

## COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEET TO DISCUSS FATE OF THE OLD YOUTH CENTER

In an effort to clear the air on what the city intends to do with the boarded up Church at 186 West Highland (at Hermosa), Council members Mary Ann MacGillivray and Josh Moran, along with city staff, met with approximately 20 residents on Wednesday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to concerns from residents who live near the building and the hear what ideas the city had on developing the property.

The building (right) was originally a church and after years of being vacant, the city eventually acquired the property with Community Redevelopment Agency funds. When that purchase was made, it was done under the auspices that it would be converted to 15 units of ‘work force housing’. The term is used for affordable housing created as an incentive for people who work in the city such as firefighters, police officers, teachers, etc., to move to Sierra Madre. It is not ‘affordable housing’ in the common use of the term, but one that provides less expensive housing for local workers.

When it was identified last year as part of the city’s housing element, some residents expressed concern about the ‘kind’ of residents that would be moving in, i.e., low income households. At this point, however, the concern appears to be focused not on the income levels of the occupants, but the impact of 16 new units in the area.

According to one concerned citizen, Faith Pincus, the issues are, “Traffic/parking, which leads to...Safety issues.” The property is directly across from Sierra Madre School’s lower campus. Pincus says, “Highland and Hermosa is probably the most traffic impacted intersection in Sierra Madre. Three times a day you can barely get down the street or to or from your house, and that’s assuming a parent isn’t blocking your driveway. Every single person that attended the meeting complained



loudly about the traffic and parking problem – it’s bad.” “We live in Sierra Madre to avoid traffic and parking problems. If we wanted that, and a crowded residential area with large multi-family projects, we’d buy homes somewhere over the hill or near the ocean.”

She continues, “The City’s original low-mod income multi-family proposal, and their concurrent up-zoning placed into the new “housing element” of the proposed General Plan, will allow for 16 units on a 15,000 square foot lots. That’s absurd! In most of Sierra Madre, especially on Highland and in the surrounding neighborhood near the Old Church, we have the following types of developments on that size lot: 1) single family home; 2) single family home with a granny unit; and a few 3) duplexes or triplexes. 16 units is obscene. The amount of traffic and parking issues even 6 or 10 units would bring is totally unacceptable.”

At the meeting, in response to these concerns, the city promised to do a traffic study and try to find a solution to the traffic and parking problem independent of developing the property. (The traffic congestion is because of the school).

City Manager Elaine Aguilar indicated that the city now how had a better understanding of what the community concerns were and that the city would discuss with Heritage Housing (the proposed developer) the suggestions that were made.

In addition, Pincus indicated residents are also concerned about the impact of such a development on Property values. “As for property values, we are, of course concerned that units sold at low to moderate income prices will effect and lower our property values. This issue seemed to have been addressed sufficiently by the city when they stated that the units are recorded at fair market value, not the actual reduced/subsi-

dized price paid. Assuming the assessors don’t take into account that the units are low-mod income units and downgrade the neighborhood based on that, the city’s assurances that our property values will not be impacted seem fair.”

Pincus feels that if the city will not down zone the parcel, then the residents are going to fight anything more than 3 units on the property. “It’s too much for the area and not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood”, she said.

On the other hand, Aguilar believes that the city and the community will be able to come up with an acceptable plan. Aguilar noted that the council liaisons, MacGillivray and Moran, will work with residents in developing a plan that is acceptable. She reiterated that the discussion of 16 units, or any other development nothing had been decided upon at this point.

S. Henderson/MVNews

## Pat Alcorn Named Older American Of The Year



In a press release sent out earlier this week, the City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department and the Senior Community Commission announced this year’s Older ‘Sierra Madre’ American - Pat Alcorn.

Alcorn, who is a familiar face among volunteers in Sierra Madre, “has actively contributed to the Sierra Madre Community since 1964 when she and her husband moved from Pasadena. Her recent activities have included the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine Tasting were she served as the co-chair for the past two years, she is currently co-chairing the City of Sierra Madre Community Services Commission but her community involvement has also included being past President of the Sierra Madre Civic Club, a graduate of the first Sierra Madre Citizen’s Emergency Response Team training and three time Creative Arts Group Garden Tour Docent.”

In addition, Alcorn ran for Sierra Madre City Council in 2010 but was unable to garner quite enough votes to win a seat. The loss did not deter her, however, from continuing to support the community.

Pat is married to Sierra Madre’s Secretary of Volunteerism, De Alcorn.

A special reception will be held in her honor on Friday, May 13th—4:30 pm at the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. The public is invited to attend.

Please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394 to make a reservation.

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## THE HARDER THEY FALL

*This huge pine tree just couldn’t take it any more. On Sunday, it toppled over on Ida Mae Lane in Sierra Madre to the surprise of the residents. There was minimal property damage and no humans were hurt other than frayed nerves when the tree fell. A young neighbor poses in front of the fallen tree about an hour after the incident. (right).*



*The next morning, just before the crews came out to clean up the mess, the photo below was taken which shows just how large the tree was and how close it came to smashing a home or two.*

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<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
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

## 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).

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Foothill Unity Center Is Local  
Beneficiary of 13th Annual  
Curves Food DriveLocal Curves to offer incentives to members and the  
community to donate food and cash

During the first two weeks of April, Curves of Duarte, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Altadena and Pasadena will participate in the 13th Annual Curves Food Drive to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to benefit Foothill Unity Center and other local food banks. Current members who make a \$30 donation or an equivalent donation of food are eligible to receive a Curves reusable Food Drive grocery bag. From April 4-17, Curves will waive the membership fee for new members who donate a bag of non-perishable food or make a minimum donation of \$30.

"Our goal is to top the donation we made last year," said Stacey Park, owner of Curves serving Duarte and Monrovia. "This is a great opportunity for the members of the Curves community to help strengthen the local community, too. Everything that our members donate at our clubs will benefit local families in need."

This year's Food Drive will get off to a strong start when Curves International founders Gary and Diane Heavin are featured on ABC Television's inspirational new show, Secret Millionaire, airing Sunday, April 3, at 8 p.m. The Curves founders' moving episode will help Curves members understand how the Curves Food Drive is the perfect opportunity for each of them to give back to their own communities. Curves clubs have donated more than 61 million pounds of food in the U.S. and Canada since 2004.

"The past few years have been difficult for many families," said Diane Heavin. "Curves annual Food Drive is one way that everyone in the San Gabriel Valley area can make a real difference for a local family that is struggling. We encourage everyone, not just our members or those who are thinking about joining our gym, to make a cash donation or drop off a bag of non-perishable food items in April."

"We can't thank Stacey Park and Curves Duarte enough for spearheading this wonderful drive," said Betty McWilliams, Deputy Director of Foothill Unity Center. "Our appreciation goes out to members of the Curves community throughout our service area for their strong, caring support of local families in need."

For more information, please visit: [www.curves.com](http://www.curves.com).FREE POETRY WORKSHOP AT  
SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Jim Kincaid, Aerold Arnold Professor of English at USC, will facilitate a free poetry workshop at Sierra Madre Public Library on Friday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. This user-friendly program is for anyone who likes to read, listen to, or write poetry. There will be something for everyone in this workshop—for those who simply love poetry but have never composed a poem, to poets with years of writing

experience.

In the first half of the workshop, Professor Kincaid will discuss how to read poetry and its connection to song and improvisation. Following the discussion, participants will have an opportunity to compose a poem in a hands-on practicum.

The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. (626) 355-7186. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT  
SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library invite you to drop by the Library between Monday, April 11, and Saturday, April 19, and take advantage of our Spring deals. On the Bargain Table this month we'll be featuring Fiction, Biographies, Cartoons, Time Life Books, War, U.S. History, and a set of volumes on World War II. All books are in good condition and are \$1.00 each. The sale is on during the Library's open hours, so stop by often—there will plenty of new titles to choose from, as books are replenished daily.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (626) 355-7186. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

## 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

## NEW

## Sierra Madre Dolphins Spring Swim Team

The Sierra Madre Dolphins are starting a brand new spring swim team! This is a great opportunity to start swim team training before the summer and be in the best possible swim shape. The spring swim team will begin on Monday, May 2, 2011 and run through Friday, June 3, 2011. Practices are held Monday through Friday from 5:30pm-7:00pm. The cost of the program is \$100 per swimmers between the ages of 5-17 years who can swim the length of the pool. The spring swim team will focus on building endurance and refining swim skills and techniques. There are no scheduled swim meets against other swim teams for the spring season, but inter-squad meets will be held. Please note a minimum of 25 swimmers must enroll in the spring swim team for the program to run. Please register at the Community Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., next to the Aquatic Center. Registration will be available online at <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration> For more information call 626-355-5278.

AMERICAN RED CROSS  
LIFEGUARD TRAINING UPDATE!

The course dates for the Lifeguard Training have changed. The course will now meet in April 16, 23, 30 and May 1 from 9:00am-5:00pm. It is not too late to register for this training course. Participants that successfully complete the course will become Red Cross certified Lifeguards and will also have their First Aid, CPR and AED certifications. Participants must be at least 15 years of age and be able to complete the swimming pre-requisites. Course fees are \$177 per participant. Registration can be done at the Community Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information contact the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

Healthy Soil, Healthy Garden: Unlocking  
the Soil Foodweb with Compost

## A Workshop with Dr. Elaine Ingham, PhD

Saturday, April 16 & Sunday, April 17 9:00am-5:00 pm  
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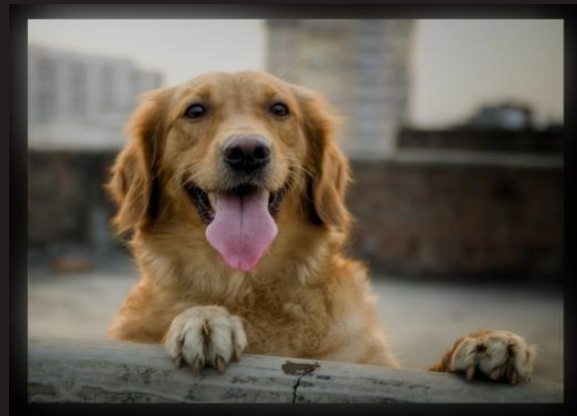
Join us! ...with Dr. Elaine Ingham in a fun and informative 2-day workshop, where you'll get a lucid understanding of the critters in your soil. Grow your gardening practice leaps and bounds by working with microbial critters: the key to healthy, living, organically-rich soil!

Day 1 (4/16)- An Introduction to the Soil Foodweb. The Introduction class covers all the basic information required for understanding and implementing a successful biological approach to growing.

Day 2 (4/17)- Compost, Tea, Extracts. Find out how compost is made by the pros in soil regeneration. Attendees will learn how to properly manage thermal-compost, vermi-compost, and compost tea to guarantee disease-suppressive, soil-building, nutrient-retaining composts and compost teas, and how to consistently produce biologically active and effective compost.

Class is suitable for beginners to advanced practitioners. Participants receive a certification of completion. This course will give you the tools you need to make healthy, site-specific compost for beautiful results every time!

Dr. Elaine Ingham is recognized around the world as a leader in soil microbiology and research of the soil foodweb. She is an energetic, easy-to-understand speaker who explains what life in the soil is all about. With decades of experience as professor, researcher, and soil benefactor consulting in the field, she's helped thousands of homeowners, growers, and influential companies understand healthy soil via healthy organisms. Elaine transmits sophisticated information in a down-to-earth way. Her mission is to show that the key to making any plant thrive, from the turf on golf courses to vegetables in the garden, is to team up with suitable soil microbes. Elaine has astounding results to show for it. For more info see: [www.SayPermaculture.com](http://www.SayPermaculture.com) & [www.SoilFoodweb.com](http://www.SoilFoodweb.com)

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## REMEMBRANCE MARK WESLEY SAILOR

Mark Wesley Sailor died on March 18, 2011 at the age of 59. His death was due to complications from pneumonia. Born April 8, 1951 in Kansas City, Missouri, he is survived by his sister Melinda Sailor Monachino of Sierra Madre.

Mark was always involved with social activities in school. He attended Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Some of his hobbies included hiking and the love of nature and chess. He had a special fondness for cats.

Mark had a creative gift of writing. He wrote plays and one was produced by a local theatre group. He was also a professional book dealer specializing in used and rare books.

In addition to his sister, Mark is survived by a host of family and friends in Sierra Madre where he grew up. Throughout his life, he never lost his sense of humor or his compassion for the underdog.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, March 27th, to Saturday April 2nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 398 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.*

### Tuesday, March 29th:

10:03 AM - Tampering/Injuring Vehicle or Contents, 700 blk. N. Sunnyside Ave. Unknown suspect(s) or object smashed a car's front windshield. There was no loss.

7:28 PM- Petty Theft from Vehicle, 100 blk. Auburn Ave. A resident left her car unlocked and the windows down. Between Monday evening, March 28th and Tuesday evening, March 29th the suspect entered the car and stole a Garmin GPS System, Nintendo Video game system, Target gift card, Toy R Us gift card, and miscellaneous keys. The loss was valued at \$415.00.

### Friday, April 1st:

10:03 AM- Battery, 200 blk. W. Montecito Ave. A victim reported an assault by a tenant's boyfriend. The victim and suspect had argued about a parking space the victim has been using. The suspect later pounded on the victim's door. When the victim opened the door, the suspect pushed the door open, hitting the victim. The suspect cursed at the victim and left an unknown direction.

11:29 PM- Auto Burglary, 500 blk. Acacia St. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car's passenger window between the evening of March 31st and the morning of April 1st, and removed an HP laptop computer, and a bass amplifier. The suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

12:12 PM- Petty Theft, 200 blk. S. Mountain Trail Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked parked car between the evening of March 30th and the morning of March 31st. The suspect stole the victim's wallet containing two Citibank credit cards, two American Express credit cards and his California driver's license. The suspects made two unauthorized purchases with his credit cards.



## HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY BRINGS OUT THE CROWDS

Photos by Chris Leclerc

The City of Sierra Madre's Community Services Department, in conjunction with several local service organizations, hosted the weekend fish fest/camp out known as the Huck Finn Fishing Derby last weekend. More than 275 youth, along with their parents, participated. The event is held at the debris basin which is stocked with fish.

Families from Sierra Madre and neighboring cities set up tents on Friday evening and camp overnight so they can be first to cast their lines into the water early Saturday morning.

Prizes for catching fish are only given to the children participating. Parents get their rewards from all the fun they have with their children during the event. This year's winners are: Awards were given in the following four age categories.

### Age Category 3-6 years:

- 1st - Caysen Sullivan
- 2nd - Nathan Sanchez
- 3rd - Max Reynolds

### Age Category 7-9 years:

- 1st - Brandon Wong
- 2nd - Griffith Simmons
- 3rd - Isabella Moreno

### Age Category 10-12 years:

- 1st - Conrad Oakes
- 2nd - Sampson Sly
- 3rd - Sophia Cimino

### Age Category 13-15 years:

- 1st - Destiny Miller
- 2nd - Kristin Shigenaga
- 3rd - Grant McComb

Largest Overall Fish - Destiny Miller (2.7 lbs.)  
Smallest Overall fish - Kaila Rillorta (0.23 lbs.)



## Alverno High School Student to Reign Over Doo Dah Parade

by Dean Lee



Dozens of Doo Dah Queen hopefuls threw their hats in the ring last Saturday night at a chance to reign over the 34th Occasional Doo Dah Parade although none wowed the judges more than 17-year old Alverno High School student, known as "Red Rosie" who, to the surprise of many, was crowned the parade's next queen.

The young royal impressed over 30 judges by transforming from a demure Catholic school pupil into a red-lipsticked, red-caped Wonder Woman. She began her saucy metamorphosis by singing "The Man Upstairs" by Kay Starr.

Rosalind Schoen, a student at the Sierra Madre Catholic school, is now Doo Dah's perfect counterpart to the more prim and proper decorum of the Rose Queen.

Upon receiving the royal nod, Red Rosie said, "I wish could put this in my college application. It's one of those dreams come true you never expect."

The 34th Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade, will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at 11:00am.

For more details on the parade and the new queen, please contact Light Bringer Project at 626.590.1134.

## GET READY FOR THE ART SHOW!

Be a part of this year's M W T R Kids Art Show! Youth will get the opportunity to display pennants they created during the 2011 Mount Wilson Trail Race. Youth have two chances to participate, Friday, April 15 in Kersting Court and Monday, April 18, at the Youth Activity Center (YAC). Don't miss out on this great event!



All materials will be provided free of charge and youth of all ages are encouraged to participate. Each youth can decorate a canvas pennant with trail race inspired themes using paint and other supplies. There is no need to register for this program, just bring your creativity! For more information contact the Community Services Office at 626-355-5278



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## Tree Sitters Pretrial Now Set for Earth Day

By Dean Lee

One of the four tree sitters, John Quigley, who in January was arrested attempting to save the Arcadia Oak Woodlands from destruction by the County's Department of Public Works, gave a brief update Wednesday on the legal situation saying that a pretrial had been set for April 22, Earth Day. David Czamanske, vice chair of the Sierra Club's Pasadena group, said the group had sent a letter to District Attorney Steve Cooley office asking that all charges, including resisting arrest, disturbing the peace and trespassing, be dropped. Quigley gave the update during the club's regular monthly meeting. Quigley said originally Cooley's office wanted jail time for him as the ring leader.

"Before or arraignment, we flooded... Steve Cooley's office with phone calls and when we got into the arraignment they had softened their stance significantly," he said. "They were clearly feeling the heat."

Quigley said they had no plans for any plea agreement and would most likely take the case to trial.

Quigley also said he wanted to hold a press event using the lessons learned and investigation, "to expose how the Department of Public Works is going about its business but leaving unnecessary destruction in all these natural places, open places, oak habitat... etc."

He also said that because the county was actively pursuing them he thought they could bring attention to some of the local Oak Woodlands areas. He singled out a plan to development Aliso Canyon in Granada Hills.

"On my Facebook page I had a message from an 11-year-old girl named Whitney Jones," he said. "Who pleaded for help saving a place near and dear to her hart, Aliso Canyon."

Quigley also said Andrea Bowers, Julia Jaye Posin and Travis Jochimsen were arrested along with him.

## Pet of the Week



Dodger, a big and handsome, one year old Mastiff mix is active and smart! He knows several basic commands and earned a Blue Ribbon in our Shelter School program! He was found with another dog but may prefer a home without other pets. He is looking for someone who will continue his training and make sure he gets lots of attention. Come visit with this fun dog today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet. Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A284119 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)



## Can I Hear You Say 'Doo Dah'

Daring to again go where no parade has gone before, this year's Pasadena Doo Dah Parade will bring its own brand of raucous eccentricity East, after its successful relocation last year. This year's parade will also again dare to go live on the internet streaming at [doodahlive.com](http://doodahlive.com).

This year's spectacle will see the return of such wildly diverse entries as a fleet of motorized Kinetic Pastry Science Mobile Muffins, Songbird & His Ocarinas, a humungous robotic spitting cat named Boo-Boo Kitty, oddly-attired sound inventors known as The Highland Park Thursday Evening Gentlemen's Society Circuit Bending Marching Band & Ladies' Auxiliary, and the crowd favorite Disco Drill Team,

real American Bandstanders. Yes, another Doo Dah is here to help you forget your humdrum existence organizers said. All the parade participants will be joined this year by Grand Marshal Ron Stivers, of Poo Bah Records, and many first-time entries including the League of Steam, Conehead Rocket Sled, Hippie Cream, The Iceland Queen, Rancho Talavera, combined bands of the 35th Dragoon Guards, Mile High Bed, Cheesus Chrust Pizza Company, Flying Baby High Dive, and the Ladies Auxiliary for Cultural Enrichment, and more.

The 10th Order of the Thorny Rose has also spoken. Organizers say this year's recipient, Pasadenans for a Livable City, has certainly earned its thorny

nod -having taken on the City of Pasadena and a powerful developer -and won! The Thorny Rose Award is presented annually at the Pasadena Doo Dah Parade to an individual or organization that has created discomfort or agitation in the community (even sometimes for a good cause).

Councilmember Terry Tornek, an advisor to Pasadenans for a Livable City and former councilmember Sid Tyler both said they plan to decline the award. Organizers said if they do not show, in tradition, a giant chicken will ride in their place. The 2011 Parade takes place on Saturday, April 30th, stepping off at 11am in East Pasadena along Colorado Boulevard.

## Earth Festival Returns to Old Pasadena

The Pasadena Earth & Arts Festival returns to Old Pasadena on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., celebrating all things green, through hands-on activities, product demonstrations, resource sharing, live entertainment and eco-Jeopardy.

This free, ninth annual event will take place in and around Memorial Park and the Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond Ave.

Businesses and nonprofit organizations will display information or sell items at the eco-marketplace that promote green living, energy and water efficiency, composting, organic foods, green building design, alternative transportation and renewable energy.

The festival is also the place to learn more about Pasadena's resources and plans for waste reduction, recycling, water and energy conservation, and parks and nature preserves.

Kids and parents can get creative together with clay, paper and other Earth-friendly media at

arts and crafts tables provided by the Armory Center for the Arts.

Nonstop live entertainment will include Sue B. Dancers, Delta Psi Sigma Beta Step Dance, Danza Yankuikuitl Aztec Dancers, Drumtime Drum Circle, Folklorico Nahuatzen, Folklorico Sol y Luna, Artichoke, George Sarah and String Trio, the reggae- and Latin-infused Roots Collective, R&B artist Quamaine Jones and bluesman Buddy Zapata. Special guests Machine Project, an experimental arts organization headquartered in Echo Park, will offer an Amplified Electric Melon workshop and drum circle.

By popular demand, Arroyo Time Bank will once again host its Free Market Swap Meet for the public to donate or trade gently used items.

A fun bike tour of Pasadena's sustainable sites, courtesy of C.I.C.L.E., will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Popular food trucks Frysmith and Komodo will provide

affordable and sustainable sustenance throughout the day. People riding the Metro Gold Line to the Memorial Park Station will receive an Earth Day reusable bag by showing their Metro passes at the transportation booth, while supplies last.

Festival co-sponsors are the city of Pasadena, Armory Center for the Arts, Conscientious Projector and Metro. The stage will be powered free of charge by Martifer Solar USA, a company that specializes in the design, engineering and installation of photovoltaic electric systems and components.

The festival kick-off is on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. with a free outdoor film screening at the Levitt Pavilion in Memorial Park. "The Economics of Happiness" is a documentary that examines the impact of shifting from a global to a local economy that is more environmentally sustainable.

For more information visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/earthday](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/earthday) or call (626) 744-4721.

## Library Skills for Home-schoolers

Hastings Branch Library will host a four-part program to introduce homeschoolers ages 6 to 8 to basic library skills. From the parts of a book to using the library's computer catalog a new topic will be covered every week in April. Hastings Branch is located at 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

## Homeschoolers Science Project Display

Hastings Branch Library will be displaying homeschoolers science projects during the month of May. If you have a really cool science project and want others to see and admire your work, call 744.7262 to sign up. This is an opportunity to share your science accomplishments with the community. Hastings Branch is located at 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd. For more information on these programs and the library's Homeschool Collection contact Petra Morris at (626) 744-7262 or [pmorris@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:pmorris@cityofpasadena.net).

## Police Nab Multiple Murder Suspects During Raid

By Dean Lee

Gang detectives along with other local law enforcement said Thursday they took into custody eight suspects, two alleged responsible for multiple shootings, including the homicide of Donnell Taylor in Pasadena on January 19 and an attempted homicide in Altadena on March 15th. The arrested were made during early morning raids at several locations.

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez said members of the Pasadena Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff Department collaborated for the service of search warrants. He said the focus was on finding members of a local gang responsible for a number of shooting including Taylor.

"Enhancing public safety and the apprehension of individuals responsible for these crime trends were of our utmost importance. We accomplished this with a very successful operation that resulted in the seizure of six firearms and eight arrests. Additional arrests are expected", Sanchez said. Taylor was shot near the 1700 block of Summit Ave. Officers had received a shots

fired call shortly after 8 p.m. then found Taylor at the scene. He was taken to a local area hospital where he later died according to reports. Arrested during the raids Thursday were Steven Wright, 33, an Altadena resident wanted in connection with the murder of Taylor; Hildon Jones, 34, also an Altadena resident, wanted for attempted murder in the case; Jaszmine Jenkins, 19, a Monrovia resident also wanted for attempted murder. Wanted on lesser charges were, Bengarmain Gay, 26, Altadena resident, warrant arrest; Jesse Johnson, 35, Altadena resident, non-compliance and warrant; Eric Hartfield, 41, Altadena resident, miscellaneous felony; Robert Rucker, 41, Los Angeles resident, miscellaneous felony and Shamella Walton, 30, Los Angeles for child endangerment.

Persons with information regarding crimes that occurred in Pasadena are asked to contact Detective Grant Curry at (626) 744-6489 or at (626) 744-4241. information regarding Altadena crimes are asked to call Altadena Sheriff's at (626) 798-1131.

## Reward Grows to \$25,000 in Stadium Beating Case



Joining L.A. County Mayor Michael Antonovich's \$10,000 reward in exchange for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the attack on Bryan Stow, the San Francisco Giants will also be offering a matching \$10,000 reward and American Medical Response will be offering a \$5,000 reward - bringing the total to \$25,000.



The suspects are described as two male Hispanics between the ages of 18 and 25 wearing dodger clothing. Composite sketches of the two suspects have also been released by the L.A. Police Department.

Mayor Antonovich suggests anyone with information contact Detectives I. Burcher or P.J. Morris of the Los Angeles Police Department at 213-847-4261.

## 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 April 12 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).

## PCC Police and Safety Services to Host Weeklong Police Cadet Academy

The Pasadena City College Police and Safety Services will host and organize the third annual Police Cadet Academy beginning April 18. The weeklong program will take police cadets from the Southern California region through a simulated police academy. The cadets will be introduced to academic and physical disciplines that will prepare them to endure and complete an actual six-month long police academy. The program will include academic instruction in terrorism, criminal law, first-aid, report writing, field tactics, narcotics enforcement, and self-defense. Cadets will also experience high-stress scenarios and simulations

that require physical agility. "This is a police academy-prep program designed to simulate the training, tensions, physical demands, tactical awareness, and camaraderie realized in any California police academy," said Brad Young, PCC Police and Safety Services lieutenant and the academy's coordinator.

The academy will conclude on April 23 with a formal graduation ceremony. This year's keynote speaker will be Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez. Graduating cadets will receive diplomas; decorations and awards will be bestowed upon those most distinguished.

For more information, call (626) 585-7627.



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## ARCADIA LOOSE TOP COPS

Arcadia is suddenly and unexpectedly without its two top police officials, Chief Robert Sanderson and Captain Gene Gioia.

Both had decided some time ago to retire but stay on part-time for a few months to help with the transition to a new chief. But that all changed with little notice last Friday when they became aware they were jeopardizing their retirement pensions due to arcane California retirement (PERS) rules, according to City Manager Don Penman. Both had started with the police decades ago as cadets before they became sworn police officers, and thus were working under multiple retirement formulas during their careers. Suddenly, Friday became their final day of work.

Captain Bob Guthrie was immediately thrust into the role of interim Police Chief while the City recruits as new chief. "We are disappointed that they had to leave so abruptly due to PERS rules," Penman said.

"I am confident that Interim Chief Guthrie and the entire management team in the Police Department will do an outstanding job during this transition."

Ironically, Chief Sanderson, along with other City employees, including Library Director Carolyn Garner-Reagan, made their decisions to retire this year, perhaps several years earlier than expected, when they all were shocked to learn last year following the death of an Arcadia police officer of another little-known PERS rule. That rule provides full benefits to the spouse in the event of the death of the employee only if the employee is retired when they die.

Otherwise, the spouse receives only 50% of the benefits, which has the effect of creating an incentive for government employees to retire at the earliest possible date allowed. - By Scott Hettrick

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, March 27, through Saturday, April 2, the Police Department responded to 889 calls for service of which 104 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, March 27:

1. Shortly after 1:00 a.m., units responded to Tasty Garden, 1212 South Baldwin, regarding a vandalism report. A large glass window was shattered at the restaurant, and three male Hispanic subjects were seen at the location when the vandalism occurred. The total reported damage was about \$1,000.
2. A traffic stop was conducted around 1:20 a.m. at Huntington and Santa Clara on a vehicle that was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes. An intoxicated 32-year-old male Filipino was arrested for DUI.

### Monday, March 28:

3. Between 2:00 p.m. on March 27 and 5:30 a.m. on March 28, an auto burglary occurred in the 300 block of Laurel. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole desktop computers, printer, and monitor for a reported loss of about \$1,550.
4. Units responded to the 2000 block of Canyon in reference to a fraud report. The victim received her credit card statement and discovered approximately \$1,800 in unauthorized purchases made on March 8 from a Macy's store in Modesto.

### Tuesday, March 29:

5. A commercial burglary at a construction site occurred between 3:45 p.m. on March 28 and 7:15 a.m. on March 29. Unknown suspect(s) stole three steel beams worth about \$10,000 from a fenced location at Second and the 210 Freeway.
6. Around 9:14 a.m., a traffic stop was initiated in the 700 block of West Duarte for excessive speed. A 25-year-old male Asian driver was arrested for speeding and a \$26,000 outstanding warrant.

### Wednesday, March 30:

7. Around 12:02 p.m., units were dispatched to CVS, 188 Las Tunas, in regards to a robbery that just occurred. An employee tried to stop a male Hispanic suspect from leaving the store with stolen alcoholic beverages concealed on his person. He struck the female employee in the chest with his fist and then fled on foot. An area search was conducted, and the suspect was located and detained at Daines and Welland. A private person's arrest was made, and a 30-year-old man was taken into custody for robbery.
8. Shortly after 3:30 p.m., officers responded to Victoria's Secret in reference to a theft. Three female suspects stole a large amount of bras and underwear from the store. Loss prevention agents followed the suspects and later saw four women enter a brown SUV. Officers conducted a traffic stop at Baldwin and Huntington, and hundreds of stolen items from Victoria's Secret, Disney Store, Bath and Body Works, and ULTA, which is not located at Westfield Mall, were seen in plain view. Over \$7,000 in stolen merchandise was recovered, and the African-American suspects, ages 19, 21, 31, and 33, were taken into custody for commercial burglary and receiving stolen property.

### Thursday, March 31:

9. About 9:00 a.m., a traffic stop was made at Eighth and Norman for an expired registration. A 30-year-old female driver was contacted and during a consent search, officers found a baggie of marijuana, a baggie with morphine pills, papers containing personal information belonging to 25 different individuals, and forms containing medical cannabis authorization. The woman was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, identity theft, expired registration, and no proof of insurance.
10. A 19-year-old man came to the station around 1:18 p.m. and advised that he wanted to kill himself and/or hurt others. The man wanted to voluntarily admit himself into a mental facility for psychiatric evaluation, so he was transported by officers to Charter Oaks.

### Friday, April 1:

11. Shortly before 5:00 p.m., units were dispatched to JC Penney regarding a man detained for purchasing items with a fake charge card. The suspect admitted to signing the fraudulent card, even though he knew that he was not an authorized user. The 35-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary, forged access card to defraud, and theft by use of access card information.
12. Units responded to the 500 block of Las Tunas around 9:30 a.m. on the report of a man with a gun lying near a stairwell. Officers found a 49-year-old male Hispanic in a pool of blood and it appeared that he had shot himself in the head. Investigation revealed that he was distraught and killed himself with a stolen gun.

### Saturday, April 2:

13. Between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of Warren. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home by unknown means, pried open a locked bedroom door, and stole a large flatscreen television, credit cards, costume jewelry, and also a jackhammer located in a detached garage.
14. Around 5:15 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a woman for theft. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room, removed the price tags, concealed the property, and left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and a 63-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for petty theft with prior conviction.



Police Chief Robert Sanderson

## 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!

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.

## Coffee Kiosk Coming to Arcadia Public Library's Patio

The Board of Trustees of the Arcadia Public Library and Just Brewed! are delighted to announce that a permanent beverage concession will open soon in the west patio area of the Library. Serving typical café beverages, including; gourmet coffee, organic teas, nutrient-enriched smoothies, and light pre-packaged snacks, Just Brewed! will be opening in mid April. Hours will be Monday thru Friday 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Adrian and Nancy Listiawan, the husband and wife team and owners of Just Brewed!, have been residents of Arcadia since their wedding in 2008. They have frequented the Library often and are certain that a coffee kiosk will complement this Library very nicely. After a yearlong pursuit, Just Brewed! will finally become a reality. "We are thrilled and excited that library visitors, like myself, can finally have a place to take a break and enjoy a nice drink" said Nancy Listiawan. As part of their "Go Green!" efforts, the Listiawans will be giving out 50 hand-made reusable coffee sleeves to the first 50 customers. Since 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Library, everyone is invited to come out and support the Library and Just Brewed!

For more information please check out our website: [www.just-brewed.net](http://www.just-brewed.net) or email us at [just.brewed@yahoo.com](mailto:just.brewed@yahoo.com).

## Family Nature Hike! Saturday April 16 8am

Bring the family and join us as we hike through Big Santa Anita Canyon to Sturtevant Falls. This round trip excursion of 3.7 miles is a wonderful way to see our beautiful foothills up close and personal. Enjoy the lush scenery and a peaceful connection with nature as you take a break from the hustle and bustle of your busy life. We will meet at the Community Center at 8am SHARP on Saturday April 16, board the bus to the trailhead in Sierra Madre and begin the adventure. Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and transportation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

You can register now, on-line, by mail or in person! To download the registration form, go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

## The Great Egg Race!

The race is on! Hey all you Middle and High School students bring your flashlights and baskets to Eisenhower Park on Friday April 22 at 8 pm. Come search for eggs in the park in the dark. Prizes range from restaurant gift certificates to amusement park tickets. Parents in attendance will have the opportunity to compete with other parents to win prizes for their teens. So mark your calendars and don't be late for your egg hunt date.

For more information please call 626.574.5113! Or go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us).

## HELEN'S STORY - FINDING THE PHANTOM BRAKE PEDAL

*Camino Grove Teacher shares why she's involved with Arcadia ACS Mini-Relay for Life, Set for June 3, 2011*

By Helen Simmons Conroy

Do you ever reach for the phantom brake pedal when someone else is driving the car, frantically pumping air with your right foot? As a confirmed control freak, I am guilty of doing this. I love to be in charge (one reason why I love being a teacher).

Thus, when I was diagnosed with early stage breast cancer in 2009, it put a kink in my controlling existence. At first I dealt with my cancer by trying to control it. That didn't work as the cancer decided to spread. Facing double mastectomy/reconstruction surgery, I contemplated pushing the operation off until winter break, to reduce time away from my students. But then my daughter, Lauren, (who was 20 at the time), made me get real. She exclaimed exasperatingly, "Mom, if you die, you won't have a class to teach!" I scheduled surgery for the first available date and made long-term sub plans for 8 weeks.

Luckily, through it all, I had wonderful support from my principal, Brook Reynolds, fellow teachers, students, parents, and my fabulous substitute teacher, Tammy Harvey. Third grade teacher, Lori Rozelle, banded teachers together to give my family a month of "Meals-on-Wheels." My family, friends, neighbors, doctors, and home support nurse helped me more than they will ever know. Talking with cancer survivors who had moved on to lead positive, fulfilling lives also comforted me tremendously.

At 50, my Irish stubbornness was as strong as ever and drove me to fight for full recovery with all my might. I was determined to survive so that I could erase two thoughts that had haunted my mind since the day I was diagnosed: the fear my children had of losing their mother and the fear I had not only of losing my life, but losing my life with them. The 8 weeks of recovering brought me new hope with each new day of healing. I returned to teaching and life went on.

My fight with cancer didn't change everything. I didn't stop pushing the phantom brake pedal when I wasn't driving a car, but I did find a renewed joy in doing things, both small and grand, that make a difference in the quality of life. I started using my fine crystal "just because," and began traveling more with my family. Of course, teaching remained one of my wonderful passions. And when Camino Grove parent and fellow cancer survivor, Jonie Tsuji, asked for teacher support in hosting the American Cancer Society (ACS) Mini-Relay for Life, I jumped at the chance to participate. Being on the committee with Jonie has given me a great opportunity to make a positive difference as a cancer survivor, promoting cancer education, awareness, and fundraising for research, within my school community. It has also allowed me to show kids that if someone they care about ends up getting cancer, be it a parent, grandma, uncle, or teacher, that person cannot only survive, but go on to live a full, happy, and long life.

Today, I am asking Arcadia elementary school parents, students, and the Arcadia community to join Jonie and me in supporting the ACS Mini-Relay, to be held at Camino Grove Elementary School on June 3, 2011, from 3-6 p.m. Help us get closer to finding a cure! For more information on how you can become involved with our ACS Mini-Relay event, check out our website at <http://arcadiaminirelay.org>.

If you have a question not addressed on the website, feel free to e-mail Jonie Tsuji at [jonie.tsuji@verizon.net](mailto:jonie.tsuji@verizon.net) or me at [hconroy@ausd.net](mailto:hconroy@ausd.net). (For information on the Arcadia community Relay event, to be held at the Santa Anita Race Track on June 25-26, visit <http://relayforlife.org/arcadiaca>.)



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## POLICE CHIEF ROGER JOHNSON TO RETIRE



After more than 30 years of faithful service to Monrovia, Police Chief Roger Johnson will retire on May 1. Chief Johnson has built an impressive legacy and has faced many challenges during his career with the Monrovia Police Department. In addition to being a consummate law enforcement professional, he is also an insightful leader and resourceful business manager. These last several years have been some of the most challenging that Monrovia has ever faced. I am glad Chief Johnson has been a part of this team; truly, Monrovia has been the better for it. Congratulations, and thank you, Roger.

Upon Chief Johnson's retirement, Captain Jim Hunt will become Interim Police Chief while we proceed with a recruitment process. Captain Hunt, too, is an excellent law enforcement professional, and I have every confidence that he will be able to manage the affairs of the Department during the upcoming selection process.

## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY'S LARGEST CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS THE RICH CULTURE OF MEXICO

### -A Colorful Celebration of Music, Culture, and Art -

Monrovia's Cinco De Mayo Cultural Art and Music Festival will take place on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Colorado and Myrtle Ave in charming Old Town Monrovia from 2PM to 8PM. The all-day celebration will transform the city streets into a festive block party with educational and cultural exhibits, musical performances from Grammy-award winning entertainers. In addition to an array of dance performances from popular Folklorico and Oaxacan dance troupes. The event is free and all ages are welcome.

Over 5,000 people are expected to attend this inaugural free, family-friendly block party making it San Gabriel Valley's largest Cinco de Mayo celebration and the first event in Monrovia's 125 year's of existence to pay tribute to Latino heritage. Monrovia will join over 100 US cities celebrating the rich culture, heritage, and history of Mexico.

The event is a community led effort comprised of over a dozen person committee and led by Committee president Rudy Castellon to pay tribute to the history and contributions that the Latino community has made to the City of Monrovia.

"I invite everyone to Monrovia to be part of history," says Castellon President of Monrovia Cinco De Mayo Committee and local business owner.

The event kicks off with performances from CaliMex roots quartet Los Fabulocos, and popular Latin Jazz ensemble the Banda Brothers. The fiesta continues at the children's stage where Folklorico and Oaxacan dance troupes will perform into the early evening. Throughout the celebration, attendees can enjoy works from over 75 local artists displaying a variety of media including: watercolor, oil painting, photography, ceramic, and glasswork. Visitors can also sample popular Mexican fare from a variety of Monrovia restaurants including Rudy's Mexican Food Restaurant participating in the event.

The event continues with special performances from the wildly popular Delgado Brothers performing their Latin infused blues. The cultural and arts festival will culminate with a very special performance from the Grammy Award winning group The Mariachi Divas, a unique, multi-cultural, all female mariachi ensemble.

The Monrovia Cinco De Mayo Cultural Art and Music Festival is produced by the Monrovia Cinco de Mayo Association in partnership with the Nuvein Foundation for Literature and the Arts, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to celebrate the diversity that is Monrovia, and to promote an understanding of all peoples and their cultures.

Monrovia's Cinco De Mayo Cultural and Art Festival is a free, all-ages cultural event, open to the public. For more information including a schedule of the event please visit [www.monrovia5demayo.org](http://www.monrovia5demayo.org).

# CLIFFORD SWAN

## INVESTMENT COUNSEL

## Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 438 service events, resulting in 79 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

### FORMATIVE YEARS PROJECT

The Monrovia Police Department's classes for the Formative Years Project are scheduled to begin May 5. The Formative Years Project is a program aimed at parents and their children, grades 1 through 3, which introduces important life values and skills to children at an early age. Providing this training when children are young begins the process of building healthy and safe practices that can set the stage for a lifetime of success and healthy living.

### POLICE BLOG

#### Robbery Suspect Arrested

On March 26, an officer went to a residence in the 700 block of Monterey Court in an attempt to locate a wanted robbery suspect, but no one answered the door. Approximately one hour later, the suspect came into the Police Department lobby. The officer contacted the female suspect, who admitted to committing two robberies in San Dimas. The suspect was arrested and a detective contacted the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and arrangements were made for a deputy to take custody of the suspect.

#### Driving Under the Influence / Failure to Obey a Lawful Order - Suspects Arrested

On March 27 at 1:42 a.m., officers were at a business in the 300 block of South Myrtle at the request of security to provide assistance while a rowdy group of subjects were being cleared from the premises. One of the officers was trying to stop a vehicle for speeding that was approaching him. The vehicle momentarily stopped as it reached the intersection of Myrtle and Lime, the driver rolled down his window, but then sped away traveling the wrong way on a one way street at a high rate of speed. An area search was conducted and the vehicle was located and stopped at Fifth and Chestnut. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence and was arrested. The three passengers were arrested for being drunk in public.

#### Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On March 27 at 1:56 a.m., an officer was following a vehicle westbound in the 300 block of East Huntington that was intermittently lane straddling all the way to Magnolia, where the vehicle was stopped. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence. The driver was arrested. He was found to be on felony probation for burglary and had a felony, \$250,000 warrant out for his arrest.

#### Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On March 27 at 3:10 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle heading north on Myrtle under the 210 Freeway. The vehicle swerved, almost striking the curb, and then went through a red light at Central and Myrtle. The officer stopped the driver and through investigation, determined the driver to be under the influence. The driver was arrested.

## DUARTE'S MARY BARROW HONORED AT 32<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Mary Barrow of Duarte was honored for outstanding contributions to her community by Congresswoman Judy Chu in a ceremony at the Grace T. Black Auditorium in El Monte on April 3. Barrow was one of 13 women in the Congresswoman's 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District to be recognized at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women of Distinction Awards.

Utilizing her professional expertise as a publicist and principal of Barrow/Hoffman Public Relations, Barrow sought out opportunities to improve and promote her hometown of Duarte and community organizations, including The Friends of the Duarte Library. She spearheaded the annual Duarte Festival of Authors, a major cultural event that promotes reading and literature. She was also a founding director of Duarte Public Access Television (DCTV) and currently serves as board vice president. She hosts a DCTV program that highlights the accomplishments and interests of Duarte citizens. She was one of the original organizers of Duarte's annual Salute to Route 66 Parade and continues to support the event as a volunteer publicist and celebrity/grand marshal coordinator.

"Her work has helped to uplift the entire community as well as improve the lives of her clients. Mary has not only become a model citizen but also a Duarte legend," said Congresswoman Chu.

It was a bittersweet moment for Barrow, whose husband, Ray Somerlott, passed away earlier in the week. She chose to attend the ceremony to honor the memory of her husband, who worked side-by-side with her for the past 27 years and provided her with support and encouragement in all her civic endeavors.

It is the second year that Congresswoman Chu has honored distinguished area women. Other 2011 honorees include Maricela Cueva of Azusa, Beverly Gonzalez of Baldwin Park, Wendy Carrillo of City Terrace, Darby Mangen of Covina, Liliana Garcia of East Los Angeles, Lillian Rey of El Monte, Ruth Gonzales of South El Monte, Elsa Torres of El Sereno, Lisa Bailey of Irwindale, America Tang of Monterey Park, Lynn C. Chen of Rosemead, and Audrey Lynberg of West Covina.

## Author Talk Series:

### Victor Cass will read from his book Telenovela.

Victor Cass shares his view that life can be one big soap opera when culture clashes with romance and infidelity in Telenovela. The author and artist, who lives in Pasadena, also wrote "Love, Death and Other War Stories" in 2005, after serving over 18 years on the Pasadena Police force.

Victor worked as an advertising art director in New York City before returning to Pasadena to pursue a career in law enforcement. His writing has also appeared in Arroyo Monthly Magazine, Mexican War Journal, Pasadena Weekly, and the Pasadena Star-News.

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## PACK STATION HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION



A special historical marker will be unveiled at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at the last remaining mule pack station of its kind in the Angeles National Forest of the San Gabriel Mountains — Adams' Pack Station — as part of 75th anniversary festivities at the station by Deb and Sue Burgess, who are celebrating their fifth anniversary as owners.

Adams' Pack Station co-owner Deb Burgess (middle) and manager Richard Conforti accept checks last year from Arcadia Historical Society's Carol Libby to help save the station from being closed.

The Arcadia Historical Society will dedicate the group's seventh "History Lives Here" marker — showcasing vintage and recent photographs and descriptions of the station's history — at the pack station and general store, which sits next to the Chantry Flat picnic and trail head area at the top of Santa Anita Canyon Road. The ceremony will take place between two live music acoustic music performances by John M from 12 noon – 2 p.m., and Cross Town Cowboys from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the outdoor program that will include the Arcadia Mayor and other local political officials and historians, and residents and visitors of Santa Anita Canyon. The station will once again make available pulled pork sandwiches cooked on the spot in a Dutch oven, as are offered on the third Sunday each month spring – fall.

A shuttle bus provided by the Arcadia Historical Society will be available to take riders up to the Pack Station. It will leave at 1 p.m. from the Arcadia Community Center and return about 3 p.m. Passengers will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

-Courtesy Arcadia's Best

## PASADENA CHIROPRACTOR ADOPTS NEW TOOL FOR PAIN RELIEF: PEMF

Dr. Michael Budincich, of Budincich Chiropractic, is always looking for ways to help his patients reduce their pain and increase function after injuries or from chronic issues.

His newest tool in his office toolbox is the Delta Pulse from Magnus Magnetica. Pulsed Electro-Magnetic Field (PEMF) Therapy is fondly known to Dr Bud's patients as the "click click" machine, for the low level, typewriter-like clicking the apparatus makes during use.

Budincich says "The unit was the most expensive piece of equipment I have ever purchased with the exception of my X-ray machine. But the results were so impressive and fast, I could not overlook the technology, and wanted to be one of the first 5 doctors in LA to get it. Some of the most dramatic results came just this week, as a woman with three years of constant shoulder pain reported that her pain was totally GONE after four treatment visits," says Budincich. "I have had great results with chronic and acute severe low back and knee pain, sciatica, and even chronic prostate problems. The machine seems to greatly reduce the pain of fractures, contusions and injuries as well."



Comparing the machine to another widely used therapy treatment, electrical stimulation, Budincich reflects that, "Electric stimulation (also known as "stim") is better for muscle spasms, neuromuscular reeducation and relaxing muscles. The Delta Pulse is actually a curative technology. It actually increases the polarity of the molecules in the tissue cells and promotes healing of the actual condition and does not just mask pain. In permanent cases, it can mask pain when healing is impossible, but many of my tough cases are being treated and released.

This type of therapy has been around since the early 1900's, with commercially produced, low power PEMF devices entering the marketing around 1975, focusing on the health of bones, muscles, nerves tendons, etc., reducing pain and cellular and tissue regeneration. In 1979, the FDA accepted PEMF use for increased healing of non-union bone fractures, urinary incontinence and muscle stimulation in 1998 and anxiety and depression in 2006. Through its electromagnetic pulses, the benefits of PEMF come through a chemical process that enables "nitric oxide cascades" involved in tissue repair. PEMF has been shown to include direct and indirect vasodilatation (increased blood flow at the treatment site), anti-inflammatory and anti thrombotic (blood clot) effects and inhibits smooth muscle hyperplasia and seems to break up adhesions (a syndromatic unusual growth caused by excessive multiplication of cells, often seen as scar tissue after surgery or injury, that builds on itself).

Budincich's supplier, Henry Siegel of Magnus Magnetica LLC, with its office in n Carson City, NV, came upon the therapy when a fitness trainer, the woman who would eventually become his wife, was severely injured in an automobile crash, with herniated discs and a dislocated shoulder. "For 18 months, no one was able to help her; she got no relief," Siegel recalls. At an event, a passerby who happened to be the developer of the Delta Pulse noticed her injury and suggested PEMF. They brought the equipment to her chiropractor, who set up the treatment as a test. Twenty minutes later she was pain free, which lasted two days. After a dozen treatments, she was relatively pain free, and uses the PEMF for "maintenance" effect only these days.

"We've had amazing stories from the equine community at Santa Anita Racetrack. We have seven units there," Siegel continued. "The horse trainers and owners love this technology, and it really provides a true reading of the therapy's effectiveness. The horses run better, with less pain. It's drug free and noninvasive."

Dr. Jon Postajian, an associate chiropractor at Budincich Chiropractic, logs the patient responses to PEMF treatment by the Delta Pulse to keep careful track of the therapy. "Everyone has had a positive reaction to the treatment," he says, "with enthusiastic comments about the pain reduction, like 'My pain went from a 10 to a 6 in one day,'" and "The pain goes away for almost all day;" and "It feels good and feels like the pain is gone." "Every patient's response has been really encouraging," says Budincich. "Patients line up for the machine and ask for it." My goal is to offer my patients the best hope for a complete recovery. Delta Pulse is a great additional tool that my patients are asking for regularly now."

Dr. Michael Budincich practices at 140 N. Hill, just a block north of Pasadena Community College, in Pasadena. For more information, visit [www.DrBud.com](http://www.DrBud.com) or call 626-792-3390.

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## WATCH OUT FOR SCAM ARTISTS POSING AS ARBORISTS

Sacramento – Communities and homeowners throughout California have experienced serious damage to trees due to harsh winter weather and very heavy snow fall. After a storm, it is common for people claiming to be "tree specialists" to show up at residents' front doors offering their services to remove or repair damaged trees. Contractors seem to come out of the woodwork after a storm and are often inexperienced and not qualified to properly care for trees and their damage following a storm. They are often people who are unlicensed to do the work.

Unfortunately, many such individuals have little or no training, and sometimes have little interest in removing anything but money from the pocketbooks of unsuspecting residents.

CAL FIRE and the Arbor Day Foundation are urging homeowners not to be a victim.

"Make sure you are dealing with a reputable individual or tree care firm when you contemplate repairs or removal of any trees on your property," warns John Rosenow, president of The Arbor Day Foundation. "Legitimate arborists rarely go door to door to solicit business."

Here are eight guidelines to help you find qualified tree-care specialists:

1. Make sure they are part of an established business in the community or nearby area, with a listing in the phone book, usually under Tree Service.
2. Have them provide you with evidence that they are actually working for the company, rather than moonlighting.
3. Ask for a California Contractor's License or a Timber Operator's License. Including current certificates of insurance showing that they are fully insured for property damage, personal liability, and worker compensation.
4. Ideally, they should be members of a professional association of arborists such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), or the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA).
5. Arborists who have received certification from their professional associations, such as ISA Certified Arborists, will have received training and access to current technical information on tree care, repair, and removal.
6. If possible, get more than one estimate to ensure that the price offered is competitive with that offered by others for the same services.

7. In the case of tree removals, have a clear understanding about who removes the limbs and debris from the property, and whether or not the price includes stump removal and clean up.

8. Check to see if the estimate has considered the possible value your tree will have as logs, firewood or chips, either to yourself or if sold to others.

"Above all, don't be pressured into making immediate decisions by a "tree specialist", do your homework and make sure they are qualified," warns Thom Porter, staff chief of Resource Management for CAL FIRE's Southern Region. "It is important to take the time to select a qualified tree professional to safeguard your trees and to save you from the long-term consequences of using the wrong contractor to clean up after a storm."

Many cities require arborists to be licensed and will maintain lists of firms and individuals so registered. Residents can check with their local Forester who cares for public trees in their communities. Sometimes this is a function of the county or city's parks department or public works department. For more information on CAL FIRE's Resource Management Program or to reach a State Forester please visit [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).



## RICH Johnson PEA SOUP, HEAVEN & MORE



Undoubtedly most of you know the Central California town of Buelton. A hundred and fifty miles up the 101 freeway past Santa Barbara. Buelton is, of course, home to Pea Soup Andersons, the world renowned purveyor of split pea soup. And until just recently was my first stop for quality split pea soup with ham.

I mention this because I recently had what I consider to be the best pea soup ever. And it is conveniently, right here at the Pasadena/Sierra Madre border. You can find it at Fresco's Restaurant on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Michillinda and Sierra Madre Blvd. In fact, the soup was so good, I told the proprietor, Oscar, that I was going to highlight the soup in my column and he better have it available for any interested parties. So, he is going to have his cadre of cooks prepare it this Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> serving from lunch on. If you are still hungry after the soup, order up the hot fudge brownie. It takes 20 minutes because they bake the brownie when you order it.

Moving on, I have come across a mathematical equation that identifies your personal role model. Do the math below to see who your real hero is:

1. Pick a number between 1-9
2. Multiply by 3
3. Add 3
4. Again, multiply by 3
5. You will get a 2 or 3 digit number
6. Add the digits together

With that answer, look at the number below that corresponds to your answer and you will find out who your role model is. It's uncannily accurate.

1. Albert Einstein
2. Oprah Winfrey
3. Ronald Reagan
4. Bill Clinton
5. Bill Gates
6. Mahatma Gandhi
7. Barack Obama
8. Babe Ruth
9. Rich Johnson
10. John F. Kennedy

And finally, I heard from several dogs regarding my column last week. The most vocal canine was the self-proclaimed King of Sierra Madre, Sparky Ogden. He is also known as Sir Barksalot having been christened that name by the Sierra Madre Sergeant at Arms, Ron.

Sparky identified several "pet" peeves dogs have about humans.

1. Blaming your farts on me....not funny.
2. Yelling at me for barking? I am a f-r-i-g-g-i-n' dog.
3. Take me out for a walk, then getting mad when I check stuff out? Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it.
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. And you wonder why we chew your stuff up when you're not at home.
6. That little slight of hand, fake throw. You fooled a dog. Big wow.
7. Taking me to the vet for the "big snip" and then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotch of each of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't mastered the handshake yet.
9. Dog Sweaters? Hello? Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How disgusted you look when I lick myself. Come on, we know the truth. You are just jealous.

Sparky concluded his email by telling us to sit up and take notice of these peeves. In closing he said, "We both know who the boss is here. After all, you don't see me picking up *your* poop, do you?"



## Sierra Madre School Students Stand Out At Math Field Day

The Pasadena Unified School District held a district-wide competition for students in grades 4-9. In the annual contest, school teams solve math and algebra problems in a test of their analytical and computational skills.

School teams were honored with gold, silver and bronze medals at an awards ceremony.

The event took place at Eliot Middle School on Saturday, March 26th. A total of 29 schools participated and Sierra Madre School Students won almost a third of the competitions, bringing home a total of 47 gold, bronze or silver medals.



Shown above, Sierra Madre 6th Grade Students on Team A who won the Gold Medalist in the Overall Category: Axel Tanner, Madeline Sandfey, Katie Stapenhorst, and Amy Prochaska  
Photo by Marlena Tanner

## ALVERNO SENIOR EARNS ARCHDIOCESE CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD



Alverno High School senior Regina Cabrera has received the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Christian Service Award at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

In one of his first acts as Archbishop, Jose H. Gomez presented awards to students from throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for community and parish service throughout their high school careers.

Last year, Alverno students gave more than 17,000 hours of service to their community. In her school government position as Secretary of Campus Ministry, Regina has been an involved student leader, training girls as retreat leaders, organizing retreats for Alverno students as well as 8th graders, planning prayer services, masses, and other religious events. "Regina is an inspiration," says Alverno Campus Minister Susana Capra. "She is such a positive, giving and serene young woman, and she adds a sense of grace to everything she

does. There is not a day when Regina is without a smile, her cheerfulness is empowering. As the representative for Campus Ministry she ambitiously leads the students with respect and kindness. Regina is an incredible example to our students and has put endless hours into Alverno's Campus Ministry program and community service. She is incredibly deserving of this award and we are lucky to call her an Alverno student."

A talented soccer player, Regina says her most satisfying volunteer experience has been with KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) an organization which provides one-on-one recreational opportunities for children with physical and developmental disabilities. "It touches my heart," she says. There she has been playing soccer with an autistic boy and finds the experience both fun and rewarding.

"The Alverno mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be," says Ann Gillick, Alverno Head of School. "For her positive, giving spirit, Regina is a role model to us all."



## TRADITION!

As I wrote about a few weeks ago in my "Taking Chances" column, I am in my school's production of the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Along with this experience being an eye opener to the reality that taking chances has a large impact on someone's life, I have also learned a little bit on the origin of tradition. In the play, tradition centers around large events in life: marrying someone in the faith, not leaving the town you were born in, religion, etc; but because of the play I have also learned more about how simple traditions start. For example, since rehearsals have begun, a few of my cast mates and I go to Roscoe's House of Chicken and Waffles to get a bite to eat, going over everything that occurred in the last few days and any new gossip. This tradition has slowly become engrained into our weekly routine and if we skip our meal, we feel as though the week is incomplete.

Tradition in the dictionary means continuing cultural practices, and Roscoe's has become a cultural practice for us – the perfect way to finish a long week of schoolwork and rehearsal. This realization has caused me to look closer at some of my family traditions, like opening one present on Christmas Eve or having squash at Thanksgiving. If for some reason my family and I stopped practicing these little traditions, something about the holiday would seem amiss. Tradition is a great thing because it gives you something to look forward to, but don't let it control the memories and good times that you will have. Tevye in *Fiddler* lets his tradition control his decisions in the end, and he ultimately bans one of his daughters from the family. Despite the extremes, I say "To life and to tradition!"

## MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 58TH ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOW

**Over 100 Paintings will be on display at Frostig Center, in Pasadena On Display April 17-23, 2011**

Mid-Valley Arts League (MVAL) will showcase their 58th Annual Membership Show at the Frostig Center & School, 971 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, April 17-23.

The exhibition will feature over 100 paintings representing the artwork of over 50 accomplished artists. On display will be landscapes, still lifes, portraits and abstract

art created in various mediums such as, oil, watercolor, acrylic and pastels.

The public is invited to attend a free reception beginning at 2:00pm as well as an awards presentation at 3:00pm, Sunday, April 17. This will be a great opportunity to meet the artists.

MVAL has been part of the artist community since 1953. The public is invited to attend their monthly meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 West Duarte

Road, Arcadia, at 7:30pm.

For more information visit, [www.midvalleyartsleague.org](http://www.midvalleyartsleague.org).

**About the Frostig Center:**

The Center's mission is to enhance the opportunities of children with learning disabilities and related learning problems (including dyslexia, non-verbal learning disabilities, ADHD, and Aspergers) to develop their potential and increase their ability to become contributing and stable members of society.

## PUSD NEWSFLASH

Applications due April 15! The PUSD Board of Education invites applications for the nine-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 available at [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us).

- PUSD schools will be closed next week (Monday, April 11-Friday, April 15) for the annual Spring recess. District offices will remain open.

PUSD announced the departure of Vanessa Watkins, principal of Norma Coombs Alternative School, who will return to her home state of Georgia where she has been appointed principal of a middle school. Dr. Watkins has served as principal of Norma Coombs since 2005.

*PUSD's Parent and Community Welcome Center presented "Middle School Transition," an interactive seminar for families with information about what to expect in middle school, how to support children during the middle school years, and how the role of the parent changes during these years. The seminar will also be offered on May 10 at 9:00 a.m. at Eliot Middle School, and on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Blair. For more information, call the Welcome Center at (626) 396-3600, ext. 88340*

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## CAFE 140 SOUTH

There is an old adage if it ain't broke why fix it? So I was in a curious mood and not to mention hungry this past week. So I called my friend Gregg Smith and invited him out to lunch, oddly enough I invited him to one of his own restaurants, Café 140 South, you remember this as the Crocodile Café, a very reliable go-to restaurant for thousands of

Diners through out the years. Gregg, agreed to meet me for lunch, we picked a spot on the street side patio, al fresco it's called, so after the how are you's and other pleasantries, as any good reporter I asked Gregg, so why the change? Gregg, answered without blinking, "we wanted to reward our customers with an updated and better choice of entrees", better choice? Gregg replied expanded choices, including smaller plates, expanded wine list and a cleaner look. We are offering a wine by the glass program that will rival anyone in the area. I glanced at the sign and sure enough Opus One for \$18 for a glass, Gregg made sure that I was aware that where else can you get that Opus One by the glass for that price, ok, but what about the menu. I literally have grown up eating pizza from the Crocodile and the OOOHHH sooo good Oakwood grilled cheeseburger (\$10.95) is a staple in many local businessmen's weekly lunch visit. Gregg assured me that the best of the original Crocodile menu was still in place, but his bother and partner Bob and him wanted to improve on already successful formula, the handcrafted pizzas (\$12.50 range) have been best sellers for years, but maybe just maybe

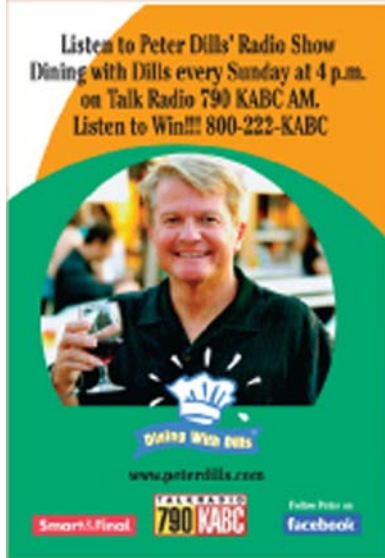
## TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

we can improve on the dough, so I ordered the Margherita pizza and was indeed blown away by the flavor and true to his word the dough made the difference, I even ate the crust. My host pointed out that the Vine ripened tomatoes were just cut minutes ago.

Ah but just one great pizza won't sway this reporters pen, so it was my turn to order, our server Jasmine came by and with out looking down at her notes once rattled off seven or eight specials. Wow, now that's impressive, I have to repeat to myself ten times my own addres at times. At the top of the menu are Artichokes (\$4.95), these to like the burgers are oakwood grilled I know a thing or two about Artichokes and they looked the part of being grilled and were fantastic, I cheated just a bit and cut right into the sweet spot, hey but more food was on the way. Up next the Thai Salad (\$13.50) easily enough for two and Gregg said Bravo Peter that is our Number 1 seller. Plenty of chicken and just the right amount of thaidressing. I felt the stomach starting to raise the white flag so I ordered the entrée quickly. It would be a new-comber to the menu Stout Braised Short Rib (\$16.95) the stout here is Samuel Smith beer and another winner. Somehow after all this we shared a butter scotch pudding (\$6.95), that didn't last too long. Something for everyone here at the "updated" Café 140 South, yes there are veggie dishes, plus salads, pastas, pizzas and the expanded Wine list. Tell me what you think? *Thechefknows@yahoo.com*

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## WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE. Coffee, Chocolate, or Broccoli?

by Rev. James L. Snyder

Have you ever had serious second thoughts about something? Of course, I usually have severe trouble with establishing first thoughts. But once I have finished a serious thought I like put it behind me and go on with life.

For example. For years, people have been telling me how harmful drinking coffee is. Something to do, so they tell me, with being addicted to caffeine. Then, if I cannot give up coffee, I am to limit the number of cups of coffee I drink per day.

This has always caused me great concern because I can never remember how many cups of coffee I have had in any given day. I suppose I could keep a tally and mark down every cup I drink. This in itself poses a serious problem for me.

When I am in a restaurant and drinking coffee and my cup is half-empty and the waitress tops off my coffee, is that considered one or two cups of coffee?

What about my coffee mug at home? Does it hold one or two cups of coffee?

By the time I have had my thoughts thoroughly stirred about the consumption of caffeine I read a health report informing us that caffeine helps prevent heart attack.

If that is true, and I have no reason not to believe it, there will be no heart attacks in my family for the next ten generations.

All that guilt I felt for years about drinking too much coffee has really been for nothing. Therefore, in a show of good faith, I plan to drink as much coffee as I jolly well please.

Then there was the episode about chocolate. According to those people who hate other people enjoying themselves, chocolate is supposed to be bad for you. Or so they opined.

For years, I have been secretly eating chocolate behind the back of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She is one who takes these warnings rather seriously. Rather, I should say, she takes them out on me. For years chocolate was a forbidden substance in our otherwise merry domicile.

Then I read a report revealing the health benefits associated with eating chocolate. No wonder I am such a healthy rascal these days. The only exercise I have had for years is exercising caution in smuggling chocolate into our house.

The good news is, chocolate is good for your health along with a steaming hot cup of coffee. I do not know what I enjoy more in life.

With these two things in mind, I have had some cause to rethink my position on broccoli. My reasoning goes something like this. For years, people have been telling us that coffee and chocolate is bad for your health. Then, somebody discovers that these two things benefit our health.

Now, for years, starting with my dear old mother, people have been extolling the virtues of broccoli. I cannot tell how many lectures I have heard explaining to me how wonderful and beneficial broccoli is for human consumption. I cannot remember the number of vitamins and minerals allegedly associated with this vegetable.

When I was a young lad in short pants, I took one look at broccoli and determined it was not for me at all. Even I, at that point, understood the maliciousness of what some people called a vegetable.

"Eat all your vegetables and then you can have your dessert." Which, to my mind, was second only to waterboarding. In fact, I think there was a period in my life when I would have preferred the waterboarding.

"It's good for you," people kept telling me. What I want to know is how can something that looks like a miniature tree-wanna-be be good for a person?

The first and last broccoli I have ever eaten took me three days to chew. Then, I had to brush my teeth for a week to get it all out from between my teeth.

Now that I have become older,

I have begun to rethink certain things in life. One has to do with the functional aspect of wearing suspenders. One unfortunate episode in the public mall was enough for me.

And the other has to do with broccoli. Maybe, just maybe, I have been too harsh concerning what some people call a wonderful vegetable. Maybe, if I give it some further thought, I might discover that broccoli is not half as bad as I thought it was.

It just could be that all these years those people bragging on the marvelous benefits of broccoli were right.

Just as I was polishing up this second thought about broccoli to present it to my wife, I saw a newspaper article that said, "Tainted broccoli spurs big recall in West."


*I knew it!* I knew that broccoli; in whatever form you want to cook it, is tainted.

Second thoughts can certainly be dangerous. I took this second thought about broccoli, threw it away and enthusiastically embraced my first thought and now broccoli is history with me.

The Bible warns us to be careful about what we think. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8 KJV).

With that said, I think I have more important things to think about than broccoli.

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The John Kander and Fred Ebb vaudeville-style musical is based on two headline-grabbing murders of the early 1920's. "All you have to do it turn on the television or open the paper to see that the themes of *Chicago* are still relevant," commented director Cynthia Cales. "The appetite for sensational news is just as strong today if not stronger."

Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, the two bad girls battling to see whose murder trial would get the most press coverage, were played by Annela Flores and Monaur Lutfi. Also in the large and talented case were Matt De La Peza as the sleazy attorney Billy Flynn and Jessica Hamilton as jail matron Mama. Reagan Dowd, Ashley Lopez, Nicole

Tellez, Alessia Paciulli, Liza Pattison, Alora Barrera, Michael Wheelock, Tira Murray-Hopkins, Hana Lemseffer, Haylee Ladesich, Tracey Janzen, Amanda Parlee, Alisa Unell, Aric Ponce, Lindsay Fisher, Ryan Bautista, Mandie Lira, Lauren Moore-Sanchez, Mikaela McCarthy, Brett Richey, Liliana Jacobs, Victor Lapaz, and Kevin Mendizabal rounded out the strong ensemble cast.

Music director Lisa Edwards lead a jazzy combo that fit the score's razz-ma-taz like a silk stocking. Alverno senior Karisha Quiroque choreographed the talented dancers with verve and style. Fellow senior Maryanne Householder designed the set and served as stage manager, with help from lights manager Clara Caraveo.

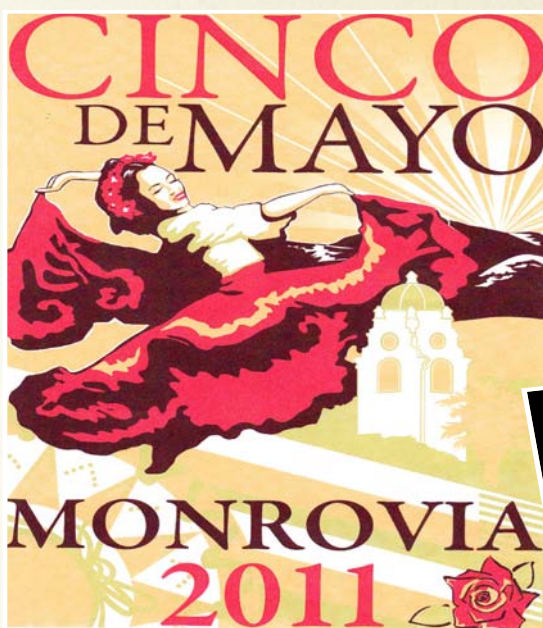
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Sean Kayden

the game with an irrefutable winning effort in "Source Code". Additionally, director Duncan Jones' (son of David Bowie) sophomore film proves that he himself is the real deal. His 2009 low budget sci-fi flick, "Moon" almost cracked my top 10 and utterly took me by surprise. I'm not the biggest sci-fi devotee, but Duncan Jones is a special kind of storyteller/ filmmaker. Ben Ripley, a relatively unknown screenwriter with a few direct-to-DVD writing credits, wrote this brilliantly executed screenplay. It's wonderful to see original ideas come into fruition on the big screen. We desperately need more movies like this and less sequels, remakes, and comic book adaptations. I really have to tip my hat to the independent studio Summit Entertainment for taking a chance with a fresh and invigorating concept from an anonymous screenwriter and a director with only one film under his belt.

"Source Code" grabs you right from the start. Jake Gyllenhaal portrays Captain Colter Stevens, a decorated pilot who awakens in the body of a man called Sean Fentress inside a train in Chicago. While on the train, he meets a woman named Christina (characterized by the captivating Michelle Monaghan). However, before he can understand what is occurring, a bomb goes off and destroys the train. After the explosion, Stevens finds himself in a capsule chamber greeted by Colleen Goodwin (the always superb Vera Farmiga) from a computer screen. Bewildered to why he's located here, she informs him that he's taken part in a scientific program that allows him to take over someone's body in his or her last eight minutes of life. It is then revealed that earlier that day, a bomb exploded and destroyed a train in Chicago. Goodwin notifies Stevens that his primary mission is to locate the bomb and discover who created it before another nuclear bomb detonates somewhere in Chicago. As he continues to oblige to his orders, Stevens starts to believe he can prevent the initial bombing from actually taking place. Source Code's inventor, Dr. Rutledge (ferociously represented by Jeffrey Wright), sheds

## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: SOURCE CODE

Hurray! Hurray! After coming off a few less-than-stellar outings, Jake Gyllenhaal is back in

some light about the experiment. He notifies Captain Stevens that the Source Code is merely a simulation and that he cannot alter the past. Stevens strongly believes he can and his motives for trying to become apparent, as he grows fondly attached to Christina. However, Rutledge makes it painfully clear that he has one mission and one mission only. So Stevens is then transported back on to the train over and over again until he discovers the culprit behind the terrorist attack. One may perceive the repetitiveness of being sent back and forth onto the train to be tedious and boring, but that's not the case in the slightest form. As we head into the second and third act of the film, more and more surprises begin to unravel. Source Code will undoubtedly keep you completely mesmerized from beginning to end. A true keep-you-on-the-edge-of-your-seat thriller that does more than just provides you a quick thrill or two.

### "Source Code"

Release Date:	04/01/2011
Directed by:	Duncan Jones
Screenplay by:	Ben Ripley
Rated:	PG-13*
*for some violence including disturbing images, and for language.	

Provided with a quartet of strong performances from Gyllenhaal, Monaghan, Farmiga and Wright, a dynamic screenplay and faultless direction, "Source Code" is easily thus far my favorite movie of 2011. This is Jake Gyllenhaal's most electrifying performance to date. For me personally, it puts him in a whole new category. The ending may spark some controversy with the most devoted sci-fi fans. I honestly thought the film was going to end at a particular point, but it carried on for another five to seven minutes. Personally, I was still fully satisfied by it. I felt that the extended ending brought a whole new element and meaning to the movie.

"Source Code" has a bit of an *Inception* feel to it, but is definitely more restrained and less convoluted. This is an innovative, outrageously compelling, and thought-provoking film with plenty of heart and soul to boot. It's the reason why we go to the theater and, if more movies like Source Code can be developed, then mainstream Hollywood may not be a complete wash after all.

Grade: 4.5 out of 5

## Jeff's Pics The Book Report

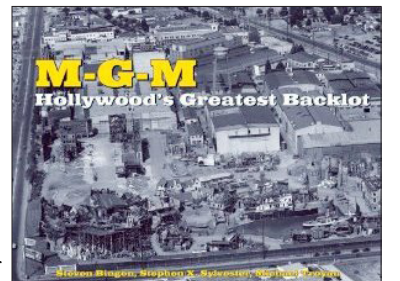
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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DREAM?



I'm sitting down to write this article on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. April 4<sup>th</sup> is a special day not just because it is my wife's birthday but because of what happened to America on that day in 1968. Probably a great many of you weren't even around but for those of you old enough to remember it was a sad end to a beautiful dream. If you recall the date it was on that evening that the news of the assassination of Martin Luther King was spread across the world.

Right now I'm looking at a button that I found downstairs on the table that sits in front of our giant television. In the center of the button is a picture of Dr. Martin Luther King, a young looking man in a suit jacket with his long-sleeved shirt and cuff-linked left hand showing below his wrist watch as his hand points upward and his left index finger rests against his left cheek. He looks to be a thoughtful young man and on the bottom of the button are the dates of his lifespan Jan 15, 1929- April 4, 1968. Yes, he was only thirty nine years old at the time of his murder. Amazing, isn't it? One thinks of him as so much older. Perhaps this feeling of agedness is related to the respect we all have for his most famous statement. This statement is written in capital letters at the top of the button, I HAVE A DREAM.

What was that Dream and where has it gone? It was a radical assertion that called for not only the end of racial discrimination but also included an awareness of the horrors of poverty and the confidence that change be brought about by non-violent means. He was not just the champion of African-Americans but really spoke for all of us who desperately yearn to live in a world which expressed a kind of aesthetic harmony, the City on the Hill, the Best Creation of Mankind. His dream was a restatement of Man's ancient wish for Peace on Earth and Universal Goodwill—and he was willing to fight for it, but non-violently.

It is my belief that many of the original European men, women, and children who braved the ocean voyage to this unknown came in the hope of making real this same beautiful vision of freedom, equality, and justice for all. Unfortunately, the dream quickly was obscured. The societies which were constructed were expression of a kind of fundamentalism that demanded a rigid conformity to a Puritan vision of life. Think about the Taliban and compare that society to the witch trials of Salem Massachusetts and the murder of Native Americans and the enslavement of Africans.

Remember at the time of his death Dr. King was in Memphis Tennessee supporting demands by a public service Janitor's Union. That's right a UNION! And he was speaking about the need to end the Viet Nam War soon after President Johnson had lied to the American Public in order to gain the authorization to escalate the war. Sound familiar. For generations the United States has supported and helped establish government by tyrants in order to satisfy our continued appetite for oil and material comfort at the unavoidable cost of the loss of our vision of the Dream.

At some point America must make a decision. What do we want? Is it the Dream or the oil and the conveniences that require the continued supply of energy? Isn't the achievement of a world of peace and brotherhood and respect for the maintenance of our ecological systems more important. Perhaps if we can stop killing each other and destroying our planet we can regain contact with our original vision?

It is forty three years after the death of Martin Luther King which was coincidentally forty three years after the dropping of the atomic bombs upon the nation of Japan. The release of these bombs should have been enough to demonstrate that technology had progressed to a capability of total world destruction. Perhaps this was the moment when knowledge could have been shared in such a way as to avoid our world wide race to oblivion. Is it only a matter of time until some war or some accident linked to a natural disaster brings about world destruction? If you had to choose between the likelihood of world peace versus the likelihood of world destruction what would be your prediction?

As I walk outside the next morning the sun is shining and much of my gloom is gone. Certainly, we have made some progress but the truth is that the only thing certain about the future is that it is uncertain. I believe that Dr. King would have smiled at the election of Barack Obama but it takes more than an election to end racial discrimination. Discrimination is still alive but so is the Dream. It is a Dream that can be shared with the whole world. Now, if only dreaming was all that was necessary but that's another dream...

## DOLLARS AND SENSE?! -

### Some Comments on State and Federal Issues Made This Week By Our Elected Officials:

#### From The Mayor of LA County:

GOVERNOR'S "PUBLIC SAFETY" PLAN AN OXYMORON  
"Dumping state felons in our communities and calling it improving public safety is an oxymoron -- as is his contention that extending high taxes for another five years will pull California's economy out of the toilet," said Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich in response to Governor Brown's signing of Assembly Bill 109, transferring state prisoners to local jails. "The time is now for the Governor to return to earth and get real by keeping felons in state prison, eliminating the deficit, job killing red tape, and excessive taxation."

#### From Congressman Adam Schiff (CA-29) on the potential government shutdown:

"I am still hopeful that a government shutdown can be avoided, and I am doing everything possible to call for a responsible resolution on the amount of spending cuts. It would be a terrible result, however, if policy riders unrelated to our budget were permitted to derail the budget negotiations. A shutdown will be harmful to our economic recovery and would represent a tragic outcome for the country. Under that circumstance, I have asked my staff to continue working without pay, so that we can meet the needs of constituents dependent on Social Security, Medicare, the Veterans Administration or other federal assistance. Moreover, if federal employees do not get paid, no Member of Congress should, and I will be donating my salary to charitable causes in my district."

#### From U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein on the potential government shutdown and the recent assault on women:

"Here we are, 12 hours away from the United States government shutting down. What is this over? It is over women's health. The [budget] numbers have been agreed to, but it's an opportunity for the right wing in the House to really sock it to women," said Senator Feinstein.

At midnight Friday, the federal government will run out of money and begin a shutdown of key agencies and services, furloughing more than 177,000 workers in California.

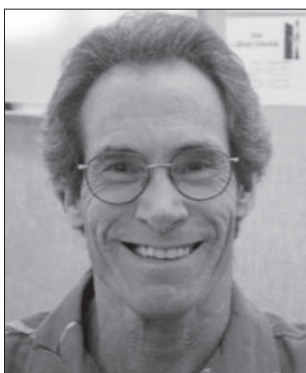
## CALIFORNIA IMMIGRATION BILLS DIE

(04-05) 14:13 PDT Sacramento, Calif. (AP) A legislative committee on Tuesday rejected twin bills by a Republican lawmaker who sought to crack down on illegal immigration in California, in part by requiring citizenship verification for anyone applying for a job or public benefits.

The legislation by Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, a tea party member from San Bernardino County, faced long odds in a Legislature controlled by Democrats. (Donnelly also represents Sierra Madre, and parts of Arcadia and Monrovia.)

His main bill, AB26, would have allowed residents to sue so-called "sanctuary cities," which do not cooperate with federal immigration officials, and required employers to verify applicants' citizenship. It was rejected on a party-line, 7-3 vote by the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

## HAIL Hamilton



The strength of Taliban forces are currently estimated to be about 10,000 fighters. Of that number

only 2,000 to 3,000 are highly motivated, full-time insurgents. Add to that an estimated 100 to 300 full-time combatants are foreigners, from Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Chechnya, various Arab countries and perhaps even Turkey and western China.

Arrayed against them are 170,000 well paid but not so motivated Afghan soldiers and 98,000 US soldiers. Calls for more troops could be in the offing.

That means a ragtag army of 10,000 insurgents who have no tanks, no heavy artillery, no jet fighters, no helicopters, no sophisticated body armor, no night vision goggles, no GPS or satellite communications are successfully holding down a massive 270,000 force of Afghan and US soldiers, backed by billions of dollars and every high tech weapon imaginable.

Yet the situation in Afghanistan is being described as "grave" and, despite President Obama's promise to withdraw all US forces by July, we may be stuck in Afghanistan for "years."

This is quite a contrast to the start of the war back in October 2001. Then US Special Operations Forces on horseback, using close air support (CAS), fought along side Afghan ground forces supplied primarily by the Northern Alliance. By December, two months after the war began, the Taliban were routed from Kabul and Osama bin Laden was scurrying for shelter in Tora Bora.

In fact, so few Allied ground forces were facing the enemy that it wasn't until three months after the war began that the first US soldier, Sgt. First Class Nathan R. Chapman, 31, a Green Beret, was killed January 5, 2002.

My point is that somehow we went from the Northern Alliance successfully fighting the Taliban to the US trying to fight the Afghan war alone, while well paid Afghan soldiers -- having suffered more than 8,600 killed and 26,000 wounded -- show little desire to engage the Taliban and seem to prefer the safety of marching around the parade grounds.

## LEFT TURN

### HOWARD Hays As I See It



Congressional Republicans have a problem with the 2011 budget: If there's to be a government shut-down, it's how to get credit for it among their Tea Party supporters, while convincing the rest of us (those who don't regard the president as a Muslim infiltrator from Kenya) it was really the Democrats' fault. (Don't laugh - according to a February survey from Public Policy, 21% of Republicans aren't sure whether President Obama was born in the United States. 51% are convinced he wasn't.)

Jumping ahead, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) has presented a Republican budget for 2012. He claims the Congressional Budget Office's prediction of \$143 billion in savings over the next ten years under the Affordable Care Act simply isn't so, that instead it will cost \$1.4 trillion. So, under that assumption, repealing the ACA would shave \$1.543 trillion off President Obama's figures just like that. Cost savings and greater efficiency would be brought to Medicare by eliminating frivolous boards, like the one charged with bringing cost savings and greater efficiency to Medicare.

In keeping with conservative goals, more choice and "flexibility" would be available to individuals. Seniors in Medicare would have the choice to pay substantially more out-of-pocket for roughly the same coverage offered now, or pay about the same and receive significantly less. Private insurers would have the flexibility to spend seniors' payments and taxpayer subsidies on marketing campaigns and million-dollar salaries, rather than having "big government" dictate the funds instead be spent on actual healthcare.

Rep. Ryan demonstrates consistency and conviction. In 2003 he joined those arguing that turning Medicare over to private insurers would be a cost-saver. Instead, according to the Commonwealth Fund, Medicare Advantage raised costs 12-13% over the traditional plan and cost taxpayers an extra \$33 billion over its first five years. Plan administrators were prohibited from negotiating for lower drug prices, so Big Pharma CEOs could have the flexibility to choose whether to add another corporate jet to the fleet.

There's also the insistence that lowering taxes for the wealthiest, with seniors, students, the poor and middle class footing the bill, is somehow good for the economy. Rep. Ryan made that argument eight years ago, and seems blissfully unaware of the consequences.

The question now is not how much to cut taxes, but how much fatter to make the refund checks going to those who don't need them. In the Senate last week, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) listed a number of firms Republicans feel need more help from the rest of us:

ExxonMobil made \$19 billion in profits in 2009, and got a \$156 million IRS rebate.

Bank of America made \$4.4 billion in profits, after \$1 trillion in bailouts (Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury), and got a \$1.4 billion refund from the IRS.

Over the past five years, G.E. took in \$26 billion in U.S. profits, along with \$4.1 billion in tax refunds.

Chevron got a \$19 million refund from the IRS after reporting profits of \$10 billion for

According to one observer: "Among the Afghans, mass illiteracy, equipment loss, crime and corruption, which is prevalent in the police, have blunted readiness, immaturity and ill discipline bedevil many units. Illicit drug use persists, and some American officers worry about loyalty and intelligence leaks."

This raises a fundamental question: Why have the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq been so easy to wage? In a December 7, 2009, NY Times editorial, more than a year ago, columnist Bob Herbert wrote:

"The idea that fewer than 1 percent of Americans are being called on to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq and that we're sending them into combat again and again and again -- for three tours, four tours, five tours, six tours -- is obscene. All decent people should object. "The reason it is so easy for the US to declare wars, and to continue fighting year after year after year, is because so few Americans feel the actual pain of those wars..."

I don't think our current way of waging war, which is pretty pain-free for most citizens, is what the architects of America had in mind. Here's George Washington's view: "It must be laid down as a primary position and the basis of our system, that every citizen who enjoys the protection of a free government owes not only a proportion of his property, but even his personal service to the defense of it."

In other words, in a democracy like ours if war is righteous enough to wage the price for it should be born by all, not just a brave few.

When you consider the 1,500 Americans who have been killed in Afghanistan and the nearly 5,000 in Iraq, it is a high cost indeed. Add to these figures the estimated 370,000 wounded and the cost is immeasurable. And for what? Oil and natural gas!

The Pentagon's official count of our wounded is only 32,987. Yet there have been more than 320,000 confirmed casualties with brain injuries alone -- from serious concussions to irreversible brain damage. Who's kidding who?

And this doesn't take into account the more than \$1.2 trillion already spent on these wars or the estimated \$4 to \$6 trillion that they will ultimately cost. What we are doing is indefensible. It's time we ended this deadly foolishness and stropped using war, the ultimate obscenity, to solve the world's problems. Enough is enough! It's time we bring our troops home.

2009. Goldman Sachs in 2008 made \$2.3 billion in profits after receiving \$800 billion in bailouts, and paid an effective tax rate of a bit more than 1%.

Citigroup paid no federal income taxes on profits of \$4 billion, after receiving \$2.5 trillion in bailouts.

Sen. Sanders concluded, "We have a deficit problem. It has to be addressed, but it cannot be addressed on the backs of the sick, the elderly, the poor, young people, the most vulnerable in this country. The wealthiest people and the largest corporations in this country have got to contribute. We've got to talk about shared sacrifice."

The more people are working in good-paying jobs, the more taxes are being paid to bring down the deficit. The thirty years after WWII saw a 75% rise in productivity along with a similar rise in real wages, creating the largest middle-class the world had seen. According to Princeton Prof. Alan Blinder, since 1978 productivity increased 86%, but wages only by 37% - and minus benefits, mostly for rising health care costs, real wages haven't increased at all.

Over the past thirty years the share of the nation's income going to the richest 1% grew from 8% to 24%. The share of the nation's wealth controlled by that 1% has grown to 40%. The tax rate paid by the wealthiest dropped from 70% during the Eisenhower years to about 16%. A billionaire hedge fund manager might pay at half the rate of a \$50,000-a-year teacher.

History shows that when the middle-class was larger and unions stronger, the deficit was smaller and the country more prosperous. But Congress has its own self-interest: in the freshman class, 60% of new members in the Senate, and 40% in the House, are millionaires (compared to 1% of the general population). There's protection of their own wealth at stake, as well as the interests funding their campaigns.

For some, the recession's over. According to USA Today, CEO pay jumped 27% in 2010 to a pre-recession median of \$9 million yearly. Pay for average workers grew by 2%. Much executive pay is tied to increased profits; but profits have grown not through expansion and productivity, but through cost cutting, layoffs and slashing benefits.

For the rest of us, we can be encouraged by recent progress. When President Obama took office, we were losing 750,000 jobs a month. We've gained 1.8 million jobs over the past 13 months, with 216,000 added in March alone.

Republicans now want to wipe out the recent recovery and restore policies which brought about the recession in the first place; along with gutting worker protections, environmental regulations, support for education and minimal concern for those most in need. Motivations are clear; half the savings in Rep. Ryan's plan go not towards the deficit, but to finance extended tax cuts for the wealthiest.

Should this come to pass, it won't be a matter of determining which party is responsible, but of blaming ourselves for turning control of our future over to those who believe we're led by a Muslim from Kenya.



Looking Up with Bob Eklund



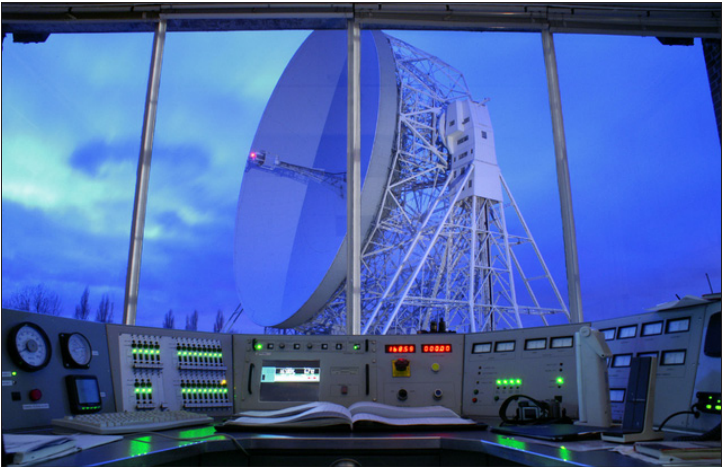
GETTING READY FOR THE WORLD’S BIGGEST-EVER TELESCOPE

Plans for the world’s biggest telescope—the Square Kilometer Array—advanced significantly this month with a decision to locate the project office at Jodrell Bank Observatory near Manchester, England; support from the partners including the United Kingdom for the next phase of the project; and the first steps towards creating the legal entity needed to deliver this ambitious global enterprise.

The Square Kilometer Array (SKA) is a €1.5 billion multinational science project to build the world’s largest and most sensitive radio telescope. The SKA will be capable of answering some of the most fundamental questions about the Universe—including understanding dark energy, general relativity in extreme conditions and how the Universe came to the look the way it does now.

The SKA will be an array of radio antennas with a collection area of a square kilometer with its core in South Africa or Australia. Signals from individual antennas will be combined to form one giant telescope.

In the same way, the famous Lovell Telescope at the University of Manchester’s Jodrell Bank Observatory is already being used with other U.K. telescopes (the e-MERLIN network) and as part of an international network. With an antenna at Chilbolton, the U.K. is also part of LOFAR a low-frequency network centered in the Netherlands. SKA will build on this technique and tradition of collaboration, bringing together all the major groups in radio astronomy.



The Control Room of the Lovell telescope and MERLIN. Credit: Anthony Holloway, Jodrell Bank

Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, prominent radio astronomer and President of the Institute of Physics, said: “Since the 1950s, radio astronomy has provided scientific pioneers with tools to revolutionize our understanding of the Universe. The power of this new telescope project, however, is going to surpass anything we’ve seen before, enabling us to see many more radio-emitting stars and galaxies and pulling the curtains wide-open on parts of the great

beyond that radio astronomers like me have only ever dreamt of exploring. The Square Kilometer Array heralds in a post-Einstein era of physics that will help us take huge strides in our attempt to understand the most bizarre objects and the darkest ages of the Universe.”

The SKA has been designated as a top-priority project for astronomy both in the U.K. and across Europe. It is a very significant step that nine partners have started the process to secure funding and create a legal structure for this project. The U.K., through the Science and Technology Facilities Council, is expecting to invest in the order of £15 million in its next phase.

In addition to the immense scientific progress that will be made by the SKA, the project is expected to have wider benefits in continuing its already impressive involvement with industrial partners and continuing the inspiration of the public through astronomy, as Jodrell Bank has for many years.

The SKA project will drive technology development in antennas, signal transport, signal processing, and software and computing. Spinoff innovations in these areas will benefit other systems that process large volumes of data. The design, construction and operation of the SKA has the potential to impact skills development in science, engineering and in associated industries not only in the host countries but in all project partners.

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Ask jai.....

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

**Q:** *What is the methodology behind employer salary negotiations? Can you give me some advice about how to handle a low salary offer so that I don’t hurt my chances at getting hired?* Shaun

Dear Shaun:

The employer always has the upper hand in knowing exactly the salary range or salary that they are going to offer any candidate. They have pre-determined the salary range for their positions based on their budget. Employers know that this is a very competitive job market and that they will eventually find an applicant that will accept their salary offer. There are employers that will even hire a candidate that has fewer skills or less desirable ones solely based on salary. So, do not take salary offers personal, it’s just business and economics.

Interviewers will start their salary exploration during a telephone or in-person interview. So, you must be ready at that time to discuss salary. However, keep in mind that this is not a salary offer.

A salary offer is only official once you have been offered a position. The employer, at this time, only wants to find out if you are within their salary range. This is part of their screening process. You can dodge that question by saying that “you are open and prefer to discuss the job opportunity”. A good interviewer will continue to push you for a salary. Feel free to ask the interviewer a question, “I am very interested in this position, but I did not notice a salary listed, could you tell me what is your salary range?” Some employers will give you a salary range. At that time you must be prepared to say that it is or not within your salary range. If the salary range is below your expectation then you must decide at that time if you are still interested in the position.

Warning! Professional ethics now come into play. Do not pursue a position that you know is extremely below your salary range expecting an employer to increase the range after a job offer. This usually backfires on candidates.

Employers know what they have budgeted for a position and they will usually hold to that salary range. The employer could also feel that you reneged on your acceptance of their salary range during the initial interviewing process and possibly not consider you for any future positions.

You should research information about the salary range for the positions you are seeking in your field, experience, local area and industry. This can be done by visiting salary websites, local libraries or asking employees in similar positions. Do your homework by calculating your living expenses and what you need to maintain your lifestyle. Also take into consideration your previous salary history. Then you decide the minimum salary offer you would accept. This process will give you a point of reference when considering a job offer. If an employer can not meet your salary needs ask them to consider you for future positions within your salary range. Knowing your self worth and salary range will give you the power to negotiate any salary offer.

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

On Line By PJ Carpenter



“ZERO DAY”

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

The name “Zero-Day exploit” itself is a bit misleading because in many instances the vulnerabilities that are taken advantage of have been know to either the software company or hackers themselves for quite some time before “something bad” happens. Many of the larger software manufactures have entire well-financed sections of their operations devoted to identifying, tracking and repairing security holes in their products. Sometimes there are differing opinions as to what constitutes a vulnerability needing immediate attention and a bug to be fixed in the next scheduled software update. The best thing you can do to protect against zero-day exploits is to follow good security policies in the first place. By installing and keeping your anti-virus software up to date, blocking file attachments to emails which may be harmful and keeping your system patched against the vulnerabilities you are already aware of you can secure your system or network against 99% of what is out there.

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

KATIE Tse .....This and That



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Do you get those PCC Extended Learning class schedules in the mail? I loved PCC! I always say I’m going to return and take all the classes I would’ve taken back when I was a student (Ceramics,

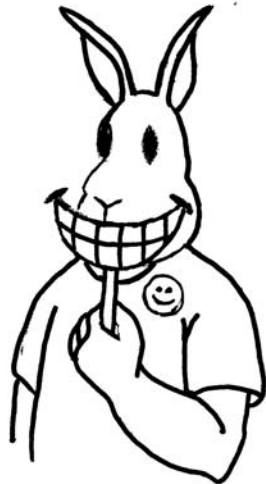
Art History II, etc.), but didn’t because that would have stretched my 2-year plan and my funds. It’s been eight years since I graduated, and I haven’t had the time to return yet. At this rate, I might be old and gray by the time I make it back to hobble around Robinson Hall. Then again, perhaps I could take a Personal Enrichment Extended Learning course!

One class seems particularly intriguing, “Becoming a Complaint-Free Person.” I must admit I’m guilty of the *occasional* gripe, but I wouldn’t consider myself a pathological complainer. The professional complainers I know, however, would probably require sedation or generous bribery to attend a class that implies their views are not infallible and supremely important. I wonder then, if the students must be coerced into attending? Perhaps it’s something parents threaten their teenagers with. “If you say one more word about the curfew I’ll enroll you!”

The course description says that students will learn the “four stages one experiences while becoming complaint and gossip free.” Maybe it’s like the stages of loss. First, denial, “I don’t complain –I *advise*.” Followed by bargaining, “Okay. For every complaint I’ll make one affirming comment.” Anger, “%\*#! It’s not fair!” Despair, “But if I don’t tell everyone how wrong they are they’ll never know!”

In the course summary it also mentions that students will learn “the difference between a complaint and a statement of fact.” I can see how this could get ugly in the wrong hands. “Suzy’s a slob” might be rephrased as “That half-finished sandwich has been on her desk for three weeks, and I think its mold spores are making me nauseous.” Both are equally snide, but the latter is more objective. Unfortunately, this course might end up “preaching to the choir.” If people live to gripe, no amount of schooling will convince them to change.

There have been numerous articles linking a negative attitude to weakening of the immune system and a decline in overall health. Let’s also remember that it was partly due to the Israelites’ complaining, that God led them to wander 40 years in the desert between Egypt and Israel (Num. 14:26-35). The Apostle Paul included gossips together with murderers, and Solomon called slanderers fools (Rom. 1:28, Prov. 10:18). They say that guy was pretty smart. If this course can do what it claims, maybe it should be required for all of us!



Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc. Canyon Canine Dog Walking & Pet Sitting Services



Dog ownership is on the rise in the U.S. Whether you rescue a puppy or use a breeder, one thing all new dog owners have in common is needing to start off on the right paw when it comes to house-training their new pet. House-training isn’t as daunting as it sounds if you set some boundaries and get on a schedule at the start.

Here are a few pointers to help get you started and get your dog quickly house-trained:

**Timing is everything** - Puppies do best on a regular schedule. Lead your puppies to the pad frequently, as they will need to relieve themselves at least six times a day. Follow the same path to the pad every time. The process will require your full attention for a few weeks, but the effort you put into it now will last for the rest of your pet’s life.

**Dine and dash** - If you establish set mealtimes, your pets will need to relieve themselves on schedule as well. Keep tabs on when your dog relieves himself during training. Use that timing to get your dog accustomed to going outside or using the training pads.

**Relaxation room** - Dogs like their own den, and a proper-sized crate for your dog is all the space it needs for downtime. Have your dog or puppy sleep in the crate at night and when you are not home during training.

House-Training: What Works For Today’s Pet Owners

**Separate spaces** - Set up the training pad in a special area away from the crate and food. Consider using special trays designed to hold training pads to keep the pad in place and deter dogs from playing with the training pads.

**Treat time** - Use the same treat every time your pet does the right thing during house-training for positive reinforcement. Rubbing its nose in its feces may make matters worse and could cause your dog to hide when it’s time to go.

**Go green** - Consider environmentally friendly training pads such as Eco-Care Training Pads made by Simple Solution. These pads are made from 85 percent recycled material, saving landfills from over 400 tons of waste every year. While reducing landfill waste, they also maximize absorption, holding two times more liquid than leading pad brands and using polymer technology to convert liquid to gel, locking in moisture and preventing leaks. The pads are designed with odor neutralizers to eliminate tough urine odors and can be used with litter box mats, as a dog crate liner, as car seat covers and to clean up messy spills. Today, more owners use potty pad training when they have limited outdoor areas. For more information, visit [www.simplesolution.com](http://www.simplesolution.com).

**Training assistance** - Many pet owners find it helpful to include some basic behavioral training concurrent with puppy

house training, to promote a stronger sense of structure and communication with the dog. Thankfully, there are a lot of good trainers available in the Pasadena/Sierra Madre area. Some dog trainers even make house calls, which adds the cutting edge advantage of one-on-one attention in the convenience of your own home. The Pasadena Humane Society offers a variety of evening and weekend training courses at their facility on Raymond Avenue. The certified instructors at PHS are qualified to train dog and master as a unit. Owners are then able to take what they learn with them and continue to use the same techniques at home. For more information about training classes at Pasadena Humane Society, visit [www.phsspc.org](http://www.phsspc.org) or call 626-792-7151.

Whichever route you choose to take and whatever technique you choose to apply in training your puppy or your dog, for the best results it is very important to be consistent in your training routine. Also, when it comes to your use of commands and rewards, limit your vocabulary to only a few, single syllable terms, and strive to offer lots of petting and verbal praise as a reward, in lieu of snacks or treats. If you start early enough (in my opinion it’s never too early to start training) you will be doing your pet a big favor by teaching him to want to please you simply for the praise, rather than for food or treats. Remember, a healthy, well-trained & well-loved dog is a happy dog!



## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:  
LOW BACK PAIN

Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

There is an article in the *L.A. Times* of April 4th on the complex nature of low back pain. This piece describes the difficulty that doctors address when presented with this condition. Low back episodes are difficult to resolve in many cases, and it can be virtually impossible to pinpoint what may be causing the problem in the first place. The good news? Most low back problems resolve with time. The bad news? The amount of time the patient may be in pain.

The article goes on to describe various high-tech diagnostic procedures along with some helpful ideas regarding care. Surgery is described as being useful for some conditions, but not as a first line treatment. Conservative care, including injection therapy and radio frequency lesioning, is also mentioned.

**The Reality of Low Back Pain**

Normally, an episode of back pain is mild and will resolve itself in a day or two with ice and a few painkillers or muscle relaxants. But, for 80% of the population, this episode may be more troubling and less likely to go away. At this point, some degree of anxiety can set in. What to do? What's wrong with me? Do I have a slipped disc? Will I need surgery? Why won't this just go away? I've never had anything like this before!

We may schedule a visit to the doctor in order to find out what is wrong and get some relief. Hopefully, we will get the results we expect, but frequently with low back involvement, we do not. The reality of low back pain is that it can be hard to manage.

**What We Need to Know**

The most important thing to know is that the pain will go away. That said, it is equally important to work with practitioners who understand the process of low back management. In a recent article in the medical journal, *SPINE MAGAZINE* (December 2010), it was reported that chiropractic care for acute mechanical low back pain delivered the most effective results. For patients, this (and several other studies) demonstrates that not only is chiropractic scientifically validated, but the practitioner can be trusted to know how to treat the condition effectively.

Knowledge, compassion, and effective care are essential in the resolution of low back pain. Chiropractors are uniquely suited to deliver.

Have a great week! Dr. John

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

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There are webinars on benefits for wounded warriors, applying for retirement online, extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs, and more.

The two recent webinars on the page are on timely topics.

*How Some Public Employee or Teacher Pensions May Affect Social Security Benefits.* In this webinar, we walk you through how the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) may affect Social Security benefits of workers whose employers do not withhold Social Security taxes from their salary, such as some school systems and some local, State and Federal government agencies.

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through employment. You can join them by participating in a 90-minute Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) Webinar to learn about available incentives, including those offered through the Ticket to Work program.

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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:**

- 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 April 8th & 22nd**

- 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.

**EXCURSIONS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7th**— The Ramona Pageant. Join us as we take a deluxe coach bus to Hemet to see one of the nation's longest running outdoor dramas (88 years old) - 10:30 am to 7 pm  
 Cost per person is \$53 - which includes transportation, driver's tip, lower level seats, a BBQ lunch, a souvenir program and a comfy seat cushion. This is an outdoor venue so you are encouraged to dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes and to wear a shade hat. limited to the first 20 people so please register as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The pick-up location for this excursion will be the Sierra Madre Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., due to a special event at Memorial Park on this day.

To register for the excursion, please visit the Senior Center or go online to [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration). Save the Date: **FRIDAY, JULY 8th** —The Pageant of the Masters - Laguna Beach. Registration will open online and at the Senior Center starting May 1st

**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.

**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:****Roast Chicken with  
Cinnamon, Apricots &  
Apples - Especially for Passover****INGREDIENTS:**

- Roasting Chicken, thoroughly cleaned and cut into 8ths
- Salt, pepper and cinnamon
- Dried apricots, cut
- Cooking apples, sliced but not peeled

**DIRECTIONS:**

Spray bottom of roasting pan with passover non stick spray.

Place cut up apricots and apples on bottom of pan.

Rub chicken with mixture of salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Place chicken on top of apricots and apples.

Cover **TIGHTLY** and slow cook at 300 degrees until done (approx. 1 1/2 - 2 hrs.)

It is a good idea to check every 15 minutes and baste when necessary.

*Remember, there are no specific measurements in this recipe. Use as many apples and apricots that you wish. If you find that the apples do not provide enough liquid, you can add a bit of apple juice to pan.*

Enjoy and Happy Pesach! Elka Birnbaum, Toronto

**April Birthdays**

Freda Bernard, Beth Copti, Terri Cummings, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Julia Gottesman, Betty Jo Gregg, Barbara Lampman, Betty Mackie, Elizabeth Rasmussen, Maria Reyes, Anne Schryver, Dorothy White, Blanca Martinez, Lillian Snyder,

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

### Just Listed: Expansive Hastings Ranch Traditional Home



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There are some homes that just lend themselves to the soccer team's championship party, the end of the school year pool party or the "best is yet to come" 40th birthday party for a crowd. This stunning traditional home is one of those.

While the kids are splashing in the pool in the private resort-like yard, there's plenty of room for some parents to hang out in the spa. Envision another group around the firepit to ward off the evening chill, with room for more, comfortably relaxing on the long shaded patio or around the barbecue. When the party's over, the family has plenty of space inside to chill together or separately, as the need arises. It's as perfect to welcome a crowd as it is for a haven of quiet respite from life's hectic pace.

When you drive by on the street, it's one of those homes that catches the eye with its great curb appeal. Situated high above the street with a lush lawn rising from the curb for added privacy and curb appeal, a charming walkway winds to the welcoming front porch with the proverbial "front porch swing".

The owner remembers that she was sold the minute she walked the first floor floorplan of the home. Then she learned there was a huge, separate master suite upstairs, and the deal was done.

If you've got an active busy household with conflicting schedules of people coming and going at all hours, this home can easily accommodate. A sumptuous family room with built-ins beckons to watch a great movie. A beautiful living and dining room for gracious, more formal entertaining, for piano practice, homework, or just a quiet read next to the lush verdant views out the front or back windows.

Three separated bedroom areas provide privacy for all. A magnificent 2nd floor, dedicated entirely to the master suite, includes a large bedroom, retreat area, private office, two walk-in closets, a soaking tub and plate glass shower. Off the living room on the main floor, a door leads to another private bedroom wing with 2 bedrooms and bath. Yet another private wing adjacent to the foyer includes a bedroom and bath. All the baths have been updated, offering are stone, tile, plate glass showers and more. In fact, the home was extensively updated in 1993, and again in 2009.

The gorgeous, eat-in kitchen is the focal point and hub of the home. With stainless appliances and slab granite, it connects both the casual and formal for easy meal staging, and traffic control of children and activities.

Behind the family room, a large, wonderful hobby and laundry room, which includes a service sink and an adjacent full bath, is the perfect place for school art projects, sewing, or a computer station. When dinner time comes, no need to close up the hobby or project for the meal. Just close the door on the mess of uncompleted projects to leave them out of sight and mind til you're ready to take them up again.

The setting is lush, private and serene, with a lush expansive lawn and mature trees providing filtered shade out front. Out back is a resort-like paradise, with pool, spa, firepit and patios. The long driveway provides off street parking for guests, and leads to the three car garage.

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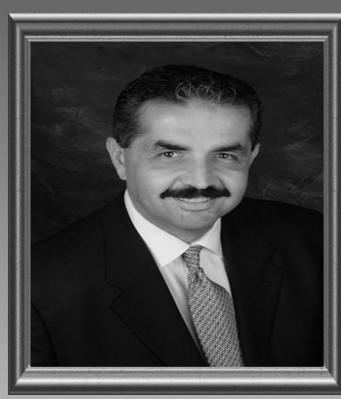
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Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them? Send the contact information to [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com).

### SIERRA MADRE'S BEAUTIFUL HOMES ...

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### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

### WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT ESCROW

When you buy a home, or just make an offer, you will encounter the term "escrow account." Like making a friendly bet and asking a third party to hold the wager money, the "escrow agent" is the neutral party that holds funds in the interest of the mortgage lender and the borrower.

When the terms of the purchase and loan agreements have been met, the money is released. When your application is approved and the loan takes effect, the lender will likely require money for property taxes and homeowner's insurance also to be held in escrow. These funds are added to our monthly mortgage payment and disbursed when the tax and insurance bills are due.

This protects the lender by ensuring a lien isn't placed against your property for non-payment of taxes, and your home (their collateral) is protected against catastrophe. But escrow also benefits borrowers by

spreading the large annual payments for taxes and insurance over twelve months.

For example, if your taxes are \$1,600 per year and your insurance is \$800, you're budgeting a reasonable \$200 per month instead of making two big payments. Escrow accounts do not earn interest, so if you make a large enough downpayment, you may be able to avoid the monthly escrow and pay the bills directly. Ask your agent and your lender about the pros and cons.

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

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## Pulling your iron shots to the LEFT

There are two things about pulling iron shots that I know for sure. Number one, they always feel solid and they go further. Oh, I forgot, the ball usually winds up in deep, deep trouble. Any shot that goes further than you expected and left of your target, can not be good.

Let's spend some time on why you pull and then I will give you something to work on to stop it from going left. Remember that a pull is a shot that starts left and stays there, it does not curve left, it stays on a straight line, left of the target. (For left-handed golfers, the ball starts right and stays there it does not curve right, it stays on a straight line, right of the target.

Since the ball isn't curving, then you know for sure that the clubface was square at impact. Yes, it is closed to the target line but it was square to the swing path at impact. The great news is that you only have one thing broken, not two. The clubface is square and the path is too much from outside to inside.

For starters, let's take a look at the ball position. If the golf ball is too far forward in your stance, the golf club has to swing way outside the target line to make contact with the golf ball. If you think the golf ball is too far forward in your stance, make sure that you move it back one inch at a time. It is a very difficult change to make so take your time and go inch to inch.

While you are at it, I want you to check your shoulder alignment, they have to be parallel of your target line and not to the left of the target.

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**Bobby's Weekly Pearl:** If you are pulling your irons left of the green, check your ball position first and then your shoulder alignment.



## THERE WAS A SINGLE WINNER

The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club held their April Floy Torvid Singles Tournament at their facilities in the Arcadia County Park on April 7th. The Floy Torvid Tournaments are in honor of Mrs. Torvid, a Past President of the club who died in January 1991. The games are held September through June each year. The format is two games of 12 ends each and a break between them for lunch, on the first Thursday of the month.

The singles bowlers numbered twelve this year. Juanita Jones took first place, Shuman Chan 2nd, Sandy Dalzell 3rd, and Marlene Padgett 4th. Others participating were: Houdini Ho, Marinko Tudor, Jim and Mattie Miller, Amy Chan, Bob Hauerwaas, Rose Blennov and Dick Ashmore.

Lawn bowling is a low impact, light aerobic exercise type of sport. In the Singles games, each bowler has four bowls to put into play. In Triples they only use three bowls and in Rinks or Fours only two bowls are used. In a twelve end game you would roll a total of forty-eight bowls. Each bowl weighs three pounds, so you would roll 144 pounds of bowls in a game. That's a fair amount of exercise. But the sport of lawn bowling has been around in the states since the early 1600's and is still the best kept secret in the sporting

world. The green at Southampton, England was built in 1299, and is still in use today.

To get the sport more exposure, all of the lawn bowling clubs in Southern California will be holding an Open House on May 7th from 10 AM until 3 PM. This is a chance to see how the sport is played and it will give you an opportunity to get a lesson and roll some bowls. You just can't beat an offer like that partner. To get more information before May 7th go to: [www.lawnbowling-arcadia.com](http://www.lawnbowling-arcadia.com) <<http://www.lawnbowling-arcadia.com>>. And check out our web site. There's a lot of information on the sport and the bowlers. But, don't forget May 7th Open House.

For more information call Gene Plunkett at 626-351-5327.



Juanita Jones after her win.  
Photo by Gene Plunkett

## MATER DOLOROSA GOLF CLASSIC MAY 5 AT BROOKSIDE GOLF COURSE

Join Fr. Pat Brennan, Director, and the Passionist Community on Thursday, May 5th for a fun day of golf at Pasadena's Brookside Golf Course. Pat Wickhem, Tournament Chair, has planned an exciting day of events, including a round of golf, golf cart, lunch, and refreshments on the course, followed by a social, awards presentation, prizes and a gourmet dinner at Mater Dolorosa.

Entry is \$200 per person, of which \$75 is tax deductible. Foursome entry fee is \$700 if paid by April 22. A dinner only option is available for \$50. A raffle will be held, with a chance to win a \$2500 or \$1000 cash prize. Raffle ticket donations are \$5 per ticket or 12 tickets for \$50

Golf check in begins at 10:00 a.m. at Brookside Golf Course, located at 1133 N. Rosemont Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103. The social, dinner and awards presentation will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, 700 N. Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, please call Pat Wickhem at 626-416-8824. Entry forms and more information can be obtained online at [www.MaterDolorosa.org](http://www.MaterDolorosa.org). Sponsorships, underwriting donations, raffle prizes and gifts-in-kind are still gratefully being accepted.



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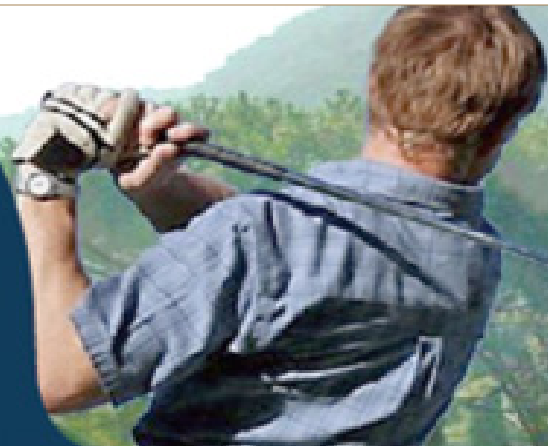
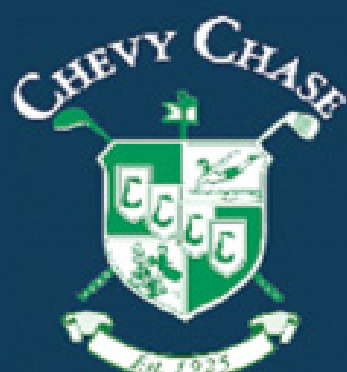
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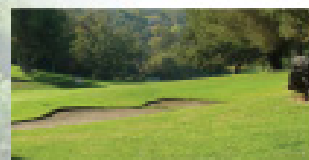


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