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What's Going On In Sierra Madre? Part 1 of 2

A Flurry of New Business Investments: New Openings, Store Expansions, Plans on the Drawing Board and Proposals at the Planning Commission

by Chris Bertrand, On Special Assignment

Though opening or expanding a business in Sierra Madre can be a lengthy process, City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, and Director of Planning, Danny Castro, have seen a significant uptick in interest, new applications and applications in process within the city system.



Taco Fiesta owners left to right, John Calkins, his wife Guadalupe and her brother, Moises Larios

NEW: Taco Fiesta, 345 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard

At 345 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, the site of the former Kentucky Fried Chicken sports a new sign as of April 19, Taco Fiesta. As the sign was hoisted into place, restaurant owners, Moises Larios, and his sister and brother-in-law, Guadalupe and John Calkins, happily responded to smiling inquiries from walkers, bus riders and drivers, some of whom lowered their windows to shout out congratulations or just to show their thumbs up approval.

With only minor parking lot details to complete, a "soft" opening is planned for the week of April 25, with a grand opening planned for May. "We have people knocking on our door every day, asking when we'll open. Everyone's been very supportive and welcomed us."

The family has Sierra Madre ties, including the Calkins' son, who attended preschool here in town. Their artistic stainless steel sign was also fabricated by a local Sierra Madrean, Jamison Wians, through John Calkins professional connection with Global Entertainment's scenery and set makers. Experienced in the Mexican food business, they recently sold two other LA-based taco shops in anticipation of opening the Sierra Madre venture.

In an interview on Friday, April 15, with both Aguilar and Castro, Aguilar commented "Even though cities around us have come to a standstill, we are going through a little resurgence. Property values are somewhat stabilizing locally, making business investments a little more optimistic here. Business owners are realizing that while unemployment rates are in double digits in many communities around us, Sierra Madre's is just 3% as of January, 2011, per the California Employment Development Department (EDD). That translates to mean there's disposable income here in town, making Sierra Madre a little more advantageous as a location."

"Danny Castro and I can tell you that other cities have come to a screeching halt, but Sierra Madre has been very busy. We're excited to see these kinds of investments and interest in the community."

Of the many business projects in various stages of planning, construction to opening, the following are highlights of the status of nine downtown business projects, three residential projects and one school project.



NEW FACE:

New executive chef, Sean Roache, new name & menu planned for Charcuterie, 120 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard

As of April 10, Sean Roache has taken over the culinary reigns at Charcuterie. Roache and the owners are in the process of a name change and a major menu revamp and plan a grand re-opening on May 7.

A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena in 2003, Roache, an Arcadia native, has returned home after years on the road. He worked first at Chateau Marmont in Hollywood, and then spent the last seven years splitting his time between two tony country clubs, West Palm Beach's Loblolly Country Club in Florida and Thousand Islands CC in New York.

We have changed vendors and will now feature meats from the upscale, Newport Meat Company and fish from Honolulu Fish Company that promises fish from the boat to our kitchen within 24 hours," said Roache. "People have noticed the change, and it's busier already," commented Roache. "Currently, we're open for lunch Tuesday through Saturday at 11 and for dinner Thursday to Saturday. On weekends, we'll now open bright and early at 7 a.m., for breakfast."

Sierra Madre Medical: New Expanded Offices in Planning Stages at 147 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Dr. Hani Sami and his architect, Norberto Nardi of Monrovia and Cal Poly Pomona, have worked with the city about a year on Sierra Madre Medical's proposed 7,000 square foot building planned for the rear of the current office site.

They and their supporters have made several appearances at city meetings during that time. According to Aguilar, the project has been approved by the city council, and the plans are in engineering plan check with the city.

Dr. Sami, who is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at USC's Keck School of Medicine, opened his Sierra Madre practice in 1997 at another location, then moved to the current, 2200 square foot building in 2000. With more space, the Sierra Madre Medical project is intended to bring added medical staffing and pediatric (cont. pg. 3)



The Village Gets Ready For The Big Parade

"Saturday, here in the park, I wish it was the 4th of July" Chicago



2009 Parade - Good Clean Ole' Fashioned Fun

If you ask almost any resident of Sierra Madre what the biggest event of the year is, they will quickly tell you it's the "Fourth of July" parade. The Parade, which has become the town's trademark, second only to the Wistaria Festival, is a flashback to grand memories for the old and the beginning of a lifetime of new memories for the young.

The event is organized by the "Fourth of July Committee", a group of volunteers not associated with the city or any of the many organizations in the town. It is totally self funded through donations and remains financially solvent, even in tough economic times.

Committee members receive no compensation for their hard work. The only goal is to preserve a tradition which is the epitome of life in these United States, a Fourth of July parade, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolets. In this town, it is a tradition of self made floats, marching units, hot pizza, concerts, the beer garden and of course, the Water Tanker.

Each year spectators come from

all over to view a real old fashioned event. Said one visitor last year, "it's like turning back the clock to a time and place I thought no longer existed".

This year, plans have begun to make the event bigger and better. Dr. Matt Bosse returns as chairman, a position he has held for three years. Under his leadership the committee plans to expand the 2011 event to include a Community Picnic on Saturday July 2nd at Sierra Vista Park from 3:00 to dusk. On Sunday there will be festivities in Memorial Park that will include food vendors, booths, the Beer Garden and a concert by Mercy and the Merkettes.

On Monday, July 4th, for the first time the committee will host a Fun Run for the young and old beginning at 7:00 am at Kersting Court that will be followed by the parade at 10 am and games, food and vendors in the park beginning at noon.

So mark your calendars - Sierra Madre's Fourth of July Weekend is not to be missed!

S. Henderson/MVNews

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL SOUGHT

The Sierra Madre Fourth of July Committee is looking for candidates for the 2011 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held Monday, July 4, 2011.

Parade Grand Marshal Candidates should echo the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations, or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre.

Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, May 17th and should be sent to the Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 1073, Sierra Madre, CA 91025 or via e-mail to matthewbosse@hotmail.com

The Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Sunnyside and Sierra Madre Blvd., following complimentary breakfast at the Woman's Club Essick House. The Parade ends at about 11:30 a.m. with activities following in Memorial Park until 4 pm.

Sierra Madre City Council Reorganization Set For Tuesday, April 26th
6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

GUNS NOT WANTED HERE

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Churches

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

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

Foothill Center For Spiritual Living
 49 S. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre (626) 836-2022

Greek Evangelical Church
 69 Suffolk Avenue Sierra Madre (626) 355-2153

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

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

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

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

**THE EASTER SURPRISE**

The Old Testament famously opens with the ringing words, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The inspired vision of God's creation sprinkles the universe with pristine perfection through the initial chapter of the Bible, which closes in...God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Chapter Two introduces the reader to the magnificent glories of the four living waters and the jeweled lands they traverse, forever known to us as the Garden of Eden. And just as the reader is safe in believing they will be getting their feet wet, we come to discover that we are only teased by the thought of the Garden of Eden. For in the next Chapter Adam and Eve do not escape the page before God has banished the two from the Garden.

The remainder of the Old Testament can be partitioned into numerous categories but central to its theme is the recorded history of mankind. Presented to us with due care, the jury, for examination and reflection. Each piece of evidence being revealed and then chronicled over thousands of years. For every God loving Job we are to encounter in the heart of the Bible an envious Cain surfaces. For every pure Esther we are greeted with, a wicked Jezebel rises from its pages. The finest single example of our better strengths and wretched failings is showcased in David. David's heart is truly an amazing vessel for it possesses an uncommon depth of feeling as evidenced by the evocative Psalms he wrote, which still bristle in our time with an emotional permanency. Including the most celebrated Psalm of all - 23... Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. David's heart reigns supreme, but it betrays him as well when he falls in love with Bathsheba, a married woman. He will have her husband killed and take her for his wife. The sin of David is extreme, and to be sure most of us believe ourselves incapable of such an action, thankfully, but if we look not at the action of David but view it through the lens of a lesson it is most useful for us. For it is the reminder that even the best examples of mankind are stained by sin and flawed. The Old Testament closes with a particularly ominous sentence... He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to

their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse. Here we see the bookend for the Old Testament, as Genesis opened with the beauty of God, Malachi closes it with a warning and a curse.

Where we find the Old Testament as a lesson book, the New Testament is presented to us as our answer book. For in these pages we discover the embodiment of one of the themes that is spoken of in the Old Testament, the dawn of a New Chapter for mankind in the redemptive form of Jesus.

The disciples (believers/followers) of Jesus are composed of many characteristics of people that we know personally: highly religious, emotionally giving, intelligent, suspicious, curious of mind, envious, and possessing the natural fears and beliefs that are shared by each of us. These were not angles plucked from heaven but common men. In the period that the disciples are with Jesus they will witness the profound experience of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus walking on water, and Lazarus being raised from the dead after being in the grave for four days. The number four is important here because the popular Jewish belief of the day was that the soul stayed with the body for three days after death. Raising someone from the dead is one major issue but placing the soul back into the body after three days would have been impossible to the thinking of the Jews. The message is very clear and would have been understood by the Jews of the day. Jesus is showing them that I not only have power to raise the body but the spirit as well.

The New Testament and the story of Jesus is not all of miracles and speeches. So when Jesus goes to the garden of Gethsemane to pray if another way is possible to fulfill his purpose in life, he is told that no other way exists. After his marathon prayer the pools of blood mingle equally with his sweat and drop from his forehead as the anguish and burden and what must occur overwhelms his senses. In a short time he will be on trial and carrying the cross to Golgotha (place of the skull). The Jews had long believed that a King would one day rise up and free them from their bonds. This belief was heightened by hope during this period as the cruel and burdensome reign of the Romans daily

reminded them of their plight and promise.

The disciples and most of the Jews that believed in Jesus thought that he had come to reigning as a living King and free them from the toilsome chains of the Romans, but the purpose of Jesus reached beyond their own moment in time into the Old Testament and the promise of a victory for all of us. As Jesus was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb, the voices of those that were his dissenters in life grew in the wildfire of a mob. Condemning words assaulted those that believed in Jesus; I told you so – he is no Messiah, you are fools and followers of devils. The accusations rang from the torches that sought out the believers of Jesus, and it is during this time that Peter denies he knows Jesus three times. The people that had walked with Jesus and had seen his miracles and lived upon his words did not possess the strength to defend him. The disciples of Jesus now fled the streets and sheltered up in a home as frightened animals. All that they believed in and personally risked themselves for was lying in a tomb. They had left family and friends and abandoned their jobs for what? A dead Messiah.

The sky was still dark that early morning as Mary approached the tomb of Jesus. The stone covered the entrance of the grave was a massive rock. It had been placed into positioned by several Roman guards. As Mary came closer that morning she was astonished to see that the stone had been rolled away, she rushed

into the opening of the tomb to discover the body of Jesus was stolen. She hovered over the place he once rested and wept. She could not recognize them as such but two angels asked of her, Woman, why are you crying? They have taken my Lord away, she replied, and pleaded with another figure in the room. But he called her name, Mary, and it was then that she recognized it was the risen Jesus.

Through much of early church the image of the cross was considered gruesome. When one thinks of victory it is not the beaten figure of a bloody Jesus upon a cross that logically rises to mind, but the victorious image of a stone rolled aside. It is only when we consider our own sins that we can truly appreciate the beauty that is the cross. In life we have the great and rare occasion to discover individuals that are so vitreous of spirit, so patterned in kindness, and so lovely of character that a single prick from a thorny rose is a massive injustice. How infinitely better is the person of Jesus than those imperfect souls and how much more is our burden for forcing Jesus upon that cross.

Remember the cross this Easter but remember the stone that is thrown aside as well, for it is done so for all of us to enter.

We often lose important customs through the passage of time. A very Old Russian tradition on Easter is to greet a person with... He is risen and the responder to rejoin... He is risen, indeed.

Craig Hakola at CraigHakola@aol.com

Easter at San Marino Community Church

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, April 24, 2011

7:00 am Community Sunrise Service
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**CALENDAR****Weather Wise****5-Day Forecast****Sierra Madre, Ca.**

Mon:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Fri:	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 26, 2011 6:30 pm

April 27 @ 7pm - Library Board of Trustees | City Hall

April 28 @ 7pm - Green Advisory Committee | City Hall

May 4 @ 7:30am - SMTV3 Committee | Youth Activity Center

May 4 @ 6:30pm - Special City Council Budget Meeting | City Hall

May 5 @ 3pm - Senior Commission | City Hall

May 5 @ 7pm - Planning Commission | City Hall

May 9 @ 7:00pm - General Plan Steering Committee | City Hall

May 10 @ 6:30pm - City Council | City Hall

May 11 @ 6:30pm - Arts Commission | City Hall

May 16 @ 6pm - Community Services Commission | City Hall

May 17 @ 6:30pm - UUT Oversight Committee | City Hall

May 18 @ 7pm - Tree Advisory Committee | City Hall

May 19 @ 7pm - Planning Commission | City Hall

May 24 @ 6:30pm - City Council | City Hall

May 25 @ 7pm - Library Board of Trustees | City Hall

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.

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 Music Director, Vanessa Burch
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Alistair Tober is a total jazz package, a consummate artist with a reputation for dramatic vocal excellence and an impressive list of live performances and studio recordings. For two years, he toured to sixteen U.S. cities as one of The Three Crooners in "Wizard, a musical tribute to Harold Arlen," which including two weeks in New York City and six weeks under the bright lights in Las Vegas. He has performed with Barbara Morrison and an impressive list of platinum recording artists including Adam Lambert, Taylor Dane, Drue Hill and more. He is an accomplished vocalist, writer, arranger and producer for numerous projects, including one of his featured works, *Alistair Tober: Come Fly With Me*, an evening of Big Band Jazz with a 30 piece orchestra, paying homage to Sinatra, Dean Martin, Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey and many more. He was awarded a scholarship for Jazz Vocals to The University of Southern California, School of Music and later added an acting major through the USC School of Theatre. His passion for live performance was further shaped by studies at the British American Dramatic Academy in London.



Julian Miranda works every song like a fine artist creating a timeless masterpiece. He has performed, toured or recorded with a list of musical icons, including the legendary Ray Charles, Luther Vandross, Jon Secada, Oleta Adams and many others. After touring with the duo of Rick James and Teena Marie in the mid 2000's, he travelled to perform in over 27 countries as a back up singer with Enrique Iglesias on a three-year world tour. An accomplished singer, songwriter, producer and recording artist, he is co-owner of *Standing O' Music*, a production company that develops young, new talent. Some of his compositions have been placed with Debbie Deb, with some jingles used for radio and tv commercials.



James Vincent epitomizes the definition of smooth and sultry with his range of vocal dynamics. His talent was developed and nurtured throughout his formative years immersed in the tradition of gospel music at his local church. After learning and mastering the fundamentals of vocal interpretation, dynamics, range and improvisation, he expanded into R&B. This dual foundation provided the backdrop for his launch into the jazz genre, which he embraced with a fierce passion. Returning from a decade-long hiatus in 2006 after focusing on his career as a professional educator, he joined the Jazz Vocal Coalition under the leadership of jazz vocalist Ellen Johnson. Finally, he'd found his niche and began to establish a reputation, becoming a favorite, repeat performer on the then-thriving jazz club scene in Pasadena from the mid-to-late 2000's, including the Baked Potatoe, Holly Street Bar and Grill and jazz nites at Menage'. His live performances include support vocals for Dreamgirl Jennifer Holiday and performed with the Peter Duchin Orchestra.

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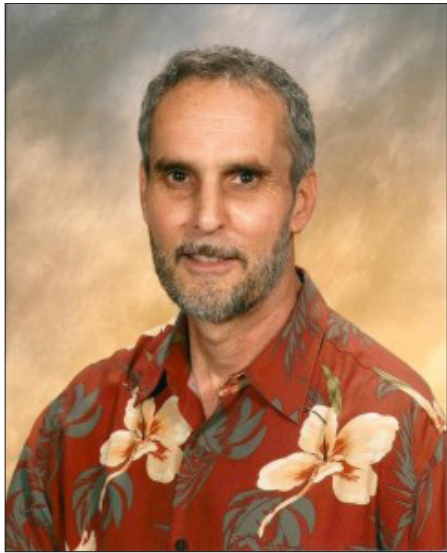
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REMEMBRANCE

Christopher Bruce Gordon




Christopher Bruce Gordon, a native of Sierra Madre, CA, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, after battling cancer. He is survived by his sisters Diana Lindsay (John) and Deborah Reinert (Denny), and his brother Jeff Gordon, as well as twelve nieces/nephews/great nieces. His parents Anneliese and Robert Gordon and brother

Douglas Gordon predeceased him.

Chris was born on November 20, 1947. He graduated from Pasadena High School in 1965, and attended Pasadena City College, Cal State L.A., and UCLA before graduating from U.C. Berkeley in 1971. He was subsequently awarded a master's equivalent certificate for ministry training from Christian Associates International. He built upon his class hours of Greek with a 1,000 hour independent study to attain an intermediate proficiency level in Koine Greek linguistics.

While he did not formally enter the ministry, Chris's adulthood was defined by his Christian faith. His love for Jesus Christ inspired him to live his life as a shining example to others. He was known for his humility and caring nature, as well as his knowledge and intense interest in all facets of Christianity. He was an office manager for a property investment company, a carpenter, and a handyman, and most recently taught English as a Second Language in the Los Angeles School District. Hobbies included surfing, guitar, singing, biking, hiking, sailing, writing, photography, and drawing. He wrote and drew a cartoon strip in the Sierra Madre News in his youth, and was a published writer/artist in a Christian national magazine. As a member of Arcadia-Hoyt Curtis Club of Toastmasters' International, he represented the club in several area speech contests.

Matthew 25:21 "Well done, good and faithful servant!" sums up Chris's life. He will be deeply missed. A long-term member of Bethany Church of Sierra Madre, Chris's memorial service will be held there on Saturday, April 23, at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Wes Ringer's ministry (#285607) at Wycliffe Bible Translators (www.Wycliffe.org/Give/WaystoGive.aspx). Online condolences may be sent to debreinert1@gmail.com.



**Sierra Madre Public Library
Homebound Program**

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The Sierra Madre Library is offering a new program to homebound persons who live in Sierra Madre called "Titles To Go" - Bringing the library to you! The program is free and enrollment is very simple. For more information, please call Anna Valencia at (626) 355-7186

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, April 10th, to Saturday, April 16th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 352 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Monday, April 10th:

2:11AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Highland Ave and Baldwin Ave. An officer stopped a 38 year old Sierra Madre driver for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The officer arrested the suspect and took him to the Pasadena jail for booking.

Tuesday, April 11th:

5:06 PM- Hit and Run Private Property 300 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist collided with another motor vehicle parked on private property and left the scene without leaving identifying information.

Tuesday, April 12th:

12:58 AM- DUI Alcohol/ Drugs, Shadow Grove and Michillinda Ave. An officer stopped a 24 year old Pasadena driver for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The officer arrested the suspect and took him to the Pasadena jail for booking.

2:03 AM- Outside Agency Assist, Caballero Ave./Orange Grove, Arcadia Sierra Madre PD received a 911 call from a victim reporting that he saw two men break into his car and drive off in a white pickup truck. The call was transferred to Arcadia due to the location of the crime. A Sierra Madre police officer responded to the area and saw a white truck matching the suspect vehicle description. The officer stopped the vehicle, and with the assistance of the Arcadia PD officers, determined that the occupants were the suspects from the car burglary. Both suspects were turned over to Arcadia PD and booked for burglary and possession of stolen property.

Wednesday, April 13th:

5:06 PM- Auto Burglary, 500 blk. Ramona Ave. An unknown suspect(s) forced open a locked vehicle parked on the victim's driveway and stole \$6.00 worth of coins.

8:18 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 200 N. Michillinda Ave. An unknown suspect(s) took a Canon camera lens off a bench outside the Villa building at Alverno High School during a school event. The lens was worth \$1,200.00

Thursday, April 14th:

8:00 AM- Auto Burglary, 200 blk. W. Carter Ave.

An unknown suspect(s) smashed the driver's window and took a GPS mount worth \$40.00.

8:11 AM- Auto Burglary, 200 blk. W. Carter Ave.

An unknown suspect(s) smashed the driver's window and took a FIDM canvas bag, an 8½ X11 portfolio, a 11X17 art portfolio, 11X17 paper sketch pad, 11X17 pad of tracing paper, a leather bound notepad, subject notebook, business card holder, markers, pack colored pencils, graphite pencils, pencil sharpener, scissors, rubber cement, double side tape, stapler, post-its, highlighters, #2 pencils, Uniball pens, stapler remover, FIDM text books, yoga mat and bag, clothing steamer, car phone charger and men's size 9 work boots. The loss was valued at \$590.

3:09 PM- Auto Burglary, 600 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. An unknown suspect entered the YMCA office and removed keys from a desk. The suspect used the victim's keys to open the victim's car and stole his wallet. The suspect used the victim's credit cards at four locations in Pasadena and Arcadia. The suspect is a black male, 20, wearing a white button down shirt, dark pants, no further description.

7:39 PM- Use Another's Identification to Obtain Credit/etc. An unknown suspect(s) tried to open a credit card account using the victim's personal information.

Friday, April 15th:

11:10 AM- Altered/Forged/Counterfeited Document, 600 W. Grandview Ave. An unknown suspect(s) fraudulently obtained the victim's account information and illegally cashed two checks in Los Angeles. Suspect(s) also tried to use the victim's debit card at a department store.

2:00 PM- Tampering/Injuring Vehicle, 100 blk. N. Mountain Trail Ave. An unknown suspect used a tool to damage the victim's vehicle. The victim stated that her boyfriend's former girlfriend had been stalking him and might be the suspect.

2:45 PM- Tampering/Injuring Vehicle, 700 blk. Alta Vista Dr. An unknown suspect(s) used a tool to damage the victim's car.

Saturday, April 16th:

1:36 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Baldwin Ave and Orange Grove Ave. An officer stopped a 63 year old Temple city driver for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The officer arrested the suspect and took him to the Pasadena jail for booking.

ROTARY CLUB'S LEADS FUNDRAISING FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY CAMPAIGN

The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre made a generous donation of \$20,000 to the Sierra Madre Children's Library Campaign. Rudy Hayak, Rotary Board Member, announced their pledge at a breakfast meeting held at the Library on April 5, 2011. Patricia Hall, Campaign Chair, said, "The Sierra Madre Public Library is successful because of the generosity of donors like Sierra Madre's Rotary Club. Every day children, and those who love and care for them, will benefit from your gift to the community."

It has been nearly 20 years since the Children's room was

updated, and in that time the needs of families have markedly changed. There is a need to upgrade the Children's Room to make the most of new child-centered services and improve the use of space in the room. Plans include creating a pre-school zone and a study/reading area for students, and devoting more space to computers and technology.

Currently, a large corner of the Children's room is rendered unusable by an emergency exit that will be relocated, regaining valuable space. Replacing four old windows with higher, more environmentally efficient ones

will save money on utilities, keep the room more comfortable for everyone, and create space for new bookcases that can hold substantially more books. These are a few of the changes planned.

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library are proud to help coordinate the fund raising for the project and invite organizations and individuals to join with Rotary and donate towards the project goal of \$55,000 goal. For questions regarding details about the project and how to make a donation, please contact Meegan Tosh at (626) 355-7186.

City of Sierra Madre

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Sierra Madre is inviting proposals for assistance with the technical studies and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report as part of the City's comprehensive update of its General Plan. The City invites your firm to submit a proposal on this project.

Background

The City's first General Plan was adopted in 1996, and it includes all seven mandatory elements required by the State. This update will be the first comprehensive update of the General Plan. The City Council appointed a 9-member General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) which has been meeting since November 2009 to review the current General Plan, develop the work program and community outreach program, and begin to develop goals, policies, and objectives. The preparation of an updated General Plan is necessary to provide consistency between the zoning code and General Plan, to address recent development pressures within and around the City, and to address recent State mandates regarding global warming and sustainable growth policies and objectives.

Scope of Work - Technical Studies and Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The consultant will assist the General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) and City staff in completing all technical studies normally associated with a General Plan Update, including statutory requirements on climate warming and sustainability issues/initiatives which have local impact to the City of Sierra Madre. The consultant will be responsible in completing an EIR to fully comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and fully inform the public and decision making body about the potential environmental impacts of the General Plan Update and reasonable alternatives that may result from the policies. The consultant will also provide general assistance as directed by City Staff regarding the organization of data, preparation of documents, and assistance with the steps necessary to meet State law requirements for completion.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) packet includes background, scope of work, work products, proposal requirements, and selection criteria, and is available from the City of Sierra Madre Development Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, or request by email or mail by phoning the Development Services Department at 626.355.7135. The RFP, including the 1996 General Plan, and the draft 2008-2014 Housing Element is available at the Development Services Department in City Hall, the City library, or can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com. All inquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to: Danny Castro, Director of Development Services, phone 626.355.7135.

Proposals must be received at the City of Sierra Madre Development Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 no later than 3:00 p.m. May 23, 2011.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT (cont. from pg. 1)

and specialty care to the city, adding better healthcare access to local residents, an increase in employment and ancillary complementary business use by patients and staff.

Dr. Sami also notes that the facility will, by its location north of I-210, add to the city's earthquake and emergency preparedness. Since Sierra Madre could face difficulties in accessing hospitals south of the freeway after a quake, this larger medical facility could aid in providing medical care in a catastrophe.



The new home of the Wistaria Restaurant and Bar (above)
Assisted Living Center rendering (below)



Wistaria Restaurant and Bar at old Lozano's at 44 N. Baldwin. (left)

After a lull, contractors are once again hammering away at the former Lozano's restaurant site. While the outside has been mostly complete for months, the interior is not.

The building, now owned by the Ribolis of Maddalena Restaurant and San Antonio Winery, will house a new iteration of the culinary inspirations of Mike and Anne's Restaurant in South Pasadena, named for restaurateur, Steve Ahn's parents, Mike and Anne. He plans an American bistro menu, similar to the South Pasadena location.

The restaurant has sent representatives and taste tempting delights to both the Wine and Jazz event in October, 2010 and the Library's fundraiser in early 2011, but earlier hopes of a late 2010 opening have left this prominent Sierra Madre spot dark. Their manager indicates a current target opening in late May, for the approximately 60 seat eatery, starting with dinner and weekend brunch.

Though the posted license application lists Wisteria Grill as the proposed name, Ahn is working through changes to reflect the local preferred spelling, now Wistaria Restaurant and Bar.

The Bottle Shop Hopes to Expand Pending City Nod, 58 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. (right)

Owner Bill Sullivan proposes to enlarge The Bottle Shop westward into the adjacent storefront and to extend the structure 190 square feet to the south. In the proposed, expanded 1190 square feet of space, Sullivan hopes to build a tasting area, incorporate extra display space and add a bathroom. He notes this is, "Not a wine bar, but an area to offer tastes of wines we sell," in the context of food and wine pairing, etc., said Sullivan.

Assisted Living Developer Under Contract to Purchase Former Skilled Nursing Facility, 225-45 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

With the weeds growing through the cracks in the pavement at the former skilled nursing facility across from City Hall, the site has become more of an eyesore each year that it stands empty and dilapidated. Fountain Square Development West LLC partner, Billy Shields, confirmed April 20th, that they have entered into a contract to purchase the site, but have not closed on a purchase.

"Three of us are involved, and I will be leading the development out here in the West," noted Shields. "We plan to build, then become owner operators of this residential community."

In March, Shields appeared before the City Council, not with a formal plan or formal application, but to open an exploratory dialogue with the community. The organization's idea is to develop a fully licensed, assisted living community housing about ninety, with a staff of approximately 25, including 24/7 nursing. A part of the facility would accommodate Alzheimer's or dementia residents.

Shields explained further, "We've made preliminary application to the city, which allows them to respond to some of the basic parameters we are proposing. We're anxious to get their comments and key questions answered, and to have the different departments look at the plans. Within a month of that meeting, we plan to meet requirements for the formal application."



Owner Bill Sullivan hopes to open a Wine Tasting Room next to the Bottle Shop

Shields, a resident of Poway, played for the San Diego Chargers, the New York Jets and 1984 Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers, before moving to senior living community development at Virginia-based, Sunrise Senior Living, where he spent 17 years. "I've enjoyed the senior living business, particularly when we open new communities... when we see the families and the residents move in a frail elderly resident. It's so much more rewarding than building apartments and commercial real estate," reflected Shields.

The Fountain Square team all came with experience from Sunrise, before creating their own senior development organization. Sierra Madre will be their third project, after their first in suburban D.C., and a second in White Plains, New York. Shields invites Sierra Madreans to view the website for their New York assisted living residence at www.TheKensingtonAL.com, with the sidebar note that each development is customized to the style of the community. The group welcomes input on Fountain Square's development ideas from neighbors and the community at 858-748-0201. The group also plans forums, perhaps on the site grounds, as the process evolves.

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

Spring Egg Hunt at Villa-Parke



An egg hunt through fresh green grass is the perfect way for families to enjoy springtime's abundance of birth and renewal.

The Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department invites families to celebrate the season by attending Villa-Parke Community Center's Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, from noon to 3 p.m.

Parents are advised to bring their cameras: Spring Bunny will make a special guest appearance! The event also will feature arts and crafts, a petting zoo, treat bags and mega-slides.

Egg Hunt schedule by age is: Ages 1-3 – 12:30 p.m. Ages 4-6 – 1 p.m. Ages 7-9 – 1:45 p.m. Ages 10-12 – 2:15 p.m.

Villa-Parke Community Center is located at 363 E. Villa St. For more information call (626) 744-6530.

Masuda Wins Runoff Election

To the surprise of some, Gene Masuda, the well known Eaton Blanche Park Neighborhood Association President, beat out candidate Jill Fosselman in Tuesday's runoff election to become the city's next District 4 councilmember.

Masuda told reporters at city hall, as the ballots were being counted, that his first goal was to look at spending saying the city had not had a balanced budget in three years. His opponent Jill Fosselman made no appearance.

Masuda immediately put the word "victory" in large red letters on his website. He also called his win a landslide receiving 55.7 percent of the vote. Masuda got 1,975 votes to Fosselman's 1,566 votes. City Clerk, Mark Jomsky, said Tuesday night the results still needed to be finalized and approved by the city council. The swearing in will take place in May, he said.

Pet of the Week



Ollie, an adorable, one year old Chihuahua mix is a little shy at first but loves attention. He gets along with other dogs and loves treats. Ollie would be a great companion for someone in an apartment or condo. Come visit with him 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 A286050 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



Guns in Old Pas

By Dean Lee

Opposed to a bill authored by Assemblymember Anthony Portantino that would make it illegal to carry an unloaded handgun in any public place or street, a group of guns rights advocates took to the streets of Old Pasadena Thursday night in protest. Member of the Brady Campaign, in favor of AB 144, also demonstrated and Portantino himself also made an appearance.

"I think most Californians would agree that they don't want people walking around in parks or in coffee shops with a gun strapped to their hip," Portantino said. "Whether it's loaded or not, it creates some very real public safety issues."

Member of the South Bay Open Carry strolled down Colorado Blvd with Glockes, revolvers, .357s and other handguns proudly displayed looking for somewhere to eat ending up at The Cheesecake Factory.

As they dined a number of Pasadena police officers stood outside. One officer asked an Open Carry group member if they had planned the demonstration. He said it was part of their monthly dinner meetings.

Gene McCarthy, President of South Bay Open Carry told reporters earlier in the night they usually dine somewhere in the South Bay although chose Pasadena because of Portantino's bill.

"With Portantino's Assembly Bill 144, that bill if passed, will remove the only option for you and I to defend ourselves," McCarthy said. "The only option."

McCarthy added that it was not his goal to "take a life," but to defend himself. "It would be a terrible thing to have to do that and I can't imagine," he said.

He said having a gun strapped to his hip was similar to a black and white police car patrolling a neighborhood.

Police to Conduct Citywide Distracted Driver Program

The Pasadena Police Department will be conducting a "Distracted Driver" enforcement operation throughout the City of Pasadena on Monday April 25, 2011. The hours of operation will be from 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

The Pasadena Police Department is committed to reducing the number of traffic collisions resulting from driver's inattentiveness. It is paramount that drivers of motor vehicles refrain from texting while

driving, and talking on cellular phones without using proper hands free devices. The ultimate goal is to enforce and educate the driving public at the same time reducing serious injuries and fatal collisions caused by driver inattention to the road.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

JPL Tweetup for Missions: Mars, Jupiter and More

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory will host a Tweetup, to show off some of its upcoming missions, for approximately 120 Twitter followers.

Registration for the event opens at noon PDT (3 p.m. EDT) on Tuesday, and it closes at noon PDT (3 p.m. EDT) on Wednesday. The tweetup will take place Monday, June 6.

With four space missions launching this year and an asteroid belt encounter nearly underway, 2011 will be one of the busiest ever in planetary exploration. Tweetup participants will interact with JPL scientists and engineers about these upcoming missions: Aquarius, to study ocean salinity; Grail, to study the moon's gravity field; Juno to Jupiter; and the Mars Science Laboratory/Curiosity rover. Participants also will learn about the Dawn mission and its

upcoming encounter with the asteroid Vesta.

The Tweetup will include a tour of JPL, robotics demonstrations and a last chance to see the Curiosity rover before it ships to Florida to prepare for a November launch. Tour stops will include the Spacecraft Assembly Facility, where Curiosity is under construction, the mission control center of NASA's Deep Space Network, and JPL's new Earth Science Visitor Center.

Tweetup participants also will mingle with fellow attendees and the staff behind the tweets on @NASA, @NASAJPL, @MarsRovers, @AsteroidWatch and more.

For more information about the Tweetup and to sign up, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/tweetup>. NASA Television will broadcast portions of the Tweetup.

Applicants Sought for Task Force

The Pasadena City Council, which has been seeking applicants to serve on the Charter Amendment and Sub-Geographic Districting Task Force, announces a deadline for receipt of applications.

The nine-member Task Force will study changing the selection method for members of the Board of Education for Pasadena Unified School District from the current at-

large method of election to district-based elections.

To be considered for a City Council appointment, task force applications from Pasadena residents must be received in the Office of the Mayor and City Council, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228, Pasadena CA 91101 by 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 25.

Three positions will be filled by council appointment. The task force will also be composed of three positions appointed by the PUSD Board of Education, two by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and one by the Sierra Madre City Council.



Leighanne Nickle, an open carry activist, holds quick load bullets for her revolver.

"If they see me they are not going to come up to me and cause trouble, it's a deterrent," he said. McCarthy did say they do have to stay 1,000 feet from any schools, "and we know exactly where those are. We have entire mapping units to do that," he said.

Joe Brown, president of the Pasadena NAACP, said he thought the Open Carry protesters sent the wrong message to the youth of Pasadena.

"What if they were to go just a few blocks up Fair Oaks," he said referring to North West Pasadena, an area in the city known for gangs.

Brown also said he thought the group was combative looking for a confrontation.

AQMD Offers Lawn Mower Exchange Program

Turn in your gas lawn mower for a cordless electric one. The Lawn Mower Exchange Program, a partnership of the city of Pasadena and the South Coast Air Quality Management District, is providing incentives to help residents make the switch from gas lawn mower to cordless electric ones.

Eligible residents can pay just \$100 or \$160 for a new residential cordless electric mower valued at \$400 or \$500. Interested buyers must be among the first to register, starting Wednesday, April 20, at 8 a.m.

"When you switch out your old gas-powered mower for a cleaner electric one you lower your exposure to emissions," said Gabriel Silva, recycling coordinator in the Pasadena Public Works Department.

Southern California residents exchanged 37,000 mowers in the past nine years.

The exchange program is available in Pasadena and other areas served by AQMD. Quantities are limited and exchanges will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, upon registration. Instructions and details are online at www.AQMD.gov or starting April 20 or call AQMD's Lawnmower Program at (888) 425-6247.

At the February 15, 2011, joint meeting of the PUSD Board of Education and the Pasadena City Council, the governing bodies approved initiating the process for a charter amendment and sub-geographic districting for the PUSD Board of Education members.

The Pasadena Unified School District intends to implement geographic region elections for the PUSD Governing Board for a March 2013 election. To meet the 2013 deadline, the task force will complete its work over the next 14 months.

For more information call (626) 744-4311.

Charges Filed in Rose Bowl Shooting

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed murder charges Thursday against the brother of a Duarte man found dead in February in Parking Lot I of the Rose Bowl. The body of 56 year-old, Victor Cass had been discovered Feb. 28 shortly before 5 a.m. by a city employee.

The murder charge was filed against the victim's brother, 55 year-old, Clifton Cass also a Duarte resident. . Dwayne Sims, 55, of Duarte, was also arrested and charged with being an accessory to murder and a felon in possession of a firearm.

Police said the case was difficult to solve because of a lack of witnesses or a clear motive for the crime.

"I am exceptionally proud of

the work of lead Detective Keith Gomez and the other homicide investigators who worked on this case. The results of this investigation are symbolic of the Pasadena Police Department's commitment to excellence and to our pursuit of justice for the victims," said Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez.

Cass is being held on \$2,000,000 bail and Sims's bail has been set at \$175,000. Both suspects are slated for arraignment on April 22, 2011.

Persons with information regarding this investigation are asked to contact Detective Keith Gomez at:

(626) 744-3953 or Pasadena Police Department dispatch at (626) 744-4241.

Arlington Garden Celebrated

Pasadena City Councilman Steve Madison and Charles and Betty McKenney invite the community to celebrate the sixth anniversary of Arlington Garden on Saturday, April 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will include guided tours, exhibitions by local artists, discussions, expert advice on plant care and garden design, a demonstration of a new smartphone app that enables visitors to take audio tours and scan 23 identification signs, and a lecture about labyrinths throughout the world, including the seven-circuit labyrinth at Arlington Garden.

For several years the three-acre lot owned by Caltrans at the northwest corner of Pasadena Avenue and Arlington Drive sat empty. Madison initiated the project and asked the McKenneys to lead a steering committee to determine the best use of the site.

In the last six years the city of Pasadena has leased the lot,



which has been transformed through a public/private partnership to a drought-tolerant demonstration garden with hundreds of trees and thousands of plants. It also features walls, paths, sculpture, furniture, a solar-powered fountain, stained glass artwork, an amphitheater and a vernal pool.

The garden is maintained by local volunteers, the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, The Mediterranean Garden Society, Pasadena Water and Power and the Pasadena Public Works Department.

The garden is open from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. For more information visit www.arlingtongardeninpasadena.org or call (626) 441-4478.

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 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This week at the Donald R. Wright Auditorium (see below). For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Citizen Journalism Speakers Series: Former Maxim Sports Reporter Diane Hill



The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper will hold the 2011 Citizen Journalism Speaker Series featuring Diane Hill Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. This free event features local and national journalists, telling their personal stories and adventures in the life of journalism and media.

Diane Hill, who now practices in the legal arena, was an extremely successful journalist in the sports arena. Diane has worked as a radio field reporter for several nationally syndicated shows, hosted sports shows for Sirius satellite radio network,

such as "The Naked Truth", and was a sports correspondent for "The Bower Show". Diane has spent many days in the City of Pasadena as a regular guest host on the live internet show, "The Regular Joes". In Diane's bold and sassy broadcast career, she became the first woman sports columnist for an international publication, Maxim magazine.

Diane known for her go-getter attitude was best remembered for saying, "Deep down every athlete is just a teenage boy trying to impress the hot chick who just happens to be writing it all down for the sake of posterity. Who better than me to make them talk?"

In 1998, Diane received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcasting from California State University and in 2008 received her Juris Doctorate from Southwestern Law School. Today, Diane works as an Attorney in the Los Angeles area, under her surname, Diane Hlywiak. The speaker series will be held at: Donald R. Wright Auditorium 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101 (located in the Pasadena Central Library) All Events Door Open at 6:00 p.m.

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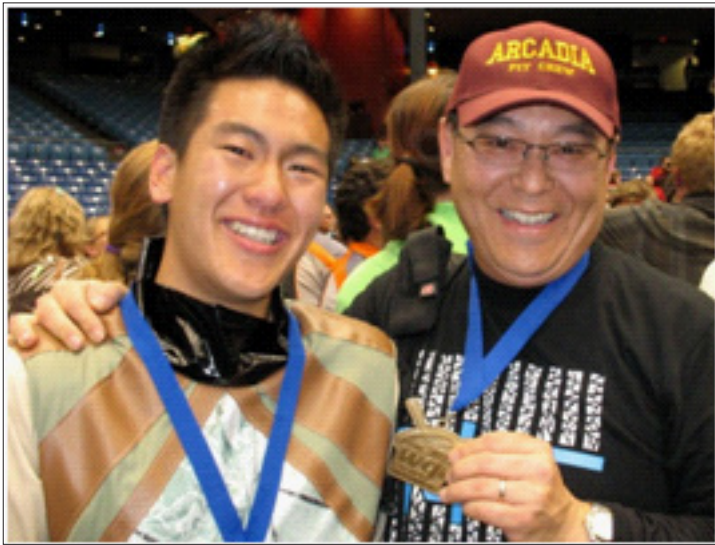
From Arcadia's Best

AHS PERCUSSION WINS WORLDS

The Arcadia High School Varsity (World) Percussion line are now national champions after winning at the 2011 WGI World Percussion Championships finals Saturday, April 16, at Dayton, Ohio.

While the next three highest-scoring teams were separated by less than 1 1/2 points, the AHS team's score of 97.525 was nearly two points higher than the second-place team in their division. Performing a program called Rise under director Kevin Sherrill, the AHS team was one of 15 percussion finalists in the Scholastic World division — the highest division for high school percussion units — six of the top ten of which were from Southern California.

Photos above and below courtesy of Rev. David Chi, one of the team chaperones (pictured in bottom photo).



Final rankings:

- 1 Arcadia HS (Arcadia, Ca.) 97.525
- 2 Dartmouth HS (Dartmouth, Mass.) 95.813
- 3 Center Grove HS (Greenwood, Indiana) 95.025
- 4 Chino Hills HS (Chino Hills, Ca.) 94.425
- 5 Mission Viejo HS (Mission Viejo, Ca.) 93.250
- 6 Ayala HS (Chino Hills, California) 91.900
- 7 Los Alamitos HS (Los Alamitos, Ca.) 91.325
- 8 Walled Lake Central HS (Walled Lake, MI.) 90.950
- 9 Avon HS (Avon, Indiana) 90.338
- 10 Rancho Cucamonga HS (California) 90.050
- 11 North Shore HS (Houston, Texas) 88.525
- 12 Milton HS (Milton, Georgia) 86.725
- 13 Mt. Juliet HS (Mount Juliet, Tenn.) 85.750
- 14 King Philip Regional HS (Wrentham, Mass.) 85.525
- 15 Petal HS (Petal, Mississippi) 85.175

– By Scott Hettrick

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, April 10, through Saturday, April 16, the Police Department responded to 894 calls for service of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 10:

1. At about 6:40 p.m., officers and paramedics responded to an injury traffic collision in the 600 block of West Duarte Road. The investigation revealed that two 16-year-old females (one Asian and one of unknown race) were crossing Duarte Road on foot when they were struck by a vehicle traveling westbound on Duarte Road. The Asian female died as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision, while the other female was transported and treated at Huntington Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. The driver of the vehicle was a 19-year-old, Asian male.
2. Around 4:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to Arcadia Methodist Hospital in regards to a cold battery report. The victim, a 20-year-old Hispanic female, stated that on Saturday, April 9th at approximately 2:00 p.m., she was walking home from the mall westbound on Huntington Drive when she was assaulted by four unknown Hispanic females in their early 20's.

Monday, April 11:

3. Shortly after 7:30 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Duarte Road in reference to a deceased person. The subject was an 82-year-old White male who had apparently passed away in his sleep from natural causes.
4. Shortly after 10:00 p.m., units responded to Phoenix Chinese Cuisine, 1108 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to an unknown disturbance inside. Upon arrival, officers were advised that an intoxicated White male in his 30's had just left after yelling and harassing customers inside the location. Officers located the subject in front of 1020 South Baldwin Avenue. While being questioned, a check in the records system revealed he had an outstanding warrant and was then placed under arrest for both the warrant and for being drunk in public.

Tuesday, April 12:

5. About 2:00 a.m., units responded to a 911 call received by Sierra Madre PD regarding an auto burglary in progress. The location was the 1400 block of Caballero Road, which is in Arcadia's jurisdiction. The reporting party advised Dispatch that he had seen two male subjects break into a vehicle in front of his home and then flee in a white or silver pickup truck. While conducting an area search for the vehicle, the responding officer observed a white pickup truck, occupied by two males, turn abruptly from northbound to southbound Santa Anita at Orange Grove, with a Sierra Madre police car behind it. A traffic stop was conducted. The investigation revealed stolen property and tools commonly used in the commission of a burglary. Both 19-year-old Hispanic men were arrested for auto burglary and possession of burglary tools.
6. Just before 7:00 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police station lobby in regards to a missing person report. The missing person was a 78-year-old Hispanic male with dementia who had just moved to Arcadia. A critical missing person's alert was disseminated via BOLOs (Be On The Look Out), Medic Alert Center and Nixel. At approximately 10:00 p.m. the man arrived in good health at a family member's residence in Burbank.

Wednesday, April 13:

7. Between 2:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 500 block of Vaquero Road. Unknown suspect(s) shattered the right front passenger window and stole the vehicle's DMV registration certificate and an auto insurance card.
8. Shortly before 11:00 a.m., units were dispatched to the Westfield Shopping Center, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a report by mall security of a suspicious male walking through several jewelry stores. He resembled a suspect who had stolen jewelry from the Ben Bridge jewelry store in the Westfield Topanga mall. The subject was questioned by officers and a records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor burglary warrant. The 32-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest for the warrant.

Thursday, April 14:

9. Around 12:06 p.m., officers were dispatched to Rancho High School, 150 South Third Avenue, in regard to a student with marijuana on the property. An investigation revealed that a 17-year-old Hispanic male handed a piece of folded paper to another student, a 13-year-old Hispanic male, who was on his way to the bathroom. The folded paper contained marijuana. The 17-year-old suspect immediately left the classroom when the marijuana was discovered and fled on foot westbound. An area and residence check were conducted, but the suspect was not located. A follow-up investigation is being conducted.
10. Between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of West Santa Anita Terrace. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an open window, ransacked the house and stole jewelry, cash and a wallet from the master bedroom for a reported loss of about \$34,000.

Friday, April 15:

11. Shortly after midnight, an Asian female victim arrived at home in the 1100 block of South Third Avenue. She was walking to her door with her 2-year-old son when she was accosted by a Black male, in his early to mid 20's. The suspect demanded her purse and a laptop that she was carrying. The victim did not immediately comply and the suspect brandished a dark "handgun," discharging it at the victim. The victim was struck in the cheek and the suspect grabbed the purse and computer, running off to an awaiting vehicle. It appears that the weapon was a BB or pellet gun. The child was not harmed.

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ARCADIA ROTARY CLUB SALUTE TO SENIORS JIM and MARGARET BARROWS



The annual Salute to Seniors luncheon sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club will be held on Tuesday, May 10th from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. At this special event, Rotarians along with the City Council, Senior Commissioners and other guests will honor Jim and Margaret Barrows, the City of Arcadia 2011 Seniors of the Year.

Jim and Margaret exemplify the spirit of volunteerism. Their scope of service is far reaching and passion for the community is unending. Jim has served as the City clerk since 2004 and their mutual volunteer efforts have such depth. Some of the contributions include the following (*partial listing*):

- Arcadia Invitational Track Meet Food Coordinator
- Arcadia Police Department – Members of Volunteers in Patrol since 2001
- Traffic and Safety Director for Baldwin Stocker School since 2000
- AYSO Soccer Coach
- 2003 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award

Arcadia AAUW to Get Inside Look at Tournament of Roses

What goes on behind the scenes at the annual Pasadena Rose Parade? Have you ever wondered who chooses the theme, the bands, the float designs? The perfect person to answer these questions and any others is prominent Arcadia resident David Hu, a 23-year member of the Tournament of Roses Association. Hu has assured the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) that he will present a program to them "that is informative and not full of boring statistics." He welcomes questions from the audience.

David Hu will speak to the Arcadia Branch of AAUW at its meeting on Monday, May 9, at the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia ((SW corner of Duarte Road. and Holly Ave.). Socializing and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Tournament of Roses program to follow at 7:00 p.m. The program will include a power-point presentation that offers the audience a behind-the-scenes look at the work, drama, and fun that all contribute to making the Tournament of Roses the success it has always been. The public is invited to this free meeting.

Membership in the American Association of University Women is open to women and men university graduates, as well as to those holding an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent.

For more information, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

ROOM TO RUN™ Dog Park Appreciation Project

WHAT:
The Nutro Company's ROOM TO RUN™ Dog Park Appreciation Project



To support community dog parks and off-leash areas, The Nutro Company has teamed up with the City of Arcadia to host the ROOM TO RUN™ Dog Park Appreciation Project on May 7, 2011. Led by associates from The Nutro Company in partnership with City of Arcadia and members of the community, the ROOM TO RUN™ Project is a nationwide effort to enhance and revitalize dog parks in 30 cities across the U.S. and Canada. This year the dog park in Arcadia has been chosen to be a part of the program. Last year, volunteers spent more than 1,500 man hours improving parks in their communities. So, roll up your sleeves and come join us this year!

ROOM TO RUN™ projects will vary by location, but park projects may include painting fences, providing benches, picking up trash and landscaping. In an effort to focus on enhancements and for the safety of the dogs, pet owners may want to consider leaving their four-legged pals at home during the enhancements and bring them to the park following the event.

WHERE: Arcadia Dog Park (Eisenhower Park) located on the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Second Avenue

WHO: Local community of dog owners (and lovers!) and The Nutro Company & the City of Arcadia's Recreation and Community Services Department

WHEN: May 7, 2011
Check in begins at 8am, event is from 9am to 12pm

Looking for a job? Want a better job? Want to relocate?

Arcadia Public Library is offering three career webinars by Tutor.com © that may help you in your quest.

Thursday, May 5 (1pm-2pm) - Your Toughest Job Search Questions Answered

Are you concerned about your ability to land job interviews due to employment gaps or excessive job changes? Do you expect to have a hard time explaining to a prospective employer that you were fired from your last job? Learn how to field these and other tough career questions.

Thursday, May 12 (1pm-2pm) - Write a Resume that Gets the Job

Participants will learn how to write a resume that hiring managers will notice.

Thursday, May 19 (1pm-2pm) - Learn How to Interview like a Pro

A great interview is the last step in securing the job you want. Participants will learn how to feel comfortable during an interview – no more stumbling or freezing up. Learn interview styles, techniques and how to answer the top two interview questions everyone gets asked.

These webinars will be led by Barbara Safani, career expert, author and owner of Career Solvers. Each webinar will be one hour and held in the Arcadia Public Library's Conference Room. No reservations are necessary.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. For more information, please call (626) 821-5565.

A HISTORY OF PHARMACY IN ARCADIA

On May 19 at noon, Stuart Henderson, former owner and pharmacist of King Pharmacy in Arcadia, 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 Pharmacy in Arcadia!

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.



Recreation and Community Services Department Community Bike Ride

Saturday May 7, 2011 7:30am

The Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles' new Ambulatory Care Center in Arcadia present the Annual Community Bike Ride on May 7, 2011 at 7:30am.

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, founded in 1901, is one of the nation's top children's hospitals and is acknowledged worldwide for its leadership in pediatric and adolescent health. The new center, Children's Hospital Los Angeles – Arcadia, is proud to be a part of our local community and is sponsoring this family event. The center is excited to have this opportunity to provide quality care for our children as well as promote good health and fitness.

Please join us for a leisurely ride through some of Arcadia's most beautiful neighborhoods. This slow paced, seven mile excursion, is geared toward families and organized in an effort to create a positive tradition and promote healthy living. Meet in the Community center parking lot at 7:30am for check in, bike ride begins at 8am. Helmets are required and there will be NO bicycles with training wheels permitted. Children under thirteen must be accompanied by an adult. Bike ride takes place rain or shine.

The first 100 people to check in will receive a ticket to the Arcadia Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast also being held on that same day at Station 106. Tickets for the breakfast can also be purchased at the station for \$5.

No registration necessary. For more information please call 626.574.5113 or go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us.

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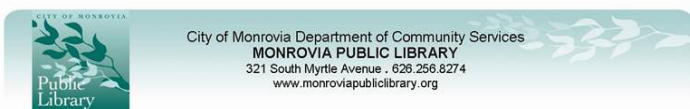
from the Desk of the City Manager, Scott Ochoa

Tuesday's general municipal election was executed without any real complexity or controversy. Indeed, the only drama arose when confusion developed on the day after the election - the City Clerk's chart of unofficial results listed "ballots cast" as well as "votes cast." Essentially, because we have so many voters opting to exercise a vote-by-mail (VBM) option, the City Clerk disseminates thousands of ballots in the weeks prior to the election. As reported, the turnout for this election - both VBM and precinct walk-ins - was very low, at 13.6%. This turnout rate translates into 2,682 votes cast - meaning that only 984 voters went to the polls and only 1,698 of the VBM voters actually mailed in their ballots.

The confusion arose when the City Clerk's chart led some to mistakenly believe that there were still VBM cast ballots floating around that had not been counted (listing the total VBMs mailed out as ballots "cast," as opposed to ballots "distributed" or "disseminated"). By Wednesday afternoon, the City Clerk changed the terminology the confusion was abated.

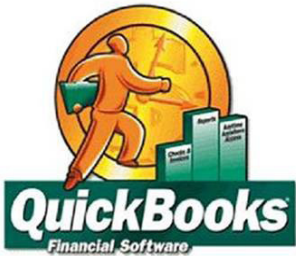
As far as the preliminary election results, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz - running unopposed - received 2,295 votes, Councilwoman Becky Shevlin received 1,936 votes, and Councilman Tom Adams received 1,615 votes. Congratulations to these returning community leaders; and thanks and best wishes to the other three Monrovia residents who appeared on the ballot. It takes conviction and courage to put your name on a ballot and ask folks to judge your message and platform.

I believe this election, both the outcome and the turn-out rate, are indications of the community's overall satisfaction with Monrovia's trajectory and prospects.



Brownbag QuickBooks Workshop

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Bring your lunch and join Patricia Richardson as she demonstrates the small business accounting tool, QuickBooks. Learn some of the time-saving and profit generating features of this beneficial software. There will be time for questions and answers after the demonstration.

Patricia Richardson, MBA, has worked with computer accounting systems for several years and has been teaching QuickBooks to business owners for nearly as long.

Tuesday, April 26

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WATER DISTRICT GRANT FUNDS DUARTE'S 2011 GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE WEEK APRIL 18-21

The City of Duarte and Duarte's Promise -

The Alliance for Youth will celebrate *Global Youth Service Week* April 18-21 with a series of four school based beautification projects with the help of a \$1,500 grant from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD).

Under the leadership of Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, students from various Duarte Unified School District's programs and campuses including Think Together, leadership classes, Beardslee, Valley View, and Maxwell elementary schools, and Northview Intermediate School, will plant drought tolerant and native plant gardens on their respective campuses. The plant species and gardens were selected and designed by David Karp, an instructor at Mt. Olive alternative school who heads the award winning Mount Olive Outdoor School Experience (MOOSE) program.

Global Youth Service Week is one of a number of volunteer programs and events sponsored by Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth. In 2000, Duarte was officially named an America's Promise "Community of Promise." Since then, more than 200 Duarte and other local businesses, organizations, individuals, government, schools, and communities of faith have partnered in a commitment to ensure that the needs of young people are served through five promises: ongoing relationships with caring adults - parents, mentors, tutors, coaches, safe places and structured activities during non-school hours, a healthy start and future, marketable skills through effective education, and opportunities for youth to give back through community service.

For more information on how to participate in this or other efforts, contact (626) 357-7931 ext. 267.

DUARTE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP AND E WASTE ROUND-UP MAY 7

In the spirit of keeping Duarte beautiful, the bi-annual Duarte Community Clean-up Day and E-Waste Round-Up will be held on Saturday, May 7.

Residents are encouraged to use the day to spruce up their own personal property by taking advantage of the various free services. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duarte's licensed trash hauler, Burrtec Waste Industries will provide two convenient drop-off locations where residents can dispose of large refuse items and e-waste. The locations are Duarte City Hall at 1600 Huntington Dr. and at the former Buena Vista Pavilion site, 2144 Buena Vista St. So. Cal Edison will sponsor a refrigerator/freezer collection on the same day. Schedule pick-up by calling (800) 234-9722.

For more information about how to participate in the Duarte Community Clean-Up day and E-Waste Round-Up, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 or visit the City's website at www.accessduarte.com.

City to Celebrate Improvements at Otis Gordon Sports Park

It's a potty party. A grand opening and ribbon cutting will celebrate the newly completed restrooms at Otis Gordon Sports Park in Duarte. The festivities, Thursday, April 28, at 8:30 a.m., will be followed by the opening day softball game between the Duarte 66ers and Duarte D-Crew teams.

"Yes, in Duarte we celebrate everything, especially new community facilities made possible with the help of grant funds," said Parks and Recreation Director, Donna Georgino.

The project was funded utilizing a portion of a \$220,000 grant from the State of California 2002 Resources Bond Act. Installation of the prefabricated restroom facility at Otis Gordon Sports Park cost \$130,000. Last year, the City utilized \$50,000 of the grant to replace old playground equipment at Andres Duarte Satellite Park with new equipment that meets State and Federal guidelines for safety and accessibility.

The community has long awaited the installation of permanent restroom facilities at Otis Gordon Sports Park. In 1995, the City of Duarte applied and received a \$500,000 grant to renovate the sports field at Mt. Olive High School, later renamed Otis Gordon Sports Park, and the field at Andres Duarte Elementary School. But the grant funding was not adequate enough to allow for restrooms to be constructed. Up until now, park users have had to rely on portable facilities at the site provided by the City, an arrangement that Georgino notes has been less than desirable.

Otis Gordon Sports Park is one of the City of Duarte's most popular and well-used parks. The five-acre park is used by senior citizens for their softball league, and by the Recreation Department for the summer t-ball league and spring youth mini soccer. The sports park is also the home of the City's adult softball program, and is used by many outside groups including DYAC, the Hawks, and Anita Oaks School. The park is also available for rent by other organizations and individuals.

HARLEM AMBASSADORS SHOW BASKETBALL TEAM TO TAKE ON DUARTE ROUTE 66'ERS FOR CHARITY, APRIL 30

High-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines are in store when the Harlem Ambassadors bring their unique brand of Harlem-style basketball to town to take on the Duarte Route 66ers on Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at the Duarte High School Gym.

"It's going to be a great night of fun for the community," said Frank Haynes, event chair. "The Harlem Ambassadors are legendary for putting on a great show with non-stop laughs that the entire family can enjoy. Providing the other half of the entertainment will be the Duarte Route 66ers, featuring the athletic prowess of team players that will include Duarte City Manager, Darrell George; Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Council Member Margaret Finlay; Mount Olive High School principal, Kevin Morris, and Duarte High School principal, Eric Barba.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit Duarte Community Service Council to assist needy families in the Duarte community, and is co-sponsored by the Santa Anita Family YMCA, and the City of Duarte.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 as a Friend of the Duarte Community Service Council to \$2,500 to be the Event Sponsor.

Tickets for the basketball show are on sale in advance from the Duarte City Hall, Senior Center and Teen Center, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and online at www.duartechamber.com, and the Duarte Elks Lodge. Ticket prices are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door for senior citizens and students, 12 years of age; \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Children 3 years of age and under are free. For more information or to become an event sponsor, email DCSC at dcscouncil@charter.net or call Frank Haynes at (626) 303-7191 or Dorothy Smith at (626) 359-9487.

Monrovia Police Blotter

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, and 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. Topics include bullying, media influence on children, internet safety, child personal safety and gang and drug awareness. For information and class reservations, call (626) 256-8098.

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 499 service events, resulting in 99 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Vehicle Burglary

On April 7 at 7:49 a.m., an officer responded to the report of a vehicle burglary in the 900 block of Diamond. The victim had parked her vehicle in the driveway the evening before, locked it and set the alarm. She returned to her vehicle in the morning and found the left rear window shattered. She never heard the alarm activate; however, she did hear a vehicle speed away around 4 a.m., but did not think anything of it. The items taken were a computer, a DVD player, and a black wallet and purse.

Residential Burglary

On April 7 at 11:25 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of West Lemon regarding a burglary. The victim reported that someone broke into his garage overnight. The suspect(s) used some type of pry tool to force open the east door of the unattached studio. It is unknown if anything was taken.

Vehicle Burglary

On April 7 at 11:30 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1600 block of Pilgrim on a vehicle burglary report. The victim reported that his vehicle was broken into during the night. The suspect(s) broke the right front passenger window, reached in and removed a radar detector from the windshield, where it had been attached.

Residential Burglary

On April 7 at 1:56 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of South Shamrock on a residential burglary report. The victim believed his house was broken into between 8 a.m. and 1:55 p.m. The officer checked the property and determined the suspect(s) made entry through a closet window. He checked the window and noted the locking mechanism was loose and he wiggled it open. The suspect(s) left through the side kitchen door.

Vehicle Burglary

On April 8 at 6:44 a.m., an officer went to the 1200 block of South Magnolia regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim had parked his vehicle across the street from his residence in the evening and secured it. He returned in the morning and found the driver side door was unlocked and the interior was ransacked. He checked the trunk and discovered his stereo amplifier and subwoofer were missing. The vehicle does not have an alarm and there were no signs of forced entry.

Grand Theft

On April 8 at 2:18 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of East Walnut on a grand theft report. The victim is a gardener and had parked his truck, leaving his gardening tools in the truck. While he was busy working on a client's house, the suspect(s) removed his equipment and loaded it onto their truck, a white, four-door, crew cab, 2007-2009, Chevrolet Silverado. The suspect vehicle fled southbound on California from the location.

Fight / Officer Injured

On April 10 at 1:30 a.m., an officer on patrol observed a fight in progress in front of a business in the 300 block of South Myrtle and immediately requested additional officers to respond. During the course of restoring order, officers encountered a combative male suspect and his female associate who would not comply with their orders to disburse. Officers used their pepper spray on the suspects and they were detained and arrested. As the officers were attempting to put the male suspect into the back seat of the police vehicle, he continued to struggle and resist. During the struggle, one of the officers received minor injury to his hand.

Traffic Collision / Vehicle vs. Child

On April 10 at 12:22 p.m., a family looking to rent an apartment in the area of Magnolia and Linwood became distracted and their two year old child wandered off. The boy ran between two parked cars and into the street. He was struck by a vehicle and sustained abrasions and bruises over his entire body. He was conscious and crying when officers arrived and was taken to a hospital.

Outside Assist - Torrance Police Department

On April 11 at 8:42 p.m., Monrovia Police Department received a Department of Child and Family Services referral and contacted the reporting party by telephone, since she did not reside in Monrovia. Officers learned the victim was at Torrance Police Department filing a report, since the crime occurred in that city during 2006 to 2008. The investigating detective informed Monrovia Police Department of possible additional victims living in Monrovia at a residence in the 800 block of South Canyon. Officers responded to the location to conduct a welfare check and discovered the possible victims did not reside at the location, but the suspect did. Torrance Police Department requested we arrest the suspect. The suspect was arrested and Torrance Police Department responded to take him into custody for multiple sex crime offenses. The investigation is continuing.

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“STOP, HEY, WHAT’S THAT SOUND?”

“There’s something happening here. What it is ain’t exactly clear”....

by Kim Clymer-Kelley

It was a rainy, soggy Sunday afternoon when I got a call from a good friend of mine inviting me to attend a meeting of group she had found that she thought might interest me. I really did not relish driving into the L.A., especially on such a miserable day. “I HATE the city!” I whined. “Come on, I think you will really like it,” she said, hoping to persuade me to give up my cozy dry table at Beantown where I planned to spend the day working. I reluctantly agreed, packed up my stuff, and headed home to put on some waterproof boots and a raincoat and meet her for our ride into the city.

The meeting was being held near “Not a Cornfield”, a living sculpture in the form of a field of corn in an industrial part of the city right outside of China Town. The facility in which the group was meeting belongs to Farmlab, a group of artists who have created, according to their website “a short-term multi-disciplinary investigation of land use issues that are related to sustainability, livability, and health.”

When we left Pasadena, the weather was still holding out however, by the time we arrived at the site, we were in the middle of a full-fledged downpour. We wound our way through some narrow streets through a collection of old warehouses eventually coming upon a few of the members standing on a street corner directing other members to parking. We parked along a side street and walked across the street and tromped through the puddles along the edge of the overpass that ran between two of the buildings. Stored under the overpass was a fascinating array of oddities, huge bladders marked “potable water”, a row of banana trees in wooden planters, tables, chairs and cabinets, sculptures and painted walls, and vehicles in various stages of repair...one served as a planter with all kinds of flowers and vegetable growing out of the trunk, the roof, the hood, and the windows. Under the far end of the overpass was a small group of 10-15 cold, wet people...a group that calls themselves “The Backwards Beekeepers”. One of their leaders was unlocking a door to the warehouse to let them in out of the rain. We all entered the building. It was filled with a lovely collection of 50’s and 60’s vintage furniture. A large circle of assorted chairs in the center was an obvious indication that the building was, upon occasion, used for meetings. We seated ourselves and one member passed out some homemade cookies he had brought as we chatted and waited the 10 minutes we had until the 11 am meeting was to begin. In that time the group grew and grew as one by one other member filtered in. By the time the meeting got underway, there was a crowd of about 60 people.

A man, who was apparently their leader casually called the meeting to order. He started by introducing himself as Kirk, the founder of the group and a master Backwards Beekeeper. The group continued to grow as the meeting proceeded. To begin the meeting, they went around the room and introduced all of the mentors of the club. These are the people who helped “newbees” to learn the ins and outs of urban beekeeping. They fielded questions in

the next part of the meeting on how to capture a swarm, how to build a hive, how to know if you have a queen in your hive, how to remove a hive from inside a wall and why their bees deserted their hive.

As the meeting progressed, the group continued to grow to about 75 people. I listened intently to the each of the members questions, answers, and contributions. It was fascinating information and exciting to hear that many people so passionate about what they are doing. They were from all over the L.A. area...the “Valley”, the “Inland Empire”, the “West Side”, Simi Valley, and even as far away as Ventura. Aside from the beekeeping they all had one other thing in common, the underlying concern of them all was sustainability...and organic beekeeping was the one tiny corner of this overwhelmingly huge issue that they had decided to take on as their main contribution to the effort.

As I sat and listened to the conversation, I began to ponder the enormity of what I was witnessing.

“There’s something happening here...What it is ain’t exactly clear”.

The words to that era defining Buffalo Springfield song that I had grown up with started to sound in my head...

“Think it’s time we stop, children, what’s that sound? Everybody look what’s going down.”

Here in the confines of a warehouse tucked along side of a freeway overpass on a dark and rainy day was an organization of totally dedicated and passionate people...75 of them....who knew there were 75 urban beekeepers in LA?...all quietly supporting and tackling the issue of sustainability. And here also was the headquarters of another group of artists who were promoting and advancing urban agriculture. I imagined how many other secret enclaves there were in the city where such things were going on?...how many other organizations were quietly meeting in little corners all around the country...around the world?...if there were 75 people doing something as obscure as beekeeping in one city, how many people there must be passionately pursuing one or more of the thousands of niches that form the sustainability movement. I could not help but feel that what I was witnessing was the undercurrent of a movement that has quietly grown into something of great power and scale and is about to burst out and engulf the entire globe...a movement that will cross all age, gender, and cultural barriers and will change the way we all live and think. The energy in that room at that moment...that tiny little corner of the planet... was greater than that of the tsunami that devastated Japan, and it is growing every day. Who could imagine that beekeepers might help to change the world?



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LOS ANGELES & SAN GABRIEL WATERSHED COUNCIL’S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

What do Heal the Bay Founder Dorothy Green, Southern California Public Radio, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Temple City Councilman Carl Blum, Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz all have in common? The answer: they’ve all worked to end Southern California’s dependence on imported sources of water.

On July 14, to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, five awards will be presented to those who have worked to ensure an environmentally-friendly future for Southern California. The Watershed Council will also make a major announcement at the event, marking a positive strategic move forward for the organization. Policy makers, environmentalist and citizens concerned with sustainability won’t want to miss this fun event that will feature great food, special guests, music, unique auction items and more.

The celebration will raise critical funds to support the Watershed Council’s work in the areas of water quality, monitoring, and supply; access to open space; applied research and analysis, and community organizing around creeks in disadvantaged communities. Some of the organization’s projects over the past five years include:

- The completion of a 10 investigation on the effects of capturing stormwater through the “Water Augmentation Study”.
- A partnership of 14 government agencies and non-profits to create one of the first and most comprehensive “green streets” in Los Angeles at Elmer Avenue in Sun Valley. By incorporating the latest in innovative water saving techniques and water saving elements, Elmer Avenue is able to capture enough water to supply 32 Southern California households, which is more than used by the 24 houses on the block!
- Working with the community of Compton to develop the Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan.
- Training over 500 professionals through the Sustainable Landscape Seminars, learning how they can be good stewards of the land.
- Providing a forum for discussion and greater understanding of issues related to the intersection of land use planning and watershed management through a quarterly symposium series. Past forums have focused on Station Fire Recovery, Health of the San Gabriel River, Naturalizing our Rivers, High Speed Rail and the LA River, and many more.

The Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council has become the center for practical watershed education, research and analysis in Southern California, focusing on the watersheds of the Los Angeles Basin. The Watershed Council is uniquely situated at the intersection of research and policy to drive applied research to improve policy and practice.

Tickets are only \$50 and can be purchased by visiting the Watershed Council’s website at www.lasgrwc.org or by calling (213) 229-9945. Tickets are tax-deductible to the amount allowed under the law. Sponsor opportunities are available.

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Here are a few environmentally smart choices for your home:

- Need new flooring? Consider using environmentally sensitive building materials for your flooring. Elegant bamboo, forgiving cork and practical linoleum floorings are a few eco-friendly alternatives.

- Look for the label. When buying new appliances, look for the Energy Star label. These energy-efficient products can save you money.

- Improve your view. Energy-efficient windows not only help seal in heat that might otherwise be lost; they are easier to clean and help freshen a home’s exterior.

- Save water. Put a rain barrel in your garden. Collecting rain means you can water the garden without adding to your water bill.

- Start at the top. Opt for roofing materials and products that are eco friendly. It makes environmental sense to look for durable, high-quality materials that will last and are at least partially made from recycled or recyclable materials. Investing in a long-lasting roof can be the easiest and least expensive way to be environmentally friendly. For example, all of GAF’s laminated shingle products, including the popular Timberline shingle, carry a lifetime limited warranty that is even transferable to a second owner. That means less shingles being torn off and shipped to landfills. The shingles are also manufactured using Advanced Protection technology, resulting in a lighter but more powerful shingle that uses fewer natural resources.

To really make an impact and potentially reduce a significant amount of energy use, use a highly reflective shingle, such as the Timberline Cool Series, which reflects sunlight to help reduce attic heat buildup and save energy. Further reduce energy use by improving attic ventilation. An attic vent allows unwanted heat and moisture to escape from your attic—which helps to reduce energy costs.

Vents such as the company’s Cobra attic exhaust reduce the load on your AC by moving superheated air out of your attic before it builds up and causes damage. To be even more eco friendly and further reduce energy costs, opt for MasterFlow Green Machine attic and ridge vents.

For more ideas on green roofing, visit www.GAF.com.

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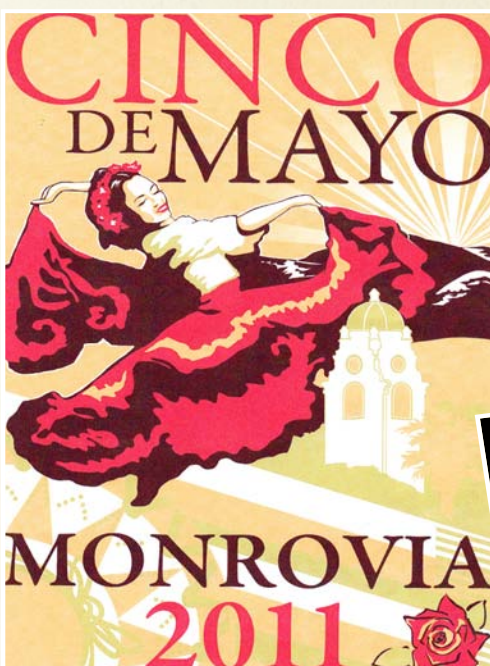
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GET TICKED OFF – From Head to Toe

MADISON, Wis.— When warmer spring temperatures beckon kids outdoors, parents should remember to check them for ticks to avoid Lyme disease.

Dr. Greg DeMuri, an infectious disease specialist at American Family Children’s Hospital, says Lyme disease may cause flu-like symptoms, fever, fatigue, rash and joint and body aches. Ticks get the Lyme bacteria by biting wildlife, such as deer, and the bacteria spread when the ticks bite human skin. This treatable disease can have serious long-term effects if it’s not detected early in its course.

DeMuri says Lyme disease is quite common in younger people who are more likely to be outside in the spring and summer months.

“Children are lower to the ground, and ticks live in grass and low-lying vegetation and get on the child’s body,” he says. “Parents should look over the child’s skin from head to toe

because ticks can go anywhere. It generally takes 24 to 48 hours for a tick to spread Lyme disease.”

DeMuri, who is also an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, says if a tick is found in the skin, it should be removed immediately, preferably with a pair of tweezers.

“Washing the skin or using other remedies such as gasoline, alcohol and petroleum jelly will not work,” he says. “You should use tweezers to grab the tick by the head and not leave any part of it in the skin. Forceful removal is the key.”

But prevention is always preferable. DeMuri says children can most easily avoid Lyme disease by:

- *tucking their pants inside their socks
- * wearing clothing that is not loose-fitting
- *using repellents such as DEET, which he says is

non-toxic.

“There is this public misconception that DEET is dangerous,” says DeMuri. “I can tell you in my 15 years in Wisconsin that I have seen well over 100 cases of Lyme disease and serious complications from them, and I have not seen a single case of toxicity caused by DEET. The benefits clearly outweigh the risks.”

DEET is found in a number of over-the-counter insect repellents. DeMuri also says picaridin and permethrin can keep ticks away.

“Both are practically odorless, and will last on clothing for a number of weeks,” he says. Untreated, Lyme can cause chronic joint pain and complications to the heart and central nervous system. However, if caught early, the disease can be eradicated with the use of antibiotics.

“It’s very unusual to die from Lyme disease,” says DeMuri.

The World's Next Generation of Scientists: Sierra Madre Students Shine at LA County Science Fair

Three eighth graders from Sierra Madre School won prizes at last weekend's L.A. County Science and Engineering Fair held at the Pasadena Convention Center, and qualified for the state level competition in Los Angeles on May 2-3.

First place in Pharmacology (J): Nathaniel Thompson for his project titled: *Are the Dosing Devices for OTC Liquid Pediatric Medicines Accurate?*

Third place in Physics – General: Niko Lopez, project: *Visible Sound: Does the Surface Material Affect the Visible Patterns Created by Sound Vibrations?*

Honorable Mention Physics - General: Megan Tcheng, project: *Enzyme Catalyzed Reactions: How Does Temperature Affect Their Rates?*



From left to right: Niko, Megan and Nathaniel

Alverno to Offer Multi-Media Harry Potter Studies



"Hogwarts Haven" is one of the new courses offered this summer at Alverno Summer Institute's Middle School Summer Session.

Why a class in Harry Potter?

Teacher—and avid Potterite--Katharine Guerrero explains that J.K. Rowling's series of novels are more than just great reading. "The Harry Potter books are classic examples of the hero's journey, which is one of the basic patterns of narrative going back to the earliest literature and myth." She adds, "Think of the moment when Harry receives the letter that invites him to Hogwarts. It's a perfect example of the hero's first step in the journey—the Call to Adventure."

She says that middle school is the perfect time for students to begin recognizing the hero's quest in what they read. "Once they see how these elements work in Harry Potter, they can make the connection with other literature. Understanding the hero's journey can help kids unravel more complicated literature as they advance in school."

Of course, any class called "Hogwarts Haven" will be fun as well as educational. Guerrero will concentrate on the final book in the series (with the film coming out this summer). Students will explore the nuances of the Harry Potter novels, and will ultimately create their own hero's journey using various forms of media.

"Hogwarts Haven" is only one of many classes offered for middle school boys and girls this summer at Alverno. For more information contact ASI Director Suzy Ares at sares@alverno-hs.org or 626-355-3463 x 312.

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In Tuesday's Run-off election for Seat 6 on the PUSD Board of Education, incumbent Tom Selinski retained his seat with 61.4% of the vote versus to 38.5% for Sean Baggett.

SMS Water Conservation Project

Sierra Madre School will host a dedication ceremony for its Water Conservation Project on the front steps of the school. A collaboration with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, the school and parents, the project has culminated in a recent garden project on the campus. Sierra Madre School Lower Campus, 141 W. Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre.

Join us Tuesday, April 26 at 10am on the Lower Campus for a formal dedication of the Water Conservation and California Native Plant Project.

Native plants not only help us use water wisely, they provide an important connection between butterflies and birds, and allow us to be in harmony with nature. Thank you to all who have joined our Garden Club workdays.

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My dearly departed father and the inspiration for my career, Elmer Dills, made it his life's work and inspired a legion of readers in the process by investigating and writing about the restaurants that meld into the landscape and seldom win the curiosity of a visit by their appearance. His job carried many investigative practices but I believe he enjoyed this type of commando experience the most. For he retained an American pride in discovering uncommon food among the common places of our city.

Ever vigil in his search for the great people and fabulous dining that composed the dining experience. I thought of my Dad when I made such a discovery this week in Old Town Pasadena. On my routine visit to Red White and Bluezz for a glass of bubbly, and the free customer supervision I lend their operation. I happened to park on Raymond in front of the Roxolana Restaurant. Now if you have been there or have heard the rumors through a friend, you may have just beaten me to this story. I sauntered in and was greeted by a lovely young lady named Veronica, her accent punctuating her salutation. I asked her my usual crime scene Restaurant reviewer questions: What's going on here? How long have you been here? And what type of cuisine are you featuring? She didn't even bat a brow as she led her opening with..... You are in for a treat, have you ever had Ukrainian food before? Hmmm...I don't think so, and she didn't need to throw in that Ukrainian part, because she had me at....You are in for a treat.

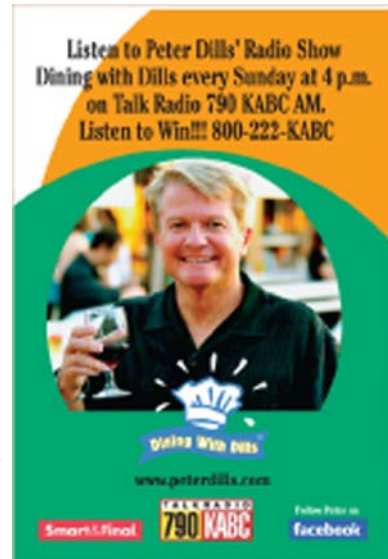
TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

I started off with the wine list and pursed their impressive selections, many by the glass. I may not be a regular in the Ukrainian chow line, but I do

have a familiarity with their wines, and sure enough, a name that I recognized surfaced, Khvanchkara, a red wine. I am not certain of the origin of the grape but my palate did not appear to mind my lack of knowledge in the subject. I began my dining exploration with a Pierogi (\$5.95). This a delightful pastry stuffed with mixed meats, bacon and onions. The soup settled upon the table, the Borsch (\$7.95) with pampushki, carrot, potato, and beets. It's the peasant soup of Russia, and if their vodka doesn't add a smile to your face this will perform the act. The soup made such an impression that I stopped in for another bowl and a glass of wine this week.

For you less adventurous palates there are plenty of salads in the (\$5) range. There are a couple of intriguing Ceaser Salads that I didn't sample but appear to have the makings of nirvana. The entrees on the menu are a bounty filled of chicken, fish and lamb dishes. The Shashlik appeared to be a dish with a handsome reward. The pork, beef and lamb dish all fall in the (\$17) range and are accompanied by steamed vegetables. For the adventurous diner, go with the Varenki, the owner and chef, Alex Balinschi, assures me this is the authentic Ukrainian experience. A dumpling stuffed dish with a choice of potatoes, mushrooms, cabbage, meat, friend onions and cherries (\$13.95). There also feature a host of pastas on the menu.

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Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

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TUES. 4/26 - "JC & Friends Songwriter Serenade" @ MATT DENNY'S ALEHOUSE & RESTAURANT IN ARCADIA, 7 - 9:30pm. 145 E. Huntington Dr., between 1st & 2nd Aves. 626-462-0250. Full bar & kitchen, all ages. A weekly acoustic show of songwriters playing original songs, either as a solo or duo act, outside on the covered patio. This week's artists: Kevin Fisher, Jill Freeman, Byron Gore, Susan Reeves. <http://www.jchyke.com/>

4/26 - "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER DEANNA, 7pm*. \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. *...with live music immediately following from NEW ASTROTURE, Folk/Rock, Classic Country.

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and then - SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES, 7 - 8:30pm.

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Love Revisited consists of original Love guitarist Johnny Echols plus Baby Lemonade members Mike Randle, Dave Chapple and David Green, with occasional special guests (Forever Changes/ Da Capo era drummer), Michael Stuart and (Brian Wilson Trumpeter and Love tour member) Probyn Gregory. If you ask me, they might as well just have Snotty Scotty as their frontman since he does all their best songs and learned all his moves from Arthur Lee!

SAT. 4/30 - THE OCCASIONAL DOO DAH PARADE #34.5 - 11:00am in East Pasadena - on Colorado Blvd. between San Gabriel Blvd. & Altadena Dr. with Queen Red Rosie and Grand Marshal Ron Stivers, owner of Poo Bah Records (so why aren't we calling him the Grand Poo Bah?) Fab after-party at the American Legion at 179 N. Vinedo Ave., featuring Snotty Scotty & The Hankies and Horses On Astroturf, \$5 cover - goes to the bands. It's not to late to sign up as a parade entry: pasadenadoodahparade.info or volunteer to help: hurleypanne@yahoo.com

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

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

The Five Best Songs Of 2011 That You Haven't Heard



Sean Kayden

Thursday – “Sparks Against The Sun” – Off their sixth studio album, *No Devolución*, Thursday have completely reinvented their artistry. Once upon a time they spearheaded the bygone era known as “emo”, but failed to make an indelible impression with the mainstream masses. They still had some great material in their back catalogue, but now in 2011, they’ve creatively expanded on their ever-so-evolving style. With “Sparks Against The Sun”, it’s one huge leap forward for a band that always seemed to have the aptitude to reformulate themselves. Ingrained in this song is some ambience and traces of their post-hardcore roots included with beautiful dark melodies and plenty of verberb. Make no mistake, Thursday created an arsenal of powerful tunes on their latest opus. “No Devolucion” needs your undivided attention.

New Animal – “Last Winter” - Born in Atlanta, GA., New Animal is the intrepid duo of Derek Burdette and Kris Hermsstad. Together they’ve created an incandescent, expansive, and hypnotic self-titled record. Beautiful and daring, this is a rhapsody that translates vision into meaning. Take a little voyage into the wonderland of “Last Winter” – a new breed of sound to captivate all your inner sensibilities. I personally believe there aren’t any boundaries for how far their artistic endeavors may go. And whatever journey they travel, I’ll be along for the ride. You can download their entire debut LP for free at <http://newanimal.bandcamp.com>. Don’t hesitate; go discover what will seemingly become the most underrated (and unfortunately overlooked) album of the year.

Work Drugs – “Sunset Junction” - Despite never visiting the city of Philadelphia, I’m starting to love what the city has to offer in the sense of independent music. First it was Sun Airway and now it’s the sedative-wave / smooth-

fi group, Work Drugs. The virtually unknown duo of Benjamin Louisiana and Thomas Crystal has assembled such soothing, consolatory, and ethereal tunes. “Sunset Junction” is an intoxicating track that’ll put you on a mind-bending trip with no drugs required. Can’t beat that. Despite only a handful of songs in their repertoire, I suggest stop following the herd toward mainstream mediocrity and check out Work Drugs as soon as possible.

Young Dreams – “Young Dreams” - I stumbled across this effervescent, tropical, electro-pop melody a few weeks ago. Kind of reminds me a little bit of Animal Collective in fragments. Anyway, Young Dreams (also the title of this song) hail from Norway and should be making quite the impact stateside in the near future.

1. Thursday - “Sparks Against The Sun”
2. New Animal – “Last Winter”
3. Work Drugs – “Sunset Junction”
4. Young Dreams – “Young Dreams”
5. World Tour – “Sparks”

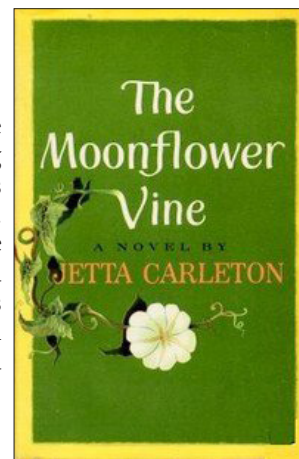
They are set to release two EPs this year. Their 2-song debut EP, “Young Dreams” arrived on iTunes this past February. Blast this song when you head to the beach. Guaranteed to get your senses churning and mind free of all unnecessary distress.

World Tour – “Sparks” - Recently signed by Cascine, World Tour may just become your favorite band of 2011. “Sparks” is right up my alley — blissful, serene, and pensive. This is a sound to fall in love with over and over again. You won’t find a more honest, ethereal or divine tune like this around. It’s the quintessential dream-pop song to navigate you during the most memorable summer nights.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

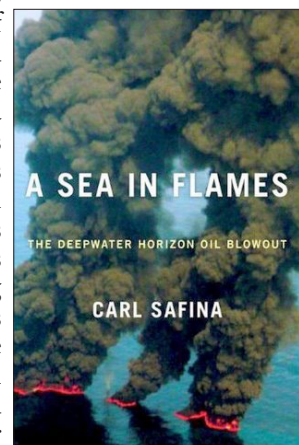
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HOWARD Hays As I See It



In the late 1960's, the years leading up to Roe vs. Wade, Richard Pryor had a line in his stand-up routine which went something like, "If men could get pregnant, abortion would've been legalized a hundred years ago." That was probably the last time the subject appeared in a comedy act - until a few weeks ago.

Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) started the ball rolling on the Senate floor during debate on the Republican proposal to cut funding for Planned Parenthood (\$75 million through Title X - about half the amount of the tax rebate given to Exxon/Mobil). Although federal law prohibits funding for abortion, Sen. Kyl insisted the move was necessary because abortions are "well over 90% of what Planned Parenthood does".

Actually, it's about 3% of what Planned Parenthood does. What the organization does do, on a yearly basis, is perform about a million cervical cancer screenings, 830,000 breast exams, 4 million tests and treatments for sexually transmitted diseases, and helps prevent over 600,000 unwanted pregnancies.

What got the late-night comedians going, though, was the response when CNN contacted Sen. Kyl's office to point out that "well over 90% of what Planned Parenthood does" is unrelated to abortion. His office explained the Senator's "remark was not intended to be a factual statement". The spokesman later back-pedaled and disavowed that explanation, saying instead it was a matter of the Senator having "misspoke". The Think Progress website observed, "So neither Kyl's original statement nor his press aide's refutation of it were intended to be factual statements." (Google "Stephen Colbert Jon Kyl" to get loads of priceless material.)

Sen. Kyl isn't the only one on Capitol Hill making statements far from "factual". We're told of the urgency of deficit reduction, yet according to Congressional Budget Office figures, the deficit would go down faster if we simply did nothing, rather than adopt GOP proposals. Republicans complain of high corporate taxes, while many of the largest not only don't pay any, but receive sizeable refunds.

They say we should open more lands to oil exploration, though oil companies won't drill on leases they have. Gas prices rise because of poorly regulated commodities speculation, while Republicans push for further deregulation.

They say they're against abortion, yet argue for steps to ensure it becomes more prevalent - and less safe.

For a "factual" look at the effects of legislation, there's research by the Guttmacher Institute. Established forty years ago, the Institute was named after Dr. Alan Guttmacher, one of the founders of Planned Parenthood, an obstetrician/gynecologist who found his calling back in the 1920s as he watched a young woman die from a botched abortion.

According to the Institute, publicly financed family planning services in the U.S. prevented 1.94 million unwanted pregnancies in 2006, resulting in 810,000 fewer abortions.

The effects of another Republican initiative, withdrawing U.S. support (currently \$648.5

million for FY 2011) for international organizations that offer family planning services would result in five million more abortions world-wide, with four million of those being "unsafe", 33,000 maternal deaths, and 150,000 children losing their mothers.

Abortion is less prevalent, and safer, in parts of the world where laws are less restrictive. Obviously, where access to women's health and family planning services are greater, the incidence of abortion is less.

The debate on the House floor was jarringly brought back to the factual. After Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) recited a lurid, detailed description of a procedure, complete with references to a "tiny dead baby" and "child abuse", Rep. Jackie Speier (C-CA) responded with reality: "I had planned to speak of something else, but the gentleman from New Jersey has just put my stomach in knots because I'm one of those women he spoke about just now . . . that procedure that you just talked about was a procedure that I endured. I lost a baby."

She continued, "But for you to stand on this floor and to suggest, as you have, that somehow this is a procedure that is either welcomed or done cavalierly or done without any thought is preposterous."

House Republicans had earlier attempted, through H.R. 3, to redefine "rape" as it pertains to exceptions from abortion restrictions, by adding the modifier "forcible". If there was no violent resistance involved, if the victim were an acquiescing child or a drugged-out adult, then sorry - you weren't really "raped", and would have to carry to term.

Ultimately, seven Republicans, including Rep. Mary Bono Mack of Palm Springs, defied their party's leadership and voted to maintain funding for Planned Parenthood. Rep. David Dreier did as he was told and was not among them.

In the U.S. Senate, Sen. Dianne Feinstein saw the issue as "an opportunity for the right wing in the House to really sock it to women." Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards noted that "Attacking Planned Parenthood hurts women, does not cure the deficit or fix the economy, and must be stopped."

The battle extends to state capitals. In Indiana, Republican State Senator Vaneta Becker pointed out the irony of seeking to reduce access to women's health services at the same time they were cutting aid to mentally disabled children; "If we are so concerned about pregnancy before children are born, why are we not as concerned after children are born?"

"In many areas that are rural, without these kind of services, women will be stripped of health care", noted Sen. Becker, and added, "This piece of legislation will increase abortions."

Legislation in Kansas, as in Indiana, tells doctors what they are to tell their patients about abortion. Kansas Republican State Rep. Barbara Bollier says, "... it's based on false research . . . and I would be embarrassed to be a state that bases its laws on untruths."

If I were Rep. Dreier, I'd be embarrassed to belong to a party whose policies would endanger women's health and lead to more abortions.

And that was indeed intended to be a factual statement.

Are We Really Serious?

Last week I asked, without the benefit of any information from the credit rating agencies or from our president, whether we were serious in addressing our fiscal problems and whether we would rise to the occasion of this defining moment in our country's history. While I addressed and referenced the fiscal issues, at its heart this was, and is, a political issue. Our financial crisis can be solved, but it will only happen if our politicians take the situation seriously. Sadly, this week Standard & Poor (an independent credit rating agency) downgraded the U.S.'s long-term outlook to "negative", being forced to the conclusion, as we all are now, that the current resident at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and his fellow travelers are anything but serious.

In making their decision, S&P acknowledged that they made a "political judgment", but they weren't doing this in the normal sense that most of us use the word. Fiercely independent and neutral, S&P does not pull for or campaign for one party or the other, or for one candidate or the other. In this sense, they don't care who resides in the White House, in the House or in the Senate. On a more significant level, however, S&P does have to look at who is in leadership and assess what actions, or lack thereof, those leaders will take. That is a quintessential political calculation, but one that must be made in assessing whether any country will be able to meet its obligations. S&P's analysis of the U.S. economic situation was overwhelmingly focused on whether Washington will be able to do anything about the massive deficit we're running and projected to run next year. There can be only one reason that S&P downgraded the U.S.'s rating this week: President Obama's speech at George Washington University.

The President purposefully scheduled his speech to follow the Republican's budget proposal. The timing provided an opportunity for him to respond to that budget and to demonstrate that he was rising above rank politics and was accordingly addressing the issues in a serious manner befitting his sworn obligation to all Americans. Instead, President Obama delivered what must be seen as the first speech in his reelection campaign and was pointedly partisan in his demonization of Republicans in general and specifically of Representative Ryan Paul, the author of the proposed Republican budget.

The stridency and harshness of the President's words poisoned the water between Republicans and the White House, demonstrated that the President cannot be trusted to negotiate in good faith and ultimately forced S&P to conclude, "the political negotiations over when and how to address both the medium and long-term challenges will persist until at least after the national elections of 2012. In so doing, S&P also reminded us that these aren't trivial issues or trivial differences. Their analysis pointed out that

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"in 2003-2008 the U.S.'s general (total) government deficit fluctuated between 2% and 5% of GDP. Already larger than that of most 'AAA' rated sovereigns, it ballooned to more than 11% in 2009 and has yet to recover." If anything, one might actually accuse S&P of going a bit easy on good 'ole Uncle Sam. If we were just some other country, we might easily imagine that S&P would have downgraded the rating on our existing (and future) debt from the gold plated triple A rating to something lower. When/if this ever happens, our nation will be in an unfathomable world of pain.

The left will of course immediately jump on this as a reason to increase tax rates to close the deficit. But this is not what S&P called for. In fact, their analysis conclusively leads one to acknowledge that this would cause further financial problems. Looking at countries like Greece, which chose tax increases rather than significant spending cuts as the answer to their financial problems, it's clear that tax increases only serve to decrease economic activity further. Taxing the entrepreneurs and business owners that are responsible for most of the growth and the employment in this country will only hurt their ability to hire and grow their businesses.

It is only through meaningful spending cuts, budgetary reform and significant long-term tax cuts that we will start to see employment and growth rebound. The good news is that S&P didn't actually down grade our debt rating. There is still time, but we're getting into the last few meaningful moments of what too many politicians see as a political game. They play with our economy and our money as if it is nothing but a means to keep themselves in power. Those that play this game don't see much beyond the D.C. beltway. What happens outside - here in the towns, farms and factories of this great nation - doesn't mean much to them. Fortunately, there are a few politicians - like Representative Paul Ryan - who do think beyond political games and who do care about this great nation and its fate. The Republican budget was criticized by our politician-in-chief as being heartless, but it is he, and those who would gamble our future in a cynical political game, who are the heartless ones.

Let us hope that at this defining moment leaders on both sides of the political divide will side with the American people rather than with the man whose promise of fundamental change has only made things worse.

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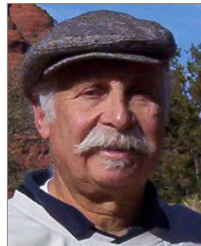
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE THE MARCH



I keep worrying about the future of the planet and, when I'm not thinking about that, I'm wondering about the origins of life. The problem is that while I'm thinking about distant pasts and unforeseeable futures, the present seems to be falling apart. For me it feels something like being a child whose parents have gone out for the evening and have forgotten to call a baby sitter. It feels like I'm all alone and I don't feel safe and I don't know what to do or who to call.

It's like the whole Nation is supposed to root for the Yankees without ever noticing that we are not Yankees. Forget the trickle-down theory - what helps the rich and powerful does not help the rest of us. Throughout our history the general population has been manipulated to lose sight of their own interests. When I was in High School and Viet Nam was starting up, the Recruiters would come to the School and explain that we guys all had a 6-year military obligation and were subject to the Draft. I don't recall hearing any objections; it was too early for anyone to think for themselves. At UCLA, military training (ROTC) was mandatory. I remember because I got a D in it. (I could never get the hang of marching or shining shoes). The major war that my friends and I fought was our fight to stay out of the Draft and to convince our parents that this was the right thing to do. At that time ,everybody had fathers who fought in World War II who believed in the United States as the land of opportunity and were willing to fight for it. This generation had grown up in the Depression and were living a life much more prosperous in the 1950's than the life they had lived through in the 1930's. Slowly the times they were achanging.

In the 1960's we fought an unpopular war, but still it was for some agreed upon ends - we were stopping Communism, and the Nation agreed that this was a good thing to do. I guess, of course, that during the war the top one or two percent were making millions like they always do. Certainly, one of their sons was President and making love to movies' stars, but somehow most of us believed that he was busy saving the world and that we were in good, responsible hands. I believe that

the eventual cancellation of the draft resulted in a kind of decades-long generational political indifference. During this time the March continued and, while the rich got richer, the rest of us were diverted and became increasingly powerless without really noticing. We were useful for awhile to help the rich get richer. Those of us who went to College incurred huge debts which required us to accept jobs that would allow us to repay the debt, but at the same time made us slaves to the system.

We were encouraged to take financial risks, and we bought properties and made more money for the banks. After a while the bubble burst and all this money was given to the banks to save them from going under. Sure, we were told, the bankers had made mistakes but they were too big to be allowed to fail and they had to be bailed out. Now, in this very disappointing Obama administration, these same bankers are running the country and there is a new Scapegoat. Who is it? Of course, it's us: the poor, the aged, the Middle Class, the debt-ridden non-special people. We had the gall to get old, to get sick, to buy houses, to belong to Unions, and to believe in - the new naughty word - Entitlements. We expect to get our pensions, our Social Security, and our Medicare.

We are not the bad-guys. We are just the 98 per cent; the non-innovators, the passive people who do what we are told and hold down the jobs. Already there are not enough jobs. Does that mean we are now useless and redundant? If we are not needed by the Special People, who may well be on their way to forming their own nation-less global government, will we be prohibited from reproducing like in China. Maybe we will be starved to death by artificially induced droughts, as was the case in the Soviet Union wherein twenty million people died unnecessarily.

Help. I'm scaring myself. Maybe a positive way of looking at this potential horror-show is to view the Tea Party Movement as simply a way of not going along with a program that leads to our own destruction. No more passivity; Demonstrations in the Street; Homer Simpson for President.

Really, remember how we celebrated when Obama was elected? Time marches on. Let's just all work toward marching in a new direction and I wish I could point the way.

SENSE OR NONSENSE?! -

Some Actions/Statements on County, State and Federal Issues Made Recently By Our Elected Officials:

ANTONOVICH PRAISES MLB WRESTING CONTROL OF DODGERS, CALLS FOR RETURN OF O'MALLEY FAMILY

"I commend Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig's wrestling control of the Dodgers and bringing integrity back to the game. It is my hope that the Commissioner appoints a representative from the O'Malley family to oversee the team's business affairs during the investigation - a return of the O'Malley family to the Dodgers would be a home run for fans and the Dodgers," said Mayor Michael D. Antonovich.

Letters To The Editor

RIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dear Editor:

It is really disturbing that local newspapers and local gossipers have failed to take note of one of the darkest days in Sierra Madre's recent history with the dissolution of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept. by the city council at its last meeting. They have replaced the last volunteer fire department in Los Angeles County with a part-paid/part-volunteer department.

For those of us that have responded to thousands of calls as volunteers, it is a bitter pill to swallow. Of course, with the mandates being made by the state and federal government, plus changes in personal philosophies (let John do it), other commitments, we should have expected this to happen.

There was a close call like this back in 1963 but was averted by the city administrator and fire chief actively recruiting and seeking a change in fire department by-laws to permit people who lived outside the community, but worked in town, to join the department. A daytime fire at a malt shop on Baldwin when only four firefighters responded. Between Sierra Engineering and the Sierra Madre News six new members were added to salvage the department. Unfortunately we don't have those resources available today and thus the blot in our history.

The cost will be high and with the addition of perks that will have to be offered, probably including retirement at 55 with personnel being on the dole for more years than they worked, and the chance to 'double dip', we are putting our future generation in a debt volunteer fire department were created to avoid.

Luckily, we are left with many fond memories of the past and sad for those that did not have the opportunity to serve the community on a department that served this city for 75 years.

George A. Maurer, Sierra Madre

MR. PRESIDENT PLEASE!

It has become increasingly common, that news outlets refer to President Obama as Mr. Obama. Mr. Obama? As a veteran of the US military that served my country with pride for 10 years, I find this trend to be disturbing and disrespectful. At the moment of his inauguration, Mr. Obama became President Obama. The President of the United States of America is an institution not a person, and should be respected at all levels of citizenship. In one day this week, two different radio stations and every network news channel that covered the president's visit to Southern California referred to our president as Mr. Obama. Presidents Regan, Bush(both), & Clinton were always addressed properly and it is shameful that we offer any less to PRESIDENT OBAMA.

Fred Thomas, Sierra Madre

HAIL Hamilton My Turn



Now that all of us have sent off our taxes to Uncle Sam (at least the 50% of us who still pay taxes), I thought it would be a good time to look at the gross inequities of our current regressive income tax system.

According to a study by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, the overall tax burden has continued to increase for middle class taxpayers, while the rich pay less. The study reviewed pre-recession IRS data from 1993 to 2007.

"The effective federal income tax rate for the 400 taxpayers with the very highest incomes - 3 out of every 1 million filers - has declined by nearly half over the past two decades, even as their pre-tax incomes have grown five times larger, new IRS data show."

The top 400 households paid 16.6 percent of their income in federal individual income taxes in 2007, down from 30 percent in 1995. This decline works out to a tax cut of

incomes.

Even as their effective tax rates were declining sharply, high-income filers benefited disproportionately from economic growth, other IRS data show. During the last economic expansion (from the end of 2001 to the end of 2007), two-thirds of the nation's total income gain flowed to the highest-income 1 percent of Americans. And between 1993 and 2007, the average pre-tax income of the top 1 percent of filers more than doubled, after adjusting for inflation, rising by 114 percent.

The top 400 taxpayers enjoyed even larger gains in pre-tax incomes. Between 1993 and 2007, their average adjusted gross income increased by over 400 percent, after adjusting for inflation: from \$68 million to \$345 million (in 2007 dollars). Their incomes grew rapidly between 1995 and 2000, dropped during the 2001 recession, then rose rapidly again from 2002 to 2007.

Because of the steep reduction in effective tax rates for the top 400 households, their

400 Highest Income Americans See Income Soar, Tax Rate Fall in 2007			
	Average Income (in thousands)	Average Income in 2009 Dollars (in thousands)	Effective Tax Rate (%)
1993	\$46,320	\$68,770	29.35
2001	\$131,099	\$158,812	22.85
2007	\$344,759	\$356,722	16.62

\$46 million per filer in 2007, or a total of \$18 billion in tax cuts for these households per year.

To make it into the top 400, a household needed an adjusted gross income of at least \$35 million in 1993 (in 2007 dollars) and \$139 million in 2007.

Avi Feller and Chuck Marr who authored the Center's study say, "The decline in effective tax rates at the very top is due in large part to the capital gains tax cuts enacted in 1997 and 2003. The top marginal tax rate on capital gains is now 15 percent, less than half the top tax rate on wages and salaries. The top 400 taxpayers derived two-thirds of their income from capital gains and qualified dividends in 2007."

Over roughly the same period, the top 400 filers enjoyed huge gains in pre-tax incomes. The average pre-tax income of this group rose by over 400 percent between 1993 and 2007, equivalent to a \$275 million increase per person, after adjusting for inflation. In 2007 alone, average pre-tax incomes rose by 31 percent among these individuals.

In short, the top 400 filers now pay much lower effective tax rates on vastly larger

after-tax incomes grew even faster than their pre-tax incomes. Between 1993 and 2007, their average income after federal income taxes increased by 475 percent.

Feller and Marr conclude, "Although the 2007 data reflect the height of the last economic expansion, effective tax rates on the richest 400 taxpayers will likely remain very low after the current recession, largely because the portion of its overall income this group derives from capital gains has remained relatively constant over the past decade. In the last recession, this figure dropped from 64 percent in 2000 to 55 percent in 2002, before climbing again amidst further capital gains tax cuts and a strong stock market."

This is not good news for those of us unlucky enough to be stranded in the middle class. If the markets rebound, with the preferential capital gains tax rates extended, the very highest-income filers will continue to enjoy very low effective tax rates well into the foreseeable future, even as budget deficits become a more serious problem.

Curbing Bad Behavior: TEENS - SLOW DOWN!



Parents who have teenage children should advise them to stop speeding and pay attention while driving their automobiles. Last Sunday, I lost my beloved nephew; he was killed in a car crash in Brooklyn, New York. This young man, Devon Burgess, 19 years old, had ambitious dreams. He was going to attend Berkeley University next semester and realized his dream of becoming an engineer. You can imagine how proud I was of his achievement to attend one of the premier universities in the country. Finally, I was going to have a blood relative on the West Coast (California) with me. Thanksgivings and Christmas was going to be memorable while I bond with him. It was not to be.

The headline in one New York newspaper read "Speed Kills Man." Devon was the front seat passenger in a Chrysler Sebring which slammed into a utility pole killing him. The driver, 19 years old, is hospitalized with internal injuries. The two young women who were sitting in the rear are also severely injured. One of them may need cosmetic surgery, the other has broken bones and was on a respirator. My family is very sad and playful with Devon's passing: he was our "shinning star."

Devon's passing gave me the push to write this

by Ron Carter

blog. I have been pondering scribing this blog for a while. After his death at such a young age, I realize that life waits on no one. So, I immediately took action and wrote the first blog. He will forever be remembered - by our family - as an intelligent, kind, hardworking, humble and Christian young man.

The statics of teenagers dying from automobile accidents are way too many. There is a reason why the insurance cost for teenage drivers is very expensive; they, teenagers, incur too many accidents. It is imperative that we save our teenage children by helping them curb their bad behavior. They must slow down and pay attention, no texting or watching TV, while operating a motor vehicle. We have to inform them that motor vehicles can be "weapons" and weapons kill. If we are allowing our children to drive cars, the same attention that we gave to buying the vehicle must also be present in sharing with them the responsibility of owning and operating an automobile.

Parents, please advise your teenagers to slow down while driving automobiles. And, we adults should heed to the advice we intimate to our children.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

School Pupils to Partner with Research Scientists

The Van Allen radiation belts are a hazardous environment, full of “killer” electrons that can be lethal to orbiting satellites. And when those electrons sometimes hit the Earth’s atmosphere, they alter its chemistry—with implications for climate variation. Now, students at a school in Yorkshire, England, are set to help scientists better understand the belts. Dr. Andrew Kavanagh presented this innovative project between Lancaster University and Headlands School and Community Science College on April 20 at the Royal Astronomical Society’s National Astronomy Meeting (NAM 2011) in Llandudno, Wales.

The Van Allen belts were discovered at the dawn of the space age by the Explorer 1 satellite, launched in 1958, but scientists still do not really understand how they form and how they change with time.

In the new partnership, Headlands School will host a sensitive radio receiver supplied by ionospheric physicists from the Space Plasma Environment and Radio Science Group at Lancaster University. The receiver will form part of the global Antarctic–Arctic Radiation-belt (Dynamic) Deposition–VLF Atmospheric Research Konsortium (AARDDVARK) consortium of international universities and will pick up signals from very low frequency transmitters from around the globe.

Van Allen belt electrons that drop into the atmosphere between the transmitters and the receiver will change the radio signals between them. The Headlands receiver is particularly well placed as it will monitor signals that cross right under the footprint of the radiation belts.

Long-term monitoring will let AARDDVARK scientists determine how much of the change in the radiation belts is due to loss to the atmosphere and how much of a direct impact geo-magnetic storms have on the middle and lower regions of our atmosphere. The project will support the aims of the NASA Radiation Belt Storm Probe Mission due to be launched in 2012.

The students from Headlands School will have direct access to the data and will undertake projects looking at how the signal varies and will look at

sources of radio noise such as lightning. They will also be in direct contact with the project scientists giving them an insight into how modern scientific research is carried out.

Dr. Kavanagh sees the collaboration as a real way to engage schoolchildren with science. “We hope that by interacting with this project the students will get a better feel for how important science can be for their everyday lives, as well as stimulating them to ask questions about the wider Universe,” he says.


MEANWHILE, CLOSER TO HOME, another program that links schools with professional astronomers is being offered through NASA and Caltech.

IPAC Teacher Archive Research Program, gets teachers involved in authentic astronomical research. According to Dr. Luisa Rebull, Research Scientist at Caltech’s Spitzer Science Center, “We partner small groups of educators with a mentor professional astronomer for an original research project. The educators incorporate the experience into their classrooms and share their experience with other teachers.”

Dr. Rebull points out that each team does original research using real astronomical data, not canned labs or reproductions of previously done research. “Most, but not all, of our educators are grade 8-13, but informal educators have participated as well, she adds. “The kinds of educators we are looking for are those who already know the basics of astronomy, and are interested in learning exactly how astronomy research is conducted.”

The program runs January through January. Applications are available now and due on September 23.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.




Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding where the jobs are located and how to get 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.

On Line

By PJ Carpenter



A DARK CLOUD

Q: I received an e-mail from an unsolicited company stating they had a position that they felt I was the perfect match. The e-mail went on to explain that I met all their requirements and qualifications for their position and they wanted to hire me. But, first I needed to send them my resumé and complete an attached application. They requested that I e-mail the items back to them ASAP at info@xcyz. No name, no identifying company, and no information about the job. The e-mail said I would be hired once they received all the request information and documents. The application requested my Social Security number and credit card information, which they said was needed in order to conduct a background check. I don't want to miss out on an opportunity, or to get a position. What should I do? Seriously Confused.

Dear Seriously Confused:

What position? What opportunity are you missing? The fact you are asking me what you should do ... is telling me you know what to do. Do not respond! This most likely is a job scam and the people are out to steal all your personal identity and confidential information. Job scammers have been in existence for over 50 years. However, the scammers have evolved and successfully use the internet to reach out and target disparate job seekers. This can happen when you post your resumé on public job boards (which I can not and will not name). The job boards are not responsible for the scamming so you really can not hold them responsible. You, the job seeker have to be very diligent or thorough in monitoring who contacts you regarding positions. As always, research and investigate anyone who contacts you about a position. My advice is to never blindly submit your resumé, an application or personal information. Don't pay fees to get a position. Never give out your credit card information or Social Security number until you are actually offered a position or hired by a company. Don't give out your bank account numbers, not even on an application. Some scammers ask you to give them your bank account numbers before hiring you so they will be ready to direct deposit your paycheck. Avoid companies you have not researched that ask you to buy their equipment before you are hired. Let's not forget, the old Bait and Switch job scams. This is where you apply for one job, the scammers contact you and say the position no longer exists and want you to apply for a different position. However, the position is usually a sales job and commission base only.

Red flags should always go up when an unsolicited company contacts you and requests your resume. Your first question should be, “why are they contacting me?” Then delete the e-mail or do not return the phone call. It's better to play it safe then to be sorry later.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a jobbut did not know who to ask. ASK jai. Send your questions to: jai@resumeandcareerservices.com or visit website www.resumeandcareerservicesc.com.

Happy Tails

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STING OF THE BOTHERED BEE

As a young child, I was terrified of every bug or insect with which I came into contact, particularly those that I knew could bite or sting me. I will never forget the first time I was stung by a bee. Or, to put it in more specific terms, the first time I was stung by an entire swarm of angry bees. I was five years old, and had not yet learned about how nature works. I did not understand any of those creeping, crawling, flying creatures who inhabited the space beyond the four walls within which I lived. The angry bee attack was my own fault. I had been teasing them as they came and went to and from the hive they had built on the outside sill of my parents' bedroom window. My sister and I had both spent the morning obnoxiously tapping on the glass, apparently aggravating them to a point of frenzy! Well, I must say it came as quite a shock to me, when I stepped out of the front door later that day and was suddenly covered in buzzing, bothered bees. The moment I closed the door behind me, several of them flew toward me and found their way into the backside of my t-shirt neck opening. They then proceeded to plant their tiny, needle-like stingers deeply into the delicate skin of my neck and shoulders. I immediately panicked and began screaming at the top of my lungs, yelling for someone to come and rescue me. Within moments my mother came, yanked my t-shirt off and dragged me back into the house where she prepared a home remedy made of baking soda and milk, and spread it heavily over the bee stings on my back. I don't know which was more swollen by the end of that fiasco, my face (from crying so hard), or my back from the numerous bee stings I had sustained. Within an hour, my temperature rose to 102, and I became quite queasy. Eventually the raised, rosy-red marks where

the bees had stung, shrank down and my fever subsided. Afterwards, I was so amazed that my mother knew enough to use a homemade baking soda remedy to draw out the poison that those bothered bees had injected into my skin. As it turns out, my loving mother had all kinds of alternative health care tricks up her sleeve, but then again I guess she had to, being the mom of seven children!

To this day, I am unsure why my sister and I felt the need to pester those poor bees. I guess we were acting out of fear, knowing that they had the power to terrorize us when we were outside, where they could get to us. We must have found some sense of satisfaction in annoying them from the safety of our home, inside. What we didn't realize, was that bees have no desire to terrorize other beings, they are simply going about the business that God created them for, which is to work hard transporting pollen, to breed freely and to make honey. Later in life, I learned about the God-given purpose of bees and the important part they play in nature, and I finally shed my fear of them.

Bees only attack as a response to aggravation; it is not in their nature to do so at random. So many aspects of life depend on the bee's persistent activity, so it is important that the human understand, and allow them to go about their business. A bee can actually feel the vibration of fear being emitted from the human, or any other being capable of emitting fear, much in the same way a dog can *smell* fear or danger. With this in mind, the best thing to do, if you happen to come in contact with a swarm of bees, is to remain calm, keep quiet, and walk away slowly. If you handle the situation in this manner, bees are more likely to ignore you and

continue their work than to become aggravated and attack. Conversely, if you are fearful and make loud noises or sudden movements, they are likely to respond with aggression and give chase. For bees, it's all about completing the task at hand, protecting their hives, and surviving.

Since I have figured this out for myself, I am able to relax and enjoy watching bees do their work and fly about, with no fear. It is a fabulous feeling to sit calmly, listen to them buzz and observe them as they fly about and do what they were created to do, with no fear or concern. This lesson in nature came with an additional bonus, above and beyond the fact that bees no longer tend to sting me. Somehow, understanding what makes a bee “tick”, and learning to trust them not to attack, has helped me understand a bigger picture in life. Getting to know what bees are all about has taught me to relax and let nature, in general “do its thing”. Certainly this approach to life beats living in fear and causing a disruptive ripple in the process of nature. How many experiences do you know of that have the capacity to teach such a valuable lesson? I guess the proverbial “birds and the bees” story that we attempt to tell our children during adolescence has more substance than we might have expected! It's not just about the facts of life (ie: sex and reproduction), it provides us with a way of explaining what life is all about...you know, the “bigger picture”. As I like to say, “love and let live”. Relax, and enjoy your surroundings fear-free. Even if this “thought for the day” doesn't mean as much to you as it does to me, if you are willing to apply it, you are certainly way less likely to get stung!

Earlier this week Amazon's EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud) Cloud Services platform experienced a major outage which caused several major online services to be knocked out of service. Critics of the cloud computing model are describing it as a real “*told ya-so*” moment. More than likely this entire episode was just a bad day for Amazon and not much more than that. Users looking for some of their favorite web sites yesterday were greeted with responses ranging from sluggish load times to outright “Site Not Found” messages for hours on end. As of this writing the technical staff that supports the EC2 organization is still scrambling to restore full operation to its massive system.

Because of the sheer size of Amazon's cloud, the effect of this outage has been felt across the internet although the actual faulty sector of activity appears to be confined to the N. Virginia data centers in Amazon's North American Zone. A visit to the Amazon Web Services System Health Dashboard (<http://status.aws.amazon.com/>) confirms that several key areas of the North America zone area still experiencing difficulty and users of the service have reported that calls to tech support for an ETA as to the restoration of full service have not been answered with a definite time.

While system downtime is hardly a new experience for most computer users one of the main selling points of the cloud services model is that the redundancy built into the system would

in most cases make downtime a thing of the past or at least as disruptive as possible for as short a time as possible.

The Amazon EC2 SLA (Service Level Agreement) found on their website guarantees an uptime of 99.95% (4.3 hours of unscheduled downtime in a year) most users report much better uptime stats. Even when downtime falls within the contractually obligated terms 4.3 hours can seem like forever, especially when that time translates into lost revenue as might be the case with an e-commerce site.

To those unfamiliar with how Amazon EC2 works and what products and services they offer, go to the Amazon Web Services homepage <http://aws.amazon.com>. In a nutshell, AWS offers the opportunity to rent computer services and storage space for individuals and businesses for the purposes of web hosting, program development, site management and other cloud-related services. “Instances” or virtual computers can be rented in a wide variety of sizes and configurations to fit individual user needs ranging from a single-site, single-purpose micro-user to a full-blown program development team's virtual server cloud offering online services to thousands or millions of users. AWS also offers many other monitoring and web support features such as Site Monitoring and DNS Hosting.

If you want a better picture of what “the cloud” is and what it has to offer, Amazon Web Services is a good place to start.

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HAPPY EASTER

First off, I want to publicly thank God for sacrificing His Son that we might be saved from the punishment of our sins; for that reason, I see Resurrection Day as the most important day of the year and of history.

Now, on to my typical scintillating commentary on the secular holiday of Easter. Easter is one of the two occasions (the other being Christmas) that you might coerce your non-church-going relatives to attend a service. Since the pastor knows this is his biannual opportunity to win over more souls, you're not likely to hear a fire and brimstone sermon that day. Some churches do a sunrise service, which can be very inspirational and moving. If you're unfamiliar with this practice, the idea is that the service starts (outside) sometime during the semi-dark morning hours, so that sunrise coordinates with the end of the sermon. The one and only time I went to one of these I started to doze off, only to be jolted back to reality by the trumpet blast at the start of a hymn. I knew I shouldn't have sat by the orchestra. These days, I go to the regularly scheduled service. I figure God appreciates my staying awake to worship and learn.

Whether or not church is on your Easter docket, you might have a few traditional Easter activities planned. I fondly remember the Easters of old. My grandma would make a lemon meringue pie (almost from scratch) because it was my cousin's favorite. We'd dye at least a dozen eggs and even use all those little stickers, crayons, and plastic egg wrappers. I think we only had an egg hunt once, because I recall finding a

very old, smelly egg that had been forgotten by one of our ducks. Best not to look too carefully in our backyard, I suppose. The dyed Easter eggs were always made into sandwich spreads or enjoyed with a generous sprinkling of salt. The odor of boiled eggs has always reminded me of flatulence, so I have never partaken. Maybe I'm missing out on a great taste sensation; I guess I'll never know. As with most holidays, the age of the participants influences the degree of festivity. The equations look something like this: [More kids = More decorations, games, etc.] [Less kids = Less energy required]. Since I am the youngest on my side of the family, and my husband's relatives aren't really into Easter, we've reduced the celebration to a pretty bare bones affair.

The first Easter to really break with tradition occurred when my mom turned vegan. She hosted the meal, which consisted of seitan (phonetically “Satan,” maybe not good for Easter), tempeh (another soy manifestation), a variety of legumes, whole-wheat eggless muffins (a bit crumbly, but palatable), and numerous greens, raw, baked, or boiled. Since most people mistake me for a vegan anyway, I didn't mind the menu change, except the fruit sorbet. If you're going to eat a healthy holiday meal, you should at least be able to look forward to some creamy, buttery, decadent dessert. I mean, Easter comes but once a year, you know?

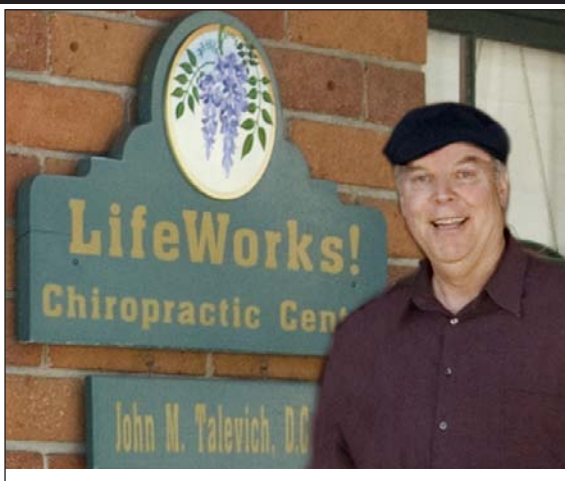
In the years since my mom's initial conversion, we've adapted the menu, and for the most part, it's returned to its carnivorous roots with a few vegan alternatives. My pie-baking Grandma has since gone to celebrate Easter with Jesus Himself, so the dessert responsibility has been delegated to me. And I must say, I do provide a decent lemon meringue pie –with the help of Marie Calendar's. Happy Resurrection Day/Easter to you all, and I hope you make it to church and eat decadently!



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

My Personal Favorites: 10 Drug Free Pain Treatments



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.

Let's face it: When we are in pain, the biggest concern is how soon we can get out of it. Fortunately, in the vast majority of cases, resolution occurs in a relatively short amount of time. If pain persists, we may take an over-the-counter medication; if that doesn't do the trick, we make an appointment to see our health care practitioner. In all cases, the objective is to reduce inflammation and return the body to a pain-free state. With that in mind, here are ten of my most used, most effective tools:

1. Ice the area of involvement. In the case of low back pain, 20 minutes each hour. For use in other areas, 15 minutes each hour.
2. Water. Got H₂O?
3. Chiropractic manipulation.
4. Homeopathic remedy from BHI-Heel called Traumeel. This comes as a gel or a tablet. Use as directed on the label.
5. Eliminate the most common inflammatory influences: sugar, coffee, alcohol, gluten, dairy, corn sweeteners, and exposure to chemicals (paint, carpets, molds, etc.)

6. Turmeric is an anti-inflammatory that also helps brain function. It can be purchased in capsule form at health food stores.

7. Fish oils (EPA/DHA).

8. Biofreeze topical gel, available at the Phoenix Pharmacy in Pasadena.

9. Relaxation and deep breathing practices reduce inflammation and redirect pain pathways.

10. Meridian-based therapies, such as acupuncture, restore energetic flow in the body.

As you can see, most of these are self-help procedures, pointing out once again that, given the right support, the body will move from a state of agitation to one of harmony. If further assistance is needed, low impact, non-invasive forms of therapy may be tried next.

Have a healthy week! Dr. John

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FREE health screenings from AARP/Walgreens Wellness Bus and local health providers, as well as workshops on:

- 50 Ways to Love Your Money (financial advice)
- Power of Promoting Yourself at 50+ (career advice)
- Caregiving (caregiver education)
- Brain Fitness
- Zumba, Tai Chi, Chair Aerobics (physical fitness)

Participants will also be encouraged to get free health screenings provided by the AARP/Walgreens Bus Tour. The Wellness Tour will offer six free health tests, for a total value of over \$100 including: cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, bone density, glucose levels and waist circumference.

Workshops will be provided in Spanish and other languages. Exhibitors will be on-site with literature for attendees.

Thursday, April 21, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena
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Free to the public, including continental breakfast and lunch. To register, call 1-877-926-8300 or online at www.pcoa2011.eventbrite.com

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Activities:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.

MENU BELOW

Monday:

- 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/onlineeregistration. 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



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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:

STRAWBERRY TART

INGREDIENTS:

For the Crust

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled), plus more for handling dough
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

For the Filling

- 1 bar (8 ounces) reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds strawberries, hulled and halved
- 1/4 cup seedless red currant jelly

DIRECTIONS:

Make the crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a food processor, blend flour, butter, 1/3 cup sugar, and salt until moist crumbs form (this may take up to 1 minute). Transfer dough to a 9-inch round tart pan with a removable bottom.

With floured fingers, press dough evenly into pan and up sides. Dip a dry-measuring cup in flour, and use it to press dough firmly into bottom and against sides of pan. Freeze crust until firm, 10 to 15 minutes.

Using a fork, prick crust all over. Bake until golden, 25 to 30 minutes, pressing down gently once or twice with a spoon during baking if crust puffs up. Cool completely in pan.

Make the filling: In a medium bowl, mix cream cheese and remaining 1/4 cup sugar until smooth; spread mixture evenly in bottom of baked crust (still in tart pan).

Starting from outside edge, arrange strawberry halves, stemmed side down, in tight concentric circles on cream cheese.

In a small saucepan, heat jelly on medium-low until liquefied. Gently brush strawberries with jelly; let set at least 20 minutes. Chill in pan at least 1 hour (and up to 6 hours); remove from pan just before serving.

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,



Meals-On-Wheels

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

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INCOME TAX TIME

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

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



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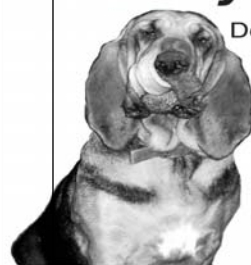
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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them.* Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand



MOTHER'S DAY IN MONROVIA: Celebrate by Touring Victorian Era Homes and 'Leven Oaks Hotel'!

Once again, the Monrovia Old Home Preservation Group (MOHPG) will host their yearly Mother's Day tour on May 8th from 10-4, with five vintage homes plus the century old 'Leven Oaks Hotel' open for viewing. On this 125th anniversary of the city's inception, all of the single family homes open for the tour this year are Victorians, constructed before 1893.

Included in this year's tour is "Idlewild, built in 1887, and named after the home of a friend of William A. Pile, the home's original owner. The 1893 Burr House, a perennial favorite, will return for its 8th appearance on the tour, last seen in 2002. The 1887 Victorian on Colorado was actually moved from a location in North Monrovia, and was last seen on tour a decade ago. The 1884 "Monroe Cottage" is the oldest home in town. It was first occupied by one of Monrovia's four founders, William Monroe, and his family, while a much larger home, "The Oaks" was under construction nearby. The home features wide plank Douglas fir floors and 13' ceilings. The dramatic, arched keyhole doorway and staircase off the foyer are the most intricate examples of the vintage millwork.

'Leven Oaks Hotel, celebrating its 100th anniversary, is making its fourth appearance on the

tour. Lovingly converted to a senior independent living residence hotel since 1984, the hotel features a vintage lobby with restored original lighting fixtures, now converted to electric, from their original gas. The original mosaic tile floor has been restored and complements the lobby's focal point, a stunning original fireplace, with Gaelic inscription above.

Trolley transportation between the hotel and the five Victorians will be available, for those who don't choose to drive between locations. The Monrovia Historical Museum, which has revamped its exhibits, will also be open that day. A light catered lunch will be available for purchase at the 'Leven Oaks Hotel.

The MOHPG is one of the largest non-profit groups in Monrovia, with an active membership of over 200, who expend great effort to make "a tangible difference in the appearance and livability of our community" per the MOHPG website. The organization's first tour took place in 1982, and hosted about 75 people, and has grown ever since. This year, nearly 1000 are expected to tour the seven locations over six hours.

To purchase tickets in advance, the following Myrtle Avenue locations will offer tour tickets: Paint 'n' Play 2, Monrovia Bakery and the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce. MOHPG will also offer a ticket sales booth at Myrtle and Colorado on




Friday evenings to sell tickets until May 6. Will call ticket pickup and day of tour tickets will be available only at the Monrovia Historical Museum, located at 742 E. Lemon Avenue, in Recreation Park. Ticket cost is \$17 for adults, \$14 for Senior over 65, \$9 for teens and children 12 and under are free with a paid adult ticket.

On left, Leven Oaks Hotel

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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

A WARM INVITATION

In spring and summer, it's easy to envision ways to enhance your home's curb appeal with a trimmed lawn, planted and potted flowers, and patios and decks arranged with outdoor furniture and an inviting grill. But when the leaves fall and the temperatures drop, even homes in temperate climates undergo a winter transformation that can challenge a seller to create exterior appeal.

When it comes to landscaping and colorful plants, there are plenty of ornamental grasses and plants that look great in wintertime. Purple cabbages, fountain grasses, and potted evergreens along pathways and by the door all add seasonal color and appeal. And obviously, your sidewalk, entry path, patio and deck should be clear of leaves and/or snow.

Be sure to keep in mind that shorter days mean that buyers are that much more likely to see your home after sunset, so make sure all your floodlights are clean and in working order, highlighting your home's exterior features. Lamps with soft lighting in all your windows will also offer a warm invitation.

Finally, just to cover your bases, have photos available of your home in all its glory during the spring and summer months. This gives buyers a better sense of your home's appeal during all the seasons of the year. Your agent will have more tips for attracting buyers in any kind of weather.

MONROE "COTTAGE": Monrovia Founder's First Home (First Published in One Of A Kind on October 31, 2007)



The Monroes lived in a tent on the property while their "Cottage" was built in 1884.

The Lees, new LA residents from Connecticut, decided to purchase a historic Monrovia home earlier this year. After months of search for just the right home, this one tugged at their heartstrings. With its 1884 construction date comes charm, history, tradition, several remodels and additions including indoor plumbing, plus a host of modern day challenges.

Much of what the Lees have learned about the Monroe "Cottage" comes from historical and heritage organizations, old photographs and just plain hearsay. Debi Lee and I made a visit to the Monrovia Historical Museum on Palm, to see what they might have in documentation and history about their home and its builder, William N. Monroe.

We found a wealth of Monroe artifacts there, some framed copies of packing labels from Monroe's fruit company, two books on Monrovia history (copies available for sale) and two charming and articulate octogenarian docents who brought the town's history alive for us. A photo of the town in the late 1800's shows their home with a young tree at the northwest corner, that could be the young fig or rubber tree (both have been mentioned) that grew to shade four homesites by the time it was removed in 2003.

According to the Monrovia Centennial Review book by Peter C. Ostrye from 1986, Monroe was one of four founders of the community, though not the first resident. After a Union Army stint leading to the rank of Major in the Civil War, he joined his father-in-law, Milton Hall, in the construction of several railroad routes in California, Utah, Texas and Mexico. When he "retired" from that venture and vagabond life in his mid-thirties, he set

off to Los Angeles in 1875 for a settled down life of raising fruit and a family. In the process of deciding where to build a home, Monroe, always a mover and shaker, became active in Los Angeles business and political circles, though a brief interlude took him back to Texas for construction on Huntington's Southern Pacific Electric.

Upon his return, word was out that E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin was selling 30 acre parcels of his ranch. Monroe bought several, amassing 210 acres, and moved his family into a tent at the current 225 Monroe Place in 1884. A single story cottage was erected that year, and the family moved in. Only a year later, Monroe went on to build "The Oaks", a grand residence on Primrose, and Monroe's brother then moved into the cottage.

Along the way, pieces of the homesite were sold off, and the original street address one block south changed as the lot shortened to front on Monroe Place. Improvements ensued, including plumbing, gas, electricity, and a second story evolved. Since indoor plumbing was added later, the pipes and hot water heater run outside and on the perimeter, instead of up the core, as today's homes often do.

When the time came to expand the cottage, the Lees were told by one Monrovia, the entire one story structure was raised to become the top floor of the current home, intricate roofline and all. The Monrovia Historical Museum director was doubtful this was the case, yet I heard this story a couple of times when I mentioned the cottage to local history buffs.

The first floor now boasts 13 foot ceilings, with a mysterious "dead space" between the first and

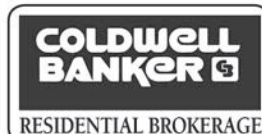
second floors. The Lees would love to see pictures of that first remodel, or any other photos of the home if anyone has them. Unearthing the fascinating details of earlier iterations of the structure will require some detective work, as much of the home has undergone updating several times. Word around town is that a local antiques collector owns the iron bed from the cottage's early days. Likely, there are other pieces around, too.

The home the Lees bought in 2007 was already accepted into California's Mills Act status. This act is a two-edged sword of tax benefit with use, maintenance and preservation restrictions. For a property tax incentive intended to preserve historical homes and the heritage of our communities, the homes require earthquake retrofitting, a historical plaque and strict guidelines on exterior changes to the home. Each individual community oversees the Mills Act homes within their borders, and rules and regulations vary from city to city.

The Lees have been on a steep learning curve for historic home maintenance and preservation, after their previous Connecticut home was of 1950's vintage. Their electrician, Yiannis Arvanitidis, is a frequent visitor, slowly unraveling old crawlspace mysteries of electricians past. They've learned more than they probably wanted to know about earthquake retrofitting and cohabitating with local wildlife in the past few months. Each month new challenges arise to maintain or restore the grace and beauty of the past, while raising a growing family in the technology age. Despite the challenges, I don't think they'd trade this special home for anywhere else in LA.



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Last year a friend of mine upgraded from *GirlFriend 1.0* to *Wife 1.0*. He quickly discovered *Wife 1.0* took up a lot more memory than *GirlFriend 1.0*. Additionally, *Wife 1.0* installs a security subroutine that constantly monitors all other computer activities. My friend is finding that some applications such as *PokerNight 10.3*, *BeerBash 2.5*, and *PubNight 7.0* are no longer able to run through the system at all, crashing the system when selected (even though they always worked fine before).

My friend also cautioned that *Wife 1.0* automatically installs undesired plug-ins such as *MotherInLaw 55.8*, and *BrotherInLaw Beta Release*. The manual also warns users that any attempt to uninstall *Wife 1.0* will result in a total computer crash and complete loss of memory cache. He has recommended to the software manufacturer that in *Wife 2.0* they add a “don’t remind me again” button, and a “minimize” button.

My other close friend decided to avoid all of the headaches associated with *Wife 1.0* by sticking with *Girlfriend 2.0*. Even there, my friend found many problems. Apparently you cannot install *Girlfriend 2.0* on top of *Girlfriend 1.0*. You must uninstall *Girlfriend 1.0* first. User blogs say

this is a long-standing bug of which users should be aware. Another problem with all versions of *Girlfriend* is continuous popup annoying messages about the advantages of upgrading to *Wife 1.0*.

BUG ALERT: *Wife 1.0* has an undocumented bug. If you try to install *Mistress 1.1* before uninstalling *Wife 1.0*, *Wife 1.0* will delete *MSMoney* or *Quickbook* files before doing the uninstall itself. Then *Mistress 1.1* will refuse to install, claiming insufficient resources.

My good friend Mary from Starbucks sent me a link to an extraordinary website: www.mcnaughtonart.com. Christian artist Jon McNaughton has created beautiful paintings of Christ in very interesting situations. Be aware that it has a distinct conservative flavor to it. Nevertheless the artwork is magnificent. A lot of effort has gone into Mr. McNaughton’s work and whether you agree with his politics or not, the artwork can be enjoyed.

I saw Mel Gibson’s movie “The Passion of the Christ” this last week for the first time. I didn’t want to see it just to see it. I wanted to wait for the right moment. That right moment was in the home of my friends Chuck and Lisa. I choose to believe it was a divine appointment to experience this extraordinary film.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN NICOTINE-FREE SMOKING MIXES by Christopher Nyerges

Have you ever had to fill out some sort of form, maybe for a job or some sort of poll, and they want to know if you are a smoker? I always check “no.” I am not a smoker, and always sit in the no-smoking sections of restaurants. (Well, I used to anyway, back when you *could* smoke in restaurants.) I have long maintained that the real culprit in commercial cigarettes are the chemicals added to the tobacco and paper, things such as moisturizers, flavors, things to keep the cigarette burning, etc. etc. There are anywhere from 70 to 250 such chemicals, depending on who you believe. If the tobacco companies had to list all the ingredients on the label, there’d be no room on cigarette containers.

Let’s just assume that “the government,” in its ultimate wisdom of knowing what is best for us, decided to put all the tobacco companies out of business and you could no longer buy tobacco at your corner market. Guess what? Various species of tobacco grow wild throughout the country.

All that said, though I have smoked tobaccos in the past (commercial and wild), today I prefer to make my own non-nicotine smoking mixes for those times when I sit out back and think about important things.

My blend varies from season to season, depending on what wild leaves I have picked and dried.

The blend will typically have some dried peppermint and/or white sage (*Salvia apiana*). This gives a sweet flavor to the smoke, somewhat like menthol in cigarettes. Any of the sages and mints would do -- even those growing in your garden. This should be no more than 1/5 of your blend.

Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) is a European medicinal herb that can now be found throughout most of North America and the world. It has a long history of use for treating coughs and sore throats when used as a hot tea or candy. I learned recently that it can also be blended into your smoking mixes and there still may be some good effect from the horehound, even if you smoke it. It is a true mint, after all, and it smokes well, though it doesn’t add that menthol-like quality to your smoking mix as do the other mints.

I often add dried manzanita leaves (*Arcostaphylos* spp.), which were used by American Indians of the Southwest in their smoking blends. This smokes very well, though there is little taste or flavor. The most commonly known variety is the kinnikinnik, or *Arcostaphylos uva-ursi*, which is not a bush or tree like the other manzanitas but is a trailing vine. Regardless which variety I use, I let them air dry, and then crush them into small pieces. The manzanita leaves are all somewhat tough and leathery so it will be necessary to break them into small bits so they can smoke. I have heard that the flavor of this particular leaf is improved a bit if it is aged, and if it is allowed to slightly ferment, in much the same way that one might age certain tobaccos. However, I have never taken the time to experiment with this, since the dried and crumbled leaves smoke quite well.

I sometimes add dried and pulverized willow bark (*Salix* spp.), usually red or arroyo willow. This adds a pleasant flavor, and was apparently used in traditional American Indian smoking blends. A tea from the willow bark has effects similar to aspirin, and can be drunk or applied to wounds to relieve pain. In fact, the original aspirin came from the inner bark of willows, which contains salicin. We have heard some folks say that smoking the willow bark in their mixes also provides

some pain-relieving qualities. That’s not been my experience, but you can try it and see what you experience.

I add the dried leaves of mullein. Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) is now a common weed in the U.S., though it’s a European native. Of the many virtues of mullein, it is good in a tea for breathing problems, even asthma. Interestingly, mullein has long been smoked to improve the breathing passages. If you’re going to smoke, you really ought to include mullein in your mix. The large leaves of mullein have the texture of flannel. I generally pick leaves from the first year growth. Mullein lives for two years, and in the second year it sends up a tall flower spike and produces smaller leaves. (By the way, these fresh leaves make pretty good toilet paper). Mullein is common throughout the country in fields and along streams.

I usually add a little bit of mugwort to my mix -- no more than about 1/5 of the mix -- since it produces a very pleasant aroma when burned. Mugwort (*Artemisia* spp.) is found along streams and the dried leaves, rolled into a cigar shape, were used by early Native American in Southern California as punks for transporting coals. When I collect mugwort for smoking, I typically just collect the leaves from the lower stalk of the plant that have dried on the plant. On the other hand, if I am collecting the leaves for their medicinal values, I would collect the leaves green, clean them, and then dry them for storage.

There are other herbs that I sometimes add in various amounts. I like the leaves of passionflower (*Passiflora* spp.), a somewhat common vining plant throughout much of the west, the south, Europe, Mexico, and even the Hawaiian islands. The leaves have a sweet odor and don’t seem to irritate the throat or mouth. Medicinally, the tea from passionflower is drunk in cases of insomnia or nervousness. The flowers are used medicinally also, but I usually only smoke the leaves.

I also add a small amount of Damiana leaves to the blend which I

braids to the smoking blend.

Yerba Santa (*Eriodictyon* spp.) is a common southwestern herb found in dry and desert-like places. It is very fragrant, and usually sticky. There are several varieties, and all have a history of being used as a tea for breathing and bronchial problems. It is sometimes added to smoking mixes for its fragrance, and apparently because some folks believe that the beneficial effects on the lungs and bronchial tract still carryover when you smoke it.

Interestingly, you’ll notice that many of the herbs I have listed are frequently used as the primary remedy for coughs, sore throats, asthmatic conditions, etc. At the very least, there is the presumption that by smoking herbs that are generally beneficial to the throat and lungs, you will be somewhat counteracting the harmful effects of the smoke. Whether this has any real scientific basis is uncertain.

Coltsfoot is an herb commonly found along roadside ditches and wet areas in the eastern parts of the United States. It is a two year plant, and the large first year leaves are the ones typically gathered for smoking. Coltsfoot has been used as a smoke for at least a few centuries, and there is the belief that it can actually be good for a sore throat to smoke some.

You can make your own blends and determine what you like.

I don’t smoke a lot – I might sit out back maybe once a month or so and smoke my hand-made elder pipe. I’m not addicted to it, like the person who can’t stop chain smoking commercial cigarettes. I simply likes to smoke occasionally, at special times, while thinking about a particular subject.

I am quick to reiterate that I am neither encouraging nor endorsing smoking of any sort. I certainly do not advocate the use of regular commercial tobacco, since its use is related to a host of diseases. But perhaps the use of wild nicotine-free herbs can help you cut down on the harmful tobacco. If you do choose to smoke, moderation is the key.

La Salle Honors Karen and John McAlister at the 12th Annual Crystal Ball



La Salle Principal, Patrick Bonacci, AFSC and La Salle President, Dr. Richard Gray flank the 2011 Lasallian Volunteer on the Year Award recipients, Karen and John McAlister.

Pasadena, CA. - La Salle High School held it’s 12th Annual Crystal Ball entitled “*Behind the Great Wall: A Night of Mystery and Wonder*,” on April 15 at the Langham Huntington Hotel and Spa in Pasadena. The 2011 honorees and recipients of the Lasallian Volunteer of the Year Award were Mr. and Mrs. John McAlister P’08;11;’14.

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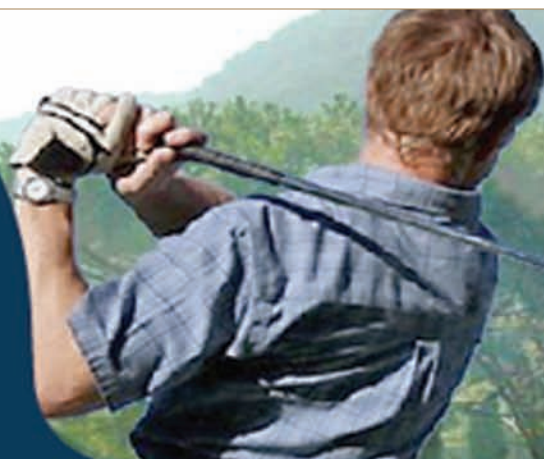
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