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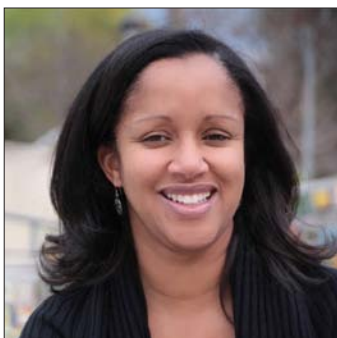
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WRITE IN CANDIDATE CHANGES DYNAMICS IN PUSD BOARD RACE FOR SEAT 2

The name Cushon Bell has been making a lot of headlines lately. She was recently elected to the Mom's Congress as the sole representative for the State of California. And now, at the ninth hour, she has qualified to run as a Write In Candidate for Seat 2 in the March 6th school board race.



This is her first run for public office, but not her first foray into public service. She worked in the Measure CC campaign and has been described as a "Supermom" because of her many volunteer hours in a variety of parent organizations.

A resident of Altadena, she is married and has three children: Devan, Dylan, 6, who attend Sierra Madre Elementary, and Dustin, 4. She has been a teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District for 18 years, on leave for the past four.

Qualifying as a write in candidate on Tuesday, Bell has an uphill battle if she intends to win. She has chosen to run for Seat 2 against incumbent Renatta Cooper. Prior to Bell throwing her hat into the ring, Cooper was the only candidate running unopposed.

With a limited amount of time to get her message out, she has been busy visiting parents on PUSD campuses including Muir, Blair, Marshall, PHS, Eliot, Wilson, Willard, Washington (both sites), Rose City, McKinley, Sierra Madre (both sites), Field, Don Benito, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Jefferson, Don Benito, Norma Coombs, Longfellow, Jackson, McKinley, Field, Burbank, Loma Alta, and Altadena.

Bell says she wants to be a parent role model and advocate for all children.

For more information see candidates statement on page 9.

THE NO SHOW SNOW

Sierra Madre was ready for an historic snowfall but it never appeared - at least not by Saturday morning.



The view up Baldwin Avenue early Saturday morning displayed the beautiful hillsides sans snowflakes.

When the National Weather Service forecast snow down to elevations of 500-1,000 feet, the whole town of Sierra Madre was buzzing with excitement. In fact, the notion of snow in our little village caught the attention of the major networks.

The unpredictable storm did bring rain and even hail, but the temperature did not drop below freezing and the snow stayed above 2500 feet.

Although the city did issue a green flag alert for possible problems from the rain, preparing for the snow was something no one could

anticipate. The alert is activated under a prediction of 80% - 100% chance of precipitation and alerts residents to get "READY" for potential evacuation. This includes keeping a close watch on weather forecasts. With temperatures dropping to record lows, that precipitation could have turned from rain to snow.

If snow were to fall on our fair town, according to certain Sierra Madre purveyors of folklore, the city is prepared for a snow storm. The town does not own a snow plow but does, or so it has been reported, there is a 1954 road grader

ready to go. If the grader does in fact exist, by the time anyone got it to start, the snow would be melted.

In the event snow does fall 1,000 feet and below, that would mean that part of Alverno and above could get a 'dusting'.

When the snow was nowhere to be seen, many Sierra Madreans expressed their disappointment. However, with temperatures forecast to drop to 30 degrees Saturday night and a 30% chance of more rain, Sierra Madre may in fact get some snow other than the annual Snowman or the Dickens Village Slide.

COUNCIL ENCUMBERS REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Council also authorizes a Sierra Madre Facebook Site

Consistent with the 5-year Implementation plan adopted by the Sierra Madre Community Development Agency, the City Council on Tuesday night, took action on funding several projects by directing staff to prepare the necessary agreements. The projects that were authorized were:

New Bathrooms in Memorial Park;
Repaving of East Montecito;
Incentive Program for Businesses to move in or expand;
A facade improvement program modification. The current program is a loan program. The modification is for a 100% grant program to pay for actual construction costs.

The projects must be in the CRA area.

By encumbering or 'earmarking' the funds for specific projects,

it is believed, based on the current standards set in Sacramento, that should the Governor follow through with his threat to take local redevelopment agency funds, these projects would be exempted.

In addition to the items discussed on Tuesday evening, the city had previously encumbered the funds to complete the renovation of the Hart Park House Senior Center. Requests For Proposals for that project are expected to be released in the very near future.

www.facebook.com/SierraMadre?!

The city council also voted to bring Sierra Madre communications to the 21st century. After much discussion and public comment, the council authorized the establishment of the appropriate social me-

dia accounts, namely Facebook and Twitter. In the staff reported provided to the council, social media was defined as: "a variety of web applications to open new communication channels between people with a more personal, and less formal and authoritative style".

Having Facebook and Twitter accounts are being used by many cities currently including South Pasadena, Monrovia and the Arcadia Police Department.

Staff presented guidelines for the implementation and operation of the sites to the council which included making the Facebook page a one way form of communication from the city.

Also approved was the Management Policy and Regulations for the site.

MOSCA TO DELIVER STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Sierra Madre to host State of the City Event on February 28, 2011

On Monday, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm the City of Sierra Madre will be hosting its first ever State of the City address at the Community Recreation Center in the newly renovated Sierra Madre Room at 611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard. This year's theme is "Working Together the Sierra Madre Way" and this event will highlight programs and services the City has provided over the past year and give residents insight to the City's goals for the next fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem John Buchanan will emcee the evening. A special performance by Sierra Madre School Third Grade Students will precede Mayor Joe Mosca's State of the City Address. Representatives from each City Department will have booths highlighting current programs and projects and will be available to answer any community questions.

Although the event will not be aired live on SMTV3, the event will be recorded and rebroadcast on Channel 3 for Time Warner customers and will be able to be viewed on the City's website no later than March 7.

Child care will be provided by the Library and Community Services departments and refreshments will be provided by the sponsors of the event. For more information on this event please contact 626.355.5278

**WISTARIA FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEER MEETING
TUESDAY,
MARCH 1, 2011
7:30 P.M.
HART PARK HOUSE
SENIOR CENTER
SIERRA MADRE**

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



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:

March 8, 2011 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

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.

City of Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission Presents: An Exhibition By Paul Fairbanks
You are invited to view the latest work of the Artist, Paul Fairbanks, who hails originally from the land of the Bean and the Cod. His natural ability to capture nature in its changing moods over the course of 48 years has allowed him to be represented in many private collections. Enjoy the fruits of his adventure!

Paul Fairbanks' Exhibition
February 7 – April 1, 2011
Paul Fairbanks' Artist Reception
Friday, March 4, 2011
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
Sierra Madre City Hall
232 West Sierra Madre Blvd.,
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

CHINESE TEA PROGRAM

As part of Sierra Madre's month-long One Book One City celebration of Chinese culture, the Library is hosting "The Joy of Tea," with Linda Louie, on Saturday, February 26, at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Louie will present the celebrated Chinese Gongfu Tea Ceremony (Gongfu Cha), a centuries-old custom practiced by tea connoisseurs that was discouraged and virtually labeled a crime in China during the Communist Cultural Revolution. Preparing a superior cup of tea involves an exacting method which tea masters study for years to perfect, and involves the marriage of method with chemistry and physics. The goal is a brew that is not only delicious, but is satisfying to the soul. Ms. Louie's presentation will conclude with a tasting of rare Pu-erh tea, which is made from centuries-old wild tea trees.

This program is free open to the public. For more information, please call 626-355-7186, or visit the Library website at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre.

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THE EVENING BUSINESS CLUB

Do you have an idea for a business venture, then this is the place to start!

Women At Work presents *the Evening Business Club* on Mondays, **March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm** \$60 for the entire series if registered by February 28th, after that \$75

Join us for a month-long series; these interactive classes will guide you through the basics of turning your dream or idea into a significant source of income. Led by a seasoned MBA entrepreneur, the workshops cover:

- Writing a business plan
- Legal and financial considerations
- Promoting your business
- ... and more

You will have an opportunity to be a participant in an on going Business Club that will meet monthly following completion of the series.

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 will be held at Women At Work, 3871 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. **Registration is required by calling 626-796-6870, ext. 0.**

Visit our website: www.womenatwork.org

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.

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY'S FREE PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS TO FEATURE LOCAL EXPERTS

Sierra Madre Public Library's new five-week Parent/Child Workshop for families with children ages three and younger will feature noted resource professionals from the community. Each workshop session will feature a different aspect of parenting, including early literacy, speech, hearing and language development, child development, nutrition, music, play, and health. The workshops, which will take place at the Library on consecutive Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., will be interactive and will include toys, crafts, books and play in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns. **Enrollment is free, but in-person pre-registration at the Library is required to ensure a spot in the program.**

The workshop itinerary and speakers are:

March 2: Orientation, Early Literacy – Meegan Tosh, Sierra Madre Public Library Children's Librarian.

March 9: Speech, Hearing & Language Development – Justine Sherman of Justine Sherman & Associates, a nonpublic agency serving the speech-language, and educational needs of young children. Ms. Sherman also conducts a series of family programs to help parents enhance their children's language and social skills in a fun environment. JSA is a family centered clinic that believes parent involvement and education leads to great carryover of skills.

March 16: Child Development – Dr. Tina Bryson, lecturer, parenting educator and psychotherapist at Pediatric and Adolescent Psychology Associates. Dr. Bryson is the author of "The Whole-Brain Child." Tina combines practical parenting tips you can use every day with cutting-edge science. She gives parents easy ways to solve parenting struggles, lay the groundwork for whole and happy children, understand their child's development, and be more intentional in their parenting. Come learn how to tame tantrums and build your child's brain at the same time!

March 23: Nutrition – Dr. Edward Laurance, pediatric gastroenterologist specializing in nutrition and in treating children's stomach and digestive disorders, along with Registered Dietician Wendy Crump.

March 30: Music, Play & Health – Melissa Moore Castillo, who holds a master's degree in dance-movement therapy and has led preschool movement groups. Melissa is currently Sierra Madre School PTA President.

This project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

BARGAIN BOOK SALE

The Sierra Madre Public Library is the place to go in March for the "Savin' o' the Green"—greenbacks, that is! The Friends of the Library will hold a bargain book sale inside the Library, Monday, March 7 through Saturday, March 12, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics will include Fiction, Films, TV, Hollywood, Politics, the Military, and Children's and Specialty Books. All books are in good condition and are \$1.00 each. Drop by often--there will plenty of new titles to choose from throughout the week, as books are replenished daily.

TRAVELERS AND COLLECTORS SPEKAERS SERIES: "Collection the American Old West"

David Goff will present his collection of American Old West art and artifacts in Sierra Madre Library's second Travelers and Collectors program, Friday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. Pioneers and cowboys remain iconic figures in American culture, much admired for their "true grit" and independent spirit. We never seem to tire of movies and novels set in this time period, and even the everyday, commonplace items unique to this period continue to fascinate us. History buffs will not want to miss this hands-on program with David Goff, who has dedicated years to collecting and preserving the art and artifacts of this colorful time in our nation's history.

This program is free and open to the public. A program schedule is available at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., and can also be found on the Library website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. Travelers and Collectors is held on the second Friday of the month, February through May, and is funded by the Friends of the Library. For more information call Catriona Shafer at (626) 355-7186.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, February 13th, to Saturday February 19th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 366 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Friday, February 18th:

4:43 PM- Petty Theft, Montecito Ct. Unknown suspect(s) stole an unlocked blue Moongoose dirt bike in an alley behind Bean Town.

10:40 PM- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle, W. Sierra Madre Blvd. During a check at Buccaneer Bar an officer contacted three adult male subjects in a vehicle, due to a strong odor of Marijuana. The owner of the vehicle admitted to possessing marijuana and was cited. Further investigations revealed that the other subjects in the vehicle were on probation and one had an outstanding warrant. The subject with the warrant was taken to Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

Saturday, February 19th:

11:49 PM- Parolee Arrested, Don Diablo and Foothill Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigations revealed that the driver was in possession of a glass smoking pipe used to smoke crack cocaine. The driver was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. It was later determined the driver was a parolee with an outstanding felony warrant. The Highland Park resident was transported to Pasadena Police Department Jail.

WISTARIA FESTIVAL SHUTTLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce reminds you that shuttle tickets to ride up to view the Wistaria Vine at its annual Wistaria Festival are now available online. The 2011 Wistaria Festival will take place on March 20th, 2011.

The Wistaria Festival features tours of the world's largest blossoming plant, certified as such by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits, the Solts and the Dorrances, open their property to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894. At its peak, the vine covered more than an acre of ground, and in the early 20th century was so large that it even destroyed a home that was under it.

In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that 175 juried crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their arts/crafts. Downtown village shops are open, and more than a dozen musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone, as bouncy houses, slides, rock climbing and other kids attractions set up in the park alongside food vendors, both for profit and non-profit alike.

The shuttle to the vine from downtown avoids a long uphill walk from downtown to the neighborhood in which the vine sits. "Day of" tickets for the shuttle have been reduced from \$15 to \$12 this year, and pre-sale tickets are just \$10. This year, for the first time, seniors and kids (6 to 16) receive a discounted rate of \$7. Children under five ride for free. There is no charge to view the vine.

Mountain Views News readers that purchase non-discounted (\$10) pre-sale tickets on line can also receive a \$1 savings on their ticket by entering promo code MVN01 on the ticket order page when prompted.

To order tickets online, visit www.WistariaTickets.com.

THE SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL POSTMARK CANCELLATION TO CELEBRATE THE SIERRA MADRE WISTARIA FESTIVAL.



This special postmark will be available at:

Event: The Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival,
Date: Sunday, March 20, 2011
Hours: Open 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Location:
The Wistaria Festival Postal Station at Kersting Court in Sierra Madre
Located at Sierra Madre Boulevard and Baldwin

Bring postcards or letters and mail them from this special event post office and your friends will be surprised when they receive mail with this extraordinary postmark.

This postal cancellation has been announced and printed in the U. S. Postal Bulletin which is distributed worldwide. To accommodate collectors from out of the area, the Sierra Madre Post Office will cancel postcards and letters upon request with the Wistaria Cancellation for 30 days after the event. To postmark a letter after the event go to Sierra Madre Post Office and request the Wistaria Postmark on your mail.

For more information contact:

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce
Phone: (626) 355-5111

E-mail: Info@sierramadrechamber.com
U.S. Post Office Sierra Madre, California 91024

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB MIXER

Thursday, March 10, the SMWC hosts their annual **Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce Mixer** at our 1914 Essick House from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm – to which you also are invited. One of the best mixers each year, we work really hard to ensure our food spread is anticipated all year long. Chamber mixer: \$7 for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Tour our historic 1914 Essick House, also home to our award-winning Wistaria Thrift Shop.

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Churches

Episcopal Church of the Ascension - 25 E. Laurel
(626) 355-1133

Sierra Madre Congregational Church - 170 W. Sierra Madre
(626) 355-3566

Foothill Center For Spiritual Living - 49 S. Baldwin No. A
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Greek Evangelical Church
69 Suffolk Avenue
(626) 355-2153

Sierra Madre Church of Christ
212 N. Lima
(626) 355-1817

Sierra Madre United Methodist
695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(626) 355-0629

Bethany Christian
93 N. Baldwin
(626) 355-1403

St. Rita Catholic Church
38 N. Baldwin
(626) 355-1292
and much more!

Sierra Madre Healthy Family Fun and Walk with the Mayor

The Community and Personnel Services Department will be starting the Healthy Family Fun program again for 2011! The Healthy Family Fun program focuses on monthly outdoor activities for families to enjoy together. Such activities will include: the Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Mount Wilson Trail Race Kids Fun Run, Capture the Flag, Historic Bike Ride and a monthly Walk with the Mayor just to name a few.

The Walk with the Mayor will begin on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Each Walk with the Mayor will be held the first Saturday of every month in 2011. Please meet at Sierra Vista Park at 9:00am for a stroll with Sierra Madre Mayor Joe Mosca for the March activity. There is no need to register for the activity, just show up with your walking shoes and plenty of questions for Mayor Mosca to answer! For more information on Healthy Family Fun please call 626-355-5278.

SPRING SWIM COACH RECRUITMENT

The City of Sierra Madre is looking for a Head Swim Coach and an Assistant Swim Coach for the Spring Dolphins Swim Team Program. Coaches will lead practices starting on May 2, 2011 and running through Friday, June 3, 2011. Practices will be held Monday through Friday from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Please visit the City website at www.cityofsierramadre.com for the job flyers and on-line application. The closing date for the recruitment is Wednesday, March 16, 2011. For more information please contact the Community Services Office at 626-355-5278.

SIERRA MADRE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council Meeting
Thursday, March 3, 2011 at noon
Youth Activity Center

The presentation will be made by Patricia Ancona, regarding the Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts.

Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society Says:



are designated as National Museums Advocacy Days 2011. The purpose of these days, organized by the American Association of Museums, is to emphasize and bring to the forefront the importance of museums in our community, state, and country. This is our chance to join with advocates and colleagues from around the country and **Speak Up for Museums!**

It is important to remember in these challenging economic times that museums bring much to our communities. Museums are engines of commerce, serving to boost the civic and economic climates of communities large and small. U.S. museums attract an estimated 850 million visits each year, more than all professional sporting events and theme parks combined.

So how many people do you think visit our local Sierra Madre museums every year? Although we don't officially keep track we can guesstimate. At the

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So how many people do you think visit our local Sierra Madre museums every year? Although we don't officially keep track we can guesstimate. At the

SMHPS's program last Thursday night, featured speaker, Dan Richter, a local avid hiker, estimated that approximately 50,000 hikers use the Mt. Wilson Trail each year. Of course, probably many of those hikers are duplicates, but still that's a great amount. Our local museums, Lizzie's Trail Inn and Richardson House, rest at the foot of the Mt. Wilson Trail, so, even though they're only open on a limited basis, they receive a lot of exposure. The SMHPS is currently working on recruiting and training more volunteers so that we will be able to increase the hours the museums are open to the public. This is one of our goals for this, our 80th anniversary year.

Also, did you know that our local museums are available for school field trips and other special events? Did you know that the museums are owned by the City of Sierra Madre, but operated by the SMHPS under a joint agreement? Part of the monies raised by the sale of the SMHPS's latest publication, *Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre* by Michele Zack, is being utilized to assist the City in repairing and maintaining these

museums so that they can be utilized effectively as not only repositories of historical artifacts, but also so the public can safely utilize these facilities. These two treasures are an underutilized part of our community which contain a wealth of history just awaiting your exploration!

Suffice it to say that the mission of museums is public service. That's the message that will be carried to Congress on March 1, when some 300 museum advocates from across the country come to Capitol Hill to convey to our representatives the value – economic and otherwise – museums bring to the nation. Join us in this effort by contacting your local officials, via email or telephone or even old-fashioned letter, telling them what your museum means to you and your family. As protectors, interpreters and exhibitors of our heritages – historic, cultural, natural and scientific – museums fulfill a crucial role in America. Help us communicate that to our elected leaders on March 1 and to continue to support and improve Lizzie's & Richardson House here in Sierra Madre.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY



The Sierra Madre Historical Society celebrated its' 80th Birthday recently with Sierra Madre Resident, Dan Richter as the speaker. Richter, who has overcome two bouts with cancer spoke of how he started hiking the Mt. Wilson Trail as part of his recovery.

Phyllis Chapman was the M.C. for the well attended event.

Pictured above: Gurdon Miller, Dane Lenton and Stan Hutchinson. Left, Dan Richter and right, Debbie Henderson holding a copy of the latest SMHPS newsletter.

The society was started in 1931 the same year that the city celebrated its 50th birthday. Nathaniel Carter founded Sierra Madre in 1881.



JERICO ROAD PROJECT HELPS PASADENA NON-PROFITS THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

Lynn is a busy project manager at UCLA. She enjoys giving back to her community, but as a busy professional, she wants to make sure that her volunteer time is used wisely. She contacted Jericho Road Pasadena, which places skilled volunteers at local nonprofits, to find a good match to her volunteer interests and professional skills. She was quickly placed with Young & Healthy, a local nonprofit, to update their website, a skill which she uses regularly for work. Her volunteer placement through Jericho Road Pasadena has been fulfilling to her, as well as very useful to Young & Healthy, which lacks the funds to hire a marketing firm to update their website.

Jericho Road Pasadena opened its doors in May 2010 as an affiliate of the award-winning national organization Jericho Road Project, which helps nonprofits by matching them with professional volunteers. Often lasting 3 to 6 month, projects utilize a volunteer's specific skills, such as accounting, information technology, writing, strategic planning or project management. Since the Jericho Road Project launched in 2003, it has established five sites nationwide, won awards for non-profit capacity building and has served over 200 nonprofits.

The Jericho Road Project's mission stems from a strong call to action by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. King built on the story of the Good Samaritan, who helped a man who had been robbed and beaten on the road to Jericho, saying: "On the one hand, we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One

day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed . . ." he continues, "true compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

With that mantra in mind, Jericho Road Project volunteers go beyond donating food, clothing, or even money to transforming the societal structure through which charity becomes necessary. Jericho Road Project volunteers donate their professional skills, benefiting many nonprofits, and thereby, the entire community.

Jericho Road Pasadena is already pairing volunteers with diverse organizations such as Young and Healthy, San Gabriel Valley Literacy Council, Journey House and AIDS Services Center. Anyone interested in donating their skills to a local nonprofit can contact Pasadena Program Director Melanie Goodyear at mgoodyear@jerichoroad-project.org.

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Fuller Makes Statement on Those Killed by Pirates

By Dean Lee

Richard Mouw President of Fuller Theological Seminary said Tuesday the institution was overwhelmed with sad news that pirates had killed four American hostages off the coast of Somalia. Scott Adam, a respected alumnus and former instructor at the school, was among those killed.

"He came to us as a student in 1996, after nearly 30 years in the motion picture industry as a professional filmmaker," Mouw said. "And went on to share that expertise with students through a course, Ministry and Media, which he developed for the Brehm Center for Worship, Theology, and the Arts."

Adam, his wife Jean, and two friends, Phyllis Macay and Robert Riggle, were all shot Tuesday aboard the Quest, a 58-foot yacht they were sailing in, after a four day standoff between U.S. negotiators and Somali pirates. Reports said Navy SEALs boarded the yacht after pirates fired a rocket at U.S. warships and shots were heard onboard the yacht.

Two of the four hostages were found alive although later died of gunshot inflicted wounds reports also said.

Fuller Professor Richard Peace, who was a close friend and colleague to Scott, said in a statement he remembered the great commitment and spark of energy Scott brought to the classroom: "He was gregarious, he was friendly, and he was curious. He had lots of questions and lots to say."

Family members of Adam also released the following statement through the FBI.

"Our loved ones were tragically taken from us and our hearts are broken. While we wish to grieve in private, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women of the Navy and other military branches who risked their lives trying to save them. We would also like to thank the FBI and State Department for their swift and kind treatment of this matter. Our hearts also go out to the families of Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay."

According to Adam's personal website the couple was on an eight year worldwide mission distributing Bibles.

Pet of the Week



Roxy, a beautiful, Staffordshire terrier mix is just 10 months old and in need of a loving home. She is very petite and will probably weigh between 30-40lbs when full grown. She can be shy at first and may need extra time to adjust to a new home. Roxy gets along with other dogs and likes treats.

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A283734 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 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

93-Year Old Former Rose Princess Victimized

Police announced Wednesday the arrest of two suspects in connection with an alleged repeated scam obtaining \$2,600 from a long time elderly Pasadena woman after telling her there were minor problems with her car although no repairs were ever done. Police said this is a typical case of elder abuse.

Ronald Adams and Tommy Petro were both charged Tuesday with three counts of theft against elders and dependent adults and grand theft of personal property in connection with the case said Police Chief Phillip Sanchez. He said both suspects had been released on bond after turning themselves in through an attorney. He also said neither man was from Pasadena.

Sanchez said the victim, whose name was not given, was first approached by Petro and Adams at a local gas station convincing the victim that her car, a 1993 Buick Century Custom, was illegal and in need of repair.

"They said I would get a ticket if I drove the car the way it was," the victim said who did identify herself as a



Press conference announcing arrests Photo D. Lee/MVNews

former 1937 Rose Princess. "I was just a bit concerned, so I mistakenly let him talk about fixing it."

The victim added that she felt threatened.

"When he told me how much it was \$1,200, I knew it might be a scam, but its one thing to know it and another to do anything about it. At my age, you can be frightened, and the other man had this big white truck. With the two of them I thought they would just do some repair on my car and that would be the end of it."

She also said that when she tried to write them a check they demanded cash although persistent they took the check and immediately cashed it. Sanchez said Petro and Adams called the victim again Jan 19 wanting to do more work on her car which she agreed to. He said the victim was taken for another \$1,400 for the bogus repairs.

"The following day the suspects made a third contact

with the victim at which time she became suspicious and called her adult son," Sanchez said.

The Buick was taken to a repair shop in Sierra Madre where mechanics determined no work had been done to the car. Sanchez said the son contacted police.

Police detective Derrick Carter said Petro and Adams allegedly told the victim that a parking light lens was broken, the bumper was offline with the fender and that there were dents on the door needing repair. The victim also said she was told there was loose wiring hanging from the car. Sanchez said police were asking other elderly persons in Pasadena, that may be victims of a similar scam, to come forward. He said they can call detectives at (626) 744-4241.

On average, Sanchez said, they get reports of elder abuse once a week. He also said, in this case, detectives were able to get back the entire \$2,600.

Supervisor Calls for Report on County Gas Line Safety

In a motion introduced last week, County Mayor Michael Antonovich directed the Department of Public Works to report to the Board in 45 days on the status of existing steel gas lines in Los Angeles County. The report will include the age and number of miles of steel lines as well as the progress of replacing them with plastic pipes.

An NBC story following the deadly gas explosion in San Bruno last September illustrated the dangers of natural gas mains made of steel which are susceptible to corrosion, leaking and whose rigidity makes it susceptible to cracking under stress. Since 1970, leaks, fires and explosions resulting in injury and death have declined as many utilities have switched over to plastic pipes, which are less vulnerable to corrosion. According to the Natural Gas Supply Association, currently, 60% of the nation's 475,000 large gas mains are

plastic although many as those wider than 16 inches in diameter are made of steel

The nation's second largest natural gas distributor, Atmos Energy Corporation which operates in 12 states, agreed in September to replace 100,000 steel pipelines in north Texas by late 2012. The Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates natural gas pipelines has commissioned a feasibility study to replace all 525,000 steel service lines across the state.

In Washington, the Puget Sound Energy Company replaced 9,000 older steel gas lines and in Arizona, regulators have issued a warning to the nearly 2 million customers served by the Southwest Gas Corporation that it's the customers' responsibility to monitor the lines and identify any potential problems before they become hazardous.

Schiff Seeks Dedication of Post Office to Tuskegee Airman

Earlier this month Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) introduced legislation to designate the U.S. Postal Service office located at 2271 Lake Avenue in Altadena as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office," in honor of the more than 50 years of service that Oliver Goodall provided to the community and country as a Tuskegee Airman, public information officer and postal worker.

"Oliver Goodall was a steadfast champion of our community and a great patriot, and always exhibited perseverance in the face of adversity," Schiff said. "His courageous life story and legacy of service lives on and inspires us all."

Goodall entered the service at Tuskegee in February 1943. In October 1944, he graduated as a multi-engine pilot and was assigned to the 477th Bomber Group at Godman Field, Kentucky, in January 1945, where he attained his First Pilots rating in six months. Goodall was among 60 African American U.S. Army Air Corps officers arrested for trying to peacefully integrate an all-white officers' club, which came to be known as the Freeman Field



Mutiny. The 'mutiny' was an important step toward full integration of all U.S. armed forces worldwide in June 1949, serving as a model for later Civil Rights efforts to integrate public facilities.

"For more than 50 years, my grandfather served our community as a Tuskegee Airman, public information officer and postal worker, and dedicating the post office in his name is a great joy and an honor for our family," said Tony Goodall. "I hope that by paying tribute to my grandfather, this will serve as a reminder, not only to our family and friends, but also to our neighbors about the importance of service, as well as an inspiration for young men and women that their contributions to society really will make a difference."

County Approves Expansion of Graffiti Abatement



The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved, last week, a \$275,000 contract with Woods Maintenance Service to expand its graffiti removal services to include an additional 29 channels, reaches and debris basins in the west area of the County's flood control system, announced Mayor Michael D. Antonovich. "To enhance the County's zero tolerance graffiti policy, this vital graffiti abatement service will assist in curtailing gang activities, protecting our neighborhoods and improving the quality of life in our County communities," said Antonovich.

To report graffiti, the public is encouraged to contact the County's graffiti removal hotline at (800) 675-HELP available 24 hours a day, seven days a week or the website: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/itd/dispatch/publicgraffiti/index.cfm?action=report>

Graffiti is removed within 48 hours of notification; Monday through Friday in county rights-of-way, flood control channels, and private property in designated zero tolerance zones.

Hahamongna Walkabout

The Arroyo Seco Foundation will hold a walkabout March 5 of the Hahamongna Watershed Park as part of Save Hahamongna.

Participants will take an escorted walking tour of Hahamongna, stopping at strategically placed learning stations to discover about the habitat, wildlife, birds and water resources in that unique flood basin at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Participants will also learn about new threats to the natural character of Hahamongna and what you can do to help protect this precious spot. Tours will leave each half hour from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, to reserve a place go to <http://www.save-hahamongna.org/walkaboutsvp.htm>.

Church-goers Mourn After Deadly Bus Crash

One person was killed and 24 injured Monday after a local church bus collided with a San Bernardino County Fire Department vehicle and a power pole then fell 20 feet over the side of highway 189 near Twin Peaks.

The San Bernardino County Sheriffs identified the driver of the bus as Won Seok Chae who was pronounced dead at the scene. Chae was a member of the Light of Love Mission Church in Pasadena.

Over 250 people attended a memorial and prayer service at the Korean church in the 2800 block of East Colorado Blvd. Monday night.

As many as 25 children were aboard the bus at the time of the noon crash, said Cal Fire spokesman Bill Peters.

As of Thursday eight people, ranging in age from 28 to 12, remained hospitalized. Three of the patient's conditions improved Wednesday ranging from very critical to critical and critical to good condition.

Five victims are receiving

treatment at Loma Linda University Medical Center reports said.

An off-duty San Bernardino County Fire Department Battalion Chief was among those hurt Monday. The fire chief and a passenger were in a 2006 Nissan Murano that was struck by the bus.

Reports say the church bus was heading down Highway 189 when it crossed over into oncoming traffic colliding with the Nissan. The bus then crashed into a power pole sending it off the highway where it came to rest after slamming into a tree.

It took firefighters over two hours as they use rope and the Jaws of Life to rescue some of the victims from the bus. Officers said many of the victims became pinned under seats. Some of the passengers were rescued by good Samaritans who said they heard kids screaming from the bus.

Church officials said the bus was returning Monday from a three-day retreat in Twin Peaks.



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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 March 1 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.

Annual Women of the World Awards Includes Law & Order Actress Stephanie March

The United Nation Association Pasadena/Foothills Chapter and 50/50 Leadership will hold its 3rd annual Women of the World awards March 12 honoring three diverse and influential women whose commitment to activism creates an astounding impact across the globe. The awards coincide with Women's History Month, the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day and World Leadership Day.

The evening will include a special introduction for one nominee from actress/ambassador Stephanie March, most known for her role as an Assistant District Attorney on Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The Women of the World Awards spotlight the achievements of amazing women who are committed to changing their environments through a variety of non-profit organizations and/or grassroots organizing. This year's winners are Andrea Herz Payne, founder of Aid Still Required, Tracy McCubbin, co-founder of OneKid OneWorld, and Mireya Asturias Jones, mentor with the International Women's Coffee Alliance. The three winners are selected from a pool of over a dozen finalists. The event will also feature filmmaker Tiffany Persons and author/actress Sarah Culberson.

"This...is supporting projects that are offering free schooling to middle and high school-aged children, and free medical care and counseling to women who have been attacked," said Aid Still Required co-founder Andrea Herz Payne.

The Women of the World (WOW) Awards are a collaboration between 50/50 Leadership and UNA-USA



Stephanie March

Pasadena. Winners are selected from nominated entries. Entrants must have made a difference in the lives of women and girls in another country. Nominations are accepted of women of all ages, heritages, countries and professions. However, winning is designated for accomplished women leaders who are pioneers in their field and who continue to inspire others to set strong goals for themselves. The WOW Award is a way to celebrate female heroes and to promote gender equality throughout the globe. Last year's winners were Whitney Kroenke, Dr. Shilpa Sayana, and Dr. Riane Eisler.

"The most important thing a community can do is continually push the point, raise awareness, raise money and, above all, keep at it," said Stephanie March, actress, Law & Order: SVU.

The ceremony is open to the public. Interested parties can purchase tickets for \$35 per person, \$15 for Students, or \$300 for a table of 10 via email to WOW@5050Leadership.org or call (818) 243-2322. The awards will be held from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. at Brookside Golf Course, 1133 N. Rosemont Avenue.

Historical Marker Dedication: Adams' Pack Station

ARCADIA, Calif. – A new “History Lives Here” historical marker showcasing vintage and recent photographs and descriptions of the history of the last remaining mule pack station in the Angeles National Forest – Adams' Pack Station -- will be unveiled at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, as part of the station's 75th anniversary celebration featuring live music and pulled pork sandwiches near the Chantry Flat picnic area at the end of Santa Anita Canyon Road.

This is the seventh marker dedicated by the Arcadia Historical Society in less than four years. The special dedication of the Marker in the area of the station and store, which is also a celebration of five years of ownership by Deb and Sue Burgess, will include local political officials and historians, and residents and visitors of Santa Anita Canyon. It will take place between live acoustic performances by John M from 12 noon - 2 p.m., and Cross Town Cowboys from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate and enjoy pulled pork sandwiches made to order in a Dutch oven.

The barn and two-room bunkhouse/store that are still being utilized at Adams' Pack Station in 2011 were built in 1936 by J.P. Steele, who was the first to obtain a special use permit for a pack station, outfitter store and parking lot at the end of a new road paved to Chantry Flat in 1935. Steele owned First Water Camp in the streambed directly below Chantry in the Angeles National Forest.

For the next three-quarters of a century, the station's donkeys and mules would be the lifeline for supplies to three active resorts and about 200 cabins accessible only on foot in Big Santa Anita Canyon.

Frank Adams bought the pack station in the fall of 1938 and soon hired his brother Bill. Bill and his wife Lila packed supplies, delivered mail, brought out garbage, sold ice cream and soda, greeted visitors and generally took care of the canyon for 35 years.

In 1984, the Adams' sold the station to Bill's nephew Dennis Lonergan and his wife, Jody, who ran the station for 15 years. Bouts with nature and the economy forced the Lonergan's to sell the

station and move to the city in 1999.

When Kim Kelley sold the station after five years of natural disasters and the closure of the road for nearly two years, canyon cabin owners Deb Burgess and her mother Sue Burgess restored the Adams name to signify a return to the Adams' business model with the help of day-to-day general manager Richard Conforti and other volunteers.

Under their stewardship the pack station has launched a web site and has become a popular gathering place for hikers and families to enjoy the expanded merchandise and food offerings of the general store and myriad activities, including regularly-scheduled outdoor music programs, those pulled pork sandwiches, animal petting, and guided hikes.

The series of Historical Markers are part of the non-profit Society's mission to create broader public awareness of noteworthy historical events, people, and landmarks in Arcadia.

The Society's first Historical Marker was presented during the Centennial Celebration of First Avenue Middle School in October 2007. The second was dedicated in May 2008 near the peacock fountain at Los Angeles County's Arcadia Park, and the third in July 2008 to mark the original City Hall on the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and First Avenue.

Three Markers were dedicated in 2009, beginning with Number Four on April 29 at the Woman's Club of Arcadia on First Avenue, followed by two dedications during 75th Anniversary celebrations at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce on July 16, and Santa Anita Park on opening day, Dec. 26 .

Upcoming Markers tentatively planned include Lucky Baldwin's original Oakwood Hotel and nearby train depot on First Avenue at Santa Clara, and the property along Huntington Drive that has been the location for the Pony Express Museum, the Flamingo Hotel and Santa Anita Inn

The Society would like to thank the City of Arcadia for co-funding many of the Markers, including Adams' Pack Station, which was installed by the station.



Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presents: Pasadena Mothers' Club

During the last 50 years, the Mothers' Club Family Learning Center of Pasadena has successfully reached out to low-income families by providing them with a family literacy program that promotes strong parent-child relationships through education and social services. The Mothers' Club still continues to be a model program in the field of family literacy. Its guiding principle is to educate both parent and child during children's most vulnerable, impressionable years—between ages birth and five years. The Mothers' Club Family Learning Center, at 980 North Fair Oaks, Pasadena, is in an environmentally friendly building that provides a comfortable setting in which two generations learn at the same time. With five classrooms for children ages zero to five years, as well as classrooms for adults enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) and Basic Education classes, the learning center prepares families to succeed in school and in life. For children, that means readiness for kindergarten; for parents that means gaining language facility and basic skills that enable them to break the cycle of poverty. The Arcadia Branch of the American

Association of University Women (AAUW) and their guests will learn more about the Pasadena Mothers' Club when Executive Director Susan Kujawa speaks to the group on Monday, March 14. The meeting will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.). Socializing and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. with Ms. Kujawa's power point presentation to follow at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to this free meeting. Funding for the Mothers' Club Family Learning Center comes from individuals, foundations, and from First 5 Los Angeles' Family Literacy Initiative. Members and guests are requested to bring new or gently used books for children four years and under to the meeting. Membership in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is open to women and men university or college graduates, as well as to those holding an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent. For more information, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

Free Kaleidoscope Concert “Bending Toward the Sun”

The Classical Kaleidoscope Concert series will present its third concert of the season on Wednesday, March 2 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Cay Mortenson Auditorium at the Arcadia Public Library. This special program will feature guest author and speaker Leslie Gilbert-Lurie. The Quartet for the End of Time, composed by Olivier Messiaen while he was imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp will be performed by Michele Zukovsky, clarinet; Paul Stein, violin; Masim Velichkin, cello; and Kevin Fitz-Gerald, piano.

The remarkable book “Bending Toward the Sun” by Leslie Gilbert-Lurie is about her mother's shattering experience while hiding from the

Nazis. It is about the profound love between the mother, daughter and granddaughter and the psychological shadow that shaped their lives.

Following the classical concert, special guest author Leslie Gilbert-Lurie will sign her book “Bending Toward the Sun” available for purchase at the time of the event.

You are also cordially invited to meet and speak with the musicians. Coffee, provided courtesy of Starbucks, and light refreshments will be served. Funded by the Arcadia Public Library Foundation, the concert is free and no reservations are necessary. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so please come early.

Recreation and Community Services Department Guitar Lessons Available!

It's not too late to sign up for the winter session of guitar lessons for youth and adults 12 years and above. Instructor Tim Fischer, M.F.A., a graduate from the California Institute of the Arts teaches three levels of guitar. Level A teaches all open position chords, reading music and tablature and learning a repertoire of songs. Level B is a continuation of Level A teaching the bar chords, strumming

patterns and learning finger picking techniques. Level C teaches fretboard theory, scales and modes, blues, improvisation, and working on repertoire. Guitar classes begin Monday, February 28th, \$40 for five weeks plus a \$20 materials fee paid to the instructor at the first class meeting.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

CITY OF ARCADIA SENIOR SERVICES NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

Applications are available at the Arcadia Community Center front desk for nominations for the 2011 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is: caring and at least 55 years of age; an Arcadia resident; actively involved in volunteer work; invaluable to your organization and deserving of recognition? If so, then nominate that special person for the 2011 Arcadia Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors luncheon on Tuesday, May 10th. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 11, 2011 to the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91066-6021. For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, February 13, through Saturday, February 19, the Police Department responded to 906 calls for service of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 13:

Around 12:41 a.m., an automated license plate reader alerted officers to an unoccupied vehicle with a felony warrant attached to it. About a half-hour later, a male subject entered the vehicle and left the area. Officers conducted a traffic stop at Live Oak and Sixth, and a 53-year-old male Caucasian was arrested for a \$100,000 felony warrant.

2. Around 2:43 a.m., units responded to the 500 block of Cornell in reference to a domestic disturbance. During an argument, the suspect hit her husband in the head with a television remote, causing a laceration above his eye. A 23-year-old female Hispanic was arrested for inflicting corporal injury to spouse.

Monday, February 14:

3. Between 5:00 p.m. on February 12 and 8:00 a.m. on February 14, a commercial burglary occurred in the 1700 block of Oakwood. Unknown suspects entered a house that is under construction through a secured window. The suspects accessed various rooms and stole tools and construction equipment totaling almost \$4,200.

4. A grand theft auto occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the 100 block of East Foothill. Unknown suspect(s) stole a 2005 Chevy Van with the Edible Arrangement graphics on the vehicle.

Tuesday, February 15:

5. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., units responded to Banana Republic, located at Westfield Mall, in reference to a commercial burglary that occurred around 12:17 p.m. A sales associate discovered four leather jackets worth around \$1,300 were missing. A review of their surveillance video revealed that a male suspect hid the jackets in a shopping bag and left the store.

6. A residential burglary occurred in the 1000 block of Arcadia between 11:30 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the front door to gain entrance into the house. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and stole a \$3,000 watch.

Wednesday, February 16:

7. Between 5:15 p.m. on February 15 and 7:15 a.m. on February 16, a commercial burglary occurred at a business in the 500 block of North First. Unknown suspect(s) forced open the front door and removed computer equipment and miscellaneous property worth over \$5,600.

8. Shortly before 4:00 p.m., a woman brought a grenade that belonged to her father to the police station for disposal. The WWI hand grenade was examined and determined to be live. The police parking lot was cordoned off and the LASO Bomb Squad was called to the scene. The bomb technicians advised that it was unsafe to transport the grenade due to its age and condition, so a hole was dug in the lawn and the grenade was detonated to render it safe.

Thursday, February 17:

9. Units responded to the 1000 block of Volante in reference to a grand theft that occurred between January 16 and February 14. The victim discovered two rings, worth about \$10,500, were missing from her bedroom. She believes that a 25-year-old male African-American caretaker had taken the rings.

10. Our YES officer responded to First Avenue Middle School, 301 South First, around 11:00 a.m. in regards to a narcotics investigation. Several students advised that a fellow student was selling marijuana and Ecstasy pills. A 12-year-old male Filipino was arrested for the sale of a controlled substance, and he was later cited and released to his father.

Friday, February 18:

11. Around 2:00 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Myrtle and Live Oak because the driver failed to stop at the limit line for a red light. A 24-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted and it was determined that he was operating the vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested at the scene without incident.

12. A vehicle was stolen from a repo company located in the 5400 block of North Peck around 6:34 p.m. The vehicle had a GPS tracking system and the car was later recovered in the 900 block of Leorita in Baldwin Park.

Saturday, February 19:

13. Four businesses located in the 100 block, 200 block, 500 block, and 700 block of South First Avenue were burglarized between 5:00 p.m. on February 18 and 10:10 a.m. on February 19.

14. Units were dispatched to Residence Inn, 321 East Huntington, around 5:05 p.m. in reference to a grand theft report. After a 20-year-old female Caucasian guest checked out of her room, it was discovered that a 42" flatscreen television, worth about \$1,500, was missing.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

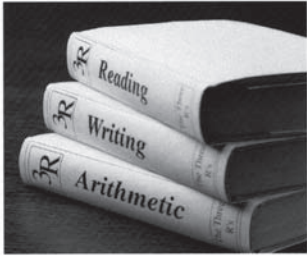
Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing and birds are singing! Join us on Saturday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. for stories, crafts and more in honor of this beautiful time of year. Children of all ages welcome. No registration is needed and Library programs are always free.

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Ground Breaking for Huntington Courts 51-Home Redevelopment Project

City and civic officials turned out for the long awaited ground breaking ceremony launching phase two construction of Huntington Courts, a 51-home redevelopment project on 4.42 acres on the 2100 block of Huntington Dr. in Duarte.

Owner/developer AHSU, LLC has selected Rancho Cucamonga based Building Worx, Inc. to build 14 two-story homes in phase two of the development. Set in a courtyard garden design, the 10 detached single family homes and one fourplex will range in size from 1,234 square feet to mid-2,000 square feet. The single family homes will feature three to four bedrooms. The fourplex homes will each feature two to three bedrooms.

Construction is set to begin by the first week in March with completion slated for October 2011.

Financing for the project was made possible by American Plus Bank in Arcadia. Rana Madain of Podley Properties is heading the sales team.

The 21 homes in the first phase of Huntington Courts were completed in 2008. The final phase will consist of 16 homes. No date has been set for the start of the final phase.

For more information or to be added to the waiting list contact Rana Madain at (626) 827-9951 or visit the website: www.duartehuntingtoncourts.com.



Breaking ground for 14 new homes in phase two of the Huntington Courts redevelopment project in Duarte are, from left: Manoj Patel, representing owner/developer AHSU, LLC; Shiraz Jivani; Parbhuhai Patel; Duarte City Manager, Darrell George; Duarte City Council member, Margaret Finlay; Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Vaishali Patel; Ryan Zivelonghi, partner, Building Worx, Inc.; and Benjamin Lin, president of American Plus Bank.

City of Monrovia Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Management and Alternatives for Laurel Sumac

Laurel sumac is a very common large shrub or small tree (up to 20' high and wide) of Monrovia hillsides. Its leaves are curved and bent along the keel, somewhat like taco shells, 3-5" inches long, and they have a strong, distinctive smell. There is a reddish tinge along many of the stems. Because of its deep roots and drought tolerance, laurel sumac is extremely beneficial for holding slopes. It also has the advantages of being pest and deer resistant and able to re-sprout after fire, offering slope protection in the aftermath of a fire. However, because of its resins and tendency to shed bark and dead limbs, it can be highly combustible if not maintained properly.

Here are some recommendations for maintaining laurel sumac on your property:

Avoid laurel sumac within about 30 feet of a structure.

When replacing a laurel sumac plant, consider one of those listed below. Note: The City has a limited number of free native plants available this month - please see details below. Remove dead branches and peeling bark; keep amount of leaf litter down to about three-inch depth.

Keep plant healthy: provide adequate sun, avoid soil disturbance and do not overwater.

Choose a growth habit - either "ground-hugging" or "tree-form": If ground-hugging, keep it below 18 feet tall. For a more tree-form plant, prune it up off the ground several feet and thin out to create a good open branching structure.

Break up large, continuous stands into islands. The distance between islands should be three times the size of the islands. Irrigate sparingly, if at all, and use mulch (up to three-inch depth) to retain soil moisture and moderate soil temperature. If you wish to replace a Laurel sumac, here are some alternative plants (scientific names provided in italics to assist with ordering plants):

Lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*) - large shrub 6-10' high
Sugar bush (*Rhus ovata*) - very similar to Laurel sumac, but less resinous

Holly leaf cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*) - large shrub or small tree up to 25' tall.

Mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*) - large shrub up to 20' tall

Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) - small tree 15-25' tall, red berries

Although there are some less combustible alternatives to laurel sumac, where it exists and thrives naturally, laurel sumac is simply too valuable an erosion control plant to eliminate it entirely from the plant palette for hillside homes. However, do be sure to keep it "thin, clean and green!" For further information, please contact Rachel Wing at (626) 482-6208.

Mid-Year Report Reflects Impact of Lackluster Economy and State Raids

DUARTE, CA. Despite significant budget cutbacks, a hiring freeze and other cost-saving measures implemented over the past several years, Duarte is estimating a \$915,500 budget deficit by 2010-2011 fiscal year-end. That prediction, combined with a growing, gnawing concern that the governor will succeed in his plan to strip cities, including Duarte, of redevelopment funds in an effort to pump up the state's finances added up to a sobering mid-year budget report to the City Council on Feb. 22. The State budget proposal to eliminate redevelopment if approved could add up to \$1 million to Duarte's structural deficit problem.

Total General Fund revenues are projected to be \$11,162,300, a slight decrease of \$34,200 or .3% as compared to the adopted budget. There was some positive news. Sales tax is expected to exceed initial projections for the first time in several years, \$142,000 higher than projected, but it is still more than \$1 million below the annual sales tax revenues of five years ago. Plan check fees are projected \$50,000 higher than budgeted due to the Huntington Courts and other smaller projects in the community. On the down side, as with other cities in California, business licenses, transient occupancy and real property transfer taxes, revenues that are linked to business activity and real estate transactions, are expected to be a combined \$48,000 lower than budgeted. Interest earnings, which the City has more and more utilized for cash flow purposes, have plummeted to all time lows of earning less than 1 percent, reducing this source of projected revenue by more than \$100,000.

General Fund expenditures are projected to be \$12,077,800, an increase of \$323,500 as compared to the adopted budget, despite a majority of City departments expecting to spend less than originally budgeted and two more staff positions currently being held vacant.

One primary factor for the increased expenses is the current year legal expenses in the challenge to the Vulcan mining expansion, which is projected to reach \$204,000. By the end of the fiscal year, the City will have spent \$500,000 of the \$700,000 Fight Against Vulcan Expansion fund set aside by the City Council in 2008. Another factor is the Citywide Lighting and Landscape District, which continues to be a substantial drain on the City's general fund. The original budget had projected a deficit of \$250,000, which is now estimated to reach \$305,000 by year-end. Following the vote in the Neighborhood Districts to not increase revenues, adjustments have been made to expenses in those districts to bring them into balance. But the Citywide District continues to be out of balance and adds to the City's operating deficit. Other revenue measures must be considered in the future if services are to be continued at the current level, said Petersen.

Duarte currently has 43 full time employees. Full time staff has been reduced by 8 (16%) in less than two years. Positions that have remained vacant are Human Resources Manager, Code Enforcement Manager, City Planner, Facilities Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator, Redevelopment Agency Coordinator, IT Manager, and Field Services

Maintenance Tech.

"This kind of reduction in staffing has and will continue to result in reduced and/or delayed services. This will make the prioritization of services and projects that much more important as we try to complete work with less staff," said Petersen.

Included in the mid year budget Council approved a loan repayment of \$7.5 million from the Redevelopment Agency to the City. Like most California Redevelopment Agencies, loans were made by their cities, particularly in the early years of adopting and kick starting the project areas. Under the terms of the agreements, the cities may demand payment of all or a portion of the principal balance at any time as funds become available. As of June 30, 2010 over \$9 million was outstanding.

"Given the current economic climate and the governor's proposed elimination of Redevelopment the City cannot afford to let this loan go unpaid into the uncertain future," said Petersen.

In light of ongoing State raids on Redevelopment Funds combined with stagnated revenues, the City Council has instructed staff to start the 2011-2012 budget process early. The City will be conducting its first budget workshop on Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Dr.

For additional information on the City budget, contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 211.

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Could you use help in preparing written communications for your business? I have extensive experience in writing and editing business documents including brochures, proposals, newsletters, resumes, customer success stories, press releases, and articles for newspapers and magazines.

Current work includes writing the column, "Looking Up with Bob Eklund," in Mountain Views News, and writing newsletters for the Mount Wilson Observatory. I recently published a book, First Star I See Tonight: an Exploration of Wonder, and am finishing a second book, Winds Aloft. For writing samples and resume, see my web site: www.bobeklund.com. OR beklund@sprynet.com (310) 216-5947

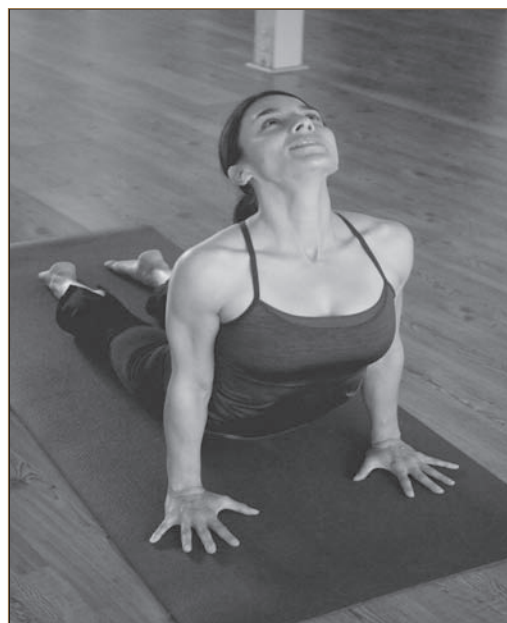


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SUPERINTENDENT EDWIN DIAZ TO LEAVE PASADENA UNIFIED

Surprise Announcement Shocks Community

By Susan Henderson

Just weeks before the election that will add at least two new faces to the Pasadena Unified School Districts Board of Education, Superintendent Edwin Diaz announced his resignation, effective in August.

The announcement stated, "The position of Superintendent requires an unmatched commitment of time, energy and passion in order to adequately serve students, staff and community – a commitment I've enthusiastically embraced during the past four years," Diaz stated. "After much deliberation and meaningful discussions with my family, I find at this stage of my life and career I want to pursue a more balanced and healthy lifestyle."

In a one on one interview with Diaz just days after his announcement, Diaz said he looked forward to returning to his home of Gilroy in Northern California and taking a good look at what he wants to do next. He ruled out taking on another demanding position such as his job with PUSD.

Are We Better Off Than We Were?

One of the reasons that many in the community are saddened by news of Diaz's departure is because of the progress that has been made during his tenure. In his resignation notice, he highlighted a number of his accomplishments since taking the reigns in 2007:

Student achievement has soared by 52 points on the state's Academic Performance Index over the past three years, surpassing the state's rate of improvement.

More PUSD schools have joined the "800 Club," of schools that are considered high performing. A comprehensive and collaborative strategy incorporating drop-out prevention and intervention programs for at-risk students has increased PUSD's graduation rate.

Enhanced investment in the use of data to drive instruction and decision making, and stronger organizational systems, PUSD has improved its effectiveness and accountability and established credibility with a broad range of external partners.

Lead a major reorganization of the district's facilities division, and the development of the district's Facilities Master Plan.

Completed 90 percent of projected on time and under budget that were

authorized by voters via Measure TT in 2009.

He is also responsible for implementing many creative secondary school reforms including the reorganization of one of the district's most challenged schools, John Muir High School.

Diaz's leadership also resulted in a new centralized service structure that reduced costs by more than \$2 million. He has been a leader in developing relationships with the business community through partnerships with businesses like Hewlett Packard, the Irvine Foundation, the Webster Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Pasadena Community Foundation.

Says Diaz, "All of these things are a work in progress that the community must continue and improve upon. I will do whatever I can during the transition to help make that happen." His willingness to assure a smooth transition is one reason his resignation will not take effect until the end of the school year.

Impact On School Board Race

Speculation is widespread as to what affect, if any, Diaz's announcement will have on the election to bring new members to the Board of Education. While several voters indicated that it would have no impact on their decision, there is speculation that with Diaz leaving, there may be increased voter turnout since the new board will have to select the next Superintendent.

Grateful To The Community

One thing that Diaz wants everyone to know is how grateful he is to the PUSD community. "It takes the whole community working together" in order for the district to continue making progress. Much of the credit for the community working together the last four years is the direct result of Diaz leader-



Superintendent Diaz, who was recently named Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) in Region XV. He also cultivated important relationships with the business community. Below he shares a moment with community leader Bill Podley. MVNews Photo Archives



ship. When he came to the district in 2007, he walked into a hornets nest of controversy, a community that was disappointed with the state of the district and many administrators and teachers that were hoping that new leadership would bring about change. And change is what he delivered.

Diaz isn't certain what he will do next, but he knows it will be in public education on a limited basis. In addition to named Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) in Region XV, he won numerous awards and accolades for his work in public education. In 2009, he was selected as a Distinguished Educator by the California State University of Los Angeles; in 2008, he was awarded the LULAC Educator of the Year award.

A native of Gilroy, California, Diaz was the first in his family to attend college. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University, Chico and a Masters of Arts in Education from San Jose State University.



SNOW

By Meaghan Allen

My mom lives in Wyoming. She has lived there since I was in sixth grade, and every year since then I have spent half of my summer and one major holiday with her. This past President's Day I went to Casper to visit, missing three days of school in the process. I was fine at first, but a slight panic began to set in as I discovered that her internet is inconsistent, her Microsoft Office doesn't work, and my deadlines began to creep closer. I tried to take deep breaths and calm myself down, but to no avail. After a small panic attack, I stared out my window, wishing for a miracle. And then something happened. It began to snow.

For all of you Gilmore Girl fans out there, I, like Lorelai Gilmore, love the snow. It is one of my favorite things on this earth and makes me feel warm and calm. Every time I visit my mom in the winter it snows. Two Christmases ago it was supposed to be in the fifties, but instead we got eight inches of soft, beautiful snow. This trip, we weren't supposed to get any snow because the storm was supposed to go around us, but as I looked outside my bedroom window, I saw tiny flakes drifting down from the sky, twirling and dancing in the slight breeze. I ran outside and smiled towards the heavens, as a sense of contentment spread through my body as a sign of gratitude for this gift. All of my worries seemed to melt away like the flakes will as the weather gets warmer, and I felt as though I could truly breathe. The clean air seemed to cleanse my mind and soul, and as I walked inside I felt a wave of confidence overcome me.

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SCHEDULE

7:00 am..... Volunteer Check-In
9:00 am..... School Check-In
9:45 am..... Welcome
10:00 am..... Competition
1:00 pm..... Closing

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Teresa Borunda | Regional Sports Manager
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PUSD REOPENS ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR 2011 – 2012 SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Applications Accepted February 28-March 4 for Limited Spots in College & Career Pathways and Spanish/Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion Programs

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced that it will accept student applications for its Signature Programs that offer themed or specialized instruction for elementary and high school students during a second priority open enrollment application period from February 28-March 4, 2011.

A limited number of spots remain available for students who wish to attend one of the District's Signature Programs but do not reside in the attendance area for that school. The two Signature Programs are:

- College & Career Pathways at PUSD high schools that offer a college preparatory curriculum with specialized course study in the following areas:
 - o Health Careers
 - o Creative Arts, Media & Design
 - o Information & Technology
 - o Engineering and Environmental Science
 - o Business and Entrepreneurship
 - o Arts, Entertainment and Media
- Dual Language Immersion, starting in Kindergarten, where students learn core academic subjects in English and another language:
 - o Spanish at San Rafael Elementary
 - o Mandarin Chinese at Field Elementary

The 2011-2012 Open Enrollment second priority application period for PUSD Signature Programs begins Monday, February 28 and will end Friday, March 4, 2011 at 5 p.m. Applications are accepted online at www.openenrollment.info.

Families who need internet access or help completing the online application can visit PUSD's District's Welcome Center, located in Room 121, 351 South Hudson, Pasadena. Computers and assistance are available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To contact the Welcome Center-Office of Permits, call 626-396-3600, extension 88340.

Students must reside within the areas served by PUSD: Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre. Students applying for Pathways must be current 8th graders or current 9th graders who do not reside in the attendance area of the Pathway they are choosing. Students applying for Dual Language Immersion Programs must enter Kindergarten in Fall 2011 and be 5 years old on or before December 2, 2011. Students accepted into a signature program are granted a permit which will not be renewed if the student declines to remain in the program.

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About this special supplement: Prior to the events of this past week, one of the Seats on the School Board, Seat 2, was only being sought by the incumbent, Renatta Cooper. However, on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, Cushon Bell qualified and will challenge Cooper as a write in candidate.

In an effort to be fair to all concerned, this paper will run the interview with Cooper along with a story on Bell. As previously stated, This election is of the greatest importance to all residents of Sierra Madre, Altadena and Pasadena. Therefore, this paper will expand its coverage of the campaign and the candidates in hopes that we can help you make an informed decision and to inspire you to make an informed decision and VOTE, whether you have school aged children or not. -Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor

SEAT 2

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE CUSHON BELL SPEAKS TO THE COMMUNITY*

Dear PUSD Community Members:

My name is Cushon Bell and I am running as a write-in candidate for Seat 2 of the PUSD Board of Education.

As a wife, mother of three, educator and nine year resident of Altadena, I am running because I believe I can help improve the quality of education that our children are receiving in PUSD schools and build on the progress that our PUSD schools have made over the last several years.

In the face of budget cuts and fiscal adversity, I look forward to working cooperatively and collaboratively with board members, parents, teachers, administrators, students, and all other stakeholders in the PUSD community. I have a track record that shows I will step up and demand the resources that are needed for our children to succeed and I am committed to utilizing those resources to make great things happen in PUSD.

I have a wealth of experiences which I believe will allow me to be successful as a school board member. For fourteen years, I worked in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) as an elementary educator -- twelve years as a classroom teacher and two years as a literacy coach. Over the past four years, I've worked in PUSD as an engaged volunteer and parent leader. Through my experiences as a volunteer in PUSD, I've had the opportunity to further develop my leadership skills and establish a rapport with PUSD parents, students, administrators, and local elected officials in Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.

One of the things that I am passionate about is helping to educate parents, of all backgrounds, and facilitating their empowerment as advocates for their children. Parents, after all, are children's very first teachers. I also care deeply about classroom teachers being well-trained and well-supported so that they are able to provide the very best for all of their students.

If elected, I will dedicate myself to: Placing the interest of the children of Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre above all other issues. Making the "PUSD Strategic Plan" work, in spite of the challenges we face as district. Building and expanding parent and community engagement. Promoting clear expectations for all members -- students, parents, teachers, administrators, board members, chief executives, classified staff, certificated staff, etc. -- of the PUSD community. Modeling open and honest communication.

I currently have two children enrolled at a PUSD school, and a third that will enroll in kindergarten this fall. It is my hope that each of them, along with every other student enrolled at a PUSD school, receive a high quality education in an engaging, safe, and supportive environment. I want all PUSD students to have an education that is academically challenging, comprehensive, and that will prepare them to be successful leaders in their adult lives.

Choosing me as your write-in candidate for Seat 2, will assure that you have someone working on your behalf, and on behalf of every concerned PUSD community member to meet the goals of our district. I will fight for every child as I fight for my own -- with the grace and dignity of a seasoned education professional and the devotion of a concerned parent.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Cushon Bell
*From www.cushonbellforschoolboard.com



SEEKING SEAT 2 WITH A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

By Vivianne Parker

Editor's Note: This interview was done prior to any other candidate challenging Board Member Cooper.

Renatta Cooper is seeking the Seat 2 position. Running unopposed, she feels it is a "vote of confidence." With her early education background, she has advised the board on key issues to consider alternative options. When Superintendent Diaz was considering expanding kindergarten in Sierra Madre from a half-day format to a full-day format, Cooper's suggestion to allow the parents to have a choice made the Superintendent change his mind. Faced with budget cuts and increasing class sizes, she had to "draw the line" in discussions which would have seen kindergarten class sizes up to 25 students. For the special education community, she had to be an advocate in a situation where the previous leadership had an "adversarial relationship" with them. Cooper intervened to advise them that were legally entitled to services being requested.

Experienced as a teacher and administrator, Cooper sees the early childhood education needing improvement to where there is "actually a unit" established to focus on the three aspects of the field: education, intervention and prevention. Her other plans are to encourage the board to adopt new models that engage more parent involvement with school initiatives. Currently, the board is using the Epstein model termed a one-size-fits-all approach to getting parent involvement, yet it is not attracting 100 percent participation of the parents.

Working on the board, she has made accomplishments being the sole African American, which led her to establish an African American parent council. She was also the first woman elected to the board.

For the next four years, she plans on helping "getting the word out" about the positives of the PUSD system--its quality education, its innovative outdoor play classrooms now being developed, and its diversity. Believing "public schools provide good education for the real world", she is not quick to allow the low test scores to be reflective of the educational quality in Pasadena. On the closing the gap issue, cities usually compared are Burbank, Glendale and San Marino. Cooper sees the comparison not a complete picture of Pasadena's educational profile with largely Latino and African American students. She believes comparing the demographics with cities similar to Pasadena's will show better numbers, especially, if the large portion attending private schools in the city were actually attending public schools. The testing scores of some Caucasian students are "outperforming" state scores, she said in discussing the biased perception of public schools compared to private schools.

Because of her experience as a teacher, she is not quick to "blame teachers for everything" on board issues. With the teacher evaluation system discussed, she said she would not "buy into the hype about it."

For the students, she aspires an education that is not all vocation-based. "I think there is something positive about being a learned person. I want our students to be idealistic...to dream instead of ponder. I want them to really understand the magnitude of what's happening in Egypt. I want them to be able to talk about that...This is not going to be on the test, but you need to understand why it is so important and relay that to other revolutionary moments in the world."

For the parents, she would like the option of bilingual program education offered in the PUSD system.



CANDIDATES STATEMENTS Seats 4 & 6

Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education Elections - March 8, 2011 (Per the Voter Information Pamphlet - Office of the Pasadena City Clerk)

GENE STEVENSON

AGE: 72
Occupation:
Executive Administrator

Public education is a complex business requiring board members who have the



leadership abilities, experience and know how to effectively oversee and guide both educational programming as well as budget and fiscal operations, personnel administration, labor relations, contracting, capital projects and long range planning. Those skills are increasingly important given the economic conditions confronting our state, nation and school district. Those are the kind of skills that must be brought to the job as a board member. I have those skills and the executive experience needed to provide the quality of sound decision-making and effective leadership Pasadena Unified School District requires and deserves. If all of our children are to succeed, they require no less than the best in its leadership and that is the quality of leadership that I will bring to the Board.

SEAT 4

KIMBERLY KENNE

AGE: 48

Occupation:
Education Data Consultant

I am one of the PUSD's top parent volunteers.

I am the best qualified and most experienced candidate.

I served four years as the Chairperson of the PUSD's District Advisory Council coordinating between parents and staff at all PUSD schools on subjects relating to funding, educational programs and legal compliance issues. I worked to educate hundreds of PUSD parents on issues like testing and accountability, standards based report cards, Open Enrollment, Special Education, budgeting and Parent Partnerships.

My children have attended PUSD's Blair High School, Eliot Middle School, Burbank Elementary and Longfellow Elementary School.

While the PUSD has made significant progress, there is much work to do. As past leader of the PUSD's parent advisory councils, I developed and monitored plans for improving student achievement. I know that effective planning and evaluation will improve performance.

As a PUSD board member, I will place pressure on our schools to increase excellence by: Insisting on high expectations for student behavior and academic performance

Increase academic rigor of PUSD's High Schools
Stop wasteful spending by aligning expenditures with academic goals.

I believe that parental involvement is an essential part of a child's education

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SEAT 6



TOM SELINSKE

AGE: 53
Occupation:
Businessperson/Educator/
School Board Member

The challenge for the Pasadena Unified School District is greater than ever. Education budget cuts from Sacramento create tremendous pressure. Despite the deepest cuts in a generation, PUSD continues to see success in tough economic times.

It has been my privilege to serve the District as a Board Member and President during the past 4 years, during which time our Average Performance Index (API) scores have risen consistently, outpacing the state's average growth. A majority of our elementary schools now have API scores over 800, while the District as a whole is up 51 points.

We've cut wasteful spending by streamlining the District Administration, and saved over \$700,000 by implementing energy efficient measures. I worked to secure a \$2.4 million federal grant to improve college enrollment and career preparation for our high school students.

Our middle and high school API scores are also rising. I will continue to work closely with parents, teachers, and students to increase our graduation rate, narrow the achievement gap, and prepare all students for success.

I pledge to use your vote to continue to deliver responsible and accountable PUSD leadership.
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SEAN BAGGETT

AGE: 39
Occupation:
Teacher/School
Administrator

I am the only credentialed teacher and certified school administrator in this election contest.

I have worked with K-12 public school children for more than 10 years. I was voted Teacher Of The Year by my peers. I have taught Educational Leadership for the California State University system and have worked for Cal Tech and PCC.

I have successfully led the development of county-wide educational standards and curriculum and Chair a committee for the Wester Association of School and Colleges.

Too many of our students are under performing. Eleven of our schools are under state supervision. Despite progress, the PUSD remains an under performing school district. Enrollment is dropping and schools are closing.

With your support, I will focus on:

Better classroom management training for teachers focusing on discipline and maintaining an effective learning environment.

Holding principals accountable for the performance of their schools.

Better supervision and management of individual student progress.

Like most of you, I received an excellent public education at far lower funding levels than we have today. Tight budgets are not a justification for failure.

Let's stop using tough times as an excuse and get to work for our kids.

Please email me at sbaggettpusd2011@yahoo.com.



GAYLAIRST CHRISTOPHER

AGE: 59
Occupation:
School Building Architect

Pasadena, Sierra Madre and Altadena are exceptional communities, PUSD schools must reflect our communities.

I graduated from Rosemead High and studied architecture at Pasadena City College, going on to Cal Poly/San Luis Obispo. Following graduation, I discovered my passion for school design. Fortunate to work with many creative educators, we've built 100+ schools. Sharing this expertise can help students have opportunities to learn, work hard, and succeed professionally. We raised three daughters all educated in public schools, graduating from California State Universities.

Why does Pasadena have one of the highest private schools attendance in California? Why do many schools post below-average API's? Why is PUSD's diversity "pocketed"? Bold action is necessary to keep schools open and transform them. Offering varied learning settings will attract students.

Establish K-8 neighborhood schools.
Offer quality career programs.
Establish effective small high schools that encourage students to pursue a vocation.
Establish District charters, multiplying learning pathways.
Build partnerships with Cal Tech, PCC, JPL and private/charter schools.
Unite local resources; develop "future" strategic plan.
Recruit and utilize mentors.
Partnerships with non-profits.

As Board Member, I will evaluate every option investing our resources in quality education programs. Our students deserve the best, ultimately regarding everyone with productive citizens.

CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PASADENA AREA

The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area (LWVPA) invites you to share in their seventy-fifth anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 6, 2011, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the California Institute of Technology's Athenaeum.

Food, live music and entertainment will be provided including guest speaker, Congresswoman Judy Chu.

Born out of the suffragist movement just 17 years after Carrie Chapman Catt laid the cornerstone of the National League of Women Voters in 1920, the Pasadena League began with a group of civic-minded women in the living room of a San Marino home. The fledgling Pasadena LWV commenced setting an agenda that would endure throughout its history. While city government and children would continue to top the League's agenda, eradication of gender and racial discrimination in housing, education and government also ranked high in LWV priorities. The League is currently and successfully addressing these issues. Seventy-five years later, after decades of providing voter education and voter service to help make democracy work, League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is ready to celebrate.

About the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. The overall goal of the League of Women Voters of the Pasadena Area is to help all citizens effectively participate to improve their communities. Monthly Program meetings and community forums open to all members and the public feature focus on current issues of interest and the pro's and con's of ballot measures. Members can volunteer to participate in committees to study issues, implement special projects or carry out voter service activities. LWVPA's e-mail action network, monthly newsletter and website keep members informed, and can join the LWVPA's email action network. Members also elect officers and most of the directors and plan and set programs and priorities.

To make a reservation for the 75th anniversary celebration or to join League of Women Voters Pasadena area, please visit www.lwvpasadenaarea.org.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PASADENA AREA



EL CHOLO

I know from experience that it is much easier to write about restaurants than it is to run one. A restaurant may offer the finest in food, the best location, and seat people that love their product, but if they don't control costs, they are on the street. Just like having a baby, a young restaurant guarantees little rest for the people that must nurture it. The word that comes to my mind when thinking about the "crazy" individuals that own restaurants, Dedication.

Just this past week I had the opportunity to sit down with one of the most determined and dedicated restaurant owners that we have in Pasadena area, Blair Salisbury owner of the El Cholo Café. Though, his restaurant is well known, Blair still looks after his baby with the greatest of care. Self described as "nuts and crazy," Blair's lineage is that of a restaurateur. The Borquez family launched the Sonora Cafe in 1923 in a small storefront on Broadway and Santa Barbara Ave. After a patron doodled a picture of a man and called him El Cholo (the name commonly known for a field hand at the time), Alejandro Borquez loved the picture of the man so much that he changed the name of Senora Café to El Cholo in 1925. The following year, George Salisbury meets Aurelia Borquez and they fall in love and decide to open their own El Cholo. Racing ahead to the year 2000, Blair, the grandson of George opens El Cholo Cafe in Pasadena, on Fair Oaks. For those of you old enough to remember, it was once the John Bull English Pub. I found out that Blair was determined to open in Pasadena, he was a moment away from Old Town Pasadena, but the Cheesecake Factory beat him to Colorado and Fair Oaks location.

Blair still desired to move into the heart of Old Town and his hopes were realized with the opening of the restaurant at the Paseo. Blair said, "It feels as though it has been here all along. It just felt like the staff and surroundings didn't miss a beat." Truly Pasadena feels like home to El Cholo Café, and Blair wouldn't have it any other way!!!


The restaurant is expansive, with a patio that overlooks Colorado Blvd. and the snow capped San Gabriel Mountains. They offer two different bars, one as you walk in, akin to a service bar, and a great place to wait for a table and enjoy a "Killer" Margarita, and a back bar just next to the Patio. Offering large screen TV's

and perfect for slumbering and enjoying the show as they make your Guacamole tableside. The menu is full of different combinations, Blair believes that the more selections there are.... the better, and he tries to give a little bit of selection for everyone. I descended upon the PLATO DE CARNITAS, roasted pork, served with fresh avocado relish, Pico de Gallo, Nopales, rice and beans (\$12.75). When I go to a Mexican Restaurant I always try the pork. It was stunningly tender and fresh, and may be the best that I have ever tasted. My dinner companion gave two thumbs up to the Shrimp Sizzling Fajitas (\$14.75). I was just about stuffed when Blair brought out the Blue Corn Chicken Enchilada for us to try. It is item that made El Cholo famous. A must try for anyone eating at the restaurant. Of course I had a Margarita. A Single Margarita that seemed to have the power to bust a piñata. If you love Mexican Food like I do, or just want to spend a sleepy Sunday at the bar with guacamole and chips. Save a seat for me.

El Cholo Café 260 East Colorado Blvd., Suite 203, Pasadena, (626) 795-5800 Check out their website for additional information including hours and catering menu. Elcholopasadena.com for additional info.

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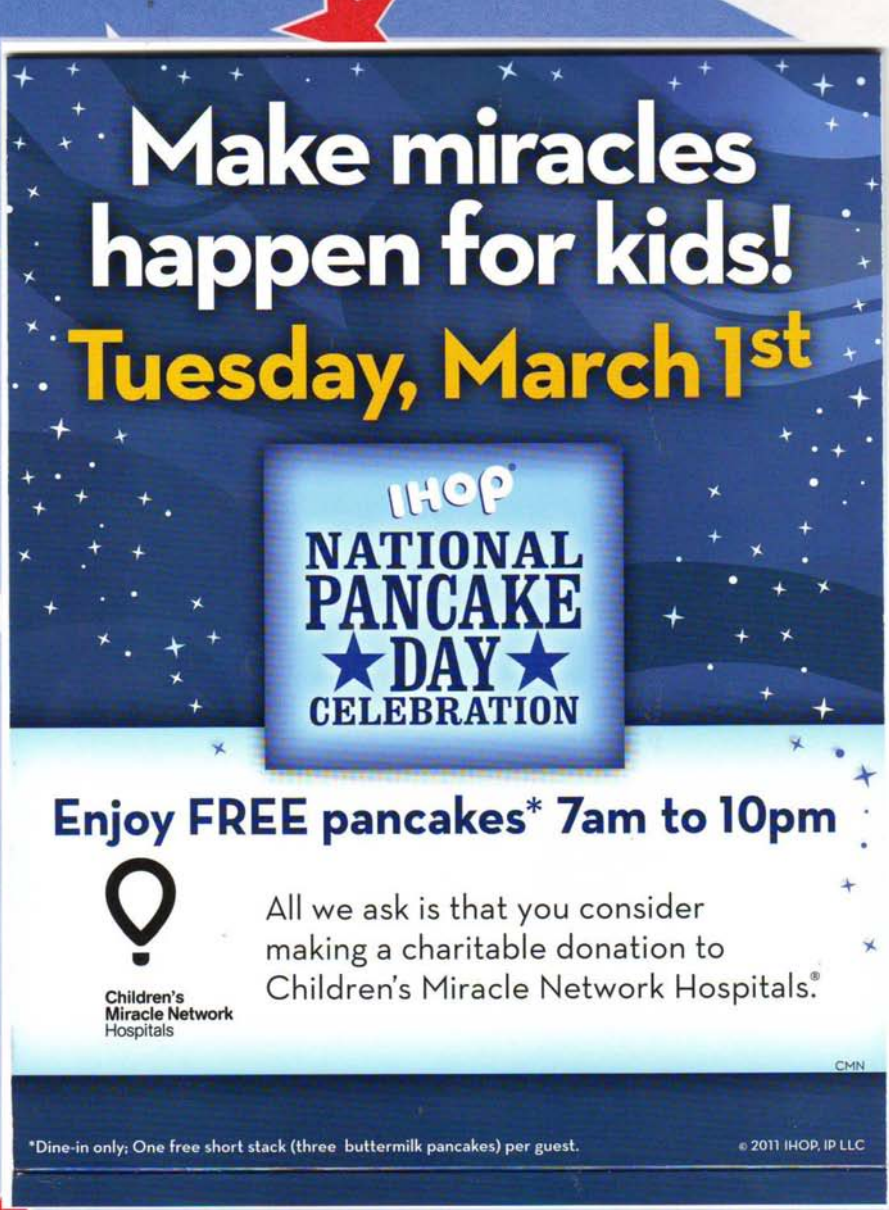
Wednesday, March 9 the free Chocolate Lover's Program begins at 1 pm. For the true chocolate lovers interested in sampling real chocolates, post-program chocolate tasting requires \$5.00 and advance reservations by Sunday, 3/6 to 355-6225

If you'd love to meet our members before-hand, you are also invited to join us at our 12:00 luncheon - advance (\$10 prepaid) reservations required by Friday, March 4 - also to 355-6225.




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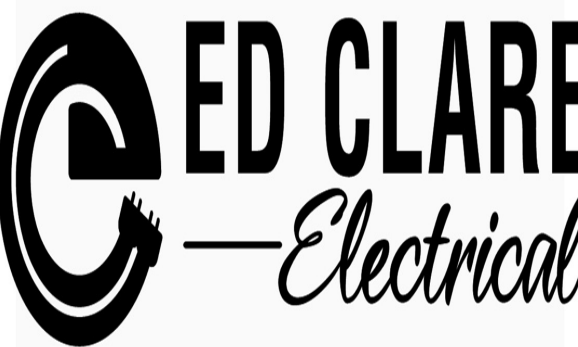


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Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

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THURS. 3/17 - ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY with GROOVY LEMON PIE @ T. BOYLE'S TAVERN IN PASADENA, 9pm. 37 N. Catalina Ave., just N. of Colorado Blvd. (formerly Toe's Tavern and the Hanlebars) www.glpie.com

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

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

Crown City Symphony

Crown City Symphony is presenting two free concerts, Saturday, March 12 at 2pm at the Altadena Senior Center, 560 E. Mariposa, and Sunday, March 13, at 2pm, at

The First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 N. Marengo. Marvin Neumann is the conductor and he has picked the theme of Four Centuries of Music.

The soloist for this concert is Charles Hummel, violinist, performing the Violin Concerto # 2 by Prokofiev. Mr. Hummel was born and raised in the Pasadena area. He began his violin studies at the age of six at the Colburn School of Performing Arts. He played with many local honor orchestras and was concert-master and soloist with the Pomona College Orchestra. He is currently a fifth Year MD/PhD student in the UCLA Medical Scientist Training Program.

Cynthia Nunes, horn player with the Crown City Symphony, will guest conduct the overture to "Cosi Fan Tutte" by Mozart.

A featured work on the program, and the one representing the 21st century is the premiere of "Redux", a piece for string orchestra composed by the conductor, Marvin Neumann.

The program will close with the full orchestra performing "Espana" by Chabrier.

Both concerts are free.

Crown City Symphony, whose motto is Ability not Age, has received grants from The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation and the City of Pasadena Cultural Affairs Division, and the Pasadena Showcase for the Arts. It is sponsored by The Tuesday Musicales of Pasadena.



The web site is crowncitysymphony.org. For more information email Roberta Wilcox, manager, at manager@crowncitysymphony.org, or call, (626) 797-1994.

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Call (626) 797-1994 for more information. Web site: crowncitysymphony.org

JAZZ FORECAST ON MARCH 6TH, "SUNNIE" IN SIERRA MADRE

by La Quetta M. Shamblee

When the *Lady Jazz*™ Ensemble takes center stage at Sierra Madre Playhouse at 3 p.m. on March 6th, this all-female quintet will be in the hands of a music director who is second to none, jazz pianist and recording artist, Sunnie Paxson. She was born into a musical family in Philadelphia that recognized and cultivated her interests and talents as a child piano prodigy. Her formal training included studies with world-renowned French jazz pianist Bernard Peiffer, the Philadelphia College of Performing and the prestigious Berklee College of Music. She has travelled the world to the delight of audiences who've had the opportunity to enjoy the genius of this multi-faceted musician in onstage performances.



Her talents as a solo keyboardist, bandleader and all-around musician are second to none, having earned her the distinction as one of "Los Angeles' Best Jazz Performers" in *Los Angeles Magazine*. She is also a prolific songwriter and producer, with an impressive catalog of original compositions that span the genres of jazz, funk and other styles. Her work has been featured in television and film, including *Desperate Housewives*, *Book of Love*, *Love Kills* and others. As an arranger, she always brings a creative twist to the interpretation of standards and popular tunes.

Paxson has performed or recorded with Justo Almario, Larry Carlton, Danny Gotlieb and many others. For three years, she toured and shared the stage with long-time friend and grammy-award winning bassist, Stanley Clarke. Her successful debut solo album, *Groove Suite*, introduced her to millions of music fans on the radio throughout the U.S. and abroad. It features a remake of "Do It ('Til You're Satisfied)," a Top 40 single in the mid-70's that provides a sampling of her funk-influenced jazz platform. *Jazz Week* listed Paxson among the Top 100 Artists (with the most spins on radio) due to the heavy rotation of this song.

She is the only female artist on the Roxboro Entertainment Group label launched by Stanley Clarke earlier this year. Sunnie revisits her traditional jazz roots with this straight-ahead trio project featuring Ronald Brunner, Jr. on drums and Clarke on bass, who also produced the project. Special guest percussionist, Mynungo Jackson, is featured on a few songs, along with a string ensemble.

This recording project is a mix of Sunnie's compositions, some standards and includes one song written by Clarke.

No matter the weather projected for next week, "Sunnie in Sierra Madre" is the official jazz forecast for the premiere presentation of "Jazz Up!" with James Janisse. The *Lady Jazz*™ band for this performance is comprised of music director and keyboardist Sunnie Paxson, jazz harpist Lori Andrews, percussionist Estaire Godinez, flutist Dr. Dawn Norfleet and bassist Nedra Wheeler.

"Jazz Up!" is the second of six in The Instrumental Women Project's (IWP) 2011 Jazz Theatre Series, with all scheduled at The Sierra Madre Playhouse. For more on Sunnie's background and music, visit her website at: www.sunniepaxson.com. Join us for this special celebration during Women's History Month. "Jazz Up!" is Sunday, March 6th at 3 p.m. at 87 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, 91024. Tickets are \$30, with group discounts for six or more at \$25. For information and online ticket purchases, logon to www.instrumentalwomen.com. For group sales, call (626) 301-9852.

IWP is a community arts agency member of the Pasadena Art Council's E.M.E.R.G.E. nonprofit fiscal sponsorship program.



Smith (Alex Pettyfer) is the principle character, an alien from the planet Lorien.

He was sent to Earth as a child alongside eight other toddlers to flee from an attack by another race, the Mogadorians, who inevitably destroy their home planet. The always-superlative Timothy Olyphant plays his guardian, Henri. The two of them find themselves on the run after the first three children are hunted and killed by the Mogadorians. John and Henri make their way to a small Ohio town where everything is about to change. With no ties to his past, John must once again start over. He's the habitual outsider until he finds a friend with a similar destiny, falls for the prototypical rebellious girl and discovers the powers of his own entity. Ladies and gents, "I Am Number Four" plays out like the male counterpart to "Twilight". In its defense, there are some notable highlights and it possesses far less sappy, melodramatic moments unlike its maudlin doppelganger.

If I were in high school, I'd probably go gangbusters for this film. The flick caters to high school boys, since there is a kick-ass chick that comes into play mainly in the third act. The problem is Number Six (Teresa Palmer); screen time is minimal and that's a real shame. Alex Pettyfer, the honorable protagonist, does a fairly adequate job given the material. He's no superstar in the making, primarily coming off slightly one-dimensional in this particular performance. Dianna Agron is a real treat though. I can see why she smote John. It was utterly effortless for the audience to fall in love with her character. In addition, she is awfully easy on the eyes. Another cast member, Callan McAuliffe, performs explicitly as the kid perpetually picked on by the

SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS

I Am Number Four

Based on the book by Jobie Hughes and James Frey, "I Am Number Four" is an engrossing sci-fi high school tale only for those who are loyal to this genre. John

high school quarterback and his cronies. He has a secret of his own that plays into the film late in the second act. His character is the only one that seems to tackle real life problems. Lastly, Timothy Olyphant is undoubtedly the finest actor in this production. Seriously, how could you not dig watching his artistic work?

"I Am Number Four" is fairly deliberately paced. We get a snippet of action in act two, but

I Am Number Four

Release Date: 02/18/2011

Directed by: D.J. Caruso

Screenplay by: Alfred Gough, Miles Millar, Marti Noxon

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and for brief language.

it isn't until the grand finale where the movie comes alive. Given the nature of the film and its production costs, the special effects were satisfactory, but nothing mind-blowing. Director DJ Caruso (Distrubia, Eagle Eye) is an above-average director that knows how to work the audience and give you just enough suspense to keep you on edge. I prefer his smaller, grittier and distinctly different movie "The Salton Sea" to the mainstream, glossy, almost-too-polished films he's doing these days. The biggest problem with "I Am Number Four" is the script. It felt very cookie-cutter, especially the high-school scenes. The screenplay provides very basic dialogue sprinkled over the familiarity of sequences we're all accustomed to. There were even some unintentional moments of laughter, which I never mind. However, it's more like you're not laughing with the movie, but sadly just at it. Perhaps this is my reasoning to elude the obvious fact that movies like "I Am Number Four" feel more like a glitzy, perfectly packaged over-pretentious product rather than something evoking honest and authentic visceral reactions. "I Am Number Four" is a fun escape on a boring, rainy day Sunday, but if you're seeking originality and memorable moments, take heed, head another direction.

Grade: 3 out of 5.

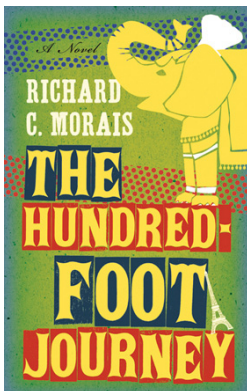
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The Hundred-Foot Journey:

A Novel by Richard C Morais

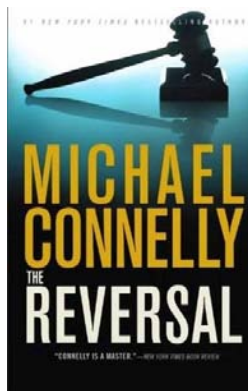
"That skinny Indian teenager has that mysterious something that comes along once a generation. He is one of those rare chefs who is simply born. He is an artist." So begins the rise of the unlikely gourmand who recounts his life's journey in this charming novel. Lively and brimming with the colors, flavors, & scents of the kitchen, it is a succulent treat about family, nationality, and the mysteries of good taste. Born above his grandfather's restaurant in Mumbai, Hassan first experienced life through intoxicating whiffs of spicy curry, trips to the markets, and gourmet outings with his mother. When tragedy pushes the family out of India, they console themselves by eating their way around the world, settling in Lumière, a village in the French Alps. They open an inexpensive Indian restaurant opposite an esteemed French relais and infuse the sleepy town with the spices of India, changing the lives of its eccentric villagers and infuriating their celebrated neighbor. Only after Madame Mallory wages culinary war with the family, does she finally agree to mentor Hassan, leading him to Paris, the launch of his own restaurant, and new



adventures. The book is about how the 100 feet between a new Indian kitchen and a traditional French one can represent the gulf of different cultures and desires.

The Reversal, A Mickey Haller Series, by Michael Connelly

Longtime defense attorney Mickey Haller is recruited to change stripes and prosecute the high-profile retrial of a brutal child murder. After 24 years in prison, convicted killer Jason Jessup has been exonerated by new DNA evidence. Haller is convinced Jessup is guilty, and he takes the case on the condition that he gets to choose his investigator, LAPD Detective Harry Bosch. Together, Bosch and Haller set off on a case fraught with political and personal danger. Opposing them is Jessup, now out on bail, a defense attorney who excels at manipulating the media, and a runaway eyewitness reluctant to testify after so many years. With the odds and the evidence against them, Bosch and Haller must nail a sadistic killer once and for all. If Bosch is sure of anything, it is that Jason Jessup plans to kill again. Michael Connelly, a #1 New York Times bestselling novelist and a former journalist, has won numerous crime fiction prizes.



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THE REAL REAGAN LEGACY: PART II

More random reflections about the Reagan Revolution



October gave him the second-highest approval rating among presidents of the past 50 years, behind John Kennedy and ahead of Bill Clinton. But Reagan's average approval rating during the eight years that he was in office was nothing spectacular - 52.8 percent, according to Gallup. That places the 40th president not just behind Kennedy, Clinton and Dwight Eisenhower, but also Lyndon Johnson and George H.W. Bush, neither of whom are talked up as candidates for Mount Rushmore. During his presidency, Reagan's popularity had high peaks - after the attempt on his life in 1981, for example - and deep valleys. In 1982, as the national unemployment rate spiked to 10.8 percent Reagan's approval rating fell to 35 percent. At the height of the Iran-Contra scandal, nearly one-third of Americans wanted him impeached or to resign.

Only since Reagan's 1994 disclosure that he had Alzheimer's disease - along with heavy lobbying efforts by influential conservatives, such as Grover Norquist's Ronald Reagan Legacy Project, which pushed to rename Washington's National Airport for the president - has his popularity steadily climbed.

Economics is often difficult to understand, but Reaganomics is almost impossible to grasp -- even with hindsight. Deficits matter a great deal some of the time and not at others. To run huge deficits in good times as was the case in FY '84 -'87, again in FY '88 -'89 is absolutely unconscionable. Reagan built a "structural" deficit with

his "voodoo economics" that would never go away unless someone changed Reagan's structural nature of taxation and spending. Bill Clinton did move in that direction but not aggressively enough. George W. Bush went right back to the Reagan insanity and the deficits came roaring back in a really big way. Deficits during a recession are absolutely necessary IF they are targeted well at putting the unemployed back to work, thereby stimulating economic activity, increasing demand and providing tax revenues to offset the deficits; this is the right way to run deficits. Running deficits for the purpose of enabling the undeservedly wealthy to hide more and more money in the Caymans or Switzerland or Monaco is the wrong way to run deficits.

Amping up military spending when the military hires a very small percentage of the "workforce" as grunts and produces weapons that don't create productive infrastructure is an extraordinarily stupid way to run deficits. The weapons systems provide little that builds additional economic growth in the way that highways, communications, transit and new energy systems do. To claim that any kind of deficit is good "if the economy can support it" (whatever that is supposed to mean) is the height of simplistic stupidity and dishonesty... Some one said Reagan was entertaining. I thought he was a lousy actor. I thought his term was the worst thing I could imagine. Of course, George W. Bush hadn't gone into politics yet.

Reagan was the scariest President in my lifetime since Nixon. I spent the first several years of his administration



afraid he would start a nuclear war with the Soviets, then I was sickened by his unwillingness to even mention HIV/ AIDS, his lying about Iran-Contra and "welfare queens," and his callous closing of facilities for the mentally ill, adding hundreds of thousands of homeless to our streets. Reagan neither had the intelligence nor the political savvy to effectively control the office of the President of the United States. This was particularly evident during his last years of failing health at the White House [he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1983, but his diagnosis was kept secret] where Nancy and his closest advisers guided his decision-making, policies and actions. Using obfuscation, ridicule, and outright lies his supporters whitewashed or covered-up every thing he did!

Throughout Reagan's years in the White House, his every word and gesture -- from his flippant remarks to his 'aw' shucks' shake of his head to the American flag pin prominently displayed on his lapel like a silver star -- was managed by a small army of unseen handlers. He was packaged and sold to the public as a kind matinee cowboy idol who believed that trusting big government to solve your problems -- whatever they may be -- is a mistake.

Reagan's said on more than one occasion, "The ten most dangerous words in the English language are 'Hi, I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.'"

RICH Johnson THEN AND NOW



Ahhh, the life of a baby boomer. Baby Boomers are those people born between 1946 and 1964. That would make the oldest BB'er 65 and the youngest BB'er 47. They estimate there are about 76 million Baby Boomers in America.

Generation X'ers were those born in the 1960's and up to about 1982. So apparently there might be some people born between 1960 and 1964 who qualify as both BB'ers and X'ers.

Generation Y'ers were born starting in the mid-1970s and up through the early 2000s which would make many of those also X'ers. (Is that like dual citizenship?)

The Generation X'ers and Y'ers to a lesser extent were also known as the MTV Generation referring the the 1981 advent of the Music Television Channel. A little trivia regarding MTV. The person considered to be the first rock video producer? None other than the Monkee himself, Michael Nesmith. His "first" rock video was entitled "Elephant Parts."

Anyway, priorities and concerns have shifted over the years for the Baby Boomers and I would like to highlight some of those changes under a then and now comparison. Here goes:

Then: Long hair Now: Longing for hair
Then: Acid rock Now: Acid reflux
Then: Moving to California because it's "cool."
Now: Moving to California because it's hot.
Then: You are growing pot.
Now: Your growing pot.

Then: Killer weed (see above.)

Now: Weed killer.

Then: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

Now: Trying to NOT look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

Then: Popping pills and smoking joints.

Now: Popping joints.

Then: Getting out to a new, hip joint.

Now: Getting a new hip joint.

Then: Hoping for a BMW.

Now: Hoping for a BM.

And some of the 60's-70's music has altered titles.

Then: Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Daughter

Now: Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker

Then: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart

Now: How Can You Mend a Broken Hip

Then: Fifty Ways to Lose Your Lover

Now: Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

Then: I Get By With a Little Help From My Friends

Now: I Get By With a Little Help From Depends

Then: Poppa Was a Rolling Stone

Now: Poppa's Got a Kidney Stone

Then: You Make Me Feel Like Dancing

Now: You Make Me Feel Like Napping

Then: It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To

Now: It's My Procedure and I'll Cry If I Want To

And finally that Willie Nelson classic

Then: On the Road Again

Now: On the Commode A-gain!

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE SO WHATS WRONG?



On Sunday the N.B.A staged its annual All-Star game, which meant that there were no games scheduled for Monday. So, guess what happened? I was forced to watch the news. Holy cow! I realized that the

60's have broken out all over the world. There are people in the streets demanding change all through the Middle-East and in North Africa. Regime change had already taken place in Egypt and Tunisia and Libya seems about to go. This is in accord with my frequently stated belief that war is not necessary to bring about change or to combat evil; change will happen and it's contagious. Think about Canada and the United States. Both present-day countries, as many of you already know, were once colonies of England. One former colony had fought a violent revolution to gain independence, the other had not and yet they now each exist as completely sovereign nations.

Yes, strange as it may seem, I am opposed to War. I know that War is portrayed to us as a worthwhile goal from the time we are children, but I've never been convinced. I happen to have just finished reading a Scott Turow book called "Ordinary Heroes" which spends a long time describing the battles occurring in Europe at the conclusion of World War II. These events hold great meaning for me, partly because my Uncle was shot during the Battle of the Bulge and my ex-father-in-law had been present during the original allied-entry into the Concentration Camp at Dachau. One of my favorite passages of the book describes a Christmas Eve when the American soldiers readying for battle on the next day "gradually become aware of music. The German troops were in the woods singing Christmas carols." The Americans heard the music and joined in the singing. "We sang with our enemies. It went on nearly an hour, and then there was silence again, awaiting the attack which all the soldiers on both sides knew was coming."

This is the contrary nature of mankind. Throughout the book soldiers ask themselves questions like, Why was I born? Why do men fight? Why must I die now before living my life? The horrors described in Turow book seem to argue that even the defeat of a monster like Hitler is not worth the cost of

war. Change, yes even change for the better, will eventually begin to take place. Now, all over the world this seems to be one of those times.

Many times within my articles I have referred to the fairy-tale of the Emperor's new clothes. Right now it is as if many rulers of countries are being seen as naked and vulnerable. This is a time of change and as has already been demonstrated in Egypt and Tunisia these changes can be made without the necessity of war. America too is involved in this time of change. The crowds of thousands making their wishes known in Wisconsin are demonstrative of the fact that formerly passive Americans are now ready to speak up. Even those of us who are shielded from a direct experience of war must still ask ourselves the same basic questions asked by people world wide. Why were we born? What principles shall we live by? A neighbor has presented me with an article written some years ago by the comedian George Carlin which describes present day America as follows:

"These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill".

Seems accurate doesn't it? There is something is very wrong with America the Beautiful. It is not just the rest of the world that needs to change but we must change ourselves. THIS IS THE TIME. Perhaps we must take to the streets but first we ought ponder those same basic questions. Why was I born? How do I want to live? What are my principles? Whatever your individual conclusions try and find your real self and follow George Carlin's advice to "Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind."

George Carlin, of all people; it just shows how complex, and contradictory we all are. I believe that we are a marvelously adaptive specie and, today at least, I am pleasantly optimistic about our world-wide planetary future. Human beings are really a wonderful surprise.

HOWARD Hays As I See It



Former Gov. Howard Dean (D-VT) put it succinctly: The problem with Republicans is "they can't handle money."

Past presidents took actions today's party wouldn't tolerate (Pres. Eisenhower investing in an Interstate Highway system, Pres. Nixon creating an Environmental Protection Agency), but the pattern's now unwavering: Republicans sink the economy, Democrats take over to clean up the mess, Republicans blame Democrats for what they inherited, then Republicans regain power and we're in Yogi Berra's "déjà vu all over again".

Last week I related how George W. Bush wasted no time in blowing the surplus and strong economy left by Pres. Clinton. A similar scenario played out in Wisconsin over the past few weeks.

Wisconsin weathered the Great Recession better than most under two-term Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle. According to the Cap Times of Madison, WI, "the state has balanced budgets, maintained basic services and high-quality schools, and kept employment and business development steadier than the rest of the country." The Fiscal Bureau reported retiring Gov. Doyle would leave his successor, Republican Scott Walker, a \$121.4 million surplus.

Within a month of his inauguration, Gov. Walker turned that surplus into a \$137 million deficit. The Cap Times explained, "it is not because of a drop in revenues or increases in the cost of state employee contracts, benefits or pensions. It is because Walker and his allies pushed through \$140 million in new spending for special-interest groups in January . . . Walker has a political agenda that relies on the fantasy that Wisconsin is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. Walker is not interested in balanced budgets, efficient government or meaningful job creation. Walker is interested in gaming the system to benefit his political allies and campaign contributors."

It's not just an inability to "handle money". When Reagan tripled the debt, the intent was to starve remaining Great Society programs. When George W. Bush borrowed tens of billions to provide tax breaks for billionaires, it was payback for those who considered it their "due". With Gov. Walker, it's not acting to alleviate a deficit, assuming correlation between unions and blown budgets; it's simply doing as he's told.

Nevada, North Carolina and Arizona, states which don't grant collective bargaining rights, have deficits in excess of 30% of spending, while Massachusetts, New Mexico and Montana, with unionized workers, have deficits of less than 10%. Affected workers in Wisconsin have agreed to whatever salary, pension and healthcare concessions were asked of them. But that's not good enough for Gov. Walker; or rather, that's not good enough for those who bought him his office.

Rick Badger, a Wisconsin AFSCME director, explained, "I think what people need to see in this is that it's not just an attack on public service unions. It's really a concerted attack by powerful interests that really want to see working class people be brought down."

Koch Industries has extensive holdings in Wisconsin; timber, mining, pipelines, etc. It's also one of the state's biggest polluters. Brothers Charles and David Koch (net worth \$21.5 billion apiece) put \$43,000 directly into Walker's campaign last year, and millions more through front groups attacking his opponent. One of those groups, the American Legislative Exchange Council, saw to it that before the new governor had barely settled in he'd pushed through corporate tax breaks, gutted environmental regulations and ended fifty years of protections for state workers.

Another of those groups, Americans for Prosperity, bused in Tea Partiers to counter-protest and remind us how our Founding Fathers would've fought for the right of billionaires to deprive schoolteachers of a secure retirement.

The Koch brothers and other oligarchs have amassed fortunes through thirty years of union-busting, saving the expense of relocating overseas by assuring the availability of a third-world workforce right here at home. Over the past decade, virtually all growth in the GDP has gone to the top 2%. As explained in a report from Goldman Sachs, "The most important contributor to high profit margins over the past few years has been the decline in labor's share of national income."

Organized labor remains the major obstacle to further decimation of the middle-class. The tactic now is to take those who no longer have the job protection and retirement security their parents had, and turn their fear and anger into envy of those who still enjoy them. The enemy is no longer Wall Street billionaires who gambled away our future, but teachers educating our kids and nurses caring for our grandparents. ("There's class warfare, all right, but it's my class, the rich class, that's making war, and we're winning." - Warren Buffett)

Divide-and-conquer was tried in Madison, when police whose union was exempted from the legislation were asked to clear the capitol of protestors. After a "healthy discussion", they declined to do so. A 19-year police veteran explained, "Governor Walker is not telling the whole story on what he's trying to accomplish. It's about breaking unions." When asked why he was speaking out while his own union was protected, he replied, "You can't bribe cops." (The reporter added his reply was "greeted with grins and high fives from fellow policemen.")

Mike Lux, Public Liaison for the Clinton White House and Obama-Biden Transition Team, put it this way: "This fight is for all of us; it is about preserving the American middle class and our ability to organize collectively. It is about human rights. It is about focusing the blame for the economic crisis where it belongs, on bankers and policy makers, not teachers and cops."

Which brings to mind another Republican who'd find no place in his party today: "All that serves labor serves the nation, all that harms is treason. If a man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If a man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece one is to rob the other." - Abraham Lincoln

Looking Up with Bob Eklund



Is the Sun's Heat Output Changing?

NASA's Glory Mission Intends to Find Out Rocket Also Carries Tiny Student-Built Satellite

A University of Colorado Boulder instrument for studying changes in the Sun's brightness and its impact on Earth's climate is one of the payloads on NASA's Glory mission, set to launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California this week. A second payload, a 4-inch cube designed and built by CU-Boulder undergraduate students, is intended to test and improve space-based communication systems.

Designed and built by a team from CU-Boulder's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP), the Sun-measuring instrument—called the Total Irradiance Monitor, or TIM—will point directly toward the Sun to measure both short- and long-term fluctuations in its energy output. Such measurements are important because variations in the Sun's radiation can influence long-term climate change on Earth, said LASP researcher Greg Kopp, principal investigator.

The Taurus XL rocket ferrying the Glory satellite also will be carrying a tiny CU-Boulder satellite designed and built by about 100 students, primarily undergraduates, who are participating in the Colorado Space Grant Consortium. This "CubeSat" satellite will be ejected from the rocket at about 400 miles in altitude to orbit the Earth and study new space communications techniques.

"We'd like to know how the Sun's energy changes over both the short and long term," said Kopp. "This spacecraft is carrying extremely sensitive instruments for monitoring solar variability, which makes the mission especially relevant given climate change

on Earth and the importance of determining the natural influence on those changes."

Glory will join five other NASA Earth-observing satellites as part of the Afternoon Constellation, or "A-Train," a tightly grouped series of spacecraft that circle the globe several times each day to gather information on Earth's biosphere and climate, including hurricane behavior and climate change. The A-Train spacecraft follow each other in close formation, flying mere minutes apart. The A-Train orbits Earth about once every 100 minutes.

Using Glory as well as prior and subsequent missions to measure solar radiation changes, scientists hope to determine how much energy reaches Earth on timescales of decades to centuries, influencing Earth's long-term climate.

Scientists previously have shown that the overall output of the Sun can change up to about 0.1 percent over the duration of a solar cycle, which lasts about 11 years. But such short-term variations cannot explain the warming seen on Earth in the past several decades. The vast majority of climate scientists believe that global warming is due primarily to human-produced greenhouse gases building up in the atmosphere.

"In attributing climate change causes, solar variability measurements such as those from Glory are necessary to discriminate the natural from the human-caused effects on the climate," Kopp said.

The second CU-Boulder payload, a CubeSat satellite dubbed Hermes that was designed and built by students, primarily



undergraduates, is about four inches on a side—roughly the size of a Rubik's Cube. The goal is to improve communications systems in tiny satellites through orbital testing that may pave the way for scientists to downlink large quantities of information, according to Colorado Space Consortium Director Chris Koehler.

Hermes is part of NASA's Educational Launch of Nanosatellites, or ELNa, project. Two other CubeSat satellites are aboard the Taurus rocket with Glory—one from Montana State University and one from Kentucky Space, a consortium of Kentucky state institutions.

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Ask jai.....

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

Q: I have been applying for jobs for the past 2 years. I now have a gap in my work history. It's obvious on my resume that I have been unemployed for 2 years. I don't want my resume to look like I have not been doing anything. What should I do? *Jane P.*

Dear Jane P:

Employers have been more understanding during the past few years regarding unemployment gaps, given the current state of the economy and unemployment. I would suggest that you include in the Work History section of your resume any significant length of time spent doing volunteer activities, self-employment, care-giving, traveling, or any training that would be relevant to the position you are seeking. This section should be similar to the rest of your resume. Include the organizations name, your responsibilities and list of your accomplishments.

Q: I've e-mailed hundreds of resumes and cover letters over the past month and have not received one response from any employer. My background is sales and marketing. What should I do? *Baffled*

Dear Baffled:

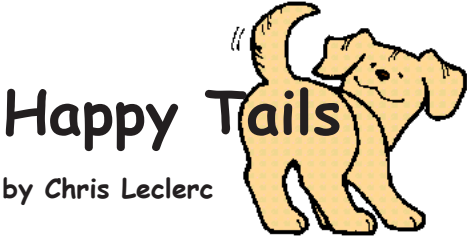
Some employers are waiting to see if you are pro-active and aggressive in pursuing a position with their company. This is especially true if you are seeking a position in sales and marketing. First step is to develop a follow-up action plan and timeline. Allow 5-7 days between communications. Send an e-mail to the employer stating that you are following up regarding the resume you sent and let them know that you are still interested in the position, offer that you are available for any questions or interview at their convenience. Then make a telephone call and try not to leave a voice message. If you have to leave a voice message be prepared to express yourself professionally. Next, mail a hard copy of your resume and letter to the employer. Possibly make another follow-up telephone call. Your communications should always be positive and not overly aggressive in tone or manner. Finally decide when to stop contacting employers who are not responding. There is a fine line between becoming annoying and aggressive. Continue applying, reaching out and sending your resume to other employers until you find that position.

Q: I am invited to lunch by the company recruiter and the hiring manager for a second interview. Does this mean they want to hire me? *Charles*

Dear Charles:

Employers usually conduct lunch interviews to assess your social and communications skills in a public setting. Treat lunch interviews as a continuation of the employer's screening and interviewing process. Do not relax. Dress professionally and brush-up on your table manners. Do not drink alcohol or order expensive food. Be prepared to ask and respond to questions. Within 24 hours after lunch send a thank you note or letter to the recruiter and hiring manager.

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by Chris Leclerc

MIGRATION SENSATION

water hole where they could refresh themselves and rest before continuing their long journey, and how lucky I was to have been in the right place at the right time to see them fly in and land so close to where I

was standing. That rare moment with nature inspired me to learn more about the migratory habits of Canada Geese, and share what I learned with my readers. I hope you find the life of migrating geese as interesting and remarkable as I do!

Canada Geese are native to North America and best known for the distinctive honking noises they make and the "v" flock formation they assume while migrating over the continent. The "v" formation is by no means random. It is their instinctual way of utilizing the power of wind and air foil by following behind and slightly to the side of one another to make the most of their stored energy as they travel. Geese are much larger and heavier than other types of migrating birds, therefore it takes a lot more energy for them to fly. By using the "v" formation technique they reserve energy and increase their endurance while traveling. In the summer months, most Canada Geese reside in the Canadian region of the Arctic Circle, where they nest and raise their new-born goslings in the safety and solitude of the wilderness.

Fresh, snow-fed waterways and reservoirs provide them with plenty of water and food resources for the season, as they foster the bonds within their growing family, and prepare for the impending multi-mile migration south. By the time Fall comes around, the temperatures in the Arctic will have dropped dramatically, and the geese have prepared themselves for the 2500 mile flight that will take them to the Gulf of Mexico, their seasonal destination. There they spend the winter months avoiding the frost of the Arctic north. The flight south can take anywhere from 3 weeks to 2 months, depending on their point of origin and the route they follow. Male and female geese maintain a monogamous relationship with the same partner throughout

their lives and raise their family as an integral unit, caring for their young until they are adults. Research has shown that familial geese will even fly closely together during the migration process, and communicate among themselves using honking calls that are unique to their own family members, to keep from being separated along the way. Fascinating, eh?

We have all heard the term "bird brain" used to refer to someone who acted stupidly or used poor judgment. I remember hearing it as a kid, and I assumed that meant birds must be pretty stupid. Of course later in life I learned the true facts about birds and I realized that couldn't be further from the truth. The next time someone calls you a bird brain, you can take it as a compliment! Looking into the life of the migrating goose, I was able to draw a few parallels between their sensational migration and my own personal migration or navigation through life on this earth! Let's face it, life presents some pretty difficult challenges at times, but if we take a lesson from the goose by "flying" in a way that helps those behind us keep up and stay strong, and if we support one another as a family unit and communicate clearly with each other as the geese do, I imagine we could handle the challenges of life in a similar way to how the goose handles that 2500 mile flight; with unity, strength and determination! Observing animal behavior brings me to a higher level of understanding what life is all about. Some people think the most important thing in life is to make a lot of money and collect a lot of toys. I myself feel that there is much more to this life than that, but I certainly don't claim to have all the answers. One thing's for sure, I do hope to be in the right place at the right time for many more close encounters with nature, such as the one Tater and I had last week with the migrating geese.

Those rare moments can help teach us how to live life more fully and how to appreciate and better understand the families and loved ones we are all blessed with, and I think that is truly sensational!



These days when a challenge of this sort is issued more often than not "It" will be brought. And that was exactly the case earlier this week when representatives of the Westboro Baptist Church (of funeral-protesting fame) issued the above challenge to a representative of the online group Anonymous (of considerable hacking skill and staunch Wikileaks defenders) during a taping of the David Pakman radio show. To understand the how and why this challenge was issued and answered let's go over the events preceding this incident. For reasons unknown, but probably easily guessed, members of the Westboro Baptist church began to make public allegations that their organization was being threatened and harassed by the hacker group "Anonymous" to anyone who would listen. Anonymous claimed that WBC's allegations were baseless and in fact a cheap publicity stunt typical of the way that the WBC attempts to keep itself and its issues in the media spotlight. Both parties were invited to the David Pakman radio show to discuss the differences of opinion and it was during one of these exchanges that the WBC rep issued the challenge to "Bring It" that the Anonymous group agreed that "It" should indeed be brought. Mid-sentence. While the WBC rep continued to taunt and belittle the group, the speaker from Anonymous directed everyone's attention to the WBC "GodHatesFags" website where their operatives had hacked it and replaced it with a message of their own. You can see the message at <http://unreasonablefaith.com/2011/02/25/phelps-vs-anonymous-on-the-david-pakman-show/>. The message also included a detailed map of the internal network of the WBC. All the other WBC sites were disabled and were still offline at the time of this writing. In no uncertain terms Anonymous made it clear that they were not a group to be trifled with.

Anonymous also had a very public run-in with information security firm HBGary that has resulted in irreparable damage to the company's business model, reputation and legal standing. The group literally dismantled a business because they felt that they were under attack from an entity that they believed to be acting in bad faith and with malicious intent. Their response was effective and devastating and there was no one there to stop them. While the targets of the Anonymous group have been unpopular to say the least, their tactics have been a bit heavy-handed despite the lofty reasons given for their deployment. Even if the group is found to be entirely justified in its actions what happens to us, the public, when equally skilled groups of hackers decide that they don't like what we, the public, are doing and decide to take matters into their own hands.

KATIE TseThis and That



MY MOM & ABE

"Four score and seven years ago..." I don't pretend to be a great writer, but I think if I were writing that speech I might've started it differently. I know if I were Lincoln's audience, I would've spent five minutes trying to calculate score times -four plus seven. Granted, I never was strong in math.

Another Presidents' Day has come and gone. What does your mind conjure up when thinking of Washington and Lincoln? Washington reminds me of apples, and makes me grateful I don't live in the frigid state to the north or the frigid and dicey District of Columbia. Lincoln reminds me of wide cars driven by the elderly. You probably don't think of your mom when considering our 16th president, but for me, she is always the first person who comes to mind.

Some people are Civil War buffs. The more diehard enthusiasts even make the annual pilgrimage to an empty field to reenact the battle of Gettysburg. Then there are Lincoln buffs who study up on his life and accomplishments and can quote a number of his noteworthy sayings (see end of the article!). My mom, on the other hand, is a special kind of Lincoln expert, in that she knows everything (I do mean *everything*) about his assassination.

A morbid fascination with an infamous murder would not be surprising if it didn't come from the same person who won't go to a PG-13 movie and finds the tension in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" too extreme for viewing. Yes, this same individual who is so guarded when it comes to entertainment has a penchant for Lincoln's death that reaches even to its miniscule details. We always knew she was like this, but the advent of online shopping really allowed her hobby to blossom! The people at Amazon must have her listed as a most valued customer. You've heard of Book of the Month clubs. Well, my mom has her own Book of the Day club. So, among the British novels and vegan cookbooks waiting in a smiling cardboard box on my parents' porch, there's probably a tome chronicling Booth's getaway. As an elementary school teacher, my mom infuses some of her own interests into the curriculum. Needless to say, her eight-year-olds were absorbed with pictures of the deadly derring and the conspirators' hanging hoods. It's inspiring to watch her passion enrich the next generation. I don't know why she's not as fascinated with Kennedy!

As promised, here are a few of Lincoln's memorable sayings, both humorous and insightful. When accused of being two-faced, Lincoln replied, "If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?"

"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice."
"He can compress the most words into the smallest ideas of any man I ever met."
"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."



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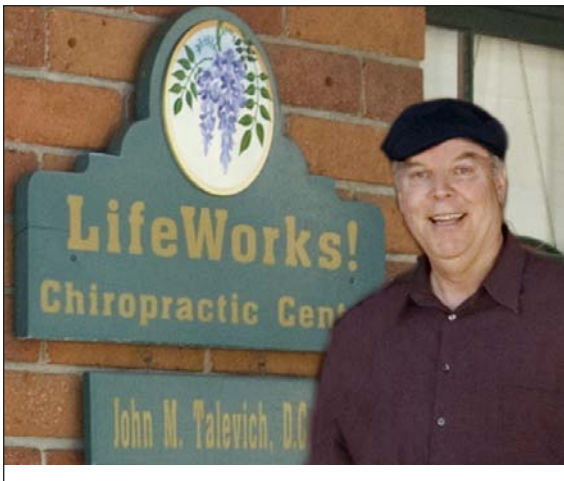


"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues."
"Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves."
"Tis better to be silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt."
"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just."
"Whatever you are, be a good one."

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

Thoughts



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.

On May 28th at 7:30 a.m., three hundred hardy souls will take their first steps toward the switchbacks, inclines and fall-offs that make up the Mount Wilson Trail Race. After 4.3 miles, they will turn around and start back down, and depending on how well those quads are functioning, arrive at Kersting Court none the worse for wear. Or will they?

Oxidative Stress

The heroic, irresistible attraction of doing the race is indisputable. How many of us have said over the years, “I’m going to run that race someday,” or have made it a yearly rite of passage? We do it because it’s there ~ there will come a time when the mountain is still standing but we won’t be. There are a few things to consider, however; not the least of which is the production of free radicals due to strenuous demands placed on the body. With the stress and strain of training and running the race, we are exposed to metabolic byproducts of muscle and organ activity. As a result of this combustion, there are much higher than normal amounts of damaging chemicals. These

substances can tear at cells, lodge in fatty cell membranes and promote widespread inflammation and degeneration. What starts out to be a quest for better health and a stronger body can, instead, cause long term damage to vital organs and systems. This impact may not be apparent at the time, but numerous clinical trials attest to the fact that these changes occur.

Some Simple Precautions

The key to managing oxidative stress is the presence of antioxidant compounds in the system. Whole foods, of course, provide these and the supplementation of Vitamins A, C, and E has been shown to reduce the scavenging effects of free radicals. Some of the powdered red and green drinks also contain high levels of antioxidants. A glass of green tea or a glass of powdered fruit/vegetable drink after a workout will reduce the concentration of free radicals as well.

Closing Thoughts

The race is sold out! Everyone is going to have a high old time! Antioxidants rule! Check it out under “antioxidants” on Google. To your health! Dr. John

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YOU MAY BENEFIT FROM NEW PRE-EXISTING CONDITION INSURANCE PLAN

Do you find it hard to obtain health insurance due to pre-existing conditions? You may be eligible for the new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan — a program for people who have a pre-existing medical condition and have been without health insurance coverage for at least six months.

People with pre-existing conditions face daunting challenges — and high costs — when they shop for health insurance. This new plan covers physician and hospital services and prescription drugs. Premiums vary by state. Annual out-of-pocket expenses for enrollees are capped.

Details about the program and how to apply may vary depending on what State you live in. In some states, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with the help of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Finance Center, will run the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan; other States have asked to run the program themselves.

Regardless of which State you live in, to qualify for the program you must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and you must have been uninsured for at least six months. In addition, you must have a pre-existing condition or have been denied insurance coverage because of a medical condition.

For more information, call the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan toll-free at 1-866-717-5826 (TTY 1-866-561-1604) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Eastern Time. Or visit www.pcip.gov and select “Find Your State” to learn about eligibility and how to apply.

Social Security Administration
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MORE SIERRA MADRE SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Sierra Madre Library is offering a new program to homebound persons in Sierra Madre called “Titles To Go” - Where volunteers bring the library to you! For more information, please call Ana Valencia at (626) 355-7186.

• Sierra Madre Aquatic Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., will be open for spring lap swimmers & walkers starting March 14 through June 12. Hours: 12 noon to 2 pm (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Tuesday & Wednesday). Cost is \$100 per person for a spring pass (no daily admission). This is a great opportunity for low impact exercise in a heated pool. For more information, please call (626) 355-5278.

• The Community & Personnel Services Department and Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is excited to take part in a senior outreach partnership with Royal Oaks Retirement Community and St. Rita Senior Ministry. This partnership will reach out to all seniors of Sierra Madre and nearby communities who would like to attend any and all functions. The first FREE event will take place on: Sunday, February 27th at St. Rita Parish-O’Malley Hall, 318 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre 1:30 – 2:00 Meet, Greet & Light Refreshments 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Steven C. Castle, M.D. “Aging Gracefully: The Medical Perspective” Dr. Castle is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. He is Professor of Medicine at UCLA and Division Chief of Geriatrics at the VA of Greater Los Angeles.

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Recipe of the Week:

SHEPHERD’S PIE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 lbs ground round beef
- 1 onion chopped
- 1-2 cups vegetables - chopped carrots, corn, peas
- 1 1/2 - 2 lbs potatoes (3 big ones)
- 8 tablespoons butter (1 stick)
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt, pepper, other seasonings of choice

DIRECTIONS:

- Peel and quarter potatoes, boil in salted water until tender (about 20 minutes).
- While the potatoes are cooking, melt 4 Tablespoons butter (1/2 a stick) in large frying pan.
- Sauté onions in butter until tender over medium heat (10 mins). If you are adding vegetables, add them according to cooking time. Put any carrots in with the onions. Add corn or peas either at the end of the cooking of the onions, or after the meat has initially cooked.
- Add ground beef and sauté until no longer pink. Add salt and pepper. Add worcesterchire sauce. Add half a cup of beef broth and cook, uncovered, over low heat for 10 minutes, adding more beef broth as necessary to keep moist.
- Mash potatoes in bowl with remainder of butter, season to taste.
- Place beef and onions in baking dish. Distribute mashed potatoes on top. Rough up with a fork so that there are peaks that will brown nicely. You can use the fork to make some designs in the potatoes as well.
- Cook in 400 degree oven until bubbling and brown (about 30 minutes). Broil for last few minutes if necessary to brown. Serves four.



February Birthdays

Aliye “Allie” Atay, Ursula El-Tawansy, Susan Henderson, Sylvia Lorhan, Ann Luke, Janet “Jan” O’Day, Hilda Pittman, Ana Ptasinski, Jannene “Jan” Reed, Winifred Swanson, Lorraine Bush



Meals-On-Wheels

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

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS

****ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY****

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

INCOME TAX TIME

Don Brunner will be volunteering his time once again to assist seniors with filing their 2010 tax return. The service is free but appointments are necessary.

Every Wednesday - February 9th to April 6th
1 pm to 2 pm Hart Park House / Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre (in Memorial Park). Please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394 to make an appointment.

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Save the Date

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

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Non-members

Please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394 to register in advance or for more information.

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.

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: City Hall & Hart Park House/ Senior Center Closed on February 21

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
- 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
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 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
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- Free Income Tax assistance - 1 pm to 2 pm. For an appointment, please call 355-7394
- 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:

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for 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 355-52

Friday: City Hall Closed on February 11 & 25

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

Saturday:

11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm. The Senior Club always welcomes new members (\$5 membership dues per year) so please stop by to learn more.



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

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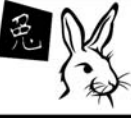
**Sierra Madre City Hall
Hart Park House /
Senior Center
Sierra Madre Library**

LUNCH & LEARN

Join the Senior Community Commission at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House / Senior Center for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation by calling (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

Wednesday, February 23rd - Join Sierra Madre Library’s archivist, Debbie Henderson, as she gives a special presentation on Sierra Madre - Then & Now! Lunch begins at 12 noon & the presentation will start at 12:20 pm

Lunch Café — February Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch is served at 12 noon, please arrive by 11:45 am	1 Chicken Soup & Roast Pork	2 Creamy Squash Soup & Chicken	3 Vegetable Soup & Sub Sandwich	4 Albondigas Soup & Steak Picada
7 Beef Stew with Potatoes	8 Birthday Cake Lentil Soup with Salmon or Beef	9 Bean Soup & BBQ Pork Ribblet	10 Broccoli Soup & Roast Turkey	11 Potato Soup & Spaghetti
14 Valentine’s Day Italian Wedding Soup & Chicken	15 Corn Soup & Tuna Salad	16 Squash Soup & Pot Roast	17 Tomato Soup with Salmon or Pork	18 Chicken Soup & Cheeseburger
21 Presidents’ Day CENTER CLOSED	22 Bean Soup & Salisbury Steak	23 Albondigas Soup & Tostada Salad	24 Tomato Soup & Sweet/Sour Pork	25 Minestrone Soup & Roast Turkey
28 Squash Soup & Oven Fried Chicken	 <i>Washington</i>	 <i>Lincoln</i>		

*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.

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



Local Realtors to Market Stonegate (aka 1 Carter) Development

After an extended time of little to no activity up at the Stonegate/1 Carter Development, the representing brokerage has changed hands to Mike Lepore and Kris Mathison of Century 21 Village in Sierra Madre, who have 40 years combined experience between them.

The familiar historic pillared entrance to the development, now a bank owned property by Capital Source, will once again be unchained each morning, allowing potential buyers to access the property easier. Lepore and Mathison have arranged to open the sales office on weekend afternoons from 1-5 p.m. All the Century 21 Village agents at their office in town are all up to speed on the 19 available homesites and two residential listing within Stonegate. Eight of the homesites have already closed escrow and some are going through the plan process with the city for home building approval, according to Lepore.

The development has a 150 year, storied history, originally homesteaded in 1860 by George Macomber. Two years later, Macomber built the cabin on what is now lot 18. The historic protected structure is now Sierra Madre's oldest remaining building. Nathaniel Carter, Sierra Madre's founder, took over the property nineteen years later, in 1881, building a Victorian home, no longer existing. A year later, he constructed the signature pillars flanking the Carter Avenue entrance to Stonegate's two streets, Baldwin Court and Nathaniel Terrace, named for Carter. The barn, built 149 years ago by Carter, is still located on lot 18.

In 1939, the Willises purchased the property, razing Carter's Victorian mansion, which had fallen into disrepair. By 1941, a unique, very "modern" 4000 square foot home was built on a knoll overlooking Carter Avenue, where the Willis family resided for six decades.

When the property sold yet again, a series of owners, including Maranatha High School purchased or took control of the property. Maranatha was unable to come to an agreement with the city on building plans and abandoned their school plans, selling to another party. Today, the graded lots, paved streets and underground utilities are in place for buyers interested in purchasing a lot and building a home. Forty of the sixty three acres were designated as permanent open space preserve that ranges from 1140 to 1450 feet above sea level, including a passive park and scenic community lookout, both on Nathaniel Terrace. The property borders the Angeles National Forest's San Gabriel Mountains on the north perimeter.

The buildable lots range from lot 10 at 400,000 to the combined lots 3 and 4 parcel at \$1,250,000, nearly at the top of the buildable portion of the development. Conceptual renderings are available at the office for some of the more challenging homesite and for the historic barn's conversion to living space.




For more information on Stonegate at Sierra Madre, visit the website, www.StonegateAtSierraMadre.com or contact Mike Lepore at 626-232-3832 and Kris Mathison at 818 429-1092. Century 21 Village is located at 38 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre.

Next week, the historic structures at Stonegate will be featured in One of a Kind.

Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them? Send the details to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com





Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

A CHORE NEXT DOOR

While not a very common problem, if you've got it, it can have a terrible impact on your listing: The Messy Neighbor. If you live next door to a "neglected" property, you might lose up to 20% of your home's market value, particularly with buyers looking for any excuse to reduce their offer.

It's technically not your problem, but ask not for whom the bell tolls. It's well worth your time and effort to resolve this situation amicably. Always be respectful, and don't let your emotions get the best of you.

Unless you believe your neighbor is "unhinged," you should begin with a visit to their home and a positive attitude - no name-calling or finger-pointing. Don't grab everyone on the block and gang up on your neighbor - you'll get better results if you go alone or with one other person.

If you find your messy neighbor is unwilling to

take care of their maintenance, it may still be in your best interest to do the work yourself or with the help of other neighbors. No, it's not fair, but if you want a fair sales price, this may be your only option.

As a last resort, you could file a complaint with your property owners association or city government. You could be referred to a mediator who will help settle your disagreement cordially.

Luther Tsinoglou has just been named the top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2009, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com.

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JUST LISTED!

832 Coolidge Drive, San Gabriel Offered at: \$629,000



Don't miss this spacious 2bed/1.5bath home in North San Gabriel. It offers an updated kitchen w/built-in appliances, hardwood floors, central air & heat, fireplace, dining room, enclosed bonus room, detached 2-car garage, newer roof and very private rear yard.

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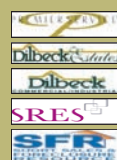


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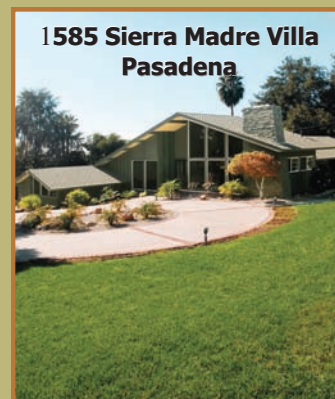
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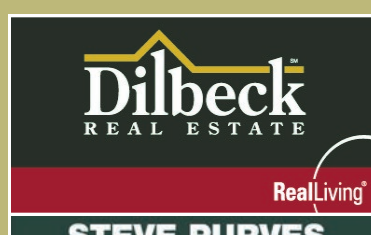
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