

## MOSCA DELIVERS 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CITYWIDE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS “Working Together the Sierra Madre Way”

On Monday evening, Sierra Madre Mayor Joe Mosca walked up to the podium in the newly remodeled Sierra Madre Room full of anxiety. His anxiety wasn't over the contents of the speech he was about to deliver, rather it was due to the fact that he “had a tough act to follow”, referring to the performance by 3rd Graders from Sierra Madre Elementary School. The group, accompanied by Principal Gayle Bluemel on the piano, opened the event with several inspiring songs from their ‘Showcase on the Pillars of Good Character’. They literally ‘rocked’ the house and the showcase theme coincided with the Mayor’s topic for the evening on working together.

This was the first citywide State of the City address in Sierra Madre. In the past, Mayors have generally delivered the address at the invitation of The Chamber of Commerce, The Women’s Club, and Sierra Madre’s Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. For this event, the invitation was extended to every resident in Sierra Madre and held in the evening in order to accommodate working members of the community. It was well attended with a standing room only crowd at times.

Representatives of every civic organization were present as well as the entire city council and all city department heads. Refreshments were provided by Bean Town, Café 322, Casa del Rey, Charcuterie, Corfu, Sierra Madre Pizza Company, Sierra Madre Grocery Company and Zugo’s (formerly Ugo’s). Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Athens Disposal and Southern California Edison helped underwrite the expense for the evening.

Mosca noted that he chose the theme “Working Together the Sierra Madre Way” because of “the collaborative style and volunteer spirit that defines our foothill village.”

### Highlights of the State of The City:

#### Finances

“The good news is that our current General Fund budget is “balanced”, and we have ended the past couple of years with a surplus. This surplus has been added to our General Fund reserves, which is now approaching an amount equal to more than



Photo By Dean Lee

50% of the annual General Fund expenditures, which is not all that common for our community.”

Mosca noted that one reason Sierra Madre was able to sustain a healthy financial position because of proactive measures taken including the voter approved Utility Users Tax that helps sustain our Police, Fire and Paramedics.

He also noted that the city does not rely on sales taxes as other cities due and therefore the impact of a down economy is less. “We are more dependent upon property taxes, which is a much more of a stable revenue stream.” He noted that our town “has always been fiscally prudent in our investments, revenue forecasts, and our expenditures.”

While speaking of finances, he also discussed the city’s Water Fund.

“As you’re probably aware, the City Council recently approved a water rate increase. Unlike our General Fund, our Water Fund was not balanced and our projections indicated that in a few short years all of our reserves would be spent. The increase that was ultimately approved was the first increase approved in the past five years. As some of you may know, the Water Department is a city owned utility with a wholly separate fund. This utility must bring in enough revenue to cover its obligations and to ensure an appropriate level of investment in the system, so that it continues to deliver quality water in a reliable manner.”

Discussion of the Water Fund in particular was timely as a claim has been filed against the city by Blogger John Crawford who threatens to

sue the city over the water rate increase. Crawford, according to the *Pasadena Star News*, is being represented by Former Mayor Kurt Zimmerman.

#### Accomplishments

The Mayor went on the outline the many accomplishments that have been achieved in the last year or two. They included (partial listing):

The Sierra Madre Community Room Renovation through the use of Federal and County grants; \$800,000 in Street Improvements; Acquiring a new fire engine, a new fire department water tender, a new ambulance, a new backhoe for Public Works, along with a new Vector Truck for maintaining the City’s sewer system; Updating the city’s computer software system; Launching the Emergency/ travelers radio station, AM1630 and completion of the Housing Element.

He also mentioned updating the General Plan and the work being done on the new Canyon Zone Ordinance.

Mosca ended his speech with a quote from the President of the National Civic League describing cities, such as Sierra Madre, that have received the high recognition of being named an All-America City, “These communities serve as models for the rest of the country... they are tackling challenges that seem insurmountable and are producing positive and tangible results with ingenuity and collaboration.”

## PUSD CANDIDATES SPEAK TO KIWANIS



Candidates running for three seats on the Pasadena Unified School District’s Board of Education spoke before the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club on Tuesday. Pictured above is resident Ken Anhalt questioning from left to right, Incumbent Renatta Cooper, Kimberly Kenne, Gene Stevenson, Tom Selinski, Sean Baggett and on the far right, Gaylaid Christopher. (Write In Candidate Cushon Bell arrived later.) Anhalt asked the group about their position on resuming classes such as ‘shop’ and ‘home economics’ that proved to be very effective in years past.

## A VERY BAD TASTE By Susan Henderson

### Parents Angry Over Children Not Receiving Awards

When Sierra Madre resident Tom Brady came up with the idea of hosting a citywide event to benefit not only the Sierra Madre Youth Center, but also the Rotaplast Foundation and young Artists and Essayists in local schools, the idea was well received. As stated on the website, “A Taste of Sierra Madre” is a community celebration of fine arts, culinary arts, drama and live music hosted on Kersting Court, Saturday, September 11th. This inaugural event raises awareness and equal funding for the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center and the Rotaplast Foundation which serves kids & adults who require cleft palate surgery. We are devoted to the well-being and future of our children locally and humanitarian service globally.”

Brady gathered support from all over town including local schools, churches, service organizations, the Police and Fire Departments and local media. The mission was noble and Brady was a master at motivating over a hundred volunteers that made the one day event a success. Or so it seemed.

Even when Brady appeared before the Sierra Madre City Council and presented a big check to the city for \$6,000 for the Youth Activity Center everything appeared to be just fine. An equal amount is alleged to have been sent to the Rotaplast Foundation. Everything still appeared to have been performed as committed. However, by late November, the fact that the 33 students who had been promised Savings Bonds for winning their category in the Arts and/or Essay competitions had not received them, started to surface. When questioned, Brady indicated that there had been a delay in acquiring the necessary information from the parents in order to process the bonds. Later, Brady made a public announcement that all bonds had been processed and they would shortly be in the hands of the award winners. That never happened.

In January, parents began speaking up. After receiving conflicting accounts from Brady, Contact was made with Chase Bank, who issued the forms on the day of the event. Chase confirmed that only 11 forms had been turned in to them by Brady and processed. Those bonds are the only ones that have been received by students. Brady acknowledged that the information from Chase was correct and the remaining bonds would be purchased right away. That was January. That never happened either.

Members of the committee who were questioned about the situation were



Tom Brady, center, Chair of The Taste Of Sierra Madre, posed for this picture in November, 2010 when he assured parents that the Savings Bonds were forthcoming. At that time (November) Brady said, “There was a delay in receiving back all the applications for the bonds from the winners’ parents. We’ve now purchased them, and the Treasury Department will send the bonds directly to the recipients”. MVNews Photo

all shocked to learn that the Bonds had not been issued. “The children who won the awards should have been paid before any other funds were disbursed,” said one volunteer.

No explanation has been given by Brady as to what happened. Several parents have denied that there was ever a problem getting the information on the Bond applications. One parent recalls going into Chase Bank on the day of the event to get her child’s social security number so that the form could be processed that day.

The response by Brady to inquiries led one organization that committed to buy 6 bonds for the 7th and 8th grade winners, to withhold the funds because when they asked Brady on several occasions to confirm the amount and send a letter requesting the funds or an invoice, he never responded.

And to further exacerbate the problem according to one parent, Brady issued an individual personal check to her child. The committee specifically voted to have Savings Bonds distributed to the award winners in order to introduce the award winners to the value and saving and being thrifty. They were also told that the event had made net profit enough to meet all of its obligations and donate \$12,000 to the YAC and Rotaplast respectively. Despite repeated requests the details on what children have received has not been forthcoming.

**Breaking News:** According to an email received from Brady just before press time, he said, “Disbursed over 14k to community half to Rotaplast half to Sierra Madre Community Services plus all student awards in the form of bonds and awards.” That statement has not been confirmed.



Third Grade Students from Sierra Madre Elementary School opened the meeting with songs from their Showcase on building good character.



Pigs fly at Niko's!

Great selection of  
Puppets in our gift  
Boutique!



## Niko & Friends Café

900 Valley View Ave #6, Pasadena, CA  
On the Michillinda/Montecito/Valley View Corner  
Monday to Friday: 7 am to 6 pm. Saturday: 8:30 to 1:30. Closed Sunday  
626-510-6151

Great coffee  
Great sandwiches  
Dog Friendly Patio

www.nikoandfriendscafe.com

Weekly Sandwich Special





## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast

#### Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Showers	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

*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](mailto: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  
Sierra Madre City Hall  
232 West Sierra Madre Blvd.,  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

## Eat - Shop - Worship in Sierra Madre!

### Coffee Houses:

**Beantown Coffee House & Bakery** - 45 N. Baldwin  
**Starbucks** - Kersting Court **Sierra Madre**

### Fine Dining:

#### Cafe 322

322 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

#### ZUGO'S formerly known as Ugo's

74 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

#### Charcuterie

120 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

#### Four Seasons Tea Room

75 N. Baldwin

#### Corfu

48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

### Great Shopping:

Laurel's Apparel & Treasures  
71 N. Baldwin

Angel's Everywhere  
26 N. Baldwin

Leonora Moss  
9 Kersting Court

Iris Intrigue  
49 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Belle's Nest  
55 N. Baldwin

Brown's Classic Interiors  
64 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Charlotte's Jewelers  
40 N. Baldwin

Savor The Flavor  
11 Kersting Court

Once Upon A Time  
14 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

Baldwin Jewelers  
15 Kersting Court

### Churches

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

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

**Foothill Center For Spiritual Living** - 49 S. Baldwin  
(626) 836-2022

**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 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](http://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](http://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.

## DUKE UNIVERSITY'S CHORALE TO PERFORM FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena invites everyone to join them for a very special Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. next Wednesday, March 9. The Duke Chorale from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina will be the choir for the service. At the end of the 45-minute service, the Chorale will present a 30-minute concert of sacred music..

Prior to the service you may join the congregation in a pancake supper in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Donations are appreciated. All of the proceeds will go to projects sponsored by our Mission, Peace, and Justice Committee. First United Methodist Church is located at 500 E. Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91101. To contact call, (626) 796-0157.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm** \$60 for the entire series if registered by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. Or go to: [www.womenatwork.org](http://www.womenatwork.org)**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

*Live from Burger Continental, Pasadena*

**The Harvey Hyde Show**  
535 So. Lake Ave. Pasadena (626) 792-6634

Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Hard-hitting, High impact

Sports Talk Radio

*KSHP Las Vegas - 1400 AM*



130 E. Montecito Avenue  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**SELF  
STORAGE IN  
SIERRA MADRE**

**SELF STORAGE  
MAIL BOX RENTALS  
FAX SERVICE**

PHONE: (626) 355-1837 FAX: 355-4329



# 2011 Wistaria Festival

## Sunday, March 20, 2011

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



2007 Event Photos courtesy of SierraMadreNews.Net

LOCAL MERCHANTS WILL BE OPEN  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
KIDS' ATTRACTIONS  
MORE THAN 150 CRAFT AND  
FOOD VENDORS  
OUTDOOR DINING AT LOCAL EATERIES  
FOOD COURT IN THE PARK

TAKE THE

**Metro Gold Line**

TO THE SIERRA MADRE VILLA GOLDLINE  
STATION, THEN CATCH THE FREE  
GATEWAY COACH SHUTTLE FROM THE STATION  
TO THE FESTIVAL



RIDE THE OLD-TIME CALIFORNIA TROLLEY SHUTTLE TO VIEW  
THE HISTORIC 117-YEAR OLD WISTARIA VINE, CERTIFIED BY THE  
GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST  
BLOSSOMING PLANT.

VINE VIEWING 9AM-4PM

DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL 9AM-5PM

SHUTTLE TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

**WISTARIATICKETS.COM**

\$10 PRESALE, \$12 DAY OF EVENT  
SENIORS 62 AND UP, KIDS 6 - 16, \$7  
SHUTTLE TICKETS INCLUDE VINE ENTRY

**WISTARIAFESTIVAL.COM**

OR (626) 355-5111 FOR MORE INFO  
MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS READERS SAVE \$1 OFF  
NON-DISCOUNTED (\$10) PRESALE TICKETS BY ENTERING THE  
PROMO CODE MVN01 WHEN ORDERING TICKETS

A PARTIAL LIST OF PERFORMERS

Ron Longo  
Michael Zubia  
Dick Bertrand  
Bruce and Pamela Forman  
Len Mendoza  
Horses on AstroTurf  
Aluminum Marshmallow  
Tremoloco  
Chico's Bail Bonds  
Ocho X  
Southern California Lyric Theater  
Troubadours  
Snotty Scotty and the Hankies  
Gem City Jazz Cats  
Homegrown  
? And the Wistarians  
Dave Shelton  
All-star Jam in the park, 4:45 to 6

FESTIVAL SPONSORS



BRUGMAN SPONSORS







**SCHIFF TAPPED TO SERVE AS RANKING MEMBER ON HOUSE INTELLIGENCE SUBCOMMITTEE**  
*Technical & Tactical Intelligence Subcommittee Oversees Space and Cyber Security*

**Washington, D.C.** – As we near the 10-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and are keeping a close eye on countries across the Arab world undergoing significant changes in their quest for democracy, the House Intelligence Committee continues to be engaged in work critical to our nation’s security.

In January, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) was tapped to continue serving on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and today he was named Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical (T & T) Intelligence. T & T oversees the technical aspects of intelligence gathering, including space-based assets, as well as cyber security. T & T also has primary oversight over the National Security Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, the National Geospatial Agency and other military intelligence programs.

“I am grateful for the continuing opportunity to serve on the Intelligence Committee, and I will be honored to serve as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence,” Rep. Schiff said. “In the face of national security challenges of both today and tomorrow, good intelligence is the best defense. My top priority as Ranking Member will be ensuring that our world-class scientists, researchers, engineers, who work to improve our technological capabilities, are appropriately staffed, operating within the law and with maximum effectiveness when it comes to space and cyber security.”

Satellites play a critical role in our intelligence agencies, because their images can be used to track suspected terrorists around the world and stop future attacks. Satellites provide real-time data to our troops on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, and allow us to monitor important global developments.

Cyber networks don’t just power our cell phones and iPads; they keep our electric grid running, secure the banking world, protect our water supply, and operate our classified military and intelligence systems.

Since coming to Congress, Rep. Schiff has advanced efforts to ensure the safety of all Americans by working to improve our intelligence gathering, implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations, and working to revamp the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

In 2007, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi appointed Rep. Schiff to the new House Select Intelligence Oversight Panel. The following year, he was also appointed to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, which also drafts the laws that govern the intelligence agencies operations. That committee is also responsible for overseeing the 16 agencies that comprise the intelligence community, which include components of the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Justice, State and Energy.

**Sierra Madre Police Blotter**

*During the week of Sunday, February 20th, to Saturday February 26th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 362 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.*

- Sunday, February 20th:**  
**12:56 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Baldwin Ave and Hampton.** An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation, and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The El Monte resident was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department jail for booking.
- Monday, February 21st:**  
**3:29 PM- Breaking/Removing Vehicle Parts, 400 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd.** A Sierra Madre resident reported to the Police Department that an unknown subject(s) stole the passenger side rear view mirror during the night.
- 8:02 PM- Tampering/Injuring Vehicle or Contents, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, City Park Community Building.** An officer responded to broken rear passenger side window. The Sierra Madre resident reported that no items were taken from the vehicle. The suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.
- 10:16 PM- Auto Burglary, 100 blk. E. Highland Ave.** Unknown suspect(s) opened the victim’s driver’s side door and stole a backpack. The backpack included the victim’s Apple power book, Annual Disney Pass, and her California Driver’s license.
- 11:12 PM- Auto Burglary, 600 blk. W. Montecito Ave.** Unknown suspect(s) smashed a front passenger window using an unknown object. The suspect stole a black Targus Computer case and a Compaq Computer.
- Tuesday, February 22nd:**  
**10:22 AM- Possession of Marijuana/1oz or less, 1000 blk. N. Michillinda Ave.** Motorist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. Investigation revealed that the Pasadena resident was under possession of a small clear plastic baggie containing marijuana. The driver was cited and released on the field.
- Saturday, February 26th:**  
**11:18 PM- Possession of Marijuana/1oz or less, 50 blk. Lowell Ave.** Motorist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. Investigation revealed that the Pasadena resident was under possession of marijuana. The driver was cited and released on the field.

# OUR TOWN

by Thornton Wilder

March 11 - April 16

Directed by Sabina Plasznik

Our Town explores the lives of people living in Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, a small quintessentially American town in 1901. It is a timeless story of life that is still being played out. Our Town was first produced in 1938 and received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

**PASADENA CELEBRATES THE 16TH ANNUAL PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH!**

*Day One and over 40 partners host parents and caregivers in the community*

What:	Parent & Caregiver Conference
When:	Saturday March 26th, 2011
Where:	Pasadena City College - Community Education Center 3035 East Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, 91107
Time:	8:00am to 3:00pm
Cost:	FREE (childcare and meals provided at no cost)
Theme:	“Put on Your Oxygen Mask before Assisting Others” Taking care of YOU while taking care of your family

5,4,3,2,1,... Blast Off!!! March 1st celebrates the 16th Year of Parenting Awareness Month in the City of Pasadena. A month dedicated to honoring parents and caregivers for all they do to help raise positive, healthy, thriving youth.

In an effort to celebrate this month Day One and over 40 local partners have come together to develop a month long calendar of both free and low cost developmental activities that help parents restore balance in their lives-while allowing them to embody the balance & behaviors we want to see in our youth.

One of the main attractions in this month long series is the Parent & Caregiver Conference that is being held at the PCC Community Education Center (3035 East Foothill Blvd., Pasadena 91107) on March 26th from 8a.m. to 3:00p.m. All parents, grandparents, foster parents, caregivers, and mentors are invited to attend free!

The conference is an excellent opportunity for parents to join leading experts in exploring hot topics affecting children, gain new parenting tips, and engage with other parents. Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to choose from an array of workshops that will be provided in both English and Spanish. Topics include: Managing Stress, Health and Nutrition, Employment, Lowering Expenses in the Home, Sex in the Relationship, Alcohol Drugs and Your Children, Parenting with Love and Limits, Focusing the Unfocused Child, Dealing With a Loss In The Family, and Keeping Our Youth Safe.

The ultimate goal of the conference is to ensure that parents are happy, healthy, and self assured so that they may model positive be-

haviors for their children to follow.

FREE Continental breakfast, lunch, childcare, and parking will all be provided for at no cost to attendees.

To register and receive more information about the Parent and Caregiver Conference as well as the many other activities planned for Parenting Awareness Month, call Day One at 626.229.9750 or email us at carolina@dayonepasadena.com.

Flyers are currently available throughout the City of Pasadena including local libraries and community centers.

For more information about Day One, visit our website at [www.dayonepasadena.com](http://www.dayonepasadena.com).

Parenting Awareness Month partners include: 300 Pasadena, Amadeus Salons and Spas, APPLE, Armory Center for the Arts, Borders Bookstores, Chiropractor Kyle Umland, City of Pasadena Human and Recreation Services, City of Pasadena NW Programs, Families in Transition, Flintridge Center, Foothill Family Service, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, Hazel Garcia, Hillsides, L.A. Parent, LEARNs, Life Coaching Masters, Lululemon Athletica, Magic Beauty Salon, MASH, Neighborhood Connections, North Lake Village Business Association, Parent Project, Pasadena/Altadena Coalition of Transformative Leaders, Pasadena Central Library, Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena City College Foster/ Kinship Care, Peace Over Violence, Planned Parenthood Pasadena and SGV, Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Unified School District Welcome Center, Shirlee Smith, Star News, Twoheys, Western Justice Center, Women at Work, Working Mother Magazine, and Young and Healthy.

**RICH Johnson MORE USEFUL (OR LESS) STUFF**



As any of you who read my column know I spare no time and effort to deliver truly useful information. Well I inherited a boatload of brilliant bits of stuff from my friends Nancy and Ken. And I will pass it on to you just as soon as you read about some really important yummy information: HOT FUDGE BROWNIES a la mode are now being served at Fresco’s restaurant. And only \$4.95. They bake the brownie to order, which means it takes twenty minutes to prepare. But boy, is it worth it. How is that for important stuff?

Okay, now onto the sort of information that will cause you to amaze and delight your friends, relatives, neighbors and complete strangers. Here goes: “Stewardess” is the longest word you can type with only the left hand. What about the right hand Rich? Hah! Got you covered. That word is “lollipop.” “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt”. (Which is what my head is often full of.)

Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard. (Isn’t this stuff great?)

Ever read the sentence: “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog?” Wonder why you see it? Because it uses every letter of the alphabet.

“Racecar”, “kayak”, and “level”, are palindromes. Backwards and forwards they say the same thing.

There are only four words in English that end in the letters “dous.” Tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all 5 vowels in order: “Abstemious” and “Facetious.” But what about sometimes “y?”

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (How did they figure that out?) How long is a jiffy? 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second.

A snail can sleep for three years. (I may be a member of the snail family.) Almonds are a member of the peach family. Huh?

In the last 4,000 years no new animals have been domesticated. (Not even my cat Taco.)

If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction. (How do we prove this?)

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors. The Queen Elizabeth 2 cruise ship moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel fuel.

There are more chickens than people in the world. Women blink nearly twice as much as men. That number goes way up when men are staring at pretty girls.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies’ room during a dance. And...all the ants in Africa weigh more than all the elephants. (Another one that may be hard to prove.)

Finally, pirates are going to be invading Sierra Madre on Saturdays starting March 12<sup>th</sup> thru April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Playhouse. “Treasure Island” is one of the terrific interactive Fairy Tale Theatre plays for children (and adults like me) produced by June Chandler. Call (626) 355-4318 for ticket information.

## THE SHABBY DOG™

GROOMING • DAY CARE • BOUTIQUE

- \$5.00 off any full groom service.
- 10% off all boutique items.
- Buy a 10 day doggie daycare pass and get 2 days FREE.

31 E. Montecito Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
[www.theshabbydog.com](http://www.theshabbydog.com)  
**(626) 836-5452**

As featured on Rachael Ray, National Enquirer and PEOPLE Pets.



# Pasadena

News From Your Community



# Altadena

For Your Community

## Police Seek Help, Information on Shooting Near Rose Bowl

Residents in the 1000 block of Armada Dr. called police early Monday morning after what they said sounded like gun shots. A little more than an hour later a body was found in Brookside park. Officers had checked the area but nothing was found. They said the echo from the shots could have thrown them off.

At approximately 5:22 a.m., an employee of the city parks department notified Pasadena Police that as he was arriving for work he saw a Black male lying in a dirt area of the Brookside Parking lot, approximately 100 yards south of Seco Street at Arroyo Blvd.

Officers arrived and discovered the body of a Black male in his thirties who had been shot. Paramedics were called and the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim was later identified by the Coroner's office as Victor F. Cass, 56, of Duarte.

"Police detectives are diligently investigating the death of Mr. Cass. This type of incident is very tragic, but also very uncommon," said Police Chief Phillip Sanchez. "Hundreds of adults and youth enjoy the wonderful facilities around the Rose Bowl every day. They can be assured the area is safe and well patrolled."

It is unknown if the incident on Armada is related to the discovery of the deceased. Detectives are investigating both incidents.

The Pasadena Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in this investigation as the Rose Bowl vicinity is patronized for recreational activity. Someone may have heard the gun fire, or observed a vehicle or person(s) leaving the area in the early morning hours and not realized their observations were associated with a crime.

Anyone with further information pertaining to either of these incidents is asked to call the Pasadena Police Department Homicide Detectives at 626 744- 4511.

## Pet of the Week



Kelly, a beautiful, five year old, gray and white cat is very friendly, calm and loves attention. She would be a great companion for someone in an apartment or condo that allows pets. Kelly qualifies for our Senior for Senior program where people over age 60 can adopt a pet over 5 years for just \$20! Come visit with Kelly today!

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

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A284109 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](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)



## City Declares Water Emergency

In preparation of a planned 10 day shutdown of imported water supplies from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), the city council unanimously approved a level 4, the highest, water shortage emergency banning all outdoor watering. Pasadena receives 60 percent of its water from the MWD.

City officials said the ban will take effect March 18 through the 27. The city will lift current Level 1 Water Shortage restrictions from March 11 to 17 – the week before the shutdown – to allow customers to water any day of the week, as much as they think is necessary, to prepare their landscaping for the watering ban. PWP customers will have another week without restrictions after the shutdown ends before Level 1 Water Shortage restrictions resume.

"Our horticultural consultants advise that most established plants and lawns can hold up well without water for 10 days and even longer," said Nancy Long, water conservation manager for PWP. "We are also telling our customers to consider rescheduling any new landscaping plans, since plants that aren't yet established are

much more vulnerable."

MWD is planning a seismic retrofit of the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in LaVerne and will stop all water deliveries to Pasadena and neighboring cities through its upper feeder pipeline during the project. For those 10 days, Pasadena must rely solely on its groundwater and reserves officials said.

Just before the pipeline shutdown, PWP will fill the city's 14 reservoirs with about 80 million gallons of local groundwater and water imported from MWD. As these reserves fall during the 10-day shutdown, PWP will replenish reservoirs with up to seven million gallons of groundwater per day pumped from wells throughout Pasadena. All told, Pasadena can count on 150 million gallons during the shutdown, whereas about 250 million gallons would be consumed under normal circumstances. Councilmember Margaret McAustin said she will be interested to see how well the city does.

"This is a really good exercise for us to get an idea of what a

situation might be like if there were an earthquake or other natural disaster and we were cut off from MWD water," she said. "It's something very important to think about, just how much water we use every day."

More information on the watering restrictions, tips on how to prepare and daily updates during the shutdown can be found at [www.cityofpasadena.net/shutdown](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/shutdown). Water waste can be reported on the website and through the Water Shortage Hotline at (626) 744-8888. Fines for violations could range from \$100 to \$1,000 staff said.

## Robinson Park Multipurpose Field Now Open

Previously available to organized sports programs only on a permitted basis, the multipurpose field and two baseball/softball diamonds at Robinson Park are now open for Pasadena community use only on a first-come, first-served, walk-on basis every Sunday through Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m.

"We are extremely proud of the improvements at Robinson Park and want to preserve them for future generations," said Horace Wormely, deputy director of the Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department. "We appreciate everybody's cooperation and invite the community to enjoy this outdoor recreational space." Groups and organized sports teams will not have use of the field and diamonds during those days and hours.

The multipurpose field, with synthetic turf, is the first regulation-size football field in any Pasadena park and has a soccer overlay. The field and the two recently renovated diamonds are among first-phase improvements at the park. The synthetic turf is part of a water-saving initiative at the park.

The park, at 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., was named in honor of the entire Robinson family, including Jackie, Mack, their three other siblings and their mother Mallie. For more information call (626) 744-7330.



Photo Courtesy of US Forest Service

A motion by Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich directs the Department of Public Works to conduct an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed project to remove over 1.5 million cubic yards of sediment from the Devil's Gate Dam and Reservoir area in Pasadena. The motion was approved Tuesday during the County's Board of

Supervisors meeting.

"With a significant impact on the environment and the community, this project merits careful environmental analysis," said Antonovich.

The motion also requires the Department to report back to the Board in 90 days with a plan to remove sediment along the face of the dam while the EIR is conducted on the entire site.

## One City, One Story Events For March

Pasadena Public Library's annual One City, One Story program is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature in the community, engage participants in dialogue and bring Pasadenans together by promoting greater understanding of differing points of view.

This year's selection is *Mudbound* by author Hillary Jordan. Hillary Jordan's debut novel *Mudbound* received the 2006 Bellwether Prize for Fiction, a prize founded by Barbara Kingsolver to reward books of conscience, social responsibility, and literary merit, as well as the 2009 Alex Award from the American Library Association and was named one of the Ten Best Debut Novels of the Decade by *Paste Magazine*.

Conversation with author Hillary Jordan on Saturday, March 26, 3 to 5:30 p.m., the author will join Library Director Jan Sanders in dialogue as they discuss her experience first envisioning and then writing *Mudbound*. A question and answer session from the audience will follow. The event will be held at Pasadena Convention Center Ballroom, 300 E. Green St.

### Upcoming Events

March 1 to 31: Exhibition: Photographic Interpretations of *Mudbound* Created by Michael Kluch's Pasadena High School photography class. Central Library, North Entrance and Great Hall, 285 E. Walnut St.



Hillary Jordan Photo by Michael Epstein

Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m. USO Show: "One for the Boys" Theatre Americana, formed as part of President Roosevelt's WPA program salutes our veterans. Music of the '30s and '40s, along with contemporary pieces, will take audiences on a sentimental journey through the history of the camp shows. Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

11:30 a.m. Demonstration: Southern Cooking Old Town Cooking School's Deb Swartz will demonstrate Southern cooking with traditional Southern recipes and a sampling of treats. Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave. Also Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m. at Linda Vista Branch Library, 1281 Bryant St.

2 p.m. Film: The Tuskegee Airmen at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd. Special showing of the film portraying the 332nd Air Force squadron. In World War II

## Election Night Live Coverage on KPAS

The city's local cable station KPAS is set to have live coverage from The Pasadena Conference Center at 300 E. Green St. on Tuesday, election night.

Live coverage will begin at 7:30 p.m. on KPAS (channel 3 on the Charter system and 99 on U-Verse) and via streaming video at [www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs) (click on the KPAS logo). Election result updates will be posted on the city website at [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net) throughout the evening.

Barry Gordon, co-host of City Beat on KPAS, and Tami DeVine, news director of Crown City News on The Arroyo Channel, will serve as anchors of the live broadcast in the conference center foyer. On-set contributors will include Larry Wilson, public editor of the Pasadena Star-News, André Coleman, reporter with the Pasadena Weekly, Terry Miller, editor of the Pasadena Independent and Dean Lee, city editor of Mountain Views News.

Ann Erdman, public information officer for the city of Pasadena, will serve as a roving reporter and will interviewing candidates,

## 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 8 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](http://pasadenan.com).

## Founder of Homeboy Industries to Make Appearance at La Salle

Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, will make a presentation at 7:00 pm in the La Salle Dining Hall on March 16. Fr. Boyle was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1984, and his mission since has been to address unmet needs of gang-related youth. As an alternative to the danger and destruction of the streets, Fr. Greg has advocated for "Jobs Not Jails" in his ministry. To this day, thousands of youth who were at risk of living lives of crime and violence now give credit to Fr. Greg that they are now able to live productive and meaningful lives.

Homeboy Industries provides social services, education, job training, and tattoo removal for those who wish to separate from gang life. Today Homeboy Industries comprises Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy/



Homegirl merchandise, and Homegirl Café.

Greg will also be available to sign copies of his latest book, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, which will also be available for purchase. See <http://www.homeboy-industries.org> for more.

For more information about the event please call 626.696.4313. There is no charge for admission. The School is located in north-east Pasadena at 3880 East Sierra Madre Boulevard. Ample free parking is available on campus.

## Coleman to speak at Citizen Journalism Speakers Series

Andre Coleman, Journalist & Author will speak at the "2011 Citizen Journalism Speakers Series". Coleman has worked as a professional and freelance reporter for almost 20 years. His work has appeared in Black Voice News, The Daily News, Pasadena Star-News and many more. In 1998, Coleman optioned his first screenplay. Today, he is the city reporter for the Pasadena Weekly, working on his next novel and producing his first independent motion picture. This free lecture event features local and national journalists, telling their personal stories and adventures

in the life of journalism and media. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 6:00pm, hosted by Pasadena Community Network and Mountain Views News.

Each program includes a presentation by the speakers and an engaging 15-minute question and answer session with citizen journalists and community members in the audience.

The speaker series will be held at: Donald R. Wright Auditorium 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101 (located in the Pasadena Central Library). Door Open at 6:00pm



## HEALTH PRESENTATION: HOW TMJ TREATMENTS FOR PARKINSON' SYMPTOMS

The Arcadia Senior Services and the SoCal Movement Disorder Society Arcadia Support Group is having a free health presentation at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive on Friday, March 18 at 2:00pm. The SoCal Movement Disorder and Parkinson's support group meets every third Friday of the month at 2:00pm. Meetings are held at the Arcadia Community Center. The March guest speaker will be Dr. Demerjian. He is very knowledgeable on how TMJ treatments help with Parkinson's symptoms. Dr. Demerjian received his dental degree from the University of the Pacific in 1990. He has earned a Fellowship in the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain, the International College of Cranio-mandibular Orthopedics and a Certified Forensic Consultant along with being a Diplomat in American Academy of Pain Management. He is a graduate from the renowned center of Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. Since 2004, he has limited his practice to the treatment of TMJ Disorders, headaches, facial pain, and more. He has dental practices in Glendora and Burbank.

*Please call Arcadia Senior Services 626.574.5130 before March 11th if attending. This is for individuals 50 years of age and older.*

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, February 20, through Saturday, February 26, the Police Department responded to 985 calls for service of which 120 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### **Sunday, February 20:**

Around 9:27 a.m., a license plate check on an Acura revealed that the license plate belonged to a Chevy. A traffic stop was conducted at Sunset and Balboa and investigation revealed that the 33-year-old male Caucasian had switched the license plate because the Chevy plate had a valid registration. Additional license plates from vehicles destined for the salvage yard were also found. The driver was arrested for expired registration, unlawful display of registration, no proof of insurance, and an outstanding warrant.

2. A traffic stop was initiated at Peck and Clark around 7:58 p.m. on a vehicle that had a warrant attached to it. A 34-year-old male Hispanic was taken into custody for driving on a suspended license, providing a false name to officers, and a \$20,000 outstanding warrant.

### **Monday, February 21:**

3. Between 3:15 p.m. on February 18 and 8:02 a.m. on February 21, a commercial burglary occurred in the 00 block of West Foothill. Unknown suspect(s) entered the business by removing a glass pane from a glass door. The suspect(s) then ransacked the office and stole cash, iPod dock speakers, and a bottle of Valium.

4. Another commercial burglary occurred in the 1000 block of North Santa Anita between 6:30 p.m. on February 19 and 10:42 a.m. on February 21. Unknown suspect(s) broke the door handle to enter the hair salon and took property.

### **Tuesday, February 22:**

5. Units were called to BJ's restaurant around 5:15 p.m. in reference to an employee refusing to leave the location. A 25-year-old male Hispanic employee showed up to work and began drinking beer at the bar. When the manager told him to leave for being intoxicated, he refused. The suspect was combative and pushed and spat at officers. The man was arrested for battery, obstructing/resisting, and disorderly conduct.

6. A private person's arrest was made at Arcadia Presbyterian Church, 121 Alice, around 10:12 p.m. A 27-year-old male Caucasian transient was found inside a music room after hours and was taken into custody for trespassing and 3 outstanding warrants totaling \$120,000.

### **Wednesday, February 23:**

7. A residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of West Las Flores between 9:45 a.m. and 10:03 a.m. A male Hispanic, posing as an AT&T employee, confronted an elderly resident outside the home and indicated that he needed to check out the phone lines inside the house. While the resident accompanied the man during the inspection, another male Hispanic suspect entered the house, ransacked rooms, and stole cash from a bedroom. The theft was captured on surveillance video.

8. Between 10:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 500 block of West Wistaria. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear sliding glass door, ransacked rooms, and stole cash, expensive jewelry and watch, flatscreen television, laptop computer, and other electronic equipment.

### **Thursday, February 24:**

9. Units responded to the 1100 block of West Duarte around 2:41 p.m. in reference to a domestic dispute. During an argument, the suspect choked and struck his wife. The victim had abrasions, scratch marks, and redness to her neck. An emergency protection order was obtained and served.

10. A traffic collision occurred at East Foothill and North Santa Anita around 5:00 p.m. Investigation revealed that a car was stopped at a red traffic signal when an intoxicated driver rear-ended the stopped vehicle. A 53-year-old male Caucasian was arrested for DUI, driving on a suspended license for DUI, and no proof of insurance.

Friday, February 25:

11. A grand theft occurred at the Arcadia High School boys' gym between 2:00 p.m. on February 18 and 8:00 a.m. on February 22. A \$3500 violin was stolen from an unsecured locker.

12. Loss prevention personnel from Hollister detained a male juvenile for theft around 1:06 p.m. Investigation revealed that two male Hispanic suspects entered the store with shopping bags. The suspects concealed merchandise in the bags and fled the scene when they were confronted by store personnel. After a lengthy foot pursuit, a 17-year-old suspect was apprehended and taken into custody for commercial burglary. Store merchandise worth about \$627 was recovered.

### **Saturday, February 2**

13. Around 12:29 p.m., units responded to an art school located in the 500 block of South First in reference to a commercial burglary that just occurred. A male African-American suspect, 18-20 years of age, entered the reception area and stole a laptop computer and a wallet. The reception area was occupied by children and adults during the time of the theft.

14. Loss prevention personnel from Sport Chalet advised that they had detained two women for theft around 3:06 p.m. The suspects brought large shopping bags into the store and filled them with snowboarding equipment and clothing. Private persons' arrests were made, and the Caucasian women, ages 18 and 19, were taken into custody for commercial burglary.

## Kid's Night Out – Arcadia Community Center Shamrock Shakedown!

*Friday, March 11th – 6-11pm*

Recreation Staff and Volunteers will offer themed games, two movies (The Princess and the Frog (G) & Peter Pan (G), delicious dinner and supervision so mom and dad can have a night on the town or a quiet evening at home. Children must be at least four years of age to attend. All activities will be geared toward elementary school children; anyone younger must be potty trained. The cost is \$15.00 per child and also includes snacks and beverages. Registration for Kid's Night Out can be done by fax, 626.821.4370 or by coming into the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

## Spring Senior Classes

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department – Senior Services Division is offering spring classes for adults (50 years of age and older) beginning Monday, March 7th on-line for residents only and March 14th for walk-in, mail-in and fax-in. Arcadia Senior Services offers an array of fitness classes to promote health and vitality for adults by strengthening the heart, muscles, and bones. Certified instructors Amy Espinosa, Bonnie Smithson, Pam Wagoner, Lynette Whiting, Kristen Cunningham and Arnold Chien offer courses in Aerobics, Gentle Yoga, Multi-level Yoga, Strength Training, Line Dancing, Hoopnotics, Zumba Gold and Kinetic Tai Chi. We also offer Watercolor Painting with instructor Pradeepa Thirumulu and Oil Painting with instructor KT Boyce. All classes begin in April and will be held at the Arcadia Community Center, located at 365 Campus Drive or the new Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Avenue in Arcadia.

*For more information please call 626.574.5130 or log onto the city's website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) and look for the online link to recreation programs.*

## Introduction to Nose Work and Variety Dog Training!

Looking for something fun to do with your dog? The Recreation and Community Services Department is offering an urban dog sport class. Nose Works builds confidence, burns excess energy and strengthens the bond with your dog. Dogs have an amazing sense of smell and a natural desire to hunt. This class focuses on teaching you how to encourage and develop your dog's natural scenting abilities by using their desire to hunt and their love of toys, food and exercise. This class begins Thursday, April 21st and is held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia on the back patio. Class times are 6:00-7:30pm or 7:45-9:15pm. Cost is \$120 for eight weeks.

We also offer Variety Dog Training which offers tricks, rally, agility, nose work, obedience and more! Each week will focus on a new activity or dog sport that will stimulate your canine companion's mind and body. This class begins Saturday, May 7th and is also held on the back patio of the Community Center. Class times are 1:15-2:15pm for a cost of \$75 for five weeks.

*Call 626.574.5113 today for more information or go to the city's website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) under the Recreation and Community Services Department!*

## Sho Tay Citizen of the Year

*Tay Citizen of Year; Costanza retires; Hoffman president – March 31 dinner*

This year's annual Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and officer installation dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at Santa Anita Park's ornate Chandelier Room in the Turf Club, will have several levels of significance.

Sho Tay will receive the Chamber's prestigious Arcadia Citizen of the Year Award; Chamber VP Bob Hoffman of Merrill Lynch will be inducted as president, and executive director Beth Costanza will be recognized for nearly 12 years of service.

Tay's honor is in recognition of his many years of seemingly inexhaustible volunteering with many local organizations, including the Chamber, most of which he has headed at one point, such as the Arcadia Chinese Association, the Arcadia Masons and Masonic Center, and next the Boy Scouts. He has also served on the boards of the Red Cross and currently serves on the boards of the Arboretum Foundation, the Arcadia Historical Society, and Arcadia's Best Foundation. He was next in line to become Chamber president last year until he had to step down to run for City Council.

Tickets for the event are \$65 per person — rsvp by March 24 by calling (626) 447-2159; e-mail [info@arcadiachamber.org](mailto:info@arcadiachamber.org), or click here to order tickets at Chamber web site.

Program advertising and sponsorships are available as follows:

Gold sponsor: \$1,500 – reserved table of 10; full page ad, front page listing

Program sponsor: \$1,000 – front page listing &



Silver sponsor: \$900 – reserved table of 10 & front page listing  
Back cover ad: \$300  
Inside front cover ad: \$295  
Inside back cover ad: \$275  
Other full page adL \$225  
Half-page ad: \$145  
Business card size ad: \$35

## Mardi Gras to Benefit Emergency Services at Methodist Hospital

Methodist Hospital's 16th annual Mardi Gras will be next Tuesday, March 8, at Sirona's, Santa Anita Park.

Proceeds from this year's gala will support the hospital's emergency department, which provides critical care to San Gabriel Valley residents 24 hours a day.

This fall, the emergency department will move into the new North Tower, where it will be well prepared to meet the community's critical needs during a disaster or anytime.

Mardi Gras co-chairs Jan McEachern and Cheryl Wolf and their committee began planning the Fat Tuesday celebration months ago to ensure a successful night of festivities.

"Cheryl and I are thrilled with the show of support from our sponsors," McEachern said. "This year will be a fundraising success, thanks to their generosity."

This year's top sponsors include Physician Associates/Healthcare Partners LLP, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Posey, Arcadia Radiology Medical Group, Congress Medical Associates, Drs. Durdana Gilani and Hafeez Khan and Medic-1 Ambulance Service, Inc. With the support of these and many other sponsors, this event will go along way to support emergency services at Methodist Hospital.

Mardi Gras guests will taste the culinary delights of many restaurants, including Cafe Massilia, Casa del Rey, Green Street Restaurant, Matt Denny's, Melting Pot, Restaurant Devon and The Patio.

"What makes this event so unique and enjoyable is the incredible cuisine sponsored by our generous participating restaurants," Wolf said. "Our guests look forward to the variety of food offered at this event and this year we have a few surprises up our sleeves."

Long-time Methodist Hospital supporters Dave and Grace Cashion are this year's honorees. Arcadia residents for more than 37 years, the Cashions have given their time and resources to support the hospital.

Tickets are \$80 each. To reserve your ticket, contact Gloria Rico at 626-821-2340 or at [mardigras@methodisthospital.org](mailto:mardigras@methodisthospital.org).

About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a 460-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care (neonatal and adult) and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission.

## SOCIAL NET CLASS HELPS RELAY/LIFE

Learn how to best utilize Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn on March 12 while helping out the annual cancer awareness 24-hour walk event Relay for Life.

Arcadia-based social network consultants HUTdogs will provide a seminar on how to use and maximize the effectiveness of those social media from 9 a.m. – 12 noon Saturday, March 12, at Hilton Garden Inn, 99 North Second Avenue Arcadia.

The only cost is whatever donation you would like to make, all of which will go to Relay for Life's Team Ta Ta's. (Suggested donation \$30, but anything will help.)

You may also win a door prize.

Advanced registration is required at <http://workshops.hutdogs.com/>

Learn how to use these power tools for business, in your career, and for fun. Join the discussion and bring your questions:

Facebook: Learn about the recent changes on facebook and how to keep your business and personal lives separate all under one account. You will learn from HUTdogs, a leader in facebook training, custom fan page builds and internet marketing.

YouTube: Learn why YouTube is one of the best tools you can use to increase your ranking on Google. Learn how to set up your account and best practices for tagging and descriptions. You'll learn from Mike Albers, an open house marketing expert and leader in internet marketing for realtors.

LinkedIn: Learn how to use Linked to connect with other business professionals. Learn how to use group discussions to build a long-lasting network that can serve you in your current work and future employment. Ferdinand Villegas, Territory Manager with Philips Lifeline, will show you how he uses the tools on LinkedIn to build his connections.

## Around the World in 127 Acres:

*A Look at the Arboretum's Truly Cosmopolitan Plant Collections*

*Saturdays, 1:30-3pm - see dates below*

\$5 member per class / \$7 non-member per class  
Please call 626.821.4623 or you may pay at the class  
Meet in the Arboretum Library, rain or shine.  
Instructor: Frank McDonough

This class is held in the garden, and requires walking throughout the collections.

The Arboretum's collection of over 18,000 plants is divided into five geographic sections, two greenhouses, and other specialty exhibits. Botanical Information consultant Frank McDonough will take you onto the grounds to learn more about these extensive collections. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, a hat and clothes you don't mind getting dirty—and bring drinking water.

March 12 Plants That Changed the World: A tour that takes a look at plants in the Arboretum collection that have had dramatic effects on the history of human beings.

March 26 Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice: An in-depth look at the Arboretum herb garden—a collection of culinary, medicinal, dye, fiber, sacred and spiritual plants.

April 9 Survivor-plant: Swamp: You are a garden petunia dropped into the everglades of Florida; what structures and strategies do you evolve to survive?

April 23 "Ant'ics: Ants have incredibly interesting relationships with plants; we'll look at some of the more unusual ones that are connected to the Arboretum's collection.

May 7 Cape Coolness: South Africa has long been source of fascinating ornamental plants for Southern California—this tour looks at our extensive South African collection and how it paved the way for today's water-conscious landscaping.

May 21 Mexican Marvels: Hidden on the back-side of Tallac knoll is a fascinating collection of plants from south of the border. This tour takes a look at that collection and some that may even be candidates for Southern California landscapes.



# MONROVIA - DUARTE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

## Monrovia Older American of the Year Award

The City of Monrovia, Department of Community Services, is accepting nominations for the 2011 "Older American of the Year Award." This award is presented to a Monrovia 60 years of age or older, working or retired and still actively involved in volunteer service in Monrovia. The purpose of this award is to seek out, honor and encourage older persons to remain active volunteers in the community. Nomination forms are available at the Monrovia Community Center or by email request at CLOAKING. The City of Monrovia award winner will be recognized at the April 14 Senior Volunteer Luncheon, and at the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging celebration in May. For additional information please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 434 service events, resulting in 91 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:*

### Grand Theft

On February 17 at 4:43 p.m., the victim of a grand theft came into the police station. He reported that he parked his vehicle in a parking lot at Myrtle and Pomona in the morning. When he returned in the afternoon, he found someone had stolen the catalytic converter off his 2004 Toyota Pickup. Investigation continuing.

### Felony False Impersonation

On February 17 at 10:33 p.m., a male subject was arrested in San Bernardino County for a Monrovia battery warrant from an incident that occurred in 2001. An officer was sent to bring the suspect to the Monrovia jail. The officer dispatched had investigated the original case and discovered the suspect was actually the mother of the male subject's children and she had used his name and information to identify herself to officers in 2001, and on other cases as well. This resulted in the warrant being issued for the wrong person, the male subject. A felony false impersonation report was completed by the officer and the warrant was reentered into the system with a note as to the true suspect.

### Possession of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested

On February 18 at 10:36 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the High School in the 800 block of West Colorado regarding a male student being detained. When the officer arrived, he learned the student had been brought into the discipline office for wearing a t-shirt with the word ecstasy written across the front, which is a school dress code violation. While in the office, the student became very nervous and kept reaching into his pocket. School security searched him and found three ecstasy pills in his pants pocket. The student was arrested, booked, and later released to a parent.

### Domestic Violence - Suspect Arrested

On February 18 at 7:25 p.m., a male subject came home and got into an argument with his wife. During the ongoing argument, the wife tried to take the husband's phone from him. He responded by biting her hand, causing visible injury. He was arrested for domestic violence.

### Grand Theft

On February 19 at 9:58 a.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of West Lime regarding a grand theft report. The victim told the officer he parked his vehicle on Mayflower the evening before, but did not lock it. He returned to his vehicle in the morning and saw the interior had been ransacked and some property taken. Investigation continuing.

### Vehicle Burglary

On February 19 at 5:48 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business parking lot in the 500 block of West Huntington. The victim had parked his vehicle in the parking lot and secured it. When he returned, he saw the door lock had been punched and the third row seat had been taken. Investigation continuing.

### Commercial Burglary

On February 19 at 9:34 p.m., loss prevention from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington observed three suspects cutting tags off of and secreting items on their persons. Officers responded and were in place when the suspects left the store with the merchandise. The officers detained the suspects without incident. Stolen merchandise was found on all three of the suspects. One suspect was found to be on probation for burglary and another was on parole for robbery. A consent search of their vehicle revealed further merchandise that is believed to be stolen from another retail store. The three suspects were arrested and taken into custody.

### Grand Theft Auto Recovery

On February 20 at 9:07 a.m., an officer was patrolling a shopping center parking lot in the 600 block of West Huntington. The officer noticed an unoccupied vehicle and discovered it to be a stolen vehicle. The vehicle is a 1999 Honda Civic and was reported stolen February 19 out of Baldwin Park. The officer recovered the vehicle.

### Grand Theft

On February 20 at 10:48 a.m., an officer responded to a business in the 1400 block of South California regarding a theft of copper wire. Suspects removed a large amount of copper wire from a spool at a business. The suspects possibly gained access from a back alley. Investigation continuing.

### Non-Injury Traffic Collision

On February 20 at 11:36 a.m., an officer responded to a solo traffic collision at Myrtle and Colorado. A driver was attempting to make a turn onto Colorado from Myrtle when he hit the signal on the corner and knocked it down. Monrovia Fire Department and the Edison Company responded for exposed live wires.

### Residential Burglary

On February 22 at 5:59 p.m., officers responded to a residential burglary in the 300 block of North Mountain. It appears the suspect entered through an unlocked door and stole miscellaneous valuables from the home. Two shotguns were taken, but the suspect left them on the lawn as he fled the area, he may have been startled by a neighbor. During the investigation, it was discovered that a neighbor had seen a suspicious subject sitting in a parked vehicle just south of the victim's house at approximately 7:10 a.m. The subject is described as an 18-19 year old male, 5' 10", with a thin build. He was sitting in an older model, Dodge Plymouth minivan, white in color, with the engine running. The neighbor did not report the suspicious subject to police. Investigation continuing.

### Vehicle Burglary

On February 23 at 6:13 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle burglary that occurred in a hotel parking lot in the 700 block of West Huntington. A window on the vehicle was smashed and a purse was stolen. Investigation continuing.

### Unreported Grand Theft Auto - Suspect Arrested

On February 24 at 5:14 a.m., the Los Angeles Police Department called to report they had been in pursuit of a 1995 Saturn and had one male suspect in custody. They requested a Monrovia officer contact the registered owner, who lives in the 200 block of East Pomona. The vehicle was stolen from the street in front of the registered owner's residence during the night. The victim was unaware of the theft and does not know the suspect.

## Duarte Mayor and School Board President Deliver Joint State of the City/State of the School District Talks



Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and Duarte Unified School District Board President Pam Kawasaki with The Gas Company Public Affairs Manager, Bob Cruz following their State of the City/State of the School District presentation. The Gas Company was the presenting sponsor of the event for the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

DUARTE, CA, March 3, 2011 – While there was no getting around pointing out the economic challenges that confront the City of Duarte and Duarte Unified School District, there was also much upbeat about the joint State of the City/State of the School District presentations delivered by Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and School Board President, Pam Kawasaki.

More than 100 civic and business leaders attended the Duarte Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon held at the newly opened 34,000 square foot Maryvale Family Resource and Early Education Center in Duarte.

Paras-Caracci and Kawasaki spoke of the reality of budget cuts and the shared dread of more to come as a result of the State's budget crisis. But despite the gloomy economic news, Mayor Paras-Caracci told the crowd, "This could be our finest hour."

One example, she said is the new Maryvale facility which brought 30 new jobs to the City, provides child and family counseling, a family resource center, community classes and health and nursing services to the community.

"This is part of our future, part of our legacy," she said.

Other reasons for optimism cited by the Mayor.

The City is safer. Bucking the norm that when unemployment goes up so does the crime level, Part 1 crimes in Duarte were down 13% in 2010 in almost every category with the exception of auto and grand thefts, up nationwide. The City was awarded a \$191,000 California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant (Cal-GRIP) in late 2010 that it is putting to work to expand services to youth Kindergarten through 8th grade and their families.

With the Gold Line now assured to come to Duarte, the City is optimistic that the station with at least 125 parking spaces will be completed by late 2014, constructed by the Gold Line Construction Authority and operated by Metro.

"Most of all we are excited about public and private partnerships. This will make our vision a reality. We will continue to stay positive and plan for an affordable housing and parking project to create synergy around the station. The only way we can complete this puzzle though is if the State stops taking our redevelopment pieces," said the Mayor.

The completion of the Youth and Family Master Plan is another example of a City that unites together, builds partnerships, shares resources and creates community, said the Mayor. The 10-month process by a volunteer committee of 27, comprised of a cross-section of the community, produced a plan of 66 action steps for enhancing services and programs for youth and families in Duarte. Now, a committee of 12, appointed by the City Council and chaired by Damon Colaluca, executive director of the Santa Family YMCA, will oversee the implementation of the plan.

Of major concern for the City is a projected \$500,000 budget deficit for fiscal year 2010-2011 that could increase to \$1.5 million if the Governor succeeds in his plan to strip cities of redevelopment funds.

"We are seriously looking at ways to reduce costs and increase efficiencies. In a commitment to being smart about our anticipated reductions of services and programs this is our reality check," said Mayor Paras-Caracci.

She said the City has faced a number of cuts in the past few years including a 16% reduction in staff, leaving a vacancy of 8 full time positions and a remaining full time staff of 43 for the City of 22,000 residents.

Public Safety office hours have been reduced from five and half days to four days a week. The City has also reduced hours in after-school park supervision.

"City Hall is still functioning but at some point there will be more to trim if we are to provide what we promised in our mission statement, 'exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner,'" said the Mayor.

School Board President, Kawasaki noted the continued widening between projected versus actual funding from the State for students. In 2011-2012, the District projected \$6,464 ADA funding but received \$5,196. She warned that the District stands to have another \$1.3 million cut from its budget if the tax extension doesn't pass on the June State ballot.

"We also look at deferrals. Currently our revenue limit is roughly about \$20 million. We're looking at 33% deferrals right now. Those deferrals can go anywhere from six months to the next fiscal year but what the Governor is proposing right now is a 45% deferral rate. That's really high and hard for any school district to carry on the excellence that it wants to," said Kawasaki.

On the good news front for the District:

Measure E, a \$62 million bond that passed last year will create a technology endowment that will keep the District technology up to date for many years to come. The bond has strict guidelines and safety measures built in and an oversight committee that is required. Applications are available in the District Office and online for community members to serve on the seven member oversight committee.

Duarte Unified School District API scores "are off the charts," said Kawasaki. "This is what we are so proud of." Andres Duarte grew by 43 points to an API score of 804. Beardslee advanced 30 points to 774. Maxwell increased 18 points to 731. Royal Oaks was up 20 points to 870. Valley View improved by 14 points to 840. Northview Intermediate grew 58 points to 755, and Duarte High School increased 43 points to an API score of 750. The Duarte Unified School District achieved the most growth of any school district in the San Gabriel Valley, a total 38 point gain.

Royal Oaks has been invited to submit an application for the national Blue Ribbon award.

Valley View was awarded the Golden Bell as a California Distinguished School.

Northview Debate team is in contention for state finals.

Duarte High School now has three academies in place. Ninth grade students are placed in a Freshman Academy that helps indoctrinate them into the high school life and ease the transition from middle to high school. Students from grades 10 through 12 have the option of either entering the Business of Arts, Media, and Entertainment Academy or the Health, Science and Engineering Academy.

In an early college partnership program with Citrus College, the first group of 39 students will be graduating from Duarte High School with one full year of college completed.

Mount Olive High School is going green. In the area of environmental sustainability through their Mount Olive Outdoor School Experience program (MOOSE), the school has garnered a number of grants including \$5,000 from Toshiba; \$3,000 from California American Water; two \$10,000 grants in product from Rain Bird and the Department of Public Works; and \$2,500 from the California Department of Education.

Mount Olive is also starting a partnership with JPL and Citrus College centering on green initiatives.

Last year 98.5% of the seniors graduated from Duarte High School and 84% went on to secondary education.

The Mayor and School Board President also used the occasion of their joint presentation to formally kick-off the 'Year of the Youth and the Year of Family' project. Initial effort will be to establish a Leadership Conference to help youth develop leadership skills and pride in their community. Southern California Gas Co. has agreed to help sponsor the Youth Leadership Conference that would include workshops where youth can learn how to get more involved in the community through volunteer activities including mentoring at lower grades and coaching sports.

For more information, visit the City of Duarte website at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) and the Duarte Unified School District at [www.duarte.k12.ca.us](http://www.duarte.k12.ca.us).

**IMAGINE ...having the UK store at your door! *Handmade, holistic, certifi'd. organic* beauty "remedies"-- Britain's most popular brand...is now available in America!**

**NEAL'S YARD ORGANIC**

NEAL'S YARD REMEDIES  
LONDON • TOKYO • BOSTON • DUBAI

**MADE IN ENGLAND**

no parabens, synthetic colors or fragrance

order on the web @: [us.nyrorganic.com/shop/socal\\_ukbird](http://us.nyrorganic.com/shop/socal_ukbird)

**PHONE ORDERS:**  
**949.313.7224/ m. 949.690.2589**

**IMAGE FOUNDRY**  
CREATIVE BRANDING & ADVERTISING

SOFIA GONZALEZ  
MARKETING MAVEN AND  
GRAPHIC DESIGNER EXTRAORDINAIRE

(626) 447-7793  
SOFIA@IMAGEFOUNDRY.NET  
119 SO. FIRST AVENUE  
ARCADIA CA 91006

[WWW.IMAGEFOUNDRY.NET](http://WWW.IMAGEFOUNDRY.NET)

**1 free yoga class**  
new student special

626.303.1004  
300 east foothill blvd arcadia  
[yogamadre.com](http://yogamadre.com)

New students only.  
Limited time offer.

**YOGA MADRE**

**Your Ad Could Be Here!**  
Call Patricia at 626-818-2698 Today!



## SIERRA MADRE EXTREME MOUSEMOBILES ARE NO. 1

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY



Students at Sierra Madre School recently won 1st place in Division II at the Odyssey of the Mind LA Basin Regional Competition. The event was held at Manhattan Beach Middle School last Saturday. There were five teams from the Pasadena Unified School District: Don Benito, Loma Alta, McKinley, Wilson, and Sierra Madre. Don Benito, Loma Alta, McKinley, and Sierra Madre will advance to the state tournament on March 26 in Northern California.

The Sierra Madre team consisted of Ashford Milne, 12, Axel Tanner, 11, Eva Hostetter, 11, Hana Tyszka, 11, Katie Stapenhorst, 12, and Sophia Cimino, 11 (6th graders from Sierra Madre Middle School). Lisa Milne served as Head Coach and Andy Milne and Maria Cimino were Assistant Coaches. (above)

In the Mousemobiles Competition the challenge was to design, build, and run vehicles that use mousetraps as their only source of energy. The Mouse Mobiles traveled a course that had several challenging obstacles. (middle right)

In addition to winning 1st Place, the students also won the T-shirt design competition. Their winning image was printed on front of t-shirt, with a congrats and their names on back of t-shirt. All competing teams had opportunity to purchase t-shirt as a keep sake. All competing teams had their school names printed on back. (bottom right)

The Sierra Madre team will travel to Brentwood, CA (Northern CA) for the State Competition on Saturday, March 26th. If they place 1st or 2nd at State, they will compete at The World Finals Competition.



## RUNNING FOR THE GOOD

PUSD is one of seven national winners of a \$10,000 Saucy Run for Good grant, which will help fund running clubs at six district schools. To combat childhood obesity, six PUSD schools, which include Altadena and Webster Elementary, are developing or operating run, jog, or walk clubs. The grant will help purchase supplies, provide identified students with proper athletic footwear, and increase opportunities to participate in run, jog, and walk events outside the school, such as Marathon Kids at UCLA, AIDS Run/Walk, Breast Cancer Walk, Hershey Track meet, etc. PUSD secured the grant through the efforts of the Pasadena Educational Foundation.



## TAKING CHANCES

Each week since I started this column, I have experienced something worthy of being put into print. As my deadline for this week crept closer, I began to panic about not having something to write. Then I auditioned for my school musical.

I initially auditioned as a sort of joke to myself. I took everything seriously but wasn't looking for any major parts. All I wanted was to be in the ensemble and have a good time. As I entered the theater for my call back and read my set of lines, I felt good, but was expecting to be finished like my friends had been. Instead, the director gave me more lines to read, and before you knew it, I was singing for her. Now, I do not consider myself the best singer by any means, mediocre at best, but I must have sounded decent. For on Tuesday during lunch one of the drama teachers congratulated me. Confused, I read the cast list. My name was at the top; the major characters section. Skimming across the page, I read my part's name, Tzeitel, daughter of Yente, in the famous musical Fiddler on the Roof. Amazed beyond description, I told everything that moved I had a part in the play, thinking that by telling others it would help me process the excitement and amazement.

As the day carried on, and my awe wore off, I began to think of the chances I have taken in the past month: I emailed the editor of this paper and got a job; I auditioned for the school musical and got a lead role. It may not seem like much, but it made me realize a valuable lesson: taking chances of any size can be rewarding, you just have to be willing to make the effort.

## Tutoring at Sierra Madre Books



One-to-One Instruction for All Ages

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Spelling
- Comprehension
- And more!

52 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
tel (626) 836-3200  
www.sierramadrebooks.com

## ONE ON ONE TUTORING

SKYPE online tutoring also available

CHEMISTRY  
MATH  
EARTH SCIENCE

Excellent Test Scores  
25 Years Experience  
\$25 per half hour  
Free 15 minute consultation

CALL: 626-355-6237

## 2011 SGV Spring School Games

School Day Athletics Competitions hosted by:  
Adapted Physical Education & Special Olympics Southern California



Special Olympics Athlete oath— "Let me Win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

School Games is a partnership between Special Olympics and Adapted Physical Education Teachers to offer sports training and athletic competition programs for students with intellectual disabilities and other special needs. This year's event will be the culmination of a six week athletics training program that promotes the development of life-long fitness skills that will help student-athletes lead a more productive and independent life.

## DATE &amp; LOCATION

DATE: Friday, March 25th, 2011  
LOCATION: San Marino High School  
2701 Huntington Drive.  
San Marino, CA 91108

## 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  
tborunda@sosc.org | 310-400-3114



## Alverno High School

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

## Arcadia High School

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

## Arroyo Pacific Academy

41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,  
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke  
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org

## Barnhart School

240 W. Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, Ca. 91007  
(626) 446-5588 Head of School: Joanne Testa Cross  
Kindergarten - 8th grade  
website: [www.barnhartschool.com](http://www.barnhartschool.com)

## Bethany Christian School

93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-3527 Principal: James Lugenbuehl  
E-mail address: jml@bcsclions.org

## Carden of the Foothills School

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

## The Gooden School

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

## High Point Academy

1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road  
Pasadena, Ca. 91107 626-798-8989  
website: [www.highpointacademy.org](http://www.highpointacademy.org)

## LaSalle High School

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

## Monrovia High School

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

## Norma Coombs Alternative School

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

## Odyssey Charter School

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

## Pasadena High School

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 798-8901 Principal: Dr. Derick Evans  
website: [www.pasadenahigh.org](http://www.pasadenahigh.org)

## Pasadena Unified School District

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

## St. Rita Catholic School

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

## Sierra Madre Elementary School

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

## Sierra Madre Middle School

160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Gayle Bluemel  
Contact person: Garrett Newsom, Asst. Principal  
E-mail address: [gbluemel220@pusd.us](mailto:gbluemel220@pusd.us)

## Walden School

74 S San Gabriel Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 792-6166  
[www.waldenschool.net](http://www.waldenschool.net)

## Weizmann Day School

1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 797-0204

## Wilson Middle School

300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln  
E-mail address: [resseln@pusd.us](mailto:resseln@pusd.us)

## Pasadena Unified School District

351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109  
(626) 795-6981 Website: [www.pusd@pusd.us](http://www.pusd@pusd.us)

## 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](http://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.





Cushon Bell for PUSD Board Seat 2

Until parent and community leader Cushon Bell stepped forward, PUSD School Board Seat 2 was an unopposed race.

Now you can write-in "Cushon Bell" on your ballot on **Tuesday, March 8th** and support a new generation of leadership in public education in our community!

- 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 a 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 as set forth in the "PUSD Strategic Plan."
  - Modeling open and honest communication with all PUSD stakeholders.

Write-in "CUSHON BELL" for PUSD Seat 2.

http://www.cushonbellforschoolboard.com  
Join us on Facebook—http://www.facebook.com/pages/Write-in-Cushon-Bell-PUSD-Seat-2

How to Write-In CUSHON BELL for PUSD School Board SEAT 2

STEP 1:  
Locate SEAT 2 on your ballot.  
Seats 2, 4, and 6 are the available seats in the election.

STEP 2:  
In the space below the printed candidate's name for SEAT 2, write-in/print (legibly):  
CUSHON BELL

STEP 3:  
Fill in the oval that corresponds with (is directly to the right of) the space where you legibly wrote in/printed:  
CUSHON BELL

STEP 4:  
Vote for -- fill in ovals for -- your chosen candidates for Seats 4 and 6.

Thank you for exercising your right to vote!

Leadership Counts!

- At a time when . . . .
- we have to squeeze more and more out of every education dollar because of severe budget cuts,
  - the recent retirement of our excellent superintendent Edwin Diaz forces us to search for a new leader,
  - a faction the Board is determined to grab power at the expense of our children,
- . . . . this is no time for a novice on our School Board.



VOTE FOR RENATTA COOPER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8



Renatta has dedicated her life to giving children the right start . . . .  
Earned degrees in Early Childhood Education, Human Development, and Multicultural Studies.  
Served twenty-one years as faculty and administrator at Pacific Oaks College and Children's School.  
Published respected writings, including a book, in the field of early childhood education.  
Appointed as an LA County Commissioner for "First Five" funding for improving children's services.

Paid for by Renatta Cooper for Kids 2011, 821 Merrett Drive, Pasadena CA 91104 FPPC # 1294184



Recommended SEAT 4

GENE STEVENSON

Executive Administrator

KIMBERLY KENNE

Education Data Consultant

Recommended SEAT 6

TOM SELINSKE

Businessperson/Educator/  
School Board Member

SEAN BAGGETT

Teacher/School  
Administrator

GAYLAIRD CHRISTOPHER

School Building Architect



## Smoking and The Law

I am not the Smoking Police, Well, I am not !! But.... have you noticed more employees brazenly smoking out in front of eating establishments?

For your information, here is the Law in Pasadena:

On October 27, 2008, City Council unanimously approved a No-Smoking Policy in certain outdoor places.

According to Section 8.78.07: *Smoking prohibited in certain outdoor public places.*

A. It shall be unlawful to smoke in the following outdoor public places:

- Outdoor areas of shopping malls;
- Unenclosed areas of bars and restaurants;
- In service waiting lines or within 20 feet of such lines;
- Outdoor public gathering events/special events/parades/fairs.

B. Notwithstanding exemptions enumerated under California Labor Code

Section 6404.5, the prohibitions in Section A above shall apply to the outdoor areas of a private smokers lounge and retailer or wholesale tobacco shops as defined under state law and to significant tobacco retailers under the City's Zoning Code.

Section 8.78.072 Reasonable smoking distance required – 20 feet.

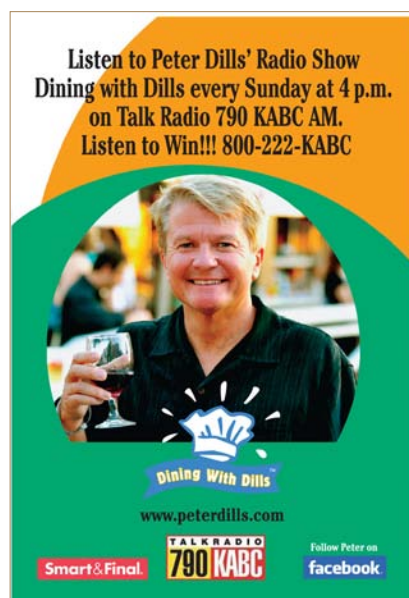
Smoking in unenclosed areas shall be prohibited within a reasonable distance (20 feet) from any doorway, window, opening, or vent into an enclosed area in which smoking is prohibited, except while actively passing on to another destination.

### TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

The Ordinance took effect on November 30, 2008. Staff will also be implementing a proactive public education communications effort, coupled with clear and prominent signage to notify the public about the newly adopted policies. Enforcement of the proposed policies would be built into an existing enforcement mechanism operated by the Public Health Department. This mechanism is a complaint-driven process with a telephone number and website for the public to register complaints. For more information or to report a violation of the new law, please contact call the Pasadena Public Health Department at (626) 744-6014.

Agree or disagree, those are the Laws, It literally burns me up when I walk into a coffee shop/restaurant and there is an employee, usually more then 20 feet away openly smoking, yes they have the right and they are allowed by law or their ten minute break, I just find it disgusting. I called over to Robin Salzer from Robins BBQ, he said that while he understands the rights of employees and him being a non-smoker, he pointed out that when he was bartender it was common for patrons to smoke at the bar!! Now a father of three, the only smoke he wants anywhere near is the beautiful smoke of BBQ. Agree or disagree?

Next week an update on the upcoming Pasadena Restaurant week. Join me on Facebook and Twitter. Ciao for now



## FRESH: CELEBRATING THE TABLE

Cooking at the Arboretum

\$45 members / \$50 non-members

The Raymond Restaurant with Chef Tim Guiltinan

Reservations required - call 626.821.4623 as soon as possible. Space Is Limited.

Wednesday, March 9 3-5 pm

All Things LOBSTER!

Chef Tim will talk about everything you always wanted to know about lobster - from the various types of lobsters... to how to choose one... to how to cook, clean and prepare one... to how much meat you should expect from a single crustacean! And feast your eyes on this tasting menu that you will enjoy!!

A Lobster Salad  
A Lobster Bisque  
A Classic Lobster Roll  
Stuffed and Roasted Lobster

One of Pasadena's hidden gems, The Raymond features an innovative, contemporary menu in a historic, casual setting. Chef Tim Guiltinan combines his inspired cuisine with an unyielding passion for the freshest locally grown ingredients. A welcoming ambiance in one of the cozy dining rooms or on the garden patio, an award-winning wine list, and impeccable service provide a memorable dining experience at The Raymond.



10%  
OFF  
PRE  
ORDERED  
CAKE

Must show  
coupon when  
picking up  
order.



Phone 626•794•1128 • Fax 626•794•8159  
1900 North Allen Avenue • Altadena, California 91001  
www.patticakesdesserts.com

## The Four Seasons Tea Room

*Open  
Tues - Sat  
11am - 4pm  
Sundays  
open for  
groups  
of 20  
or more*

*Private Space  
Available  
for Bridal &  
Baby Showers,  
Birthdays  
and  
Special  
Occasions*

*When you are thinking about your holiday parties think of us.  
Make reservations now for your events!*

RSVP (626) 355-0045  
75 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

ARCADIA  
(626) 445-5327  
625 E. Live Oak Ave.  
Arcadia  
California  
91006

PASADENA  
(626) 795-0230  
655 N. Lake Ave.  
Pasadena  
California  
91101

DUARTE  
(626) 359-3614  
1856 E. Huntington Dr.  
Duarte  
California  
91010

*Come and Celebrate  
Valentine's Day*

♥

**Two Course Meal (For Two)**  
**Fajitas Trio for Two**  
A Chicken, beef and shrimp mix with bell peppers, onions, tomatoes and flamed with white wine, accompanied with rice, beans and tortillas.

**1 Dessert**  
**Choose one of our delicious desserts**  
Fresas con Crema, Crepas con cajeta,  
Fried Ice Cream, Cheesecake,  
Flan de la Casa or Vanilla Ice Cream

**\$25.95**

**From 11am to 9:00pm, Valentine's Day**

**New Hours beginning  
February 14th, 2011**

**Open at 8:00am for Breakfast  
7 Days a Week**

**If you bring in or mention the paper,  
you will get a surprise.**

## CHOCOLATE TASTING AT SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB

### Calling All Chocoholics

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club invites you to clear your schedule and come learn about (and personally experience) Chocolate by one of the Los Angeles International Chocolate Salon's 2010 Master Award winners, Mignon Chocolate, with shops in Glendale, Pasadena and Tehran. Founded 76 years ago (1935), the chocolates offered by Mignon are (as my unfortunately increased girth since discovering them can personally attest) absolutely amazing.

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.



**CHEVY CHASE  
COUNTRY CLUB**

**GOLF  
HOLIDAY EVENTS  
WEDDINGS**

**3067 EAST  
CHEVY CHASE DR.  
GLENDALE, CA  
91206**

**(818) 246-5566**

## The Perfect Place For Your Next Event

Your event deserves special attention. From the first meeting to the actual day of the celebration, our experienced staff will assist you in every step to ensure your gathering is nothing less than what you have dreamed of. Our specialty is flexible planning to make your dreams become a reality. Tell us about your vision, and let us show you the process of putting the finest details in cuisine and services together. We feel privileged to be part of your special day. Allow us to give you the luxury of worry-free event planning.

For inquires please contact our Food & Beverage Director  
Bill Campbell, (818) 246-5566 ext. 225



9 Kersting Court Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
626-355-1180

EXTRAORDINARY  
CUSTOM FLORAL  
ARRANGEMENTS

**WINSTON'S**  
— Since 1987 —  
MAINTENANCE

**RESIDENTIAL  
SPECIALISTS**

- Window Cleaning
- House Wash Downs  
(Deionized Water)
- Gutter Cleaning
- Power Washing  
(Driveways / Decks, Algae / Moss Removal)
- Hardwood Floor / Carpet Care
- Post Construction Clean-up

See our work on the web  
www.winstonswindows.com

**(626) 355-5148**

**SIERRA MADRE  
PERSONALIZED AND QUALITY  
SERVICE SINCE 1976**

**626 355-4424**





# Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

*I hope I didn't miss anything! Keep those cards and letters coming.....*

March 1st - 8th is "HAPPY HOUR WEEK" IN OLD TOWNE PASADENA with food & drink specials and live music. For complete details go to: [www.oldpasadena.org/happyhourweek](http://www.oldpasadena.org/happyhourweek)

SAT. 3/5 - OPEN MIC NIGHT @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. Always on the first Saturday of the month, and just one dollar for performers or audience. Sign-up starts at 7:30. If there aren't enough slots for everybody they'll make a list for the next month, and call you. Each act gets two songs or ten minutes, whichever comes first. The show starts at 8:00. They'll have desserts and coffee ready. Bring your friends and family and join the show! <http://www.frethouse.com/>

SAT. 3/5 - TREMOLOCO @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, dance floor. TexMex Americana with Tony Zamora, Rick Shea, Bobby Robles, Johnny Vatos and more... Special guest John Villalobos specializes in everything from Flamenco, Cuban, Jazz to Gypsy and just about everything else! Check this week's Pasadena Weekly for a feature article.

SUN. 3/6 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Sunday BLUES Brunch! <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 3/6 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

MON. 3/7 - MAX BUDA BAND @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm. Corner of fair Oaks & Union behind the Container Store. Enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Chester, Jerry, Ted, Bruce, Peter and Nick on noisemakers. An eclectic mix of jazzed-up rock. One of my favorite bands. Every FIRST Monday night.

TUES. 3/8 - "JC & Friends Songwriter Serenade" @ MATT DENNY'S ALEHOUSE & RESTAURANT IN ARCADIA, 7 - 9:30pm. 145 E. Huntington Dr., between 1st & 2nd Aves. 626-462-0250. Full bar & kitchen, all ages. A weekly acoustic show of songwriters playing original songs, either as a solo or duo act, outside on the covered, heated patio. This week's artists: Ashley Alexander, Peter Quentin, Joan Enguita. <http://www.jchyke.com/>

"TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER DEANNA, 8pm. \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

WED. 3/9 - LISA FINNIE & JOHN PALMER re-duet @ RED CARPET WINE & SPIRITS IN GLENDALE, 7 - 8pm. 400 E. Glenoaks Blvd. Indoor musical delights and three-option tastings via the in-house Enomatics in the Red Carpet Wine Bar. Outdoor temptations available just outside courtesy of Vizzi Food Truck. [www.redcarpetwine.com](http://www.redcarpetwine.com)

WED. 3/9 - RICK SHEA & THE LOSIN' END @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Americana/Roots/Country.

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

THURS. 3/10 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 6 - 9pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Burgers, Brews & BLUES Every Thursday. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

THURS. 3/10 - DOUBLE NAUGHT SPY CAR @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. Last month my pals & I decided that their music would provide the perfect soundtrack for a film about alien surf cowboys directed by Quentin Tarantino! Let me know if you agree...

FRI. 3/11 - THE MELLOW D'z (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) @ Cafe 322 in Sierra Madre, 5:30 - 7:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Great happy hour discounts on food and drinks from 4:30-6:30. Acoustic Rock faves.

SUN. 3/13 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Sunday BLUES Brunch! <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 3/13 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

TUES. 3/15 - MATT DENNY'S ANNUAL ST. BALDRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER - HAVE YOUR HEAD SHAVED TO RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS WITH CANCER. A VERY WORTHY CAUSE. CALL 626-462-0250 FOR MORE INFO.

TUES. 3/15 - "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER DEANNA, 8pm. \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

...with music immediately following, as ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW & THE AGE OF AQUARIUS HORNS hold band practice in front of a live audience! Watch and listen as they work out the bugs and get a sneak peek at their Wistaria Festival set.

WED. 3/16 - LISA FINNIE & JOHN PALMER re-duet @ RED CARPET WINE & SPIRITS IN GLENDALE, 7 - 8pm. 400 E. Glenoaks Blvd. Indoor musical delights and three-option tastings via the in-house Enomatics in the Red Carpet Wine Bar. Outdoor temptations available just outside courtesy of Vizzi Food Truck. [www.redcarpetwine.com](http://www.redcarpetwine.com)

WED. 3/16 - The Mellow D'z @ Oceanview Bistro in Montrose from 7:30-10:00 PM. 3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818-248-2722. Great food and drinks to go with cool acoustic jams. [www.ovbistro.com](http://www.ovbistro.com)

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

\*\*\*\*NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR THE 2011 DOO DAH PARADE! Parade Day is Saturday, April 30th, 11:00am in East Pasadena. Be part of one of the most colorful and unique experiences around! Go to: [pasadenadoodahparade.info](http://pasadenadoodahparade.info) -- and under "Entry Form" sign up now! Queen tryouts will be held on Sat. 4/2 @ the American Legion.

ADAMS' PACK STATION at Chantry Flat, Angeles National Forest is now booking music for the Spring/Summer season. Email Deb Burgess for info. [dburgess@burcon-group.com](mailto:dburgess@burcon-group.com) (From the 210 Fwy in Arcadia/Sierra Madre, Take Santa Anita Avenue North until it dead-ends at the parking lot.) Stay tuned to the Music News for artists, dates and times. JC Hyke, Jeannie Willets, 2 Frets Lower, Tom Renaud, Lisa Turner & Friends, Tim Tedrow and many more!

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](mailto:sierramadresue@yahoo.com)

## Do Ho Ho and a Bottle of What??!!



**June Chandler's Fairy Tale Theatre presents "TREASURE ISLAND" at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Opens March 12, 2011**

Watch out! Have you ever been captured by pirates? The children become members of Long John Silver's treacherous pirate gang and lead the entire audience through a terrible storm at sea, a mosquito infested jungle and into a treasure cave filled with eerie ghosts. All kids who dare come to Treasure island will don pirate hats and participate in the adventures with Long John Silver and his gang.

Kids from the audience participate, playing the crew on the ship and everyone meets the cast for autographs after the show. Parents, bring your cameras.

"Treasure Island" - A Participative play Steve and Kathy Hotchner.

March 12- April 16, 2011. Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Tickets: \$18; Children 12 and under, \$12. Credit Card sales: [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org)  
Phone: (626) 355-4318

The Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA, 91024.  
Ample free parking behind theatre. Group rates and subscriptions available.



Sean Kayden

The Farrelly Brothers make their return to film after four years with "Hall Pass". Rick (Owen Wilson) and Fred (Jason Sudeikis) play best friends who both have become a bit impatient with their wives. The two compadres eat, breathe, and think sex morning, noon, and night. Unfortunately, their wives do not. It's the traditional case of a long-term marriage going south. It happens, I get it. After an embarrassing afternoon at a friend's new home, Maggie (Jenna Fischer) and Grace (Christina Applegate) become completely fed up with their husband's juvenile behavior. Dr. Lucy (Joy Behar), a kind of love-guru, suggests to the women to grant their husbands a hall pass. A "hall pass" is a week off from marriage to do whatever you want without consequences. At first, the proposition seems absurd, but with slight convincing each wife ultimately ends up conceding to this notion. After a slow start, I was anticipating for the flick to finally pick up some momentum and find it's stride. Sadly, I was tripped up time and time again.

The days of "There's Something About Mary" seem a lifetime ago. The Farrelly Brothers have yet to make any kind of indelible impression on me (and most audiences alike) since the late 90s. With a back catalogue of disappointments including, "Me, Myself & Irene", "Shallow Hal", "Stuck on You", "Fever Pitch" and "The Heartbreak Kid", I was hopeful and surprisingly optimistic that their grand return to raunchy, yet clever humor would be a victorious one. "Hall Pass" is exceptionally bland and misses the mark so often that I felt genuinely embarrassed to be sitting through this quagmire. Granted there were moments of fleeting laughs, although nothing on screen stuck emotionally. It was truly and painfully unmemorable in nearly every way. "Hall Pass" is like the new kid who walks into the wrong class on the

first day of school, he's mortified and knows he's out of place. Anxiously anticipating something favorable, I sat deplorably watching every scenario unfold recklessly. It was out of sync right from the beginning and it had me thinking how one-time funny man Owen Wilson can't catch a lucky break. His career is seeking into the vortex of impending doom. It almost makes you wonder if the guy himself actually even wanted to be there in the first place. SNL's very own Jason Sudeikis has his quick displays of humor, but he was seeping into the trenches of career-suicide. As for the supporting women of the film, Fischer and Applegate felt utterly wasted and I know both of these women have superior

### Hall Pass

Release Date: 02/25/2011

Directed by: Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly  
Screenplay by: Pete Jones, Kevin Barnett, Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly  
Rated R [See Full Rating] for crude and sexual humor throughout, language, some graphic nudity and drug use.

comedic chops. Let's not even get started on the forced toilet humor. Toilet humor will and always will be unnecessary, childish, and non-stylish. Come on guys, can't you come up with new and clever gags than the same old, busted, recycled bullshit we've all seen how many times before? Oh, how the kings of comedy have mighty fallen.

Honest laughs were sporadic and short-lived in "Hall Pass". What is even more discomfiting, is discovering how it took four middle-aged men to write this garbage. At the box office, funny is money and apparently, it's also a young man's game too. This movie cluster of trite material is a very poor's man hybrid of "Wedding Crashers" and "The Hangover". I hate to even speak of those films in the same breath as "Hall Pass". In a weird way, it makes me appreciate those films ever more since realizing how much replay value they each possess. Frankly, it's best to send the Farrelly Brothers' latest baby, "Hall Pass" straight to summer school. Banal, blah, boring, it doesn't make the passing grade

Grade: 2 out of 5.

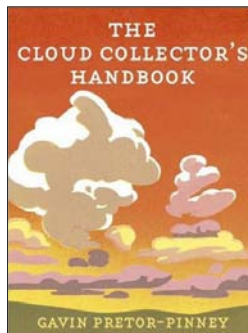
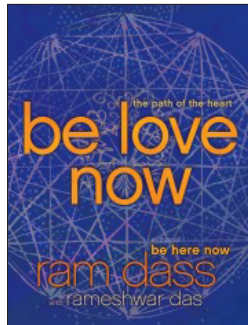
## Jeff's Pics The Book Report

### Be Love Now: The Path of the Heart by Ram Dass and Rameshwar Das

Ram Dass, one of America's most beloved spiritual teachers, sparked a revolution forty years ago with his book Be Here Now. This landmark classic inspired a generation to see the world in a different light. Since then, Ram Dass has been a beacon for seekers worldwide, challenging us to find new sources of meaning and purpose in our lives. In Be Love Now, Ram Dass shares what he has learned in his remarkable four-decade-long spiritual journey. Through timeless teaching stories, compelling and often humorous personal anecdotes and insights, Ram Dass tracks the stages of his own awakening in his trademark down-to-earth style. Starting with his days as Harvard psychologist and psychedelic experimenter, continuing through his profound encounters with his guru, Neem Baba, and moving beyond the reawakening brought on by his near-fatal stroke, Ram Dass shares his life experiences while offering a timeless teaching on love and the path of the heart. Guiding us through the pitfalls and perils of our own spiritual path, Be Love Now is both a deeply personal and wonderfully universal exploration that will open hearts and minds. Ram Dass, one of America's most beloved spiritual figures, has made his mark on the world giving teachings and promoting loving service, harmonious business practices, and conscious care for the dying. His spirit has been a guiding light for four generations, carrying millions along on the journey, helping free them from their bonds as he has worked his way through his own.

### The Cloud Collector's Handbook by Gavin Pretor-Pinney

The perfect incentive for keeping your head in the clouds, The Cloud Collector's Handbook is a fun guide to the wonders of the sky. Cloud expert Gavin Pretor-Pinney catalogs a variety of clouds and gives readers points for spotting & recording them. This whimsical and useful book features gorgeous color photographs that showcase a new type of cloud on every spread, from fluffy cumulus to the super-rare horse-shoe vortex to the wispy noctilucent clouds that hang at the fringes of space. This interesting handbook will have everyone "looking up".



## Jazz with James Janisse



An all-female jazz band performs in a simulated studio setting reminiscent of a live, on-air radio broadcast. Join the in-studio audience to experience a contemporary twist on this nostalgic format hosted by "The Gentleman of Jazz", Mr. James Janisse.

The Instrumental Women Project is an arts agency member of the E.M.E.R.G.E. nonprofit program of the Pasadena Arts Council

**Tickets \$30**

Purchase Online  
[sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://sierramadreplayhouse.org)

For Group Discounts  
(\$25 for six or more)  
Call (626) 301-9852

Sunday, March 6th  
3 pm Showtime

Sierra Madre Playhouse  
87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

2011 Season  
Jazz Theatre Series  
Produced by

Instrumental Women  
[instrumentalwomen.com](http://instrumentalwomen.com)

Sponsors

Mountain Views News

THE MAGAZINE  
WORLD CLASS LIVE

CARNIVO  
The Urban Play House

PASADENA  
ARTS  
COUNCIL







Mountain Views News

Publisher/ Editor  
Susan Henderson

City Editor  
Dean Lee

Sales  
Patricia Colonello  
626-355-2737  
626-818-2698

Art Director  
Allison Kirkham

Production Assistant  
Richard Garcia

Photography  
Jacqueline Truong  
Lina Johnson

Contributors  
Teresa Baxter  
Pat Birdsall  
Bob Eklund  
Howard Hays  
Paul Carpenter  
Stuart Tolchin  
Kim Clymer-Kelley  
Christopher Nyerges  
Peter Dills  
Hail Hamilton  
Rich Johnson  
Chris Bertrand  
Mary Carney  
La Quetta Shamblee  
Glenn Lambdin  
Greg Wellborn  
Ralph McKnight  
Trish Collins  
Pat Ostrye

Editorial Cartoonist  
Ann Cleaves  
Webmaster  
John Avery

Mountain Views News has been adjudicated as a newspaper of General Circulation for the County of Los Angeles in Court Case number GS004724: for the City of Sierra Madre; in Court Case GS005940 and for the City of Monrovia in Court Case No. GS006989 and is published every Saturday at 55 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 302, Sierra Madre, California, 91024. All contents are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher. All rights reserved. All submissions to this newspaper become the property of the Mountain Views News and may be published in part or whole.

Opinions and views expressed by the writers printed in this paper do not necessarily express the views and opinions of the publisher or staff of the Mountain Views News.

Mountain Views News is wholly owned by Grace Lorraine Publications, Inc. and reserves the right to refuse publication of advertisements and other materials submitted for publication.

Letters to the editor and correspondence should be sent to:

Mountain Views News  
80 W. Sierra Madre Bl.  
#327  
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
Phone: 626-355-2737  
Fax: 626-609-3285  
email:  
mtnviewsnews@aol.com

Mountain Views News  
**Mission Statement**  
The traditions of the community newspaper and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.

HAIL Hamilton My Turn



THE REAL REAGAN LEGACY: PART III  
What Conservatives Don't Want You To Know About Ronald Reagan

The roots of our current economic crisis can be traced back to Ronald Reagan. He was the first president to state unequivocally that "budget deficits don't matter" as long as economic growth is there to counter it. And it was his "trickle-down economics," as well as his penchant for "off the books budgeting" that G.W. Bush embraced years later to justify his huge tax cuts for the wealthy and funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Here are a few things conservatives don't want you to know about Ronald Reagan.

- Reagan was a serial tax raiser. As governor of California, Reagan signed into law the largest tax increase in the history of any state up till then. Meanwhile, state spending nearly doubled. As president, Reagan raised taxes 11 times in seven of his eight years in office, including four times in just two years. Characterizing Reagan as an anti-tax zealot is false; he was never afraid to raise taxes.

- Reagan nearly tripled the federal budget deficit. During the Reagan years, the debt increased to nearly \$3 trillion, roughly three times as much as the first 80 years of the century had done altogether. Despite the conservative myth that tax cuts somehow increase revenue, the government went deeper into debt and Reagan had to raise taxes just a year after he enacted his tax cut. He raised taxes on everything from gasoline to corporate income, but was never able to get the deficit under control.

- Unemployment soared after Reagan's 1981 tax cuts. Unemployment jumped to 10.8 percent after Reagan enacted his much-touted tax cut, and it took years for the rate to get back down to its previous level. Meanwhile, income inequality exploded. Despite the myth that Reagan presided over an era of unmatched economic boom

for all Americans, since 1980, median household income has risen only 30 percent, adjusted for inflation, while average incomes at the top have tripled, in some cases quadrupled!

- Reagan grew the size of the federal government tremendously. Reagan promised to move boldly, decisively, and quickly to control the runaway growth of federal spending, but federal spending ballooned under Reagan. He bailed out Social Security in 1983 after attempting to privatize it, and set up a progressive taxation system to keep it funded into the future. He promised to cut government agencies like the Department of Energy and Education but ended up adding one of the largest - the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which today has a budget of nearly \$90 billion and close to 300,000 employees. He also hiked defense spending by over \$100 billion a year to a level not seen since the height of the Vietnam war.

- Reagan gave amnesty to 3 million undocumented immigrants. Reagan signed into law a bill that made any immigrant who had entered the country before 1982 eligible for amnesty. The bill was sold as a crackdown, but its tough sanctions on employers who hired undocumented immigrants were removed before final passage. The bill helped 3 million people and millions more family members gain American residency.

- 1983 Beirut, Lebanon barracks bombing by Hezbollah terrorist of two separate buildings housing United States and French members of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force - killing 299 American Marines and French servicemen. The blasts led to the withdrawal of the peacekeeping force from Lebanon, where they had been stationed since the withdrawal of the Palestine Liberation Organization following the 1982 Israeli invasion



of Lebanon.

- Reagan illegally funneled weapons to terrorist Iran. Reagan and other senior U.S. officials secretly sold arms to Iran, a known supporter of terrorism, which was subject to an arms embargo at the time, in exchange for American hostages. Funds from illegal arms sales and drug trafficking also went to fund anti-communist Contra death squads in Nicaragua - something Congress had already prohibited the administration from doing. When the deals went public, the Iran-Contra Affair, as it came to be known, was an enormous political scandal that forced several senior administration officials to resign.

- Reagan helped create the Taliban and Osama Bin Laden. Reagan fought a proxy war with the Soviet Union by training, arming, equipping, and funding Islamist mujahideen fighters in Afghanistan. Reagan funneled billions of dollars, along with top-secret intelligence and sophisticated weaponry to these fighters through the Pakistani intelligence service (ISI). The Taliban and Osama Bin Laden - a prominent mujahideen commander - emerged from these mujahideen groups Reagan helped create.

I am amazed how conservatives either deny the less savory aspects of Reagan's presidency, or genuinely don't know the truth of his legacy. Recently when a caller pressed conservative radio commentator Rush Limbaugh about why Reagan "a tax-raising, amnesty-giving, cut-and-run, negotiating-with-terrorists guy is a hero to the conservative movement" Limbaugh flew into a tirade and demanded, "Where did you get this silly notion that Reagan raised

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



By the time you read this article you will probably have completely forgotten about the Academy Awards presentations; and it's true that this Award Show contained every reason to be forgotten quickly. But before it completely vanishes from our minds, there is a great lesson to be learned from reviewing the two and one half hour extravaganza. I will spare you the suspense and reveal the lesson right now. Ready? AMERICA IS DOOMED.

For you lucky readers who managed to avoid the whole experience, or have already pushed it out of your minds, letting the cat out of the bag early is my clever (maybe not so clever) attempt at satirizing the playing of a voiceover of the King's Speech speech while the nominees for movie of the year were being announced. Surprise, surprise the King's Speech was selected as movie of the year. Now, what does it say about America that another dreary movie about the horribly privileged English Royal Family is the recipient of seemingly continuous awards? Why do Americans pay so much attention to this group of over-privileged, undeservingly wealthy, elitist and forever confused, spoiled children? The answer of course is obvious. Americans, in their child-like fantasies, dream of being Kings and Queens and attending Royal Weddings in their summer palaces. And what does one have to do to become a King or Queen? Why, simply be born in the right place at the right time and learn the proper procedure regarding curtsying and the

use of cutlery. It is amazing that while the whole world seems to scream for Democracy, Americans ignore these screams and fawn over royalty.

This disconnection from the rest of the world's concerns was obvious during the entire program. One person did raise the interesting question as to why there was no jailing of Bankers who brought about the present worldwide economic disaster, but that was one lone comment in hours of irrelevancy. In former years the winners and presenters were festooned with ribbons noting their connection to significant causes, like disaster or disease relief. This year there was no such connection. Furthermore, although as always there were documentaries and films that related to the problems of the real world, these problems were completely ignored. In fact the winners, almost without exception, did not refer to the substance of their films but instead revealed themselves to mainly be interested in thanking their personal staffs for helping them make a lot of money and to pick out nice clothes. After all, isn't that what everything is really all about?

Look at the way Kirk Douglas was treated. Here is a man who is actually living history. If I recall correctly, it was he who broke the Hollywood Blacklist of the 1950's by employing writers who had refused to give information to the House Un-American Activities Committee. He was the lead character in Stanley Kramer Movies such as "Lonely are The Brave" in which the virtue of a life governed by principle was examined.

No, I know the presentation was not supposed to be political but the whole thing reminded me of the Constitutional Convention in which the matter of slavery was not

A STATURE OF LIMITATIONS

discussed because it might have been too disruptive. We all know how well that worked out.

Missing in action were actors like Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon and all former Academy Award Winners, who had shown an involvement in political concerns. Look, to my mind everything is political, and the politics of this show was to demonstrate that what really is important is just plain glitz. How many times did that unbearably misused Anne Hathaway change clothes? I guess that is her main talent and the reason she was picked. In fact the whole night seemed to be about the misuse of talent. Introducing the singers of nominated songs was Jennifer Hudson - a kind of American hero because of her background and her weight-loss and the fact that that gal sure can sing. But did we get to hear her sing? Nope, her function was to introduce Gwyneth (who I think she called Gynifer) Paltrow to sing some faux-country song. Gwyneth Paltrow— isn't it possible to have real singers sing the songs?

Commentators - and the hostess - herself, have explained that the show was an attempt to appeal to a younger demographic. That means people with enough energy to actually leave the house and go to the movies. Probably, the show's producers know what they are doing. This younger demographic is probably unaware of their own value besides being shallow, uninterested in history or issues and probably concerned most about style and hair and finding the people who can help them get a job. Maybe these are the major concerns of the Americans of the future but what does it say about the future of America?

LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays



As I See It

In a week when former Gov. Mike Huckabee (R-AK) describes President Obama's "growing up in Kenya with a Kenyan father and grandfather", and Gov. Rick Perry (R-

TX) refers to Ciudad Juarez as "the most dangerous city in America", we hear calls from newly-Republican statehouses to de-fund education and de-value teachers (along with calls to dismiss global warming and doubt evolution).

In a month when workers occupy the palace demanding ruling oligarchs recognize their rights, we find the setting to be the Wisconsin capitol at Madison, with sympathizers sending words of encouragement (and pizza) from Egypt.

In a year when the approach of April 15th amplifies discussions on equitable sharing of the tax burden, we learn that if we paid any federal taxes at all, we paid more than ExxonMobil, General Electric, Bank of America and Citigroup - combined.

It's a strange world. Education is derided while national figures flaunt ignorance of presidential biography, basic geography and science. Emerging from an historic recession is seen as an opportune time to strip public employees of collective bargaining rights. Politicians work tirelessly protecting loopholes to shield profits of multi-billion dollar corporations, while shamelessly declaring it's the \$30-60 thousand-a-year nurses, teachers and firefighters who need to sacrifice.

There's a proposal to trim the federal budget by \$1.1 trillion over ten years, shrinking or eliminating over 200 federal programs, primarily with cuts in social services and education; there are cuts in heating subsidies for low-income families, college scholarships for promising students, support for the Environmental Protection Agency, etc. That's the proposal from President Obama.

It's a proposal Republicans would barely consider a starting point. To demonstrate their focus on the deficit, they first want to add to it (by some \$230 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office) by repealing the Affordable Care Act. So we don't become too complacent about our old age, they want to turn Social Security over to the same yahoos who gambled away our 401(k)'s - allowing tens-of-billions of dollars worth of working families' retirement plans to vanish while

collecting their own multi-million dollar bonuses.

For Medicare, their solution is to divert more billions into the hands of private insurance executives, rather than allowing those public funds to be spent on actual healthcare. The philosophy behind the "Medicare Part D" option enacted under Bush proved instrumental in creating the Medicare budget problems we face today - so, naturally, Republicans want to expand on it.

Republicans in the House push a budget for 2011 containing \$61 billion in cuts, gutting aid to states (which face a combined \$125 billion shortfall for 2012) and halting stimulus programs responsible for encouraging the recovery we've seen over the past several months, with the creation of 4 million jobs (so far). To ensure the deficit remains an issue in 2012, though, they've coupled those \$61 in cuts, which would've been pumped back into the economy, with \$70 billion in tax cuts for the wealthiest 2%, which will be pumped into off-shore tax shelters.

Whether federal, state or household, budgets consist of income in addition to expenditures. The question is how equitably that contribution responsibility is distributed.

I listed above four corporations which, as reported from 2009, paid no federal taxes. (In the case of Bank of America, our largest bank and 5th-largest corporation, we handed them a \$2.3 billion refund.) According to a congressional report release by the General Accounting Office in 2008, two-thirds of American companies (and 68% of foreign companies doing business here) paid no federal taxes from 1998 through 2005 - despite a combined \$2.5 trillion in revenue. A quarter of American companies with over \$250 million in assets, or \$50 million in sales, companies with a combined \$1.1 trillion in revenue, reported no taxable income for 2005.

One of those who requested the report, Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND), observed (with considerable understatement), "The tax system that allows this wholesale tax avoidance is an embarrassment and unfair to hardworking Americans who pay their fair share of taxes."

Last year, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group reported an IRS finding that \$5 trillion in assets are held by corporations and individuals in offshore tax shelters. Goldman Sachs, recipient of a \$10 billion taxpayer bailout, brought their standard 35% corporate tax rate down to an effective 1% rate by what they call (continued on page 14)

UNION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGE

GREG Welborn



The raucous debate in Wisconsin over union rights and privileges has certainly gotten ugly - with some lawmakers fleeing the state to avoid having to cast votes on the issue - but this is by no means just a local Wisconsin issue. What's being debated and tested there will soon be the hot topic in state capitals across the land. We need to understand what's really going on here so that an informed electorate can influence their representatives at all levels to fix a system which is literally destroying us.

As a conservative, I'll be the first to say that unions should have a right to exist. Workers should also have a right to join a union and allow the union to negotiate for them. But on the other hand, workers should have the right not to join a union if they choose and/or be free to leave the union if they believe that is in their best interest. In similar fashion, business owners should be free to oppose unions. As conservatives, we believe in individual freedom and trust that a free market will sort out what's best for everyone. Workers clearly want to get the highest wage they possibly can, and they have no moral responsibility to take into consideration the business owner's demands. The business owner clearly wants to pay the lowest wage possible, and they have no moral responsibility to take into consideration the workers' demands. Each party argues vigorously for their own interests, and the resulting negotiation will result in a mutually agreeable outcome. Workers will work for the wage they think they can get, and owners will pay the wage they think they can afford. So long as both sides are free to pursue their self interest and neither side is favored by the government, the system is fair for everyone.

Sadly, the system hasn't always been fair. In the early part of the previous century, businesses were successful in convincing and/or bribing politicians to pass laws that unfairly favored them. Thus union power rose as workers sought the strength of collective bargaining to even the odds. Over time, business owners have learned that it is in their best interest to treat workers well in order to get the most qualified workers. As a result, union representation rose to a high of about 40% of the workforce in the 1940s and then gradually fell to its current 7% level. Along the way, unions learned

how to play the political game and were successful in getting laws passed that weakened business owners' rights and forced workers to join unions.

Union leaders have seen their power slip away as more workers chose not to join unions in response to the increasing generosity of business owners. Rather than accept a natural diminished role in the economy, union leaders have fought back by turning to the public sector - by unionizing public employees. One of the key differences here is that unions have an inherently unfair advantage against employers in the public sector. The unions represent the workers, they get to contribute vast sums of money to the politicians who then sit across the table from them in negotiations about how much of the taxpayers' money will be given to public workers. Absent from the negotiations are the actual voters or even someone who has an incentive to represent them honestly and forcefully.

The crux of today's problem in state capitals across the country is that nobody has stood against the unions with a vested interest in opposing their demands. Without at least an approximate equality of power in the negotiations, the voters have been sold down the river, and public workers now earn substantially more than their counterparts in private industry.

Consider these statistics. Public workers earn on average about 5% more in wages than their private industry counterparts. That doesn't seem too out of balance, but wages are not the only form of compensation. Ask anyone who has looked at their healthcare benefits and retirement benefits how important those items are, and you'll get an ear full. This is where public employees have been able to hit a home run. When we add in job security, health benefits and retirement benefits, public employees earn on average 30% more than their private industry counterparts.

This is simply an unsustainable situation. It was tolerable for awhile because health and retirement benefits were future benefits for which payment didn't have to be made right away. (continued page 14)



Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



PLANET FORMATION IN ACTION

Using the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile, an international team of astronomers has been able to study the short-lived disc of material around a young star that is in the early stages of making a planetary system. For the first time, a smaller companion could be detected that may be the cause of the large gap found in the disc. Future observations will determine whether this companion is a planet or a brown dwarf. (Brown dwarfs are relatively cool, star-like objects between planets and stars in size. They are not massive enough to fuse hydrogen in their cores, but are larger than giant planets such as Jupiter.)

Planets form from the discs of material around young stars, but the transition from dust disc to planetary system is rapid and few objects are caught during this phase. One such object is T Chamaeleontis (T Cha), a faint star in the small southern constellation of Chamaeleon that is comparable to the Sun, but very near the beginning of its life. T Cha lies about 350 light-years from the Earth and is only about seven

million years old. Up to now no forming planets have been found in these transitional discs, although planets in more mature discs have been seen before.

"Earlier studies had shown that T Cha was an excellent target for studying how planetary systems form," notes Johan Olofsson (Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, Heidelberg, Germany), one of the lead authors of two papers in the journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics* that describe the new work. "But this star is quite distant and the full power of the Very Large Telescope Interferometer (VLTI) was needed to resolve very fine details and see what is going on in the dust disc."

The astronomers first observed T Cha using the observatory's AMBER (Astronomical Multi-Beam combineR) instrument and the VLTI to combine



the light from all four of the 8.2-meter VLT Unit Telescopes and create a "virtual telescope" 130 meters across. They found that some of the disc material formed a narrow dusty ring only about 20 million kilometers from the star. Beyond this inner disc, they found a region devoid of dust with the outer part of the disc stretching out into regions beyond about 1.1 billion kilometers from

the star.

Nuria Huelamo (Centro de Astrobiología, ESAC, Spain), the lead author of the second paper, takes up the story: "For us, the gap in the dust disc around T Cha was a smoking gun, and we asked ourselves: Could we be witnessing a companion digging a gap inside its protoplanetary disc?"

However, finding a faint companion so close to a bright star is a huge challenge and the team had to use an adaptive-optics instrument called NACO in a novel and powerful way, called "sparse aperture masking," to reach their goal. After careful analysis they found the clear signature of an object located within the gap in the dust disc, about one billion kilometers from the star—slightly farther out than Jupiter is in our Solar System. This is the first detection of an object much smaller than a star within a gap in the planet-forming dust disc around a young star.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: [b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com).



Ask jai.....

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

**Q: I have heard some employers will not consider you for employment if you have been unemployed for more than one year or more. Should I take any old job that is offered me or wait for the right one? Shemeka**

**Dear Shemeka:** You should always apply for positions you want. Why waste your time pursuing jobs you really do not want? Why waste an employer's time screening, interviewing and hiring someone who is only taking a job because they feel destitute? This usually results in a disgruntled employee and a very dissatisfied employer. The employment term is usually very short and it becomes a lose-lose situation. Employers are looking for a win-win hiring situation and that can only happen when the employer is looking for candidates that match their requirements, truly interested in the position and working for their company. You should do the same and only look for employers and positions you would be willing to accept an offer. Spend your time searching only for positions that match your interest, experience and skill sets. Than you will only receive offers for the right job and not just any old job. I know all the stories and quotes out there are very discouraging: "there are no jobs out there", "no one is hiring", "I can't find the right position", "there are so many people looking for jobs that I don't have a chance". NETWORK! Yes, I have said it before ...and so do all the recruiters and career advisors. Over 80% of jobs are filled by employee referrals, friends, neighbors and strangers who know about jobs through their employer or someone who knows someone. You must get out there and start hand shaking and introducing yourself at events, job and hiring fairs, parties, everywhere and let people know you are job searching. Use the social internet (i.e., facebook, twitter, LinkedIn, etc.). Use the telephone. Do whatever it takes to find the appropriate and satisfying position for you. Do not just take any old job. Because that is how you will always feel about it and will most likely show up in your job performance. This is the lose-lose situation I mentioned before. I can tell you to not take just any old job. However, **only you** can make the decision based on your financial need and circumstances. The positive note here is employers are very aware that a large percentage of job seekers have been out of work for more than one year. Keep in mind they are looking for the ideal candidate and they are taking their time to hire. Continue to be diligent in your job search and believe your time will come. Who knows...you could be creating a timely kismet for yourself and an employer.

**Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a job ....but did not know who to ask. ASK jai. Send your questions to: [jai@resumeandcareerservices.com](mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com) or visit website [www.resumeandcareerservicesc](http://www.resumeandcareerservicesc), or call 310-858-85821.**

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



As an avid animal lover, I strive to do my absolute best in caring for the health and welfare of my dog and it pleases me to know that there are so many new innovative and creative ways to pamper your pet these days. With such a wide variety of services made available by so many different pet care providers, I decided to come up with a short list of what I like to call "pet pampering providers" in our local area that promise to bring a happy wiggle to your pet's walk and a whimsical wag to his tail! I also included a few basic guidelines for selecting store-bought pet food, and a list of ingredients that can be included in home-prepared dog food.

DR. DOMOTOR'S ANIMAL HOUSE VETERINARY HOSPITAL is a full service companion animal hospital committed to providing quality veterinary care. I recommend them based on my own personal experience. My bloodhound "Tater" has special needs that Animal House has succeeded in meeting to their fullest and, when my cat named "Shatt" became deathly ill with a urinary tract disease, Dr. Domotor literally saved his life. She also managed to save my neighbor's dog "Molly" from dying of the typically fatal disease, distemper. Owner: Dr. Sylvia Domotor, Location: 135 W. Foothill Blvd., Monrovia Phone: 626-307-7881

EASING PAW provides specialized pet message therapy as well as energy work healing touch and acupressure techniques that are known to improve the health of your pet and help prevent disease. Owner: Annette Ramseyer, C.M.T. Location: 135 W. Foothill Blvd. Ste.1, Monrovia Phone: 626-391-6356

ON THE SPOT Mobile Dog & Cat Grooming offers "curb-service" expert breed grooming for those who prefer the convenience of having their pet pampered at home. Their vans are equipped with warm water tubs and full service trimming and grooming equipment. Your pet will enjoy the unique luxury of personalized, one-on-one grooming attention without leaving the comfort of their own home. Owners: Tim & Katherine Nibley, Phone: 626-794-5863

Like humans, dogs are individuals with individual needs, so it is always best to consult with your veterinarian before choosing a diet that works best for your pet. I have heard rumors about the sub-standard quality of dog food products found on the shelves of most grocery stores in the US. The main concern seems to be that pet food products are often not of the quality and standard that we think they are due to poor and inaccurate package

THE PERFECTLY PAMPERED PET

labeling. There are a couple of basic bits of information to look for on the product label that might help take some of the mystery out of the process.

First of all, it is important that the product was inspected and approved by the AAFCO (Association of American Feed Control Officials). This should appear somewhere on the packaging and it ensures that the quality and balance of ingredients that went into that product meet regulation standards. One of the most and more obvious factors in selecting the best food for your dog, is knowing exactly what went into it. Be sure to read the small printed list of ingredients on the package, and if the first item on the list is not some kind of meat, you might want to pass on that product. Perhaps the most misleading thing you will find on a dog food product is "human grade ingredients", leading the buyer to believe that they are feeding their dog the same quality of food that they themselves are eating. In reality what it means is that it contains "crude protein" or pieces and parts of animal product, which may be very different from what human food contains. There is a lot more involved and a lot more to know about pet food selection, but these label reading tips can be very helpful in making that decision.

If you prefer preparing home-made food for your dog, here are a few basic tips: Dogs require a high protein, low carbohydrate diet, therefore meat should be among the most prevalent ingredients in any recipe combination. Chicken, beef, turkey and lamb are excellent selections (raw if possible). Vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, carrots, celery and squash are great choices. I have heard that onions are not great for dogs, so you might want to avoid them in your recipe. Oats are excellent nutrition for both dogs and cats but rice, wheat and soy should be avoided. Grapes and raisins have been known to be toxic for dogs. Apples, bananas and avocados are among the best fruit selections for the canine digestive system. Nuts and coconut oil are healthy additions to a homemade dog food mix, as well as additives such as Royal Jelly crushed vitamins and minerals to enhance the nutritional value of the meal. Always consider the specific health and diet needs of your pet, taking into consideration body weight, age and other particular factors, and again be sure to consult your vet first! Best of luck to you all in pampering your pet. May he (or she) live a long and healthy life!

**CANYON CANINE Dog Walking & Pet Sitting Services offers personalized, one on one attention through neighborhood walks and local trail hikes. The health benefits of exercise for your dog cannot be over estimated. Canyon Canine provides exercise and attention needed when you are either working or away. Owner: Chris Leclerc Location: Sierra Madre Phone: 626-355-8333.**

ton, our representatives slash funds for housing, heating and health, programs to rebuild our infrastructure and put Americans back to work, while trillion-dollar debts are incurred to protect offshore tax shelters for billionaires. Corporations are relieved of the burden of paying taxes, while salaries, benefits and employee rights are cut for nurses, teachers, cops and firefighters asked to make up the difference.

A strange world, indeed - but perhaps not so strange to have budget priorities that seek to prevent citizens from becoming too educated.

year, or \$500 for every taxpayer. Some in Congress, though, see a threat not in lost revenue for the country but for their own campaign accounts should they not vote as they're told. Even modest proposals like the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act, which didn't seek to close loopholes but rather to tighten disclosure rules for those trying to hide income overseas, was opposed by our Rep. David Dreier, presumably as it might present an inconvenience to his benefactors. (The bill passed without Dreier's support, and was signed into law last year by President Obama.)

In statehouses and in Washing-

**HAYES - (continued from page 13)** making \$30-50 thousand a year with a 14% effective tax rate, could do the same.)

Companies taking advantage include the likes of Boeing, AIG, American Express, J.P. Morgan Chase, Hewlett-Packard and Pfizer. Some might be legit - and then there's the Cayman Islands where, according to a GAO report, 18,000 companies are housed in a single five-story building. (President Obama remarked, "That's either the biggest building or the biggest tax scam on record.")

The cost to our nation of these offshore shelters is estimated at \$100 billion a

KATIE Tse .....This and That THE COLD WAR



After weeks of fighting, the army of my immune system has finally beaten the invading virus that had besieged me. My enemy's plan of attack began with soreness localized in my throat. Then insidious phlegm mobilized the battle up my nasal passageways.

My defense strategy involved flooding the enemy with a constant barrage of tea. Chemical warfare (if you can call it that) included ibuprofen and Ricola cough drops.

Although the war is over, a few stubborn insurgents remain. Every now and then the rogue mucus globule stakes out a claim on the precipice of my soft palate, taunting me from that inaccessible spot at the end of my nasal cavity and the beginning of my throat. Blowing my nose rarely helps. When alone, I sometimes try to knock this irritant off by violently snorting. How can I tactfully describe this? No doubt you've heard others do this, and have probably done it yourself. But what do you call it? --Reverse gargling for the nose? The sound is like a cross between a clogged vacuum cleaner and something a cat would do to expel a fur ball, which is quite the way it feels. Half the time it doesn't work anyway. I try not to get frustrated --I think snot can sense anger.

I don't think I pampered myself by enlisting the aide of over-the-counter drugs to combat my symptoms. My husband, on the other hand, holds the stoic belief that medicine is reserved for the dying. He is nearly over his cold, and it's a good thing! It was pitiful to watch him sneeze, cough, and generally be miserable. I offered him some innocuous drugs, but he would have none of it. "I'm just going to sleep for a while," he said. But it's hard to sleep when you have to hold your head at a funny angle to keep the phlegm from shifting.

While being sick isn't fun for anyone, we all know elementary school teachers have it worst of all! With friends and relatives in education, I always hear about the kids who seem oblivious to yellow ropes of snot dangling from their nostrils. I'd estimate that kids are havens for germs and infectious diseases until they're about 10. A friend of ours has two children, seven and four, and I swear someone in that family is always sick! People also concoct weird ideas of what causes colds. Changes in the weather and sleeping, or going outside, with wet hair can supposedly put you under. If two people in a family are sick, they methodically study the onsets and symptoms to determine whether the other person is responsible; because who wants to be sick and not have someone to blame? My husband kept apologizing to me for getting me sick, although my watertight analysis of our illnesses suggested that I must've picked it up at work. Well, it doesn't matter anymore, I'm just glad I can breath through my nose again!

**WELBORN (continued from page 13)**

As our population has aged and baby boomer aged public employees have started to retire, the full magnitude of what's been promised has become apparent. If we look at the full amount of the unfunded liability from all these promised benefits, it's obvious that there aren't enough tax payers or tax revenues to pay the piper. The system must change or the system will crash.

Governor Scot Walker of Wisconsin is simply being honest in telling the voters the truth and taking steps to solve the problem. It can't be kicked down the road for some future legislature or gov-

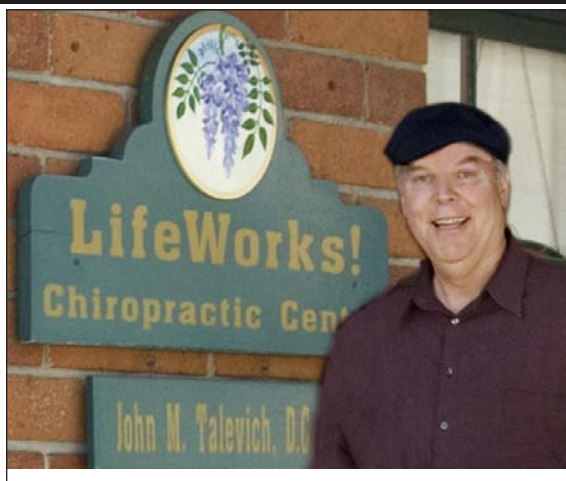
ernor to fix. It must be done now. The governor has simply proposed to public employees pay for some of their benefits just as is done in private industry and that their unions be stripped of the unfair advantages that current laws in the states give them. This problem isn't going to disappear on its own. Wisconsin and the rest of the nation have to deal with it now.

About the author: Gregory J. Welborn is a freelance writer and has spoken to several civic and religious organizations on cultural and moral issues. He lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife and 3 children and is active in the community. He can be reached at [gregwelborn@earthlink.net](mailto:gregwelborn@earthlink.net).





## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:  
THE BURNING STOMACH

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.

Up until roughly thirty years ago, if you had a peptic ulcer, it was thought that your lifestyle needed some management. Too much worry and spicy foods were considered to be the prime suspects. Perhaps a good glass of milk would be recommended to "coat the stomach."

It is now recognized that a particular bacteria setting up camp in the lining of the stomach is a common cause. When Helicobacter Pylori is eliminated through the use of antibiotic therapy, the symptoms often clear up quickly. In some cases, the eradication of the troublesome bug may require repeat doses or another type of antibiotic.

Another leading cause of peptic ulcer is the use of various anti-inflammatory medicines, both prescription and over the counter (or OTC). Long term use of medications such as Celebrex, Advil, Motrin, Aleve and aspirin (even low dose) raise the possibility of ulceration. This gradual irritation of the

stomach lining can promote the development of lesions which expose delicate underlying tissues to stomach acids. Often, because over the counter medications are perceived as being very safe, the consumer may not be aware that he is actually causing the problem.

As a chiropractor, I have seen a number of patients who have an underlying gastric problem that is causing discomfort in the mid-back. The pain is usually unrelenting. While this appears to be musculoskeletal in nature, it is, in fact, a viscerosomatic reflex being generated from a sensory overflow originating in the stomach (whew).

So, here's the Catch-22: You may be taking an anti-inflammatory medication (prescription or OTC) for chronic musculoskeletal pain, and the medication may be contributing to the very pain for which it is being taken! Remember, pain is expressing for a reason; if you have been taking pain meds for a prolonged period of time, get checked out ~ your life may depend on it.

Have a healthy week! Dr. John

**John M. Talevich, D.C.**

**CHIROPRACTIC: Simple, Elegant, Effective**  
**31 S. Baldwin Avenue Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024**  
**626-355-4710**

News From Social Security

## ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS ARE A MUST

For years, Social Security has stressed the convenience, security, and safety of getting benefit payments electronically. Soon, direct deposit (or Direct Express) will not only be the best way to receive Federal benefit payments — it will be the only way.

That's because the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced a new rule that will phase out paper checks for Federal benefit and non-tax payments by March 1, 2013.

Here is how the transition will work.

- Anyone applying for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits on or after May 1, 2011, will receive their payments electronically, while those already receiving paper checks will need to switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013.
- Anyone already receiving their benefit payments electronically will continue to receive their payment as usual on their payment day.
- People receiving benefits have the option of direct deposit to a bank or credit union account (of their choice) or into a Direct Express Debit MasterCard card account (a Treasury-recommended prepaid card option). You can visit [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) to learn more.
- Social Security, SSI, Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, Office of Personnel Management benefits, and other non-tax payments are included.

For most people getting monthly benefits, this won't really be a change; already 8 out of 10 beneficiaries receive payments electronically.

Why the push for electronic payments instead of paper checks received in the mail?

- It's safer: no risk of checks being lost or stolen;
- It's easy and reliable: no need to wait for the mail or go to the bank to cash a check;
- It saves taxpayers money: no cost for postage and paper and printing;
- It saves you money: no check-cashing fees or bank fees; and
- It's good for the environment: it saves paper and eliminates transportation costs.

If you still get your check in the mail, you don't need to wait for the new rule to go into effect to enjoy the benefits of electronic payments. Please visit [www.go-direct.org](http://www.go-direct.org) today and begin getting your Social Security and SSI payments the safe, easy, inexpensive, and green way — electronically.

## “Down From the Mountain”



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to worship on Transfiguration Sunday! Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches on Matthew 17:1-9 at both the 9:15 traditional service and “The Gathering” at 11:15 am. Communion will be celebrated at both services.

Ash Wednesday Services will be held On Wednesday, March 9 at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm in Christ Chapel. The community is invited to mark the beginning of Lent with a service of prayer and confession

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services  
 Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided  
 10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation  
 11:15 am “The Gathering” worship service  
 Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

San Marino Community Church  
 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
 For more information call: (626) 282-4181  
 Connect with us online: [www.smccpby.com](http://www.smccpby.com)

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Activities:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre  
 Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.  
 MENU BELOW

**Monday: 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.

**MORE 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.

**DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS**

*Tickets can now be purchased at:*  
**Sierra Madre City Hall**  
**Hart Park House / Senior Center**  
**Sierra Madre Library**

**Recipe of the Week:****NEW ORLEANS-STYLE CHICKEN****INGREDIENTS:**

- 1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 3 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
- 2 portobello mushrooms (3 ounces each), chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2-3/4 cups hot water
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 package (8 ounces) red beans and rice mix
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) Hunt's® Original Diced Tomatoes, drained
- 1/3 cup shredded Asiago cheese

**DIRECTIONS:**

In a large nonstick skillet, brown chicken in 1 teaspoon oil over medium-high heat until no longer pink; remove and set aside. In the same skillet, saute the carrots, onion and peppers in remaining oil for 10 minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic; saute 1-2 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Stir in the water, beans and rice mix. Return chicken to the pan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30-35 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Stir in tomatoes; heat through. Just before serving, sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 6 servings.

*Editor's Note:* This recipe was prepared with Zata-rain's New Orleans-style red beans and rice.

**March Birthdays**

Ella Guttman, Santos Ruiz, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Georgina “Snooky” Greger, Sun Lui, Helen Wallis

**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.

**Foothill Computer Services**  
 20+ years in Sierra Madre  
 PC Computer Repairs  
 & Electronics Consulting  
 Dave Felt 355-8315

**LUNCH & LEARN**

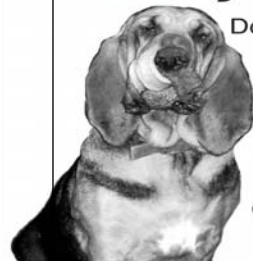
Join the Senior Community Commission at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House / Senior Center for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation by calling (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

**Canyon Canine**

Dog Walking & Sitting Services  
 Sierra Madre, California

**Chris Leclerc**

[www.canyoncanine.com](http://www.canyoncanine.com)  
[chris@canyoncanine.com](mailto:chris@canyoncanine.com)



**626-355-8333 / 626-533-9536**

Everyday is an open house: [www.huntvh.com](http://www.huntvh.com)

**HUNTINGTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL**  
 626-357-2335  
 MON, THURS, FRI 8-6PM  
 TUES 8-8PM  
 SAT. 8-1PM  
 535 West Huntington Drive in Monrovia

Find lost pets quickly and easily! Free Microchip implantation (with purchase of Home Again registration membership). With or without office exam/surgical procedure/boarding.

**MEDICINE:**  
 • Annual Exams • Behavioral Counseling  
 • Vaccinations • Dermatology  
 • Dentistry • In House Laboratory  
 • Laser Therapy • Digital X-Rays

**SURGERY:**  
 • Orthopedics • TPLO  
 • Neurosurgery • Soft Tissue  
 • Laser Surgery • General and Advanced Surgery

No Cost Second Opinions

We accept:  
 VISA  
 Mastercard  
 American Express  
 Discover  
 Care Credit  
 Cash  
 Check

Free Pre-Operative Blood Panels on all surgical/dental procedures

Gary R. White, DVM

With Interim Homestyle Services, your loved ones are treated like family and enabled to live their best in the comfort of their own homes with dignity.

Our Home Care Aides are well-trained, carefully screened, bonded and insured so you're assured of the highest quality care.

The caregiver is qualified, competent caregivers ensuring personal assistance and attentive care at all times including:

- Friendly companionship
- Medications reminders & oversight
- Planning & preparation of meals
- Housekeeping & laundry
- Shopping & Errands
- Fall prevention and protection
- Grooming/bathing Assistance
- Active range of motion exercises
- Transferring the client
- Home Activities

Interim Homestyle® Services also specializes in Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Parkinson's, Dementia, Sundowners, and Brain Injuries.



**Desiree Bishop**

Phone: 888-881-8918 | Fax: 562-296-9706





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



### Looking to Create a Unique Living Space in Sierra Madre?

#### 2 Historic Properties Available at Stonegate Development

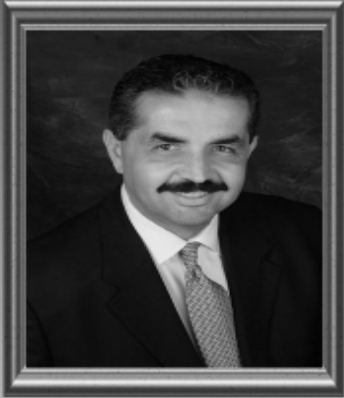
Two lots mentioned in last week's feature on Stonegate at Sierra Madre development, which can be read online at [www.MtnViewsNews.com](http://www.MtnViewsNews.com) if you missed it, have historic structures on them. They are now for sale. 700 Baldwin Court, lot 18, includes the vintage barn that was part of the Carter estate, plus an adjacent cottage on a 23,029 square foot homesite is listed for \$525,000. Today, the interior is nearly devoid of improvement except for a coat of whitewash inside and two chairs cozied up to a freestanding fireplace in one corner. Let your creative juices flow. There aren't too many barns available for conversion to living space here in Los Angeles, but you might search the plethora of barn-to-home photos and plans on Google for creative ideas. I saw a different, non-traditional concept of living, as I scrolled through open floorplans with soaring ceilings and double or triple stacked windows to soak in the Northern views to the San Gabriel Mountains. On the site, Heritage Barns.com, the statement, "You too will come to love and appreciate these historic monuments to fine hand craftsmanship and the simpler life they recall" says it all. Max Alexander from This Old House magazine waxes poetic about making a home from a barn. "Converting a barn is one way to save a disappearing vernacular form. And by turning these 'agricultural cathedrals,' as Fossil calls them, into houses, Americans are also preserving their cultural heritage. They recall a time when small communities gathered together for barn raisings and a self-sufficient farmer's world reached no farther than the town border," he says. Alexander quotes Ken Epworth, of The Barn People, who is "still enthralled each time he throws open the door to one of these relics for the first time and gazes up at the void. 'You've got to give your eyes a few minutes to adjust,'" he says. "But then you start seeing things. You see that beautiful honey color of the wood. You have a structure with integrity. You've got history, mystery, and charm. That's hard to duplicate today." The second set of historic structures is located up a long and winding driveway, mostly hidden from view. 650 Baldwin Court, on lot 20, is a completely different style and vintage. Constructed in 1940, the 3897 square foot Willis home sits atop a knoll with panoramic views overlooking the Los Angeles basin. Listed at \$1,250,000, the five bedroom, five bath home, four car garage home offers extraordinary features like retracting glass walls that remove the barriers from indoor to outdoor living. The expansive grounds offer several outdoor "rooms" including a pool area. Lovely vine shaded walkways connect the outbuildings to the home. Mountain views are nearly as spectacular as the city lights vistas. So few homes can boast both.



The structures are in a state of disrepair, but the right creative mind could make this the noteworthy home once again worthy of its architectural amagazine feature from five decades ago.

For more information, visit the development's website, [www.StonegateSierraMadre.com](http://www.StonegateSierraMadre.com) or contact the listing agents, Mike Lepore and Kris Mathison at Century 21 Village, 626-355-1451.





### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

## GET THE CREDIT YOU DESERVE

Mortgage applications are being reviewed far more thoroughly now than in the past, and your credit score should be 680 or higher to qualify for the best interest rates. So how do you determine your score, and know you're getting the credit you deserve?

Everyone is allowed one free credit report per year from the three reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion). Review the reports for accuracy and act quickly to correct any errors or omissions.

Approximately 35% of your credit score is based on the timeliness of your payments. Make sure that no late payments older than seven years are still on your report.

If you have paid off loans or credit cards, a zero balance should appear on those accounts. Sometimes, agencies don't properly update those balances after settlement.

15% of your credit score is based on the length of your credit history, so make sure that the

opening dates of all your accounts are accurate. Also make sure that the limits on your credit cards are correct, and keep the balances under 50% of those limits. Total debt accounts for 30% of your credit score.

Finally, think twice about closing credit card accounts with zero balances, because this negatively reduces your ratio of "available credit" to your debt. First, get the facts. Then, make corrections. Finally, apply for home financing with confidence!

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](mailto:luther@tsinoglou.com)



## FREE BAG

Buy 3 Get 1 Free EXPIRES 3/28/10

Ideal for bedding color.  
Helps loosen clay and compacted soils.



[www.KelloggGarden.com](http://www.KelloggGarden.com)

QUALITY ORGANICS SINCE 1925

## FRONTIER HARDWARE

### 2 GREAT LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

**626-355-3365**  
297 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**626-357-8773**  
2137 E. Huntington Dr.  
Duarte, CA 91010

# CLIFFORD

# SWAN

## INVESTMENT COUNSEL

[www.cliffordswan.com](http://www.cliffordswan.com) | (626) 793-0377



## EAST PASADENA SHADE CO.

SINCE 1965

### CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS

- DRAPERIES
- MINI-BLINDS
- ROMAN SHADES
- WOOD BLINDS

# 626-793-9101

2548 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91107

[www.eastpasadenashadeco.com](http://www.eastpasadenashadeco.com)

## \*BUY 3 GET 1 FREE!

NATURAL • ORGANIC  
GARDNER & BLOOME




\*offer good thru 3/20/11 only on select soils

**PRESENT PERFECT**  
(626) 449-6211  
140 S. Kinneloa Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91107

Grow your own organic food today!  
We're your local gardening experts!

**Growers of Rare Camellias and Azaleas since 1935**

## Nuccio's Nurseries

3555 Chaney trail  
Altadena, California 91001  
(626)794-3383



We are open daily except  
Wednesdays and Thursdays  
Business hours are from 8:00 to 4:30.  
Closed Sundays - June 1 through December

*On rainy days we normally close early, so please call first.*





## HOW TO LEARN FROM YOUR SCORECARD

There is one thing about the game of golf: score cards don't lie. Ok I will agree with you on one point. I have played a number of rounds in my life where I hit the ball very well, putted great and got nothing out of the round.

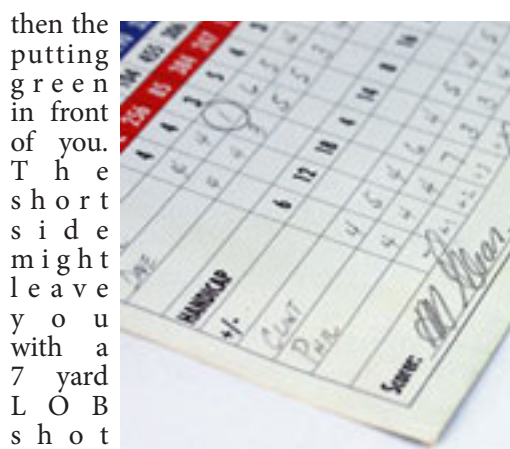
On the other hand there have been many rounds where I couldn't find the golf course. I was lucky no one got hurt. However at the end of the day when I added up the score card I was very pleased with the number.

You have to keep in mind that golf is NOT one round. It is a lifetime experience. The only way you are going to improve is to continue to punch holes in your score card and find out what part of your game needs work. That does not happen in one round of golf.

I know you are wondering where you should start. There are a couple of stats that jump out at me. Start with the driver. You have to track every tee shot. Keep a blank score card in your pocket and after every tee shot record whether you hit the fairway or missed to the left or right.

The next statistic that will help you lower your score is did you short side your approach shot? It doesn't matter if it is the first, second, third or even fourth shot of the hole. Did you short side yourself? The definition of short siding is when you leave your approach shot in a position where you don't have any green to work with.

Everytime you prepare to approach a green you have to ask yourself the 10 million dollar question. What side is the short side? The safe side might leave you with a 30 yard pitch shot with nothing but a tiny fringe and



then the putting green in front of you. The short side might leave you with a 7 yard L O B shot over a bunker with a 12 foot lip and a slope running straight down hill to the hole. You do the math. It doesn't take many of those a day to ruin a good round of golf.

Lastly, grade your attitude before you tee off, when you make the turn and when you walk off of the golf course. It is a great stat to keep track of. If you can maintain an upbeat and fun attitude your scores will reflect it. I have gone on record for years as saying that I haven't found a more enjoyable place to spend four hours than a golf course-when I am playing well and having fun. On the other hand it is the most miserable place to be for four hours when you are struggling and not having fun.

Remember, if you use them correctly, score cards don't lie.

Want to learn more?  
Go to: [www.igolffixes.com](http://www.igolffixes.com)

## Local Course to Host Annual New Junior Golfer Day

The Golf Learning Centers announces that on Saturday, March 19th, 2011 Arcadia Golf Course will host their Annual Spring New Golfer Day. The complimentary clinic will be held from 10:00am – 12:00pm and is open to junior golfers of all ages.

"We are excited about the opportunity to sponsor this complimentary clinic and bring new players to the game," said Rich Carlson, Director of Instruction at the Arcadia Par 3 Golf Course. "For anyone who has ever wanted to be introduced to try the game of game, our Spring Junior Golfer Day provides a fun, non-intimidating environment to be introduced to this lifelong sport."

The two-hour complimentary clinic will feature stations covering the following:  
Full Swing: Participants will learn full swing basics including proper alignment, stance and will have a personal review of their swing technique.  
Short Game: Attendees will benefit from a presentation on chipping and putting, plus an individual assessment of their technique.

Rich hopes that the complimentary clinic and our positive, friendly approach to teaching will serve as a springboard, inviting new golfers to explore the game. For more information or to register for the Spring New Golfer Day, call 626.443.9367. You can also register at [www.thegolflearningcenters.com](http://www.thegolflearningcenters.com).

WFS wishes you a happy and prosperous 2011!  
Stop by and see what's new in our store soon!



**Webster's**  
Fine Stationers  
Where great isn't just an adjective, it's our lifestyle.

2450 N. Lake Avenue, Suite B | Altadena, CA 91001 | 626-797-1135

Service &  
**CENTURY**  
**ROOTER**  
Plumbing

The Thinking  
Person's Plumber

Fully Licensed & Certified  
California License #707409



24-Hour Service Available  
**(800) 782.4744**

[www.centuryrooter.com](http://www.centuryrooter.com)

[customerservice@centuryrooter.com](mailto:customerservice@centuryrooter.com)

- \* Apartment Complexes
- \* Single Family Houses & Condos
- \* Stores & Offices
- \* Commercial Buildings of all Sizes
- \* Manufacturing Plants
- \* Municipalities & State Agencies
- \* Churches & Synagogues
- \* Restaurants & Food Service Companies
- \* You, Your Family & Friends

**CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB**  
*A tradition of excellence in an intimate and welcoming setting*

WEDDINGS GOLF HOLIDAY EVENTS

3067 EAST CHEVY CHASE DRIVE | GLENDALE, CA 91206 | (818) 246-3566  
<http://chevychasecc.com/>

# Mountain Views News

Where Your Community News Comes First

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

Mountain Views News  
Sierra Madre Arcadia Pasadena Altadena Monrovia

SATURDAY JANUARY 1, 2011 VOLUME 3 NO. 1

**CONGRATULATIONS! SMRFA Six Consecutive Wins!**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center Association's Sierra Madre Community Center's trophy for best depiction of life in California

**2011**

**COFFEE HOUSES:**  
Black & Honey Coffee  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd. Suite 100  
626-355-1111

**FINE DINING:**  
Hill's  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**CHARITABLE:**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**GREAT SHOPPING:**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**CLUBS:**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**RESTAURANTS:**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**WEDDINGS:**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**HOLIDAY EVENTS:**  
Sierra Madre Senior Center  
100 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
626-355-1111

**Read The Paper Online At: [www.mtnviewsnews.com](http://www.mtnviewsnews.com)**

Subscribe To The  
**Mountain Views News**  
Today!

*How can I get the paper delivered to my home?*

If you live in the City of Sierra Madre or in the Hastings Ranch area of Pasadena, you can receive the paper at your front door each week for \$60 per year.

*Can I still subscribe if I don't live in Sierra Madre or Hastings Ranch?*

If you live anywhere the US Postal Service delivers to, the *Mountain Views News* can be mailed to you each week. The cost for mail subscriptions is \$80 per year.

*For delivery outside the U.S., please call 626-355-2737 for a quote.*

# Subscribe Today!

First Name:	
Middle Initial:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
Apartment No.:	
City/State/Zip:	
E-Mail:	
Phone Number :	( )
Type of Service:	<b>Make Your Life Easier...</b> Use <b>Pay Pal</b> and you can process your subscription payment securely, online. [ ] Check here and an invoice will be sent to the email address listed above.
<b>HOME DELIVERY</b>	
\$60 12 months	
\$30 6 months	
<b>MAIL:</b>	
\$80 12 months	
\$40 6 months	
	OR ...mail your check to: Mountain Views News 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. No. 327 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024





*Luther & Georgina*  
**TSINOGLOU**  
*Working on Common Ground*



### JUST LISTED!

**461 W. Orange Grove Blvd. Sierra Madre Offered at: \$929,000**

Gorgeous 3bd/2bth home has been thoroughly updated and offers a gourmet kitchen w/custom cabinets, granite counters, built-in appliances, formal living room w/batchelder fireplace, updated windows & doors, updated copper plumbing, newer roof, C/A & heat, updated salt-water pool & spa w/newer equipment, work-shop w/bath, very large rear yard and patio. 2,104sq.ft. on 13,300sq.ft.lot

### 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.

**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 2/20 1-4pm**



### JUST LISTED!

**3139 Doolittle Ave. Arcadia Offered at: \$399,000**

Spacious 4bed/2bath home in South Arcadia offering lots of privacy in this secluded property. Home offers newer roof, large living room w/ fireplace, updated windows, central air & heat, attached 2-car garage, laundry and numerous fruit trees. Call us at (626)507-3029 for more information.

**Daddy,  
Can I have a  
Raise?**

**(626) 507-3029**

DRE# 01135433, DRE# 01399982  
luther@tsinoglou.com  
www.TSINOGLOU.com

**Podley**  
PROPERTIES

30 N. Baldwin Ave.,  
Sierra Madre  
CA 91024



Cafe322 - 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. - Sierra Madre, CA 91024 -  
Phone (626) 836-5414 Fax: (626) 836-5787

**Send Video eMail Messages !  
Send Audio eMail Messages !**

comf5.com

For more information please contact Proud Reseller:  
Myra D. Lopez  
213.309.6057  
www.comF5.com/MyraDLopez  
Packages starting as low as \$9.95/mo.  
"Your entire digital life online!"

Video eMail  
Audio eMail  
Attractive eMail Templates  
Media Management

eMail Contact for Business Marketing or Family Fun

comf5.com

**Use Professional Looking Templates !  
Packages starting as low as \$9.95/mo.  
Call: 213.309.6057**

## Clairbourn's SUMMER ADVANTAGE

JUNE 27TH - JULY 29TH  
5 WEEKS OF ENRICHMENT, ADVANCEMENT, AND FUN!



**FOR AGES 3 TO 13. REGISTER TODAY! CALL (626) 286-3108**

Clairbourn offers young people from preschool through 8th grade a wide range of summer opportunities for enrichment, academic advancement, and creative exploration—all designed to boost their scholastic, problem-solving, and thinking skills while having fun in the process. Daycare offered for 1st through 8th grades. Register by May 20th. For more program details and a full list of workshops visit our website.

**WWW.CLAIRBOURN.ORG/SUMMER/**

SERVING YOU SINCE 1949

## GEM PLUMBING

Locally Owned & Operated

**AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING  
SALES, SERVICE &  
INSTALLATION**

**We'll Do It All**

**COPPER RE-PIPES  
FAUCETS | LEAK DETECTION  
KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELS  
DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING | WATER  
HEATERS | WE TACKLE OLD FIXTURES**

**ALL MAJOR  
BRANDS**

**Emergency  
Service  
Available**

**355-3496**

140 E. Montecito | Sierra Madre



State Contractor Lic. #111308



Lic.#644140

**Save Water (800) 414-1004**

Sprinkler Works has been Southern California's experts since 1992 in the design, installation, troubleshooting and repair of:

**Complete Irrigation Systems.** Save money by saving more than 10,000 gallons a year with a new SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLER and Rotating Sprinklers with Compensating Nozzles.

**Landscape Lighting Systems.** Add value, beauty and security to your home, landscape, patio or pool deck with a new low voltage lighting system. All copper lighting fixtures have a 10 year warranty.

**Outdoor Audio Systems.** Enjoy your favorite music on the deck, by the pool, or in the garden.

**Water Fountains and Waterfalls.** Relax to the soothing look and sound of a fountain, waterfall or pond in your front or backyard.

**Custom Built Decks.** Entertain your family and friends this summer on a brand new deck made of redwood or maintenance free, environmentally friendly materials such as Trex®. We install and repair planter boxes and fences, too!

**SAVE  
up to \$250  
or More  
with Water  
District Rebates  
Ask for Details.**

**30 Minute  
Service Call  
Extended  
to an Hour  
with this card.**

### What's On YOUR Mind? What Do YOU Think?

We'd like to hear from you! Contact us at:  
editor@mtnewsnews.com or  
www.facebook.com/mountainviewsnews

**f Find us on  
Facebook**



## CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB

*A tradition of excellence in an intimate and welcoming setting*



**WEDDINGS**



**GOLF**



**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

3067 EAST CHEVY CHASE DRIVE | GLENDALE, CA 91206 | (818) 246-5566  
<http://chevychasecc.com/>

**CORFU**  
Restaurant



## MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

**BREAKFAST \* LUNCH \* DINNER \* CATERING**

**SEE OUR MENUS AT  
WWW.EATATCORFU.COM**

**48 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD. | SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024 | (626) 355-5993**