

Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Tues:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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.

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/onlineregistration.

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.

NEW SUMMER RECREATION CLASSES Registration Now Open

The Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department is excited to announce that four new classes have been added to their Summer Recreation Program: Water Aerobics, Zumba, Kidz Love Soccer and a special Teen Acting for Theater. These four new programs join the department's already active youth & adult summer schedule that includes: Swim Lessons, Ballet & Tap, Gymnastics, Tennis (adult & youth), Yoga, Swim Team, Karate (adult & youth), Social Dance and Adult Softball.

Registration is now open via the City's online registration at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration Prices and length of sessions vary. To learn more about all the summer activities, please visit the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and click on Wistaria Vine Summer 2011 newsletter or call (626) 355-5278 ext. 227.

It is the goal of the Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department to provide quality programs and services to the Foothill Communities. Join us!

What's Your Vision?

General Plan Update Survey

The General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) and the City of Sierra Madre are not conducting a telephone survey. The official survey conducted by the GPSC is available on-line on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com – and click on "General Plan Update Survey." The General Plan survey form is also available at Sierra Madre City Hall and at the Library.

The General Plan survey is intended seek the community's input on the future of Sierra Madre as it relates to updating the Sierra Madre General Plan.

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/onlineregistration 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

FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE SERIES

The 2011 Friday movies series is beginning on Friday, May 6, 2011. Movies are shown free to the public every other Friday beginning on May 6, 2011 and running through June 3, 2011. Movies are shown in Kersting Court, at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Baldwin Ave. The movie line-up is: May 6 – Toy Story 3, May 20 – Despicable Me, and June 3 – How to Train your Dragon. For more information call 626-355-5278.

SIERRA MADRE ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL

Grab your friends and neighbors and sign a team up for our Summer Adult Softball League! Games will be played on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Don't have a team? No worries! Sign yourself up as a free agent and we'll place you on a team. All players must be over 18 to play. The Sierra Madre Adult Co-ed Softball League is divided into an "A" league geared towards the competitive participant, and a "B" league for recreational competition. Due to the limited field space, registration is limited. Be sure to sign up early and don't miss out on the 2011 season! Please note that team sign-ups may have a free agent added to the roster.

Season:
Late June through August

Cost:
\$320 per team or
\$32 per player

Registration: Must be done in person at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Games Site:
Heasley Field

Deadline:
Teams and players must register by Monday, June 6, 2011.

For more information contact 626-355-5278

SUMMER READING CLUBS AND EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

"One World, Many Stories," is the theme for Sierra Madre Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Club for Children. The program begins Monday, June 20, and runs through Saturday, August 13. Children of all ages are invited to go online or stop by the Children's Room any time on or after June 20 to register for this free, eight-week activity. Each registrant will receive a reading log, bookmark, and a theme-related book bag. Age-appropriate books, read at home, are recorded on the log, or online, and a prize awarded after the weekly reading requirement is completed.

Children may enter one of three reading divisions: "Discoverer," for our very youngest patrons, who are not yet able to read on their own; "Adventurer," for school-age readers in Grades 1-6, and Challenger, for children in Grades 2-6. Challenger is the most demanding division, in which 35 hours of reading must be completed in eight weeks.

"You Are Here" is the theme for the Summer Reading Club for Teens, Grades 7 and up. Participants read eight books in eight weeks and earn prizes for every two books read.

Two family-friendly Summer Reading Club events are scheduled in July and August at the Library. "Cookie Einstein: The Cockapoo Math Whiz" will appear at on Monday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. This former shelter dog will amaze young and old alike as she barks out the answers to math questions from the audience. "The Wonderful World of Stories and Songs," a fun, interactive show with puppets, music and storytelling, will take place on Monday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian, at 355-4672. The Summer Reading Clubs and activities are funded by The Friends of the Library, The Sierra Madre Firefighters Assn., and Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. The California Summer Reading Program is a project of the California Library Association, supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, a federal grant program administered in California by the State Librarian.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Sierra Madre Public Library's popular Adult Summer Reading Program is now in its fifth year. This year's theme is "Novel Destinations," which will showcase fiction and nonfiction books on Travel and World Culture. There are many ways to "see" the world through print and audio books, so you can indulge in the genre of your choice and "travel" anywhere that strikes your fancy. Books in print, on CD, Playaway, or read via e-reader all qualify—so take your pick of media and read, read, read! The program is open to anyone 18 years and older, and will run eight weeks, Monday, June 20 - Saturday August 13. Sign up early and read widely to take best advantage of the weekly prize drawings, which have been generously donated by local merchants. Participants may win one weekly prize during the course of the program. Once again a Grand Prize Drawing for a Kindle will take place at the program's conclusion.

Registration is free and may be done in person at the Library or online any time on or after June 20. To register online, visit the Library's website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us, and click on the Summer Reading Program button. For more information call Polly Bonnett at 626-355-7186 x 105. The Adult Summer Reading Program is funded by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.



Join the 4th of July Committee and the Spero Foundation for the first ever 4th of July Firecracker Fun Run. This 5K event is open to runners of all ages and follows the 4th of July Parade route. Participants will begin in Kersting Court and run east on Sierra Madre Boulevard down to Sierra Vista Park, turn around and run west back

up Sierra Madre Boulevard to Sunnyside Avenue. Participants will turn around again at Sunnyside and travel the parade route on Sierra Madre Boulevard back to Kersting Court. Check-in begins at 6 am and the race at 7 am on Monday, July 4th in Kersting Court. Come get your feet moving and be part of what promises to be another amazing Sierra

Madre tradition! Register on-site, at the Community Recreation Center or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration. Do so by June 20th to guarantee your t-shirt!

For more information call the Community & Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

Mark Your Calendars! Sierra Madre 4th of July Weekend Festivities

Saturday, July 2nd

All-new: SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY PICNIC AT SIERRA VISTA PARK
3 PM – DUSK

Bring your picnic basket and join us for an afternoon of games, food, and community. We will have games in the park, a Home Run Derby and softball games at Heasley field, and the pool will be open! There will also be ice cream and snacks for sale throughout the afternoon. AND don't miss the Beer AND WINE Garden at Sierra Vista Park in the Community Recreation Center Patio! What a way to kick off what promises to be an exciting and fun-filled weekend!



SUNDAY, JULY 3RD
BEER GARDEN AND CONCERT IN THE PARK AT
MEMORIAL PARK 5 PM – 10 PM

Tradition continues as the Beer Garden makes it annual appearance, benefiting the Sierra Madre Little League and the Volunteer 4th of July Committee! Mercy and the Merkettes will be performing and promise to keep all of us moving and grooving to hits from today and yesterday. And the evening would not be complete without Sierra Madre's own version of fireworks: Bubble Wrap Fireworks at Dusk!

MONDAY, JULY 4TH:
ALL-NEW: SIERRA MADRE'S FIRECRACKER FAMILY

FUN RUN

This 5k race starts at 7 am and follows the parade route. Check-in begins at 6 am at Kersting Court. Come get your feet moving and be part of what promises to be another amazing Sierra Madre tradition! Register on-site, at the Community Recreation Center or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration. Do so by June 20th to guarantee your t-shirt!

SIERRA MADRE'S WORLD FAMOUS 4TH OF JULY PARADE, 10 AM

LET'S LINE THE STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL PARADE THAT IS TRUE AMERICANA AT ITS FINEST. THIS YEAR, WE HONOR GAYLE BLUEMEL AS OUR 2011 4TH OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LIFE-LONG DEDICATION TO OUR SIERRA MADRE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HONOR SIERRA MADRE RESIDENT JOHN SHEAR WITH OUR HOMETOWN HERO AWARD FOR HIS SPONTANEOUS ACT OF SELFLESS HEROISM IN JUMPING IN FRONT OF A CHARGING HORSE TO SAVE A YOUNG GIRL'S LIFE. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE, REGISTER AT WWW.CITYOFSIERRAMADRE.COM/ONLINEREGISTRATION.

MEMORIAL PARK FESTIVITIES, 12NOON

And join us after the parade at High Noon in Memorial Park for games, face painting, balloons, food, and music by the Nightbloomin' Jazzmen. The Beer Garden will also be open!

Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre Presents:

ANIMAZONIA WILDLIFE RESCUE

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a fascinating program about exotic animal rescue at their meeting on Tuesday, June 7. A speaker from the Animazonia Wildlife Foundation will talk about their efforts to provide homes for rescued exotic animals.

Animazonia Wildlife Foundation is an all-volunteer sanctuary dedicated to providing a permanent home and nurturing care for rescued exotic animals, primarily big cats. They strive to deepen public awareness of the plight of exotic animals who experience abuse or senseless breeding in captivity or extinction in the wild.

The meeting is at 12 noon at the Sierra Madre Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, and visitors are always welcome.

Lunch will be served; the cost for lunch is \$11. Reservations are required - please call 355-3656.

Special Accommodations For The Hearing Impaired:

For visitors who have difficulty hearing the PA system should bring a small radio with earphones, and listen to the PA sound by tuning to 104.7 on the FM dial.

SIERRA MADRE

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SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY LAUNCHES CHILDREN'S ROOM RENOVATION CAMPAIGN

Rotary Club Donates \$20,000 To Jump Start Fundraising



Sierra Madre Families are invited to the Children's Library Family Pizza Party Fundraiser at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., on Saturday, June 25 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The event will help raise money for the remodel of the Children's Room. The afternoon event will feature pizza, a silent auction, storytelling, games, craft project, face painting, a "co-author a book" table, and more fun for the whole family. Please RSVP 626-355-4672.

It has been nearly 20 years since the Children's room was updated and in that time the needs of families has markedly changed. The Children's room will be upgraded to make the most of new child-centered services and improve the use of space in the room. Plans include creating a preschool zone and a study/reading area for students, and devoting more space to computers and technology, making the room more usable for children from birth through sixth grade.

Currently, a large corner of the Children's Room is rendered unusable by an emergency exit that will be relocated, regaining valuable space. Replacing four old windows with higher, more environmentally efficient ones will save money on utilities, keep the room more comfortable for everyone and create space for new bookcases that can hold substantially more picture and board books.

Construction is expected to start this summer and a ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively set for this coming November.

City of Sierra Madre		PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE			
To:	Citywide				
From:	The City of Sierra Madre				
Subject:	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING				
<p>The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on June 14, 2011, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the adoption of the City of Sierra Madre, City Redevelopment Agency and City of Sierra Madre Public Financing Authority FY 2011-2013 Biennial Budget.</p> <p>The City is proposing the biennial budget to be effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 upon approval by the City Council with the following resolutions for consideration: RESOLUTION NO. 11-43: CRA RESOLUTION NO. 442; and PFA RESOLUTION NO. 66: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADOPTING THE BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013 AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS BUDGETED. RESOLUTION NO. 11-44: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE SETTING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AT \$ 8,151,128 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII-B OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION NO. 11-45: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2013. RESOLUTION NO. 11-46: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. RESOLUTION NO. 11-49: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADOPTING SALARY MATRICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE SIERRA MADRE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE GROUPS (CONFIDENTIAL-EXEMPT AND MANAGEMENT) AND PART-TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES</p> <p>The draft copy of the City's budget document is available at City Hall, the Sierra Madre Library, and the City's website (www.cityofsierramadre.com) for the public to review. If you have any questions about this matter please contact Administrative Services Director Karin Schnaider at 626.355.7135.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>DATE AND TIME OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2011 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)</td> <td>PLACE OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024</td> </tr> </table> <p>All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.</p> <p>For further information on this subject, please contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 355-7135.</p> <p>By Order of the City Council Karin Schnaider, Administrative Services Director</p>				DATE AND TIME OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2011 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)	PLACE OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024
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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 22nd, to Saturday May 28th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 352 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, May 22nd:

11:23 AM- Possession of Controlled Substance, Mountain Trail Ave and Orange Grove Ave. An officer stopped a 35-year old Sierra Madre motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver was in possession of a glass smoking pipe with methamphetamine residue. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking due to his active parole.
11:20 PM- Petty Theft, 300 blk. Ramona Ave. This case involves an evicted tenant stealing the victim's household items. The total loss is valued at \$348.

Monday, May 23rd:

3:46 AM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, 100 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer found a man and a drunk woman asleep in a car. Officers arrested the woman and drove her to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking. The man was released at the scene.

Thursday, May 26th:

2:01 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. 400 blk. N. Michillinda Ave. This case involved the suspect using the victim's personal information to file a fraudulent tax return.

Friday, May 27th:

8:56PM- Tampering/Injuring Vehicle or Contents, 100 blk. N. Lima Ave. This incident involved a suspect cutting a 3" gash between the rear window and the soft top of a convertible car. The damage is estimated to be \$600.
11:21 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Ramona Ave and Michillinda Ave. An officer stopped a 42-year old Sierra Madre motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

Saturday, May 27th:

11:34 AM- Battery Against Current/Ex Spouse/Cohab-NonCohab, 100 blk. N. Hermosa Ave. The victim and suspect got in an argument that turned into a fight. Officers arrested the suspect, who was the dominant aggressor and transported her to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.
2:57 PM- Petty Theft, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. A Monrovia resident left his car unlocked in the Heasley Field parking lot. On Saturday between 1:15 PM- 2:55 PM, the suspect stole the victim's brown leather wallet containing three credit cards and \$30.00 U.S. currency. The total loss was valued at \$50.00.
2:57 PM- Petty Theft, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. A Sierra Madre resident left her car unlocked in the Sierra Madre Heasley Field Parking Lot. On Saturday between 1:30 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. the suspect entered the car and stole the victim's wallet, which included \$10.00 and credit cards. The total loss is valued at \$110.00.
3:11PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. 200 blk. Sturtevant Dr. The victim received notification from Barclay Bank that unauthorized charges were made to his account without permission. The loss was \$1103.57.

RESCUE LOG Sierra Madre Search and Rescue

During the past month Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to nine calls for assistance.

Search for homicide suspect, local mountains: The Team assisted the L.A. Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement agencies in the search for a homicide suspect in the local mountains. SMSR's Station 108 served as the command post for the multi-day operation. SMSR members were deployed to aid with field searches and containment posts, and SMSR assisted in planning using its new GIS mapping software. The subject was found deceased near Chantry Flat.

Multi-incident callout, Chantry Flat: Sometimes, when it rains it pours. The Team responded to a report of a trauma patient in the Hermit Falls area near Chantry Flat. A "bash crew" -- a rapid, first-response element of SMSR team members -- reached the site within minutes, and the patient was extracted by the L.A. Sheriff's Department's Air Rescue 5 helicopter. While making their way back to the trailhead Team members and U.S. Forest Service first responders were able to assist two other parties with minor injuries, delivering them safely to L.A. County Fire Department paramedics in the Chantry Flat parking lot. While these two patients were still being treated, a lone hiker informed SMSR that their hiking companions were overdue and possibly injured. SMSR immediately dispatched Team members on a hasty search and the parties were located. Both were treated by Team members for minor injuries and were given a ride to their car in the parking lot. This kind of multi-incident callout is not unusual for the Team, particularly in the busy summer months, and it is a good example of the interagency cooperation that is common in SMSR's operational area.

Stranded hiker, Chantry Flat: SMSR responded to a report of a hiker stranded off-trail in a steep location near Chantry Flat. Team members prepared for a stranded hiker rescue, a technique the Team practices regularly in order to safely rescue those who fall victim to the steep and unstable slopes of the local mountains. Air Rescue 5 helicopter was alerted and its crew was able to lower a paramedic to the subject, secure them, and hoist them out of harm's way.

In addition to performing rescues and training, SMSR was proud to participate in two local sporting events during the past month: the inaugural Monrovia Fountain to Falls Run/Walk, and the legendary Mount Wilson Trail Race in Sierra Madre.

Preparing for the Mt. Wilson Trail Race is one of the highlights of the Team's calendar every year. Hundreds of pounds of rescue gear must be hauled up the trail and pre-positioned: from ropes to litters to oxygen tanks. The Team prepares for any eventuality that may arise when hundreds of runners face the challenge of an 8.6-mile course, 2100 feet of elevation gain, and steep, rocky mountain trail. This year the Team aided several runners with minor complaints, and all were able to walk down the trail under their own power.

SMSR has a long history of providing support to the Mt. Wilson Trail racers, and the Team is fortunate to be the beneficiary of the proceeds of the pre-race pasta dinner and the post-race beer garden.

Sierra Madre Search and Rescue is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that has been serving the local community for 60 years. The team has a proud history of never refusing a call for help no matter what the conditions, and also provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety. The Team never charges for any of its services.

For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.

The City of Sierra Madre has a number of vacancies on commissions and committees looking for people like you to join!

The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions. Currently, there are six citizen commissions established by the Council to advise and assist them in dealing with specific problems (presently the Planning Commission has the responsibilities of the Cultural Heritage Commission).

These advisory bodies are able to study a variety of issues and problems in detail. After

gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notice on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act. Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at www.cityofsierramadre.com should you wish to apply. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however the first review will take place on June 14, 2011. For more information please call 626-355-7135.

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PUBLISHER TO SPEAK AT CITIZEN JOURNALISM FORUM



Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor of Mountain Views News newspaper 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, June 7, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Henderson, an Organizational and Business Development professional has spanned the globe from Western Africa working on the development of a new town to transport goods and services to urban areas, to teaching Marketing and Business Strategies in Mexico. She also worked for several years in political arena in the Gubernatorial Campaign of Tom Bradley, the first Senatorial Campaign for Barbara Boxer, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and as the Executive Director of the California Democratic Party.

Bearing a lifelong passion about the quality of life in the community, she has served on dozens of Boards and led a variety of community organizations. She has been awarded numerous awards and honors including recognition from the California Assembly for her work with Senior Housing and Community Development while living in Northern California.

Susan Henderson has been a published author for over ten years, writing columns and articles on golf and life in such publications as the Los Angeles Sentinel and Core Media Publications, The Sierra Madre, Arcadia and Monrovia Weekly and The Pasadena Independent. In 2007, she branched out on her own and established Grace Lorraine Publications, Inc. which acquired the MVNews Magazine creating what is now known as The Mountain Views News, "where your community news comes first," a weekly community newspaper that serves Sierra Madre, Pasadena, Altadena, Arcadia, Monrovia and Duarte.

At present, she is the President of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and on the Board of Directors of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the Foothill Creative Arts Group. And yet, to her, the greatest accomplishment is that of being "Grandma!"

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

Supported by Pasadena Community Network and Mountain Views News. Each program includes a presentation by the speakers and an engaging 15-minute question and answer session with citizen journalists and community members in the audience.

DUELING MAPS: How Will Your District Change?

Free Public Forum on Redistricting for Los Angeles County June 15

There's still time for voters to speak up about how their political districts will change as the groundbreaking Citizens Redistricting Commission comes down the home stretch in drawing new boundaries for state Assembly, Senate and U.S. Congressional Districts.



The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is offering a unique opportunity to participate in a community conversation about "Dueling Maps: How Will Your District Change?" -- a free public forum on redistricting for Los Angeles County on June 15, 7-9 p.m. at the KPCC Crawford Family Forum, 474 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena.

For the first time in California history, citizens rather than politicians are redrawing the lines of political districts to assure that communities have a voice in government. This is thanks to a 2008 initiative designed to prevent gerrymandering of district boundaries to keep political parties in office.

Dr. Morgan Kousser, professor of history and social science at Caltech, will moderate the discussion centering on the latest draft maps for Los Angeles County from the Citizens Redistricting Commission and maps proposed by ethnic, business and environmental coalitions.

Participating groups will be the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, African American Redistricting Collaborative, Valley Industry and Commerce Association and Citizens for the San Gabriel Mountains.

Information also will be available about draft-map hearings in Culver City on June 16 and Whittier on June 17. The deadline for maps is August.

The forum is free, but RSVPs are required because space is limited. Go to <http://www.scpr.org/events/>, click on the event then on the RSVP box. Or call the League office: 626-798-0965.

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Learn how to use "Linked In", the most popular online networking site for professionals. "Linked In" strengthens and extends your existing network of trusted contacts by helping you find job leads, get online references and more. Women At Work presents "Linked In" on Saturday, June 11th from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Instructor Pixie Boyden will go through the steps of using this popular networking tool in a small classroom setting. Attendees need to register

for a "Linked In" account before coming to the workshop by visiting www.linkedin.com and click "join today".

You must have a basic knowledge of the internet in order to take this class. Sign up early, as there is limited seating. Cost is \$20 by June 9th, \$25 after. Women At Work is a nonprofit career center offering career counseling, computer access and job seeking skills. The organization provides numerous workshops as well as classes in computer programs in both English and Spanish, in a small environment.

All workshops are held at Women At Work, 3871 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. Register by calling 626-796-6870, ext. 0, or you can register on our website. Check out our website: www.womenatwork.org



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Woman Signs Over Custody of Rescued Cats

By Dean Lee

As an ongoing police investigation continues into 253 cats rescued from a Pasadena location in December, officials from the Humane Society said over half of them had already been placed after the owner gave up custody last month.

"Some of them have been adopted," said Ricky Whitman Vice President of Community Resources. "If you could imagine that amount of cats in that kind of space, many were not handable, so we were able to place a number of them in situations such as 'barn cats'."

She said a number of agencies had stepped forward taking cats they felt strongly they could place.

"The cats were all in reasonably good health, they just are not social," she said. "So they are not accustom to a lot of human contact, so they need a specific type of home."

Whitman said the Pasadena Humane Society has less than 100 cats left adding that they expected the process to take a while. She also said no criminal charges had yet been filed.

"They're [the district attorney's office] still going over all the information," she said. "It's over 250 cats so each cat has its own record that has to be reviewed."

Whitman said when they first arrived at the back house on Altadena Drive December 15 they found cats in both carrying cages and communal cages stacked up to six feet, "some were not contained and just running around," she added. She also said this was the largest incident of this kind in the city's history.

News reports at the time also said there were 34 dead cats found in a large freezer.

In Pasadena, Whitman said, residents are limited by law to owning four cats.

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Whitman said In honor of Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, the Pasadena Humane Society has many "long-term" resident cats that are ready for adoption. These cats have been here for several months and are ready for a place to call home she said.

Visit online at www.pasadenahumane.org and come visit in person at 361 South Raymond Avenue.

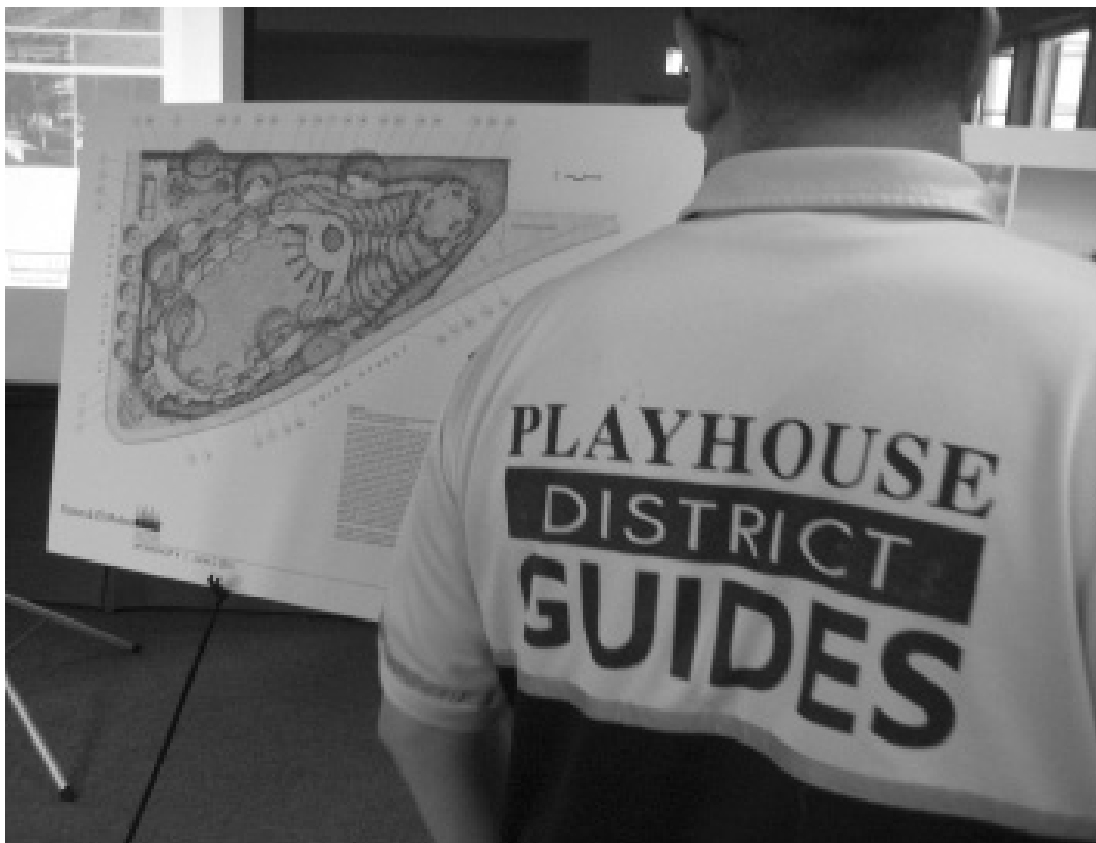
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Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A285836 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave, Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org



Playhouse Park Gets Final Design

By Dean Lee

A new park proposed at the corner of Union Street and El Molino Avenue moved two steps closer to reality Thursday as residents both voted on a name and chose the final design to be submitted to the state as part of the official grant application.

Now known as Playhouse Park, the .25 acre piece of land would also serve as a multi-level subterranean parking garage.

Deborah Murphy, the Principal and Urban Designer/Planner, of Deborah Murphy Urban Design and Planning said the park was contingent on receiving grant money through Proposition 84. She said the city could get up to \$5 million to use for the park.

"If the park is more than that, which the parking makes it more than that, that money has to be provided by another source," She said. "So the city is looking at whether that's redevelopment money or parking funds."

The city has until July 1 to submit an application for a grant she said adding that the city council also has to approve the application process. Erlinda Romo,

Executive Director of the Playhouse District Association said the issue would be heard at the council's June 20 meeting. Murphy said there has not been any estimate to the total cost of both the park and underground garage.

"We wanted to finalize the design and then in the next couple of weeks will be cranking out the numbers on the final cost."

The final design, done by community input, has a large "community green" with planted Buffalo Grass surrounded by an oval pathway of decomposed granite explained Amy Korn Design Principal of kornrandolph, inc. The path would be edged by concrete curbs and lit with low power LED lights. She said artful sandblasted text about the park and Playhouse District would also line the path as well as semi-circular benches.

There would also be a plaza, flexible for performances, on the west made of an open steel and wire arbor for vines. The east ends of the oval paths would meet with a tiered stone water feature. Kron also said there would be an ADA compliant discovery path steeped from the North

to South saying there would be an eight foot rise in the park for cars to enter and exit the underground parking. There would also be a kid's playground along El Molino she said.

Romo said a parking study in 2005 showed, at the time, a shortage of 300 parking spaces in the area. She said the structure could have two possibly three floors with 500 to 600 hundred parking spaces.



Erlinda Romo, Executive Director of the Playhouse District Association cuts a cake celebrating the final design of Playhouse Park.

Motor Classic Benefits Humane Society

The San Marino Motor Classic, Design in Motion & CCCA Grand Classic will showcase American and European classic cars from 1925-1947 and a contemporary collection including ground breaking hybrids and Super Cars. David Kuntz, KABC's Eyewitness News Automotive Specialist and member of the Society of Automotive Historians, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

A continuation of the highly successful Los Angeles Concours d'Elegance, hosted annually from 2005-2009 by the Assistance League of Los Angeles, the San Marino Motor Classic will feature vehicles from the Classic Car Club of America, Brass Era Classics, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, Porsche, Corvette, Ferrari and Cobra. Other classes will include hot rods, race cars and woodies.

The San Marino Motor Classic will be June 12, 2011 at Lacy Park in San Marino. Proceeds from the event will go to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA and San Marino Rotary Charities. The show is open to the public from 9:00am-4:00pm. Tickets may be purchased online for \$25 before the event and donations made on line at www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com. Tickets are \$30 at the event.

City Mourns Loss of Fire Engineer



Fire Engineer Kevin Moore, a 32-year Pasadena Fire Department veteran, died of sudden cardiac arrest at a gym in Upland Tuesday just after finishing his 24-hour shift.

Moore, 53 and a second generation member of the department, recently announced his intent to retire this coming July. His father, Tom Moore, served as assistant fire chief in Pasadena. Two of Kevin's brothers currently work for the Vernon Fire Department.

As a senior fire engineer, Moore was responsible for

maintaining and driving fire apparatus, ensuring his crew arrived to incidents safely. His responsibilities also included operating the fire engine pump and fire truck aerial ladder during fire and rescue situations.

As a member of the Regional Task Force Urban Search & Rescue Team, Moore worked out of Station 32, 2424 E. Villa St., for more than 10 years.

"Kevin was known as a gentle giant; he sported a large stature and had a sincere, gentle demeanor," said Pasadena Fire Chief Dennis Downs. "We just returned from an annual motorcycle ride where Kevin shared that he was looking forward to retirement and spending time with his kids."

Moore is survived by his father, his wife Connie, two teenage children, six brothers and one sister. He was a long-time resident of Upland.

Pasadena Fire Station flags will fly at half-staff until Moore's burial.

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 June 7th from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. This week at the Donald R. Wright Auditorium (see below). For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

House Approves Schiff's Measure on Military Use of Burn Pits

As the House considered the National Defense Authorization bill for FY 2012, the chamber, last week, approved a measure offered by local Congressman Adam Schiff requiring the Secretary of Defense to submit reports to Congress on the health impacts on our troops when waste is disposed of in open-air burn pits. While burn pits have been an expedient method of disposing waste at operating bases in Iraq and Afghanistan, the types of materials that have been burned produce hazardous toxins, such as carcinogens that are produced when plastics are burned.

"The short and long term affects of exposure to toxins released from open-air burn pits have yet to be determined, but could be injuring the respiratory systems of our troops," Rep. Schiff said. "This amendment will help to ensure the safety and health of our brave men and women in uniform who risk their lives each day as they serve and protect the nation." A Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, published in October 2010, concluded that the military relied heavily on

open air burn pits in both Iraq and Afghanistan. There are still 78 open air burn pits operating at bases in close proximity to U.S. Military personnel. Furthermore, the operators of the burn pits have not always followed relevant guidance to protect service members from exposure to harmful emissions, according to GAO.

GAO also concluded that U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq did not sample or monitor burn pit emissions as required by U.S. Central Command, stating that "the health impacts of burn pit exposure on individuals are not well understood, partly because the military does not collect required data on emissions or exposures from burn pits."

Under Rep. Schiff's amendment, each health assessment report submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services will be required to include a description of short and long term health risks; methodology used to determine the health risks; and the assessment of the operational and health risks when making the determination to continue the use of open-air burn pits for waste disposal.

'City Beat' Topics Include Redistricting, First Source Hiring Ordinance

Topics on the latest edition of "City Beat" on KPAS and the Internet include the Redistricting Task Force, which will be appointed next month, incoming Human Services and Recreation Director Mercy Santoro and proposed review of the First Source Hiring Ordinance. Moderator Ann Erdman is joined by Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Mountain Views News city editor Dean Lee.

"City Beat" replays Mondays at 2 and 6 p.m., Tuesdays at

7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

KPAS is on channel 3 on the Charter Communications cable system in Pasadena and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse. Streaming video of all KPAS programming can be accessed in real time at www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs and clicking on the KPAS icon.

For more information about the program call (626) 744-4755.

TWO SETS OF THREES END UP IN A TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club held their last Floy Torvid Tournament for the season. The next tournament will be on September 1st.

It was a bright and windy day at the club greens in the Arcadia County Park in Arcadia, California. There were six teams entered for the event and as luck would have it the first and second place teams tied their scores and had to split the money. The third place team was a clear winner.

The Floy Torvid games are only 12 ends and they have a lunch break between the two games played. When the scores and plus points (difference between team scores) were tallied, the teams with two wins and 12 plus points were tied. So, the prize money for the first and second place teams were joined and split between the winners.

Those sharing the first place position were: Dewey Tse, Mary Russell and Juanita Jones. The other team consisted of Marinko Tudor, Sandy Dalzell, and Ka-Yiu Yu. Hauling in the third place award was: Irene Mastro, Sean McMorris and Fan Hung.

Others competing were Rose Blennov, Jim Miller and Gene Plunkett. Dick Ashmore, Mattie Miller and Ray Obazawa and second game replacement for Ray, Marian Hauerwaas. Shuman Chan, Bob Hauerwaas and Jean Dowd.

Lawn bowling is a light aerobic exercise that is easy to learn and fun to play. We say it's the best kept secret in the sporting world. The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club has been in operation since 1937 and is still going strong. We are always looking for interested personnel to join the good



Left to right: The happy winners, although tied for first place in the Floy Torvid Triples Tournament held June 2nd are: Ka-Yiu Yu, Sandy Dalzell, Marinko Tudor, Juanita Jones, Dewey Tse, and Mary Russell. All first place winners in the last Floy Torvid until September. (Photo by Gene Plunkett)

times, and if you think you would like to give it a try, call Gene Plunkett at 626-351-5327 and get the information on the free lessons. If you have a computer go to our web page for a lot of information.

The web site is: www.lawnbowling-arcadia.com. Lots of information and you can see all our club members and read the monthly newsletter THE HOGLINE. See you on the green.

Prevention of Alzheimer's

The Arcadia Senior Services Department is having a special free health presentation on Tuesday, June 21, 2011at 1:30pm the topic, "Prevention of Alzheimer's". Dr. Vincent M. Foranasceaworld-renownedbioethicistandboard certified neurological rehabilitation specialist will be the guest speaker. This presentation will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Dr. Fortanasce specializes in the treatment of Alzheimer's, "The Great American Epidemic. This disease has increased twelve fold

in those 65 and under with women having twice the incidence of Alzheimer's disease. The lecture will discuss prevention and genetic and non-genetic risk factors.

Dr. Fortanasce has developed a prescription to help prevent Alzheimer's by a four step prevention method that incorporates diet, exercise and accentuation the brain reserve and rest and relaxation (DEAR). Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling Arcadia Senior Services 626.574.5130 before June 15.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, May 22, through Saturday, May 28, the Police Department responded to 972 calls for service of which 131 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 22:

Between 1:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 1300 block of South Fifth Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the car through an unlocked door and stole cash, a digital music player, sunglasses and audio discs for an approximate loss of \$710.

Between 11:30 p.m. and 1:04 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 1400 block of Lovell Avenue. The suspect (described as a Male White, 5'09", medium build, 20-25 years of age and clean shaven) entered through an unlocked upstairs rear patio door. No property was reported missing.

Monday, May 23:

3. Shortly after 12:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Colorado Boulevard and Second Avenue, in regards to a male and female arguing. A records check of the involved 41-year-old Hispanic male, revealed a \$50,000 misdemeanor warrant. The subject was placed under arrest for the warrant.

4. About 9:00 p.m., units were dispatched to the Pavilions parking lot, located at 745 West Naomi Avenue, to ascertain if a subject who was claiming to be a law enforcement officer was legitimate. An investigation revealed that a 17-year-old Asian male, was in possession of a dangerous weapon and impersonating a police officer. The juvenile was arrested.

Tuesday, May 24:

5. About 9:40 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Golden West Avenue and Huntington Drive in regards to a subject who had been bitten by a dog. The 60-year-old Asian female was approached by two dogs, one white and one black as she was walking in the area. The black dog jumped on her and bit her forearm. An area check for the dogs was conducted, but they were not located.

6. Shortly after 7:00 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department's front lobby regarding a lost property report. An investigation revealed that the reporting party had misplaced her Iphone at a restaurant in Hollywood a couple of days earlier. Through a mobile web application, she was able to trace the phone to the 400 block of Stanford Drive in Arcadia. A follow-up investigation by the officers further revealed that an employee of the restaurant was in possession of the phone. The investigation is still ongoing.

Wednesday, May 25:

7. About 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department's front lobby in regards to a suspicious circumstances report. Upon arrival, the 39-year-old Asian male reported that a suspect, described as a Black male, 6'02", 240 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes approached him outside the 99 Ranch Market located at 1300 South Golden West Avenue. The suspect had

explained that he was making a large cash donation to a nearby church but needed a ride there and offered a large portion of the donation to the victim in return. Once they arrived, the suspect convinced the victim he needed a second person to help with the donation. A second suspect described as an Asian male, 5'05", 200 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes, joined in. The first suspect then convinces the victim to give him \$5,000 and a gold chain to give to the second suspect as a gesture of goodwill to gain his trust in return for the larger portion of the donation. Both suspects are gone after the victim agrees to drive around the block while they complete the transaction.

8. Between 11:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 0 block of West Naomi Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home by shattering a window. Once inside, the suspect(s) pried open doors, ransacked several rooms and stole cash and jewelry for an approximate loss of \$18,000.

Thursday, May 26:

9. Shortly after 10:00 p.m., units were dispatched to the 1000 block of Arcadia Avenue in regards to a hit and run traffic collision. An investigation revealed that a white GMC van had collided with a red Toyota Corolla and had fled the scene leaving behind a license plate. The van was located at a nearby business. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

10. Between 5:15 a.m. and 7:50 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 100 block of North First Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear passenger side window and stole an Ipad for an approximate loss of \$250.

Friday, May 27:

11. Between 10:15 a.m. and 2:20 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 2000 block of South Fifth Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) removed the screen and opened the window leading to the master bedroom. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the master bedroom and stole various electronic items for an approximate loss of \$600.

12. Shortly after 1:00 p.m., units were dispatched to the 1000 block of Alta Vista Avenue regarding an abandoned vehicle in the roadway. A records check of the vehicle revealed it was stolen. The car was towed and the registered owner was notified of the recovery.

Saturday, May 28:

13. At approximately 12:33 a.m., officers were conducting a driver's license and sobriety check point at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Harvard Drive. A records check of a 23-year-old Black male driver revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for \$30,000. The subject was placed under arrest for the warrant.

14. About 2:40 a.m., a traffic stop was made at Colorado Boulevard and Santa Rosa Avenue for following the vehicle in front of it too closely as well as swerving into the center divider. An investigation revealed that the 30-year-old White male was under the influence of alcohol and was placed under arrest for Driving under the Influence.



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Responsible Horse Racing:

Santa Anita To Implement Retirement Program, Rehab, Retraining and Adoption for Horses.

ARCADIA, Calif. Santa Anita Park announced last monththat MI Developments Chairman Frank Stronach, a Thoroughbred industry leader in the retraining and rehabilitation of Thoroughbred racehorses, will oversee the formation of the Santa Anita Park After-Care Program.

Stronach, a five-time Eclipse Award winning breeder and four-time Eclipse winning owner, is also an advocate and supporter of several other equine retirement programs in North America.

As Chairman and CEO of MI Developments Inc., parent company of Santa Anita Park, Stronach said that Santa Anita's After-Care Program will help match horses with loving owners who will make a lifelong commitment to their health, safety and well being.

Stronach also said that Santa Anita would support the After-Care Program by matching the money currently taken from purses (one third of one percent) at Santa Anita and at Santa Anita's recently announced Autumn Meet. The monies will be distributed to retirement programs throughout California by the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA).

"This is not a solution to the problem, but we feel it is another step in the right direction," said Stronach. "While we believe it is the responsibility of every owner to find safe, after-race programs for all Thoroughbreds, we also believe in taking the initiative to develop retirement, rehabilitation and retraining programs for these equine athletes who give so much to all of us."

Stronach set an industry precedent seven

years ago by developing Adena Retirement, the racing industry's first in-house retirement program, located in Florida. Under the direction of a full-time, in-house staff of professional trainers, riders, grooms and veterinarians, Adena Retirement carefully evaluates and retrains horses owned by the Stronach family and Adena Springs before matching them with owners who will provide suitable lifelong adoptive homes. Many of the horses retrained at Adena Retirement have flourished in disciplines, including hunter, jumper, dressage and pleasure.

The Santa Anita Park Thoroughbred After-Care Program will operate under the auspices of a committee: Michael Rogers, Vice President, Operations, Santa Anita, Stacie Clark, Adena Retirement, Nikki Kuzoff, Adena Retirement, George Haines, President, Santa Anita and Scott Daruty, Vice President, Santa Anita.

The committee will outline the board's responsibilities and procedures in a constitution. There will be an application process for California Thoroughbred charities with 501c status. Applications will be voted on by the committee and funds distributed accordingly.

"This program again demonstrates that Mr. Stronach is committed to supporting our equine athletes after their careers as racehorses are over," said Haines. "He believes that racehorse owners are mainly responsible for their own horses, but he's always willing to contribute toward the overall betterment of the horse industry and the welfare of the individual horses that comprise it."

Sustainable Landscape Series presents:

Healthy Trees, Healthy Watersheds: Native Trees for Urban Landscapes

INDUSTRY, CA—The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council's Sustainable Landscape Seminar Series continues June 9 at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens. The seminar Healthy Trees, Healthy Watersheds: Native Trees for Urban Landscapes will address topics pertinent to new and existing trees in streets, medians, parkways, and parking lots, with an emphasis on native trees for these urban landscapes. The seminar is recommended for design and tree care professionals and 5.5 Continuing Education Units are available through the International Society of Arboriculture.

Healthy trees are integral to sustainable urban landscapes and selecting, installing, and caring for native trees in urban landscapes has many challenges and opportunities. This seminar brings together local experts from the fields of arboriculture and tree care, landscape architecture, and horticulture. They'll present case studies, share their expertise, and lead discussions on lessons learned in the field.

Selected speakers to the June 9 seminar include:

• Don Hodel, University of California Cooperative Extension, LA County, Environmental Horticulturist, Author

• Rebecca Latta, Rebecca Latta Consulting, Consulting Arborist, Certified Arborist

• Amy Nettleton, Elemental Landscapes, Landscape Architect

• Bart O'Brien Author of "Reimagining the California Lawn: Water-conserving Plants, Practices, and Designs"

• Matt Ritter, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Associate Professor of Biology, Author

• Pieter Severynen, Landscape Architect, Consulting Arborist

• Lili Singer, Theodore Payne Foundation, Horticultural Consultant

Topics to be discussed will include:

• Resilient Trees for Streets, Medians, Parkways, and Parking Lots

• Installation, Establishment, and Maintenance

• Practices for Long-term Tree Health

• Identifying and Diagnosing Tree Diseases and Disorders

• Companion Plants and Water Management

• Native Trees and Wildlife

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About the Watershed Council

The Watershed Council supports a healthy watershed for the region by serving as a robust center for the generation of objective research and analysis. The Council has established a platform for meaningful collaboration between governmental organizations, academic institutions, businesses and other nonprofit organizations with a vested interest in preserving the watershed.

Founded in 1995 by leading environmental activist Dorothy Green, the Watershed Council produces continuing research programs that examine water usage and quality as well as create and enhance preservation and conservation tactics. The trustworthy expertise and analysis that comes from the Watershed Council's ongoing programs connects a diverse set of groups with overlapping missions in an effort to drive policies that will continually improve watershed quality.

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Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 520 service events, resulting in 95 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

False Information to a Peace Officer / Possession of a Controlled Substance / Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On May 19 at 2:50 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 200 block of West Foothill stopped a bicyclist for a violation. The officer had suspicions that the bicyclist did not provide his true name. The officer's fingerprint reader revealed the suspect did give a false name. The suspect was found to have a warrant out for his arrest and a search revealed a small package of methamphetamine on his person. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody.

Felony Evading / Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On May 22 at 2:35 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Duarte Road and Sixth noticed his radar activate, which indicated a vehicle was approaching at a high rate of speed. The vehicle passed by and the officer went in pursuit, attempting to stop the vehicle. The driver failed to stop and made numerous sharp turns in an attempt to get away. The driver finally stopped at the 210 Freeway and was detained. During the investigation, the driver was determined to be driving under the influence and was arrested.

Outstanding Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On May 22 at 9:35 a.m., an officer was patrolling a business parking lot in the 100 block of West Foothill when he saw a male subject loitering in front of a store. He recognized the subject and knew he had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest for possession of methamphetamine. He detained the subject and confirmed the warrant, then arrested him without incident.

Commercial Burglary - Suspect Arrested

On May 23 at 5 a.m., officers responded to a burglary alarm at a business in the 300 block of West Huntington. Upon arrival, they found someone had forced a back window open and entered the location. There was no evidence of any property taken. One of the officers noticed a suspicious person on a bicycle leaving the area of Cypress and Magnolia. The bicyclist was detained and found to be in possession of numerous packages of cigarettes. A search of the area revealed that a neighboring business was also burglarized by a suspect using a cutting tool to create a crawl space into the location. The investigation revealed that the cigarettes found in the suspect's possession were stolen from that business. The suspect was arrested. The investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On May 23 at 6:17 a.m., an officer was dispatched on the report of a vehicle burglary that occurred in the 200 block of West Lemon. The window on the victim's vehicle was broken and items inside the vehicle were stolen.

Grand Theft Auto

On May 23 at 7:12 a.m., a victim called to report his green, 2005 Honda Pilot had been stolen sometime during the night. The victim's son parked and secured the vehicle in front of the residence the night before. He believes this is related to a burglary at his residence in which his extra keys to his vehicle were taken. There were no signs of forced entry.

Theft from a Vehicle

On May 23 at 11:22 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of North May called to report a theft from her vehicle. The suspect took checks and other items from the vehicle during the night. The victim believes she left the doors unlocked.

Robbery - Suspect Arrested

On May 23 at 4:18 p.m., loss prevention officers from a business in the 700 block of East Huntington called regarding a female subject they detained for shoplifting. The female would not comply with the loss prevention officer's request to walk back inside the store. After several attempts, the loss prevention officer tried to take the female's hand to control her and she began to fight him. As they fell to the ground, the suspect kicked at the loss prevention officer. A police officer arrived and the female suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Residential Burglary

On May 23 at 4:49 p.m., a resident in the 800 block of Oakdale Avenue called to report that someone had broken into her home. She had left the location and had been away from her home overnight. When she returned the next day at about 4:30 in the afternoon, she found the rear, sliding glass door had been smashed. Officers arrived and checked the premises. Miscellaneous items, jewelry, and a rifle and revolver were taken.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision / Evading Police / Attempt Suicide / 72-Hour Mental Evaluation

On May 23 at 11:55 p.m., police received a call reporting a man and woman arguing in the area of Palm and Canyon. Officers arrived and contacted the female subject. She said she had been arguing with her boyfriend, who then left her there and drove away. An officer saw the boyfriend driving north on Primrose from Colorado, then east on Lemon. The officer attempted to make a traffic stop, but the man drove through the red light at Myrtle. He continued east on Lemon and ran the stop sign at Ivy. He lost control of his vehicle

and collided into a parked car in the 200 block of East Lemon. The suspect fled the accident scene on foot. The suspect was not located, but his identity was determined. Officers attempted to locate the suspect at his home, but he was not at the location. The next morning at 8:18 a.m., officers were dispatched to the suspect's residence in the 200 block of Poinsettia. The 19-year-old suspect had returned and was threatening suicide. Officers arrived and were told the suspect locked himself in his room and he had two knives with him. The suspect refused to open the door for officers. Officers forced entry through the door and detained the suspect without further incident. He was taken to a hospital, where he was held for mental evaluation. Charges will be filed with the District Attorney's Office.

Vehicle Burglary

On May 24 at 6:29 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of McKinley called to report that someone had broken into her vehicle. An officer was dispatched to the location and found that the suspect had broken out a rear passenger window. The victim had left her purse in the vehicle and it had been taken by the suspect.

Commercial Burglary - Suspect Arrested

On May 25 at 1:59 p.m., loss prevention from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington reported that a female subject had taken merchandise and exited the store without paying. She fled in a black vehicle driven by a male subject. Loss prevention officers obtained the license plate number. An officer responded and contacted the loss prevention officers, who provided the license plate number of the vehicle and a photo of the female suspect. A DMV check of the license plate indicated the vehicle is registered to a residence in the county area of Arcadia. The officer contacted the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and requested they drive by the location to check for the vehicle. The vehicle was located at the residence. Monrovia officers went to the location and contacted the female suspect. She was arrested for burglary without incident.

Detective Bureau - Case Follow-ups - This week, the Detective Bureau filed two significant cases with the District Attorney's Office and completed a third case for filing consideration:

Felony Filing for Second Degree Commercial Burglary

Patrol arrested a subject on May 23, 2011, at 0455 hours for the suspected burglary of the cigarette kiosk business at 336 W. Huntington Drive. This suspect was in possession of 96 packs of cigarettes from the business. The handling detective processed all of the cigarette packs for latent print evidence. The detective recovered four latent prints from the cigarette packs. The detective obtained the owner's fingerprints and had a forensic fingerprint expert compare the latent (evidence) fingerprints to the owner's fingerprints. The latent (evidence) fingerprints belonged to the owner. This is important because it eliminated the argument of a second suspect actually committing the crime. The person arrested with the cigarettes was wearing gloves when he was arrested. This person is suspected of committing other burglaries and he was arrested two weeks before and charged with trespassing. The detective presented the cigarette case to the District Attorney's Office and the District Attorney filed a felony complaint against this subject for second degree commercial burglary.

Felony Filing for Three Counts of Second Degree Commercial Burglary

Patrol arrested four subjects for burglary on May 18, 2011, for stealing alcohol from the Pavilions store at 130 W. Foothill Boulevard. These four people matched the descriptions of the four subjects who had just previously committed a burglary of alcohol from our Albertsons store at 725 E. Huntington Drive. These four subjects also had alcohol bottles our Pavilions' store determined to have been from the Pavilions store in Arcadia. The four subjects made bail and were released from custody. The handling detective conducting his supplemental investigation obtained evidence these four individuals were responsible for the Albertson's burglary and had indeed committed a similar burglary at the Arcadia Pavilions. The detective presented this case to the District Attorney's office and the District Attorney filed three counts of second degree commercial burglary against all four suspects.

Case Submitted to the District Attorney for Filing Consideration

Patrol responded to a residential burglary at 133 E. Pomona on February 20, 2011. The suspect stole \$5,950 worth of women's jewelry. The handling patrol officer obtained a latent print from a cigarette wrapper found on the residential property. The latent print was processed by the Crime Lab and the print was identified. The handling detective conducted his supplemental investigation and discovered this subject had been arrested by deputies from the Temple City substation on the same day as our burglary. Our detective coordinated with the Temple City detective and learned this subject was arrested with women's jewelry in his possession which the deputies booked into their evidence system as property under observation. Our detective contacted the victim and the victim identified the jewelry as hers. The jewelry was returned to the victim. The detective has submitted this case to the District Attorney to obtain an arrest warrant case of residential burglary against the suspect.

Community invited to Foothill Unity Center public forums on needs of local low-income families June 6-7

Community members who have ideas or concerns about the programs and services needed by low-income families in Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, Sierra Madre or Bradbury are invite to share their input at one of two evening Public Forums for Community Needs Assessment.

Information gathered at the forums will be considered in planning Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) services and programs for 2012 and 2013. Foothill Unity Center is eligible for these funds as the Community Action Agency (CAA) for the Foothill Area.

The first forum will be held Monday, June 6, at the Center's Pasadena location, 191 North Oak. The second will be on Tuesday, June 7, at the organization's Monrovia headquarters, 415 West Chestnut Avenue. Both events are from 5 to 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Gerald at (626) 358-3486.

About Foothill Unity Center

Foothill Unity Center, Inc., has been serving low-income families and those in crisis for over 30 years. Founded in 1980 in a church closet to provide food to a few hungry families, the Center has become the major source of food, health services and crisis assistance for over 4,000 low-



income families in its service area: Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, Baldwin Park and Irwindale. In 1991, the organization was incorporated. In 2008, it was federally designated the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area.

The Center acts as a lifeline for very low income individuals and families who are struggling to survive. Clients are often unemployed, employed at wages too low to provide for their families, on welfare, or facing a temporary crisis. It also serves seniors, homeless, disabled, emancipated foster youth, victims of domestic violence, and students on limited incomes. 38% of its clients are children.

Pension Reform Takes Center Stage In Monrovia Budget Talks

by Scott Ochoa

Although the redevelopment elimination drama has not yet played out, another major policy initiative is being introduced - but what a difference some actual strategic policy analysis makes. Pension reform is a very hot topic, and understandably so. To folks not in state and local government service, the pensions drawn by some government employees can seem downright opulent. When you move past the examples identified by the media to enflame folks' anger and when you set aside the cartoonishly extravagant - and unlawful - situation in the City of Bell, however, the pensions come back into a more normal focus for street crew workers, planners, teachers, etc. The question, I think, then becomes: "Can the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) afford this current system?" Increasingly, the answer appears to be "no."

It is important to remember that it was not too long ago that PERS was making huge amounts of money in its investment portfolio, it and its members cities were "super-funded" (meaning that they had more than enough money to pay out any and all retirement promises), and that PERS was creating and offering a variety of retirement plan options such as "3%@50" for public safety employees and "2.7%@55" for non-safety employees. With these plans available, city councils were petitioned by employee groups and unions to adopt the more lucrative options - and many of us did. To be sure, in consultation with PERS, the long term costs were identified and were reportedly minimal - after all, PERS was making so much money on its investments that the cost of the benefit enhancements was marginal. And faced with the relatively minimal costs, cities found it difficult to deny the requests. After all, if the benefit doesn't cost much and many other agencies are adopting it, how can you maintain your agency's ability to be competitive in the market - especially in the face of equally powerful and popular public safety unions? And after the police and fire unions received the benefit, non-safety benefit enhancements trickled into the miscellaneous employee unions. For our part, in Monrovia, City Councils required that the unions "purchase" the benefit enhancements by forgoing raises for a period of time.

None of this is meant as a slam or indictment of PERS, or employee unions, or the cities, or councils. Looking back, I think all parties did what you might expect them to do (save PERS employees' alleged indiscretions, of course). Rather, it is important for all to note that the world has changed since the summer and fall of 2008. PERS' failure to see the "iceberg" on the horizon has at least some similarity to Bear Stearns, and/or Lehman Brothers, and/or AIG, and/or the federal governments' failure. All of these folks (save the

Fed, of course) were making huge amounts of money and couldn't help but believe that the housing bubble would continue to grow - or at least slowly deflate, instead of pop. Or as Julius Caesar once observed, "Men willingly believe what they wish." For that matter, in the late 1990s and early 2000s, no one at all seemed too concerned about pension reform. Thus, in my humble opinion, it is important that we maintain an even-keel and we more toward reform in a fair, sober and judicious way.

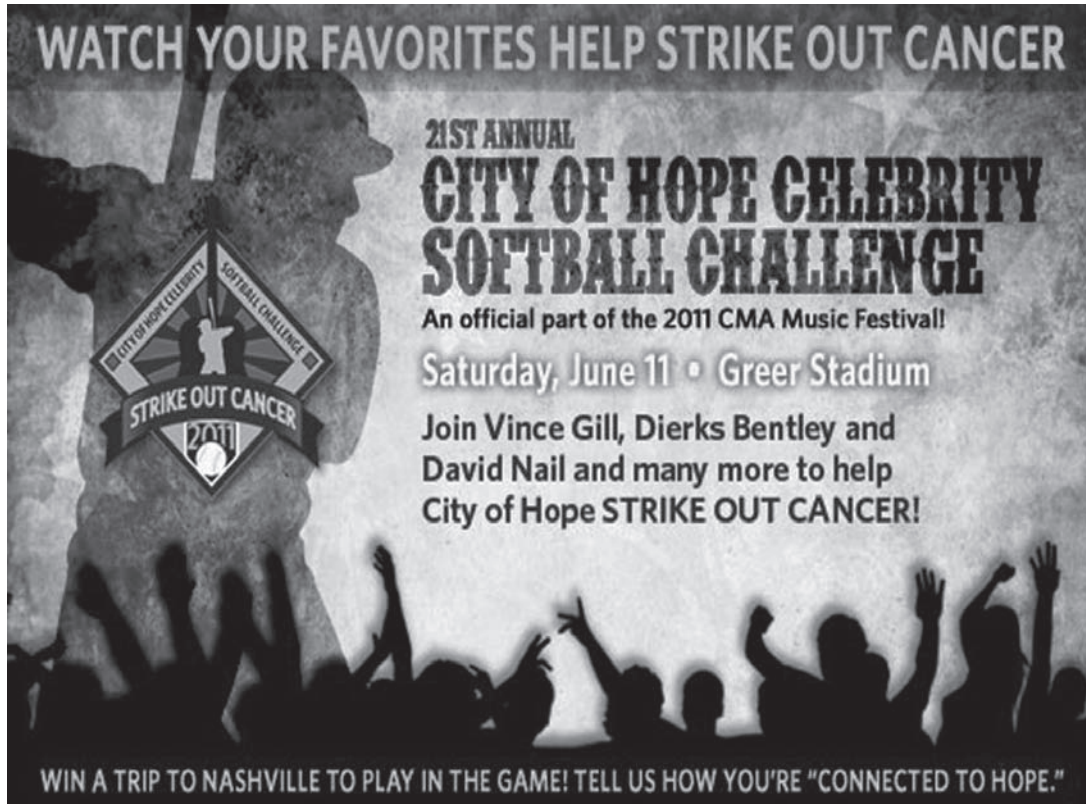
Now that the dust is beginning to settle from the financial meltdown, we must take steps to ensure that our system is sustainable. And "sustainability" requires that we examine the assumptions that our retirement system is based on. While the Great Recession of 2008-09 exposed the weakness of the system, I believe the system's failures must be addressed in broader context.

Already, the Little Hoover Commission, the League of California Cities, as well as individual cities are studying and preparing for this new reality. Indeed, many cities are already moving in a direction to assure their communities of this sustainability and still provide employees with fair and competitive compensation.

In Monrovia, this endeavor has been taking shape for the last two years and has allowed us to avoid the crushing impact of these benefits. Indeed, Monrovia has changed its compensation negotiation strategy (by moving away from the spiraling compensation surveys previously used to examine salaries and benefits) and we have implemented a hybrid/defined contribution retiree medical program. Additionally, last year, we negotiated with employee groups so that they would begin to pay for a portion of their retirement costs.

These steps, taken in partnership with our employee groups and management team (who all appear to understand the new economic reality), will pave the way for additional changes in the coming years. Over the next three years, Monrovia will implement a two-tiered retirement program for new employees; we will negotiate with employees to absorb increasing amounts of their own retirement costs, until they have reassumed the entire employee share; and we will adjust the structure by which employees accrue bankable hours and expend such hours. Again, all of these changes require that we meet and confer with our unions; however, the City Council is indicating its intention to move in a direction that is fair, competitive and sustainable for the long term.

I fully expect there to be thoughtful and provocative discussions about options, alternatives, and suggestions as we head down this direction. Still, the trajectory of our thoughts and ideas has shifted over the last three years.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

FUTURE TROJAN PEYTON MCMILLAN WINS DIGITAL VOICE AWARD

By Susan Henderson

A few weeks ago, Peyton McMillan, a second grade student at Sierra Madre Elementary School did something that no other student in the Pasadena Unified School District or in the County of Los Angeles has ever done. He became the first elementary student in the PUSD and County to win the Los Angeles County Office of Education's (LACOE), Digital Voice Award as an individual.

When Peyton was assigned a video homework project by his teacher, Ms. Yolanda Munoz, he chose to use the endangered African Wild Dog as his subject. After completing his research online,

across Los Angeles County tuned-in to watch clips from winning 2011 Digital Voice Award projects from across the K-12 curriculum and Peyton's submission was among them. To view the event log on to: <http://dva.lacoe.edu/>

The Digital Voice Awards were given to forty-three classroom projects, inclusive of the special focus award of "Cultural Connections," where an award was given to an elementary and secondary project. Of those 43 award winners, Peyton was the only one from the Pasadena Unified School District and the only individual elementary winner from LA County.

This is not the first honor for this creative and talented young man. Last year, he was honored by the Los Angeles Lakers. In January 2010 he was chosen as the Laker's "Student of the Month" for his philanthropic activities and for being a great student. That award is given to two teachers, two students and two principals each month of the season. Peyton was the only representative from the PUSD.

In addition to his academic activities, Peyton had a keen sense of responsibility to the world around him from a very early age. He has raised over \$1500.00 for various organizations by participating in fundraising efforts such as sickle cell anemia research through Little Legs, Big Hearts. He started at



he went to the Los Angeles Zoo where he interviewed Zookeeper Veronica Munoz (no relation to his teacher), about the animals. The interview was captured on video tape and became part of the project.

Peyton used his creativity and developed a live news segment called, "Trojan News". In it, he discusses the animal and its' habits and includes the interview with zookeeper Munoz. His teacher Ms. Munoz and Dawn Tully were so impressed with his work that they submitted it to the Digital Voice Award Competition.

Peyton's "Trojan News" was selected by LACOE as the Digital Voice Winner in the "English/Language Arts - Video Individual Elementary Student" category. On Thursday, May 19, 2011, the Digital Voice Awards-DVA held its first online "virtual" celebration where hundreds of teachers, students, and their families from

2 years old for friends who have sickle cell.

At 6 years old, he had his first lemonade stand. The catch was to sale "pink lemonade" as a symbol for breast cancer awareness. Peyton wanted to donate half of his earnings to another set of friends whose mother had stage 4 breast cancer. She passed away last year when Zack and Xavier were just 4 and 7 years old.

He also shook up his piggy bank to donate to the Red Cross for the Haiti and the Japan disaster relief efforts. His next project is to help the victims of the recent tornadoes in Mississippi and Missouri.

Peyton McMillan is a very busy young man with a very promising future. While he has yet to decide exactly what he wants to be when he grows up, he knows one thing for certain, "I want to go to USC". And, as you may notice in the picture above, his microphone is a metal version on Tommy Trojan. We think he is really serious.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

People always say never let an opportunity pass you by. I agree with them. This past weekend, when some family friends called us up and asked us to go to the Dodger game an our before it started, my dad and I conceded without blinking an eyelash. Boy was I surprised when I found out that we were sitting in the United Airlines Suites. I hadn't been to a game in years, so any seat would have been fine, but the suite was amazing. Filled endlessly with Coca-cola, pulled pork sandwiches, Dodger Dogs and Cracker Jack, I was in heaven. Then the dessert cart came, and I have never in my life seen so many delicious things in one place at one time. From the caramel apples to the mudslide brownies, it was a cart filled with my sweet tooth dreams. I eventually decided on an eight layer s'mores cake after five minutes of painful deciding, and it was one of the best things I have ever eaten. It was layer after layer of graham cracker, chocolate and melted marshmallows, and took me almost the entire game to eat - a large feat considering I usually annihilate anything that is put in front of me. Fully content after the game - we beat the Marlins 8-0 with Kershaw pitching his 2nd ever shutout and smashing a line drive foul ball right into our suite - I thought the day couldn't get any better. It did. As we were leaving the suites, I saw Adam Sandler. Not only did I see him, but I actually got to go up to him and get his autograph. I about passed out my heart was beating so fast. To me, Adam Sandler is up there with God, anyone from Harry Potter, and a few others. Leaving the parking lot that day, I was so glad that we had said yes.



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Academy Award® Winner Marlee Matlin to receive "Albert Einstein Leadership Award"

Pasadena, CA - The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Special Education Department hosts its annual Recognition Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 6 at the University Club of Pasadena. The event celebrates the academic achievements of students served by Special Education by honoring the teachers, support staff, and administrators who are responsible for that growth. The event underscores that, in an environment of limited resources due to state budget cuts, resources invested for special education students actually benefit the entire classroom: techniques used to help special education students access the curriculum also are used to help general education classmates who are struggling with certain concepts or academic subjects.

Pasadena resident Marlee Matlin will receive the CAC's "Albert Einstein Leadership Award," which is presented to an individual who, through personal success or extraordinary effort, is helping tear down lingering stereotypes. Deaf since the age of two, Marlee became the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar and one of only four actresses to receive the honor for her film debut. More recently, she was a finalist on this season of NBC's The Celebrity Apprentice, raising more than \$1 million for the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

The award is named after Albert Einstein, who lived in Pasadena for three summers while a visiting professor at CalTech. If he were born today, many believe Albert Einstein would be a special education student: he had a learning disability as a child, did not speak until the age of 3, struggled with math and had difficulty expressing himself through writing. Einstein's life serves as a brilliant reminder that genius can be developed from the most unlikely of beginnings.

SUBJECT: PUSD Special Education Annual Awards Ceremony

DATE: Monday, June 6, 2011

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - Community Resource Fair
6:30 p.m. - Recognition Awards Ceremony

LOCATION: University Club of Pasadena
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Class of 2011

ALVERNO SENDS 100% OF ITS 62 GRADUATES OFF TO COLLEGE

Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Seniors at Alverno High School, a private Catholic girls' school in Sierra Madre, proudly traded their school uniforms for caps and gowns on Friday evening, June 3. Ceremonies were held on the terrace of the historic Villa d'Oro estate located on the school grounds.

At the inspiration of one senior and the approval of the Alverno administration, all the seniors signed a petition asking Channel One News reporter, Steven Fabian, to be the ceremony's keynote speaker, and were thrilled at his acceptance. On the air since 1990, the Peabody Award-winning Channel One News bills itself as "the leading television news network for teens nationwide. Our mission is to inform, educate and inspire by making news relevant and engaging for young people and sparking discussion around the important issues impacting youth today."

The school released its valedictorian and salutatorian honors on May 27. Candace Siegle, Alverno's Director of Admissions, was pleased to announce that Yale-bound Erica Tavera was named Valedictorian for the Class of 2011. Salutatorian, Karineh Minissian, will attend UC Berkeley. "Between the two of them, these young women were accepted to a variety of different colleges, but Yale and UC Berkeley offered the programs and majors they wanted with the campus environments they were looking for," said Siegle.

Tavera, an AP Scholar, National Honor Society (NHS), President and member of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), has also served as the Supreme Court Chief Justice at Alverno. "It is such an honor to represent my class at graduation," she commented. "I'm so blessed to be in a class with so many inspiring girls who each have so much going for them. I can't wait to see where everyone ends up in 10 years."

Minissian will double major in Political Science and International Relations at UC Berkeley. A member of CSF and NHS, she served as the Secretary of International Affairs at Alverno, and as a Tournament of Roses ambassador. Minissian attended Marshall Fundamental Elementary School in Pasadena. "Coming from a public school, I really didn't know anyone and I was astounded at how welcoming and friendly everyone was," she says. "If it wasn't for the philosophy that Alverno instills in us, I probably wouldn't be as well-rounded and focused as I am today."

Alverno is proud that 100% of its graduates are headed to college next year, including Yale, USC, Brown, UC Berkeley, University of San Francisco, University of the Pacific, UC Santa Barbara, Fordham, UC Davis, University of La Verne and Marymount University. Alverno High School (www.Alverno-HS.org) is located at 200 N. Michillinda in Sierra Madre.



Some of Alverno's seniors pose in garb from their college of choice for next year.

188 LANCERS GRADUATE AT LA SALLE'S 52ND COMMENCEMENT



Pasadena, CA --- La Salle High School graduated 188 seniors at its 52nd Commencement on Friday evening, May 27. Commencement Exercises took place at the Church of the Nazarene, next door to the School. Steven R. Petrovich, Aurora C. Doreza and Melinda H. Lewis received the La Salle High School General Excellence Award. In the fall, Steven, Aurora and Melinda will attend the University of Southern California, the University of California at Berkeley and Pepperdine University respectfully.

Casey T. Nguyen and Tara N. Roberson received the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Christian Service Award. John P. Auer was selected by his senior class peers to receive the Pro Deo et Patria Award. John was also Student Life President at La Salle.

Andrew B. Barmann and Itohan F. Aikhionbare received the Brother Celestine All-Around Athlete Award. Senior Chloe S. Cross was chosen by the Faculty Commencement Committee for the honor of delivering the Commencement Address, while senior Kelsey L. McAlister was selected to deliver the Welcome Address.

100% of La Salle's graduating class will attend college next year, and 93% of the class will matriculate to four-year institutions.

ST. RITA SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Thirty six eighth graders will graduate from St. Rita School on Friday, June 10. Several events will encompass the students' graduation including a private 8:30 a.m. breakfast for grads and their parents with morning awards. A Baccalaureate Mass will follow at 10:30.

All are welcome for this event. The graduation ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the church, with top honors and scholarships announced and awarded at this time.

Thirty-one of St. Rita students will attend eight different private, Catholic High Schools. Five students will attend either Arcadia or La Canada High Schools.

St. Rita 2011 Graduates and their High School of Choice
Alverno High School: Madison Hernandez-Barber, Karina Melkonian; **Arcadia High School:** Adam Alonzo, Kathryn Martinez, Nick Gianini; **Damien High School:** Anthony Khraich, Adrian Navarette; **Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy:** Sophia Coffey, Jessica Mijares, Andrea Hurtado, Alyssa Noriega, Monica Perez, **La Canada High School:** Colleen Mispagel, Adam Pondo; **La Salle High School:** Ben Poon, John Stover, Matt MacDonald, Addison Alvarado, Ryan Adams, Frank Garriola, Evan Talianko, Olivia Pope, Ethan Gauthier, Brandon Sandoval, Amanda Nelson, Max Behrens, Kayla Rix, Tom Usle; **Loyola High School:** Reece Aguilar; **Mayfield Senior School:** Rachel Wiggins; **St. Francis High School:** Clyde Johnson, Gabriel Lane; Christian Almeida, John Bicos; Jacob Mijares; **St. Monica High School:** Aidan Blackwell.

WASC Accreditation Review and School Year Evaluation Completed
This Spring two lengthy processes took place at St. Rita, accreditation and an evaluation of the length of the school year. Harabedian explains, "Catholic schools actually go through a dual accreditation process every 6 years through Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), along with the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). She continued, "From March 29-31, a team of 5 educators, (2 principals and 3 teachers) from schools in the Los Angeles Archdiocese spent 3 full days observing all of the wonderful teaching that happens in our classrooms and reviewing our 100+ page report. In 2005, St Rita School earned the highest accreditation (6 year), and in fact the school has received the full 6 year term since the early 1980's when the process was put in place for all schools. By 2008, we had already achieved all of the goals from the 2005 WASC accreditation."

Key goals identified in 2011's WASC/WCEA report for the next 5 years include: Integration of technology into the classroom and all areas of the curriculum, Differentiated instruction, expanded faith formation for families and professional development in technology. An annual report is submitted to the department of Catholic schools along with an yearly update of how the action plans from the formal WASC visit are being achieved.

According to Harabedian, "The technology integration is already in process with interactive boards. Our key area for professional development this past year was differentiated instruction. On a simple level, differentiated instruction is teaching with student learning styles in mind. It means starting where the kids are rather than adopting a standardized approach to teaching that seems to presume that all learners of a given age or grade are essentially alike. In addition, this spring, the St. Rita School staff, families and administration went through a careful examination of a proposed school year extension to 200 days, recommended by the Catholic Archdiocese. After listening extensively to input from the community, Principal Joanne Harabedian and Pastor, Monsignor Krekelberg came to a joint decision to keep the current 180 school day calendar. "The process for the decision began with a town hall meeting" said Harabedian, "where parents, grandparents (many are involved in both public and private education) voiced their opposition to the extended school year. The primary concern was the value of family time over the summer break and the need for teachers, students and parents to relax and recharge. 80% of our parents were opposed to the extension. Those who supported the extension are parents who struggle with child care over the summer months. "Our test scores are excellent, proven by the outstanding acceptance of our 8th grade students into the local Catholic and private high schools," continued Harabedian. "At the same time, we will commit ourselves annually to revisiting the concept of a 200-Day Year, in order to track its potential for any future advantage to our school."

Krekelberg commented in a letter to the St. Rita community, "This episode of parish and school life was an opportunity to surface the best of ourselves as an educational Catholic faith community. May our resolve to offer excellence in Catholic education only be enhanced!"



GOODEN SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT JUNE 9TH



At The Gooden School, an independent Episcopal school steeped in beautiful traditions, the 2011 graduating class posed in the century old oak tree in the Sandra Towner Memorial Garden on the school's Sierra Madre Campus last week, continuing a longstanding graduation ritual for the school. Towner was the late, assistant head of school.

Dressed in garb that identifies their school choice for next year, the twelve 8th grade graduates will attend the following high schools in 2011-12:

Cate School: Gair Pearson; Flintridge Preparatory School: Stephanie Presz, Zach Picker; Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy: Anna Lopez, Maddy Sturma; La Salle High School: Nicky Buzzerio; Mater Dei High School: Sven Davidson; Mayfield Senior School: Olivia Lyons-Potter; Polytechnic School: Midge Zuk; St. Francis High School: Phillip Saulny; and Westridge School for Girls: Lauren Foley. Sean Parr will be attending a school in Florida.

Continuing another Gooden tradition, admissions directors from the students' chosen high schools have been invited to the commencement ceremonies. Ms. Clemmie Phillips, Admissions Director at Mayfield Senior School in Pasadena will present 8th grade student, Olivia Lyons-Potter, with Honors at Entrance for Olivia's high academic achievement during her middle school years.

The Graduation speakers on June 9 are Valedictorian - Marjory Zuk and Salutatorian - Olivia Lyons-Potter.

According to Patricia J. Patano, Gooden's Head of School, graduation ceremonies will be held on campus, Thursday, June 9 at 3:30 p.m. While no tickets are required, reservations are requested by calling the school office at 626-355-2410.

The Gooden School (www.goodenschool.org), founded in 1975, offers a classical education within a nurturing environment. The school, located at 192 N. Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, is named in honor of The Right Reverend Robert Gooden, Bishop Suffragan of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese from 1930-1947. Bishop Gooden was committed to the belief that all children should receive a quality education and he fervently believed that the unique nature of every individual should be known and developed.

A north by West Surprise. Montrose that is

If Christopher Columbus were alive today and I had the opportunity to take him out to dinner, I would take him to the sleepy town of Montrose and a restaurant nestled near the 2 Fwy. For much like Christopher, I also made an accidental but fortuitous discovery, Divina Cucina - Ristorante Italiano. How it had managed to slip past my knife and fork for all these years is a true mystery. For Divina Cucina has been around for 19 years.

The restaurant itself is quaint, with a bar, a main dining room and an attached patio. Fully decorated for the holidays and with some angels that appear to watch over its guest throughout year. I sat on the enclosed patio and found it to be comfortable and acoustically perfect, as you can have a nice conversation without the bother of shouting or the need to whisper so that no one hears you.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

As I tilted to look above my table I noticed the rich wood beams that spanned the room and brought to mind a chalet in Aspen.

The restaurant is owned and operated by the husband and wife team of Horacio and Alicia Lavanchy. My server, Luis, followed Horacio from his restaurant to Montrose and has been serving with him for all of the 19 years. He was lightning quick, and his service reminded me of the professionalism that is lacking in too many restaurants.

I was fortunate enough to be able to try an array of dishes. I soon discovered that all the breads are made right in Divina's kitchen. Horacio explained to me that there is a big difference between bread that was made a day before and bread that is made an hour before. I agree with him, the difference is measurable. It certainly was evident in the Bruschetta Con Pomodori (\$6.95). Sticking with appetizers, I enjoyed the Carpaccio di Manzo (\$10.95), with a mustard caper sauce that made this dish a must on my next return. Soup of the day was a delightful Mushroom Soup and I also took a sampling of the Squash Soup as well. I have long since said, that if the soup is good, that usually leads to a great dining experience.

I don't know what they could have done to improve these two liquid delights.

Continuing with the house made theme, I moved on to the pastas, which are all made from scratch at Divina Cucina. The pastas offer so many layers of intriguing flavors that it was self-evident that their preparation was under the watchful care

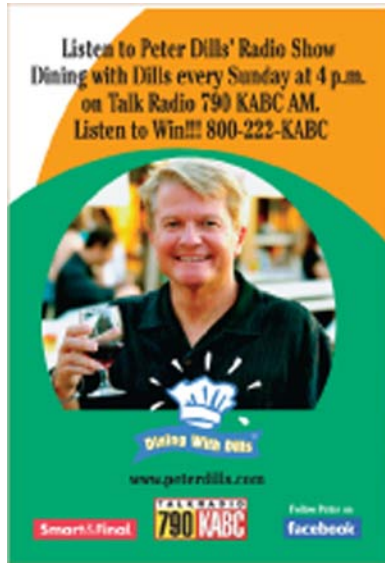
of this restaurant. "The Special" of the night was the four cheese Gnocchi. I also tasted the Ravioli di Zucca, which is filled with butternut squash mousse in Alfredo sauce. Exceptional, but the Ravioli di Aragosta filled with lobster was even better! Both are in the (\$16) range. Other entrées that pepper the menu: Veal, Chicken, Beef and a Fresh Salmon, the one menu item that Alicia said is her favorite. I thought the Pollo alla Gorgonzola (\$19) smelled wondrous when it arrived at the table, as it cast its rich aromas in bouquets. In a word, Perfection. The sprinkling of olive oil, shallots and Gorgonzola cheese made you want to sing as you dined on this dish. For beef lovers, I highly recommend the Filetta con Porcini. A thin fillet of beef grilled in porcini mushroom sauce (MP). Yes, there are pizzas here, and no, I didn't have the room to sample one, but the owner, Horacio, guarantees that they are great as well. I trust this man! This restaurant cares about your dining experience! I cannot remember the last time I could say this,

but every dish I dined upon ranged in the well above average to exceptional. This is one my best finds in the past year. The restaurant is a great combination of thoughtful owners and tantalizing dishes. Divina Cucina, means Divine Kitchen, and the food here, is indeed, Heavenly.

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Redefining the Coffee Experience

Mocha? Cappacino? Chai Latte anyone?

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

Starbucks, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf and Pete's Coffee Company may be more visible to commuters and others traveling the main thoroughfares and regional malls, but millions of diners have also enjoyed a gourmet brew or smoothie from the Caffè D' Amore product line. Their *Bellagio* gourmet coffee line is very popular choice in the restaurant and hotel industry.

Caffè D' Amore is a local company that produces a line of gourmet beverage and food products that are distributed around the world. After starting in 1969, it was known as the Pasadena Coffee Company and later gained notoriety after introducing the world's first flavored cappuccino, Caffè D'Amore® Original Mocha. They are also credited with introducing the first frozen coffee beverage their flavored Frappe Freeze® mixes made it possible

for consumers to enjoy the ice-blended coffee house experience at home. Although the company continues to maintain their coffee roastery in Pasadena, but their corporate headquarters, distribution center and state-of-the-art training facility is located in Monrovia.

They continue as trendsetters with innovative additions, including two flavors inspired by culture South of the Border, specifically Latin Blends® Dulce de Leche and Latin Blends® Mexican Spiced Cocoa. Rooibos Thai Tea is available and anyone

who enjoys Chai tea will feel like a kid in a candy store with a wide variety of mixes that simply need to have water or milk added, hot or cold. Mixes for flavored tea lattes, sipping chocolates, even a line of packaged dry goods for baking healthy brownies, cookies and other goodies are just an order away.



The "Bellagio Epicurean" line is a favorite with chefs and restaurants for creating gourmet desserts and beverages, with choices of Unsweetened Cocoa Powder, Sweet Ground Chocolate, Freeze Dried Espresso, Vanilla Bean and Decadent Chocolate Gelato Starters. Their signature Bellagio roast was designated as "The Official Coffee of the 2008 Tournament of Roses." For a number of years the company operated a coffee shop on the corner of Walnut Avenue and Sierra Bonita in Pasadena where they also sold their entire line

of consumer products, including gift baskets. Fortunately for consumers, products including gift sets, are available for purchase through their website. In fact, the site features a Holiday Gift Center with many selections.

The next time you're in a coffee shop where you're able to peek over the counter, don't be surprised if you catch a glimpse of the *Caffè D' Amore* or *Bellagio* logo on the package being used to prepare your perfect gourmet beverage. To learn more, visit their website at caffedamore.com.

From the Inside Out Mary Carney



Ah, reminders of home. Home? Yes, central Pennsylvania, home of the Eastern Continental Divide, the Amish, and Penn State's Creamery, world-re-knowned for its

amazing ice cream.

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networks recognize Penn State's premier position in this field.

So, I hear you mutter, why rhapsodize about something that is only available 3/4 the way across the country? Well, brace yourselves, folks.

"Mother Moo" is scheduled to open up right here in Sierra Madre this July 4th

weekend at the former Domino's Pizza location in Kersting Court. And the owner, Karen, has been well trained at Penn State's ice cream institute. Yes – world quality organic ice cream will be available here right in our own town. All ingredients will be fresh, and obtained to the greatest extent possible from local organic farmers and gardeners, and all ice cream will be hand-made in small batches right in the store, with an ever-changing array of flavors by

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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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Sean Kayden

Jr. is Detroit natives, Daniel Zott and Josh Epstein. They joined forces sometime last year to release the much buzzed about EP, *Horse Power*. It was a four-song collection of psychedelic indie pop tunes that included the Beach Boys cover, "God Only Knows". With their highly anticipated debut LP due out on June 7th, the twosome expands on their eclectic sound. Epstein and Zott both sing in other bands, The Silent Years and The Great Fiction, respectively and share vocal duties on *It's A Corporate World*. The amalgamation of the two singers/songwriters were able to craft soft, airy, electronic produced rhythms with their new venture. *It's A Corporate World* is a moderately solid debut, but an uneven one at that. There may be plenty here that will resonate with particular listeners. Some will find more to love than others. When Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr. strives in specific tracks, there is no denying the magic these guys can bring. However, it's when they depart from that signature sound that leaves us to some extent empty within.

Luckily, none of the tracks on *It's A Corporate World* feel overblown in nature. Actually, only two tracks, "Nothing But Our Love" and "When I Open My Eyes" cross the four-minute mark. In retrospect, the 12-track record is relatively short-lived at 37 minutes and 25 seconds. The first half of the album starts off reasonably strong. Opener, "Morning Thought" provides us with glistening patterns, electrifying drumbeats and mellow vocal harmonies. One of the standout tracks, "Nothing But Our Love" (which made its first appearance on the *Horse Power* EP) showcases mellifluous vocal tones, dreamy arrangements and continues to float effortlessly through its entirety. The other treasure off the record is, "Skeletons" a darkly, stripped down song with stick clanging throughout that ends way too soon.

SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

DALE EARNHARDT JR. JR.

The duo behind the silly (yet possibly brilliant?) band name, Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr.

It's proceeded with "An Ugly Person On A Movie Screen" a dangerously catchy tune with its contagious "na, na, na, na" hook. So far, so good, right? The second half of the album, which includes "Vocal Chords" and "Simple Girl" from the *Horse Power* EP takes the album down a slightly different path. It's not necessarily a forbidden road they head down, but one that raises caution

Artist:	Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr.
Record:	It's A Corporate World
Label:	Quite Scientific Records
Release Date:	June 7 th , 2011

and concern. This is especially true since the first half of the album is inventive, jaunty and often catchy.

Like I previously mentioned, this is a relatively respectable first effort. I would have expected a bit more given my deep appreciation for Epstein's better pop indie band, The Silent Years. Adding electronics and synths to your soundscape is all the rage right now. Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr. uses them to their advantage most of the time. Some of the songs (toward the second half) start off fairly strong, but somehow manage to get stale and unrewarding by the time of completion. I like to think the band's name is more than a gimmick. If they decide in the future to work on a follow-up album, I'll still check it out with no hesitation. Growth and progress is inevitable, yet I hope Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr. can figure out a way to become the band they've set out to be. *It's A Corporate World* does feel special and unique sometimes, but those moments aren't everlasting. Hell, those moments rarely last at all.

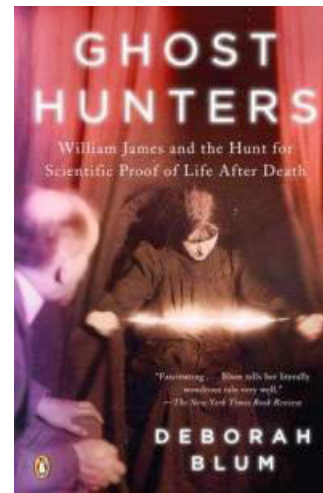
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Key Tracks: "Morning Thought", "Nothing But Our Love", "Skeletons", "An Ugly Person On A Movie Screen"

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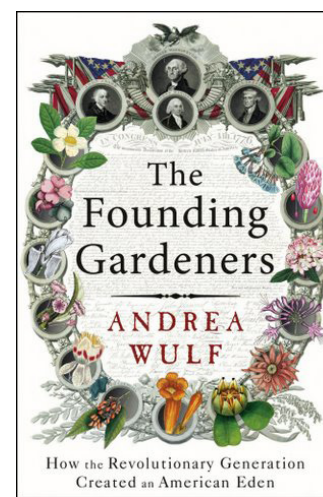
Ghost Hunters: William James and the Search for Scientific Proof of Life After Death by Deborah Blum

A Pulitzer Prize winning author tells the amazing story of William James's quest for empirical evidence of the spirit world. What if a world renowned philosopher and professor of psychiatry at Harvard suddenly announced he believed in ghosts? At the close of the nineteenth century, the illustrious William James led a determined scientific investigation into "unexplainable" incidences of clairvoyance and ghostly visitations. James and a small group of eminent scientists staked their reputations, their careers, even their sanity on one of the most extraordinary quests ever undertaken: to empirically prove the existence of ghosts, spirits, and psychic phenomena. What they pursued and what they found raises questions as fascinating today as they were then. Deborah Blum is a professor of science journalism at the University of Wisconsin and has written for the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Psychology Today.



Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation by Andrea Wulf

From the author of the acclaimed *The Brother Gardeners*, a fascinating look at the founding fathers from the unique and intimate perspective of their lives as gardeners, plantsmen, and farmers. For the founding fathers, gardening, agriculture, and botany were elemental passions, as deeply ingrained in their characters as their belief in liberty for the nation they were creating. Andrea Wulf reveals for the first time this aspect of the revolutionary generation. She describes how, even as British ships gathered off Staten Island, George Washington wrote his estate manager about the garden at Mount Vernon; how a tour of English gardens renewed Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's faith in their fledgling nation; how a trip to the great botanist John Bartram's garden helped the delegates of the Constitutional Congress break their deadlock; and why James Madison is the forgotten father of American environmentalism. These and other stories reveal a guiding but previously overlooked ideology of the American Revolution. *Founding Gardeners* adds depth and nuance to our understanding of the American experiment and provides us with a portrait of the founding fathers as they've never before been seen.



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HOWARD Hays As I See It



“ . . . whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that, whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them right.”
- Thomas Jefferson

I wrote last week about the rationale behind Republicans' targeting education and teachers. They've targeted public education specifically; an institution Jefferson felt so strongly about, he (unsuccessfully) sought to have federal support for education codified as an amendment to our Constitution.

“(W)henever the people are well-informed”, they tend to question assertions that budgetary concerns are behind education cuts; as in Texas, where 97,000 teachers face lay-offs while lawmakers push for a \$250 million taxpayer commitment to bring Formula 1 auto racing to Austin; and Kentucky, which endured cuts to “education at all levels” and a teacher pay freeze while offering over \$50 million in support to a theme park featuring a full-size replica of Noah's ark.

Along with an educated electorate, Republicans have reason to fear one with a memory. In his column last week, Greg Welborn advised we remember the “message” of the 2010 elections. As I see it, voters are expressing buyers' remorse over those they voted for, who don't seem to remember why they were elected in the first place.

Greg cited the recent election of a Democrat in the historically-Republican 26th Congressional District in New York. Of more consequence for 2012 is the shift in electoral-vote-rich swing states.

Two weeks ago in Florida, the first Democrat in twenty years was elected mayor of Jacksonville, the state's largest city. A Suffolk University poll found Republican Gov. Rick Scott with a 32% approval rating. According to Suffolk Political Director David Paleologos, “It's taken Gov. Scott less than 100 days to begin a free fall in popularity and to generate negative perceptions about job performance and damaging the state he was elected to lead.”

Gov. Scott resisted voter-approved anti-gerrymandering legislation, turned down \$2 billion in federal high-speed rail funding (workers were to have union protections) and followed the party line in sacrificing education for millionaire tax-cuts. In solidly-Republican Jacksonville, President Obama now enjoys higher approval than Gov. Scott.

In Ohio, the CEO of a Columbus railcar manufacturer described Republican Gov. John Kasich's decision to turn down federal rail funds as “mind-boggling.” “The only thing I can compare it to is the interstate-highway program back in the '60s. Where would Ohio be today if it opted out of the interstate highway system?”

After cutting millions from the budgets of local schools, nursing homes, children's hospitals and community health programs, Gov. Kasich sought to eliminate the estate tax to ease the burden on millionaires. Utilities and oil companies saw their taxes cut, with state parks offered to the highest bidder for oil and gas exploration.

Within a month, Ohioans have gathered 214,400 signatures on a petition to reverse

Kasich's decision taking away collective bargaining rights from public employees - 90% of the total needed to put the referendum on the ballot. A recent Quinnipiac poll shows the governor's approval at 38%.

Wisconsin election officials have now certified sufficient signatures and given approval for the recall election of six Republican state senators this summer. As noted in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, “At no time in U.S. history have attempts been made to recall so many legislators at the same time over the same issue”; Republican Gov. Scott Walker's attempt to strip state employees of their collective bargaining rights.

Gov. Walker's numbers haven't been helped by his moves to consolidate power in the governor's office (over natural resources, veterans' affairs, Medicaid), attempting to evade oversight by the legislature and accountability to the public. Nor have voters approved of his declaring the affirmation of domestic partnership rights, such as hospital visitation for gay couples, to be “unconstitutional.”

According to a recent Public Policy poll, half of Wisconsin's likely voters want to see Walker recalled; a hypothetical match-up shows former Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold beating Walker 52% to 42%.

Nation-wide, “the people are well-informed” enough to see through Republicans' playing chicken with the debt ceiling, described by Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI) as a “ploy so egregious that (they) have had to spend the last week pleading with Wall Street not to take it seriously and risk our economic recovery.”

National default is threatened in order to impose the “budget” prepared by Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI). They've largely abandoned the pretense of referring to “debt”, rather than just “spending”, reduction; if the proposal had anything to do with addressing the deficit, it wouldn't be calling for ladling out billions more of taxpayer funds to those already holding 90% of our wealth.

The prize Republicans seek for their benefactors is Medicare, because, quoting bank robber Willie Sutton, “that's where the money is.” Seniors may be left with little more than a voucher to try and find private coverage, along with responsibility for hundreds a month in out-of-pocket expenses, but insurance conglomerates will have their 20-30% cut for million-dollar executive bonuses and dividend checks, courtesy the taxpayer. And, thanks to Rep. Ryan's budget, we'd remain the only developed country on earth where a family can be financially ruined if a member gets sick.

A “well-informed” people, however, might not easily relinquish that prize. A February WSJ/NBC poll finds 76% of Americans view cutting Medicare to address the deficit as “unacceptable”. An April Washington Post/ABC poll shows 72% supporting a tax hike for those making over \$250,000 a year. In the same poll, 67% support the right of state workers to unionize.

Republicans have reason to fear an electorate with a memory in 2012. The people saw “things get so far wrong” in New York's 26th District, Jacksonville, FL, throughout Ohio and Wisconsin, however, they couldn't wait any longer, and have already shown how “they may be relied on to set them right”.

GREG Welborn



The Debt Limit Fairy Tale

The news this week from the mainstream press is that failure to raise the country's debt limit will end the American way of life and ruin the U.S.'s reputation for years, if not multiple decades, to come. That story line has about as much truth to it as your typical children's fairy tale.

Let's first explain some terms that are being thrown around without proper understanding. The debt limit is the legal amount of debt that the U.S. government can have outstanding at any one time. It's almost exactly like the credit limit that you and I, along with the rest of America, have on our Visa card. We're allowed to borrow only so much. The debt limit has nothing to do with whether or not our obligations will be paid. Again, just like our credit cards. If I reach my limit with my Visa card and Visa is unwilling to increase the amount I can borrow, it doesn't mean that I'm going to default on the debt I owe them. What it means is that Visa is unwilling to lend me more money until I show that I can start paying down the amount I already owe. That's actually a good thing, and so it would be with our country.

To hear the professional political class tell it, the U.S. will immediately start defaulting on debts owed, lose its standing in the world and generally suffer a terrible economic fate if it's not allowed to borrow more money than it already has. Hopefully, this is starting to sound a little weird to the readers of this column, because it should. If the debt limit is reached and no further borrowings are allowed, the U.S. will have to start cutting back on its spending. It would no longer be allowed to spend more than it takes in and finance that deficit by borrowing. It will have to cut back somewhere.

Now, it is possible that the government would choose to cut back by missing interest payments on its bonds, but that would be a purposeful move on its part, not a natural and unavoidable result of reaching the debt ceiling. The government could just as easily cut back on discretionary spending in other areas or reduce the entitlement spending that's on autopilot right now. Those are actually the more rationale responses, and I suspect that when push comes to shove, it is exactly what the government would do.

That's not the same thing as saying it's what the government wants to do. There are plenty in the current administration and in Congress that want to continue to spend. They will resist with every fiber of their body cutting back on their cherished programs, which are the foundation of their power and position. What's a humble politician to do without the ability to spend some money in his or her district? The reality remains, though, that if the ability to spend more is removed, they will be forced to cut back the profligate spending that has so badly hurt this country.

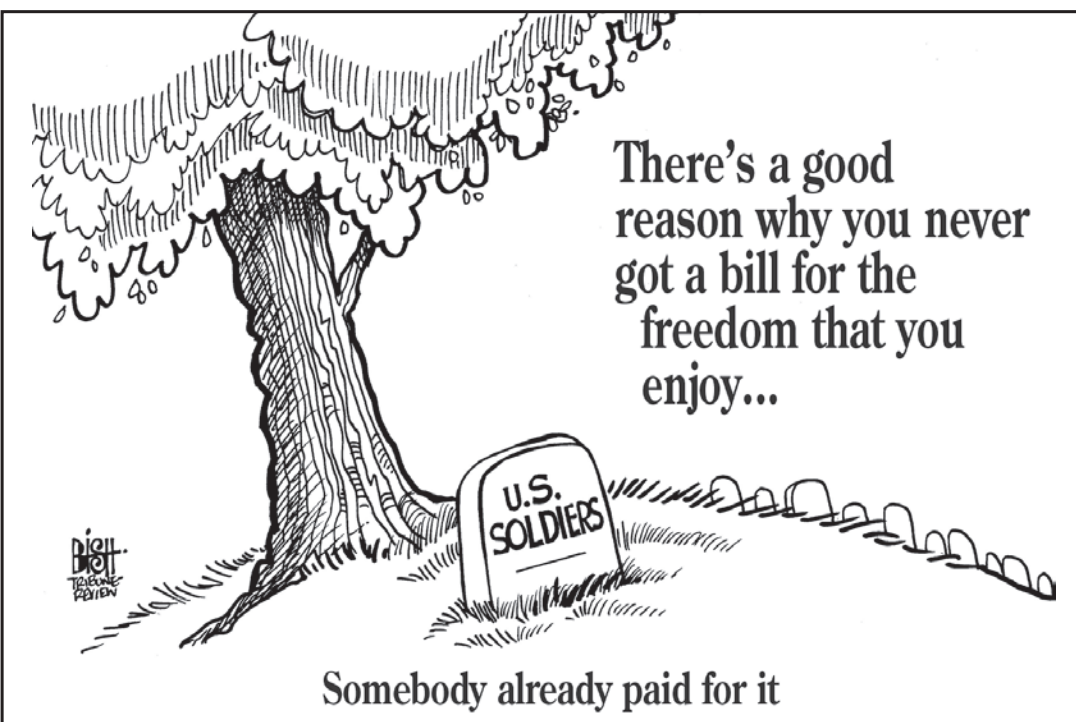
It's fascinating to me when I read about all the economists who have signed petitions or Op-ed

articles describing the disaster that awaits us if the debt limit isn't raised. Fascinating because there has been almost no media attention paid to the 150 economists (including the likes of former Treasury Secretary George Schultz and the Nobel Prize winner, Robert Mundell) who signed a statement explaining that increasing the debt limit without incorporating meaningful and enforceable reductions in spending would actually be the most damaging thing one could do to the economy.

Their logic is inescapable. Government spending in recent years has risen from about 18% of the economy to 24% today. Because tax payers haven't yet been forced to pony up more of their hard earned dollars, that increase in spending has created the deficit and debt limit problem we face today. If politicians are allowed to raise the debt limit without agreeing to spending cuts now, they're never going to agree to them. All the leverage in the negotiations would be removed. If spending is allowed to stay at its new, higher level, then it is almost a foregone conclusion that taxes will have to increase – and not just on the rich. As has been explained in countless articles, there aren't enough billionaires and millionaires in this country to meet the current spending levels – let alone pay down existing debt – even if they were taxed at 100% of their earnings. The middle class will inevitably be asked to pay more. These higher taxes will depress economic activity and force us into a deeper recession. Smart business owners and investors know this. If they believe that government spending will continue unabated, they know that taxes are going to increase, and they will choose not to invest their hard earned capital today. That reduction in investments will cause further unemployment and recession today.

So, the debt ceiling debate is really a debate about whether we're going to further shift assets and power from the private sector into the hands of government bureaucrats. It has nothing to do with whether we'll default on existing debt. President Obama is wedded to his “transformation of America”, and he's not above playing a very high stakes game of chicken with our future and our children's future. Let's hope that the debt limit stays right where it is and the U.S. is forced to start paying off its credit card.

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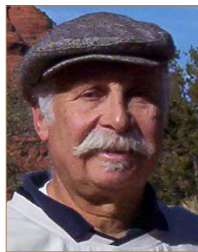
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE DREAM BIG



Early this morning as I was inattentively watching the fourth or so hour of the French Open Tennis Matches I heard the announcer, Martina Navratilova, describing an incident relating to one of the participants. Martina described watching the young woman (I believe she was Eastern European) warming up before a match at the Wimbledon Championships. This was the most important match of the young woman's life, probably the culmination of a life-long dream and yet something was very wrong. Martina, one of the greatest players of all-time, noticed that the young woman was warming-up with her father. She described the father as being unable to hit hard enough to break an egg and knew that it was impossible for the father to adequately prepare his daughter for the real match. Soon after the young woman took her place on the Court and in less than 45 minutes she was defeated and completely destroyed by the power of her opponent.

I imagine that the father had introduced his daughter to tennis at an early age.. I see them hitting the ball back and forth for countless hours together dreaming of the day when the daughter grew so expert that she qualified to play at Wimbledon, the most famous and important tournament in the world. Together they dreamed of that moment before her first match when the father would proudly warm-up with the daughter as she prepared to play. This was the culmination of the dream. As soon as she stepped onto the Court after hitting with her father the dream was fulfilled. Winning or losing the actual match made no difference. Together they had achieved their dream. Hallelujah!

Alas, their loyalty to the dream led not to victory but instead guaranteed defeat. Their long held fantasy did not grow with the possibilities of reality. Perhaps to win the match a part of the dream had to be released and coaches and trainers other than the father had to be retained. This is the point of my article. In addition to motivating our own dreams can restrict.

Throughout history people have always dreamt of a better way of living. Sometimes they called it freedom.. Countless wars and revolutions have been fought in the name of giving power to the people and countless lives have been lost; but in the end the power remains elsewhere. How can the goal of freedom ever be reached? Removing the reigning tyrant is only the beginning rather than the end of the dream. Often all that happens is more fighting and subsequent battles for control together with resultant brutality, and death.

Right now the Arab Spring has succeeded in removing, or almost removing, unpopular tyrannical leaders. This is a fulfillment of a dream and the world remembers the recent moving celebration of the Egyptian People as they rejoiced at the departure of Mubarak. Alas, tis cannot be the end of the dream but only a beginning. Reforming the system is what is important not just changing the name of the leader. The hard work is just starting but the energy of the people seems to be disappearing.

Looking at the United States, we really thought we had accomplished something when we elected Barack Obama. Hip, hip, hooray. We've done it! What have we accomplished? I do not want to live in a country filled with poverty, unemployment, and ignorance. I want educational reform, and medical service availability, and a sane environmental policy. I do not want war and I especially do not want to live in a country that thinks it is okay to torture. I do not want to be surrounded by commercialization and misinformation and silliness. I want the mistreatment of the poor and the vulnerable to stop right now. The ruling powerful elites inevitably attempt to create dream-worlds that manipulate and mislead the population. We are often told that our rulers are our Gods. They are not! Our own individual responsibility is to stay in touch with our own personal dreams while still looking realistically at our own lives..

My imaginings concerning the tennis player and her father may have little to do with any actual reality but I think they stand as a powerful metaphor. Often we are accepting participants in the limitations placed upon us, easily satisfied and sleep-walking through our own lives. Simply put I cannot answer the question of why we are here but I am certain that the reason for existence is not about being good consumers and being entertained. Neither is it about winning and defeating others. I believe that my mostly imagined father and daughter tennis players were on the right track. They cared about one another and worked hard and achieved and I think experienced a kind of love. To expand that love as much as possible to the world is my dream for humanity. Let us keep dreaming and remember there are no limits to dreaming. Let us dream BIG.

Curbing Bad Behavior: THANK YOU

by Ron Carter



When I first started writing the "Curbing Bad Behavior" (CBB) Blog, I had no idea how it would be received. After more than three months of publishing CBB, I am grateful for the support it has received. While navigating through our daily lives, it seems like the words "please," "excuse me," "how can I help you?" and "thank you" are disappearing from our vocabulary, I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has supported my blog.

"Curbing Bad Behavior" supporters have been gracious, informative and helpful. Your responses to my weekly posts, your phone calls, your suggestions on topics I should pen and your kind remarks I received while I'm out in public conducting my daily activities have been a motivating force which has encouraged me to continue writing "Curbing Bad Behavior." There is one person whose name I'll list; she has given my blog, CBB, a larger audience. Thank you Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor of the *Mountain Views News*, for including my blog in your newspapers.

You ladies and gentlemen are the best! You have demonstrated that in our world which can sometimes overwhelm us with strife, you took the time to support and encourage me. I am truly blessed by your gratitude.

As I continue to write about topics that are interesting to me and hopefully to you, I will remember that without your kindness and support, "Curbing Bad Behavior" would not exist. Again, I say thank you for the encouragement, love and support.

PORTANTINO'S BILLS APPROVED THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

The California State Assembly, working its way through hundreds of pieces of legislation this week, has passed several of Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's bills. These measures now move to the Senate for approval.

AB 2 Higher Ed Accountability establishes a framework to measure the performance of California's higher education systems by providing parents, students and teachers with a report card on the successes or deficiencies of the California Community Colleges, the Cal State Universities, and the University of California.

AB 91 Community College Financial Aid requires the Chancellor's office to establish a 3-year pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs with the goal of making it easier for students to apply for aid.

AB 160 Concurrent Enroll-

ment makes it easier for high school students to attend community colleges while encouraging school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts.

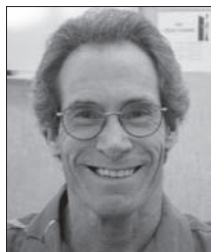
AB 245 Childcare Payments requires the State Controller to pay child care contractors via direct deposit. AB 245 was inspired by a roundtable discussion of childcare providers in the 44th AD.

AB 322 Rape Kit Reporting requires law enforcement agencies to report annually the number of rape kits collected and tested during the past year.

AB 491 HIV Testing makes changes to ensure that California law keeps pace with public health strategies relative to HIV screening. The state Office of AIDS estimates that there are approximately 32,000 Californians unaware that they are living with HIV.

Earlier in the session, AB 144, Portantino's bill to ban the Open Carry of unloaded firearms on Main Street California was approved and will be heard next week in Senate Public Safety Committee.

HAIL Hamilton My Turn



BETRAYED AGAIN--OBAMA EXTENDS PATRIOT ACT!

The Patriot Act was then, and is now, nothing short of a complete abom-ination to our Constitution and it is completely un-necessary to the fight against terrorism. All it does is allow our government to spy on its own citizens without justification or probable cause, much the same as the laws in most communist countries. By keeping this law on the books, our government is telling it's citizens... buckle under, your constitutional rights mean nothing any longer.

Is there any Bush policy Obama hasn't renewed? Maybe Bush should have gotten the Nobel Peace Prize?

The Patriot Act is evil, and subjects us to internal, bureaucratic terrorism backed by law. What's ironic is the liberals who hated Bush for the Patriot Act now support it under Obama.

Rahm Emanuel, then Obama's new chief of staff, summed it up best when he told a Wall Street Journal conference of top corporate CEOs right after the inauguration, "You never want a serious crisis to go waste."

He elaborated: "Things that we had postponed for too long, that were long-term, are now immediate and must be dealt with. This crisis provides the opportunity for us to do things that you could not do before."

If that's not a slippery slope nothing is! There will always be another crisis down the road. What other freedoms and liberties will we be asked to forfeit in order to be "safe" then?

Extending the Patriot Act reveals just what a two-faced scoundrel President Obama is -- someone who will say and do anything to get reelected. I feel sorry for his diehard supporters -- what few he still has -- who continue to defend his flagrant reversals and blatant betrayal of real progressive reform. Obama is a hypocrite; his supporters are fools.

In 2003, Senator Obama branded the Patriot Act "shoddy and dangerous" and pledged to end it. In 2005, he pledged to filibuster a Bush-sponsored bill that included expanding several of the Patriot Acts more draconian provisions, calling them "just plain

RICH Johnson Paraproisdokian



Someone asked me recently if I knew what a paraproisdokian was. I said I think so. It's a side dish available at my favorite Mediterranean Restaurant, Corfu.

Owners Vic and Amy assured me it wasn't on their menu. So I looked it up. Ready for this one folks?

Paraproisdokian: A figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected usually in a humorous or dramatic way. Sounds like your dubious columnist here has spent a lifetime spouting paraproisdokians without knowing just exactly what they were. You might have favorites of your own. Here are some that caught my attention.

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak." Unknown
"You can always count on the Americans to do the right thing -- after they have tried everything else." Winston Churchill

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it." Groucho Marx

"A modest man, who has much to be modest about." Winston Churchill

"The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list." Unknown

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public." Unknown

"I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you." Unknown

"You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice." Unknown

"Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back." Unknown

"You're never too old to learn something stupid." Unknown

"War does not determine who is right -- only who is left." Unknown

REV James L. Snyder

A healthy dose of medicine for the soul

A large segment of the human population takes things way too seriously for their own good. The strange anomaly is that most people laugh at the wrong thing and fail to laugh at the right thing. This serious incongruity has robbed people of a healthy attitude towards life in general.

Those who take life too seriously are in danger of missing the great joys of living in a crazy world like ours. I am not sure about the scientific research but I would guess that for every sad moment it takes one hundred laughs to balance the books. Some people are about ninety-nine laughs short of a real sane moment.

I like the old English proverb that says, "Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone."

From my perspective, if you cannot laugh with someone you will not be able to cry with him or her and have it mean anything.

According to some medical advice, it takes more facial muscles and energy to frown than it does to smile. Of course, the only exercise some people have is frowning and who am I to take that away from them.

I am determined, no matter what, to exercise my right to smile and laugh and enjoy the world around me. I must confess that I get this attitude quite honestly.

My paternal grandfather was a Past Master in the area of practical jokes. No amount of time was too much to spend preparing for one of his famous practical jokes. His favorite holiday was April 1 and began preparing for this holiday right after Christmas.

The fact that his practical jokes at times got him into trouble did not seem to affect him at all.

Once while in the hospital for an extended period he had somebody smuggle in to him a can of snuff. For some reason he liked chewing snuff. It is the most disgusting habit I know of on earth.

He no sooner received his smuggled goods then he began chewing it. If you know anything about chewing snuff, you know it is accompanied by a lot of spitting. As usual, his timing was impeccable. Just as the head nurse passed his door and looked in, he leaned over and spit in to the garbage can he had next to his bed. The nurse, not knowing about the chewing snuff, thought he was spitting blood and immediately went into emergency mode. Immediately my grandfather was rushed into the operating room and the surgeon and medical team were assembled.

My grandfather was very sick at the time. Some did not think he would get out of the hospital.

Just as they got him situated in the operating room he pulled down under his sheet his can of chewing snuff and smiled at them. The only person in the room

wrong" in a Senate speech.

He argued: "Government has decided to go on a fishing expedition through every personal record or private document -- through library books they've read and phone calls they've made... We don't have to settle for a Patriot Act that sacrifices our liberties or our safety -- we can have one that secures both."

Let's add up the score card:

- Obama was against being in Iraq and that George Bush went there for oil. Obama said we will get out of Iraq. Three years later we're still in Iraq: Score one point for George

Bush.

- Obama said we would get out of Afghanistan. Three years later we're still in Afghanistan:

Score one point for George Bush.

- Obama said Guantanamo needs to close and George Bush keeping it open was damaging U.S. credibility. Three years later Gitmo is still open: Score one point for George Bush.

- Obama said the Patriot Act was an intrusion of the constitution and he will halt its use. Three years later Obama extends the Patriot Act: Score one point for George Bush.

- Obama said the "rich" are not paying their fair share and will not extend the "Bush tax cuts." December 2010 Obama extends the Bush tax cuts: Score one point for George Bush.

That's George Bush 5; Barack Obama 0! Hmmm... Obama looks like he agrees MORE with Bush than he disagrees with him!!!

President Obama's extension of the Patriot Act, like so many other questionable things he has done, is only possible because the American public is so poorly served by the mainstream press. Once you take out the sports scores, ads, crime stories, obits, and human interest fluff there really isn't any "news" left in the daily newspapers. The same is true for the nightly newscasts. What few legitimate stories they do have are too often reported by some bonehead who you wouldn't trust to watch your dog.

Wake up folks! What Obama does in Washington effects us all -- even those of us lucky enough to live in Sierra Madre.

"I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure." Unknown
"A Freudian slip is when you say one thing, but mean your mother." Unknown

Let me end this column with a clever little story chock full of paraproisdokians written about a mythical Greek hero. (I edited for space considerations.) You can find the unedited full version on Uncyclopedia.com

Paraproisdokian was a legendary hero. He was not a citizen of any organized nation - he was a Greek. He was a great warrior. His legacy is stained only by facts. Despite his legend, the true story of his days was not recorded by any reliable Greek historian. It was written by Herodotus. If modern day historians have correctly translated the accounts of his life, I would be very surprised.

As a school youth he was very skilled with the girls, though his teachers did encourage him to participate in boys' athletics instead. The face of this young child could say it all, especially the mouth part. As a young lad, he fought and killed an elephant using nothing but an oak branch. But this deed remains dubious - an elephant using an oak branch is no match for a warrior using sword and shield.

He never went into a battle without his father's trusty sword. Or with it, for that matter. It was well known that on the battlefield he wouldn't sleep for three days, because that would be far too long. But despite the hell of war, he pictured in his mind a land without war, a land without hate. And he pictured his army attacking that land, because they would never expect it.

He was a skilled archer, though he did occasionally miss his wife. In his early days, he would bring a new woman to his bed each night. But it got to be too crowded, so he sent them all away. Everywhere he went he sought the woman of his dreams but since he never slept, he could never meet her.

He died like a true hero - peacefully in his sleep, not screaming and shouting like the people hit by the chariot he was driving.

that thought this was in any way amusing was my grandfather. The doctors were so angry with him but they refuse to see him for three days and confiscated his can of chewing snuff.

My aunt and uncle lived right next to my grandfather. My aunt was hyper clean when it came to her house. Dirt in any form was not welcome under her roof. She had a broom that was always within reach because she never knew when a piece of dirt would try to invade her domicile.

That year my grandfather found something new. I am not sure where he found it but he probably spent a lot of time looking for something like this. It was a rubber facsimile of a very nasty looking piece of vomit. To him it was a prized possession.

Most of his practical jokes were executed on April 1. Whenever we saw grandfather coming on this particular day we usually ran for cover.

He went over to visit my aunt and was sitting on the couch in the living room. They chatted for a little while and then my grandfather began to cough a little bit. He said to my aunt, "I haven't been feeling good lately. I really don't know what it is." Then he started to cough a little more seriously, to which, my aunt got up and went to the kitchen to get him a glass of water thinking that might help him.

When she got back, she was shocked to see on her new coffee table a very horrible sight. My grandfather was bent over the coffee table hacking and coughing as though he was in the process of dying. On the coffee table was very nasty looking piece of vomit.

My aunt went into hysterics. She whirled around and within a moment had grabbed her broom and started towards my grandfather. My grandfather was laughing but not for long.

Suddenly he realized that the flailing broom in my aunt's hand was aimed at him. She chased him out of the house, down the driveway and for at least three blocks yelling obscenities at him that I dare not repeat in public society.

Laughter is the fresh air of the soul. Even the Bible thinks so.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken" (Proverbs 15:13 KJV). And, my favorite, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22 KJV).

I recommend a healthy dose of medicine for your soul.

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund

Science, Truth, Language: Communicating With Non-Science and Public Audiences



HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HEAR that some scientific view is “only theory” or that it is “not proven”? The hidden implication is that if we have not “proven” the case, then we do not know anything for certain about it, and any idea is as good as any other. A recent and vivid example of this problem is the ongoing argument in the popular media about global warming. Do we need to be absolutely certain before we take action?

These same issues and doubts come up in university science classes for non-science students, and in public lectures with scientific themes. The problem, described by McMaster University astronomer William Harris at the 2011 meeting of the Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA) in Ontario, Canada, boils down to a misunderstanding about the way science really works. Contrary to the way it is often portrayed in public, science is not about “proving theories.” An effective way to discuss these issues is to imagine a continuous line stretching from “totally right” at the top, to “totally wrong” at the bottom. Any scientific idea, hypothesis, or theory can be located somewhere on that line. If it has a lot of evidence supporting it, it lies



SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY IN IRAQ — Amateur astronomer Azhy Hasan shows solar eclipse to Iraqi schoolgirls. Photo courtesy of Azhy Hasan

near the top (for example, that the Earth is round; or that Newton’s laws of motion are correct; or that DNA is the basis of the genetic code). Old ideas that were disproven sit at the bottom of the line (for example, that dinosaurs coexisted with early humans, or that the Sun revolves around the Earth).

A new scientific idea, just beginning to be explored, sits somewhere in the middle of the line. As more evidence comes in and our tools for interpretation get better, we might find that the idea is wrong (“disproven”) and it immediately drops to the bottom of the line. But with luck, we might find that it agrees with a lot of evidence and so our confidence in the idea grows. Over time, it might move upward into a full-fledged body of knowledge that is much more secure.

Another way to think about this line is to ask how much you would bet that a given scientific idea or theory is right. We literally bet our lives that Newton’s laws are right, but we wouldn’t be quite that confident in a new and untested statement. The key to understanding science is the role played by constant testing and real-world evidence.

MEANWHILE, COMMUNICATING SCIENCE AND ASTRONOMY WITH THE PUBLIC is alive and well, both here and abroad (see the accompanying photo from Iraq). At our own Mount Wilson Observatory, guided walking tours are being given every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m., and the Observatory area is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For driving directions and other information, see the Observatory website, [HYPERLINK “http://www.mtwilson.com”](http://www.mtwilson.com)

And if you can break free for an hour on Saturday afternoon, June 25, you can see for yourself how astronomers make discoveries. At 2:30 p.m., the Mount Wilson Observatory will be presenting a free public lecture at the Altadena Library, 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena. David Jurasevich, Observatory Superintendent at Mt. Wilson, will speak on his own discovery of a new nebula previously unknown to professional astronomers. The title of his talk is “The Soap Bubble Nebula: Hidden in Plain Sight.”

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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 were the jobs are located and how to get pass the “gate-keepers”. As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering your questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

Dear Jai: I have been unsuccessful at finding employment for the past 6 months. I spend at least 5 hours a day searching the internet and calling employers, but nothing seems to happen. I just believe there is nothing out there for me and I will never find employment. I am getting discouraged and very depressed. Most of my friends are employed, and they sincerely try to help and keep me optimistic. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by a supportive and understanding family, but sometimes I just feel all alone. What should someone like me do? All alone

Dear All Alone:

First, you are not alone. There are thousands of people in your circumstance, and saying this is not to make you feel better. It is only to reinforce that searching for employment in these economic times is not an easy task and you should not try to go it alone. Seek out support from those who can assist you mentally and socially. Join a Job Club or Employment Support Group. As I always say, first, do your research. Find out where they are located in your community and which groups have been successful. Attend and assess their meetings before joining and committing. Assess if they have common goals, meet your goals and objectives; personality types; meeting time of day, professional levels, general industries, where the meetings take place.

Job Clubs can be found at your local library, churches, community organizations, club associations, workforce centers, private industry groups, schools, colleges and universities, posted on community bulletin boards, listed on the internet or newspapers in their calendar of events. Job Clubs usually meet once a week for at least one-hour. The meetings are usually free, although some groups will charge a small nominal fee for services. Group size can range from 5 to 25. I prefer small groups of 10-15 people. A good facilitator should monitor and lead the sessions as well as provide weekly agendas; insure the meetings stay on track and that everyone gets time to share in the discussions. The ideal facilitator is a professional career coach or advisor because they know how to listen, motivate, and hold people accountable for their job searching efforts. In these groups you will meet other job seekers, share resumes, help and support others, expand your job search network and referrals, and possibly create special events, invite guest speakers, recruiters and employers to meet with your group. You will also discuss your efforts in looking for work, salary expectations, cover letters, and interviewing techniques. Being a member of a support group usually shortens you length of time in finding employment.

I have only one warning about Job Clubs or Support Groups - do not let them become or turn into pity, crying, or pessimistic sessions. If they do, leave as quickly as possible and find another group. You always want to stay up-beat and goal oriented in finding employment. Job Clubs and Employment Support Groups can be the ideal solutions to not feeling alone in your job search. You should join one as soon as possible.

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

Happy Tails

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



Pet Poisoning - Prevention and Prompt Response

Spring is my favorite time of year, and this spring has turned out to be uniquely awesome! The weather has been absolutely gorgeous, the trees are budding, the flowers are blooming in a wide variety of brilliant colors and the wildlife is thriving at its peak! Who could possibly disagree that our quaint canyon village becomes a virtual paradise during the spring season of each year? In the evenings I have been hearing the high pitch hooting of young owlets, echoing from a nest in the huge eucalyptus tree just across the wash, and I have seen more deer with young fawns and coyote families with pups passing through my neighborhood, than I have seen in years. A client of mine who lives in the Monrovia canyon even told me that she saw an adult mama bear with two baby cubs hunkering down beneath the sprawling oak canopies on the wooded property behind her house last week. I have not been so lucky as to see that bear family myself, but I keep my camera poised while visiting her gorgeous golden retriever, “Gus” just in case I do get that lucky! One of the things I love most about this season, is the feeling that it brings to my soul. That fresh feeling of cleansing and starting anew. Replacing dead plant materials with new flower beds and vegetable gardens speaks volumes to my heart and gives me a renewed positive outlook for a fresh start. “Out with the old...and in with the new”.

For many local residents, this season brings with it a long list of gardening tasks, not the least of which is tilling the soil and adding fertilizers to enhance the growth of fresh plantings. There are numerous products in today’s market that are specifically designed for the purpose of enriching the soil or killing the weeds and encouraging new plant growth. That is all good, however most commercial grade products contain additives that may be great for certain plants, but could have a detrimental effect on the health of wildlife and domestic pets, not to mention long term effects they may have on the environment. In fact, most of the gardening products likely to be found in our local nurseries and department stores are full of

toxic chemicals and synthetic ingredients that can cause major damage to the health of the human as well. (But, that’s a subject for someone else’s article!)

If your pets are like mine, they love to explore the great outdoors. To them, the back yard is their playground; a well-prized, well-protected personal possession of their very own! And why not? They deserve it, right? My bloodhound could sleep all day if uninterrupted, but the minute she senses another creature lurking about in “her” yard, she springs to life in an instant, and leaps into action to chase whatever it is she thinks might be infringing on her territory. When Tater is not on “back-yard border patrol”, her other favorite activity is foraging for avocados, or any other potential eatable she might find half buried in the dirt in her back yard, and let me just say that with a nose like hers, she leaves no stone unturned! That is the main reason why I am very selective when it comes to the yard and garden products I use. Don’t get me wrong, my intention is not to over-dramatize a simple seasonal task such as home gardening. I just want to emphasize the importance of taking great care when using potentially toxic products that your pet (or child, for that matter) might come into contact with. Take the time to read all of the instructions on the package, particularly notes regarding proper use and storage of the product, and commit to taking necessary measures to prevent accidental poisoning. It’s just a matter of being aware and being very careful...basically, be a responsible consumer and pet owner. How hard is that?

Sometimes accidents do happen, as we all well know. If your pet should gain access to toxic substances that can cause damage to their health, it is important to recognize the symptoms and take immediate action to remediate the situation. Educate yourself on what to watch for. There are several websites on-line that offer important information about pet poisoning, including symptoms to look for, how to best be prepared should such an unfortunate scenario take place, and important information that the vet will need in order to treat your pet as promptly as possible. Always have your veterinarian’s phone number close to the phone. Prompt response and preparedness is paramount when it comes to pet poisoning. Time is of the essence, and the quicker you get a poisoned pet treated the better. Enjoy the spring season and the inspiration that it brings, but don’t forget to protect your beloved furry four-legged friends who so depend on you to provide them with a safe and healthy environment!

On Line By PJ Carpenter



IPV6 DAY

An experiment being billed as the largest of its kind on the Internet is being slated to run on Wednesday June 8, 2011 and will be aiming at no less a lofty goal than changing the way billions of internet-enabled devices will communicate with each other in the future.

The main reason for this test is the simple fact that the internet as we know has truly outgrown itself. IPv4, or Internet Protocol version 4, is the current protocol of choice and by design it support slightly more than 4.3 billion unique addresses and while this was considered more than enough address space in the earlier days of the internet, these days the internet engineers are scrambling about looking for a solution to the problem of “IPv4 address exhaustion.” IPv6, which support virtually an unlimited number of devices, is the solution of choice and it will be put to the test on June 8th as hundreds of websites serve up the IPv6 version of their pages, alongside the regular IPv4 version, in order to test the load in real time. Some of the internet’s biggest players (including Google, Facebook, Yahoo and Microsoft) and up to 300 corporations, universities and government agencies will be participating in the US and around the world.

The sponsors of IPv6 Day are hoping that this high-profile event will hasten widespread adoption of the new protocol and will also be looking for unforeseen technical challenges and solve them before widespread adoption of the new protocol. One major stumbling block for IPv6 deployment is the fact that it’s not backward-compatible with IPv4. This means that website operators world-wide will have to upgrade their network equipment and software in order to support IPv6 traffic.

As technology innovators and providers supply the marketplace with more advanced technology , and more of it comes out of the box IPv6-enabled , widespread IPv6 adoption will be happening sooner or later and everyone involved pretty much knows it at this point.

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SO GLAD I’M NOT YOUNG ANYMORE!



Youth is a wonderful thing. The young are mostly healthy, beautiful, and, in middle and upper class America, blissfully unacquainted with the harsh realities of financial self-reliance and a diminishing metabolism. Youth involves rites of passage. Kids learn to drive. Girls get training bras; boys’ voices go through a crackling journey to manly tones. Everyone needs to use deodorant, contrary to the belief that “some people don’t sweat every day.” And usually somewhere in there is a “formal dance.” Stopped in traffic by the Arboretum the other day, I noticed a fashion shoot taking place on a grassy knoll. Five women, in thigh-high halter-top dresses, posed as the photographer fired off shots in rapid succession. Apparently finished, the group headed toward a group of young men in suits and tuxedos. As the women awkwardly stepped into a stretch Hummer it dawned on me. “Holy rhinestones, Batman!” That’s not a fashion a shoot – that’s someone’s prom!

It goes without saying that proms have changed over the years. My mom enjoys telling how she fooled her date (a well known prankster) by descending the stairs in a dumpy dark turquoise taffeta dress and her Stouffer’s waitress shoes (think the Queen Mum). She and her dad got a big laugh after he snapped a picture of the boy’s horrified face. She then changed into her real dress. Yes, times have changed.

There are some things I regret about my youth. I wish I put more effort into my second language courses (although I doubt it would’ve helped), and I suppose it might’ve been good to attempt a sport. But one thing I sure don’t regret is not going to prom! I know that sounds bitter and antisocial, but even after 10 years I can still say I don’t think I missed anything.

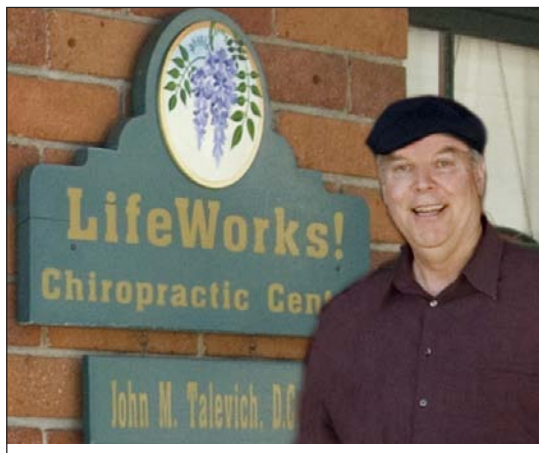
In the same vein as class elections, prom seemed to be another means of social exclusion. Every detail of the night involved decisions about who was “in” and who was “out.” Who’s house do we meet up at? Who’s riding in the [fill in the vehicle of choice]? Who’s sitting at our table? There’s only room for eight, so that eliminates [fill in the least-liked acquaintance]. It gave me a nervous ulcer just listening to it. In confirmation that prom was overrated, my friends without boyfriends all complained about their dates’ behavior the next week at school. Heck, even some of the girls who had boyfriends complained! Of course, my alternate reason for nixing the prom was because I am cheap. I just couldn’t rationalize the cost of the tickets, dress, etc. Even as an unemployed teenager, I had some concept of the value of money. Besides all this, prom tends to bring out the craziness in people –administrators as well as students. Recently a boy in some Mid Western state created a large poster asking his crush to go to the prom with him –and she said ‘yes!’ Aww! But there was trouble in paradise when the villainous principal banned the boy from prom because his placement of the sign was against school rules. Several co-workers of mine were truly upset by the boy’s plight. My little cold heart could care less, but I wasn’t going to share that. In response to the national outcry against her decision, the principal finally reneged and allowed the young lovers to attend prom. It would be one thing if this were an isolated incident, but it seems every year there’s some news story about a power-crazed administrator who concocts frivolous reasons for excluding students from prom. One girl was denied admission because she came without a date. As if it’s not bad enough you can’t get a date let alone the school broadcasting it! Like Maurice Chevalier crooned, “I’m glad I’m not young anymore!”



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

OF BUGS AND MEN



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.

When Dr. Hans Selye developed the original theories describing stress responses in the human body, he coined the term "general adaptation syndrome." He observed three distinct changes taking place when long-term stress is experienced: the adrenal glands get larger as demand for adrenaline and cortisol increases; the digestive tract begins to ulcerate; finally, the immune system dries up. The longer and more severe the stress is, the more likely the body will default to this "fight/flight" behavior, ultimately burning the furniture to heat the house.

The Bugs Have Gotten into the Act

In the March 2011 issue of "Brain, Behavior and Immunity," there is a study describing changes in the kind of bacteria found in the intestine when high levels of stress are present. Under normal circumstances (is there such a thing these days?) the bacteria in the gut contribute to healthy immune development, but these are diminished in the presence of stress-related hormones such as cortisol. A simple way of putting it is "the gang's taking over the neighborhood."

Could We All Get Along?

While many bacteria are essential to the health of the body, some are not. If we keep in mind that the number of bacteria outnumber the cells in the body by ten to one, and are highly organized to the point that they manufacture chemicals acting like neurotransmitters, we need to cultivate an effective good neighbor policy! It could be argued that much of who we are is a result of the kinds of bugs living in us. Hmmm.

Some Considerations

We know that, under stress, those with conditions such as Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome and ulcerative colitis can feel worse. The new research may further explain why this is so. In order to offset the proliferation of harmful bacteria in the colon, a simple program of probiotics, plant-based digestive enzymes, and dietary changes can go a long way in shaping our body's response to stress. Your local health-minded practitioner, pharmacy and health food store can further enlighten you on this subject.

Have a healthy week! Dr. John

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR LOWER-INCOME SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior,
What kinds of programs are available to help low-income seniors with their Medicare costs and other expenses? My 81-year-old mother has gone through her savings and is having a tough time getting by on her Social Security benefits. What can you tell us?
Worried Son

Dear Worried,
 There are actually a variety of under-utilized programs that can help lower-income seniors with their Medicare costs, grocery bills, utility expenses and more. Here's what you should know.

Medicare Savings Programs

For millions of seniors who are having a tough time paying their out-of-pocket healthcare costs, help is available through Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs). These are Medicaid-administered programs that pay Medicare Part B premiums and depending on your mom's finances may even pick up the tab on her Medicare copayments and deductibles. To qualify, her income must be under \$1,246 per month (or \$1,675 for a married couple), and her assets must be below \$6,680 (\$10,020 per couple) not including her house, vehicle, burial fund, furniture or other household items. To find out if she qualifies, or to apply, contact her local Medicaid office – call 800-633-4227 for contact information.

Extra Drug Help

If your mom is eligible for a MSP, she's also eligible for "Extra Help" in paying her Medicare prescription drug plan costs. If, however, she's not eligible she can still get Extra Help if her annual income is below \$16,335 (\$22,065 for a married couple living together), and her cash assets are under \$12,640 (\$25,260 for married couples) excluding her home and vehicle. For more information, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or see www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Food Assistance

In addition to the Medicare programs, your mom may also be able to get some help with her grocery bills. Food assistance programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) are available to seniors, age 60 and older, with cash assets under \$3,000, and a "net income" below \$903 per month (\$1,215 for a family of two). Net income is figured by taking your mom's gross income minus allowable deductions like medical expenses, rent or mortgage payments, util-



ity costs, insurance, taxes and more. The average monthly SNAP benefit is currently around \$101 per person. To find out if your mom qualifies, use the SNAP pre-screening tool at www.snap-step1.usda.gov or contact her local SNAP office – call 800-221-5689 for contact information.

Utility Assistance

There are also resources available that can help low-income seniors reduce their utility bills. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, as well as local utility companies and charitable organization help millions of Americans each year with their home heating and cooling costs. To search for help go to energynear.org, a web portal that provides information on all energy assistance programs in each state, along with qualification details, how to apply and who to contact. You can also call the National Energy Assistance Referral project at 866-674-6327.

Supplemental Income

Another program to check into is SSI or Supplemental Security Income. Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI provides monthly payments to very low income seniors (age 65 and older), as well as to those who are blind and disabled. To learn more or find out if she's eligible, visit www.ssa.gov/ssi or call 800-772-1213.

Savvy Tip: To search for other assistance programs go to benefitscheckup.org, a comprehensive web service developed by the National Council on Aging, that contains a database of more than 2,000 federal, state and local programs that can help seniors in need. The site will help you locate programs that your mom may be eligible for and will show you how to apply. This service is only available online.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Activities:

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday: City Hall Closed on April 8th & 22nd

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

Saturday:

11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm. The Senior Club always welcomes new members (\$5 membership dues per year) so please stop by to learn more.

EXCURSIONS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH — The Rose Story Farm. Join us as we take a deluxe coach bus to Carpentaria 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

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



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:

SKIRT STEAK AND BOK CHOY STIR-FRY

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Coarse salt and ground pepper
- 1 pound skirt steak, thinly sliced crosswise
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 large head bok choy, cut 1 inch thick crosswise
- 4 medium carrots, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced on bias
- Cooked rice, for serving
- 1/4 cup peanuts, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl, mix soy sauce, vinegar, peanut butter, honey, and garlic; season with pepper.

In a bowl, toss steak with cornstarch; season with salt and pepper. In a large nonstick skillet with a lid, heat oil over medium-high. Add 1/2 of steak; cook, tossing, until browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate; repeat with remaining steak. To skillet, add soy mixture, bok choy, and carrots. Cover and cook, tossing occasionally until tender, about 5 minutes. Return steak to skillet; cook until heated through, about 5 minutes. Serve over rice; sprinkle with peanuts.

June Birthdays



Pat Fujiwara, Nellie Haynes, Mary Carney, Theresa Daley, Ann Disbrow, Ann Durgerian, Joan Ellison, Ruth Kirkby, Irene Kudirka, Marilyn McKernan, Anne Montgomery, Trini Ornelas, Martha Spriggs, and Patricia Starkey.



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Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.)

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DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

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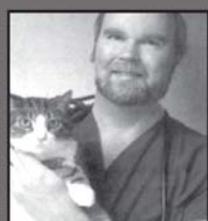
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Pardon our improvements! Over the next few weeks San Marino Community Church will begin a process of facility renovations. However, worship will continue as usual, during construction.

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

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One Of A Kind: 1908 Craftsman Style... Sensitively Renovated for 21st Century Living

Story By Chris Bertrand Photos cilly, ourtesy of Terra Bella



1908 Craftsman Style... Sensitively Renovated for 21st Century Living

The proud owners of this 1908 Craftsman have lovingly spent the last two decades stripping away the wayward remodels of the 60's and 70's, restoring this 4 BR 3 BA home to its beautiful roots. They ruefully recollect the huge pile of ugly blue carpet that was immediately ripped out and piled at the street when the restoration began.

Along the way, they researched and added amazing period sensitive accoutrements, inspired by the Gamble House and other significant Craftsman homes, plus components to complement modern, 21st century living.

The custom, Craftsman style kitchen, hand-crafted front door, leaded glass, living room fireplace with built-ins, amazing bedroom suites and much more, blend current artisan craftsmanship with century old, vintage features like the dining room breakfront and wainscoting, wonderful window seats, hardwood floors, molding, etc.

As one approaches the home, the front porch, a well-loved outdoor living space with ample room for relaxation and even a porch swing, speaks volumes about the home's welcoming personality. The front door, handcrafted for the current owners, is complemented by custom designed leaded glass surrounds, which match the dining room breakfront.

Inside, the eye is immediately drawn to the living room's fireplace wall. The fireplace was beautifully tiled in the remodel and features a mahogany mantle, flanked by built-in seating with footrests, and complemented by a white on white beamed ceiling and the expansive use of hardwood flooring, which ties the rooms together architecturally.

The formal dining room is generous, and features a built-in breakfront for storage and display, high wainscoting, dual French doors opening to the cozy den, plus one of several large window seats that provide additional storage beneath.

The family room, to the left of the foyer, offers a vintage, brick-faced faux fireplace, built-ins for



books and display, stained wainscot paneling and a large, original picture window.

The kitchen's amazing oak and glass cabinetry provides extensive storage and display capability, including hideaway laundry facilities, a center island with gas cooktop, a built-in casual dining area, cabinet front Sub-Zero refrigerator-freezer.

Upstairs, another window seat provides a delicious, view-oriented respite from the bustle of life, at the staircase's landing. Amid sumptuous Craftsman ambiance, the master and second bedroom include dramatic vaulted ceilings, window-front desk niches, a generous walk-in closet and built-in storage space, ceiling fans and more. BR #2 shares a connecting bath with BR #3, which overlooks the lush yard and pool.

The master suite also boasts a fabulous built-in headboard reflecting Craftsman influence, plus a beautiful private bath with plate glass shower, deep soaking tub and dual sinks with mahogany counters.

In the back yard a wisteria covered patio bridges the indoor to outdoor living spaces, providing filtered shade for the kitchen and den, as well as a delightful venue from which to enjoy the pool, spa and yard. After dark, the night lit back yard and pool create a stunning venue for relaxation and entertaining.

Attached to the two car garage, the pool changing room and equipment room may offer reconfiguration options if the buyer desires an outdoor office or workspace.

This block, one of the prettiest in highly desirable South Pasadena, is movie-perfect with the cooling shade of mature, overarching trees. Though the yard is low maintenance and very manageable, the homesite benefits from its location backing to homes with about 300' deep lots, creating a private "greenbelt" enjoyed at the home.

1717 Fletcher in South Pasadena was just listed at \$1,389,000 by Carol Majors of Coldwell Banker. For more information, visit www.MajorsMarket-Place.com or call 626-399-9665. The home will be open on Sunday, June 5, from 2-4 p.m.

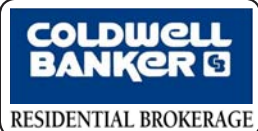


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Being Green, Seeing Purple - The Emerald Ash Borer Beetle

(NAPS)—What's big, purple and hangs in ash trees across the country? It's called a "purple trap." Set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health

Inspection Service (APHIS) and its state partners, this is a device that monitors for the presence of an invasive pest called the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle.

The EAB Kills Ash Trees

Since its discovery in 2002, this beetle has killed tens of millions of ash trees and threatens to kill millions more as it continues to spread. The adult beetle is metallic green and only about 1/2" long. As a larva, it spends its entire life burrowed under the bark of a tree—which makes the EAB tough to spot. While under the bark, the EAB disrupts the systems that transport food and water to the tree, eventually starving and killing it. When the EAB exits a tree, the beetle leaves a distinctive D-shaped hole in the bark.

Purple in Ash Trees
Unlike the EAB, purple traps are easy to spot. The trap is a three-dimensional triangle that's

about 24 inches long. It's made out of thin, corrugated purple plastic and covered in glue. The beetles are attracted to the color, as well as a scented lure used to bait the traps. In the spring, EABs fly around, nibble on ash tree leaves and look for a mate. If one lands on a purple trap, it will get stuck in the glue. But don't worry, purple traps pose no risk to the trees—or humans, pets or wildlife.

Purple traps do not draw the beetle to an area—rather, they help detect it if it is already present.

What You Can Do

You can play a role in stopping the spread of EAB and destruction of ash trees. Start by talking to your friends and family about the serious threat this beetle poses to America's ash trees. Understand that the beetle typically doesn't move far on its own. It's known as a hitchhiker, catching rides in cut wood. So don't move firewood. Buy firewood locally and burn it where you buy it. Learn more about the EAB at www.stopthebeetle.info. If you spot a purple trap on the ground or possible signs of EAB damage in your trees, you can contact your state's Department of Agriculture or Natural Resources, or call the toll-free USDA-EAB Hotline at (866) 322-4512.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's purple traps will monitor for a destructive beetle in your ash trees.

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NEW LAW REQUIRES CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN HOMES

Sacramento – Starting July 1, 2011 new legislation will go into effect requiring homeowners to install carbon monoxide detectors in every California home; a move CAL FIRE officials say will save lives. "Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, each year claiming the lives of an average of 480 people," said Acting State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover. "And sending more than 20,000 people to emergency rooms across the nation."

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces and many types of appliances and cooking devices. The best way for homeowners to stay protected from CO is to have a carbon monoxide detector installed on every floor and outside each sleeping area. A recent study found that nearly nine in 10 California households did not have a CO detector. "Having a CO detector is a small investment that really can help save your life and the lives of your family," said Chief Hoover.

To help educate homeowners about the new law and to encourage

them to install a carbon monoxide detector, CAL FIRE / Office of the State Fire Marshal is teaming up with fire departments across the state, the Home Safety Council, First Alert and Lowe's to host "CO Saturday" on June 4. "CO Saturday" will be a special day-long safety celebration to teach families how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Though previous laws only required newly-constructed homes to have CO alarms, the state's new Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill 183) requires owners of all existing single-family homes with an attached garage or a fossil fuel source to install CO alarm devices within the home by July 1, 2011. Owners of multi-family leased or rental dwellings, such as apartment buildings, have until January 1, 2013 to comply with the law.

For more information on how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov. For more information on "CO Saturday", please visit www.homesafetycouncil.org.

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