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## EVEN ON A RAINY DAY....Hundreds Attend Wistaria Festival

*Despite Torrential Rains, Cold and Strong Winds, Many Were Determined To See Sierra Madre's Historical Vine*



Visitors waited patiently in pouring rain to view Sierra Madre's historical Wistaria Vine. Although there have been other rainy festivals in other years, this was the heaviest rainfall in the festival's history.



Old Fashioned California Trolleys were scheduled to take visitors from downtown Sierra Madre to the vine. Trolley service continued until a combination of the winds and rain made the trip to the vine too risky. Tour buses from various parts of the state also made the journey to Sierra Madre. The rains never stopped for more than a few moments all day.



The vine, from the Sols' home was prepared for the day, however, Mother Nature had other plans. Below, visitors didn't seem to care about the weather. Bottom - Sierra Madre Rotary prepares their famous brisket hoping that the dry weather was coming soon!



"What's a little rain?", said this attendee as she rode her scooter down Sierra Madre Blvd. A little rain was not a problem. A LOT of rain was but not for these Girl Scouts. (below)



Above, local businesses prepared for what they hoped would be thousands of visitors. On average, (and on a dry day) the festival draws more than 7,000 people to town. However, with the heavy rain, thunder, lightning, cold and windy conditions, the festival was compelled to shut down five hours early.

Approximately 100 volunteers were on hand. At right, three of the bus docents stop to smile for the camera. Never letting the rain wipe the smiles off their faces. The true spirit of Sierra Madre was evident with every cold, shivering and wet volunteer who stayed until Mother Nature finally said 'no more'.

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## 5-Day Forecast

## Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Tues:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Fri:</b>	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
April 12, 2011 6:30 pm

April 7 @ 3pm - Senior Commission

April 18 @ 6pm - Community Services Commission

April 19 @ 6:30pm - UUT Oversight Committee

April 20 @ 7pm - Tree Advisory Committee

April 21 @ 7pm - Planning Commission

April 26 @ 6:30pm - City Council

April 27 @ 7pm - Library Board of Trustees

April 28 @ 7pm - Green Advisory Committee

HUCK FINN FISHING  
DERBY AND CAMPOUT

2010 Participant - What A Catch!

It's not too late to register for the Huck Finn Campout on Friday, April 1, 2011. Campsites are still available! Registration for the campout is \$45 for a family of six and includes fishing derby fees.

Please visit the Community Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., to save a spot for the Huck Finn Campout.

The Huck Finn Fishing Derby is on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The fishing derby begins at 7:00am and runs

through 11:30am. Youth ages 3-16 years may participate in the fishing derby for a fee of \$7 per child.

The Sierra Madre settling basins will be stocked with rainbow trout and no fishing license is required. There is no need to pre-register for this event. Entrance to the fishing derby is located next to Dapper Field, at Sierra Vista Park.

Trophies will be awarded in four different age categories and raffle prizes will be given away. For more information on the fishing derby or campout, contact the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITY

## TRAFFIC VOLUNTEER

Police Department Traffic Volunteers will serve at community-wide special events and in emergency situations assisting with directing traffic at intersections and on streets, staffing barricades, and assisting pedestrians crossing in crosswalks. Traffic Volunteers will be trained to in the proper procedures for directing traffic and provided uniforms for their service.

## DUTIES:

- Assist with traffic control at events or in emergency situations.
- Direct traffic by voice, hand or other signal.
- Follow applicable City safety rules and regulations.
- Inform staff of any issues that may arise.
- Interact with the public sometimes under stressful circumstances in a fair, calm and understanding way.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Have a valid Class C California driver's license for the past five years as well as the ability to maintain insurability under the City's Vehicle Usage Policy. Must possess a current American Red Cross certificate in First Aid/CPR/AED for Schools and the Community, or the equivalent, within three months of appointment. Must be available to volunteer evenings, weekends, and holidays. Must complete a background verification process and successfully complete the training provided by the Department.

Please visit the city's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) for more information and to download a flyer and application.

## BEST USED BOOK SALE

*Spring Break is almost upon us, and you may need a good book to pass the time!*

Plan on visiting the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Best Used Book Sale for an excellent selection of books at reasonable prices. The sale will be held Friday April 1st, 3pm to 7pm and Saturday April 2nd, 10am to 2pm.

Your Spring Break options will include a beautiful collection of coffee table books - American Indians, art, specialty cookbooks, new fiction, offerings from The National Geographic Society, health books for women and Twilight Series for your teens. Collectors of vintage reading will find a selection of old and noteworthy books. As always, tables outside the library will be filled with hardback fiction and non-fiction for \$1.00 each, paperbacks for 25 cents (or 5 for \$1.00) Also, check out a new selection of children's books.

The Friend's Best Used Book Sale continues to be the organizations major fundraiser to support the on-going library needs for equipment and programs. For the best finds shop in and outside the library and visit early. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W Sierra Madre Blvd.

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 thru April 1, 2011**  
Sierra Madre City Hall - 232 West Sierra Madre Bl.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

## SPRING LAP SWIM

The Community and Personnel Services Department will be offering a spring lap swim program for the 2011 season. This is a great opportunity for low impact aerobic exercise. The spring season begins on Monday, March 14 and runs through Sunday, June 12. Springs hours are as follows: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 12:00pm-2:00pm and Tuesday and Thursday 7:00pm-9:00pm. Spring season passes are \$100 per person with no daily admissions. Registration for the spring lap swim program can be made at the Community Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information please call 626-355-5278

LYRIC SLAM FOR TEENS AT  
SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

If you are an aspiring poet or lyricist between the ages of 12-17, you are invited to bring your original material to a Lyric Slam for Teens at Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, on Friday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet other writers, make new friends and share your work with others. Compositions can be in any style—rap, rock, pop, free verse or rhymed—the sky's the limit, and any and all styles are welcome.

This will also be a unique opportunity to have your material put to music by accomplished musicians. Guest performers Dawn Bishop (keyboards and vocals) and Brian Coe (percussion), will improvise a song on the spot using participants' lyrics.

Everyone is invited to come as they are, or to mix it up and come dressed as a favorite celebrity or pop star (costuming is strictly optional).

If you'd like more information about this exciting event, please call Sophia Duran at 626-355-7186. We hope to see you there!

## 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).

## What Do YOU Think?



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## What's the Name of the Game?

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# SIERRA MADRE

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS TO HOLD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING ON WORKFORCE HOUSING PLANS

### *Plans for the Old Youth Activity Center on W. Highland To Be Discussed*

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., City Council Members Josh Moran and Mary Ann McGillivray, along with city staff will meet with residents concerning plans for work force housing on the site of the old Youth Activity Center on W. Highland.

Residents who leave in close proximity to the project have expressed concerns about plans for low and moderate income, multi unit housing on the site. This meeting is being held to give the community the opportunity to further articulate their concerns and discuss possible solutions with the city.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the City Council chambers.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN POETRY: A PANEL DISCUSSION

### *Four Distinguished Poets to Appear at Sierra Madre Library*

On Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sierra Madre Public Library, poets Carol Lem, Alex Luu, Zahava Sweet, and Urith Walker, will participate in a panel discussion, "Cultural Diversity in Poetry." Each poet will discuss their views on poetry, the influence their personal cultural milieu has had on their work, and the role of poetry in today's society. Audience members will have an opportunity to interact with the panel during a Question and Answer session. Lida Bushloper, also an accomplished poet, will act as moderator. Light refreshments will be served after the program.

Sierra Madre resident Carol Lem teaches creative writing and literature as East Los Angeles College. She has written five books of poetry and has had poems published in numerous prestigious literary journals, including, *The Chrysalis Reader*, *Bloomsbury Review* and *The Asian Pacific American Journal*. A reading of selected poems from her book, *Shadow of the Plum* may be heard on the CD, *Shadow of the Bamboo*.

Alex Luu is a critically acclaimed poet, teacher and performance artist. His autobiographical one-man show, "Three Lives," has been performed at more than twenty theatrical venues, including the Los Angeles Theater Center, Boston Center for the Arts, and the Asian American Theater Center. He is the facilitator of My Own Story, a writing/performance workshop for adults and teens. He has been most recently published in *Bold Words: A Century of Asian American Writing*.

Zahava Sweet is a native of Poland and Holocaust survivor. Her poetry, which she has performed globally, has regularly appeared in literary magazines and anthologies. Her latest book of poetry, *The Return of Sound*, was published in 2005. Ms. Sweet is an accomplished translator, having produced an English translation of the poetry of Julian Tuwim, and Abram Cytryn, who died in Auschwitz, for the Wiesenthal Center in L.A.

Award-winning poet and performance artist Urith Walker created, produced, and performed in two one-woman shows, *Passages of the Heart* and *Ain't Nothing But Something To Do*. Ms. Walker is a versatile artist, working in various media, including painting, photography, and greeting card design. Her most recent book of poems is *Then Sings My Soul*.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information please call Sophia Duran at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, in Sierra Madre. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

## Sierra Madre Post Office To Remain Open

### *Route Changes Made*

Many local residents have been concerned about noticeable changes in their mail service lately. In the aftermath of the closing of the Post Office in East Pasadena, there has been speculation that the Sierra Madre Post Office was next. However, according to officials within the Postal Service, Sierra Madres can relax. At least for now.

"There are no immediate plans to close the Sierra Madre Post Office," said one official who asked not to be identified. "The lease is up for this building very soon but we don't know if it will be renewed or if we will be looking for another Sierra Madre location."

Although the station is not scheduled to close, there have been significant changes in its operations.

The SM site no longer has a Postmaster assigned to it. In addition, the carrier routes have been reduced from 10 to 8. Carriers will also be located at another site, as yet undetermined.

Lately, residents have reported mail delivery changing from noon to as late as 7 o'clock. This, according to several carriers, is the result of the route changes. The carriers expect the changes to be ironed out soon, and service will be back on a regular schedule.

## ANTONOVICH VOTES AGAINST REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Casting the lone vote against Governor Brown's proposal to shift state responsibilities to the counties and increase taxes, Mayor Michael D. Antonovich said: "Shifting the state's budget problems to local government and then offering to take them back through contracting is an illusion from a magician's bag of tricks. Clearly, shifting these programs is not cost-neutral -- otherwise why shift them at all? If contracting with the state means it would cost local governments more money out of their own general funds, then we ought to be concerned about what the state is proposing both fiscally and operationally."

"There is no constitutional guarantee that the state won't back out funding from existing programs to fund new programs. This is the same state that wants us to take more of their responsibilities with the promise to pay it back when it already owes the county over a half a billion dollars. The state's track record is full of empty promises and hollow reform."

With regard to shifting certain prisoners to county jails, Antonovich said, "At one point, the state was talking about shifting only those offenders sentenced up to two years in prison -- but now, it has grown to three years."

Antonovich suggested structural reforms for the state. "The state has a structural deficit that cannot be closed with temporary taxes or temporary spending cuts -- or the smoke and mirrors being proposed today. Governors across the nation are making the hard choices and implementing meaningful structural reform. In California, however, we are still burdened by overspending, except now shifting that burden to every city, county and school district already suffering. We need structural reforms and an end to the overspending that has led to this fiscal crisis."

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City of Sierra Madre

### ORDINANCE NO. 1313

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP IN AND NEAR THE CANYON, ADDING CHAPTER 17.30 TO TITLE 17 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL CANYON ZONE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, AND MAKING RELATED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.22 AND 17.60 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the R-1 zoning requirements are ill-designed for the Canyon, and have created unnecessary obstacles to property owners from improving their lots without applying for a variance;

WHEREAS, there is a need for zoning standards that allow reasonable development of properties located while preserving the unique character and natural environment of this area and preserve the overall quality of life for its residents;

WHEREAS, to resolve these issues, in January 2009, the City Council appointed a five member Canyon Zone Committee (the "CZC"), to establish Canyon Zone residential development standards;

WHEREAS, the CZC conducted twelve monthly meetings, from April 2009 to April 2010, conducted a publicized walking tour of the Canyon, and held two publicized community outreach meetings in February and March 2010;

WHEREAS, the CZC reviewed the General Plan's goals and objectives for the Residential Canyon land use designation and recommended various revisions to the zoning guidelines to apply in the Canyon;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at its September 16, 2010 regular meeting recommended revisions to the General Plan Land Use Map, adding Chapter 17.30 to Title 17 of the Zoning Code to replace the R-1 zone with the R-C zone in the Canyon Areas, and revising Chapter 17.60 to be consistent with these additional changes;

WHEREAS, these proposed changes are consistent with the General Plan in that they will help preserve the Canyon area of the City, protect the environment and obtain a balance between developed areas and the natural canyon area;

WHEREAS, development that will occur under this code will be responsible and sensitive to the unique needs of the canyon;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes will maintain the proper balance between building floor area and open space and encourage sufficient on-site parking spaces;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the City Council made the findings found in Municipal Code 17.22.005, relating to second units in the R-1 zone;

WHEREAS, the entire area that is will become the Canyon Zone has been in the R-1 Zone long before 2003, and the enactment of this ordinance will not affect the findings found in Municipal Code 17.22.005;

WHEREAS, the relevant provisions of Chapter 17.22 will continue to apply in the Canyon Zone after the adoption of this ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Initial Study for This Ordinance concluded that the proposal will not have any significant effect on the environment;

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the provisions of Section 15070 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing at its regular meeting of October 12, 2010 to take public testimony on the proposed amendments.

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2009, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1299-U to establish a moratorium on development in the Canyon;

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, the City Council voted to extend the life of the moratorium;

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2010, via Ordinance 1301-U, the City Council again extended the life of the moratorium until "October 9, 2011, unless terminated by further action of the City Council";

WHEREAS, this Ordinance 1313 constitutes "further action of the City Council", and the moratorium will expire on the effective date of this ordinance as a result.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. *General Plan Amendment.* The General Plan Land Use Map is revised to be consistent with the changes set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. *Code Amendment.* Chapter 17.30, entitled "R-C Residential Canyon Zone", is hereby added to the Municipal Code to read as set forth in Exhibit "B."

Section 3. *Zoning Map Amendment.* The Zoning Map is hereby revised consistent with Exhibit C.

Section 4. *Code Amendment.* The following sections within Chapter 17.60, entitled "Variances and Conditional Use Permits", are hereby amended to read as follows:

"17.60.025 Minor variances. The director of development services may grant a minor variance from regulations, as specified in Chapter 17.20 or Chapter 17.30 of this code, as applicable.

A. Application. Applications for a minor variance shall be initiated by submitting the following materials to the development services department:

1. A completed application form signed by the property owner or authorized agent, accompanied by the required fees and plans; 2. Signatures from all owners of property abutting the project site and directly across the street from the project site or written evidence indicating approval of the request, and the posting of a sign on the property for ten days; or 3. A list, drawn from the last equalized property tax assessment roll showing the names and addresses of the owner or record of each lot abutting the property and each property on the block within one hundred fifty feet of the property, and the posting of a sign on the property for ten days.

B. Notice.

1. If the applicant is unable to obtain the written approval of the property owners abutting and directly across the street from the property, notice shall be given to immediately adjacent property owners and property owners on the block within one hundred fifty feet of the subject property to notify them that an application is being filed for a minor variance.

2. Comments shall be accepted by the director for a ten-day period following the application submittal.

3. The director may use any comments received to assist in making findings and conditions relating to the application.

C. Burden of Proof and Conditions of Approval. The director must find or conditions must be imposed to insure that: 1. The project does not adversely impact the public health, safety, and welfare; 2. The design of the home is improved with the granting of the minor variance.

D. An action by the director may be appealed to the planning commission and subsequently to the city council pursuant to Chapter 17.66 of this title.

17.60.030 Conditional use permits--When required.

The purpose of any conditional use permit shall be to insure that the use for which the same is required will be rendered compatible with other existing and permitted uses located in the general area of the same. The following uses, each of which possesses characteristics of such unique and special form as to render impractical their operation without specific approval, shall be permitted in the zones as hereinafter set forth, provided that a conditional use permit is first obtained pursuant to the provisions of this part, unless such use is designated as a permitted use in a particular zone.

A. Conditional Uses--All Zones except the R-C Zone.

Airports, landing fields, heliports, and helistops,

Borrow pits to a depth of over three feet,

Cemeteries,

Child care center (four or more children),

Children's treatment center (emotionally disturbed),

Churches, temples and other places of worship, provided they shall be excluded from the C (commercial) zone, except as provided in Section 17.56.120 of this title,

Clubs, provided they shall be excluded from the R-1 and R-2 zones (see Section 17.36.020(F) of this title),

Columbariums, crematoriums and mausoleums,

Crops, field, tree, bush, berry, and row, including nursery stock, the growing of (see Section 17.20.020(H) of this title),

Day center (mentally retarded), Day treatment hospitals, Dumps, Educational institutions, Equestrian establishments, Establishments or enterprises involving large assemblages of people or automobiles as follows: Amusement parks, Circuses, carnivals, or fairsgrounds, Labor camps, Open-air theaters, Race tracks and rodeos, Recreational centers privately operated, Trailer (mobilehome) parks, Facilities for pre-natal adjustment/rehabilitation programs, Facilities for the rehabilitation of drug addicts, Family home (mentally ill), Family homes (mentally retarded), Fraternity, Golf courses, privately owned, Home for the aged, Hospitality houses, Hospitals and sanitariums, rest homes, guest homes, convalescent hospitals and similar institutions, Institutions for treatment of alcoholics, Livestock, care and maintenance for commercial or noncommercial purposes, Long-term facility, Mental hospitals, Mortuaries, Natural mineral resources, the development of, together with the necessary buildings, apparatus or appurtenances incidental thereto; provided, that no review or permit shall be required for the exploration of oil, rock, sand, gravel, or clay if any other section of this code makes separate provisions with respect thereto,

Nonprofit organizations provided they shall be excluded from the C (commercial) zone except as provided in Section 17.56.120, Nursing and convalescent hospitals, Parking lots, commercial, Public utilities or utilities operated by mutual agencies consisting of water wells, electrical substations, gas metering stations, telephone exchanges, power boosters or conversion plants with the necessary buildings, apparatus, or appurtenances incident thereto when located in other than C or M zones, Public utility facilities and utilities operated by mutual companies except any public facility for which a building permit is not required pursuant to the city's building regulations, and any such facility which is permitted by a city-granted franchise. Refuse, disposal of, Resident facility (mentally retarded), Resident school (mentally retarded), Rest home, Sewage disposal plants, Sorority, Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas and similar recreational facilities which are located within twenty-five feet and/or are visible to or from a public or private street or alley, Veterinarians, kennels and small animal hospitals, Any use permitted pursuant to Section 5116 of the Welfare and Institutional Code of the State of California (certain licensed residential care homes);

B. Conditional Uses--R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-C Zones.

Maintenance of keeping of horses or mules, as enumerated in Chapter 6.08, "Animals Generally";

C. Conditional Uses--R-1-9, R-1-11 and R-1-15 Zones.

Granny hospice;

D. Conditional Uses--R-2 Development in the R-2 zone;

E. Conditional Uses--H Zone. Development, structures, grading, or subdivisions;

F. All developments in the R-3 zone;

G. Wireless communications facilities, as provided in Chapter 17.93 of this title."

Section 5. California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council has considered all of the evidence in the record, including the staff reports, the initial study, the testimony received during the public hearings on the matter held by the Planning Commission and the City Council, and hereby determines that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15070, there is no possibility of a significant impact on the environment, and hereby adopts the Negative Declaration.

Section 6. *Severability; Continuation of Provisions.* If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance or the rules adopted hereby. The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as they read immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.

Section 7. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.

Section 8. *Certification.* The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2011.

AYES: Mosca, Buchanan, MacGillivray, Moran, Walsh NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 13th, to Saturday, March 19th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 323 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for updated information.

**Monday, March 14th:**

**11:27 AM- Vandalism, 160 N. Canon Ave (Sierra Madre Upper Campus).** Unknown suspect(s) shattered the basketball backboard.

**Tuesday, March 15th:**

**11:25 AM- Residential Burglary, 300 blk. N. Sunnyside Ave.** Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear window to gain entry. The resident had an alarm with motion detectors inside. There was no loss and the house was not ransacked.

**11:46 AM- Residential Burglary, 2000 blk. Liliano Dr.** Unknown suspect(s) entered a house through an unlocked side window while the residents were out hiking during the morning. Suspect(s) ransacked the interior and stole several items of jewelry and an Apple Mac computer and a tower. The possible suspect is a dark skinned male Hispanic, 5'8, driving a white utility truck with a ladder affixed to the back.

**Thursday, March 17th:**

**2:10 AM- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle, 100 blk. E. Grandview Ave.** An officer stopped a motorist a Vehicle code violation and cited the driver and occupant for possession of marijuana and an illegal smoking pipe.

**2:31 PM- Suspicious Circumstances, 100 blk. W. Grandview Ave.** The resident called the Fire Department to report that he had a 20 mm military artillery shell that he no longer wanted. Officers responded and notified the LASD bomb squad, who promptly deployed to the scene. The immediate area was evacuated. The LASD bomb squad determined that the device was an inert training shell, and took the device to dispose of it.

**Friday, March 18th:**

**12:26 AM- Possession of Narcotics for sale, Rodeo and Foothill Blvd.** An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. The officer determined that the driver was in possession of cocaine, hashish, Ecstasy, and LSD, all packaged for sales. The officer arrested the Monrovia resident and booked him at the Pasadena PD Jail.

**8:17 PM- Possess/Manufacture/Sell Weapon, Santa Anita Ave and Virginia.** An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. The officer lawfully found an illegal fixed blade knife in the glove compartment and arrested the driver. The officer booked the suspect at the Pasadena PD.

**Saturday, March 19th:**

**12:23 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Sierra Madre Blvd and Sunnyside Ave.** An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code Violation and determined that he was under the influence of a controlled substance. The officer took the suspect to the Pasadena Police Jail for booking.

**2:48 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 600 blk. W. Montecito.** Unknown suspect(s) stole a wheelchair from the carport in front of her residence.



## MTA Votes To Cut Overall Service By 12 Percent

The Metro Board of Directors voted 7 to 6 on Thursday morning to approve changes to Metro bus service that includes cutting and shortening of some lines the agency said in a prepared statement. Changes are expected to go into effect June 26.

Reports from the Los Angeles Times and local TV stations said a number of protesters gathered at the MTA headquarters in opposition to the cuts. In recent weeks, the Bus Riders Union has threatened to sue the MTA over cuts saying they discriminate against minority and low-income riders. The Federal Transit Administration has announced it would review their claims.

The agency said Lines impacted include the 26, 71, 94, 96, 155, 217, 230, 247, 254, 445, 450x, 485, 577, 634, 751, 757, 760 and 794. "Some lines will be shortened, some expanded and some will not run on some times or days." Bus lines 26, 247, 445, 634 and 757 will be entirely cut they said adding that existing bus service will replace those lines and/or Metro will modify existing service to replace those lines.

According to the statement, the Board also approved a motion asking for a report on service changes by Metro and other local transit agencies since 1997. In addition, the motion asked Metro staff to develop a policy on how savings from service reductions are reinvested and criteria for ensuring continued service in the future to "regionally significant destinations." The motion was made by Mayor Villaraigosa, Supervisor Molina and Mel Wilson, a city of Los Angeles appointee to the Board the agency said.

The changes amount to about 300,000 hours of service annually — about 100,000 hours less than originally proposed by Metro staff earlier this year officials said, saving the MTA about \$32 million annually — a way to help balance their budget.

Board members Pam O'Connor, Zev Yaroslavsky, Ara Najarian, Mike Antonovich, Don Knabe, Diane DuBois and John Fasana all voted in favor of cuts while those opposed included, Antonio Villaraigosa, Richard Katz, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Mel Wilson, Jose Huizar and Gloria Molina.

## Pet of the Week



Lilly, a beautiful, two year old, longhair cat is friendly and loves attention. She is rather petite and would be a great companion for someone in an apartment or condo that allows pets. Come visit with Lilly 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 A284468 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 Leads State in Pedestrian Fatalities



By Dean Lee

Recent ranking showing Pasadena as the second highest location for the number of pedestrian related fatal and injury collisions in the state has led city officials, including police and city council members, to take a hard look at factors surrounding the findings done by the California Office of Traffic safety.

The findings were reported for cities with populations between 100,001 and 250,000 people.

A number of councilmembers questions the statistics arguing that the city has more people walking around than other cities. From 2005 to 2010 pedestrian collisions peaked in 2008 with 104 of which only one was fatal. In 2010 the number dropped to 73 none of which caused death.

"Not all cities have a Rose Bowl loop, so you've got perhaps thousands of people walking around," said Councilmember Steve Haderlein. "I'm wondering

if that statement might be a little misleading in that we may have more opportunities for those kinds of things (Injuries and fatalities)."

Haderlein added, "It not necessarily a dangerous place to walk, but there is a lot of people walking so we end up with more accidents."

Joaquin Siques, an engineer for the city's Department of Transportation, said one reason was that Pasadena was a destination hub for all kinds of activity not just around the Rose Bowl.

Siques also said that right turns result in the highest number of collisions something that would be address in an upcoming safety campaign set to debut next month.

"It's either, the vehicle making a right turn on red and looking over their left shoulder to try and get into to gap or the vehicle making the right turn on green who's not looking for

the pedestrian up the sidewalk behind them," he explained.

A number of solutions were discussed including, more signs, colored walking areas and inlight, so called, "Sharks Tooth" crosswalks.

Through two grants city officials said there three key components to a safety campaign, including, education focused on motorist awareness, a study to identify treatments that may enhance pedestrian safety at intersections, and increased enforcement of violations with pedestrian safety by police.

"I want to commend the department for helping to launch this educational process and get people thinking in new ways about how the street network functions and it ties very neatly into the mobility element of the General Plan," Councilmember Terry Tornek said.

## Meeting Focuses on Public Safety

Residents of District 4 got a chance Thursday night to meet the officers assigned to their neighborhoods along with statistics on how safe the area is east of Altadena Drive.

Lieutenant Thomas Delgado gave the latest crime statistics saying there was an upward trend in burglaries being committed by young adults and kids, some as young as 12.

"For commercial burglaries we have 17 to date," he said. "Residential burglaries in our services area, we have 22, vehicle burglaries we are up to 39, robberies two, purse snatching none, strong-arm



robberies one, and grand theft one." All the stats were starting from 2010 he said.

The meeting opened with Police Chief Phillip Sanchez explaining how not to be victimized saying people should not leave valuables in their cars. He said there has been a rash of burglaries at nearby fitness centers. The meeting also focused on the rise in the homeless population in the area and the city's inability to stop unwanted flyers and leaflets left at people's homes.

## Caltech Names Five Distinguished Alumni



The California Institute of Technology (Caltech) has recognized five of its graduates with the Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor regularly bestowed by the Institute. The award acknowledges a particular achievement, a series of achievements, or a career of achievements of noteworthy

value. Since its inception in 1966, the award has been granted to outstanding alumni in the sciences, engineering, business, and the arts.

The 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are (pictured left to right) Leroy E. Hood, Steven E. Koonin, Cleve B. Moler, Carolyn C. Porco, and Albert Y. C. Yu

## Sister Cities Committee is raising funds for Japan

Mishima, a sister city to Pasadena since 1957, is located about 300 miles south of the epicenter of the March 11, magnitude 9.0, earthquake and tsunami. Many of Mishima's residents are still trying to locate their relatives in the ravaged areas of Japan and they live with disruptions of transportation and power, as well as the threat of nuclear fallout.

The Pasadena community is raising funds for the residents of Mishima. Please make your check payable to: Pasadena Sister Cities Committee and write Japan Relief in memo

box. All of the funds collected will be sent to the Mishima International Relations Association (MIRA) for distribution to the relief centers in the devastated areas of northern Japan. Your donation is tax deductible.

Checks can be left at City Hall or Mail to: Marcia Montez, President Pasadena Sister Cities Committee 100 North Garfield Avenue, Room 228 Pasadena, CA 91109.

Thank you for your support and we hope you will send this email on to those in your personal and professional circle of friends and acquaintances.

## Activists Julia Butterfly Hill and Daryl Hannah to Speak At PCC

Environmental activists Julia Butterfly Hill and Daryl Hannah will be speaking about the importance of personal participation in shaping a sustainable future on April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Sexson Auditorium of Pasadena City College. The event is sponsored by the Associated Students and the Natural Sciences Division of PCC.

This event is free and open to the public. All donations will benefit local non-profit organizations, including the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Arroyo Food Co-Op. Parking is available in all PCC lots for \$2.

For more information, call Hanna Israel at (949) 280-7522.

## PCC Appoints Measure P Oversight Committee Member

The Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Odom Stamps to serve on the Measure P Citizen's Oversight Committee, which will report on the progress of PCC renovations and construction funded by voter-approved Measure P Bond funds. The passage of Measure P in 2002 authorized PCC to issue up to \$150 million in bonds to finance the construction. Bonds will be repaid through local property taxes.

The 12-member committee meets quarterly to ensure that campus projects are developed and funded as specified in Measure P. The committee also publishes a progress report to the community in the fall PCC President's Report to the Community each year.

## City Settles Environmental Playhouse Plaza Lawsuit



The Pasadena City Council, Pasadenans for a Livable City, Pasadena Heritage, and Playhouse Office LLC announced Monday that they settled an environmental lawsuit challenging the City's November 2009 approval of a new office building at 680 E. Colorado Boulevard, located across El Molino Avenue from the historic Pasadena Playhouse.

Last October, a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge ruled that the City had not fully complied with the California Environmental Quality Act in its approval of the project, although it had complied with its zoning code and general plan. The Court required the City and Playhouse Office LLC to revise and recirculate the environmental impact report before the proposed project may be reconsidered as initially proposed.

The settlement reached by the parties provides a compromise solution that will fully comply with the Court's direction, meet the mandates of state law, and serve the best interests of the community. The parties worked diligently over the past few months to come together on a process to cooperatively design a project that will respect the historic character of the Playhouse District and the Pasadena Playhouse and have fewer impacts on El Molino Avenue, while providing for Class "A" office space. The agreement provides that a Design Architect with expertise in historic district compatibility will work in cooperation with all parties to design a smaller revised project for the City's considered approval.

The settlement includes the following design parameters for the revised building, Building square footage reduced to the maximum Code-allowed square footage

## 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 15 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).

## Journalist 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

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## ARCADIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISING MONEY TO FIGHT CANCER

Arcadia, California – students from Arcadia Unified School District's 6 elementary schools are joining together to fight against cancer by raising money and walking the Camino Grove Elementary School track on Friday, June 3, from 3 – 6 p.m.

Camino Grove Elementary School is hosting the ACS "Mini-Relay," which is an abbreviated version of the American Cancer Society's® national signature activity, Relay for Life®. Students will be collecting donations prior to the event and will walk the track as classes and/or as individuals at the event.

"It's a great opportunity for students to make an impact in the community as well as become knowledgeable about cancer. The students feel good about themselves knowing they are doing something to help others," said ACS Mini-Relay Coordinator, Jonie Tsuji, a Camino Grove parent, who has a strong personal interest in being the impetus behind the event, as a two-year survivor of breast cancer.

The ACS "Mini-Relay" will be a fun-filled and education-packed event, offering "child friendly" activities that revolve around cancer awareness and prevention. All money raised by students will be added to donations collected at the community-wide Arcadia ACS Relay For Life, to be held at Santa Anita Race Track on June 25 – 26, 2011. For more information on the ACS Mini-Relay, contact Jonie Tsuji, at [jonie.tsuji@verizon.net](mailto:jonie.tsuji@verizon.net). For more information on the ACS Relay for Life held at Santa Anita Race Track, see our website at [www.relayforlife.org/arcadiaca](http://www.relayforlife.org/arcadiaca).



## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, March 13, through Saturday, March 19, the Police Department responded to 908 calls for service of which 155 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, March 13:

- Between 5:30 p.m. on March 12 and 10:30 a.m. on March 13, two commercial burglaries occurred at 805 West Duarte. Unknown suspect(s) forced open doors to the businesses and stole laptop computers and a cash box.
- Around 3:17 p.m., units responded to Claire's located at Westfield Mall regarding a woman detained for theft. An 18-year-old Asian concealed merchandise on her person and left the store without making payment. During the investigation, additional stolen property from Bath and Body Works, Cotton On, Forever 21, Wet Seal, and Sephora were recovered. A private person's arrest was made, and the suspect was taken into custody for commercial burglary and receiving stolen property.

Monday, March 14:

- Around 3:44 p.m., a commercial burglary was reported in the 700 block of Singing Wood. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a residential construction site, between 5:00 p.m. on February 16 and 7:00 a.m. on February 17, and stole bathroom fixtures totaling over \$6,200.
- Residential burglaries occurred between 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the 100 block of West Floral and 1100 block of Greenfield. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the homes, ransacked rooms, and stole cash, jewelry, and Rolex watches. The losses at both locations were over \$20,000.

Tuesday, March 15:

- Officers were dispatched to the 00 block of Diamond around 10:40 a.m. in reference to an attempted suicide. A distraught 16-year-old female slashed her wrist several times with a knife, causing minor injuries. She was transported to a nearby hospital for evaluation.
- A security guard witnessed an auto burglary around 11:43 p.m. at the CVS parking lot, 1401 South Baldwin. A male Hispanic, 18-25 years of age, smashed a car window and stole a designer purse and its contents. The suspect was seen fleeing in a gold Jeep Cherokee driven by another suspect. The total reported loss was about \$1,900.

Wednesday, March 16:

- Around 5:10 p.m., loss prevention personnel from the H&M store located at Westfield Mall advised that they had detained three African-American suspects for theft. They worked in concert to remove security tags and to conceal merchandise in their purse/backpack. Stolen property from Cotton On, Forever 21, and Old Navy were also recovered. Private persons' arrests were made, and an 18-year-old female, 15-year-old female, and a 17-year-old male were taken into custody for commercial burglary and conspiracy to commit crime.
- Units responded to the 500 block of Sharon around 7:38 p.m. regarding a theft that occurred at Pavilions between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. An unknown suspect took the victim's wallet from her purse while she was shopping. The suspect then made over \$20,000 in unauthorized purchases at Westfield Mall, and a sales associate from one of the stores described the suspect as a female Hispanic.

Thursday, March 17:

- Between 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 1700 block of Oakwood. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house by smashing a window. The suspect(s) then ransacked rooms and stole cash, jewelry, and designer watches for a reported loss of over \$100,000.
- Shortly after 11:30 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Holly and Lemon for an equipment violation. A record check revealed that the driver was on parole for a weapon's violation and he also had a parolee-at-large warrant for his arrest. A 25-year-old male Hispanic was arrested and during the booking process, a baggie of methamphetamine was found in his pocket.

Friday, March 18:

- Between 12:46 a.m. and 1:57 a.m., four individuals were arrested for driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. A 22-year-old female Caucasian was arrested at Live Oak and Louise; a 28-year-old male Caucasian was arrested at First and Haven; a 24-year-old male Hispanic was arrested at First and Huntington; a 21-year-old female Caucasian was arrested at Huntington and La Cadena.
- Units responded to Highland Oaks Elementary School, 10 Virginia, around 3:13 p.m. in reference to a theft. A teacher left her purse in an unlocked classroom and when she returned she discovered that her wallet was missing. When she was cancelling her credit cards, she was informed that an unauthorized \$75 purchase was made at the Walmart store in Monrovia. The victim later learned that an unidentified male African-American was seen walking around the school during the time of the incident.

Saturday, March 19:

- Around 6:49 p.m., an automated license plate reader alerted officers to a vehicle that had a warrant attached to it. A traffic stop was conducted at Peck and Randolph and a 42-year-old male Hispanic was taken into custody for outstanding warrants totaling over \$61,000.
- Between 7:00 p.m. and 7:20 p.m., an auto burglary occurred at 251 North Santa Anita. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and stole a cell phone, iPod, and wallet.

## Spring Kids Retreat!

The Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a Spring Kids Retreat at the Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Ave. This camp is open to elementary school age children in grades 1-5 and provides a safe, supervised, kid friendly retreat during spring vacation. The dates are April 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm. The cost is \$20.00 per day. Children can attend the full week or just come have fun on chosen days. The camp is filled with fun group activities including crafts, cooking, board games, movies, snacks and more. Supervision is generally on a ratio of one Recreation Leader for each group of 10 children. Groups will be organized by age and grade level. To register 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, print out the registration form to fax or mail in or come by our office, 375 Campus Drive. Any questions, please call 626.574.5113.

## You're the Detective in this Story: Genealogy Workshop

Jack McCrea will be offering a beginning workshop for the amateur genealogist on April 9 from 1:30-3pm at the Arcadia Historical Museum. Jack, a volunteer at the Museum, has some great tips to help you find a way through the daunting process of beginning to research your family tree.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

## A Short History of the Southwest Museum

On April 21 at noon, Former Director of the Southwest Museum Jerry Selmer will be the guest speaker at this Brown Bag Lunch Talk at the Arcadia Historical Museum. Bring your lunch and dress appropriately according to weather conditions, as the talks are held outside on the Museum patio. You won't want to miss this talk about the history of the Southwest Museum!

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## Hands on History for Families:

### TAKE ME TO THAILAND

See the beauty of Thai culture and arts at the Arcadia Historical Museum on Saturday April 2 starting at 12:30 pm. The Thai Community Arts and Cultural Center will be presenting traditional Thai music and Dance performances. The performances begin promptly at 12:30 pm and will be followed by hands-on activities which include making a Thai shadow puppet. There is limited seating and attendees will be seated according to arrival time.

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## Thanks For All You Have Done



Three outstanding community members were honored at the Santa Anita Family YMCA's annual Installation and Awards dinner. Pictured with President/Chief Volunteer Officer, Kathryn Taylor (right) is Mae Doyle who received the Healthy Living Award for her contributions to the community as a volunteer exercise instructor at the Y for the past 17 years. Rudy Castellon, owner of Rudy's Mexican Restaurant in Old Town Monrovia was honored with the Social Responsibility Award for his support of The Y and the community. Not pictured, Aida Torres, Duarte Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist, who was presented with the Youth Development Award for her tireless efforts in mentoring Duarte and Monrovia youth.

## DUARTE ALL-SCHOOLS TALENT SHOW

Duarte students from kindergarten to high school are preparing to strut their stuff for the annual All-Schools Talent Show on Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Duarte Performing Arts Center.

The evening will present a variety of vocal, dance and instrumental performances. The competition gets better every year. It's a wonderful showcase for the youth of our community," said Duarte City Council member, Lois Gaston.

Judges for the competition are Marshall Jackman, former Duarte Unified School District Board member and the originator of the All-School Talent Show; Grammy nominee, Karina Nuvo; playwright, author, producer and director, Lillie Tucker; former ballet studio owner and ballerina, Courtney George; actor Nick Collins; singer, Beth Stogner; stage actor, Jason Wilde; and MAD Town Council member, Yvonne Bullock, Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, and Bradbury Mayor Dick Hale.

This year will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the graduation from Duarte High School of Francisco Martinez-Flores, a fledging musician, who died just two years later while serving his country in the Iraq war. Each year since his death, and once again this year, the All-School Talent Show will be dedicated to the memory of Lance Corporal Martinez-Flores.

The Duarte All-Schools Talent Show is sponsored by the Duarte Education Foundation, City of Duarte, Burrtec Waste, and Pro-Printing.

General admission tickets are \$5; Students and senior, \$3. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or in advance at all school sites and at the DUSD District Office located at 1635 Huntington Drive. For more information, call: 626-599-5012.

## Concerned About the Nuclear Disaster in Japan?

Many citizens have expressed concern about Japan's unfolding nuclear disaster. This information provided by emergency management officials puts current information into perspective and gives some advice on what to do (it is important to note that this information is the most up-to-date as of press time. The current situation as we know it:

- There have been three explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant which reportedly cracked the containment unit protecting it, causing large amounts of radiation to leak out. A small crew of fifty technicians at the badly damaged power plant is bravely fighting through high radiation levels and fires to contain the three reactors. The reactors have suffered a partial meltdown and crews are racing to prevent a full meltdown occurring and to stop spent uranium fuel rods from bursting into flames.

- Citizens within thirteen miles radius of the Fukushima Daiichi power plant were evacuated and 140,000 residents within a twenty mile radius have been advised to stay indoors.

- Attempts to cool the reactors with sea water continue. This is essential to prevent further explosions and meltdown from overheating.

- Excess radiation in the atmosphere has been detected as far away as 150 miles from the plant, comparable to one month of background radiation for each hour of exposure.

- A "China Syndrome" or Chernobyl type event is highly unlikely. The Chernobyl event in 1986 was caused by horrendous design flaws in the nuclear plant, compounded by a cascading series of human errors. The plant was running at many times its normal capacity at the time of the disaster, when an explosion spewed radioactive material over a large area, immediately killing 32 plant workers and fire fighters, and eventually killing about 4,000 from thyroid cancer. By contrast, in Japan, the reactors were shut down by the earthquake, averting an even worse catastrophe.

- At the federal level, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, US EPA, FEMA, and others monitor radioactive releases and manage a Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center. All the available information indicates weather conditions have taken the small amounts of radiation from the Fukushima reactors out to sea and away from the population. Given the thousands of miles between our countries, the US West Coast is not expected to experience any harmful levels of radioactivity.

- At the state level, a State Dose Assessment Center is managed by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Nuclear Emergency Response Program (NERP). Both employ health physicists with years of experience in the nuclear world going back to the 1940s.

Misconceptions and Myths:

- "All residents should all have KI." "KI" stands for potassium iodide pills, and are distributed to individuals who reside within a 10-mile radius of nuclear power plants. This includes the two active plants in California, one in Orange County, and one in San Luis Obispo County. A scenario in which residents living in the foothill communities of LA County would need KI is not realistic.

- "We need to stay inside." This is called "sheltering-in-place," and would be the recommendation if there was radioactive fallout. Some of you may remember shelters from the 1950s. It is not anticipated that any recommendations to change your normal daily activities will be forthcoming.

- "A meltdown would be catastrophic, and put us at risk." Partially true. A meltdown would be catastrophic for Japan, but would not affect us. A meltdown - unlikely as it is - means that the temperature would rise such that the reactor core would melt and fall into the ground, and be contained there. Our risk would not increase.

- "Explosions have occurred, putting us at risk from fallout." Yes, explosions have occurred and radioactive material has been released, but it is isolated to the local area around the reactor. These have been explosions outside of the reactor core, within the containment buildings. As long as cooling is successful, and the reactor itself does not explode from heat and gas buildup, there should be not massive release of radioactive material into the atmosphere. Even if there was, our distance from the blast would serve to protect us. Chernobyl fallout reached into Russia, and as far away as France, but not nearly as far as we are from Japan.

What should we be doing?

As always, stay informed. New agencies have excellent coverage, but the BBC has the best and most up-to-date source of news available. (Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-12732015> for an excellent Question and Answer document)

The California Department of Public Health has established a public information response line at their Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC), at (916) 341-3947

They are also posting information as it becomes available at: [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov) and [www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov](http://www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov).

We all should remain informed and appropriately concerned. However, one important question remains - How is your emergency earthquake plan coming along?

Based on the tragic events in Japan, the following information from the American Red Cross is provided to remind Monrovia residents of the importance related earthquake preparedness and help you plan with your emergency earthquake plan.

How can I prepare?

- Become aware of fire evacuation and earthquake plans for all of the buildings you occupy regularly.

- Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you.

- Practice drop, cover and hold on in each safe place. If you do not have sturdy furniture to hold on to, sit on the floor next to an interior wall and cover your head and neck with your arms.

- Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by each person's bed.

- Make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation.

- Bolt and brace water heaters and gas appliances to wall studs.

- Bolt bookcases, china cabinets and other tall furniture to wall studs.

- Hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors, away from beds, couches and anywhere people sleep or sit.

- Brace overhead light fixtures.

- Install strong latches or bolts on cabinets. Large or heavy items should be closest to the floor.

- Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home and keep a wrench handy for that purpose.

- Learn about your area's seismic building standards and land use codes before you begin new construction.

- Keep and maintain an emergency supplies kit in an easy-to-access location.

What should I do during an earthquake?

If you are inside when the shaking starts:

- Drop, cover and hold on. Move as little as possible.

- If you are in bed, stay there, curl up and hold on. Protect your head with a pillow.

- Stay away from windows to avoid being injured by shattered glass.

- Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. If you must leave the building after the shaking stops, use stairs rather than an elevator in case there are aftershocks, power outages or other damage.

- Be aware that fire alarms and sprinkler systems frequently go off in buildings during an earthquake, even if there is no fire.

If you are outside when the shaking starts:

- Find a clear spot and drop to the ground. Stay there until the shaking stops (away from buildings, power lines, trees, streetlights).

- If you are in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location and stop. Avoid bridges, overpasses and power lines if possible. Stay inside with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then, drive carefully, avoiding bridges and ramps that may have been damaged.

- If a power line falls on your vehicle, do not get out. Wait for assistance.

- If you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be alert for falling rocks and other debris. Landslides are often triggered by earthquakes.

What do I do after an earthquake?

After an earthquake, the disaster may continue. Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks, landslides or even a tsunami. Tsunamis are often generated by earthquakes.

- Each time you feel an aftershock, drop, cover and hold on. Aftershocks frequently occur minutes, days, weeks and even months following an earthquake.

- Check yourself for injuries and get first aid, if necessary, before helping injured or trapped persons.

- Put on long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects.

- Look quickly for damage in and around your home and get everyone out if your home is unsafe.

- Listen to a portable, battery operated or hand crank radio for updated emergency information and instructions.

- Check the telephones in your home or workplace to see if you can get a dial tone. Make brief calls to report life threatening emergencies.

- Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake.

- Clean up spilled medications, bleach, gasoline or other flammable liquids immediately.

- Open closet and cabinet doors carefully as contents may have shifted.

- Help people who require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or disabled.

- Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and stay out of damaged areas.

- Keep animals under your direct control.

- Stay out of damaged buildings.

- If you were away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so. Use extreme caution and examine walls, floors, doors, staircases and windows to check for damage.

- Be careful when driving after an earthquake and anticipate traffic light outages.

For more information on disaster preparedness, to review information on disaster supplies or to find out how you can assist the disaster recovery efforts please visit the American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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## GAYLE BLUEMEL PREPARES TO SAY SO LONG

*A familiar face and outstanding leader plans to retire* By Susan Henderson

Sierra Madre School principal Gayle Bluemel will be leaving at the end of this school year. This sad news was announced to parents earlier this week.

Many parents immediately began passing the word via email and facebook. One parent summed it up best, *"My sadness is for our loss of a truly remarkable Administrator who has not only upheld the highest of standards for excellence at our school but also found a way to interweave the arts into the fabric of our school culture. I also celebrate with her the myriad of possibilities she has ahead of her as she enters the next phase of her abundantly full life."*

Bluemel, who tendered her official resignation on March 22, 2011, has been with the Pasadena Unified School District for 38 years. She has been at Sierra Madre School since 1990. When Bluemel first came to SMS she worked as a 1st grade teach and worked her way to the top becoming principal of both the Upper and Lower Campuses in 2006. Sierra Madre School teaches children from Kindergarten through 8th grade and has two campuses that serve almost 1,000 students.

Sierra Madre School during Bluemel's tenure as Principal, has maintained steadily improving and very high Academic Performance Index (API) scores. The score, on a scale of 200 to 1,000, annually measures the academic performance and progress of individual schools in California. The state has set 800 as the API score that schools should strive to meet. For the 2009-2010 school year, SMS has an API of 898, the highest in the PUSD.

Of her retirement, PUSD Superintendent Edwin Diaz says, *"Gayle consistently ensures the delivery of powerful instruction in every classroom, and always puts students first; she has built an incredible team with the staff at both schools, and is engaged with parents at all times. The fruits of her labor are evident in continually rising test and API scores, awards, and accolades from all stakeholders. She will be sorely missed by the Sierra Madre school family and the entire PUSD community."*

Known not only for her commitment to students and the fact that she made communicating with the parents a priority, Bluemel was also a 'participating leader'. She could be seen every month accompanying students at their "Spotlight Assemblies", playing the piano and often directing the musical selections. Recently, she played for the 3rd grade students at Sierra Madre's first citywide State of the City Address. She also supported school and community fundraising activities with her band, "The Late Bloomers".



Principal Bluemel at the SMS School Auction last year, interacting with the community.

Photo courtesy www.sierramadrenews.net

Those who have had the opportunity to see Gayle in action know that she has some pretty big shoes to fill. According to the Superintendent's office, the selection process has not been completely defined yet. However, Diaz office has said, *"our practice when filling principal positions has been to involve the community in identifying the desired characteristics of the new principal and serving on interview panels to ensure that the principal is a good fit for the school community."*

Bluemel's departure along with that of Superintendent Diaz will surely present a new challenge for the PUSD in the coming school year.



the same treatment as me. Not to say that other kids aren't as loved or remembered as us, but for some reason it seems that people who have birthdays on or near holidays seem more celebrated. I personally am horrible at remembering birthdays. I don't mean it to offend anyone, I just am. I try, but for some reason, certain dates just don't stick in my mind like others. I can remember my older stepsister Melissa's because she shares a birthday with Dr. Seuss and Bon Jovi, but not my younger stepsister's whose is in early October.

It was interesting when I discovered this about myself because I am usually a perceptive person; the first to notice a new haircut or pair of shoes. Why then can I not remember the day someone was born – the celebration of their existence unless it's near a holiday? I think it is partially because in my subconscious I get excited when people have "holiday birthdays" like me, and therefore I put a post-it in my mental calendar. I also think it's because not many people are born on a holiday, or near a holiday, so when it is their birthday I have a sort of reminder to celebrate.

I don't mean to be a party-pooper or rain on anyone's birthday parade; I'm just not good with dates or birthdays. So for all I you I bid you a Happy Birthday!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY?

Last week on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, I celebrated my seventeenth birthday. I was bombarded at school with cookies, brownies and cupcakes from friends and fellow classmates who were all sporting the festive green attire. Three days prior, it was my friend Kyle's birthday, Pi day (3-14), and he received

## Senator Huff to Host Education Reform Summit

*Summit to Focus on Reforms That Best Serve California Students*

Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) will host an Education Reform Summit next Thursday, March 31st on the Citrus College Campus in Glendora. The Summit, which will feature a number of guest speakers, will focus on education options and reforms that best serve the needs of California students.

The Education Reform Summit will be held at the Louis E. Zellers for Innovation Community Room C1 159, on the campus of Citrus College at 1000 Foothill Blvd. in Glendora. The summit will run from 6:00-8:00 PM. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

"I believe in and promote reforms that serve the best interests and needs of California schoolchildren," said Senator Huff. "That's why I've introduced education measures this year to reform teacher tenure and increase transparency when it comes to how our

school districts use California tax dollars."

The Education Reform Summit will feature a number of guest speakers. They include Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Superintendent John Deasy, who will serve as the Key-note Speaker. Other guests include former State Senator Gloria Romero, Citrus College President Dr. Geraldine Perri and Riverside Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Rick Miller.

"This summit is open to students, parents of students and all others interested in the future of education in California," said Senator Huff. "There will be a roundtable discussion of education options and reforms that will include questions from the audience."

To RSVP for the Education Reform Summit, please contact Senator Huff's District Office at (909) 598-3981.

## "Turmoil Within"/"The Heart of the Matter"



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to Sunday worship during Lent. Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches at the 9:15 traditional



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## PUSD REOPENS ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR 2011 – 2012 SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

## CHARTER AMENDMENT TASK FORCE

The PUSD Board of Education invites applications for the 9-member Charter Amendment Task Force that will study changing the selection method for Members of the Board of Education from the current at-large method of election to district-based elections. Task Force applications are due on April 15. Information and applications are attached, and also available at [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us)

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The server (and let's pray this is your common experience) is spending a majority of their time with you, forsaking other tables. Having one large party doesn't lend the server the opportunity to accept other, or very few additional tables. It is an insurance policy set forth by the restaurants. They insure that the server will earn their 18%, thus assuring a generous tip for their staff. As for separate checks, I have routinely found that restaurants will let you utilize this measure if it isn't busy, but if it is busy, the allowance of the act becomes the server's worse nightmare.

Imagine a party of 8, at the end of the meal, "Please divide the check four ways, and please figure out party 'A's' bill, because they drank more than us." The server now goes back to the computer and sifts through all of the various items and you have now left the expertise of a

server at that point and entered the world of logistical mathematics. If the server was able to administer to other tables in the restaurant, they now become acutely aware that their smiling food and drink magician has vanished. Many managers will gladly waive the 18% if you aren't satisfied with the server's performance.

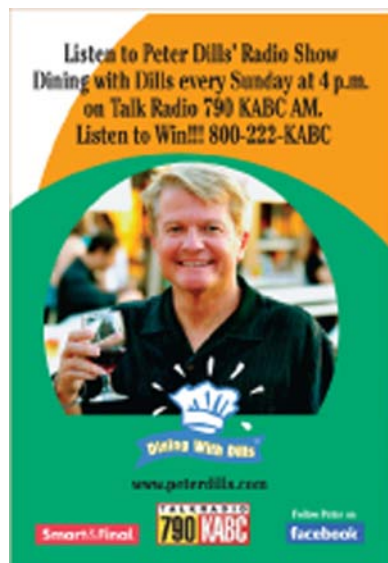
Just some food for thought, and the bill.

I have to tell you, I am so impressed when a server or bartender remembers my name, and when they remember my drink as well, I am floored. I stopped over at Smitty's in Pasadena the other night and I haven't been there in months. A reassuring voice greets me, "Hey Peter, how are you, cold glass of bubbly?" Now that is service. Hats off to Patrick!!! I may call you to find my keys.

*Speaking of....*

This week starts the Pasadena Restaurant week. Visit your local eatery for plated bargains and full course meals. Take the opportunity to seat yourself in a restaurant you have never been.

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## Savor The Flavor Customers Step Up to Taste Test Potential New Products for Gourmet Food Shop

Photo and Story by Chris Bertrand



Savor the Flavor patrons answered the email call for taste testers for Friday's event. The gourmet food shop on Kersting Court in Sierra Madre just received its first batch of tasting samples from the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade (NASFT).

Mother and daughter team, Karen Keegan and Madeleine Romo invited their patrons to evaluate potential products to carry in the shop, and to forward the consumer responses back to the trade group.

The group tried Thai soup, cherry balsamic vinegar, masala Indian spice products, apple granola, hummus chips and key lime truffles. The first group put the hummus chips, the balsamic and the Key lime truffles at the top of the list.

To sign up for news of future taste test events and other foodie news, visit [www.SavorTheFlavor.net](http://www.SavorTheFlavor.net)

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Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

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

SUN. 3/20 - 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. 3/20 - ANNUAL WISTARIA FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE, 9am - 5pm. Arts & crafts fair, food booths, tons of live music and purple blossoms! ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW, HORSES ON ASTROTURE, ? AND THE WISTARIANS, LEN MENDOZA, DAVE SHELTON and many more. I drove by the world-famous vine today and I think it's going to be a great bloom this year.

SUN. 3/20 - "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. 3/22 - "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: Brooke Williams, Jeffrey Michaels, and Sweet Potatoes. <http://www.jchyke.com/>

WED. 3/23 - 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)

FRI. 3/25 - 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.

FRI. 3/25 - SWING DANCE PARTY with FLAT TOP TOM & HIS JUMPCATS @ CAFE 322, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, dance floor.

SUN. 3/27 - "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!

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WED. 3/30 - 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)

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Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. *This is show biz, after all...* Hope to see you out & about, SierraMadreSue [sierramadresue@yahoo.com](mailto:sierramadresue@yahoo.com)

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REVIEWS:  
HELIOSCOPE

A helioscope is "a telescope for viewing the sun, adapted to protect the eye of the viewer from the sun's glare." The Leeds five-piece band, Vessels have developed their own auricular version. Their latest record, Helioscope, feels like you're staring directly into the sun because the intensity keeps on escalating to unparalleled heights. A harrowing, beautifully intrepid, and enormously intoxicating album has been graced upon us in the form of Vessels' sophomore compilation.

Kicking things off is "Monoform", a multi-layered, wall-to-wall sounding juggernaut of a track. Monumental in every way, this song is enthralling from beginning to end. Next up is the "The Trap", not nearly as tumultuous and aggressive as the first track, but melodic and structured in a well-balanced fashion. It isn't until the last minute of the song where it dips slightly into stentorian territory. Much of the album comes in the shape of aggrandizing instrumental crescendos. There are many aspects to Vessel's latest oeuvre that share similarities to other post-rock experimental bands such as Explosions in the Sky and Mogwai. However, these Brits are no imitators and have produced such an idyllic, evocative residence that's very uniquely their own style. Only a few tracks demonstrate lead singer Stuart Warwick's tranquil vocals. The real highlight is from "Meatman, Piano Tuner, Prostitute", which the vocals exceptionally bear a resemblance to Thom Yorke from Radiohead. This standout gem has the capacity of transcending your mind, body, heart, and soul to supreme bliss. Vessels clearly defines a loud and significant statement with their latest release. Let's be honest here, they don't make songs like this anymore.

Sorrowful and serene, yet energetic and piercing in moments, Helioscope is one unpredictable voyage you'll want to take multiple times. So much is to be discovered with repeated listens that one will find themselves floating through a cloud nine, atmospheric, awe-inspiring wonderland. Your emotions will undoubtedly be running rapid and wild. Helioscope is a massively intense and stimulating piece of work that's stunningly original and arousing. Strap on your seatbelt, take a deep breath, and be ready to embrace the most unexpected ride of your newly suggested music discovery.

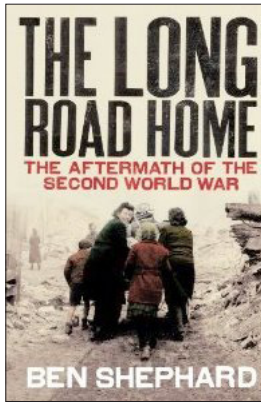
Grade: 8.5 out of 10

Key Tracks: "The Trap", "Meatman, Piano Tuner, Prostitute", "All Our Ends"

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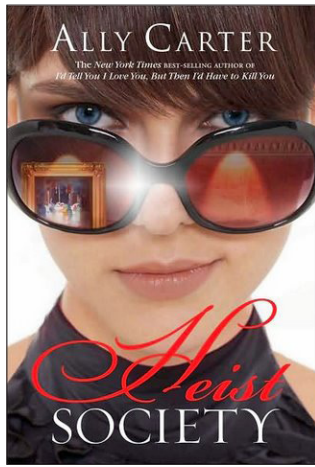
The Long Road Home: The Aftermath of the Second World War by Ben Shephard

At the end of World War 1, the millions killed on the battlefields were eclipsed by the millions more civilians carried off by disease and starvation when the conflict was over. Haunted by memories, the Allies were determined that the end of World War II would not be followed by a similar disaster, and they began to lay plans long before victory was assured. Confronted by an entire continent starving and uprooted, Allied planners devised strategies to help all 'displaced persons', and repatriate the millions of Latvians, Poles, Ukrainians, Jews, Yugoslavs, etc. in addition to several hundred thousand Germans. Including new documentation in the form of journals, oral histories, and essays by actual DPs unearthed during his research for this illuminating and radical reassessment of history Shephard brings to light the extraordinary stories of the war experienced by the refugees. This is the true and epic story of how millions ultimately found relief, reconciliation and a place to call home.



Heist Society by Ally Carter

For Grades 6-10. Author of the bestselling spy series "Gallagher Girls," Ally Carter has another hit with "Heist Society." Main character Katarina Bishop is away at boarding school and trying to have a regular life. Fortunately for readers, there's a twist: She comes from a family of professional thieves. When her father is accused of stealing some paintings, a crime he didn't really commit, the gutsy teen decides to embrace her past. Katarina ditches school (she was kicked out, actually), plots an Ocean's Eleven like plan, and flies off to Europe to save her family. This is a thoroughly enjoyable adventure, and the details of thieving tools and techniques, lavish settings, and cast of great characters, including possible spies and love interests, all add texture and depth to the action. Heist Society mixes classic elements of adolescence into a high-stakes escapade.



RICH Johnson



USEFUL NEW WORDS

Languages are not static parts of society and culture. They are fluid. Words come and go, find use and then are dropped as they become obsolete and vanish. I remember an opportunity to view an 1898 edition of Webster's Dictionary (1898!). So, just for yucks I looked up the word "computer" to see if it was in our vernacular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. And folks, it was!! Can you guess the definition of "computer" in 1898? Easy: "One who computes."

Some suggestions for additions to our language have crossed my desk and I thought I would include them for your perusal. The ones we like we will try to include in the next edition of Webster's.

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| Intoxication:         | Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to begin with. |
| Shindig, (n.)         | The dent you leave when you walk into a piece of furniture.                                      |
| Bozone, (n.)          | An invisible substance that surrounds stupid people stopping bright ideas from penetrating.      |
| Cannibal, (n.)        | Someone who is fed up with people.                                                               |
| Portly, (n. )         | A left handed person in the Navy.                                                                |
| Giraffiti:            | Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.                                                         |
| Improper, (n.)        | Someone who ropesimps.                                                                           |
| Inoculate':           | Taking coffee intravenously when you are running late.                                           |
| Pantry, (n.)          | A place where you put pants.                                                                     |
| Decaffalon, (n.)      | Getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.                             |
| Glibido:              | All talk and no action                                                                           |
| Dopeler Effect,       | The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you quickly.                      |
| Beelzebug, (n.)       | Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at 3am and cannot be cast out.      |
| Coffee, (n.)          | The person upon whom one coughs.                                                                 |
| Flabbergasted, (adj.) | Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.                                          |
| Abdiccate, (v.)       | To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.                                               |
| Esplanade, (v.)       | To attempt an explanation while drunk.                                                           |
| Lymph, (v.)           | To walk with a lisp.                                                                             |
| Gargoyle, (n.)        | Olive-flavored mouthwash                                                                         |
| Balderdash, (n.)      | A rapidly receding hairline.                                                                     |
| Testicle, (n.)        | A humorous question on an exam.                                                                  |
| Pokemon, (n.)         | A Rastafarian proctologist.                                                                      |
| Oyster, (n.)          | A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.                                        |

I made a couple of glaring errors in last weeks column. (So, what else is new?) I misspelled the names of two employees of Mary's Market. First, Connie's real name is Concetta not Conchita. The difference is Italian as opposed to Hispanic. My apologies to Concetta (hey, she might be Sicilian.) And John aka Giovanni is really Jonathan aka Giovanni. Carolyn is still Carolyn and not Mary.

# Legal Notices

## Mountain Views News Saturday, March 26, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0422968

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 123 BRAZILVISA.COM BEST SERVICE; SHARING INVESTMENT COMMUNITY, 8484 WILSHIRE BLVD, STE 220, CARLY HILLS, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY ROGERS, 1961 ARGYLE AVE. #9, HOLLYWOOD, CA 90068. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY ROGERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JULY 2006. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0430917

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 4 PARTY 12210 S. MENLO AVE., L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YVONNE R. JONES, 12210 S. MENLO AVE., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YVONNE R. JONES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0429311

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CULINARY JUNKIES; ALL-AMERICAN REAL ESTATE ADVISORS, 1510 S. HAYWORTH AVE., L.A., CA 90035. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) L.L.-AMERICAN VENTURES, INC., 1510 S. HAYWORTH AVE., L.A. 90035. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MICHAEL J. MURRAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0423486

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LEMON TREE INN, 1700 GILLETTE RD., POMONA, CA 91768. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) L F MOTEL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, 1700 GILLETTE RD., POMONA, CA 91768. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CHERIE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0416032

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RELAX AND RELIEVE MOBILE SPA SERVICES, 1049 MARTIN L KING JR AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEXIS E. CARTER, 1049 MARTIN L KING JR AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEXIS E. CARTER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/18/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0423746

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RIPLE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, 24248 BRENSHAW BLVD, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NORMAN S. NORA, 911 WEYMOUTH AVE., SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NORMAN S. NORA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0443936

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: S.G.V. HANDYMAN SERVICES, 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCOTT MONROE SMITH, 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SCOTT MONROE SMITH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0437473

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STOSERVICES, 14829 E. FLANNER ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) J. SANTOS VILLARRAL, 14829 E. FLANNER ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: J. SANTOS VILLARRAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/23/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0444740

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEJIVE CONSULTING SERVICES, 1836 SAN BERNARDINO AVE., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE RAUL RODRIGUEZ, 1836 SAN BERNARDINO AVE., POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAUL RODRIGUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/11. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0386933

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VICTORY V TRADING, 4200 W. CHEVY CHASE DR., L.A., CA 90039. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LORIS MATEVOSEYAN, 1030 NASSAU AVE., SUNLAND, CA 91040. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LORIS MATEVOSEYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/14/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/11. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 16, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0407465

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALIMENTACION Y MASA, 15753 POCONO ST.,

LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL NEVAREZ, 15744 POCONO ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL NEVAREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0401853

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELL SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY, 17655 CLARK AVE. UNIT A, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CALVIN NGUYEN, 9581 BOLSA AVE. #67, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CALVIN NGUYEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0387598

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRANKLIN L. BROWN, 5401-A S. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO DIEGO ANTONIO, 5408 S. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANCISCO DIEGO ANTONIO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/14/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/07/11. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-039531

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HOME CENTRE ESCROW, 19344 STEFANI AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOMECENTRE REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE, INC., 19344 STEFANI AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DUANE E. WHITE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/15/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/08/2003. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0393807

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAGGIE'S BEAUTY AND GIFT SUPPLIES AND FLOWERS, 608 39th ST., L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OLIVIA XOCHITECATL, 5513 S. SAN PEDRO ST., L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OLIVIA XOCHITECATL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/15/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0394391

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PARADISE, VERMONT, L.A., CA 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PARADIS DANISH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, 880 N. ALAMEDA ST. #526W, L.A., CA 90012. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARK PEDERSEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/15/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0387373

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SWEET CAFE, 8839 W. VALLEY BLVD., ROSIEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LE HUE DIEP, 2626 S. MAUREN ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91793. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LE HUE DIEP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/14/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0409903

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE COMMERCIAL SOUND SPECIALISTS, 2892 N. BELLFLOWER BLVD. STE 398, LONG BEACH, CA 90801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUANITA ORTIZ, 131 S. BARRANCA AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. GABRIELLA LOPEZ, 3223 HEATHER RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90801. This Business is conducted by: A PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ALFREDO LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/17/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/01/11. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0392920

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: USA OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR AND GATES, 1910 SWAN DR., COSTA MESA, CA 92626. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NEVINE BROOKS, 1910 SWAN DR., COSTA MESA, CA 92626. LANCE A. PROMNICK, 357 S. DOHENY DR., BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: NEVINE BROOKS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 26, April 02, 09, 2011

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0401854

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: BELL, ONLYFLOW, 17655 CLARK AVE. UNIT A, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/22/09, in the county of Los Angeles. The original date of filing was 03/04/11. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2011. The business information that was registered is incorrect. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: THINH V LE, OWNER.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 11-0432220

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHINA BOY EXPRESS BAKERY; ROBERT FUNG CONSTRUCTION CO., 1509 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT FUNG, ANNA FUNG, 600 N. 18th ST., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: ROBERT FUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/04/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/02/04. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

### BEHIND THE MASK



Last night, my wife, son, and son's girl friends attended the retirement party of an old friend of ours. After 37 years as a cop, Roxanna was retiring and was being honored by a couple of hundred really brave people who described her exploits and achievements. As they spoke, a video ran depicting her in the midst of various death defying adventures. The whole evening was kind of unbelievable as she, a retiring watch-commander and Sheriff's Lieutenant, was described as a strict taskmaster, a meticulous disciplinarian, a single mother of three beautiful kids, and a rock for other police personnel to lean on. Contrast this with the fact that even after thirty-plus years as a sworn officer, my friend still is a beautiful girl, five feet two or so, maybe 110 pounds, shoulder length blonde hair and a generally and pretty constant sweet personality. Beneath this congenial persona lies a complex, many-layered individual who, like all of us, reveals different levels of identity to others and to herself.

Multi-faceted layers are an integral part of the description of awareness contained within the book *The Social Animal* by David Brooks. This book, with which I am presently obsessed, is a discussion of the complete dominance of the unconscious over what most of us think of as our rational mind. We, as individuals, attempt to hide our lack of understanding and control from other people by wearing a series of masks designed to portray ourselves as dictators of our own life. In fact, Brooks more than suggests, these masks are designed more to fool ourselves than to fool others. Perhaps all there is are masks, pretense, all the way down. Brooks cites Franz Kafka, one of my all-time favorites, as saying, "How pathetically scant my self-knowledge is compared with say, my knowledge of my room. There is no such thing as observation from the inner world, as there is of the outer world." Invariably our actions are something very different from what we think of as our values and are completely independent of whatever resolutions we might make.

Now let me try and cobble this thing together. My friend masquerades as a cute, sweet blonde girl. I first met her in 1975 when she and her then-boyfriend moved in next door to me on the fourth floor of an apartment building in a pretty rough part of Venice, California. They were dropouts, about half my age and one night invited me to play Scrabble with them. At this time in my confused

life I had just left my first wife and two children under the age of three, and was living in an almost empty two room studio apartment doing nothing but going to work, reading Kafka, and listening to despairing country-music. I was holding on to my job as a Legal Aid attorney and part-time Law School instructor but I had lost the knack of falling asleep and spent nights wandering around and being pretty miserable. One of my few attributes was that I had never lost at Scrabble and, when Roxie and her friend offered to play me, I was pleased at the thought of avoiding myself for an hour or so. How long could it take to beat these kids? They killed me game after game and we all got a kick out of it. After Scrabble, at about three in the morning, we headed to the beach and hit the swings. That's when I first realized that Roxie had another identity: she could fly. They thought I was some kind of College Professor and I thought they were hippie drop-outs, and yet the Scrabble results showed us that life was different from what we had expected. What is relevant about this past is that it was a time that enabled us to see ourselves differently and to shake off some of our old identities. I really wasn't some betrayed, tragic figure, intelligent, alone and depressed. I was a temporarily displaced father who really wasn't that intelligent but was tough enough to gain custody of his kids and who had enough support from his new-found friends to make it work. I like to think, and actually believe that it's true, that I was of some help to my friend. We started scuba classes together, airplane lessons, and I helped her learn to drive a stick. Over the years we have hung together. My profession allowed me to be of some help to her after she sustained a work-related injury and her profession was instrumental in saving my life. Twenty some years ago I became lost in the mountains and she was connected to the Search and Rescue Team that found me, drenched and suffering in a thunderstorm at four a.m. Maybe it's always a lucky break to have a friend that is a lawyer but in my case it was even a luckier break to have a friend that is a cop and who knows what she is doing. Wow!

All right! Now we're in a new phase. Retirement. More mask-lifting. What am I going to do? What do I want to do? Certainly, I can't figure it out. The best I can do is get-out-of-my own way and notice what I like doing and let my unconscious guide me. I guess it will anyway but I do have a choice about trying to hold on to what is gone versus being more accepting of what is emerging. We'll see. The unconscious will be our guide.

## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### Afghanistan: The Straw That Is Breaking Our Backs

#### Traumatic Brain Injury Cases on the Rise

The statistics of veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) are alarming. Consequently, the United States is facing a growing public health problem. According to the RAND report, since October 2001, roughly 1.64 million troops have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Of the total number deployed, 19.5% of them have experienced a TBI. This means that approximately 320,000 troops have sustained some type of TBI during deployment. The United States' continued involvement in the conflict in Afghanistan suggests that the number of troops sustaining TBI will continue to grow. The projected lifetime treatment costs of these injuries are \$35 billion. The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center confirm the growing incidence of TBI and suggest that the prevalence may be even higher than the official statistics. This increased occurrence is because of the pervasive use of the signature weapon of the war: the improvised explosive device.

Traumatic brain injury causes temporary - and often permanent - changes in physical, cognitive and behavioral functioning. Everyday tasks like getting washed and dressed, eating, walking, cooking, cleaning, managing a home, and going back to work become difficult and often frustrating to perform. The standard of care for these individuals is an intensive, multidisciplinary approach along a continuum of services. These begin with treatment in the intensive care unit, extend into acute rehabilitation settings, and broaden to include community-based services. However, many persons with TBI do not fully recover and experience persistent cognitive, physical and behavioral limitations that interfere with their ability to live independently in the community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirm that "at least 5.3 million Americans currently have long-term or lifelong needs for help to perform activities of daily living as a result of TBI." It can therefore be presumed that many of the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen injured at war will require lifelong services to safely and effectively re-integrate into the community and contribute to society.

The number of TBI community

based programs is limited and the need for them is critical. The Brain Injury Association of America pleads that it is the time to "expand cooperative relationships to avoid treatment delays, unnecessary high levels of disability, and greater taxpayer burden in the years to come." Civilian and military personnel are faced with the challenge of identifying, developing, and implementing these necessary services. United States citizens are urged to identify solutions and ameliorate the unmet needs of injured military personnel with ongoing limitations related to TBI. Hence, the question remains: Who will care for the injured Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen with long term needs? Where will they go to find the appropriate level of care, in the least restrictive environment? What will happen to them once parents, spouses and families are unable to care for their loved ones due to age or fatigue? Will they be able to maintain the sense of camaraderie and community with fellow servicemen? Where can they go to live purposeful and satisfying lives with people who honor and appreciate their service and sacrifice to America?

If you care about this growing problem, please check out the following citations and sources - and if you find other good ones, please let us know.

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# LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

## HOWARD Hays



### As I See It

I feel guilty when submitting my column right at, or after, the deadline - though Susan hasn't gotten on my case about it (yet). It's not always procrastination; dealing with current events, each additional hour might

bring news which transforms the topic.

Colleague Greg Wellborn might've been a bit premature in writing last week that President Obama "didn't lift a finger" in helping oust Moammar Qadhafi in Libya, or that Qadhafi "has likely by now recaptured much of the rebel capital". Maybe Greg was unaware that U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice was then getting a no-fly zone resolution through the Security Council, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was conferring with allies and regional opposition leaders, and President Obama was authorizing the positioning of warships and other assets in the Mediterranean.

It seems premature to submit an opinion column while partisan positions remain unclear. On Libya, Congressional critics of President Obama include Progressive Caucus members as well as Tea Party favorites.

There's still no clarity in Republican talking points. Some complained the president "wasn't doing anything". Then, after he did something, there were complaints he should've conferred more, explained actions better, defined objectives, whatever.

The need for a coherent partisan position was addressed by Republican Pollster Frank Luntz, who warned, "I can imagine the line that opens the presidential debate on foreign policy: 'Six presidents have talked about getting rid of Qadhafi. Six presidents talked. One president acted.'" This lack of coherence is reflected in our relationship with Libya over the past forty years.

Qadhafi in the 1970s pushed oil embargos as a means of weakening support for Israel, sent arms to the Provisional IRA as "punishment" for Britain, embraced Uganda's Idi Amin and broadcast the hangings and mutilations of dissidents on Libyan television.

In the 1980s, Qadhafi applauded the assassination of Egypt's Anwar Sadat and the massacres at Rome and Vienna airports, and in 1986 bombed a West Berlin nightclub with 3 killed and over 200 injured. In response, President Reagan targeted Qadhafi's compound in Tripoli, killing several of his military officers. Qadhafi responded to Reagan's response by bombing Pan Am 103 over Scotland with 270 killed. President Clinton responded by pursuing the bombers and enforcing U.N. embargos isolating Libya.

President Bush responded by deferring to Vice-President Dick Cheney's observation that "The good Lord didn't see fit to put oil and gas only where there are democratic regimes friendly to the United States." It was arranged for Qadhafi to forswear development of nuclear weapons, though he wasn't really developing any. Embargos would be lifted and relations restored, though Cheney's company Halliburton had maintained relations and ignored the embargos anyway. A culprit in the Pan Am bombing was released from prison because of a terminal illness, but miraculously

recovered upon returning to a hero's welcome in Tripoli. Qadhafi morphed from the "mad dog" described by President Reagan to "a model" for other leaders as described by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Relative to recent history, President Obama's explanations of our country's actions and objectives have been refreshingly clear. (It's fitting his comments came during a trade mission to Brazil, Chile and El Salvador - countries that emerged from U.S.-imposed dictatorships to become democratic allies.)

On March 17, as Qadhafi referred to dissidents as "cockroaches", pledged to "cleanse Libya house by house" and "show no mercy" to the people of Benghazi, U.N. Ambassador Rice noted that "Qadhafi and those around him continue to grossly and systematically abuse the most fundamental human rights", despite imposed sanctions. U.N Resolution 1973 was passed with some abstentions, but no opposition. The matter was discussed in Senate hearings and confidential briefings.

On March 18, President Obama warned, "If Col. Qadhafi does not comply with this resolution, the international community will impose consequences. The resolution will be enforced through military action." Congressional leaders met at the White House while others joined by phone. In talks with French President Sarkozy and British P.M. Cameron, it was emphasized the resolution's aims were to force Qadhafi to pull forces back from cities, restore water and power, and allow humanitarian aid.

On March 21, the president spoke from Chile: "Our military action is in support of an international mandate from the Security Council that specifically focuses on the humanitarian threat posed by Col. Qadhafi to his people. Not only was he carrying out murders of civilians but he threatened more."

President Obama, two days after the attacks began, wrote to House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate President Pro Tem Daniel Inouye (D-HI) explaining that military actions were taken "to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe and address the threat posed to international peace and security by the crisis in Libya. . . . Their purpose is to support an international coalition as it takes all necessary measures to enforce the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973. . . . Qadhafi has forfeited his responsibility to protect his own citizens and created a serious need for immediate humanitarian assistance and protection, with any delay only putting more civilians at risk."

Nobody knows what the situation will be when this column appears, and speculation might be premature. It could be that by the end of President Obama's first term, we will have seen a transformation in the Middle East that reshapes the world to an extent not seen since the collapse of the Soviet Union a quarter-century ago.

Within six months of taking office, President Obama chose Cairo as the site of his first major foreign policy address. He declared that we "share common principles - principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings". He also warned leaders of the region that " . . . you must maintain your power through consent, not coercion."

At the time, many dismissed the speech as naive and irrelevant; that the words were nice, but the problems in the region were intractable and the ruling regimes immovable.

As I see it, such comments might've been a bit premature.

## Social Insecurity & Election Frauds

If the Republicans don't confront entitlement programs to fix our budget, they will deserve to lose the next election, but if they do confront them, they may lose anyway because there appears to be no honest broker of information to reveal the truth to voters. Despite claims to seek the truth and fairly present the issues to the American public, the mainstream media has shown itself once again more than willing to remain mute in the face of the Obama administration's cynical lie about social security. Now, it's not as though the administration is any more truthful about the other entitlement programs, like Medicare and Medicaid, it's just that the Social Security lie is so obvious.

The Obama administration's director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mr. Jack Lew, took to the pages of USA Today to inform the American public that the Social Security trust fund will remain solvent for the next 25 years and that therefore the Social Security system will not be subject to budget discussions. This is one of those times when I wish I were in politics. The ease with which otherwise-serious men can lie must make the job a walk in the park.

You see there are no real assets in the Social Security trust fund. The whole fund is an accounting gimmick. Here's what really happens to Social Security taxes and payments. When you or I pay our FICA taxes out of our paychecks, the money goes into the system, and then goes right out again in the form of benefit payments to current retirees. If there is anything left over, the Social Security administration lends the money to the U.S. Treasury to pay for other government spending. In return for lending Treasury the money, the Social Security trust fund receives an I.O.U.

So at any given moment in time, there are no real assets in the Social Security trust fund. There are just a bunch of I.O.U.s. When you and I retire, the I.O.U.s. can only be paid back by raising taxes, additional borrowings or from reductions in benefits. I suppose we could excuse the charade of there being a real trust fund with real assets being saved to meet the real obligations owed to you and me if the amount coming into the system equaled the amount going out. If, in this sense, the system were "balanced", we could excuse some amount of accounting slight of hand. But that is not the case.

As of 2010, the pay-as-you-go system went broke. That's really the only thing you can call it. As of 2010, there were more benefits being paid out of the system than there were taxes being paid into the system. Any household or business that operates in that fashion is considered broke, bust, bankrupt and kaput. The current deficit in this system is \$37 billion, and it's not going to get better.

## GREG Welborn



Based on the present payment and benefit formulas and on the continued aging of our population, it's pretty easy to see that as time marches on, there will be fewer and fewer workers contributing into the system at the same time that there will be more and more retirees drawing benefits out of the system.

Anyone who claims the system is solvent today and will be so tomorrow is simply lying, and any reporter capable of eighth grade math could figure it out. But they don't even have to do that; they can simply rely on the OMB's own statement. "The existence of large trust fund balances, therefore, does not, by itself, have any impact on the government's ability to pay benefits." "Trust fund balances do not consist of real economic assets that can be drawn down."

What makes the administration's lie so cynical is that the fix is easy. All it takes is admitting that currently promised benefits can't be fully paid, slightly raising the earliest retirement age, adjusting the inflation formula and means-testing benefits. Relatively small changes to the system would allow for it to again become a pay-as-you-go system generating a small, but healthy, surplus.

Instead, the administration would rather play politics with it. In the cynical, selfish world, which forms the basis for liberal political thought today, it is better to deny there is a problem at all, let the Republicans propose a fix, then pounce on them as heartless and uncaring, when the actual villains are those who would let the system deteriorate thereby hurting real Americans all in the pursuit of political advantage.

The most cynical aspect of all this is the calculation that the mainstream press won't lift a finger to point out the truth. There is no other way this could be. If the major networks each reported what I have just written, Americans would be honestly informed and unanimous in their demand that the necessary changes be made to deal with this problem now. The Obama administration has made its political calculation here, showing in the process that it has lost all respect for the media, confident that the mainstream press has jettisoned all remnants of journalistic integrity.

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Poorly aimed and unshielded outdoor lights are more than an annoyance. They waste more than \$2 billion (17 billion kilowatt-hours) of energy in the United States each year. Poorly shielded roadway lights are also a safety and glare hazard, especially for older citizens. Under an unpolluted sky we ought to see more than 2,000 stars, yet we see less than a hundred from many cities. The Milky Way is unknown to most city dwellers.

GLOBE at Night is an international campaign run each spring for the last six years by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona. The program invites citizen scientists to track outdoor lighting levels and submit their observations to a website from a computer or smart phone. The campaign runs March 22 through April 4 in the northern hemisphere and March 24 through April 6 in the southern hemisphere.

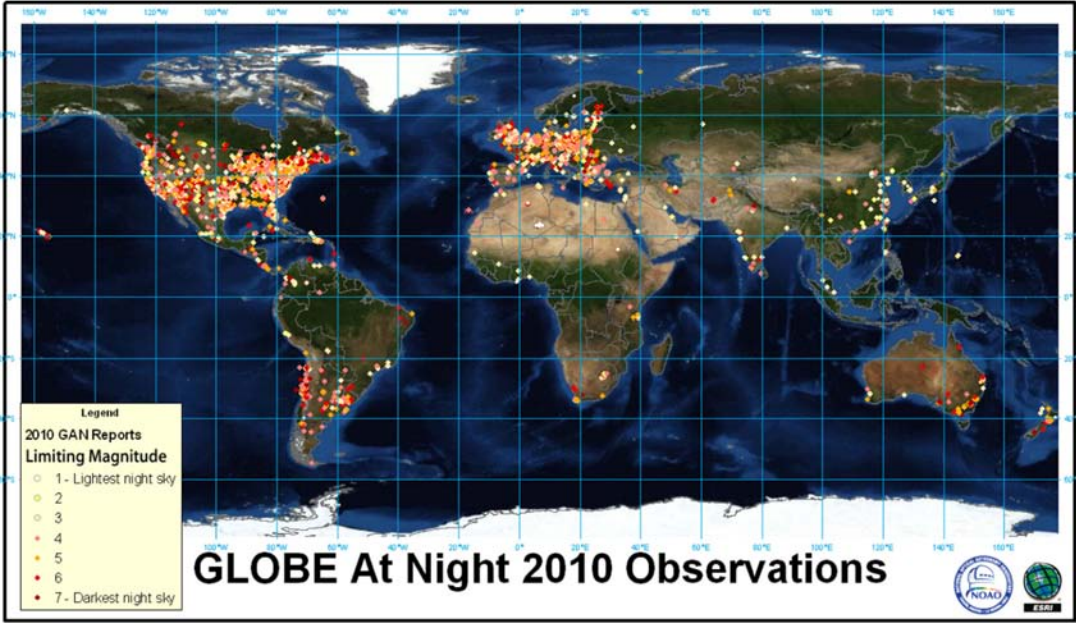
Over the last six annual 2-week campaigns, citizen scientists from more than 100 nations have contributed 61,000 measurements (see the accompanying image). The night sky brightness can be measured by anyone using a simple star map provided by the project. The measurements provide a valuable resource for teachers, scientists, city planners, and policy makers to track and address wasted light/energy issues.


“Monitoring our night sky by citizen scientists is invaluable in identifying areas where the glare of unshielded lighting may be hazardous and where energy is being wasted,” said GLOBE at Night Project Director Dr. Connie Walker of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory. “All it takes is a few minutes for a family to measure their night sky brightness by noting how many stars are missing from an easy-to-find constellation like Leo (in the northern hemisphere) or Crux (in the southern hemisphere). This tells us how much light is directed upwards into the sky.”

Across the country, people are recording the night sky brightness level in their neighborhoods. This information can be used in local decisions on how to increase safety, lower energy consumption, and protect human health—areas affected by high levels of extraneous light. These observations will also help identify parks suitable for urban “sky oases”—places that can be developed to help city dwellers appreciate the night sky from a safe, dark place.

The GLOBE at Night program motto is “Less of Our Light for More Star Light: Saving Energy, Saving Our Night Skies.” Walker feels strongly that the program is most important in cities far from telescopes and observatories. “We need to improve our outdoor lighting fixtures and practices; many of our current lights waste a tremendous amount of valuable energy and the beauty of our night sky. Thanks to thousands of citizen scientists participating in GLOBE at Night, we are working to preserve both of these important resources.”

GLOBE at Night is an educational program of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO), in partnership with the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI), the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), Centro de Apoyo a la Didactica de la Astronomia (CADIAS) (Chile) and the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program. To learn more, visit the program's website: <http://www.globeatnight.org>. You can contact Bob Eklund at: [beklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:beklund@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 were the jobs are located and how to get pass the "gate-keepers". As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering you questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

**Q: I am a waitress and have worked in the same restaurant for over 10 years. I started waitressing when my first child was born to help my family financially. I planned on waitressing for a year or two and then return to college. That was 8 years ago, and now I have no reason to return to college at this time. I love what I do and find it very rewarding. My mom has said she is very disappointed in me for not pursuing a career instead of just having a job as a waitress. She puts emphasis on the word job. I really enjoy waitressing and now consider it my chosen career. I like meeting people and providing good customer service. I take pride in the fact that my customers look forward to coming into the restaurant and having me wait on them. I get good tips and the salary is competitive. What is the difference or definition of Career and Job? I really do believe I have a career and I am very proud to say I am a waitress. Millicent**

Dear Millicent:

This question is not an easy one to answer. It seems like everyone will eventually ask this question of career coaches and advisors. I have done some research and conducted interviews with Human Resource professional and employment counselors to try to answer this question. I searched and read articles on the internet and read newspaper columns. It seems like everyone has a different answer.

Let me summarize and paraphrase some articles I found about this subject: A career defines you, based on your education, transferrable skills and experiences. A career may not always mean stability, because it encourages you to take risk to grow or change and take more risk. A career is a commitment and dedication in pursuing a field, industry or profession about which you are passionate. A career- focused person will develop a career plan and path that should eventually lead them towards their intended career goal. A career will sometimes define a person's lifestyle, friends, and family. A career is not always a means to financial stability but it might be a way to self-fulfillment. “Do what you love and the money will come”, is not always true. Instead it should be, “do what you love and the gratification will come.” Any kind of work you do could be considered a career, if you like or love what you do.

A job is considered “safe” and you could earn a good living, provide for your family and pay bills. A job does not define you. A job is something you know you need to do to survive. A job does not always require special education or training before being hired. A job can be long term or short-term. This is where the line becomes blurry for me, for many of us career advisors differ. If a job becomes long-term and with the same company or industry, is it then considered a career or a job? I say it's a career. Whether you consider whether you have a job or career, it is should be based on your perception of your work, your sense of fulfillment, commitment and passion about what you do for a living. Millicent, the answer to your question is...you have a career. I am sure career advisors and coaches will take me to task for this answer. I could almost write a book about this subject. But then, I am very passionate about what I do for a living and I love it.

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.com](http://www.resumeandcareerservicesc.com), or call 310-858-85821.



# Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

## A GENTLE LEASH ON LIFE

more specifically in consideration of your own dog's needs before making a final selection.

**Buckle Collars:** These are collars that are simply fastened with a buckle. They are typically made of nylon or leather, and are either flat or rolled. Most buckle collars are adjustable, but do not tighten on the dog's neck once fastened. Rolled leather collars, although more expensive, tend to fit more comfortably. Adjustable nylon collars are recommended for growing pups. For the owner whose dog does not pull to the point of choking and gagging and who also responds well when learning commands, the buckle collar works fine.

**Body Harness:** Harnesses were originally designed for sled dogs. Pulling is the reaction of about 99% of dogs placed on harnesses, so unless the goal is to teach a dog to pull, it is worthless as a training tool. I recommend the harness as a dog seatbelt. A leash with a solid brass or steel clip strapped around the back of the seat and fastened to the harness makes a great restraint for a dog that might otherwise crash into the windshield upon impact.

**Break-away Collars:** A special quick-release collar that will unfasten if a strong pull is placed on the collar. However, the collar will not unfasten when attached to a leash. This collar was designed after the inventor's dog choked to death because its collar got caught on something.

**Choke Chains / Slip Collars:** Metal choke chains are still being used as a training tool in traditional methods, where the dog is corrected by a quick snap of the leash if he doesn't obey a command. Slip collars are similar except they are made of soft materials such as nylon or cotton. These types of collars should never be left on an

# On Line

By PJ Carpenter



## MORE THAN JUST A TOY

Computer scientists at an Air Force research facility have created one of the world's largest, fastest and cheapest supercomputers. By aggregating 1,716 PlayStation 3's they've managed to cobble together a supercomputer that excels at processing vast amounts of digital imagery. This is a task highly useful for an organization that is responsible for analyzing and interpreting visual data gathered during long surveillance flights or received from reconnaissance satellites.

The popular PlayStation 3 is a gaming console that is widely lauded for its video graphics and as such deemed to be the perfect low-cost platform for the project. After experimenting with a smaller number of units to see if the concept of aggregated-processor image resolution was even feasible, one of the initial challenges of the project turned out to be the securing of consoles in sufficient numbers through existing commercial channels. Because of the popularity of the PS3 for use in its intended capacity, the Air Force simply had to wait in line like everyone else who wanted one – or a thousand. They were able to eventually procure 1,700 consoles to start the project and added the seventeen additional units needed to complete the project later.


By using this method of creating their custom supercomputer (named the *Condor Supercomputer*) the Air Force was able to complete the project for a tenth of what it normally would have cost. The Condor Supercomputer also provides additional savings to the Air Force by using a fraction of the energy a conventional supercomputer of similar processing power would.

For all of their efforts the Air Force ended up with one of the fastest and most powerful computer systems (it's in the Top 40) in the world.

The Condor system is being used to process ground-based radar tracking of objects orbiting the Earth with extreme clarity. The Condor is also highly sought after for its use in computational intelligence – a form of computer reasoning and decision making. In one test the Condor was able to scan or process text in any language at 20 pages a second, fill in missing sections it had never seen before with 99.9 percent accuracy, and tell the user whether the information is important. A job that once took days and human intervention was now done in seconds and automatically thanks to the Condor system.

The system developers have now turned their efforts to using smartphone processors to miniaturize surveillance drones.

## KATIE Tse .....This and That TINY BUBBLES



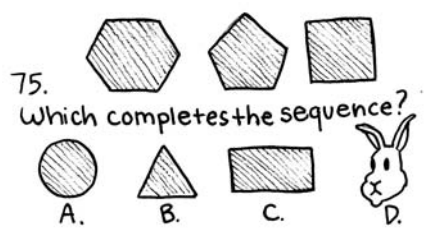
Spring is here at last! Blossoms perfume the air as I walk through our beautiful town. And now that Daylight Savings has thankfully arrived, I don't have to walk in the dark after work! While spring is a time for celebrating nature's rebirth, it comes with the ominous raincloud of *Standardized Testing!* I truly feel sorry for high school students facing this academic adversary; it seems like competition grows fiercer every year. When I was in high school I had a healthy concern about the test, but I didn't give myself an ulcer attending tutoring classes or pouring over SAT study guides (okay, I bought one, but I didn't pour over it). What *did* strike fear in my heart was the dreaded GRE (Graduate Record Examination), which all us aspiring college students had to take before entering grad school. If you haven't had the pleasure, the GRE is a sort of SAT on steroids. I've tried to repress memories of this daunting experience, but I still recall the practice CD Rom with its algebraic equations and writing prompts such as “defend or refute the use of trade embargoes.” I frantically typed while watching a red time clock tick down (because a test is always scarier if it's timed!). I wondered what any of this had to do with my application to a field in the Health and Human Sciences. All's well that ends well, I think that CD eventually found its way into a celebratory bonfire.

If you have elementary school kids, you've probably received newsletters alerting you to this upcoming crucial week. Make sure they're well rested, fed, and at school on time! When I was a student, my teachers always stressed having a good breakfast on testing days, but I never felt any smarter for it. The truth is, however, that it's the teachers who are really stressing out over these fateful booklets. One careless kid can swing the school's whole API (Academic Performance Index), which in turn can taint the district's AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) report. Next you have home values dropping because the neighboring city's kids did better on this *one* test, taken *one* week, targeting what is sometimes a very narrow range of skills. Since this test is of supreme importance, it necessitates that teachers sign a statement testifying they've been trained in the handling of test booklets. Every day after school, the booklets are locked in bins and stored in a secure location (I kid you not!). Your child's work will be stowed away with the same level of protection given to documents of national security.

Considering the magnitude of this exam, it is understandable how teachers can be tempted to become irate when students casually flip over reading sections, fill in random bubbles and turn in a seven-page exam after three minutes. While we all hope our kiddos will put their best effort into this ordeal, you can't help understand why some kids burn out after hours of math, science, writing, and reading about gripping topics such as mural artists and memoirs of a childhood in England during the Industrial Revolution.

One of my friends in education is fond of telling about one of her students (probably nearing middle age by now) who spent a considerable amount of time completing his test before turning in a sheet with all the B's bubbled in except the last item, which was left blank. When she asked why he didn't fill in that one he said, “I didn't know the answer.” Moral of the story: sleep well, eat a good breakfast, and color in a variety of letters.

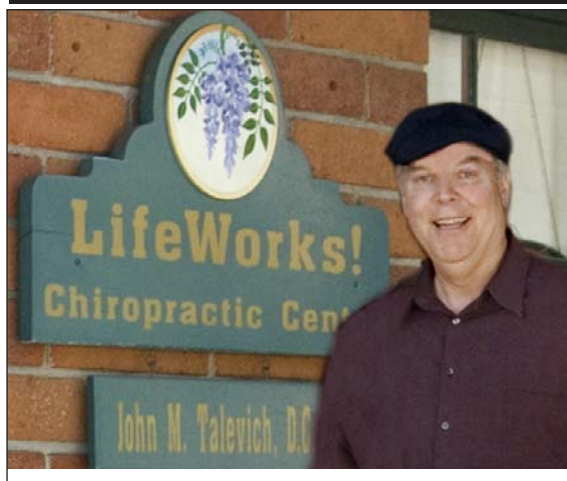
75. Which completes the sequence?



## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

## S.O.S - Sensory Overload Syndrome



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.

The dramatic world events of recent weeks have found many of us glued to the television, internet, radio and reading the newspaper each day. With CNN in the background, NPR in the car and frequent visits to online sites to monitor the latest reports, we remain in a constant state of vigilance. Once we've obtained information on how we might help (donations, volunteering, etc.) and taken action, we may feel a bit better. Yet, for many people, the disasters become obsessive.

With so many things competing for our energies and attention, it is easy to create an overload. This sensory state forces the body to produce higher levels of stress hormones, particularly cortisol. Normal function is sacrificed to fulfill the increased hormonal demand. As renowned homeopath Dr. Ian Marsh, D.O. stated, "You're writing a check your body can't cover." In the long run, the body begins to break down.

## Custody of the Mind

In the emerging science of psychoneuroimmunology, it has been demonstrated that chronic stress patterns can be reduced by practicing relaxation exercises. This doesn't necessarily mean finding the nearest hammock; rather, we can reduce stress by changing what we focus on. Negative thoughts become a tool to remind us to breathe, relax, and return to the present moment. With so many powerful images of disaster, war, and human suffering surrounding us, we may find a greater need to ask ourselves what we can do about them. Then, take an appropriate action. If there is no action to take now, we must be able to set the negative aside and practice good self-stewardship.

These are difficult times; because of this, it is all the more important to take care of ourselves. As with the aperture of a camera, if we leave ourselves open too long, we will become overexposed. Perhaps we can make an agreement with ourselves to monitor the amount of exposure to the media we allow during the day, safeguard our space before bed, and practice being at peace in a world of unrest.

Have a healthy week, Dr. John

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## 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.

## BINGO

## 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:

## CORN BREAD COBB SALAD

## INGREDIENTS:

## FOR THE CROUTONS:

2 cups cubed corn bread, preferably day-old  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 Coarse salt and pepper

## FOR THE DRESSING:

1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Salt and pepper

3 tablespoons olive oil

## FOR THE SALAD:

3 hearts romaine lettuce, shredded  
 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken  
 4 large eggs, hard-boiled and chopped  
 8 slices bacon, cooked and chopped  
 1 ripe avocado, halved, pitted, peeled, and diced  
 1-1/2 cups grape tomatoes, halved  
 1/2 cup diced red onion (optional)  
 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) Monterey Jack or Cheddar, shredded

## DIRECTIONS:

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. In a medium-size bowl, toss the corn bread with the oil, and salt and pepper to taste, until the cubes are well coated. Spread the cubes on a baking sheet and bake until golden brown, turning once with a spatula, about 8 minutes. Set the croutons aside. Tip: Croutons can be made the day before and stored in a ziplock bag until ready to use.

In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, mustard, and salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle in the oil and continue whisking until the dressing has thickened. Add the lettuce to the bowl and toss to coat it with the dressing. Transfer the lettuce to a serving platter.

Arrange the chicken, eggs, bacon, avocado, tomatoes, red onion (if using), and cheese over the lettuce. Season the salad with more salt and pepper, if you like. Serves 6 to 8.



## March Birthdays

Ella Guttman, Santos Ruiz, Vicky 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.

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 626.355.6220 or (626) 355-0256.

## INCOME TAX TIME

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

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



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



### 1913 Arts and Crafts Home in Sierra Madre: Just Listed

*“Real estate agents rarely get a home listing that’s truly turnkey. This is one of those few,” commented listing agent, Luther Tsinoglou of his new listing in the southwest corner of Sierra Madre.*

Located on a street with the deep shade of mature oaks and other trees, this 1913 era home was a “wreck” according to the current owners when they first viewed it in 2005.

After four decades of neglect, the home needed just about everything, according to the owner. The living room ceiling sagged, the foundation needed work, the gazebo had collapsed when someone climbed on it to pick oranges, the heating system was antiquated gravity-fed... and worst of all... part of the wood flooring had to be removed because cats had occupied the area without attention. They almost didn’t get farther than the front door.

“But, once we saw the back yard, we knew we wanted it,” he said. After closing they hired two contractors to undertake “hundreds of thousands of dollars of work” over about a year. The result is gorgeous, well planned and impeccable.

They were able to keep most of the original hardwood flooring and what they believe to be a Batchelder tile fireplace facing. The fireplace resumed its place of honor as the focal point of the formal living spaces, and the gold color palette chosen for the first floor beautifully complements the fireplace. The chimney outside was another matter. It needed to be rebuilt.

A small office is located off the formal living spaces, a product of reconfiguring the front door entrance. If no office is needed here, the location might just be perfect for a wine storage and tasting room. The kitchen includes granite counters and backsplashes, stainless steel gas cooktop and exhaust, double ovens, generous work space and cabinetry, large scale tile pleasingly installed on the diagonal and built-in washer dryer space.

In a nod to current lifestyles, the kitchen is open to the family room, creating a comfortable, casual living space with sliding glass doors to the back yard and pool.

Two bedrooms and a remodeled bath complete the main level. The second floor is dedicated to the master suite now. The owners opened and reconfigured two bedrooms into a master suite with an “organized” walk in closet and private bath with walk-in shower.

The soft sage color palette upstairs seems taken from the hue of the lush, mature trees which reflect their color into the room. When the western sun hit in the afternoon, an electric awning can be extended for cool shade in the room. The back yard and the master suite enjoy San Gabriel mountain views, too.

The new gazebo provides shaded comfort for dining and relaxing by the pool, which was converted to salt water, and the added in-ground spa. Behind the two car garage out back, the pool’s half bath is plumbed for a shower, and a north facing workshop is adjacent, perfect for the hobbyist or artist.

461 W. Orange Grove Avenue in Sierra Madre will be open on Sunday March 27 from 2-5 p.m., and is listed by Luther Tsinoglou of Podley Properties at \$895,000. For more information, visit the home’s website, [www.461WestOrangeGrove.com](http://www.461WestOrangeGrove.com) or contact the agent at 626-507-3029.



**Tips of the Trade:  
Real Estate Revealed**  
*by Luther Tsinoglou*

**IT ALL ADDS UP**

As you search and tour homes that appeal to you, how can you be sure that the asking prices are in line with current values? Begin by asking your real estate agent to collect comparables and prepare a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA). This report indicates market trends by showing whether similar homes in the area are selling for above or below the asking price of the home(s) you’ve selected.

Using the comparables that your agent researched, you’ll be able to figure the average cost per square foot for the area, and determine if the home you want compares favorably with those figures. Total the square footage of several homes and divide by the number of homes to get an average. Total the “sold” prices of each home and divide by the number of homes to get an average selling price.

Now, divide that average selling price by the average square footage to produce the average price per square foot for homes in the area. When you multiply that average price per square foot by the square footage of the home you want, you’ll discover how your choice compares, and then you’ll know if you’re looking at a fair price.

Other factors like the seller’s motivation or urgency may also affect your offer, so talk to your agent about that CMA and take the next step!

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

We’d like to hear from you! Contact us at:  
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### MECHELLE VALENZUELA JOINS CENTURY 21 VILLAGE

Andy Bencosme, Managing Broker of CENTURY 21 Village in Sierra Madre recently welcomed Mechelle Valenzuela to his Sierra Madre office. The announcement was made at the office’s weekly marketing and sales meeting. Valenzuela said that she is very excited about her new association with Village and that she chose the Sierra

Madre office for the wonderful atmosphere, friendly agents and Bencosme’s extensive real estate knowledge. She also noted that she had read a lot about the other agents and their success on the internet and in the local newspapers.

Raised in Pasadena, Valenzuela studied Business at Pasadena City College. Valenzuela now lives in Monrovia and is a wife and proud mother of 2 little girls. She is an active volunteer at Bethany Christian School in Sierra Madre where she serves on the PTA Board. Bencosme said that Mechelle will be “very successful in her real estate career due to her attention to detail, hard work and dedication to her clients.”

Mechelle Valenzuela and all of the friendly agents at CENTURY 21 Village Realty can be reached at 38 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre or by telephone 626.355.1451 or on the internet at [www.c21village.com](http://www.c21village.com).



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## WHAT DO YOUR PUTTING STROKE AND GREEN READING HAVE IN COMMON?

If I had an opportunity to stand up in front of the entire golf world and I was only allowed to say one sentence, what would it be? "EVERY PUTT IN GOLF IS A STRAIGHT PUTT"...Since I would only be allowed to say one sentence, maybe the powers to be would let me repeat myself, "EVERY PUTT IN GOLF IS A STRAIGHT PUTT".

If there is one thing that I am 100% sure of it is this. Most amateur golfers have acceptable putting strokes. Keep in mind that there are two parts to our sport. One part is in the air and the other is on the ground. The one on the ground (putting) is so precise at times that it can drive you up a wall. It is kind of line the Red Zone in football. You go 85 yards in two plays and then it takes four plays to go one yard. You hit a towering tee shot, followed up by the best 5 iron of your life, and then you 3 putt from 10 feet.

The reason I say acceptable putting strokes is because you don't do this for a living and the putting strokes that most of you have is good enough for you to shoot lower scores. The problem begins after you read a putt. This article is all about matching your putting stroke up with reading the green correctly. No questions asked, the number one putting mistake that I see amateurs golfers make is they don't aim the putter where they want the ball to start. Most amateur golfers that struggle with their putting, aim the putter at the hole and then they either swing out-to-in (pull) or roll the face closed for putts that break right and in-to-out (push) or roll the face open for putts that break left.



Therein lies my favorite quote in golf "EVERY PUTT IN GOLF IS A STRAIGHT PUTT". If you have a putt that breaks 10 inches right to left, you have to aim the putter face 10 inches right of the hole and swing the putter straight back and straight through to that exact spot. You have to start that putt STRAIGHT and allow the ground to curve the ball from left to right into the hole. You can not start that putt at the hole and then swing the putter in-to out and push it on line.

Of course this applies for putts that break left to right. You have to aim the putter left of the hole, swing the putter straight back and straight through, allowing the ground to curve the ball, not your stroke or clubface.



The next time your struggling with your putting, remember this mantra:

**WHAT DO YOUR PUTTING STROKE AND GREEN READING HAVE IN COMMON-EVERYTHING!!!**

## LA SALLE DEFEATS TEMPLE CITY 3-2



La Salle Seniors Dylan Fleck (No. 7) and Christian Santos (No. 4) help bring their team to victory.  
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## DODGER EXPRESS BUS A "TRIPLE PLAY" FOR RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, SAN BERNARDINO AND VENTURA COUNTIES

Los Angeles County Mayor and Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) 2nd Vice Chair Michael D. Antonovich joined officials from the MTA, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), and the Los Angeles Dodgers to kickoff the return of the Dodger Stadium Express Service Bus from Union Station to Dodger Stadium.

Additionally, Antonovich announced a new partnership with Metrolink to provide expanded late night service to patrons in the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Ventura.

"While last years Dodger Express Bus was a home run for the over 122,000 who took advantage of the special bus service from Union Station to the games avoiding

the traffic and congestion we have," said Antonovich. "This year we have teamed up with Metrolink for a 'Triple Play' for the residents of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties who can attend Dodger Stadium and enjoy riding Metrolink home after the game."

A member of the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Antonovich secured a \$450,000 grant from the Mobile Sources Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to operate a no-cost Express Bus connecting Dodger Stadium to Union Station for the 2011 season and late night Metrolink Service.

State-of-the-art 40-foot clean-burning compressed natural gas buses will run



between Union station and Dodger Stadium every 10 minutes prior to the start of the game and run approximately every 30 minutes throughout the game. Union Station is served by Metro buses and rail, Metrolink, and many regional bus lines.

Dodger game admission tickets will be honored as fare payment to ride the bus. For specific route and schedule information, visit [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) or call 1-800-COMMUTE.

### 1st Quarter Construction Update – 2011

## Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6-9 & 11

**Project Update** — Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors have begun construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

### Construction Activities: Segments 7 & 8 Transmission Line Construction will include the following

(please note that the construction schedule is tentative and may change depending on weather and other factors)

**Locations: Work will take place within SCE right-of-way areas within the cities of Duarte, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, Industry, South El Monte, Montebello, Monterey Park and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

**Continue removing a portion of existing electrical transmission wires (220 kilovolt) and structures in the utility right-of-way corridor along the project's Segment 7 (will be upgraded to 500 kV):**

**Irwindale:** From Huntington Dr. (north of the Foothill Frwy (210) south along the San Gabriel River Frwy (605) to Ramona Blvd.

**Baldwin Park:** From Ramona Blvd. south along the western side of the San Gabriel River Frwy (605) to Valley Blvd. at locations along the San Gabriel River Frwy (605) and in the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

**Industry:** Along the western side of the San Gabriel River Frwy (605) south of Valley Blvd.

**Whittier Narrows Recreation Area** south of the San Gabriel River Frwy (605)

**Begin removing existing electrical transmission wire (220 kV) and structures in the utility right-of-way corridor along the project's Segment 8 (will be upgraded to 500 kV):**

**Pico Rivera:** Heading east from the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and spanning Rooks Road and the San Gabriel River Frwy (605).

**Industry:** East of the San Gabriel River Frwy (605) and south of the Pomona Frwy (60), in proximity to Peck Road and Workman Mill Road.

**Hacienda Heights:** North of Holmes Circle and Metropol Drive, south of Belle River Drive, Car Green Avenue and Dolonita Avenue, continuing south of the city east of Hacienda Blvd.

**La Habra Heights:** North of Casolero Drive, Skyline Drive and Leucadia Road, east and west of Hacienda Road.

**Rowland Heights:** From the Powder Canyon area spanning east over Fullerton Road, Pathfinder Road and Pathfinder Park to the Orange Frwy (57)

**Other areas of unincorporated Los Angeles County along Segment 8,** including the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority area.

**Install new foundations and structures for the upgraded electrical transmission line (500 kV) in the utility right-of-way corridor:**

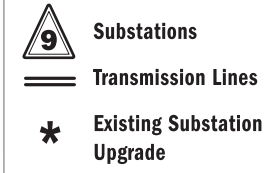
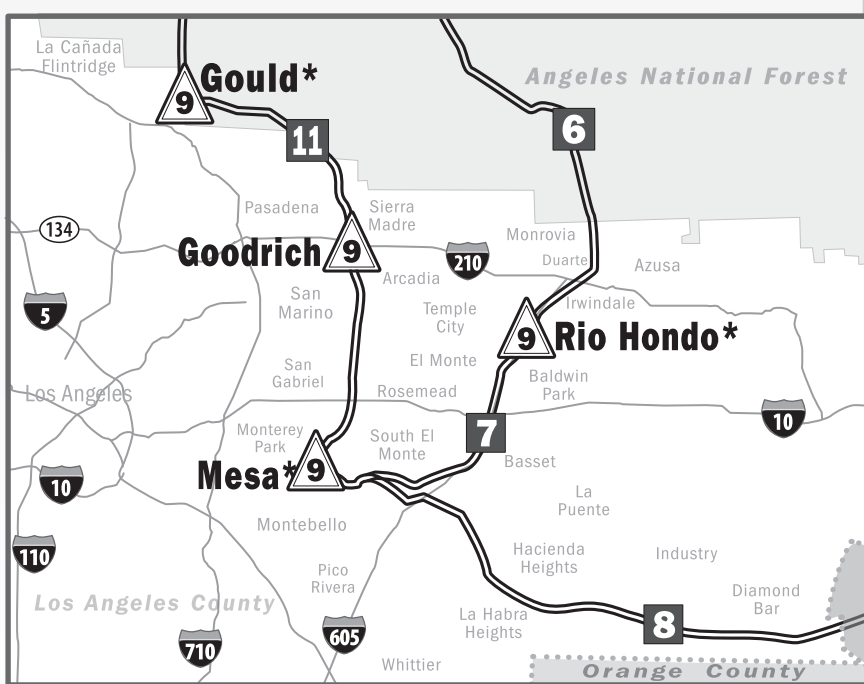
**Duarte:** From the Van Tassel Motorway area south to Huntington Dr. near Encanto Pkwy.

**Irwindale:** Portions along the western and eastern sides of the San Gabriel Frwy (605) between Huntington Drive near the Foothill Frwy (210) and Ramona Avenue.

**Install new foundations and structures (220 kV and 500 kV): Rowland Heights:**

• South of Fullerton Rd and northwest of Graystone Way (east of Harbor Blvd.) • Northwest of the intersection of Fullerton Rd. and Harbor Blvd. • South of Sunrise Dr. and east of Fullerton Rd.

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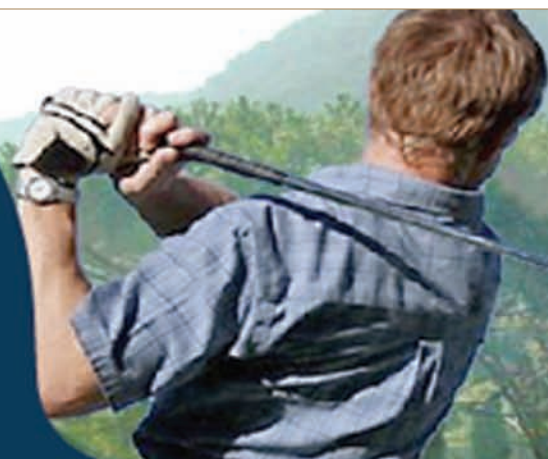
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