

Protecting Our Property

City Council To Consider Transferring Property from CRA

By Susan Henderson

In recent years the question has been asked, “Who Owns City Hall?”. While the motivation behind the question may have been to find out if city properties were mortgaged to the hilt, the inquiry lead to the discovery that in fact titles to four parcels of city property should actually have been changed from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in 1988. This issue has escalated in importance given the State’s current desire to dismantle CRA’s.

As a result, at Tuesdays city council meeting, the council will be asked to consider transferring title of city property held by the CRA to the City of Sierra Madre.

In the report submitted to the council by staff, the properties (7 parcels), are listed as:

City Hall/Public Safety Facility - 4 parcels and

186 W. Highland, a Portion of the Mariposa Parking Lot and Portions of 70-84 Esperanza.

According to the report, in 1972, the CRA issued Public Safety Facility Lease Revenue Bonds and City Hall Facility Lease Revenue Bonds which provided the funds for construction of City Hall and the Police and Fire Departments

facilities. Title for the properties were held in the name of the issuing agency, the Sierra Madre Community Redevelopment Agency. The bond documents included a provision that called for title to the properties to be transferred back to the city when the bonds and other costs were paid in full.

In 1988, Tax Increment Bonds were issued that paid off the 1972 bonds in full. At that time, title should have reverted back to the City of Sierra Madre but were not. It is that omission that the council is being asked to correct on Tuesday. In addition staff recommends that three other parcels (Highland, Mariposa and Esperanza), transfer title from the CRA to the City of Sierra Madre.

By correcting the 1988 oversight, and transferring title from the CRA to the city, Sierra Madre will avoid having assets taken by the state should the CRA be eliminated.

Also on the council agenda on Tuesday (partial list) are recognition of Older American Of The Year Pat Alcorn; Recognition of Sierra Madre’s Hometown Hero John Shear (<http://mtnviewsnews.com/v05/htm/n12/index.htm>), and Fees for Summer Aquatic Programs.

Sierra Madre City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

4th of July Grand Marshal Announced

By Bill Coburn

The 4th of July Committee announced today that they have named Sierra Madre School’s retiring principal Gayle Bluemel to be the Grand Marshal of the 2011 4th of July, and in the same press release, they announced they have responded to a large groundswell of support for John Shear by creating a new designation, “Hometown Hero.” Shear is a longtime Sierra Madre resident who captured the imagination of people worldwide earlier this year when he, at age 90, threw himself in front of a runaway horse at Santa Anita Park to protect a young child that was in its path, suffering extensive injuries that required lengthy hospitalization and time off work.

Bluemel, who began teaching at Sierra Madre School in 1990, served for a time as vice-principal under Ty Gaffney, before replacing Gaffney in 2006 upon his retirement. She recently announced that she will retire effective June 30, 2011. According to the Committee’s press release, “Under Ms. Bluemel’s leadership as principal, Sierra Madre School’s academic performance has consistently been in the elite of all California schools, earning it the California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll award in 2009.”



Gayle Bluemel  
Photo courtesy of Bill Coburn

According to Committee Chairman Matt Bosse “The Grand Marshal is a person’s whose efforts over a long period of time have been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person’s volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our city.” Using that definition, Bluemel certainly qualifies. However, the 4th of July Committee chose to also honor Mr. Shear for his heroism,

selecting him to be the Parade’s Hometown Hero, a new designation. According to the Committee’s press release, the Hometown Hero will not necessarily be an annual parade entry; the Hometown Hero designation will be reserved for people that commit acts of courage and honor that go above and beyond serving the community-at-large.

The 2011 4th of July Festivities will begin with a Community Picnic on Saturday, July 2, 2011 in Sierra Vista Park. From 3– 8 pm there will be swimming, picnics, a home-run-derby and much more. The celebration will continue on July 3rd in Memorial Park from 5-10 pm with the traditional “Bubblewrap Fireworks”, beer garden, food booths and a performance by [Mercy and the Merkettes](#). The 4th of July will start off with a bang and the new 5K Firecracker Fun Run. The run will begin at 7:00 pm in Kersting Court and run a loop along the parade route. The traditional hometown parade will begin at 10 am and will be followed by activities in Memorial Park.

Anyone interested in registering to participate in the 5K Firecracker Fun Run or in the 4th of July Parade can do so online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration). For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please call 626.355.5278.

MT. WILSON TRAIL RACE

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Schedule of Events

6:00AM  
Pick Up Race Numbers in Kersting Court

7:20AM  
Pre-Race Instruction

7:30AM  
Race Start

7:45AM  
Kids’ Mile Fun Run Race Start

8:30AM  
First Runner Comes Down from Mountain

9:00AM  
Beer Garden Opens

10:30AM  
Awards Ceremony

12:30PM  
Race officially over

1:00PM  
Beer garden closes

Who else did Sierra Madreans think should be Grand Marshall?

Jan Reed - Former Publisher of Sierra Madre News

Caroline Brown - Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

Carolyn Dapper - Mary’s Market

Mike Comer - Firefighter

Pat Hall, Past President SM Chamber of Commerce

Toni Buchner, Librarian

Clem and Nina Bartolai - Former Mayor,

Kiwanis Past President (Clem) and  
Senior Commissioner (Nina)

Don Taylor - Taylor Meets

Tom Brady - Taste of Sierra Madre

Joe and Vera Delgatto - Pantorium Cleaners

Arlene Wolfe 20 Member 4th of July Committee

The Barristers of Starbucks

Alverno Students Focus on a Single Topic for Senior Projects

Interest in academic pursuits typically flags during the Spring of Senior year in high schools across the country. Alverno High School created a way to pique their seniors’ quest for knowledge, while polishing their presentation skills before college, according to Cynthia Cales, Senior English teacher at the school.

Candace Siegle, Director of Admissions, commented, “This is an enormous undertaking, as the girls have to learn how to do something completely new and document the process. In the past we’ve had girls learn how to design furniture, build a pond in the back yard, teach young elementary kids how to cheerlead, train a seeing eye puppy, learn to box, and delve into the secrets of the credit card.

This (day) is the presentation of all their hard work. The current class is very creative so I am looking forward to seeing what they have done.”

Alverno’s seniors did exhibit a wide range of creativity in their presentations, which included belly dancing study by a Lebanese student, shadowing an equine veterinarian, dressmaking, hoofing horses and their foot care, LAPD cadet program study, Sea World’s “in the water” dolphin study program, ethnic cooking classes and much more .

A few solidified their commitment to a course of study in college. Others figured out, through the focused research on the topic, that it was NOT an area they wanted to pursue.

A team of teachers and alumni came in to evaluate the young women’s projects, and awarded prizes after the program yesterday.

Wendy M. Finch-Burk, Director of Development and Alumnae Relations, announced the winners today: 1st Place (\$150) went to Kelly Shunn for her Green Peace: The Campus Garden, where she re-



landscaped a corner of the school with succulent vegetation, including agave and flax.

2nd Place (\$100) was awarded to Ashley Zika, for her “Dreaming Couture: Every Dress Has a Story” project. 3rd Place (\$75) winner was Christina Lopez for “The Life of a Teenage Mother” and 4th Place

(\$50) went to Regina Cabrera for her “50 Golden Years” project which featured the first five decades of Alverno High School.

Siegle reflected, “This fits in so nicely with our mission; to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. It’s also fun and creative!”

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### 5-Day Forecast

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<b>Tues:</b>	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



## AUTHOR TALK AT THE LIBRARY

### An Afternoon with Laurie Viera Rigler

Best-selling author Laurie Viera Rigler will appear at the Sierra Madre Public Library on Saturday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Rigler is the author of two uproariously funny novels in which the main character finds herself unexpectedly transported backward or forward in time, one to repressive 19th c. England (Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict), the other to free-wheeling 21st c. America (Rude Awakenings of a Jane Austen Addict). The results are hilarious, as each tries to cope with a society she finds utterly foreign, yet fascinating. These delightfully inventive feel-good reads have been hailed by critics as “snappy, fresh and laugh-out-loud funny,” and “a very accurate but humorous comparison between the lifestyles of Jane Austen’s time and the modern day.”

After her presentation, which is aptly titled, “Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict,” Ms. Rigler will be available to chat and sign books. Light refreshments will be served. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. (626) 355-7186. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

## Community Yard Sale

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission presents a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. located in the Sierra Vista Park Parking Lot (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.). Community members are invited to come together with their neighbors to participate in a community yard sale. Participants have the opportunity to clean out their garages, attics, storage sheds and closets without sending those valuable items to landfill.

Cost is \$25.00; proceeds will benefit senior programs and activities. Alternatively, you may donate items to the Senior Community Commission booth to help raise money for senior programs and activities. If you would like to participate in the Community Yard Sale, please register online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration) or in person at the Community Recreation Office 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Deadline to register is Tuesday, May 31 or until spaces are filled.

Participants must provide their own tables, chairs, canopies (10’x10’ maximum) and cash boxes. No electricity will be provided. Live animals, large canopies, and selling of food or drinks are prohibited. All business must be conducted within your space. Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

A limited number of spaces are available. For more information please call (626) 355-5278.



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### 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

May 16 @ 6pm - Community Services Commission

May 17 @ 6:30pm - Special City Council/PUSD Meeting

May 18 @ 7pm - Tree Advisory Committee

May 19 @ 6:30pm - UUT Oversight Committee

May 19 @ 7pm - Planning Commission

May 24 @ 6:30pm - City Council

May 25 @ 7pm - Library Board of Trustees

May 26 @ 7pm - Green Advisory Committee

May 31 @ 6:30pm - Special City Council Budget Meeting (tentative)

## 1630 AM

### Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre’s new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. This new radio station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

## Registration for 4th of July Parade is Now Open

This year’s 4th of July parade will be held on Monday, July 4, at 10:00 am. The parade route will begin on Sierra Madre Blvd, from Sunnyside to Rancho. There is a \$15 fee for all local non-profit entries and a \$25 processing fee for all business entries. There is no charge for individuals wishing to enter the parade; however, an application must be submitted.

It is the 4th of July Committee’s hope to make the parade more green and earth-friendly! All participants are encouraged to come up with creative ideas to support this theme. One way to do this is to register online at:

[www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration).

Hardcopy of the application should be completed and return the form with entry fee to:

SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE  
c/o PARADE ENTRY  
232 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD.  
SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024.

All application are due Friday, June 10, 2011. Due to staging concerns, no late entries will be accepted. Questions can be directed to Matt Bosse at (626) 836-8580 or Elisa Weaver at (626) 355-5278 between 9am and 5pm, M-F.

## 50/50 LEADERSHIP’S “LOVE YOURSELF” EXPO PROMOTES WOMENS’ WELLNESS

Get ready for an “afternoon to honor you” at 50/50 Leadership’s annual Love Yourself: A Woman’s Day Out expo. Love Yourself will be held on Sunday, May 22 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Sproul Reception Center (13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650). This educational and entertaining showcase features presentations by esteemed entities such as Wells Fargo Bank and highlights the unique items and resources of interest for women to better themselves professionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Hosted by 50/50 Leadership, the event will feature live entertainment, useful information and professional vendors offering attendees female-interest goods and services for an afternoon of educational indulgence.

One common thread among the vendors will be safety and participants will hear from such esteemed presenters like self-defense guru Ellen Snortland.

“I am on a life-long mission to educate women and girls on physical self-defense as a physi-

cal literacy issue, a domestic anti-terrorist measure, and a human right — a necessary ingredient in the quest for women’s liberation,” Love Yourself presenter Ellen Snortland wrote.

Admission to the expo is \$10 at the door and giveaways will be provided to the first 50 registrants. Interested parties can register on-line and in advance of the event at [www.5050leadership.org](http://www.5050leadership.org). Attendees will have an opportunity visit industry professionals that offer a plethora of products and services of a feminine nature. In addition to vendors, visitors will enjoy specialty goodie bags, raffles with door prizes, live entertainment, and featured guest speakers such as registered dietitian Alicia Calvo, author Louise Cabral-Wyler, and bluefeet founder Lilli Cloud. “It’s re-

ally fun,” said Alicia Calvo. “It’s great to meet the people and talk to them. Some of them have really good questions.”

Furthermore, the event will feature a live performance by “edu-tainment” group Caution E! (formerly the Safety Girls), music, crafts, jewelry and various vendors sponsoring holistic wellness information such as nutrition and massages. If you’d like more information about this event, the organization, or to become a Love Yourself vendor, please call Pauline Field at 818-694-0588 or email Pauline at [pfield@5050Leadership.org](mailto:pfield@5050Leadership.org).

“Yet another reason God created Eve. It appears though, that Eve can get along just fine on her own,” Love Yourself presenter Lilli Cloud.



**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

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

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## artist of the month

Greetings,  
My name is Soozee Van Dyke Woods. I am a local artist currently showing my work with my tile-making partner Tracy Chamberlin. We have been long-time fans of Mary's Market in the SM canyon. We have seen it go through many "seasons"--some good, some not so good. Currently, it is fantastic! And to boot, they are promoting local artists by having an Art Wall featuring an Artist of the Month.

Tracy and I have the honor of being the Artist of the Month for May--probably into the first week of June actually. Please see our blog page below chatting up this delicious concoction of good food, lovely atmosphere and local art. Thanks so much...I hope you are interested!

Soozee

<http://RamonaPaloma.com>&gt;

The lovely and delicious eating establishment of Mary's Market in the Sierra Madre lower canyon has invited Tracy and I to be their "Artist of the Month" through the end of May.

Mary's Market, located at 561 Woodland Drive in Sierra Madre is a hidden secret that needs to be shared. Carolyn, the owner, is a wonderful cook, has a clean & casual aesthetic and is like the cool mom in the neighborhood who's house everyone wants to hang out at.

Mary's has a simple and delightful menu. Tracy and I like to grab breakfast there when we're walking in the canyon. Choices range from the wonderfully light and delicious "Size O" sporting a couple perfectly poached eggs served with tomato, spinach, capers and yummy grainy toast (our fave) to waffles, and breakfast burritos or one of Carolyn's freshly baked rolls. I'm hungry just thinking about it and all for about \$4 to \$6. Parking can be limited but that's fortunate in this case. When you park below the narrow Woodland Ave, you get the opportunity to walk up through the fresh air and dappled light of the lower canyon, filled with bird calls, water trickling down the wash and unique canyon architecture. Every time I'm up there, I feel like I'm on vacation.

Okay, as long as I'm hungry and talking about the food at Mary's...did I mention her gorgeous sandwiches and bbq'd burgers? They have live music on the weekends, and on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, they host a special BBQ evening with a featured something on the grill and yes...live music. See them on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/marysmarket.sm](http://www.facebook.com/marysmarket.sm)

And...Oh yea, Tracy and I will be showing tile for the month of May on the Art wall. Pop up to the canyon, take a stroll, eat yummy food in a cozy atmosphere and check out Ramona Paloma Tile creations. Look for our tile right above the ice-cream freezer...great location...right?!

Mary's is closed on Mondays. Give them a call if you want at 355-4534.

## More Cinderella Sightings in Sierra Madre



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## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 8th, to Saturday May 14th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 244 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for updated information.

### Monday, May 9th:

4:48 PM- Petty Theft, 400 blk. San Gabriel Ct. An unknown suspect(s) stole a Garmin GPS and a Sony digital camera from an unlocked car parked on the owner's driveway. Total loss value is \$260.00.

### Tuesday, May 10th:

7:31 PM- Auto Burglary, 100 blk. Rancho Rd. An unknown suspect(s) stole Ray Ban sunglasses and CD recordings in a silver plastic case from a locked car on the driveway with the passenger window down about 3 inches. Total loss value \$226.00.

8:44 PM- Tampering/Injuring vehicle or contents, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. An unknown suspect(s) stole both of the rear light covers from a parked car in the south parking lot off E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

### Thursday, May 12:

4:30 AM- Auto Burglary, 700 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. An unknown suspect(s) smashed the driver's side window and took a CD binder containing 200 CDs. The total loss is valued at

\$500.00.

### Friday, May 13th:

8:42 AM- Auto Burglary, 100 blk. W. Grandview Ave. An unknown suspect(s) smashed the driver's side window and removed a purple and black leopard print wallet from the center console containing \$8.00 currency, a CA driver license, a Visa credit card, a debit card, student id card from Santa Clarita, a Disneyland pass, an expired CA license, an iPod and adapter plug with a brown and black leopard skin case, a Motorola Droid cellular phone and a Garmin GPS. The total loss is valued at \$979.00.

### Saturday, May 14th:

10:38 AM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. 100 blk. Lowell Ave. This incident involves the unauthorized use of the victim's credit by trying to open a credit card account without the victims permission.

6:52 PM- Willfully Harming a Child, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. This incident involves a man kicking a 9 year old child to keep him from crawling underneath the table he was carrying with five other adults. The man was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

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## Assembly Passes 'Open Carry' Handgun Bill

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's legislation making it illegal to carry an unloaded gun in public was overwhelmingly approved today in the State Assembly adding to a growing chorus of public officials and law enforcement groups calling for a ban on guns in public.

"I am very pleased that my fellow legislators agree this is a sensible gun ban that should be law in California," stated Assemblymember Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge). "I've worked closely with law enforcement personnel who are concerned that the open display of firearms in crowded public places creates some very real public safety issues. As I've said all along, our families deserve to feel safe in our parks and coffeshops; after all, you don't need a gun to order a cup of coffee."

AB 144 makes it a crime to openly carry an unloaded handgun in any public place or street. Violations are a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1000. Law enforcement personnel are exempt as are hunters and others carrying unloaded weapons under specified licensed circumstances.

California is one of many states that allow so-called "open carry" which gives gun owners the right to display weapons, though in California those guns must be unloaded. The dispute came to a head recently when gun enthusiasts took the light rail train into Pasadena wearing their guns and rallying near Portantino's office before heading to dinner. "Open Carry wastes law enforcement time and resources when they could be out catching bad guys. Instead, they are tied up dealing with frantic calls from the public about gun-toting men and women on Main Street, California. As law enforcement officials tell me, it's not safe and someone is going to get hurt," concluded Portantino.

AB 144 is supported by the California Police Chiefs Association and PORAC representing rank-and-file police officers. Law enforcement requested the ban after similar legislation was defeated at the end of the 2010 session. The Los Angeles City Council has voted to endorse AB 144 and is now considering a similar measure in the city of Los Angeles.

AB 144 was approved on a vote of 45 to 29. It now moves to the Senate for approval.

## Pet of the Week



Milo, an adorable, 11 month old puppy is ready to play, play, play! He is very spunky but also likes to cuddle and needs a home where he will receive lots of attention. Milo would prefer a home without very small children but would enjoy the company of older kids. Come visit with this great pup 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.

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## Going the Distance



When Justin Johnson, 27 of Seattle, left the starting line 6:30 Sunday in the rain he was one of thousands who partook in this year's Pasadena Marathon. Johnson later won the race in 2:34:31. Ricardo Ramirez, 39 of Sun Valley came in second in 2:43:13 and Andrew Chandler, 37 of St. Petersburg FL, finished third in 2:44:09 according to the marathon's official website.

Caltech grad student Mandy Grantz, for the second year in

a row was the female finisher in 2:45:53.

A number of Pasadena City College faculty also participated including PCC Superintendent/President Dr. Mark Rocha (pictured right) and Interim Vice President Lisa Sugimoto. Natural Sciences Division Dean Dave Douglass also ran the 5K. The 26.2 mile race started at PCC and snaked through the city passing landmarks such as City Hall, The Rose Bowl and Old Pasadena.



## Torch Relay Honors Altadena Sheriff



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's 24th Annual Torch Relay honors the memory of those brave and dedicated individuals in Los Angeles County who sacrificed their lives in the performance of duty during the past year started Friday and runs through Sunday.

This year's run is in memory of Deputy Charlene Rottler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who died Jan. 3, 2010, from injuries she sustained in a 1972 on-duty traffic collision with a drunk driver in Altadena. She endured 55 major surgeries over the rest of her life trying to repair the injuries she had

sustained. The relay will also honor Officer Philip Ortiz, California Highway Patrol, who died June 22, 2010, as he was conducting a traffic stop and was hit by a driver speeding on the shoulder of a freeway.

The mainland Torch Relay Run started at the Los

Angeles County Sheriff's Headquarters building in Monterey Park, on Friday, 9 a.m., with a commemorative torch ceremony. The torch relay consists of 60 legs, 4 to 10 miles long, totaling nearly 300 miles.

During the same weekend, Avalon Regional Station will be conducting a Torch Relay Run from the Isthmus facility to Avalon Sheriff's Station. This run consists of 6 legs, totaling 26 miles.

Hundreds of peace officers of all agencies, civilian employees, and family and friends of the extended law enforcement family participate in the run.

## Caltech Release Study of Japan Quake

A study led by researchers at Caltech, published online this week in Science Express, explains the first large set of observational data from the magnitude 9.0 Tohoku-Oki earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck off the northeast coast of Japan in March. Researchers have begun to construct numerous models that describe how the earth moved.

"This event is the best recorded great earthquake ever," said Mark Simons, professor of geophysics at Caltech's Seismological Laboratory and lead author of the study. For scientists working to improve infrastructure and prevent loss of life through better application of seismological data, observations from the event will help inform future research priorities he explained.

Simons added that one of the most interesting findings of the data analysis was the spatial compactness of the event. The megathrust earthquake occurred at a subduction zone where the Pacific Plate dips below Japan. The length of fault that experienced significant slip during the Tohoku-Oki earthquake was about 250 kilometers, about half of what would be conventionally expected for an event of this magnitude.

Furthermore, the area where the fault slipped the most—30 meters or more—happened within a 50- to 100-kilometer-long segment. "This is not something we have documented before," says Simons. "I'm sure it has happened in the past, but technology has advanced

only in the past 10 to 15 years to the point where we can measure these slips much more accurately through GPS and other data."

For Jean Paul Ampuero, assistant professor of seismology at Caltech's Seismological Laboratory who studies earthquake dynamics, the most significant finding was that high- and low-frequency seismic waves can come from different areas of a fault. "The high-frequency seismic waves in the Tohoku earthquake were generated much closer to the coast, away from the area of the slip where we saw low-frequency waves," he said.

Editor's note, this story was shortened for space; the entire article can be found at <http://media.caltech.edu>

## Antonovich Honored By Cal State L.A.



From left to right: Christine Devine, FOX-11 News; Michael Antonovich, LA County Mayor; and Dr. James Rosser, President of CSULA.

California State University Los Angeles President Dr. James Rosser presented Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich with an award on behalf of the School of Social Work recognizing his many years of leadership in public service and commitment to children and families in Los Angeles County.

Mayor Antonovich was the keynote speaker at the first School of Social Work Policy Summit, which discussed the impact of the state budget on county services including child welfare, mental health and services to older adults and their families.

## Cancer Victim Gets Help from Jack Black

By Dean Lee

Comedian actor Jack Black made a guest appearance in Altadena Saturday night for what he called a good cause, helping Old Pasadena's infamous 80s-90s Espresso Bar manager David Melrose raise \$300,000 for alternative cancer treatment. Melrose is also the founder of the San Diego Chess Academy.

Many others also came out to help including Pasadena locals Snotty Scotty and the Hankies. The Band DOS, whose members include punk legends, Mike Watt of the band Minutemen and Kira Roessler of the band Black Flag, also played.

A 12 hour fundraising marathon for Melrose, that started noon Saturday, also included an auction with memorabilia from the Espresso Bar, a tucked away coffeehouse down an ally off Raymond Ave in rundown old town Pasadena. Regulars to the offbeat hangout included, Tim Burton (before becoming a director) and Simpsons creator Matt Groening.

Longtime friend and Espresso Bar co-worker Erica Rawlings helped organize the fundraiser.

"We just love him to pieces and we don't want him to die," Rawlings said. "The Chemo wasn't working and so he needs to go to Thailand for total alternative therapy." She added, "We pulled out all the favors to get Mike Watt and Jack Black here." She said about 500 people showed up.

Melrose said gastrointestinal stromal tumors had come back after previous treatments. He said the trip to Thailand for gene-targeted therapy alone would cost \$40,000 to \$45,000. He said the treatments would take 35 to 40 days "I find out all the details this Monday."

The Canadian punk band NoMeansNo is also set to play a show in Vancouver; all proceeds will go to benefit Melrose's treatment the band's members said.

The San Diego Chess Academy has helped students learn chess in Los Angeles, So. Pasadena, Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Oceanside, Escondido, San Diego, Carlsbad, Del Mar and Solano Beach.

Donations are being accepted at [keepdavealive.org](http://keepdavealive.org) Rawlings said.



Actor Jack Black (left) and David Melrose (right).

Photo D. Lee/MVNews

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

## Photojournalist to Speak as Part of Speakers Series



Photojournalist and editor of the Pasadena Independent newspaper, Terry Miller, will speak at the 2011 Citizen Journalism Speakers Series, a free community lecture event. The event features local and national journalists, telling their personal stories and adventures in the life of journalism and media. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Terry Miller likes to focus in on his news stories to get close and personal, framing his subjects in a sensitive and thought provoking manner, developing an intimacy for the reader. While media competition is fierce and challenging in this digital world, being fair, objective and accurate in local news coverage

remains his number one goal. It is said in journalism, "Tell the story, don't become the story." The proverbial "cardinal rule" of journalism changed in 1991. When a train derailment shut down California's highway US 101 for five days that is when Terry became the story. Terry known for having "Ink in the Blood" was born in England. In 1965, at the age of eleven, due to his father's work as a Foreign News Correspondent for the London Daily Telegraph, he immigrated to the United States on the famous Queen Mary.

As a professional photographer he has had the opportunity to photograph some of Hollywood's finest actors, musicians and comedians in their homes and at public engagements.

Whether photographing a riot or a ribbon cutting, train derailment or just a simple mug shot, he puts his heart and soul into the story.

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

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



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## Arcadia Police Go High Tech to Search for Missing Children

Arcadia, CA — Arcadia Interim Police Chief Bob Guthrie has formalized an agreement with the A Child Is Missing Alert Program (ACIM) that has led to a high tech method now in place to search locally for missing children, missing elderly, and missing persons who may be mentally or physically challenged or disabled.

Effective immediately, upon receipt of most missing person calls, the Arcadia Police Department will make a phone call to a toll-free number that rings in Fort Lauderdale, Florida—the national headquarters of the A Child Is Missing Alert Program, a nationwide non-profit organization. The call, answered 24/7/365 by an Information and Mapping Technician, initiates a rapid process of information gathering and use of sophisticated mapping systems. A Child Is Missing then launches potentially thousands of calls within minutes with an alert message detailing the missing person's description, last known whereabouts, and pertinent information. The alert calls go out to residence and business phone numbers within a specified geographic area. The message will also include an Arcadia Police Department phone number for use by anyone with information relating to the missing person. To date, the efforts of A Child Is Missing have been credited with more than 850 safe assisted recoveries.

This program is a free service to law enforcement. Arcadia Police Department officials will evaluate each potential activation of the A

Child Is Missing Alert Program to ensure the application is appropriate to the case and to ensure the system is optimally used. Policies, procedures, and employee training will also guide the most efficient and effective use of this Alert Program.

Phone numbers that are called by this program include listed numbers and mobile numbers available to ACIM in the selected area. Mobile numbers, unlisted numbers, broadband/voice-over IP numbers, or TDD/TTY devices can be added to ensure they, too, are called in the event of an alert. To enter your cell phone, unlisted, broadband/voice-over IP or TDD/TTY device number visit [www.achildismissing.org](http://www.achildismissing.org) and click on "add your name" to enter your name, number, and address. This information will only be used for emergency message alerts.

The City of Arcadia is home to many elderly residents, including a half-dozen specialized locations for retirement or assisted living. In addition to enhancing our abilities on missing children cases, the ACIM program also includes at risk elderly. In the last five years, Arcadia Police Officers have responded on about 400 calls for service related to missing persons, including both adult and children. The vast majority of these calls are resolved rather quickly, but it is our expectation that with the addition of the ACIM services, in combination with other departmental resources, our ability to resolve additional missing person cases in a timely and safe manner will increase.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, May 8, through Saturday, May 14, the Police Department responded to 937 calls for service of which 110 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, May 8:

Between 8:30 p.m. May 7th and 6:13 a.m. May 8th, an auto burglary occurred in the 500 block of West Huntington Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle by smashing the rear driver's side window. The suspect(s) stole a GPS unit, for an approximate loss of \$250.

At about 8:30 p.m., while patrolling the area of Huntington Drive East of Gate 3, an officer saw a man stumbling in the roadway and contacted the 46-year-old White male. A records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant with a listed bail amount of \$10,000. The subject was placed under arrest for the warrant.

### Monday, May 9:

3. At approximately 1:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of Oakwood Avenue in regards to a prowler. A minor at the home saw an 80's model white van pull into the driveway. A Hispanic male of unknown age, with a black bandana over his face, exited the vehicle and approached the side door of the residence. He did not enter the gate because the family dog began to bark. The subject then peered into the kitchen window and left the location. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

4. A traffic stop was conducted shortly after 11:00 p.m. on Baldwin Avenue at Huntington Drive. Using the mobile computer in his unit, the officer conducted a DMV/Warrant check of the vehicle's license plate, which revealed an outstanding warrant on the plate. The officer contacted both the driver, a 27-year-old Hispanic male and the passenger, a 28-year-old Hispanic female. A records check of both subjects revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant in the amount of \$30,000 for the male who was placed under arrest. The female was released without incident.

### Tuesday, May 10:

5. At about 8:40 a.m., officers responded to the 0 block of South Altura Road in regards to a dog fight. An investigation revealed that two Pit-bulls attacked and killed a Dachshund in his yard. The resident heard the barking and attempted to separate the animals in order to save her dog. As a result, the resident was bit on the chin. Officers located the pit bulls in the 600 block of Michillinda and Arcadia Animal Control took them into custody.

6. A little after 1:30 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted for failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign at Golden West Avenue and Fairview Avenue. The officer contacted the driver, and while speaking with him the driver revealed he was not the owner of the vehicle and that he did not have insurance. A check of the vehicle revealed a large plastic bag of pills on the passenger's side floorboard identified by the driver as Ecstasy. A further check of the trunk revealed an additional seven bags for a total of over 7,000 pills. Both the 18-year-old Asian male driver and the 17-year-old Asian male passenger were placed under arrest for possession and sales of a controlled substance.

### Wednesday, May 11:

7. Around 3:00 p.m., personnel from Claire's at the Westfield Mall advised they had detained a 19-year-old Hispanic female for theft. The suspect selected merchandise and placed it on top of the baby stroller she was pushing, which contained a 7 month old child. She then exited the store failing to pay for the merchandise. A records check of the suspect revealed an outstanding traffic warrant. She was placed under arrest for both the petty theft and the warrant. The child was released to the care of her aunt.

8. Between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 700 block of West Naomi Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle by removing the lock on the driver's side door. The suspect(s) stole several bags, including a golf bag and club set for an approximate loss of \$1,210.

### Thursday, May 12:

9. A little before 12:00 p.m., officers responded to a theft report at Ralph's, located at 16 East Live Oak Avenue. Two suspects, one described as a Black or Puerto Rican male adult and a White male adult were reported stealing coffee and baby formula from the store by placing the items in a black backpack they had in their possession. The suspects also matched the description of a previous theft from Albertson's at 298 East Live Oak. Officers checked the area and located two subjects who matched the description at a nearby bus stop. They were positively identified by the store manager as the subjects seen stealing the merchandise. Both the 36-year-old Hispanic male and the 29-year-old White male were placed under arrest for commercial burglary. A record check also revealed five outstanding misdemeanor warrants for the Hispanic male.

10. At about 1:45 p.m., officers responded to Arcadia High School located at 180 Campus Drive in regards to a kidnapping investigation. While walking home, on Santa Anita Avenue at Genoa Street, a 15-year-old Asian female was approached by a male who convinced her to get into his car and assist him with directions. The male drove the girl into West Arcadia and then back to the area of Genoa Street and First Avenue. After stopping the car, the male suspect began rubbing the girl's neck and shoulders while asking her if she had a boyfriend. The suspect then grabbed the girl's breasts. The victim tried to get out of the car, however the door was locked. The victim persuaded the suspect to drive back toward Santa Anita Avenue, but the suspect again stopped the car and began similar advances toward the girl. The victim was able to exit the car, but was grabbed on the arm by the suspect. She pulled away and ran off. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 30's driving a silver or gray 4-door Audi. A composite was created and a special bulletin was issued. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

### Friday, May 13:

11. A little before 4:00 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on a bicyclist for a Municipal Code violation. Upon contacting the 41-year-old White male, it was determined he was intoxicated. The subject was placed under arrest for operating a bicycle under the influence of alcohol, as well as operating a bicycle on a sidewalk.

12. At about 5:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 0 block of La Porte regarding a 4-year-old child who was found wandering around alone. An investigation revealed that the child lived in the nearby apartment complex with his mother. The 39-year-old female of unknown race had left the child alone in the apartment while she went grocery shopping. She returned while officers were conducting their investigation at which time she was counseled about the dangers of leaving a child of such young age alone. The child was released to the custody of his mother and a follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Department of Child and Family Services.

### Saturday, May 14:

13. A little after 2:00 a.m., officers responded to the area of Foothill Boulevard and Wigham Avenue in regards to a male banging doors in the neighborhood. The 25-year-old Asian male was contacted by officers. He was rambling, sweating and breathing very hard. An investigation revealed the subject was schizophrenic and had not taken his medication in several days. He was determined to be a danger to himself and taken into custody for a 72 hour mental health evaluation. He was transported to Kaiser hospital for the evaluation and treatment.

14. Around 3:30 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney at the Westfield Mall, advised they had detained three juveniles for theft. An investigation revealed the suspects, along with two other males and one female, had taken merchandise from nine different stores within the Westfield Mall. A private person's arrest was made, three 16-year-old Asian males, one 15-year-old Asian male, one 17-year-old Asian male and a 16-year-old female of unknown race were arrested for commercial burglary as well as possession of burglary tools. They were later released into the custody of their parents.

## From Arcadia's Best...



The pool at Los Angeles County's Arcadia Park circa 1940s; photo courtesy Arcadia Historical Society

## Pool closed

The bad news is the pool at Arcadia Park will not re-open this summer, or even next summer.

The good news is that an entirely new pool and bathroom will be built at the Los Angeles County Park, with a ribbon cutting expected in time for a grand opening in the summer of 2012.

## Driver charged in student's death

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed a felony vehicular manslaughter charge today on the 19-year-old driver who hit and killed 16-year-old Arcadia High School student Alice Zhang as she crossed Duarte Road near Baldwin Avenue with her friend.

[Arcadia Police](#) concluded that the accident was preventable if the driver had cleaned his windshield, which would have diminished the glare of the setting sun.

According to police, on Sunday, April 10, at about 6:40 p.m., Bowen Du, of Arcadia, was driving a 1997 Lexus westbound in the 600 block of Duarte Road when his vehicle struck two teenage pedestrians, crossing the street in a mid-block crosswalk.

Zhang was transported to Methodist Hospital where she was pronounced dead a short time later. The second victim, a 16 year old girl from Upland, was seriously injured and transported by Arcadia Fire Department Paramedics to a local hospital. She was treated and released on a later date.

## Summer 2011 Registration!

The Recreation and Community Services Department's Summer Registration is underway. Registration is now open to **ALL** residents and non-residents. Sign up now for our Outdoor Adventure Camp and Swim lessons along with a variety of other classes and activities. The always popular dance, sports, exercise and enrichment programs are available. Several new classes have been added this season including Mad Science Summer Camp, Kiddie Tech classes and the Brit-West Soccer Camp for youth. Try something new

this summer or sign up for your old favorites. Hurry the Outdoor Adventure Camp, activities and swim lessons are filling up fast.

For class information, registration forms and to register on-line, go to the City's website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) under Recreation and Community Services Department. Registration is also being accepted by walk-in, fax and mail. We are located at 375 Campus Drive, fax 626.821.4370. For questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

## City of Arcadia 2011 Summer Swim Program

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department will begin the summer swim program on Saturday, June 11 at the Arcadia High School Pool, located at 180 Campus Drive in Arcadia. The pool will open at 1pm and close at 5pm. Swim lessons for Session One will begin on Monday, June 13th. Online registration is now underway by logging onto "http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us" [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us)

Walk-in registration for Session I begins Monday, May 9th at the Recreation Department, located at 375 Campus Drive. For more information regarding swim classes and the on-line and walk-in registration dates for Sessions 2-5, please call 626.574.5113.

## Recreation and Community Services Department BARK FOR LIFE!

Sunday May 22, 2011 10 am – 1 pm

### BARK FOR LIFE – A Canine Event to Fight Cancer

The American Cancer Society Bark for Life is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Bark for Life is directly related to Arcadia's Relay for Life and shares the theme, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." So bring your best canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and continuing with de

By supporting Bark for Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

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

WHO: All dog owners and (and lovers) and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life & the City of Arcadia's Recreation and Community Services Department

Registration begins at 9:15am

Opening Ceremonies start at 10:00am

For information and to register visit the website at [www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadiaca](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadiaca)

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

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*From the Desk of the City Manager...*  
*by Scott Ochoa*

## Happy 125th Anniversary, Monrovia!

Thursday night's Monrovia Day Parade and Saturday's festivities in Library Park marked the 125th anniversary of the founding of Monrovia.

The Thursday night parade, drawing from the success of the evening Holiday Parade, featured larger crowds than the usual Saturday morning parade (competing with baseball, soccer, karate, etc, is tough!). We'll perform an evaluation of the event and also solicit feedback from residents and businesses.

Saturday's Fountain to the Falls Race was a great event as well. We had 280 runners embark on the seven-mile roundtrip run/walk. The men's division winner took home the 1st place trophy with a time of 43 minutes - amazing! The overwhelming feedback was the event was well-executed (especially for the inaugural run) and well-organized. I think next year will bring even more runners and walkers.

Saturday was rounded out by the MAP Neighborhood Conference, the Fire House Pancake Breakfast, and a special Concert in the Park. We had great weather, a great series of events and a great community to share it with.

Congratulations and huge thank-you's to the Community Services Department, the CMO staff, the MAP team and the Fire Department for putting Saturday together.

Truly, a great day for Monrovia!

## A New Sheriff - err, Interim Chief in Town

With the recent retirement of long-time public servant and friend of Monrovia, Police Chief Roger Johnson, we have commenced an executive search to recruit his replacement. As we proceed through this recruitment process, Captain Jim Hunt will assume the role of Interim Chief of Police. Jim is an outstanding law enforcement executive and will do a great job in this assignment.

I anticipate that the recruitment period will last through mid-summer, and we will commence with interviews in early August. We will subject applicants through a battery of panels including a community panel, a professional panel, a department panel, and others. My hope and goal is to have a permanent Chief appointed by September. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this process.

### MONROVIA CALENDAR –

**Tues., May 17, 7:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting**

**Monday, May 30, Memorial Day - City Hall Closed**

**Tues., May 31, 6 p.m. - Budget Study Session**

**Sat., June 4, 11 a.m. - Relay for Life, Recreation Park**

**Sun., June 5, 11 a.m. end - Relay for Life, Recreation Park**

**Mon., June 6, 6 p.m. - Budget Study Session**

**Tues., June 7, 7:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting**

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 556 service events, resulting in 96 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:*

### Vandalism

On May 6 at 3:45 a.m., an officer was flagged down regarding a shattered front window at a business in the 300 block of West Foothill. The owner of the business was notified and an investigation was conducted. It was determined that there was no theft at the location.

### Outside Assist - Alhambra Police Department - Suspect Arrested

On May 6 at 9:49 p.m., a subject entered the Monrovia Police Department lobby requesting advice from an officer regarding a dispute he had with his girlfriend in Alhambra. While talking with the officer, the subject stated he had been involved in a minor altercation in Alhambra. Alhambra was contacted and advised the officer that the subject was wanted for assault with a deadly weapon involving a firearm. The subject was detained for Alhambra Police Department. A search of the suspect's vehicle in the parking lot rendered the recovery of the firearm. The suspect was taken into custody by Alhambra Police Department.

### Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On May 7 at 2:42 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Myrtle and Evergreen observed a suspicious vehicle. The driver was leaning to one side as he drove the vehicle. The officer stopped the driver when he failed to use a turn signal in the 100 block of Montana. During the investigation, it was determined that the driver was under the influence and the driver was arrested.

### Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - Suspect Arrested

On May 8 at 2:45 a.m., officers responded to a

hotel in the 1100 block of East Huntington after receiving a 911 call from a citizen. The citizen reported hearing a female screaming for someone to get off of her from inside the hotel room. Officers arrived, contacted several subjects, and discovered a 19 year old male who admitted to having consensual intercourse with a 16 year old female. The suspect was arrested. The female subject was later released to a guardian.

### Traffic Collision / Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On May 9 at 12:51 a.m., officers responded to a solo vehicle traffic collision in the 500 block of West Duarte Road. The vehicle had crashed into a light pole and a tree on the south sidewalk. The driver was identified and officers determined he was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested.

### Possession of Burglary Tools - Suspect Arrested

On May 9 at 9:02 p.m., the manager of a business in the 900 block of West Huntington called to report a subject on their roof. He was concerned because of recent burglaries at their store, so he called the police. Officers arrived and were informed that a male white subject, thin build, and balding had just left on a bike. Officers checked the roof area and found a storage shed, which is normally kept closed, was now open and several backpacks were found. The backpacks contained burglary tools, including a lock-pick set. A male subject matching the description of the suspect was detained within minutes by officers. The subject was known by the officers to have recently been arrested for possession of burglary tools. He told the officers the bags and contents on the roof of the business were his. After being identified by a witness who saw him in possession of one of the bags a short time earlier, he was arrested and charged for possession of burglary tools.



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## Gold Line Update



Given all of the uncertainty surrounding the most recent chapter of the Gold Line project - the lawsuits filed against the City and Gold Line Construction Authority (GLCA), specifically - it seems that we are in a holding pattern. Obvious though it may seem, nothing can be done until something is done. And Monrovia will do something.

In the coming weeks, the City of Monrovia will notice the requisite documents so that the City Council/Agency Board may take up at the regular June 7 City Council/Agency Board meeting the proposed Purchase & Sale Agreement, as well as the proposed Public Improvements Agreement, by and between the City/Agency

and the GLCA.

Given the status of the lawsuits - the plaintiff's attorney has recently filed an "intent to amend" his lawsuit (presumably because it currently has no basis and is not ripe) - it appears that if left alone, the situation will remain in limbo for the foreseeable future. Instead, we will move forward with considering the transactions that we have negotiated in good faith with GLCA, and allow both the Gold Line and the plaintiff to decide upon whatever course of action they propose to take.

No doubt, more information will become available on this matter as we move closer to the June meeting.

## City Council Preview

Though we have quite an extensive closed session agenda, the regular agenda for the May 17 Council meeting is relatively light. Indeed, there are two items on the business agenda to consider. Though we list two public hearings on the agenda, the first (concerning a proposed ordinance relating to massage regulations) is being requested to be opened and continued to the June 21 meeting. Item PH-2 is a public hearing regarding the appeal of a Development Review Committee (DRC) decision concerning a fence height between two single-family residences on the 1000 block of Briarcliff Road. Given the topography and terrain that these two homes sit on, and the limited number of mitigation techniques available to resident installing the fence, staff is recommending that the Council deny the appeal.

Lastly, AR-1 is the First Quarter update of the performance indicators for Operation Safe Neighborhoods. By nearly every criterion, the anti-gang injunction appears to be well-implemented and effective. Staff recommends Council receive and file the report.

As always, if you have any question about any item on the agenda, please feel free to contact me directly.

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## PUSD HIGH SCHOOLS AGAIN IMPROVE PERFORMANCE ON STATE EXIT EXAM

### Passage Rate by 10th Graders Continues to Rise

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) today announced that more 10th grade students passed the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) on their first try, bringing the overall passage rate among district students to 82 percent on both the English Language Arts (ELA) and the mathematics portions of the test. Last year, PUSD's overall annual passage rate for first-time takers was 78 percent in ELA and 79 percent in Math.

"These first time passage rates are a good indicator of the upward momentum that our high schools are experiencing because of a focus on academic rigor and targeted instruction," said Superintendent Edwin Diaz. "Passing the test on the first try means that our 10th graders are acquiring mastery of core subjects earlier so that they can access more complex subject matter during high school, which gives them an advantage in college and careers."

All high schools registered gains in passage of the English Language Arts portion of the test, with John Muir High School improving by 7 percent. In math, all but one school made gains when compared to last year. Again, Muir High School jumped 7 percent.

As part of the upgrades to PUSD's data system infrastructure over the last four years, the District is now able to more quickly receive and analyze the results of tests and other assessments, allowing teachers and administrators to better plan instruction and target scarce resources where they are most needed. Students who are struggling academically can be identified and supported earlier.

California requires that high school students pass the CAHSEE to be eligible for graduation. Students are required to take the CAHSEE for the first time in the tenth grade. Students who do not pass the test as tenth graders are given additional opportunities to take and pass the test.

Data cited is for the March 2011 PUSD administration of the test, does not include results of make-up tests earlier this month, and compares census 10th grade testing from 2009, 2010, and 2011. Full passage data for

## Pasadena Unified School District 2009 – 2011 CAHSEE Census Results

Percentage of 10th Grade ELA Students Passed During Census Administrations

	% of ELA Passed		
	2009 February	2010 March	2011 March
Blair	74%	78%	79%
Marshall	84%	90%	92%
Muir	59%	66%	73%
Pasadena High	84%	86%	89%
CIS Academy	82%	62%	74%
Rose City	42%	30%	33%
<b>District*</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>

Number of 10th Grade ELA Students Passed During Census Administrations

	# of ELA Passed		
	2009 February	2010 March	2011 March
Blair	147	177	155
Marshall	208	219	212
Muir	162	182	196
Pasadena High	456	462	497
CIS Academy	9	16	14
Rose City	13	10	11
<b>District*</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>1088</b>

Percentage of 10th Grade Math Students Passed During Census Administrations

	% of Math Passed		
	2009 February	2010 March	2011 March
Blair	66%	83%	78%
Marshall	78%	90%	92%
Muir	61%	70%	77%
Pasadena High	80%	82%	87%
CIS Academy	62%	62%	74%
Rose City	30%	31%	34%
<b>District*</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>82%</b>

Number of 10th Grade Math Students Passed During Census Administrations

	# of Math Passed		
	2009 February	2010 March	2011 March
Blair	135	189	151
Marshall	194	218	211
Muir	166	192	207
Pasadena High	440	439	481
CIS Academy	8	16	14
Rose City	10	11	11
<b>District*</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>1077</b>

\* District numbers include NPS results the entire 2010-2011 school year, including comparisons with county and state rates will

be available from the California Department of Education this summer.

## PASADENA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 8TH ANNUAL K-8 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

WHEN: July 5 to Aug. 4, 2011, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Wilson Middle School)

WHERE: Franklin Elementary (K-5) 527

W. Ventura St., Altadena; Norma Coombs Elementary (K-5) 2600 Paloma St., Pasadena; Willard Elementary (K-5) 301 S. Madre St., Pasadena; Wilson Middle School (5-8) 300 Madre St., Pasadena.

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TUITION: PUSD Students: \$375 first enrollment; \$350 per each sibling. Non-PUSD Students: \$450 first enrollment; \$425 per sibling



## Writer's Block

I have come to the realization that writing, no matter how good at it you are, not saying that I am phenomenal by any means, can be hard. In the three months that I have been writing this column, I have had some easy weeks and some hard weeks. Writing about the play for me was easy because it was something new and exciting, so everything left an impression and source of inspiration for a column, unlike the week I wrote about the history of Daylight Savings Time. This week, like the DST week, is one of the harder weeks because nothing new has happened since getting my license, and writing about APs and finals is so boring and generic. I could write a short story, be the new J.D. Salinger, which would be fitting because my English class is currently reading *Catcher in the Rye*, a book by Salinger which is actually composed and based off of short stories Salinger published. But then comes the obstacle of what my audience is interested in. Because I am on the Education and Youth page, I feel that writing in the style of stream of consciousness, however much I like it, may seem depressing and distasteful to my reading audience. It is times like these when I truly appreciate how much writers of television shows like *The Office*, *Ed* and *Gilmore Girls* work. To make a quirky, humorous and yet still appealing piece is not only tough but mind boggling. Throwing in little pop culture tidbits is fun to see if anyone understands them, but what if no one understands? I could easily quote or reference Harry Potter, Kicking and Screaming (Beantown!), and numerous other films and television shows, a task I am willing to take in the upcoming weeks. But for now I think I'm going to enjoy reading some of Salinger's work for inspiration.

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WHEN: July 5 through Aug. 5, Monday through Friday, 7:50 a.m. to 1:05 p.m.

WHERE: Marshall Fundamental High School, 990 N. Allen Ave., Pasadena 91104.

WHAT: Classes include Computer Programming; Preparing for the SAT; Driver's Education; AP Algebra Prep; Pre-Calculus; Geometry; AP European History; Masterful Writing; Spanish 2; Art, Cartooning and Graphic Novels; Photography.

TUITION: PUSD Students: \$150 - \$300 (depending on units) Non-PUSD Students: \$175 - \$350

REGISTRATION: For a brochure and more information call PEF at 626-396-3600, ext. 88350. Register online at [www.pasedfoundation.org/summer/high-school](http://www.pasedfoundation.org/summer/high-school)

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## Back to Basics at Robin's BBQ

With Memorial Day and Father's Day fast approaching our fearless editor, Susan, asked me to get into the spirit of the times. My friend Robin Salzer of Robin's Woodfire BBQ is doing everything he can to guarantee a family can still enjoy dining out. He may be a "Maverick" or maybe he is "Hope" and "Change." He may be the one person that promises the moon though and delivers it in this political season.

Do you have kids? I do, anyone need one until the economy picks up again, and she is well mannered? Just kidding honey, but I will need that iPhone back, with the receipt.

A certifiable winner on every Wednesday and Sunday Night is Robin's where the Kids eat for free!! I have a feeling we can all afford and that one. With each adult entrée your child can eat for free from the kids menu. No kids, you say, well they also offer all you can eat Rib Tips for (\$12.95). Wow!!!

Now let's review an American favorite!!! It is also one of my personal favorites, BBQ, not the oven roasted version which Tony Roma's panders. No, Barbeque is made low and slow. Low heat and slowly cooked. There is only one authentic BBQ in The San Gabriel Valley; you guessed it, Robin's Woodfire BBQ and Grill in Hastings Ranch.

Owner and head politician Robin Salzer has perfected the BBQ at his name sake. Robin, will readily admit it took a few months to perfect the BBQ at Robin's. Robin hails from Milwaukee and opened Robin's 25 years ago this month. The original menu had everything from breakfast, to pizza, nachos and little bit of the BBQ. About five years ago Robin made the decision to go strictly BBQ. "Everyone in the neighborhood, thought I was crazy," Robin recalled. But, "I decided to stay the course". The result is some of the best BBQ in all of Southern California. The awards in the past five years include: Best of City Search, numerous Best of Awards by local newspapers, write ups in the LA Times and a feature in Westways Magazine.

Depending on the meat, each entrée is cooked between 4 to 6 hours on wood. The sauce is then put on the meat about twenty seconds before meat is done. This is done to avoid burning the outside skin of the meat.

Prices range from (\$8.95) for salads to (\$30.95) for the ultimate Garbage Can Combo. The combo includes chicken, beef ribs, tri tip, baby back, spare ribs and a beef link. The garbage combo is big enough for two people

What to order: The Beef Ribs are a must!! Four rib dinner (\$17.95) and the seven Rib dinner is (\$21.95). Robin tells me the ribs are notched, thus insuring extra meat. For dessert order the peach cobbler, its house made.

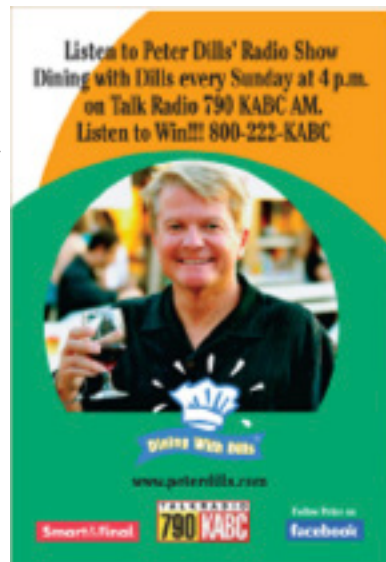
What to avoid: Mondays, the restaurant is closed. They don't take reservations on the weekends, so I suggest making the visit on a Thursday Night. No separate checks.

Worth the drive from anywhere in Los Angeles. Check out the website. Robinsmenu.com for updated prices and hours.

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## Tomorrow's Business Leaders Doing It Now

### USC's Pro-Bono Student Consultants

When USC informed Robin McCarthy that Women At Work hadn't been accepted in to the LACI\* program (pronounced "lacy"), she was a bit disappointed. As the executive director of a small nonprofit, McCarthy is always on the look out for resources to help the agency become stronger. In mid-2010, the Pasadena-based nonprofit agency had submitted an application to receive pro-bono consulting services through USC's \*Los Angeles Community Impact program.

Founded in 2006, LACI provides an opportunity for undergraduate students enrolled in the Marshall School of Business to gain hands on experience. Mentored by a faculty advisor, students form LACI consulting teams that are assigned to work on specific projects with a nonprofit or small business. They gain hands-on experience as take their textbook knowledge of business research, theory and practices from the campus, into the community.

Robin was excited when she received a phone call in late 2010 informing her that a slot had opened. One of the nonprofits that had been selected for the LACI program was not able to participate. The timing was perfect, as the Women

Shiyulli Suriyakumar worked with Arjun to conduct a series of phone conference interviews with more than a dozen individuals, including clients, staff, boardmembers, volunteers and employers. Over several months, they conducted an assessment of programs, services, internal communication processes, organizational culture and other components. If it was likely to have a direct or indirect impact on the key focus areas, they had questions about it. All of the information was converging to address two questions: 1) What could the agency do better to market its core services of employment preparation and job search assistance to clients?, and 2) How could the agency strengthen its job development activities, thus attracting more employers with job openings to help clients find jobs faster?

On Saturday, April 30th, the LACI team made its final visit to Women At Work's offices at Colorado and Michillinda for a 10 a.m. meeting to present the final report and recommendations. A small group of board members and the agency's grantwriting consultant joined Robin to hear and see what these young consultants had to present. "I was expecting perhaps a 10-page, double-



Carolyn Barber, WAW Board Treasurer, Shiyulli Suriyakumar, Team Leader Arjun Chaurushia, Priscilla Lee and Board member Debbie Heap.

At Work board of directors were completing the final phase of the agency's new, three-year strategic plan. After a visit to USC for an initial orientation, with a seasoned LACI student, to get details about the process, roles and responsibilities, she returned to prepare the staff, volunteers and the board for the next steps.

In January, she received a phone call from Arjun Churushia, the project's team leader. They scheduled a site visit for a five-member LACI team to visit Women At Work for a tour to learn more about the agency. During the site visit in February, they conducted an indepth interview with Robin, board vice president, Marsha Rood and board president, Pixie Boyden, who had recently started as the new MIS Director at the USC Rossier School of Education. This meeting laid the groundwork for the project's focus as the group identified two key areas, marketing and job development.

The next phase was more extensive than anyone at Women At Work had expected. Team members Priscilla Lee, Karina Malad, Marjorie Roesser and

spaced term paper, but we got a 30-page, single-spaced document packed with useful feedback and 15 specific recommendations," said Robin. "Impressive!" was the collective sentiment. The report provided a third-party perspective that is needed for an objective assessment. It includes general and more detailed recommendations for marketing materials, better processes for client intake, simple and effective methods for and gathering and responding to client feedback, new business techniques and more.

This report now serves as an important complement to the agency's strategic plan. Clients and employers alike will benefit from the work of these talented young business minds. USC students volunteer for the LACI Program, strictly for their development as professionals and scholars. They don't receive course credit or financial compensation. For a generation of volunteers not even born when Women At Work was established almost 32 years ago, impressive indeed. Stay tuned to see the impact of the LACI Program at this local nonprofit at [www.womenatwork.org](http://www.womenatwork.org).

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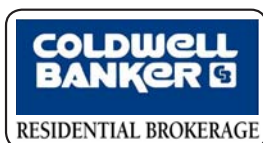
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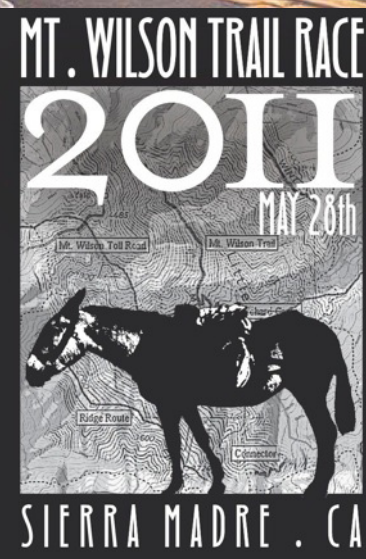
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## CAT'S CRADLE (a Mystery), by Leslie Sands

Review by Despina Tsiknas-Arzouman

The biggest mystery I had to get past was that this play was not an adaptation based on the book with the same title (Cat's Cradle) by Kurt Vonnegut. That being said, I was then able to relax into enjoying this story (written by British playwright, Leslie Sands) beginning to unfold. It is about an unsolved mystery of a long-ago kidnapping of a little boy, from a small village, whose body was never found.

A young woman (Sarah Fulton, played by April Morrow) was about to marry a very wealthy young man after a whirlwind of courtship. It was the social event of the year. And strange as it may be, the investigator of the unsolved kidnapping (Jack Frost, splendidly played by Robert Pescovitz) coincidentally returned to the scene during this timing. Inspector Frost, (portrayed in a similar tradition as Sherlock Holmes) considered the unsolved disappearance of the infant boy as the greatest failure of his career. However, despite the fact that the mystery was never solved, Frost finds that no one in the village is particularly willing to cooperate with him – though there is evidence in everyone's behavior that such unwillingness to cooperate is exposing the possibility that something has been hidden all these years.

This is a classic “who done it,” and if you enjoy such mysteries as portrayed in the Miss Marple series, or Murder She Wrote, you'll love this play. Of course, one shouldn't even try to compare live theatre with watching a television program, so just on that note, may I suggest making your reservations today to see this play before it ends (on June 4th). You'll appreciate the intrigue and startling conclusion, and then perhaps go deep within and ponder the deep moral issues surrounding the case.

Bill Mesnick, the director of Cat's Cradle did a wonderful job and has directed several shows at the Sierra Madre Playhouse over the years. And I always find myself being (not only pleased) but amazed with how the stage setting/ construction, lighting effects, stage management, costuming, and etc. are so effective in framing the plays



presented in this theatre's small stage. Bravo to the entire production crew for their marvelous efforts.

Cat's Cradle was written by Leslie Sands (1921-2001) in 1983, and had a busy career as an actor on British television, appeared in many feature films, acted on stage including a stint with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Finally, even though I saw this play on opening night, it is noteworthy to be able to feel-see the hard artistic work which every actor puts into their character portrayal. Everyone was great!

CAT'S CRADLE is playing at the Sierra Madre Playhouse through Saturday, June 4th. General Admission is \$20; Seniors and students: \$17, Children 12 and under: \$12. Don't miss this show. Tickets and reservations can be made by calling (626) 355-4318, or online at www.sierramadreplayhouse.org.



Sean Kayden

accomplish work to date. On their previous record, “Two Dancers”, the band demonstrated their buoyant, unorthodox, and sexually idiosyncrasy side. This time around, Wild Beasts present a much mellower, focused approach to their unconventional elegance. Instead of simply attempting to recapture the magic of past efforts, the UK quartet dive head first into an ocean of uncharted musical territory. “Smother” is dazzling, vividly trenched with imagery and transcendental. This is a monumental achievement for a relatively under-the-radar band that continues to push the envelope with each record. Their undeniably boundless talents are once again exhibited in such a stellar, uncompromising, and poignant way.

With “Smother”, washed away is both their old quirkiness and outrageousness leading to a more mature, austere demeanor. One cannot help, but sense that their overall soundscape has become so divined, graceful, and endearing. Wild Beasts features two singers, Hayden Thorpe, who parades such seductive intonations and bassist Tom Fleming, whose voice is much deeper and masculine than his counterpart. Despite the contrast, their vocals blend seamlessly well together. In the standout track, “Invisible”, Fleming's vocals are on full display. “The things I thought I'd want/They vanish one by one” is sung in a painstakingly wailing sort of manner. It's not foolishly sentimental, but deeply affecting

## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

## Wild Beasts

and presented reflectively. With the other gem, “Reach A Bit Further”, Thorpe and Fleming share the center stage, dishing out gorgeous vocal arrangements back and forth with the end results

**Artist:** Wild Beasts  
**Album:** Smother  
**Label:** Domino Recording Company  
**Release Date:** May 10, 2011  
**Key Tracks:** “Invisible”, “Reach A Bit Further”, “Burning”, and “End Come Too Soon”  
**Grade:** 9.2 out of 10

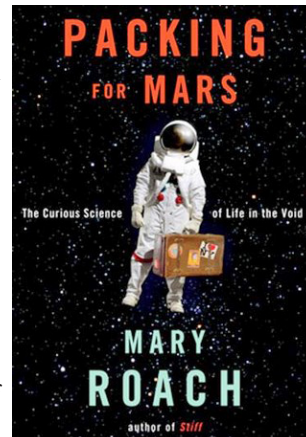
being irrefutably superb.

“Smother” is tightly produced, atmospheric and a grand showcase of utter originality and creativity beyond the means of anything currently polluting the airwaves. Such brilliance and bravado are soaked within the confines of this record. The album will speak volumes to you in ways most compilations could only imagine to ever do. The heart and pulse of “Smother” beats methodically, gently, and cautiously. However, there is always a sense of impending doom on the horizon. A feeling of something imploding feels very close on the verge. To listen to the album in its entirety (the way it should be experienced) will place you on a voyage of awe and wonder. It unravels slowly, but what becomes fleshed out is something persuasively beautiful, terrifyingly imaginative, and artistically innovative. Wild Beasts are simply more than just a band to watch out for. This is an ensemble that continually cultivates inventive music with such significance and intrepidity. Not only does it set them apart from the others, but also clearly puts them ahead by leaps and bounds.

## Jeff's Pics The Book Report

## Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void by Mary Roach

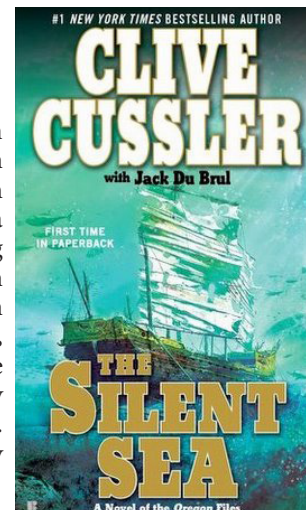
“America's funniest science writer” (Washington Post) returns to explore the irresistibly strange universe of life without gravity in this New York Times bestseller. Space is a world devoid of the things we need to live and thrive: air, gravity, hot showers, fresh produce, privacy, beer. Space exploration is in some ways an exploration of what it means to be human. How much can a person give up? How much weirdness can they take? What happens to you when you can't walk for a year? have sex? smell flowers? What happens if you vomit in your helmet during a space walk? Is it possible for the human body to survive a bailout at 17,000 miles per hour? To answer these questions, space agencies set up all manner of quizzical and startlingly bizarre space simulations. As Mary Roach discovers, it's possible to preview space without ever leaving Earth. From the space shuttle training toilet to a crash test of NASA's new space capsule (cadaver filling in for astronaut), Roach takes us on this surreal and entertaining trip into the science of life in space and space on Earth.



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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Congress consistently brings the government to the edge of default before facing its responsibility. This brinksmanship threatens the holders of government bonds and those who rely on Social Security and veterans benefits. Interest rates would skyrocket, instability would occur in financial markets, and the Federal deficit would soar."

- Ronald Reagan on raising the debt ceiling, 1987

Congress is at it again. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner came up with a temporary fix last week, where bills would be paid by borrowing against the pension funds of federal employees. (You remember pensions - where funds are contributed for a secure retirement, rather than to subsidize Wall Street gamblers.)

This should work until August 2; then there'll be no more pension funds to borrow against. When that happens, the reality might sink in that this involves more than shutting down

public radio and Planned Parenthood; this is not about expanding government, but of paying debts we've already incurred. There's the threat to Social Security and veterans' benefits mentioned by President Reagan, as well as payments to Medicare providers, Medicaid help for states, and "skyrocketing" interest on credit cards, car payments and mortgage loans,

The "full faith and credit" of the United States would be sacrificed in an effort to make President Obama look bad for 2012, and to further the concentration of wealth accelerated under President Bush. Intentions become apparent when you look at those targeted - seniors, veterans, middle-class consumers - while Republicans vehemently protect Bush's billionaire tax cuts, and those billions in taxpayer subsidies for the oil companies that reported \$35 billion in profits for the first quarter.

Long-term goals of the corporatocracy have been advanced by union-busters taking over statehouses, a Supreme Court writing its own update of our Constitution, and a Senate minority insisting things go its way or no way at all. The only thing standing in the way is the fact people are becoming wise

## GREG Welborn

## Morality Matters



It's really a simple request. Voters want honest leaders. Anything which gives us insight into a candidate's character, including their sexual exploits, is a legitimate and important criterion in the election decision. If the Schwarzenegger revelations tell us anything at all, they tell us that morality matters... A lot!!! Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected in a special election to replace recalled Governor, Gray Davis, who had been repudiated by the voters at least as much for the slimy methods he had used in fund raising as for the fiscal mess he had created in this state. Governor Davis had all but extorted campaign contributions from the Prison Guards' union in return for supporting and then signing onto a dramatic increase in benefits. This wasn't the only problem with the Governor. The vast majority of voters had come to the conclusion that Governor Davis was simply a career politician who would say anything to get elected, who would cut any deal that put money or power in his pocket, and who expressed no remorse about any of it. Schwarzenegger came on the scene and ran what really was a simple campaign. He promised honesty, fiscal restraint, and managerial skills that would allow him to do the job. It was kind of the way it was supposed to be. Americans have this image - a heartfelt dream, if you will - that we don't need professional politicians to tell us how to run the country or our state. We want a society in which a skilled citizen-leader can run for office, win, govern affectively and honestly, and then return to private life while another takes his or her place. That was our founders' vision, and it has remained part of the American ideal ever since. Arnold's obvious success at building a business empire gave credibility to his claim that he knew how to manage people and organizations. He promised the voters that he would turn this state around financially, to stand up to the career politicians, and we trusted him to do it. There was nothing in his known background that suggested we shouldn't trust him. By and large his business dealings were ethical. Yes, he admitted to behaving badly with women in his past, and for as rough and intimidating a man as he appeared to be (he's the terminator, after all), it was a very tender, honest moment. All of us guys have in our youth behaved badly, and all of you women know guys, dated guys and married guys that have behaved badly. So, admitting to it and promising to do better was the right thing to do, and it was entirely appropriate that we voters trusted him. Interestingly, at the time, several scolds wagged their sophisticated fingers to criticize us for even having the debate about what a politician does in his private life. Their sex life is none of our business goes the too-often repeated line. Well, in hindsight The Schwarzenegger revelations

about the lie he has kept from his wife and kids for more than 10 years really were our business. When we find out that a man has violated the sanctity of his marital vows, kept that from his wife for more than a decade, fathered a kid whom he's kept in the shadows for the same amount of time, and bribed his lover not to talk, we shouldn't be surprised that this same man made only a half-hearted attempt to bring fiscal discipline to our state, or that he pardoned a confessed, convicted killer his last day in office without even considering the feelings of the victim's family simply to reward a political crony. I'm sorry, but sexual transgressions and cover ups are our business!! They say a lot about the character of the people whom we are asked to entrust with elected office. It is absolutely my right and obligation as a voter to know about the character of the candidates. Some of you may be tempted to say that we all lie, we're all sinners, we've all transgressed. I'm not going to argue with you about the truth of that statement. Yes, we all lie. But the singularity of our sins is not the issue. It is the severity, the pattern, and the presence or absence of contrition and restitution which are highly relevant. We are not compelled to forgive and forget where there has been no admission, repentance, and restitution. Morality matters after all. Schwarzenegger lied to us about working unceasingly to fix our fiscal problem and standing up for moral principles because he was so practiced already at violating those moral principles and lying about other sacred promises he had made. The election which elevated Arnold to the Governor's mansion had other potentially strong candidates as well, and our state needed one of them to solve the problem which still confronts us. We, the voters, were denied that opportunity because we didn't know about Arnold's past. Had we known about Arnold's dishonesty and disregard for his family, had we seen the hurt in Maria's eyes, during the election, we never would have elected this man. Voters want honest leaders, and it is our absolute and legitimate right to have them. Immoral and dishonest people never make good leaders. They will always betray the trust of office bestowed upon them. Any evidence, any experience, which gives us insight into a candidate's basic morality is more important than any campaign promise. Morality matters.

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SAN DIMAS, CA - Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas, CA) honored the efforts of young volunteers at his 2011 Youth Volunteer Award (YVA) Program. Fifty-six high school students from throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire participated in this year's program. In addition to the winner and runners-up, each of the program's participants were recognized for their service to the community. "In these difficult economic times, volunteers have a greater impact. The fact that so many young people are making

time to assist people within their communities is inspiring. Meeting them and hearing their stories was informative as well," Dreier said. "Through their hard work and dedication, these students provide an excellent example of what it means to give back and bring attention to causes that need help in our community. I congratulate them on their efforts." Dreier began the annual award program in 1986 to honor area high school students for their volunteer community service. To participate in the YVA Program, students were required to submit an application, write an essay on volunteerism, and provide a letter of recommendation. They were then interviewed by a board of community leaders about their volunteer activities. A full list of the winners, runners up and participants is below. For more information on the YVA Program or its participants, please contact Congressman Dreier's San Dimas office.

attends Etiwanda High School. Through her school's Careers and Community club, Ashley helps those in need. Emory Yuan is from San Gabriel and attends San Marino High School. Emory's community service entails pitching in at San Marino's Crowell Public Library. Kelvin Zheng is from Arcadia and attends Arcadia High School. He is a member of Simply Savant through which hosts Camp Savant.

## Legals cont...

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As a result of this business expansion, Sally Morrison and Jeffrey Ingwalson, owners of Sierra Madre Books, will be closing the bookstore in June 2011. "We appreciate all the support we've received from our customers over the past few years, but are excited about our new venture. We look forward to continuing to be part of this community."

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The nomination period is now open for my "Citizen of the Year" contest in the 29th Senate District covering portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. My district office in Walnut must receive these nominations by May 10th, or they can also be emailed to my District Director, Tim Shaw, at [tim.shaw@sen.ca.gov](mailto:tim.shaw@sen.ca.gov).

The contest is open to all constituents that I serve in the San Gabriel Valley, Inland Valley and Northern Orange County communities that I represent. I feel it's important to recognize people who have contributed to our overall quality of life and made significant contributions to our area.

The nominations that I am seeking for the "Citizen of the Year" contest should list specific projects that the nominee took part in or committees in which the nominee was involved. Specific contributions in the field of law enforcement, education, transportation or the environment should also be highlighted.

I will treat the winner of the Citizen of the Year contest to lunch in the District, and the winner will also receive an official Senate Resolution noting the achievement.

The contest is open to all deserving constituents who reside in the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Brea, Charter Oak, Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Crescenta-Montrose, La Habra, La Habra Heights, La Verne, Mayflower Village, Monrovia, North El Monte, Placentia, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Walnut and Yorba Linda.

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### I THINK IT'S A DREAM

I just woke up from a dream. At least I think it's a dream. In it I've been taken to some luxurious hotel in some city to be present at some ceremony for someone I don't know very well. Now I'm trying to get back to where I was and can't remember where that was or how I got there and what it is I'm supposed to be doing. Besides that I'm feeling very frightened and traffic is going in all directions and sewer pipes are breaking and there seems to be water everywhere. I want to ask for directions but I don't know what or who to ask.

All right it's Sunday morning and I just read the first paragraph to my wife and she says, "So what's new? It's like everything you've ever written." Maybe to her but to me it feels different. It's Sunday and I always go to see my mother on Sundays except that she died three and a half months ago and I can't get used to the idea. Going to see her, no matter how old and difficult she became, always seemed to be the right thing to do and allowed me to feel responsible for a little while no matter how screwed up everything else seemed to be.

I used to manage to hit golf balls every week-end but now my back hurts and going out to hit them feels kind of pointless. Now that I think about it, I realize that friends I used to play with have moved or are dying which I really don't want to think about. What about the Lakers? Oops they're gone too—lost in an early round of the play-offs and their Coach is quitting obviously to be replaced by someone I don't know or care about. What about the Dodgers? The Mc Courts have messed up the team so badly that I find it unpleasant to even think about it. Worse the box-scores in the paper seem to have gotten smaller and harder to read. All I can read are the articles about the probable strikes and lock outs as the wealthy and privileged fight about money that they have and I don't.

All the newspapers and internet stuff seems to be about the decline of America. We seem to be on our way to becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of China and are wasting resources fighting pointless wars that probably will never end. Long-term political marriages are breaking up and the marriages of my friends and neighbors don't seem all that secure or happy. The next generation is struggling with huge debts trying to pay for Schooling that hasn't enabled them to even get jobs that they enjoy. The ones who are successful financially are working so hard that they don't seem to have time to talk to their families. Meanwhile everyone is running and working out and still getting fatter and falling down and kind of suffering. It's hard to know what food to eat and everyone is popping prescription meds that I am pretty certain will lead to long term problems that probably could be avoided if we all had some idea what we were doing.

I guess this is some sort of time of transition. Right after World War II America seemed to find its focus. The McCarthy era, the Cold War, Korea, and Vietnam were polarizing times that seemed to involve everyone. There was a draft and everyone I knew was concerned and pretty aware. Today the wars seem perpetual and pointless and far away. Nobody has to fight if they don't want to but still every day we read about horrors and mass-killings and it seems just like a matter of time until we undergo some attack.

Weather conditions, perhaps connected to global warming and climate change, are creating new "natural disasters" every day. Who ever heard of mile wide tornadoes and there's no Wizard to help us. I read that food shortages and water shortages are on the way. Enough of this! If I wasn't afraid of another dream I would go back to sleep.

All right it's time to say something positive; something hopeful. The thing that helps me is to read a little about history. Times used to be tougher. People died in their thirties and giving birth was horribly dangerous and life-threatening. Cities stunk and there were plagues and disease everywhere. Injustice and cruelty surrounded us. The primary diversions of populations were to attend public hangings and to participate in riots. Instead of diversions there was continual back-breaking work in a non-air-conditioned non-centrally-heated, not well-insulated world.

See all that is needed is a little awareness and a little imagination and a little tolerance for some inevitable frustration. Maybe all I need do is change my golf-swing so my back won't hurt and while I'm doing that perhaps I can try and adjust my mind-swings to notice the positive and view the negative as an opportunity for change. See how easy that was. Now if I can keep my eye on the ball and still watch out for tornadoes I can wake-up from this frightening dream. Maybe it's all make-believe.

## REV James L. Snyder



### High inflation reaches a new low

I am not usually given to protesting much of anything these days. "Live and let live," is the motto I go by and up until now, it has served me rather well and I have no complaints.

I must confess, however, that recently I have been challenged in this area of my life. I have tried to keep my cool and have succeeded to a minimal success. I know one of these days I am going to turn into Popeye where he says, "That's all I can stands, I can't stands n'more?" Then, look out.

I will be the first to say that I certainly do not understand economics. Balancing my checkbook each month, for example, is an act fit for a three-ring circus. I remember I did balance my checkbook once but that was 1978. My policy has been to run my checkbook until it is so completely mixed up I have to close that account and open up a new account. It is easier for me to do it that way. To spend 97 hours each month balancing my checkbook is a waste of time as far as I am concerned. For me, it is that time of the month when I come the closest to swearing.

I try to listen to these money and economy experts explaining the whole economic situation. I just wish they would not speak in Chinese.

Of course, I am not sure I want to listen to all of these financial experts. After all, the Wall Street financial wizards are the ones responsible for the financial mess our nation is in right now. If they are so smart, why did they screw up our national finances so much? I know I am not smart along these lines, but then I did not mess up the national economy.

Politicians do not fare any better. I have often wondered why it is that a politician can raise so much money so quickly while running for office but once in office he does not seem to be able to handle the money. If we could take all the money politicians raise during the campaign cycle and apply it to the national debt we would have two blessed results. One, our national debt would almost be wiped out, and two, no politician would ever be elected. I say, hallelujah, pass the offering plate.

Last week I accompanied my wife to the store to buy groceries. It was there I began understanding the influence of high inflation on my personal pocketbook. We took our groceries to the checkout counter and, as

usual, I was not paying too much attention. The cashier rang up our groceries and then came to the total. I looked at it, looked at my wife, looked back at the total and exclaimed, "Are we feeding the Navy Seals?"

I took my credit card out of my wallet and as I paid the grocery bill I said to my wife, "Oh well, we have to eat."

Another day this past week, I noticed the fuel gauge on my car was pointing towards empty. I took it down to get filled up with gasoline and to my deep chagrin, and believe me, my chagrin does not get any deeper, it was almost \$100 to fill it up. As I returned the nozzle and replaced the cap on my gas tank I sighed and said to myself, "Oh well, I have to drive to get anywhere."

On Mother's Day, I took my wife and another couple to a restaurant to celebrate Mother's Day. When I got the check, I almost expired. How can any restaurant charge that much for food and sleep at night? I put on my best smile and said to myself, "Oh well, it's nice to dine with another couple."

All of this I took in stride, as they say. That is part of living and that is part of a depressed economy. If you think our economy is depressed, come visit me and have a little chat and you will find someone who is really depressed.

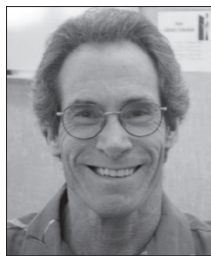
Then this inflation business crossed the forbidden line.

I went up to the bakery department to purchase the obligatory Friday morning Apple Fritter. I think it is important to establish good habits and my Friday morning Apple Fritter is one of those good habits.

I was chatting to the person behind the counter who was getting my Apple Fritter and did not notice the price. I took it up to the checkout counter to pay and noticed it was \$.79. To say I was shocked is putting it mildly I assure you. Seventy-nine cents for my Apple Fritter! For over 10 years, I was paying \$.70. Now, where did this nine cent increase come from? Who is getting this extra nine cents?

Mess with my groceries, mess with my gasoline, but brother, do not mess with my Apple Fritter. The most dangerous zone on planet earth is that area between my Apple

## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### Known liars saying "Trust us" is not proof!

President Obama's bravado announcement to the nation and the world that U.S. military forces had killed Osama bin Laden was both stunning and incredible. After a decade of hunting for the worldwide al Qaeda leader, who the U.S. government claims is the mastermind behind the 9/11 terrorist attacks, we had found him under our noses living quietly next to the Pakistani national military academy.

Case closed, right? Well... not quite.

Since its announcement, the White House has been hard pressed to answer some tough questions about why some details have changed from the original account of the raid that killed bin Laden, and why they have not yet shown photographs of his remains. Despite its claim of proof-positive DNA evidence of his death, many remain skeptical of how and when he died.

We were told that Osama Bin Laden had been killed and that his body was conveniently lying at the bottom of the ocean. The "burial at sea" was described as being in line Islamic tradition; however, sacred Islamic texts say that only those who die at sea, away from land, can be buried at sea. Given the fact that the U.S. government has admittedly lied numerous times to us about the war in Afghanistan (as it has about the war in Iraq), it would seem that a legitimate killing of Osama Bin Laden would require an offering of conclusive proof that the deed was done just as the generals say it was. As more people now question the official story of 9/11, offering the body up for an independent investigation outside the government's clutches would have been an easy way to alleviate any "conspiracy theories" regarding Bin Laden's real fate. With Photoshop and computer-generated special effects, politicians and military men offering pictures which they're still debating whether or not they'll even show (new ones, not the fake one that's already been put out and debunked) and "DNA" evidence (which

could have been taken at any time in the past) without outside verification means nothing. The question isn't so much whether or not Bin Laden is still alive. In all likelihood Bin Laden died years ago, his memory kept alive by a powerful and well tuned government/media propaganda machine using the illusion of his continued existence as a fear generator to keep a 9/11 psych-oped public in line. The real question is whether or not this was a fake "Wag the Dog" diversionary event designed to boost the popularity of an increasingly unpopular president before an election, and/or to bring closure to the "War on Terror" so that the U.S. can move onto the next stage of a larger global empire plan -- like oil-rich Iran! So far the U.S. government hasn't proven anything happened on May 1st other than a building burned down in Pakistan. Right from the moment the story broke the mainstream media took control of the narrative and began bombarding the public with the with official line that everyone believes the boogeyman died that day, and that if you question the lie then you're alone -- and a bit of a nut. To reinforce this view, bloodthirsty Americans have been shown celebrating bin Laden's death as if it's VJ Day (despite the fact that war hasn't ended) while critical analysis has been brushed aside. In reality, those questioning this obvious hoax are not alone. News stories on the net that allow comments are filled with those calling the U.S. government on its lie. This is a time for truth tellers not to retreat but to step forward and shove their collective finger into the U.S. government's face.

Known liars saying "trust us" is not proof. Even if some people remain naive believers in the official reports, many more are beginning to smell a rat. Instead of bringing closure to 9/11 Obama has blown open a new can of worms with his dismissive conclusion to the Bin Laden death story, and the starkly apparent timing of it. If the powers that be think this will put to rest the controversy surrounding 9/11, they have another thing coming. No doubt, if such an announcement had been made in the old Soviet Union, we would have rolled our eyes and said, "YEAH RIGHT!"

## RICH Johnson



### A Simple Explanation of Baseball

Here we are well on our way through the 2011 baseball season. And yet, it has come to my attention there are many, many folks who still don't really understand

America's favorite pastime. There are several subtle nuances of the game this explanation does not cover such as the designated owner rule (currently being defined through the divorce of the owners of the Los Angeles Dodger organization).

I should point out the following explanation is best absorbed by reading out loud in front of at least one other person. So here goes:

"A Simple Explanation of Baseball"

This is a game played by two teams, one out, the other in. The one that's in sends players out one at a time to see if they can get in before they get out. If they get out before they get in, they come in, but it doesn't count. If they get in before they get out, it does count. (with me so far?)

When the ones out get three outs from the

ones in before they get in without being out, the team that's out comes in and the team in goes out to get those going in out before they get in without being out.

When both teams have been in and out nine times, the game is over. The team with the most in without being out before coming in wins unless the ones in are equal. In which case, the last ones in go out to get the ones in out before they get in without being out.

The game will end when each team has the same number of ins out but one team has more in without being out before coming in.

For the last two Tuesday nights, I have strapped on my thinking cap and ventured over to Café 322 for "Trivia Night". Hosted by the wonderful and engaging Deanna Cogan, "Trivia Night" is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal and conspire with up to three other friends to answer 40 trivia questions in four categories. The top three winners win prizes. The entry fee is \$2.00 per person and categories cover history, music, current events, geography, politics, pop culture and more. It's great fun.

Fritter and me. It is here that I draw the line. Some things in life carry with it the sacredness of, "touch thou not." My Apple Fritter is number one on that list.

The Bible says, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV).

There is a time to stand up, speak up and protest loudly.

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## Curbing Bad Behavior: THE SILLY SEASON

by Ron Carter

The 2011/2012 rendition of "The Silly Season" has officially began. This is the period in American life when politics become very rancorous. Tighten your seat belts, because it's going to be a bumpy, mean-spirited and unforgettable ride for the next year and a half.

My late grandmother scolded me by saying "if you don't want to get mud on you, don't go to a crab's dance." As I listen to the incendiary remarks being spewed by some politicians, I wonder how many of them realize or care that they cannot illuminate themselves by speaking ill of their competitors. In other words, they will get dirty if they are working in an oil field (pun intended).

Is this kind of behavior suitable for our children and the rest of us who are listening and watching?

I am amazed how some politicians pontificate (even lie) to specific audiences repeatedly believing that their diatribe will find agreeable listeners. The fact is in this era of "real time media" every remark can be checked instantly for its validity. So politicians attempting to misguide their audience should find the undertaking a difficult and foolish act. In my opinion, the vicious and hypocritical vitriol that is hurled from one politician to the other borders on insanity.

Nevertheless, "The Silly Season" has officially began.





Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund



Herschel Space Observatory Lives Up to the Family Name

ASTRONOMY is about scientific discoveries, and every week our scientists bring us new and richer views of the Universe around us. But astronomy is also about history, and about people. The name “Herschel” provides a good example.

The Herschel Space Observatory has been observing the sky at infra-red wavelengths since shortly after its launch two years ago, on May 14, 2009. But its name has a much longer legacy.

The orbiting observatory is named after Sir William Herschel, a self-taught astronomer who discovered the planet Uranus as well as infra-red light, around two hundred years ago. The Herschel family was an incredibly astronomical one, with William, his sister, Caroline, and his son, John, all playing important roles in the history of astronomy.

Born “Friedrich Wilhelm Herschel” in Germany in 1738, William moved to England at the age of 19, and - after many years spent earning a scanty living as a music teacher and learning astronomy and telescope-making in his spare time - became one of the leading astronomers of his time. He is best known for his discovery of the

planet Uranus. Working from his home in Bath, England, in 1781 (the same year that the British army surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown, ending the Revolutionary War), Herschel found the new planet using a telescope he made himself. He gained favor from King George III by trying to name the new planet “George’s Star,” though the name didn’t stick. The king evidently appreciated the flattery, though, because he appointed William “The King’s Astronomer” in 1782—a position that included a substantial annual income.

No longer needing to support himself with music lessons, Herschel was now able to devote full time to science, and in the year 1800 he also discovered infrared light, which has wavelengths longer than visible light that we can see.

Today, the Herschel Space Observatory is making use of the planet Uranus and observing it in infra-red light. The extensive study of our Sun’s seventh planet means that it is very well understood. Using a combined imaging infra-red spectrometer and imaging photometer (camera), the spacecraft regularly observes Uranus so that astronomers can calibrate other measurements



against this planet’s well-known brightness.

Professor Bruce Swinyard of University College London a member of the observing team, explains: “Uranus was one of the first objects we observed, being imaged shortly after the lid over the instruments was opened. One of the reasons Uranus is particularly useful is that its

spectrum is very smooth and well understood at our wavelengths, making it an ideal standard to compare other measurements to.”

The story doesn’t end with William. His sister, Caroline Herschel, worked closely with him for many years, becoming one of the first female astronomers. She made many discoveries of her own - especially of a number of comets that bear her name. And comets, it turns out, are also a major target for the Herschel Space Observatory.

A case in point: In 2009, as NASA’s Deep Impact spacecraft was flying past Comet Hartley 2, the newly launched Herschel orbiter observed this comet in far-infra-red wavelengths. Measuring the chemical properties of the water ice which makes up much of the comet, the Herschel team found it to be very similar to that of Earth’s oceans. This supports the theory that much of the water in the Earth’s oceans was delivered by comet impacts billions of years ago in the violent, early stages of our Solar System’s history.

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Ask jai.....

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

**What are the right steps to take when I see a position posted on the internet that I would really like to do but I do not meet all the requirements? I Want That Job**

Dear, I Want That Job

Ask yourself if this a great position that I would like to do or is this a great position that I really can do. “Can do” are the operative words. Many job seekers make emotional decisions when seeking employment rather than logical decisions as to which positions they really do have the skill sets, education or experience when submitting their resume or application. Employers base their candidate selections on logic. Their logic is to find and hire a person who meets all of their requirements and qualifications. I advise you to review the job description line by line and check off every line that you actually have the experience, skills and education that match the job description. If you check off over 80% of the line items then I would say that you might have a good chance of being contacted by the employer for an interview. But keep in mind the employer is really looking for a 100% match. However, nothing is impossible or set in concrete. Let’s say you only checked off 50% or less of the job description line items and you still want to apply for the position, then go for it! These are some steps that you could take if you really feel passionate about pursuing a position that you do not meet the employers’ entire requirements. (1) Write a dynamite cover letter that will highlight your skills and experience that you feel will add value to their organization. (2) Telephone the organization and ask to speak to the hiring manager for that position or the Human Resource Department. Be prepared to be really aggressive in telling them why you feel that you are the right fit for the position. (3) Expand your network of contacts and find someone who works for the organization and ask them for a referral. It takes a considerable amount of time to find employment that will match with your interest, experience, skills and education. I highly recommend that you spend your job searching time effectively seeking and applying for positions that you meet all of the employer’s requirements and qualifications.

What are the best ways to prepare for an interview? Marsha

Dear, Marsha

Employers only contact people who they feel are they right match for their position. Anyone who gets scheduled for interview is already approximately 50% in the door. However, this is where a lot of job seekers blow it. Prepare for an interview by getting to “know thy self”. Review your resume and develop talking points that relate to your accomplishments and work experience. Work on your listening skills so that you answer only the questions that the interviewer is asking. Research, research, research. Find out all about the company, the product or services they provide. Relax, focus and be very positive.

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

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.

Canyon Canine Dog  
Walking & Pet Sitting Services



Dog’s Day Get-Away

I used to love traveling. Venturing into new areas unknown to me and lesser traveled by other humans, renews the spirit and clears the mind. Back in the day, a leisurely day outing to an off-the-beaten-trail location was a given for how I would spend my weekends. In more recent years, I find myself less apt to venture, not due to a lack of wander lust, but because I don’t relish the thought of leaving my beloved bloodhound behind for any period of time while I am away. Until recently, I have always assumed that Tatertotts would not be allowed at most of the places where I wished to go.

The fact is, the historically typical “no-dogs allowed” mentality is changing for many tourist spots in Southern California, including main-stream hotels, RV parks, restaurants and campgrounds. Many getaways even advertise their pet-tolerant policies, making it easy to find places where we humans can relax and enjoy a day away, without the stress of leaving our pets alone.

It may seem like a conflict of interest for me to write about dog-friendly vacation destinations, considering the fact that my business, “Canyon Canine” prides itself in providing excellent dog walking and pet sitting services. However, to me the most important thing is for my clients to have healthy, happy pets and spending quality time in a relaxing environment plays a major part in a well-rounded pet-parenting process.

I admit my dog clients seem very happy with my company & care while their owners are away, but there is a time and place for everything, and sometimes I think it is best to let “Toto” tag along, particularly when traveling to a dog-friendly destination. In a book by Maria Goodavage, entitled “The Dog Lover’s Companion to California - The inside Scoop on Where to Take Your Dog”, the author shares a wealth of knowledge on where to go where the family pet is welcome. You would be surprised how many merchants, camp hosts, hotel owners and restaurateurs also happen to be avid dog lovers! In her book, Goodavage includes lots of doggie hot spots throughout California, but my list is focused on a few quick getaways for weekend fun in Southern California, where you and your dog are equally welcome. If you happen to visit any of these places, do write in tell us about it! A word-of-mouth review from someone who has actually been there, comes as more valuable to me than just reading about it in a book.

Agoura Hills - Paramount Ranch, 2903 Cornell Road (818-597-9192) is where the Renaissance Faire was held for many years, back in the day! Other events hosted here include The Annual Topanga Banjo & Fiddle contest held in May of each year, but it also happens to be a great place in the country, for you and your dog to escape the fast-pace activities in the city for the day. Historic western movie sets provide a primitive back-drop for hiking with your dog under huge oak canopies that shade the trails surrounding the 436-acre ranch.

Claremont - With 2 dog parks and a huge wilderness park where leashed dogs can roam, this community is a dog-lover’s paradise. Walter’s Restaurant, 308 Yale Ave. (909-624-4914) is a Claremont landmark, serving luscious lip-licking French fusion cuisine since 1957. Porch seating provides intimate dining and a comfortable setting for both you & your four-legged friends. The Danson-Espiau’s, 109 Yale Ave. (909-621-1818) is a sidewalk café that offers delicious American-Mexican selections with lots of outdoor tables where both you & your canine companion can relax and enjoy. Ramada Inn & Tennis Club, 840 So. Indian Hill Blvd. (909-621-4831) is so dog-friendly they even host dog shows! The 31,000 s.f. grassy courtyard is ideal for leashed-dog roaming, and your fluffy 4-legged friends can sleep next to you in a luxuriously lavished room. No back door sneaking-in required!

Long Beach - Dog Zone at the Beach located along Ocean Blvd., between Roycroft and Argonne, was established in 2003 to allow dog owners and their pets to run on the beach and dive in the surf, side by side. Dogs are allowed to roam freely, off-leash on the beach, which is what makes this day-trip destination unique and inviting! Poop scoops and some bags are provided in dispensers, but owners are encouraged to bring their own bags. Metered parking available.

Pomona - Sheraton Suites Fairplex, 600 W. McKinley Ave. (909-622-2220). “The bigger the dog, the better” is the attitude you will be met with at this fine, feline and canine friendly establishment! Does it get any better than that? Not to mention it is the perfect resting spot for you and “Fido” if you plan to spend time at the adjacent Fairplex Exhibition Center.

Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area, 401 W. Hillcrest Dr. (805-370-2301). Nature is only a stick’s-throw away from the crowded freeways and urban sprawl, if this is your dog-day-out destination! The National Park regions of this gorgeous, mountain forest recreational area cordially invites leashed dogs for miles of nature trail hiking. Just be sure to watch for signs at State Park boundaries where four-legged friends are not allowed to trek.

All the best to you and your beloved canine companions, as you plan your summer vacation weekend getaways...Bon Voyage! Let the good times roll, and keep kibble-to-go in the bowl!

On Line

By PJ Carpenter



HIDING THE TRUTH

It’s long been a rule of sorts in public relations that it is not the crime that gets you so much as it is the cover-up and no matter how many times we see this particular dynamic played out in politics and pop culture, the one thing we can be sure of is that we will continue to see it happen again and again. Without getting into too much detail about certain events surrounding a certain public personality, when the cover-ups are finally made public, and they really do have an annoying way of becoming public knowledge, although there may be plenty of surprise at the first revelations but further study over time often reveals very little that can truly be called surprising. The thing that most often turns out to be surprising is the almost irrational insistence on the part of human actors that somehow they will escape the consequences that typically happen to others in similar situations. When we shift our focus from the worlds of pop culture and politics and into the technical sphere we find the exact same dynamic of goof-up and cover-up as we do elsewhere in public life.

Hardly a few months go by in the tech world before we find out the details of the latest breakdown that someone decided to try and sweep under the rug before it emerged for the entire world to see. Most recently the Sony Corporation had its PlayStation network hacked and the financial information of millions of customers was stolen. The breach caused the network to be offline for nearly a month and the PSN has yet to fully recover as of this writing. It remains to be seen if Sony could’ve done anything to prevent the initial intrusion as sometimes even the best defense is practically none at all against an attack of sufficient sophistication. At this point Sony appears to be an innocent victim of a malicious, unprovoked attack. The trouble came when Sony tried to keep the extent of the breach from their customers while they worked to repair the damage. Their efforts to keep the very worst details of the breach from getting out almost seemed to work against them as their worst fears were eventually realized; this was turning out to be a public relations nightmare of the worst kind.

The only thing that might keep the company’s online division from complete ruin is the sheer size and reputation of the company name. It may be precisely the size and reputation of Sony that led its executives to believe that could keep things under wraps in the first place. Sometimes individuals or companies believe that the can control events surrounding them in ways that “mere mortals” simply can’t and this often puts them in a position of having to cover up things in the first place. Once again it seems the more things change, the more they stay the same.

KATIE Tse .....This and That



BY ANY OTHER NAME

As you might’ve guessed from the weekly photo of my grinning white face, I was not born a Tse. Maybe I’m old-fashioned for not keeping my Welsh maiden name or combining it with my new Chinese name by hyphenation. A recent Yahoo article stated that some women keep their maiden name for professional reasons. Since I don’t have a “following,” that never applied. The article also reported that women who take their husband’s name are perceived as being more caring and emotional

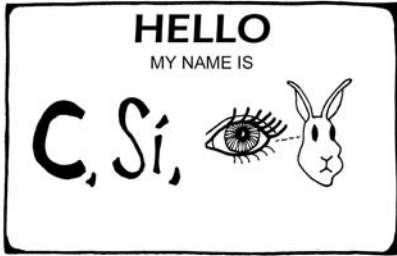
(Aww!), while women who keep their maiden appear smarter and more ambitious. I figure keeping my maiden name wouldn’t have helped me fool people into thinking that very long anyway. Taking my husband’s name doesn’t make me any less proud of my maiden name, but there are a couple small downfalls to being a Tse – the endless mispronunciations and puns.

I really can’t blame anyone for coming up with creative pronunciations of Tse; I did the same thing. “So, you’re last name is ‘Ts-zay?’” I recall asking my then-date now-husband. He laughed, “You just butchered my name!” I’m nice, though, and don’t use that same criticism for the frequent name-icides I encounter. Maybe it’s because I didn’t grow up with it, but I completely sympathize when others hesitantly venture their best guess at this unfamiliar grouping of letters.

A couple coworkers asked me how to say my married name following my wedding. “C.” “Si?” “Si, ‘Sea.” “Oh, I See.” Like most workplaces, we usually stick to first names, and more than one of them have forgotten it and called me Mrs. Say or Shay. Then there’s always an occasional client who’ll ask what ‘C’ stand for, possibly assuming I married a guy with a name like Charalambou.

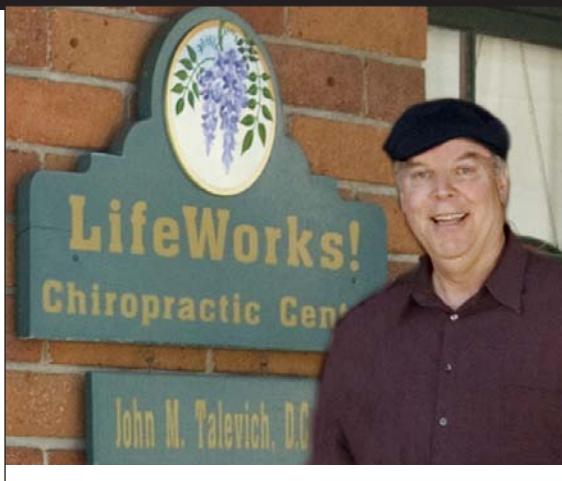
As I said, the mispronunciations are not as bad as the puns. I now understand how my mom’s friend felt when marrying “the Wright man,” Chuck Wright. Preparing to walk me down the aisle, my dad got a lot of mileage out of being “The Old Man and the Sea.” When the guests were seated, there was the Hopkins side and the Seaside. My parents also suggested I open a candy shop selling chocolates. They pointed out that if we had a daughter we could name her Cecilia, and then she could be Cici Tse. If we had five kids our family could be the Seven Seas. Yes, many names become something unintended when hitched to Tse. I always liked the name Grace, but then thought of the confusion it could create at school. “Please tell me your name.” “Grace Tse.” “Okay, what’s your last name, Gracie?” Esther was a favorite, too, until, following oral surgery; my dentist recommended that I take the vitamin supplement, Ester-C. It seems nothing is safe.

Despite the butchering and puns, I like my new last name. Answering the phone as Katie Tse and scrawling my new signature took some getting used to. But now I appreciate the fewer letters and syllables. Just think of all the breath and ink I’m saving! I might be behind the times, but I like the idea of married people sharing the same last name. Now if my husband was a Lipschitz or Butkis, it might be a different story. (My sincerest apologies to any Lipschitzs or Butkis!)





## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:  
THE GIFT OF PAIN

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

The best thing about pain is when it goes away. There is that blessed amnesia wherein if you're not in pain, it's hard to remember what it felt like when you were! Most of us think of pain as something that is rather black and white, we are either in it or out of it. What about the actual process that takes place when pain arises? How do we go about the experience of being in pain?

In my thirty-plus years of practice, I have witnessed a common thread in the experience of pain and disease: ownership. A patient is most likely to say, "My arthritis is acting up today, or my headaches are really severe lately." While this seems innocuous, it suggests something entirely different. By taking pain personally, we can be missing out on an opportunity to reshape the ex-

perience to our benefit. What if we realized that pain is not something that is happening to us, but is something that is occurring within us as a natural process? Could we then encompass the pain, rather than have it envelope us?

You may know someone who knows how to be sick. The one who can surrender to the discomfort, be still and go deep. The one who may even eschew the use of pain medicine and diversions like television. When asked how it's done, the answer may simply be, "I open myself to the discomfort. I move into and breathe and relax." This may be the easiest way to get better, the best way out by going through. It can also be that extending care and compassion to oneself is greatly powerful, much as a parent toward the child.

Why not just take a handful of painkillers, flip on the television or computer and ride it out? Fact it, most of us do just that, and for some there is no escaping discomfort. We may relate to each other when we think of that miserable cold or horrendous flu, and it is at times like these that an opportunity to experience our lives in a different way presents itself. An opportunity to witness a deeper, more vulnerable level of being that is always there, but largely avoided. It is in this space that we visit the fears, self-pity and underlying grief that are common to all. When we pass through the dark night and back into the light of well-being, we experience a deep sense of gratitude and renewal. Such is the gift of pain.

Have a wonderful week ~  
Dr. John

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## Senior Powerlifters Inspire!

Harry and Sarah Sneider hosted the 19th Annual Pasadena Senior Games Powerlifting Championship in Arcadia. Twenty enthusiastic seniors ages 50 to 82 lifted more than barbells off their chests! Many have struggled with health issues like Louise Jones who overcame breast cancer. She lifted 125 lbs at age 67. She credited weight lifting plus cardio exercise for helping her recover from this very debilitating disease. She made the comment to an audience of about 90 people that weightlifting combined with good nutrition plus as strong spiritual life gave her victory over cancer. Louise is now a national champion in powerlifting. She will also represent Pasadena in the National Senior Games in Houston in basketball this summer.

Other inspiring performances were two 82 year old women, Ruth Saenz and Louise Martin who battled for the gold medal and have come through life's challenges in a positive way by

working out and attempting new exciting experiences in their lives. As Ruth said, "One of her goals on her bucket list is to win the gold medal in this lifetime, which she did with a magnificent 70 lb lift!"

Westside Barbell Club legend Joel DiMarco lifted a world record 255 lbs at age 81. Joel in his youth lifted mighty big poundage's with world champion powerlifters and bodybuilders in Santa Monica. The most weight lifted was by Andrew Harvey who grew up in South Pasadena. He put up 435 lbs.

Anyone that's interested in the Senior Games which will continue thru June 12 can contact Cynthia Rosedale at CynthiaR@pasadenaseniorgames.org. The Sneiders are professional fitness trainers and coaches who have been working in their Arcadia fitness studio since 1977. Contact them at 626-355-8964 or harrysneider@earthlink.net.

MEDITATION FOR RELAXATION,  
CLEAR MIND AND KIND HEART

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Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Dunsmore Park  
(first building to the left as you pull into the parking lot)  
4700 Dunsmore Ave.  
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Sundays morning 10:15-11:15 am  
8 weeks: May 1 - 22, June 5 - 26 (No class

on May 29th)  
Brand Park: Whispering Pine Teahouse  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Glendale, CA 91201  
(upper parking lot in Brand Park)

Monday Evenings 7-8 pm  
8 Weeks: May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13, 20, 27 (No class on May 30th)

Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church  
301 N. Orange Grove Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91103

## "A New Lease On Life"



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to Sunday worship! Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches at both the 9:15 traditional service and "The Gathering" at 11:15 am using John 14:1-14 as his text.

San Marino Community Church offers two ongoing grief groups. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the church library and every Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the church lounge. Led by trained Stephen Ministers, participants can experience the empathy and encouragement of those who are traveling a similar path. Contact (626) 282-4181 x 20 or [KBerns@smccpbby.com](mailto:KBerns@smccpbby.com)

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services  
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10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation  
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## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## Activities:

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

## Monday:

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
- 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

## Tuesday:

- 2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
- 5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

## Wednesday:

- 11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- Free Income Tax assistance - 1 pm to 2 pm. For an appointment, please call 355-7394
- 2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
- Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

## Thursday:

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.
- 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-52

## Friday: City Hall Closed on April 8th &amp; 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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH — The Rose Story Farm. Join us as we take a deluxe coach bus to Carpenteria to see this beautiful 15 acre rose farm and see over 18,000 rose plants including 150 varieties of roses.

Cost per person is \$46 - which includes transportation, driver's tip, and a catered lunch in the garden. This is a walking tour so you are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and to wear a shade hat. This excursion will leave & return from the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. (Memorial Park) 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

To register for the excursion, please visit the Senior Center or go online to: [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration)

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## Sponsor Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month for your chance to win these special prizes.

## Recipe of the Week:

## Lemon Tea Bread

## INGREDIENTS:

Ingredients  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup milk  
2 tablespoons lemon rind, divided  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon granulated sugar

## DIRECTIONS:

Beat softened butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add 1 cup granulated sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

Stir together flour, baking powder, and salt; add to butter mixture alternately with milk, beating at low speed just until blended, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Stir in 1 tablespoon lemon rind. Spoon batter into greased and floured 8- x 4-inch loafpan.

Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center of bread comes out clean. Let cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove bread from pan, and cool completely on a wire rack.

Stir together powdered sugar and lemon juice until smooth; spoon evenly over top of bread, letting excess drip down sides. Stir together remaining 1 tablespoon lemon rind and 1 tablespoon granulated sugar; sprinkle on top of bread.

## May Birthdays



Juanita Loera, JoAnn Serrato-Chi, Barbara Soulanille, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Dorothy Murphy, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck, Jayne Thomas,



## 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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## One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them.* Sprawling Traditional Ranch Home in Santa Anita Oaks

Story By Chris Bertrand Photos by John Muir



Set in the upscale Santa Anita Oaks neighborhood of north Arcadia, this pristine, expansive home with a detached guest or pool house just came on the market.

Traditional charm flows from the first view from the curb, where a wide brick walkway curves through the lush lawn up to the front door. The double door entry opens to a soothing, sophisticated color palette of soft greens throughout the four bedroom, four bath main home. The extensive use of hardwood flooring provides a unifying design element throughout.

Extensively updated, the single level home offers privacy and easy separation of activities. The two main living spaces include spacious formal and casual living spaces, both featuring fireplaces, and both opening to a 442 square foot, screened lanai. The tiled and roofed lanai can hold large events or be the perfect venue for just two to "chill" with a cool beverage after a long day at work.

A separate bedroom wing with three bedrooms and two baths, is located off the foyer. The beautiful master suite, featuring three closets, a wall of built-ins and lovely views of the yard and pool, is located at the end of the hall for additional privacy.

The fourth bedroom is located at the back of the

home, separated from the rest of the traffic flow of the floorplan. Perfect for au pair, in-law or home office use, it offers an outside entrance close to the garage. Adjacent to the garage, the 200 square foot, pool or guest house, with ¾ bath, provides space for guests or pool parties.

Those guests will be first to enjoy the heady perfumes of the gorgeous rose garden set behind the pool. So often these days, rose gardens are all show, no fragrance, so this one is a particular delight. Past the pool house, don't miss the hexagonal potting and the nearly hidden, children's play structure and yard, ready for the children or grandchildren.

The stunning kitchen and casual dining area is destined to be the hub of the home, with a generous preparation area including a Wolf gas stove and exhaust to delight the connoisseur in the family. The soft green color palette is continued into this cheerful and bright area, including the fabulous green stone counters, complemented by the two tone cabinetry. An enormous wall for display and storage runs the length of the casual dining room, providing more storage than nearly anyone could need.

If expanded kitchen prep is needed, a service room with a second sink is located just beyond the kitchen, with the laundry room and the separate, fourth bedroom suite facing the back yard beyond that.

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rated, Arcadia schools. The 3100 square foot home was just listed at \$1,768,000. For more information, contact Fred Ashkar, Associate Broker of Re Max

Premier Properties, Arcadia, at 818-681-4975 or visit his website at [www.FredAshkar.com](http://www.FredAshkar.com). Ashkar will be holding the home open from 1-5 on Sunday.

## CENTURY 21 VILLAGE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS IN SIERRA MADRE

Andy Bencosme, Managing Broker of CENTURY 21 Village in Sierra Madre recently announced that this month marks the twenty fifth year that his office has been serving Sierra Madre and surrounding communities. Another CENTURY 21 company owned the business for the first six years and then it was purchased by Michael and Marge Ludecke in 1986.

The name changed to CENTURY 21 Village Realty and began its first business day with six agents in about 750 square feet. Over the years as the company prospered, more space was acquired in Renaissance Plaza and more agents were hired. Today C21 Village occupies over 2500 square feet and employs over thirty sales associates.

To celebrate the event, Bencosme hosted a Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce mixer complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Many dignitaries

from the County, State and City government as well as the Chamber Board of Directors and local business owners were in attendance. Village provided all the beverages, and the delicious food was provided by Café 322 located here in Sierra Madre.

Bencosme is very proud of the Sierra Madre company and that the office has received many prestigious awards for quality service and has been voted "Best of the Best" real estate office several years by readers of the local newspaper. He said that he is looking forward to serving the community for the next twenty-five years.

All of the friendly CENTURY 21 Village agents can be reached at 38 West Sierra Madre Blvd. or by telephone 626.355.1451 or on the internet at [www.c21village.com](http://www.c21village.com)



Sierra Madre Mayor Pro Tem Josh Moran, Managing Broker Andy Bencosme and Owner Michael Ludecke do the ceremonial ribbon cutting to mark the 25th Anniversary of CENTURY 21 Village Realty



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

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Now you'll apply for financing, order an appraisal and inspections, and possibly renegotiate after those reports are complete. You'll need to secure homeowners insurance and complete the loan process. You'll want to have cash ready for your downpayment and closing costs, and do a final "walk through" just before closing.

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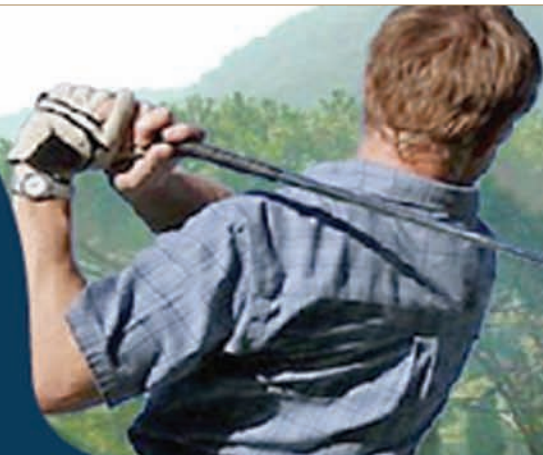
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