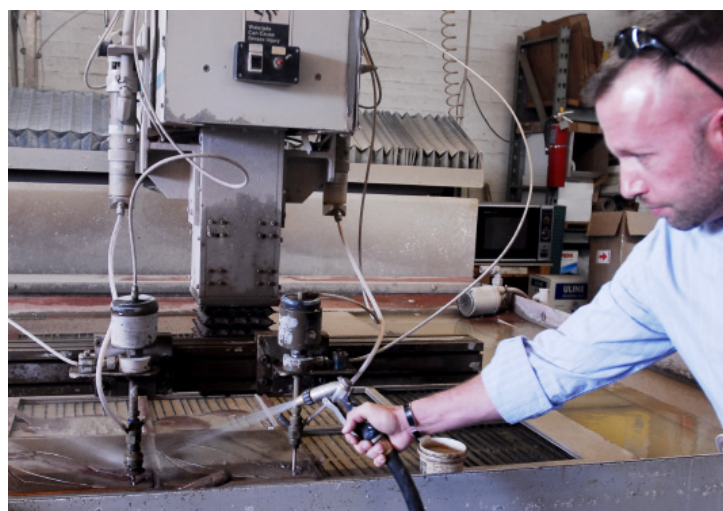
We start with a concept, a logo or a drawing, and then transfer it to our CAD, computer aided design system. Next we set our computer guided, computerized water jet saw to cut the design out of the stone, color by color. When the water jet cut pieces are completed, our mo-



single and double vanities are popular with clients who want an easy, quick bath remodel," comments Reiber.

Contractors and do it yourselfers have an installation materials and tools department right in the complex, too, with knowledgeable staff on hand to advise. One can literally drive away with everything needed for the project, including the ceramic soap dishes, grout, "thin set" and specialized tools.


We're a family business and we know most of the great contractors in the area, and they know they can count on us. We always focus heavily on the personal service component in our business. We offer competitive pricing with many many more options and choices than



a big box store, but it's our service PLUS the selection that makes us stand out," reflects Reiber.

The CV Tile and Stone showroom, located at 520 E. Evergreen in Monrovia, is open Monday-Friday 8:30 5:30 and Saturday, from 9-5. For an appointment with a tile and stone designer, call the showroom at 626-303 0336. Same day appointments are sometimes available.

For oodles of inspiration for your floor, bath, kitchen, fireplace, fountain, pool and other tile or stone project before you begin; visit the CV website at www.CVTile.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

PRICING UNDER PRESSURE

Deciding on an asking price for your home is challenging enough these days, but you need specific pricing strategies for particular scenarios, especially if you're under pressure to move quickly or your home isn't selling after being on the market for several months. Here are suggestions for both situations.

If you're facing a deadline due to job relocation or other reasons, then you need to price competitively, even more competitively than expected in today's market. You'll need to list at significantly less than your competition. Think 15% less. That may seem tough to stomach, but it's better than continuing your monthly loan payments or the hassle of trying to find tenants to rent your home.

If your home has been listed for some time, but not generating interest, you'll need to lower your price. Of the three elements that sell a home - price, location, and condition - price is the one you'll have the most control over.

If home values have declined in your neighborhood, the price you originally listed at a few months ago may now be too high and out of line with comparable listings. Now would be the time to have your real estate agent prepare a new Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) and reevaluate your pricing strategy. If you've got to sell, and sell now, price it like you mean it.

Easy Ways To Save Water At Home

(NAPS)—Using water wisely can save homeowners money, reduce energy costs and help protect the planet.

Here are a few easy conservation steps you can take:

1. Check for leaks. Even the smallest leak from a worn faucet washer can waste gallons of water every day. You can also use your water meter to check for hidden leaks. Just read the water meter before and after a time when no water is being used. If the meter shows water has been used, there is a leak. Talk to your plumber.

2. Only use your dishwasher and clothes washer when you have a full load. Washing smaller loads of laundry can use twice as much water per pound of laundry.

3. When you wash dishes, don't let the water run to rinse them. Fill a second sink with clear water for rinsing. Don't rinse dishes before loading in the dishwasher.

4. Install water-saving showerheads. A four-minute shower can use up to 40 gallons of water, and while you can take shorter showers, you can also save water with a low-flow showerhead.

Speakman has engineered several low-flow showerheads to meet LEED and WaterSense standards. The company's eco showerheads are designed to conserve water while still providing a full, satisfying spray to the user. With the company's low-flow showerheads, you can save more than 2,300 gallons per year. Since this also reduces demands on water heaters, households will also save energy. All products that bear the WaterSense label are tested and certified by an approved third-party laboratory to ensure they meet

EPA criteria. For example, showerheads that earn the WaterSense label must use no more than 2.0 gallons per minute.

There are seven models of eco showerheads, including handheld styles, which all range from 1.5 to 2.0 gallons per minute. As well as being efficient, the showerheads also offer full-body sprays and therapeutic pulsating massage jets.



Installing a water-saving showerhead could save you thousands of gallons of water every year.

5. Turn off the tap after wetting your toothbrush. In general, any time water is running, you are wasting it. That includes shaving and cooling water to drink.

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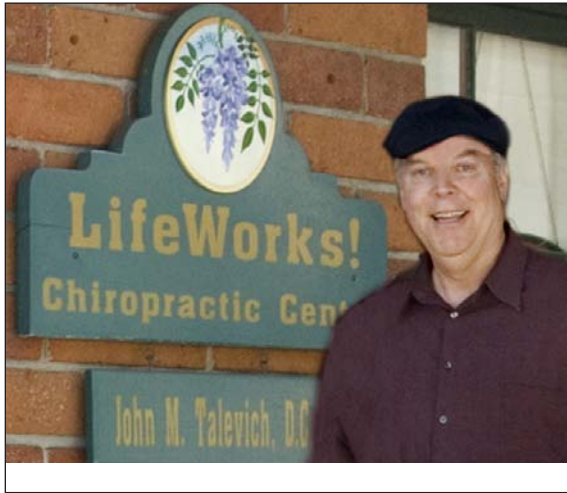
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Today's Subject:

Rounding That First Turn



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.

Here we are in the waning half of January 2011. You may have noticed the increased numbers of people running and walking during the first two weeks of the month, only to puzzle over where they might be now. To be fair, many are still out there working on their resolutions, yet a significant percentage has fallen by the wayside. So, is there a way to work toward a better version of ourselves without taking all the fun out of life?

The Inside Track

Sure, what often gets us to make changes is the disquiet we feel at a tightening beltline or the extra chin we stare at in the bathroom mirror, but this won't sustain us in the long run. After all, we have to live with ourselves, and liking ourselves makes this easier. In order to get all of the different personalities liv-

ing inside us on the same page (the hamburger-loving teen and the runway model/ NBA star), we need a code that harmonizes the clan. Similar to the concertmaster tuning the orchestra to one key, we need to create our own "tuning." A simple, gentle reminder such as "I am enough," or "I accept myself," can allow integration to take place.

Diet/Eating Dynamics

In Brian Wansink's article in the January-February AARP magazine, he states that "the best diet is the one you don't know you're on." He goes on to share a handful of tips which contribute to gradual permanent weight loss: Never eat in front of t.v., drink one glass of water before each meal or snack, save dessert for weekends, and include a fruit or vegetable with your lunch are a few of his suggestions. A checklist with a set of three goals can be created, with each goal checked off daily. If you eat without being in front of the t.v. on Tuesday, you check that off. If you drink a glass of water before each meal, that is checked. Each day, your goals are considered and checked. At month's end, one can see which goals are most useful (and used) while new goals are set. Brian Wansink is the director of the Cornell University Food and Brand Lab and the author of Mindless Eating, with more info available at mindlesseating.org.

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Have a healthy week! Dr. John

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Pharmacists Offer Recommendations to Guide Public Through Cold and Flu Season

WASHINGTON, DC- The American Pharmacists Association would like to remind the public about the importance of speaking with their pharmacist during cold and flu season. A pharmacist can help patients with such things as getting a flu shot, identifying the differences between a common cold and the flu, suggesting the best over-the-counter medications and offering a recommendation when a health care provider should be seen.

The common cold and influenza are two of the most easily transmittable diseases in the United States. Although the common cold is usually mild, with symptoms lasting one to two weeks, it is a leading cause of doctor visits and missed days from school and work. Typically, children suffer from five to seven colds each year and adults from two to three. According to the CDC, on average 5% to 20% of the U.S. population becomes ill with influenza, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and more than 24,000 people die from seasonal flu-related complications.

Knowing whether you have the common cold or the flu can be complicated, and the common symptoms are sometimes indistinguishable:

- Common ColdThe Flu
- SneezingFever and/or Chills
- Stuffy or Runny NoseStuffy or Runny Nose
- Sore ThroatSore Throat
- CoughCough
- Watery EyesFatigue
- Mild Head or Body AchesPronounced Head or Body Aches
- Vomiting/Diarrhea (more common in children than adults)

A pharmacist can discuss your symptoms with you and offer advice on the best course of action. If a patient has the flu, and it is still within the first two days, a pharmacist can advise the patient and offer solutions including further evaluation and treatment options that may include prescription antiviral therapy from an authorized prescriber. If a patient has a cold, viral sinus infection or has past the two-day window with influenza, a pharmacist can suggest the best over-the-counter medications to fit his/her symptoms.

Optimizing Your Pharmacist's Over-The-Counter Medication Suggestions

Discuss the symptoms you are trying to treat, and the duration of those symptoms, with your pharmacist.

Provide your pharmacist with a list of all the medications - prescription, over-the-counter and herbal - you are currently taking and any over-the-counter products you have already used and the results achieved.

Remember that sometimes, the best medicine is none at all. Your pharmacist may recommend just a few days of rest, adequate hydration and regular,

healthy meals.

Provide the age and weight of the patient to your pharmacist. This is especially important with children's products, as formulations are different depending on the weight of the child.

Read product labeling, take the medication exactly as directed, learn of possible side effects, and ask your pharmacist what should be avoided while taking the medication.

Watch for duplicate ingredients. If you are giving your child more than one OTC medication check the active ingredient(s) used in each medication to make sure you are not giving your child more than one product with the same active ingredient.

Do not use a kitchen spoon to measure liquid medications. Obtain appropriate medication administration aids (i.e. droppers, syringes, spoons, etc.) and ask the pharmacist how to use them properly.

Don't give medications in the dark. Turn on the lights if your child needs medication at night. Do not give medication to a child who is not fully awake.

Remember, most OTC medications are for temporary relief of minor symptoms. Contact your pharmacist or health care provider if your condition persists or gets worse.

The flu, common colds and most other upper respiratory infections are caused by viruses and are NOT treated with antibiotics. An antiviral will reduce the symptoms of the flu if received within the first 48 hours of symptom onset.

There is still time to protect your family from the flu, the CDC recommends all persons six months or older receive an influenza vaccine. The vaccine is available throughout the flu season or as long as supply lasts. Make sure to speak with your pharmacist about your vaccination needs.

APhA encourages consumers to follow good health practices to prevent the spread of influenza, colds and other transmissible illnesses. Consumers are encouraged to cover their mouth and nose during a cough or sneeze, avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth, and wash their hands frequently. Other good health practices to follow include using alcohol based hand sanitizer, getting plenty of regular sleep and avoiding work, school or other places of close contact when you are sick.

About the American Pharmacists Association
The American Pharmacists Association, founded in 1852 as the American Pharmaceutical Association, represents more than 62,000 practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and others interested in advancing the profession. APhA, dedicated to helping all pharmacists improve medication use and advance patient care, is the first-established and largest association of pharmacists in the United States.

THE GOOD LIFE

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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: Center & City Hall Closed on January 17th
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
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:
City Hall Closed on January 14th & 28th

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



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.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:

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WHALE WATCHING
Saturday, March 12th
9 am to 4 pm; \$25
We are using a NEW boat company & the excursion will be narrated by an Aquarium of the Pacific staff member.

Recipe of the Week:

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup packed golden brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 10 ounces good-quality white chocolate, chopped into chunks
- 1 cup toasted macadamia nuts, chopped into chunks

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 375F. Line 2 heavy large baking sheets with parchment paper. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, vanilla, and salt in a large bowl until creamy.

Add the eggs one at a time and beat well.

Combine the flour and baking soda in a small mixing bowl. Gradually add to the butter mixture, beating just until blended.

Stir in the white chocolate chunks and macadamia nuts.

BAKE COOKIES:

Drop large rounded tablespoonfuls of the dough onto the baking sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges are golden brown and the centers are set. Cool slightly, remove from the baking sheet and transfer to a wire rack to cool.

SERVE COOKIES:

Serve and enjoy warm or at room temperature.



January Birthdays

Loyal Camacho, Becky Evans, Roberta Rahmanian, Louise "Sandy" Thistlewaite, Sue Watanabe, Ruth Wolter, Mary Tassop,

FEBRUARY EXCURSION

February 17th - Bower's Museum - Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World - join us as we travel to Santa Ana to take a special tour of this exhibit which includes an original of the 1776 "Pennsylvania Constitution" as well as explore the museum. Cost is \$21 per person for transportation & the tour (lunch will be on your own at the museum). 9 am to 3:30 pm
To register, please visit the Senior Center or go online to www.cityofsierramadre.com/ onlineregistration.



Meals-On-Wheels

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

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Lunch Café — January Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Navy Bean Soup & Roast Beef	4 Albondigas Soup & Chicken Fajitas	5 Minestrone soup, pasta & meatballs	6 Tomato Soup with Salmon or Pork	7 Squash Soup & Baked Chicken
10 Broccoli Soup & Roast Turkey	11 Birthday Cake Soup and Sweet & Sour Pork	12 Corn Soup & Sub Sandwich	13 Navy Bean Soup & Baked Chicken	14 Chicken Soup & Cheeseburger
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day CENTER CLOSED	18 Tomato Soup & Meatloaf	19 Albondigas Soup & Steak Picada	20 Lentil Soup & BBQ Pork Sandwich	21 Squash Soup & Pot Roast
24 Split Pea Soup & Baked Chicken	25 Potato Soup & Tuna Salad	26 Bean Soup with Salmon or Pork	27 Albondigas Soup & Tostada Salad	28 Soup & Stuffed Peppers
31 Broccoli Soup & Turkey ala King				

*All meals also include low fat milk, whole grain roll with margarine and dessert (fresh fruit or pie). Also, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month the Café hosts a special "Birthdays of the Month" party with cake & ice cream.

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By Bobby Eldridge

In order to hit the golf ball further and more consistent, after you grip the club-check your knuckles EVERY TIME. I have a question for you that you have to answer in two seconds. Is gripping the golf club an art or a science? Think about it for 10 seconds if you want to. Do you know why I am giving you 10 seconds to think about it? Ten seconds is longer than you take to think about gripping the club when your on the golf course.

When most amateur golfers struggle with their golf game it can be traced right back to the grip the golf club. What I have heard for the past 35 years is "I am really struggling with my swing"-DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP. "I keep coming over the top"-DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP. "I can't stop hooking the ball"-DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP.

Here is the problem. Changing your grip can be a nightmare. I don't care if you have played for six months or 30 years, for you to make a grip change, it can be a long and painful process. I started playing golf when I was 2 years old, by the time I was 13 I was bigger and stronger and I had a very strong grip. I hooked the ball way too much. My mom told me it was time to weaken it, It was the longest year of my life.

I am going to let you in on two little secrets that nobody talks about. If you slice the golf or if you hit weak fades to the right, changing your grip will be the most exciting and rewarding thing you will do for your golf game. You will fall in love with me in five minutes. (OK, maybe a little overboard-can you tell I am excited)? On the other hand. If you hook the ball you will want to wrap that driver around my neck for about three months AND then you will also fall in love with me.

That is secret number one. Now for secret number two. Whether you are a slicer or hooker of the golf ball, changing your grip can be very uncomfortable. I have a saying that I have used with my students for 20 years. As soon as they change their grip and make solid contact they always say to me "it doesn't feel good". And I always say to them "you have a choice, you can either hit it poorly and feel good or hit it great and feel poorly".

Let me tell you why the knuckles are so important. Let's talk about slicing first. After you grip the golf club and address the golf ball, when you look down at your left hand, you probable don't see any knuckles. of the left hand. You see the top of the left thumb. The problem is the clubface will not close in time for you to hit a draw. This next part is really important. Before you start your backswing, simple turn BOTH hands to the right the same amount. Do it in baby steps. Turn the hands on the club so you can see one knuckle, and hit some balls from this position. If you get rid of your slice then stop. You have hit gold, that is the correct grip for you. This is a very powerful change, that is why you will love it.

On to the golfers that hook the ball. After you grip the club and address the golf ball you will look down and see three or four knuckles of the left hand. The clubhead will close way to fast in the downswing from with this grip. You have to move BOTH of your hands to the left the same amount. Do it in baby steps, one knuckle at a time. The reason this is more painful than the grip change above is because you are going from a stronger position to a weaker position. You will not feel the love for some time. I know you can do this, I did.

In closing after you grip the club-check your knuckles EVERY TIME and you will begin to see the ball start flying straighter and further.

Golfingly yours, Bobby Eldridge You can email me at: bobby@igolffixes.com



2011 Adult Men's Winter Basketball League!

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is offering an Adult Men's Basketball League in 2011. Get in shape and sharpen your skills at the same time! Teams are divided into leagues based on their skill level and play 10 games in the brand new Dana Gym, located at 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia. The fee for adult basketball is \$475.00 per team (due upon registration), and includes officials, scorekeepers and awards. A separate \$40 forfeit fee is also due at the time of registration. Open registration will begin December 13, 2010 and is limited. Teams will be accepted into the league on a first-come, first-serve basis. Just go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci-arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive in Arcadia. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

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Sierra Madre Rose Float Association 2012 Float Design Contest:

The 2011 design contest will be held until Friday, January 28th, 2011. We recognize that the official Tournament of Roses Theme Announcement will occur in mid-January, but we have been given information about the concept for the 2012 Parade. Please see the Tournament of Roses concept for the parade at www.smrosefloat.org/get-involved/design-2012-float.

Design Guidelines:

1. Designs must be received no later than Friday, January 28th, by 6PM at P.O. Box 603, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.
2. Design submissions need to take into consideration the Tournament of Roses 2012 theme. (Please see the Tournament of Roses concept at www.smrosefloat.org/get-involved/design-2012-float).
3. Designers should consider the appropriate use of float riders, Sierra Madre Rose Princesses/Escorts (2-4) and animation. Float designs should represent a float no longer than 55 feet and 18 feet wide.
4. The design contest is open to all ages (need not be a Sierra Madre resident nor a Sierra Madre Rose Float Association member). Designs developed by Groups, Art Classes or other organizations are gladly received. Designers are encouraged also to submit more than one design.
5. Please provide a title to the float design. Submission should include a written description (no more than 100 words) of the concept and possible animations.
6. While only a very simple sketch is required to illustrate the concept, more detail can help in the selection process.

Design Rules:

1. Designs must be submitted on an 8 ½ X 11 "Theme Draft Form" in black & white pencil. No color drawings or oversized drawings will be accepted.
2. Designs submitted to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association will become the property of the Association and may be modified by the Association to achieve construction and floral requirements.
3. Designers will be required to sign a Design Release form certifying the originality of their design and assigning those design rights to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.
4. The designer(s) may be asked for consultation.
5. The designer understands that he/she will receive no compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the design and that the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, City of Sierra Madre and/or the Pasadena Tournament of Roses have no obligation of any kind towards designer(s).
6. Submitted designs are not returnable.
7. Mail all designs to:

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For further information, please call the Sierra Madre Rose Float Barn at 626-355-7005, leaving a message on the answering machine. We will return your call as soon as possible. Submission forms available at www.smrosefloat.org

Rose Parade Concept for the 2012 Parade

The 2012 Rose Parade theme pays homage to all things possible and impossible. It is about potential and our hope, our discoveries and fascinations. It is about looking for beauty in things rare and common.

On one hand, it harkens to a Dr. Seuss-like imagining of all of the wondrous dreams of our childhood where reality playfully turns inside out or upside down. On the other, it triggers thought-provoking questions of what visionary people with a common purpose can accomplish to change and inspire us.

The Parade theme provokes images of children lying on grass seeing pictures in clouds; scientists searching the stars for new worlds to discover; far away places imagined by the poets and storytellers of the ages; determined athletes giving their all in service of the ultimate prize; musicians, dancers, painters, actors and sculptors expressing their gifts on the palettes of their vocations; and the visualization of a future in which creativity and innovation are the twin masters of our dreams.

While this theme seems to beg for the sculpture of storybook fantasies and the world of a child's imagination, it can also be expressed as a reflection of the achievable hopes and dreams of adults, the remarkable accomplishments and innovations of business, and the world vision of an optimistic future.

Heartfelt and uplifting, the Rose Parade theme explores original ideas from the very small to the phenomenal, with an emphasis on touching hearts and inspiring lives. Most of all, it is a theme full of opportunities for fun. Our goal is to leave the audience in a state of suspended disbelief whispering one word... "wow!."

Thematically, this idea is a treasure-trove of possibilities, especially as it comes at the beginning of a new year. It should celebrate a new year of opportunity, underscore the brilliant imaginings of our past, and inspire us to reach higher, try harder, and believe in our dreams.



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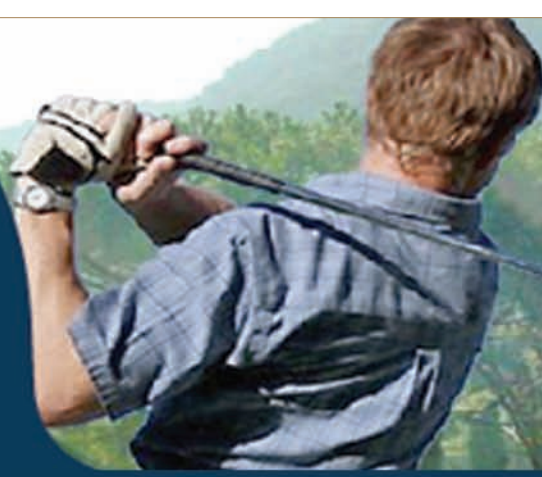
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