

WHERE DO WE STAND?

First Draft Of Redistricting Maps Released

Congressman Dreier's District May Change Dramatically

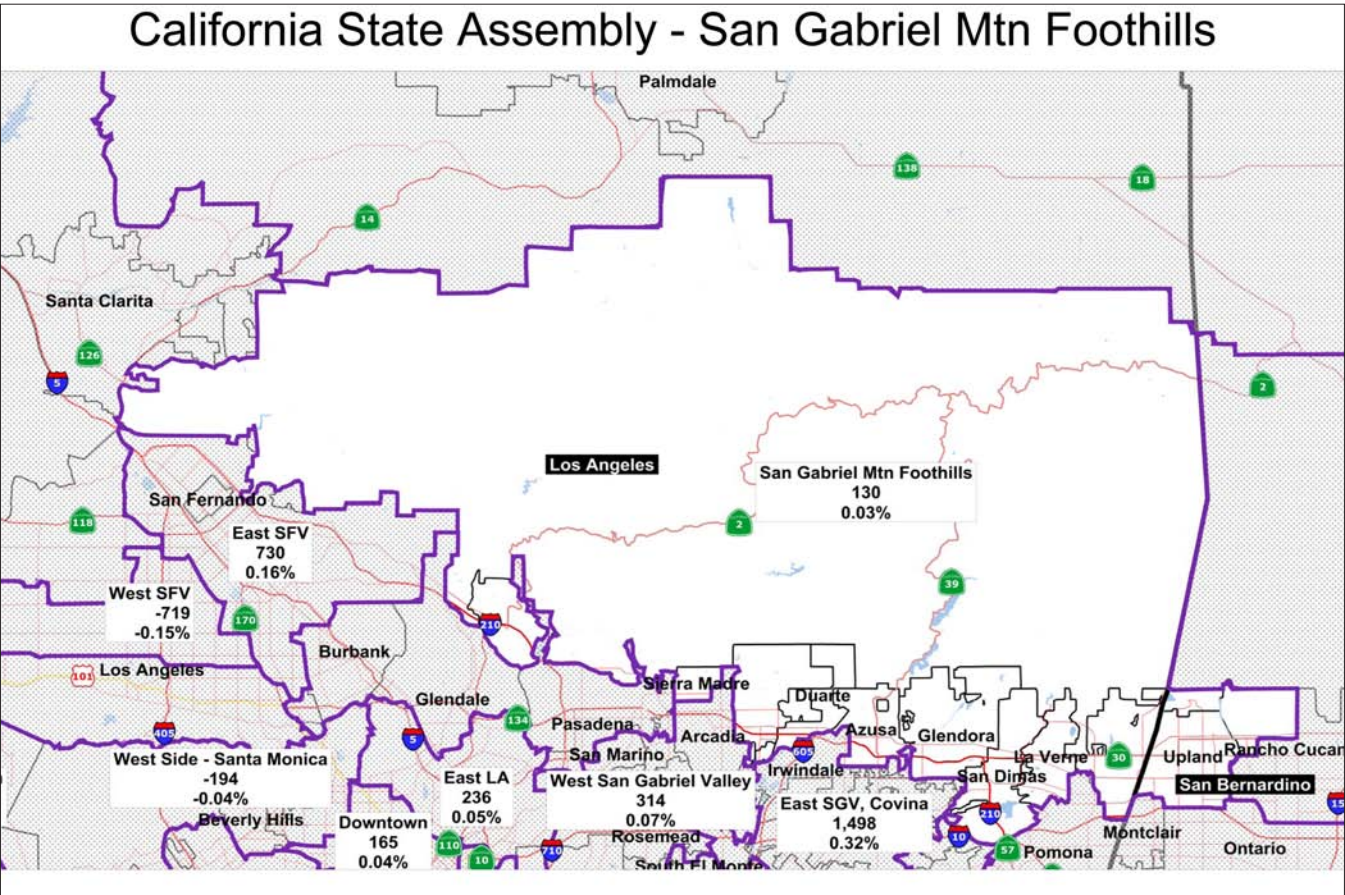
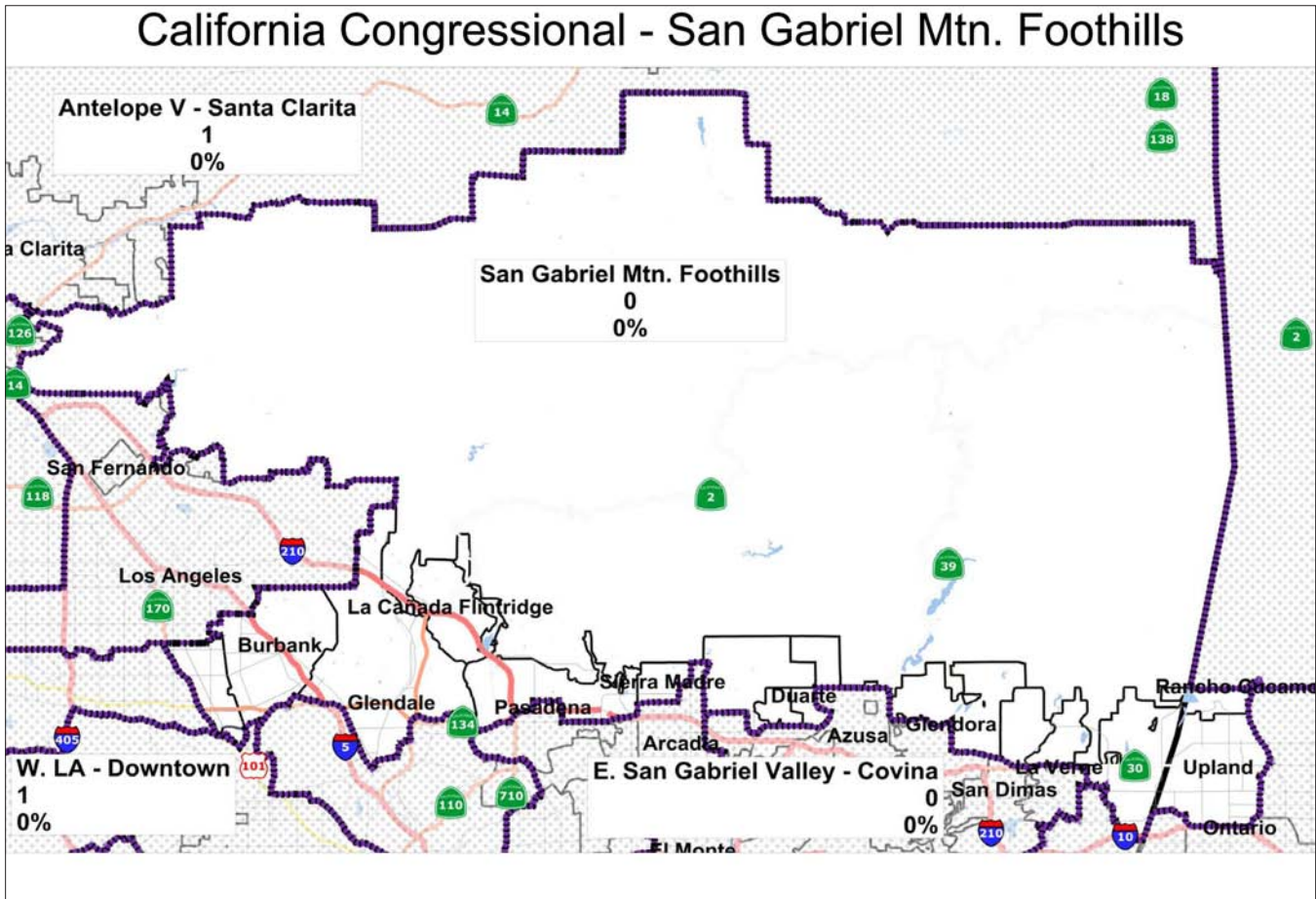
By Susan Henderson

The much anticipated draft of the Congressional, Assembly, State Senate and State Board of Equalization redistricting maps were released Friday and among residents in Sierra Madre, one of the biggest concerns was the possibility of losing long-time Congressman David Dreier. The proposed State Assembly District changes have also raised a lot of eyebrows.

In 2008 via a ballot measure, Californians empowered a Citizens Redistricting Commission in a effort to eliminate partisan influence over voting boundaries. Prior to the passing of the proposition, boundaries were done out of public site and often created districts that divided cities and even crossed county lines. There appeared to be no rhyme or reason for the boundaries other than to create party strongholds, as the lines were often excluded cities that were adjacent to each other and connected cities that were hundreds of miles away.

After holding numerous public meetings across the state, the commission created these proposed districts without influence from the existing boundaries or elected officials. It uses a set of criteria that is supposed to provide equitable boundaries.

According to the press release that preceeding release of the proposed new districts, "...the first preliminary district maps [were] based on balancing the needs of all Californians. These preliminary maps restore integrity to California's Constitutional mandate to redistrict to ensure fair representation. Where possible, the Commission worked to keep communities whole to maximize their voices under these proposed districts."



The first draft of the proposed new Congressional (above) and Assembly (below right) maps. Sierra Madre is included in the areas that are not shaded. Congressman Dreier's district which includes San Dimas where he lives, would become heavily Democratic.

Perhaps one of the first casualties of the new boundaries should the proposals be adopted, would be Republican Congressman David Dreier. Under the suggested map, Dreier would no longer represent Sierra Madre, La Canada Flintridge and Rancho Cucamonga. His new district would be considerably more Democratic.

The proposed new Assembly District Map is equally as troubling for some. Currently, Sierra Madre is the western border of the 29th Assembly District which spans two counties, LA County and San Bernardino County. Although the proposed map appears to have resolved this problem (see map on right), the cities of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga are in fact in San Bernardino County.

Citizens still have the opportunity to present their concerns to the commission before any final maps are drawn. In the initial phase of the redistricting, more than 1,500 citizens testified at the 23 meetings held in various places around the state. There will be another round of hearings in June and the committee welcomes input via mail, fax and email as well. The deadline for the committee is August 15th, so there is still time for public comment.

To see all the proposed maps, go to <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov>.

DOES THE SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HAVE A VOICE NOW??



Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter, Cee Lo Green, one of the Judges on the popular reality show, "The Voice" spent

the afternoon in Sierra Madre, this week. Green toured the station, donned firefighting gear and sat behind the wheel of our fire en-

gine. Green's visit was made on behalf of Duracell Battery's Power Those Who Protect Us program. Photo courtesy of Duracell

SMPD ARREST

BURGLARY

SUSPECTS

On Tuesday morning, June 7th, a resident was in his home in the 300 block of E. Montecito Ave. when he heard loud banging on his front door. The victim looked through the blinds and saw two unfamiliar men. The victim did not answer the door, but watched as one man drove a pickup truck down the driveway. The other man put on gloves and walked towards the rear of the home. The victim grabbed a cell phone, called 911, and ran upstairs. As the victim was on the phone with the dispatcher, the two suspects broke into the home. The victim hid upstairs, and continued to provide the dispatcher with updated information.

Police arrived in the area within a minute and found the suspect vehicle, a blue pickup truck with a single lawnmower in the bed, backing out of the driveway. Officers tried to stop the vehicle; however, the driver did not comply and a short vehicle pursuit ensued. (Cont. page 3)

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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/online registration.

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

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

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

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/online registration 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.



Sierra Madre Public Library Homebound Program

www.cityofsierramadre.com
626.355.7186

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

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 you 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

THERE ARE STILL PLACES FOR THE ARBORETUM NATURE CAMP!!

Plan now for summer fun and nature adventures! Nature, teamwork, exploration, imagination, and fun are just a few things you'll find at the Summer Nature Camp.

Pack your bag for a week of exploring plants and history throughout the Arboretum. Bring your magnifying glass as we examine plants and bugs. Are you 'naturally' artistic? Bring your creativity as we paint, draw, and sculpt crafts of our environment. All activities are led by instructors and guided by counselors, so bring your child for a summer of fun at the Summer Nature Camp!

Age Group 5-10

Dates One Week Summer Sessions (Monday - Friday)

Session 1 6/13-6/17 - The Earth, Our friend

Session 2 6/20-6/24 - Over the Land and Under the Sea

Session 3 6/27-7/01 - Reduce, Reuse, Refuse, Recycle!

HOLIDAY BREAK: 7/04-7/08

Session 4 7/11-7/15 - Earth Works, Team works

Session 5 7/18-7/22 - From storybooks to Real Life

Session 6 7/25-7/29 - Then and Now, History Week!

Session 7 8/01-8/05 - One World, International Week

Session 8 8/08-8/12 - We are the Arboretum!

Time Session: Full Day: 9:00am-3:30pm | Half Day: 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:30pm-3:30pm

Fees Session: Full Day: \$300 members / \$335 non-members | Half Day: \$150 members / \$168 non-members / 10% Sibling discount

SCHEDULE: 9:00am-12:00noon Morning Session - Outdoor Science/ Gardening

12:00-12:30pm Lunch supervision provided for full day campers. Campers must bring a sack lunch or purchase food from the Peacock Cafe

12:30-3:30pm Afternoon Session - Art/Bugs 3:30-5:00pm Extended Care

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.



4th of July Firecracker Fun Run

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/online registration. 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/online registration. 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 Invites You To Join Us For Lunch:

WHEN:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Noon - 1:30

WHERE:

Bailey Canyon Park
Sierra Madre

We will have box lunches and discuss the wonders of Bailey Canyon.

Come out and learn about this local wonder of nature.

We promise you a very interesting afternoon.

To reserve your spot and order lunch , please call Pat Birdsall at 626-355-7290

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IN HER HONOR

Parents and Supporters Rally To Support Auditorium Name Change

Recently, parents and supporters of retiring Sierra Madre School Principal Gayle Bluemel, asked the Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent to rename the lower campus auditorium.

In a letter to Superintendent Diaz, PTA President Melissa Castillo stated, "As you well know, our beloved Gayle Bluemel is retiring from our district after 37 years, 21 of which she has spent at Sierra Madre School. We were thinking about ways in which we could honor Gayle, and her career, and we came up with what we believe would be the perfect way to celebrate her accomplishments. Thus, I am writing to you to request your approval of our proposed plan.

Because Gayle has spent her entire career in PUSD as an advocate for the arts, and because she has spent the past 21 years leading arts performances in our Sierra Madre School



Photo by Bill Coburn

Auditorium, we are requesting that it be named "The Gayle L. Bluemel Auditorium."

This effort by the PTA has been embraced by many other Sierra Madre residents and organizations, including this newspaper, The Mountain Views News. Bluemel, who will serve as Sierra Madre's 4th of July Parade Grand Marshall, has made an indelible mark on our school and our town. For more information contact Melissa Moore Castillo, PTA President 626-355-2610.

BURGLARY (Cont. from pg. 1)

Officers stopped the suspects on Mountain Trail Ave., where they were taken into custody without incident. Officers found the victim's stolen property inside the truck.

Luis Loya and Adrian Rodriquez, both 18, of Pasadena, were booked for residential burglary and taken to the Pasadena City Jail. Bail for each was set at \$50,000.00.

Captain Larry Giannone said, "The victim in this case did

a great job by calling 9-1-1 immediately and providing the dispatcher with accurate information throughout this horrifying event. His actions, along with the officers' quick and effective response, resulted in the arrest of two burglary suspects and the recovery of stolen property."

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 29th, to Saturday June 4th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 344 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, May 29th:

12:03 PM- DUI Alcohol /Drugs, Michillinda Ave and Orange Grove. An officer stopped a 62-year old female Pasadena 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.

2:13 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Sierra Madre Blvd and Michillinda Ave. An officer stopped a 22-year old Pasadena motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 21-year old passenger from Newport Beach was intoxicated. The driver and the passenger were both arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

6:59 PM- Grand Theft/Auto, Firearms, Animals, Etc., 200 blk. Lima St. An officer driving a police car equipped with an automated license plate reader alerted him that he had driven by a Mercedes Benz sedan stolen from the Hollywood Division of the LAPD. Several officers looked for the car, but couldn't find it. The original officer went off duty and was driving home when he saw the Mercedes Benz going northbound on Baldwin Ave. toward Orange Grove. The officer followed the car and called the Police Department. Officers responded to the stolen car's location and arrested the 39-year old former Sierra Madre resident for Grand Theft Auto. The officer took the suspect to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

Tuesday, May 31st:

12:30 PM – Attempted Extortion, S. Rancho Rd. A resident received a call from a suspect claiming to be a DEA agent who accused the resident of buying illegal pharmaceutical drugs over the Internet. The suspect said that the U.S. Customs had intercepted the shipment and told the victim that she needed to pay a fine to U.S. Customs to avoid a police response to her home and possible jail time. The victim suspected a scam and called the suspect's phone number with a Virginia area code to find out where the shipment was being sent. The suspect gave the victim a former business address of hers as the shipping destination. The victim notified SMPD. A DEA employee verified that this is a scam being run out of the Dominican Republic. The case is being referred to the DEA for follow-up.

6:39 PM- Residential Burglary, 100 blk. Esperanza Ave. A Sierra Madre resident left her apartment unlocked. On Tuesday between 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 PM the suspect entered the apartment and stole the victim's black and silver 60G Apple iPod and a black and silver Apple iPad with a brown case. The loss was valued at \$700.00.

6:39 PM- Residential Burglary, 100 blk. Esperanza Ave. A Sierra Madre resident left his apartment unlocked while he went to run errands with a woman who lives adjacent to him in the same complex. When he returned, both he and the woman (see above entry) had been burglarized. His HTC model Hd7 black cell phone was missing from atop his computer. The loss is valued at \$200.00.

Saturday, June 4th :

10:38 AM – Elder Abuse, 200 blk. W. Highland Ave. An uncle and nephew were arguing when the uncle picked up his cell phone to call police. The nephew grabbed the cell phone, and in doing so, knocked his 86-year old grandfather to the ground, causing a head injury. Paramedics treated the victim, and police arrested the suspect for elder abuse and took him to the Pasadena Jail for booking.

Sierra Madre Honors... Nominations Are Now Being Accepted

This is an exciting event and the City's opportunity to recognize and honor the true treasures of Sierra Madre, its volunteers, City Commissioners and employees. **Sierra Madre Honors... Recognition and Appreciation Dinner** will recognize all out-going City Commissioners as well as extraordinary community members, organizations and employees. Please take a moment to review the awards listed below and nominate any person you feel is eligible for such an honor.

a commitment to serving and volunteering, which is the true spirit of Sierra Madre.

Wistaria Award

In recognition of City/Community partnership, presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City/Community of Sierra Madre have demonstrated a true partnership that assists in and provides services, programs, or enhances the general welfare of the community as a whole.

Police Chief's Special Award

Presented by the Sierra Madre Chief of Police to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty (employee) or service (community) in resolving a community law enforcement-related issue.

Public Safety Award

Presented by the Mayor to an individual, either an employee or citizen, who took action to protect and maintain the safety of the community by taking

lifesaving action.

Public Service Award

Employee of the Year – presented by the Mayor upon the recommendation of the City Manager to an extraordinary city employee who has represented remarkable customer and public service as well as dedication to the citizens of Sierra Madre over the course of a year.

Community Youth Service Award

Presented to a young adult in the community who demonstrates dedication and outstanding service to the community.

This year's **Sierra Madre Honors... Recognition and Appreciation Dinner** will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2011. For more information on the nomination process or on the event, please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278 or city@cityofsierramadre.com.

THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE HAS A NUMBER OF VACANCIES ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES LOOK-ING 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).

The following vacancies on the various Commissions include:

- Community Art Commission – 3 Vacancies
- Community Services Commission – 2 Vacancies
- Library Board of Trustees - 2 Vacancies
- Senior Community Commission -1 Vacancy
- Tree Advisory Commission – 1 Vacancy

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.

ASCENSION PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE NATURE AND A RESTORED PAST WITH "MASS ON THE GRASS"

Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 25 East Laurel Avenue in Sierra Madre will be celebrating its annual start of summer with "Mass on the Grass" on June 26, 2011 at 10:15 a.m.

For the past 20 years the community and parishioners have gathered together to celebrate with an outdoor mass the restoration of the Church that was significantly damaged in the 1991 Sierra Madre Earthquake. It was through faith, strength and fellowship with the community that Churchgoers were able to restore the Church's nationally recognized historic structure (designed by English architect Ernest Coxhead in 1889). The outdoor mass on the Church's beautiful grounds recognizes this accomplishment and celebrates the blessings of nature with family and friends. "Mass on the Grass" is followed by a BBQ picnic on the Church grounds with children's games and activities. Everyone is welcome to join us in this celebration. No reservations required.

This event makes for a wonderful family outing to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.



SELF STORAGE IN SIERRA MADRE

**130 E. Montecito Avenue
Sierra Madre, CA 91024**

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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.

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

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>DATE AND TIME OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2011 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>PLACE OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024</p>
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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

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Spotlight on Excellence: HUNTINGTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL - SPECIALISTS IN CARING FOR YOUR BEST FRIENDS

by LaQuetta M. Shamblee

No doubt that Dr. Gary R. White & Associates are thought of as "best friends" by their four-footed patients who've been brought to the Huntington Veterinary Hospital. Their white sign at 535 W. Huntington Drive features a distinguishable, large green "H" designed with the profile of a cat and dog, nose-to-nose. The logo is an appropriate indicator of the canine and feline focus of the practice.

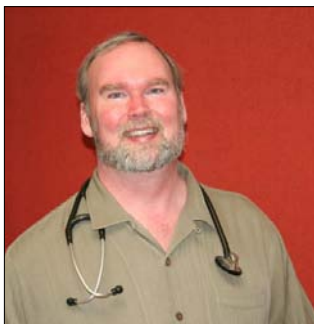
Dr. White purchased the facility in January 2007 to establish Huntington Veterinary Hospital after spending 17 years in corporate veterinary practice environments. This Connecticut native knew that he wanted to be an animal doctor since the age of 10.

From the onset, his goal was to create a top-notch medical practice for his four-legged patients, as well as a memorable customer service experience for the client chaperons. He has been successful on both fronts and credits the Hospital Administrator, Andrea Bundesmann. She is responsible for all of the administrative functions, including the front office and concierge to assist with check-in, answer questions related to your pet. There are high expectations for customer service that begin from the moment a client calls for information or walks into the lobby with a dog or cat. She states, "We don't want a dog to feel the nervousness of walking into a veterinary hospital, so we work to create an atmosphere in the lobby that makes the animals feel like their visiting someone's home." There is a self-serve refreshment bar with complimentary coffee, snacks and other refreshments to make the clients feel welcomed, and perhaps enjoying a movie on the large mounted screen while waiting in the lounge area.

Beyond the lobby, Dr. White is responsible for everything related to the medical care where a commitment to excellence in care continues. "I'm big on client education for a pet's overall health. One of his goals is to educate clients about preventative care and routine maintenance. He shared the example of the heartworm prevention at a monthly cost of about \$15, versus at least \$1,000 for the treatment. Another example is preventative dental care for canines, which he says, "Most of this can be done at home, especially if you start it when they are puppies to get them used to it."

There is a growing trend among pet groomers to offer "anesthetic-free teeth cleaning," however many consumers aren't aware that this practice is illegal in California unless it is done by a licensed veterinary technician. Many veterinarians question the usefulness and cost effectiveness, considering that it can't get under the gums where most disease start. He says, "I recommend an annual prophylaxis cleaning, complemented by regular preventative care at home, which may include a combination of special food, chew toys, water treatments or other canine-friendly options."

When asked what he likes most about what he does, he stated, "I like helping the animals, my job is to serve as the pet's doctor. He has invested heavily in qualified veterinary professionals, state-of-the-art technology and facility amenities to ensure the best possible care. Head nurse, Dana Mamary is an RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician) with 30 years experience. She mentors five other nurses who assist with primary care. Orderlies assist with exercising, cleaning and staying in the facility overnight with animals recovering from surgery. A cozy, covered patio with seating is located off the main lobby to isolate an



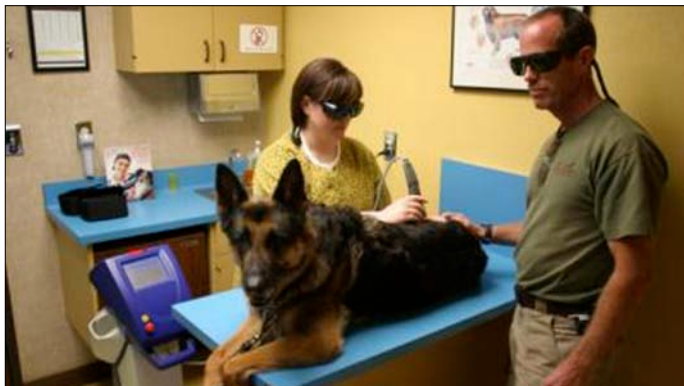
Dr. Gary R. White

incoming patient who may have a contagious condition, from other patients. The facility has four private exam rooms, a full pharmacy, a large treatment room with separate work areas for up to three pets and an operating room. There are two separate recovery rooms, one for canines and another for felines.

Several other rooms are outfitted with equipment for diagnosis and treatment. Some have the same technology found in hospitals for the care of humans, including a digital x-ray, digital dental x-ray, ultra sound, a therapy laser proven effective for wound care (including post-surgical), arthritic pain and other applications. A General Electric "Dash 4000" monitor is mounted in the treatment room for the Dr. White and his team to monitor vital signs and other indicators when anesthesia and sensitive procedures are needed – the same model used in major hospitals. A rarity for a community veterinary hospital, they also have an in-house laboratory equipped with Alera, a Reference Quality Lab Matching System and are one of only three hospitals in California to have this resource onsite.

It is no surprise that Huntington Veterinary Hospital provides emergency services for Monrovia Animal Control when they find stray cats and dogs in need of medical attention. Most often, expenses for these services are simply donated by Dr. White. He also gives back by participating in the annual volunteer rabies vaccine clinic for dogs. The essence of the philosophy employed by Dr. White and his staff is (literally) written on the wall in the lobby of Huntington Veterinary Hospital, captured in a quote by Mohandas Gandhi, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Open from 8am – 6pm, M-Th-F: 8am-8pm on Tuesdays: 8am – 1pm on Saturdays. Closed Sundays. Huntington Veterinary Hospital 535 W. Huntington Drive Monrovia (626) 357-2335, E-mail is info@huntyvh.com. website: www.huntingtonveterinaryhospital.com.



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.scp.org/events/>, click on the event then on the RSVP box. Or call the League office: 626-798-0965.

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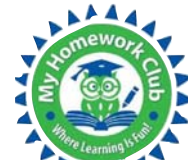
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PLASTIC BAG BAN TO TAKE EFFECT

Beginning July shoppers will need to bring reusable bags when they shop in unincorporated areas of L.A. including East Pasadena and Altadena to avoid a new 10 cent charge for paper bags. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance last year that bans single use plastic bags.

“Starting July 1, free carryout plastic bags will be history in all unincorporated area stores,” Said Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina. “To help make the transition easier for consumers, we’re giving away hundreds of free canvas bags at participating supermarkets across Los Angeles County on a first-come, first-served basis. It’s our way of encouraging everyone to do what’s right for the environment.”

The Departments of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures and Public Health said they will assist with enforcement of the ordinance by monitoring compliance during the conduct of their respective routine inspection.

A failure to comply with any of the requirements after a written warning notice has been issued for that violation shall be guilty of an infraction. Fines range from \$100 to \$500 for repeat offenders they said.

LA County Department of Public Works employees will be in stores at Howe’s Market, 3035 Huntington Dr. in East Pasadena on Monday and at Ralphs 2270 N. Lake Ave and Superking in Altadena later in the month as part of the bag giveaway. Staff from Public Works will be on-hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to disseminate free canvas bags.

The ordinance is one of a handful of single use plastic carryout bag bans in the nation. The intent of the ordinance is to promote the use of reusable bags over single use plastic and paper carryout bags in order to reduce the negative economic and environmental impacts associated with single use bags. There has been a substantial amount of interest in this issue, and many jurisdictions are contemplating similar actions. Some cities within Los Angeles County who have already passed similar ordinances are: Malibu, Long Beach, Santa Monica, and Calabasas.



Pet of the Week

Retro, a three year old, red tabby cat is so handsome! He was found with a fractured leg but has recovered and needs a loving home. Retro is very outgoing and loves to explore. He has become a staff favorite and would love to go home with you today. He is already neutered and ready for adoption!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A284960 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



Air Operations Hosts Open House

Police helicopters, an armored rescue vehicle, a mobile command post and police motorcycles were all on display Saturday as part of the Pasadena Police Department’s Air Operations Open House. SWAT and K9 units also gave demonstrations as hundreds watched an example of an arrest after a high speed chase and types of SWAT tactics.

“We are excited to open our doors and increase the public’s awareness and education about airborne law enforcement,” said Chief Phillip L. Sanchez.

“The Air Operations Section has a proud history of crime fighting and providing public safety services. We want the public to know what we do and why air support and the special operations community is so critical to our mission in today’s world.”

Reports on local blogs had suggested the event was a reaction to a number of complaints about helicopter noise.

Pasadena DMZ (Demilitarization), which has a Facebook page at [PasadenaDMZgroups](https://www.facebook.com/PasadenaDMZgroups), facebook.com, and a website Pasadena Helicopter Noise Blog is asking residents to actively complain to the city about the number of helicopters in the air.

Another group “Pasadenans Against Helicopter Noise” is using a service meetup.com to organize.

A user wrote, “My wife and I live in NW Pasadena. In the five years we’ve lived here, we’re often plagued by low flying police helicopters. We don’t understand why it is necessary, and wonder how many more police officers Pasadena could afford if they stopped.”

Bot Fans Transform Convention Center



Touting itself as the largest gathering ever of Transformers fans, thousands descended on the Pasadena Convention Center over the weekend for BotCon 2011. The event comes just weeks before Transformers 3 the movie is released in theaters June 29.

Fans were able to get autographs from a number of the voice actors and listen to panel discussions. One, featuring developers from Activation, focused on the new Dark Side of the Moon Transformers Video Game.

The game they said would be a prologue to the movies and focused on character play. The idea was not to retell the same story but to give fans more insight into the Transformers the panelists said.

Looking like the words largest toy store an exhibit hall-featured over 200 tables of Transformers merchandise.

There were also Transformers Film Fest-displays of Transformers fans from all over the world as well as the skills of Transformers artists.

Summer Swimming Registration Offered

Due to swimming’s popularity this time of year, parents are encouraged to register their families early for swim lessons and recreational swimming offered by the city of Pasadena.

Early bird walk-in registration will be offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Online registration will be available June 13 at cityofpasadena.net/ reserve.

Swim lessons for groups or individuals will be offered through the city’s Human Services and Recreation

Department from June 27 to August 25.

The five levels of lessons, each lasting half an hour a day Monday through Thursday, are based on the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim safety program, and are designed for ages 6 to 18.

Recreational swimming is available at all pools but CORAL, in the afternoons Monday through Saturdays. Some pools are open on Sundays as well.

Participants can choose to purchase daily passes

or a seasonal family pass. Registration for lessons or recreational swimming is from 9 a.m. to noon at two locations; Blair, Robinson Park and Jackie Parke pools, register at Villa Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. For CORAL and Pasadena High School pools, register at Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St.

Pasadena residents receive a discount on fees. Financial assistance is available for those eligible. For more information call (626) 744-7530.

City Calls Attention to Elder Abuse with Awareness Day

In declaring Wednesday, Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the city of Pasadena is calling attention to the problem of elder abuse and to the ways citizens can help protect older adults.

People across the globe are encouraged to wear something purple that day to “show the world you care,” states the city’s Senior Commission.

Elder abuse can be committed by a relative, a caregiver, or another person who is in a position to cause harm to the elder. Key signs of elder abuse are physical appearance, behavioral changes, or the family member’s or caregiver’s attitude and behavior.

How big is the problem? “No one knows for certain because relatively few cases are identified,” said Peggy Sisson, city Senior Commission staff. Research indicates that more than one in 10 elder may experience some type of abuse, but only one in five cases or fewer are reported. “This means that very few seniors who have been abused get the help they need,” she said.

Los Angeles County Adult Protective Services indicates there were more than 1,000 cases of elder abuse reported in

Pasadena from 2007-2009. Pasadena City Council issued a proclamation on June 6 encouraging everyone to commit to building a safer community for our older residents. “Abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors—an ever-increasing problem in today’s society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries,” reads the proclamation.

Seniors are prime targets for investment scams and fraud because they often have “nest eggs,” own homes, have excellent credit, and are perceived as open and trusting. If a person has observed, is aware of, or suspects physical abuse, financial exploitation, mental abuse, neglect or self-neglect of an elderly person, he or she can call the Elder Abuse Hotline (24 hours) immediately to report the abuse: (877) 477-3646.

To verify the legitimacy of salespeople and companies before investing, seniors are encouraged to check with the California Department of Corporations – Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF), (866) 275-2677 or visit www.corp.ca.gov

Deputies to conduct quality-of-life survey

The Altadena Sheriff’s Station in conjunction with the Community Oriented Policing Services Bureau will be conducting a door-to-door survey of three neighborhoods to collect residents’ concerns regarding crime, law enforcement services and quality of life issues in Altadena. The surveys will allow the community to express their concerns regarding quality of life issues in the area.

The survey will be conducted on Sat., June 11, between 9 AM and 1 p.m. Participation in the survey will be voluntary and confidential. Names and contact phone numbers will be collected for follow-up purposes and will remain secured for the Sheriff’s Department’s use only. Deputies will be conducting door to door surveys which should only take a few minutes.

Youth Boot Camp Instructor Arrested for Kidnapping



Pasadena Police announced Tuesday the arrest of a Monrovia resident, in May, for kidnapping, false imprisonment and extortion, after he handcuffed a 14-year-old minor who was truant, transported the minor to a family member’s house, and demanded money for his services before releasing the minor. Kelvin McFarland also attempted to persuade the family into enrolling the minor in his own business,

Family 1st Growth Camp, a Pasadena/Altadena based youth “boot camp.”

Detectives believe that McFarland, known by local youth as “Sarge,” may have committed similar acts on minors and obtained illegal payments from parents or guardians. Pasadena detectives are asking anyone who may have been a victim to contact the Pasadena Police Department.

McFarland is being held on \$285,000 bail for kidnapping, child abuse, false imprisonment, extortion and unlawful use of a badge. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday.

Individuals wanting to report a crime are asked to the contact the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241. Clients with questions regarding their enrollment in the Family 1st Growth Camp should contact the business’ main office.

Gang Member Arrested in 2010 Murder Case



Police announced Thursday that an alleged Temple City gang member was charged with murder after confessing in May to killing a 20-year-old Pasadena resident last year.

On the evening of May 25, 2010, two males were driving a vehicle in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Zanja Street when they stopped and exited the vehicle to make an engine adjustment police said. After re-entering their vehicle the victims began driving away, when a male black emerged from behind a residential wall and fired multiple rounds from a handgun striking the driver, male 19, and the passenger, male 20, both Pasadena residents. Both victims were transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital, where the passenger died as a result of

his injuries.

After months of intensive investigation by the Pasadena Police Department’s Homicide/Assault unit, Omar Wright, male 21, a Temple City resident, was identified as the homicide suspect. On May 26, 2011, members of the Criminal Investigations Division arrested Wright in Los Angeles and he subsequently confessed to the murder.

“The arrest of Omar Wright exemplifies operational excellence and outstanding work by our detectives. It also demonstrates our strong commitment to the victims, their families, and the Pasadena community,” said Chief Phillip L. Sanchez.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office filed charges of murder, attempted murder, ex-felon with a gun, shooting at a moving vehicle, personal use of a firearm, and gang enhancements against Wright. He remains in custody on \$3,000,000 bail. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 22.

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 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

PCC Offers Guarantees for First-Year Students

Pasadena City College will celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2014. To mark the event, the college has challenged itself to increase rates significantly in several key areas: transfers to four-year institutions, associate degrees, workforce certificates, and basic skills math, English, and ESL course completion.

The college is using funds from a variety of sources, including a United States Department of Education Title V grant, to help it reach its goal. One new program, the First-Year Pathway, will begin in fall 2011. It will provide new students with a complete set of essential classes in their fall and spring semesters.

The program will also offer counseling, advisement, tutoring support, and an online “portal” that streamlines student access to important resources and support services.

A diverse group of PCC faculty, staff, students, and administrators are working hard to pilot the First-Year Pathway and Portal in the 2011-12 academic year with more than 300 new students from the Pasadena Area Community College District. PCC intends to grow the program over the next four years until all incoming students are served.

For more information about the First-Year Pathways Program, visit the PCC Pathways website at www.pasadena.edu/pathways.

Arcadia Chamber of Commerce

Santa Anita Park president George Haines will accept the Chamber Service Award June 16 on behalf of the L.A. Turf Club/Santa Anita Park, one of three awards to be presented at the annual Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Business Awards program.

The ceremony, including presentations by dignitaries, will be held at the Chamber's monthly Networking Breakfast that begins with a buffet breakfast served at 7:15 a.m. at the Sunset Room at Santa Anita Golf Course, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave.

Other winners are Mary Werner of Ralph's Florist, New Member of the Year; and Annette Ousterhout of Jan's Towing, Inc., New Member of the Year.

Everyone is invited. RSVP now: www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org; e-mail info@ArcadiaCaChamber.org or call 626-447-2159:

\$15 for Chamber members; \$20 for non-members; \$25 for all at the door.

Purchase an annual pass of 11 Breakfasts for price of 10: \$150.

Third Thursday of each month: 7:30 a.m. – 9

Summer Hours for Bonita Skate Park in Arcadia

The hours of operation have changed for summer starting Friday, June 10th. The park will be open 8am everyday until school starts again.

Bonita Skate Park located on Second Avenue and Huntington in Arcadia is 10,700 square feet of fun for skateboarders and in-line skaters who want an advanced park in which to practice and perfect their skills. Classes will be held at the skate park in spring. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

For the safety of everyone at the park, the following rules are in place for Bonita Skate Park and they will be enforced:

- All users are required to wear a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads. Those not wearing protective equipment can be cited for an infraction and required to pay a fine.

p.m.

Upcoming Networking Breakfast speakers:

July 16: **Matt McSweeney of Matt Denny's Ale House** -- exciting details about reviving Downtown Arcadia via new **Arcadia Downtown Business Association**.

Sept. 15: **Santa Anita Park** – Hear all the big plans for the late September start of the first-ever new **fall horse racing meet** run solely by Santa Anita.

Oct. 20: **Chamber President Bob Hoffman of Merrill Lynch**.

Upcoming Chamber events:

New Member Business Showcase 5:30 p.m.

June 14, Elks Lodge, Huntington Dr.

Chamber Summer Carnival June 24-26, Arcadia Park; 15 Gourmet food trucks.

Metro Highway Director Doug Failing breakfast talk on **highway work, Gold Line** 8 a.m. July 7 at Chamber, 388 W. Huntington Dr.; Open to public **Free breakfast for anyone!** Hear other local news. Call to RSVP: 626-447-2159.

- The park is for skateboarding and skating only. Bicycles and scooters are not allowed.

- Additional obstacles, ramps and jumps may not be used at the park.

- No food or drink is allowed on the skating surface. No glass is allowed in or around the skating area.

- The City of Arcadia does not assume any responsibility for injuries that occur at the park. Skateboarding and rollerblading are hazardous recreational activities. Participation may result in serious injury.

Protect your Skate Park from graffiti and abuse. Report any vandalism, damage or hazardous conditions to the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-574-5113.

Arcadia Police Blotter

Calls for Service Formal Investigations May 29 to June 4 962 122 Total Year to Date for 2011 20,399 2,741

For the period of Sunday, May 29, through Saturday, June 4, the Police Department responded to 962 calls for service of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 29:

Shortly after 12:00 a.m., during a DUI checkpoint operation at 301 Baldwin Avenue, a 35-year-old White male was arrested after a records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for his arrest.

At about 1:35 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Santa Anita Avenue and Linda Rae Avenue due to an illegal right turn. An investigation revealed the 22-year-old Hispanic male driver had been drinking. He was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Monday, May 30:

3. At about 3:15 a.m., units were dispatched to the Chevron station located at 102 East Huntington Drive regarding an intoxicated subject. Upon arrival, officers contacted a 30-year-old Black male. An investigation revealed he was under the influence and he was taken into custody for being drunk in public.

4. Between 11:00 p.m. Sunday, May 29th and 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 30th, an auto burglary occurred in the 300 block of El Dorado Street. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear passenger window of the car and stole a purse. The approximate loss was \$520.00.

Tuesday, May 31:

5. Shortly before 8:30 a.m., while patrolling the area of First Avenue and Alta Street, officers heard an audible alarm coming from Zapata Vive located at 101 South First Avenue. Subsequent investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) had pried open both the side and rear doors of the location. An interior check was conducted and no one was located inside. The office had not been ransacked and no loss was reported.

6. At about 7:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West Las Flores Avenue regarding a dog bite. Upon arrival, officers were advised that two stray dogs, described as a black Labrador and a German shepherd, had attacked and killed a poodle in the victim's driveway. An area search was conducted for the loose animals. They were located in the area of El Monte Avenue and Wistaria Avenue and restrained. The dogs' owner was located and the animals were subsequently turned over to the Pasadena Humane Society.

Wednesday, June 1:

7. At approximately 3:30 p.m., units were dispatched to the 00 block of East Rodell Place regarding an audible burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers were advised that two suspects were seen leaving the location in a white Chevrolet van. The suspects were described as two Black males between 20 and 30-years-old, wearing grey polo shirts with green stripes in the midsection, an area check for the van was unsuccessful. The suspects smashed the rear bedroom window of the residence and stole an Iphone, jewelry, cash

and a black Berretta 9mm handgun. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

8. Shortly before 5:00 p.m., while conducting traffic enforcement, an officer observed a black Honda Civic traveling southbound on Colorado Place at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver continued to weave through traffic, cutting off vehicles and failing to stop. The vehicle yielded after a short pursuit and the 19-year-old Hispanic male driver was arrested for reckless driving.

Thursday, June 2:

9. At about 2:40 p.m., while conducting surveillance in the parking lot of 411 East Huntington Drive, Detectives witnessed a narcotics transaction. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Toyota Tundra but the vehicle failed to yield, at which time a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle eventually stopped in the parking lot of the Home Depot in Monrovia where the driver fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit, a 28-year-old White male was arrested. The passenger, a 37-year-old Hispanic female was taken into custody as well. An inventory check of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine in addition to stolen coins and baseball cards.

10. Between 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 100 block of North First Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) damaged the driver's side lock of a parked vehicle and stole cash from a wallet located inside. The loss was approximately \$120.00.

Friday, June 3:

11. At about 12:08 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a man down. Upon arrival, a 73-year-old White male was contacted and determined to be intoxicated. He was placed under arrest for drunk in public.

12. Shortly before 3:00 p.m., an officer was patrolling the area of 400 South Baldwin Avenue. A records check of a silver Kia revealed a misdemeanor warrant was attached to the license plate. The description of the wanted person matched that of the driver and a traffic stop was conducted. Further investigation positively identified the driver as the subject named in the warrant. The 22-year-old Hispanic female was also found to be driving with a suspended driver's license. She was arrested for the warrant and for driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, June 4:

13. Shortly before 12:00 p.m., officers responded to the Santa Anita race track, located at 285 West Huntington Drive regarding a fight. An investigation revealed that after a verbal confrontation between a 50-year-old Hispanic male and his girlfriend, a 37-year-old Hispanic female, a fight occurred. The female attacked her boyfriend causing visible injuries. She was intoxicated and was placed under arrest for battery and drunk in public.

14. At about 1:21 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Longden Avenue, West of Sixth Avenue for expired registration. A consensual search of the vehicle revealed a glass methamphetamine pipe. The 50-year-old White male was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia.

AHS Names Co-Valedictorians for the Class of 2011

Principal David Vannasdall announced that Jon Ma and Michelle Zhu are Arcadia High School's Co-Valedictorians for the graduating class of 2011. The two were selected by the Valedictorian Selection Committee from this year's group of 25 Salutatorians, all of whom have cumulative GPAs of at least 3.95.

During his four years at AHS, Jon Ma has earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while taking a rigorous schedule of classes, including honors and Advanced Placement courses in English, mathematics, history, science. Besides being a tremendous student academically, Jon is extremely wellrounded. Jon has been heavily involved in student government, having served as President of his Class during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. This year, Jon was elected by the student body as ASB President. During his four years, Jon has also been involved with both athletic and academic teams. He has won numerous individual awards as part of the AHS Speech and Debate Team. Last year, Jon was an Arcadia Legion Boys' State Delegate. This year, Jon was voted Prom King and also recently spearheaded a one million dollar student fund-raising effort for the Arcadia Educational Foundation. Jon attended Longley Way Elementary and Dana Middle School. Next year, Jon will be attending Princeton University where he plans to major in Economics or Public Policy.

Jon Ma



Michelle Zhu is a perfect 4.0 student who has taken a rigorous schedule of honors and AP classes in English, mathematics, history, science, and world languages. Michelle is also a four-year scholarathlete who has been named a Most Valuable Player for the Girls' Tennis team during her sophomore, junior and senior years. Michelle is a decorated member of the AHS Speech and Debate Team and was also recognized as part of the school's award winning Mock Trial Team. She is also a member of the We the People Constitution Team. Michelle was a National Merit Scholarship finalist and scholarship recipient and has served for two years as President of AHS's National Honor Society.



Michelle Zhu

Michelle attended Camino Grove Elementary and Dana Middle School. Next year, she will be attending Washington University in St. Louis where she plans to major in finance and mathematics.

Class Salutatorians for the Class of 2011

Ray Chen Chao, Highland Oaks, Foothills
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Brenda Guan, Longley Way School, Dana
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Elaine Tsui, Baldwin Stocker , Dana
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City of Arcadia Receives Grant from Target for Summer Concert Series!

The Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department announced a partnership with Target in recognition of its efforts in creating community through people, parks and programs. We strengthen community image and sense of place, support economic development, strengthen safety and security, promote health and wellness, foster human development, increase cultural unity, protect environmental resources, facilitate community problem solving and provide recreational experiences. This grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country. Since opening its doors, Target has given 5 percent of its income to organizations that support education, the arts, social services and volunteerism. Today that equals more than \$3 million every week.

“At Target, our local grants are making a

difference in the communities we serve,” said Laysha Ward, President, Community Relations, Target. “We’re proud to partner with the City of Arcadia as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work.”

Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE summer concert series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun in the sun! The summer concerts are held on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). The summer concert series are held on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30-8pm. Bring the kids out to participate in the FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Listed below is the line up for this summer.

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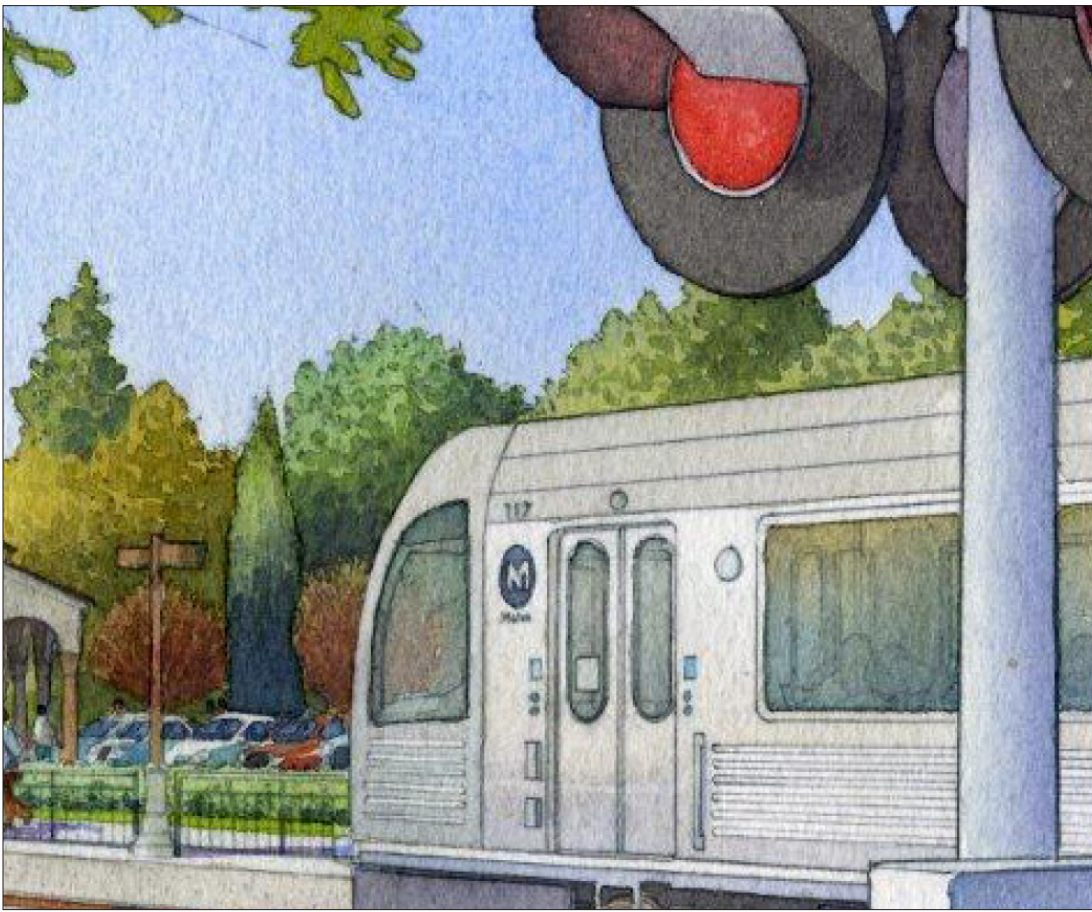
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA DOMINATED BY GOLD LINE PROJECT



The June 7 City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board agenda featured only two significant items of business - the proposed sale of real property to the Gold Line Construction Authority (GLCA) and consideration of an amended and restated service agreement with Athens Services for street sweeping through 2016.

MRA PH-1 was a joint public hearing of the City Council and Agency Board and concerns the proposed sale of 13.87 acres of property owned by the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency (the former Sweda, Foodmakers and railroad spur properties) and the City of Monrovia (a portion of "little" Duarte Road located north of the existing METRO right-of-way). The negotiated purchase price is approximately \$39.6 million, plus the construction of \$16.5 million in public improvements and infrastructure, as well as the construction of a public parking structure near the proposed Gold Line station for use by transit patrons. The proposed purchase price is based on the City/Agency's total cost to date for the property, as well as consideration for potential lost sales and property tax revenue, and City fees.

Monrovia staff have evaluated the GLCA's supplemental environmental impact report (SEIR) for the proposed Maintenance & Operations Facility and determined that the GLCA has appropriately addressed concerns directly related to this proposed project. The property is currently zoned "planned development" and features a mix of manufacturing, retail, storage and construction materials uses. The proposed use of the site, a maintenance and operations facility for electric light rail passenger cars (as opposed to a yard for heavy rail, diesel cars), is not an inappropriate use for the site.

An impacted property owner has filed a lawsuit against the GLCA and Monrovia. The two causes of action pertaining to Monrovia allege that Monrovia is, in considering and/or approving this land sale, breaching an existing settlement agreement with

the private property owner (Excalibur Holdings) in which the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency covenants to not condemn or cause to condemn Excalibur's property. Obviously, Monrovia - neither the Agency nor the City nor the Housing Authority - is not acquiring or condemning Excalibur's property. Claims that Monrovia is causing the condemnation of Excalibur's property are equally specious - Monrovia does not control either GLCA or METRO, does not vote on their respective boards, does not have land use control over them, cannot compel them to condemn a third party or preclude them from condemning a third party. Ultimately, Monrovia is considering selling its own land to GLCA; nothing more and nothing less.

Staff recommends that the City Council and Agency Board approve the proposed purchase and sale agreement and necessary resolutions.

AR-1 is the proposed amended and restated agreement with Athens Services for the continuation of street sweeping services in the amount of \$176,573 for FY 2011-12. Currently, the City has an interim agreement with Athens for this service. Athens began providing street sweeping, separate and apart from trash collection services, in July 2010. At that time, staff reviewed street sweeping prices around our region and negotiated a very attractive price of \$15.95/curb mile. In considering this proposed amended and restated agreement (which would replace the existing interim agreement), Athens has agreed to hold their existing price for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Subsequently, pricing would be adjusted by CPI, pursuant to positive annual performance reviews. Over the last year, Athens performance has been exceptionally strong. The proposed agreement term is five years; research indicates that similar agreements range from three to seven years. Staff recommends approval of the amended and restated agreement with Athens Services for street sweeping services.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 566 service events, resulting in 77 investigations.

Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On May 28 at 2:09 a.m., an officer on patrol observed a vehicle traveling south on Myrtle at Central and noticed it was weaving on the roadway. The driver failed to use a turn signal and was stopped. During the investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence and was arrested.

Vandalism In-Progress / Minor Consuming Alcohol / Possession of Controlled Substance / Three Suspects Arrested

On May 28 at 7:12 p.m., a business owner was driving in the area of Ivy and Walnut when he saw two male subjects tagging city property with spray paint. The suspects fled in a vehicle and the witness called police. Officers saturated the area and located the suspects in the 100 block of East Colorado, still in the vehicle in a parking lot behind a bar. As officers detained the suspects, a female subject exited the bar to inquire what was going on, as she owned the vehicle. Through investigation, it was learned the female was under age and had used false identification in the bar and had consumed alcohol. During a search, she was also found to be in possession of cocaine. She was arrested and taken into custody. The male subjects were positively identified as the suspects who spray painted City property and were also arrested. The witness will be contacted to receive the \$100 Stop Graffiti Bounty for reporting a graffiti vandalism which led to an arrest.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On May 29 at 3:34 p.m., an officer noticed a vehicle exit the 210 Freeway and drive north on Myrtle. The driver was weaving on the roadway and was stopped by the officer. Through investigation, the driver was determined to be

under the influence and was arrested. The driver was booked and later released on a citation.

Commercial Burglary

On May 29 at 10:30 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 400 block of South Myrtle regarding a burglary. The suspect(s) pried open a window, made entry into a business, and then pried open the door to the office of another business. Once inside the second business, the suspect(s) ransacked the office and took cash from a filing cabinet. They also took electronic items from both businesses, which included a flat screen television, three computer monitors and four computer laptops.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On May 31 at 1:44 p.m., an officer was flagged down and told there was a possible drunk driver at a business in the 100 block of East Duarte Road. The officer stopped the vehicle in the parking lot. The female driver was determined to be under the influence and was arrested. She was in the area to pick up her children from school. The school office and principal were notified. She was booked and held for detoxification.

Vehicle Burglary

On June 1 at 3:49 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Encino. The victim reported that someone had broken into her vehicle and had stolen property, and that her credit card information had been used.

Battery

On June 1 at 5:10 p.m., a 16-year-old male victim of battery was brought to the police station lobby by his father. The victim reported that he had walked a girl home on Monterey after school when a male suspect struck him in the head with a skateboard and grabbed him in a choke hold. The suspect then let go of him and left the area. The victim went home and his father brought him to the station when he got home from work. Investigation continuing.

DUARTE DUWOP

The Doo Wop sounds of summer will be flowing from Duarte Park on Wednesday, June 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the kickoff of the popular Duarte Summer Concerts in the Park series. California America Water will sponsor the evening's entertainment by The Story Tellers and the In Crowd Band featuring classic '50s and '60s tunes for listening and dancing. Duarte's summer concert series offers a fun and stress-free way to enjoy a warm summer evening in the company of family and friends. Concert-goers are invited to bring along a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic dinner, or enjoy something good to eat from one of several food booths that will be open for business beginning at 6 p.m. There will be more than music to enjoy. Each of the four scheduled concerts will also feature an entertainment and play area for children, and a raffle hosted by the Route 66 Parade Committee. Duarte Park is located at 1344 Bloomdale Ave., just east of Buena Vista St., and adjacent to the



Duarte Teen Center. Free bus transportation to and from the park is available by Duarte Transit. Other concert dates in the series are The Blue Breeze Band playing Motown, R&B and Soul on July 13; Sean Wiggins country-rock band on July 27; and Los Retoños del Norte & Mariachi Latino on Aug. 10. In addition to California American Water, sponsors of the series are Rutan & Tucker, LLP; Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; Burrtec Waste; Foothill Transit; and Performance Nissan. For more information, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

DUARTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM VISIT



Members of the Duarte Kiwanis Club were in for a treat this week. They had their meeting at the Duarte Historical Museum and were hosted by Irwin Margiloff, curator of the museum and local history buff extraordinaire! Irwin treated the Club to descriptions of the origins of the Duarte Rancho in the mid-1800's to the current boundaries of the original property lines - in Arcadia on 10th Avenue. Mr. Margiloff was able to confirm that, indeed, Glenn Miller lived in a home on

Bettyhill in Duarte and shared various surveyor's maps with the club. All in all, a delightful, insightful and interesting adventure. Mr. Margiloff has also created a brochure which lists all 29 of the historical museums in the San Gabriel Valley.

The brochure can be found on the site: <http://www.duartehistory.org/index.html>

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL INVESTIGATORS POST SUSPENSION NOTICE AT THE HOUSE OF SPIRITS, 501 WEST DUARTE ROAD

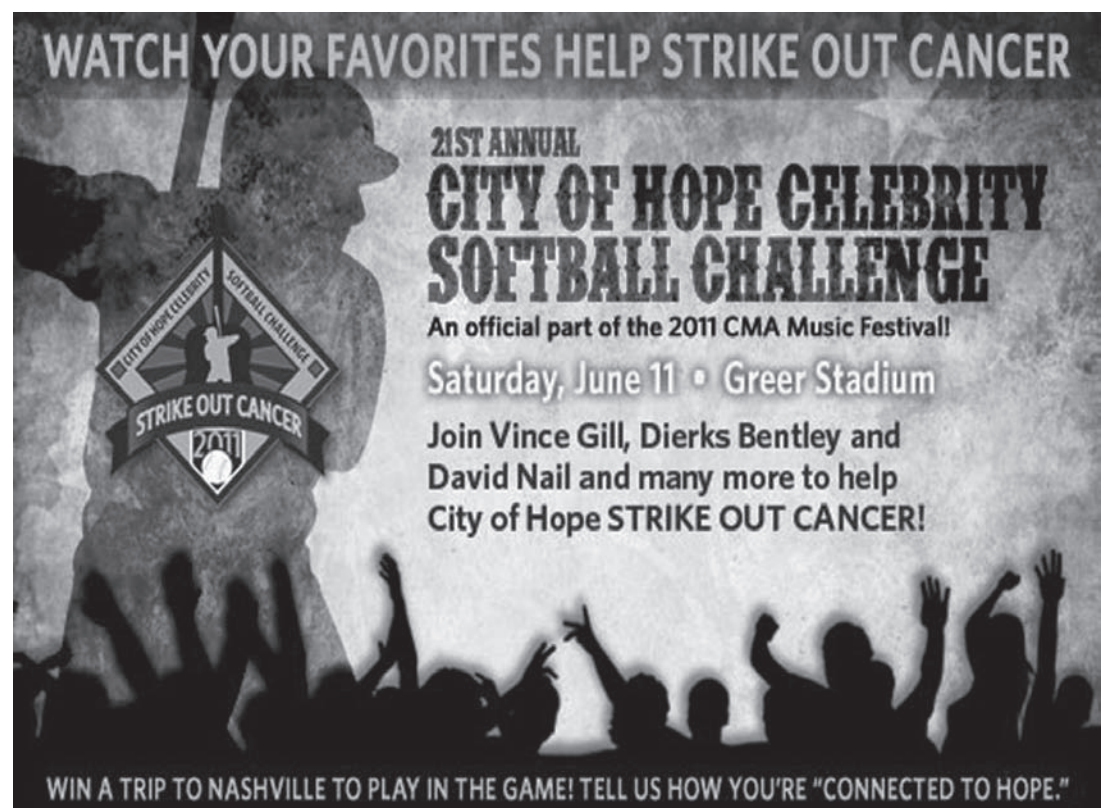
In February 2011, the Detective Bureau's Special Enforcement Team assisted Alcoholic Beverage Control investigators in their undercover operation at the House of Spirits Liquor Store located at 501 West Duarte. The Alcoholic Beverage Investigators arrested one of the store clerks for selling marijuana and receiving stolen property. This week, on Thursday, June 2, the Alcoholic Beverage Control investigators will post a suspension notice at the House of Spirits. The House

of Spirits will not be allowed to sell alcohol for 25 days and the liquor license will have to be transferred to a new owner within 180 days. The Alcoholic Beverage Control investigators requested the presence of the Special Enforcement Team at the suspension posting. The Alcoholic Beverage Control investigators stated "the assistance provided by the Monrovia Police Department was invaluable in making the arrest."

MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE \$20,000 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL GRANT

The Special Enforcement Team applied for an Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012). The Special Enforcement Team's grant proposal was selected to receive \$20,000 for Alcoholic Beverage Control activities. The Monrovia Police Department will implement the strategies of education and enforcement to address alcohol related problems within the City. The enforcement portion will focus resources on licensed establishments that

have a disproportionate amount of calls for service. The goal will be to reduce the overall number of alcohol related offenses and calls for service at these locations. The Monrovia Police Department will implement the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's best enforcement practices in combating these issues. The grant money will pay for the overtime expenses and necessary equipment to conduct several enforcement activities.



Sierra Madrean Wins Silver Medal at California State Meet

Nick Budincich, a junior at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, surprised coaches and teammates alike with a championship performance in the 1.6 kg discus throw in Clovis, California on June 3rd and 4th. Budincich's performance was nothing short of a "Cinderella" story as he emerged as a virtual unknown, to a school record setting performance on the biggest stage in California high school track and field, the CIF State Meet.

Early this spring Budincich posted a 158' 3" throw in the Arcadia Invitational and earned a medal. He didn't improve until this past May when he began to "peak" after the months of hard power lifting, that when reduced, increased his quickness and flexibility. In the CIF Division 2 prelims at Moorpark High School, Budincich posted a lifetime best ("PR") of 176' 9" to advance to the CIF Division 2 finals at Cerritos College where he threw 176' 4" in the discus and a PR of 55' 7" in the 12 pound shot put to earn medals in both events. Loyola subsequently won the CIF Division 2 championship, and Nick advanced to the "Masters Meet". He was eliminated in the shot put at the Masters Meet, which caused him to focus the following week of practice exclusively on the discus throw event.

On June 3rd, at the State Meet prelims in Clovis, California, the 27 best throwers, runners, and jumpers from the State's respective divisions came together to the State Meet to determine both individual and school state champions. Nick qualified in the prelims with a lifetime best (PR) and Loyola High School record of 182' 9" to shock his competition and move him to the finals seeded 3rd among 9 finalists in the discus. The following day the competitors awoke to a light steady rain, making the throwing ring wet, slippery,



and uncomfortably unfamiliar to most athletes in the competition. Budincich then threw 177' 9" in the finals and finished his last throw with 178' 5" to secure 2nd place berth in the State Championship Meet. He earned an unexpected 8 team points for Loyola. One of the spectators affectionately referred to him as a "mudder" as a comparison to race horses that perform well in rainy and wet conditions.

His "throws coach" at Loyola, Matt Pentecost, is also a former first place California State Discus Champion for Loyola in 1995. Coach Pentecost is also a UCLA Bruin "weight man" under the legendary coach Tom Tellez and was thrilled to see his pupil shatter his own 16 year old record. Loyola

lost the State Title that night to long time perennial rival Long Beach Poly and finished as the California State runner-up. Loyola, having won the meet "on paper" near the meet's end, lost it suddenly when the Loyola senior pole vaulter was disqualified due to a technicality, and 5 1/2 points was lost for his tie for third place. This placed Loyola in a close second by three points to the rival "Poly", who has been famous for producing world class sprinters and football players for decades. It was a disappointing loss for Head Coach Mike Porterfield, and his staff including Lalo Diaz, "Fernie" Hernandez, Pentacost, and others. This would have been Loyola's first all division CA State Title in its over 100 year history in Los Angeles.

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CLEAN OUT DAD'S CASTLE
FOR FATHER'S DAY

What do you give the Dad who has it all? How about help getting rid of some of it. Instead of one more baseball cap or tie to add to the pile, Baby Boomers are giving experiences for Father's Day, including helping Dad make some space. When there's too much stuff in the garage for him use that tool bench or park his car, it's time to help him de-clutter.

"Garages are one of the most crowded spaces in a home," says Sheri Alford of Smooth Transitions, who works with clients, especially seniors, to deal with a lifetime of accumulation. "It's a catch-all space for all the items that won't fit anywhere else. It's easy to let it get out of control."

Helping Dad is not just about getting containers and shelves. It's about identifying what is there, dividing what to keep and what not to keep. Sheri recommends the best way to start is by identifying and getting rid of all the unnecessary stuff. Broken appliances and items we just can't throw away get saved as "backups" but are never really used again and take up space. Many of these items are more likely to be restored or repaired if they get out of the garage and to the right charities. This creates space for the fun projects Dad really wants to do.

Don't keep something for the sole reason of not wanting to waste it. Even for items you don't think will sell, there are many charities that will accept these usable items and appreciate them. For example, Habitat for Humanity accepts hardware while the Convalescent Aid Society accepts medical supplies like walkers and wheelchairs. Determining who will take what can get tricky so check before arranging pickups of items. Also, be sure to ask for a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

Children can help by finally taking all those childhood items that Dad kept for the kids to have "someday." Let Dad actually see you enjoy the items he saved for you, all while helping him get his space back. Also, if he doesn't want to keep an item, he should not feel guilty parting with it -no matter who gave it to him.

Consider Dad's current lifestyle. There is no reason to keep a lot of landscaping tools if he now hires a gardener. If he no longer does carpentry or car repair, find a new home for the tools. Keep a few choice items but one person doesn't need a dozen screwdrivers. Help Dad keep his identity by trimming down but not eliminating his collections.

When reorganizing a garage, think safety first -keep pathways open, make sure often-used items (like light switches and outlets) are easily accessible. Avoid accidents by securing items that are stored above heads. Remove hazardous materials through proper waste practices -don't just toss chemicals down the sewer or in the trash.

Obviously, you will want to consult with Dad before disposing of any item. You're looking to help, not take over. But this may be a task he himself has been putting off because it is so overwhelming. All this sorting can be physically demanding and time-consuming so only take on what you are capable of.

Finally, keep in mind that professional help is available from Smooth Transitions of Southern California, LLC (STSC), who are experts in decluttering and dispersing unwanted household items. Clients love having them clear spaces like garages. "The garage has taken on a new look. I don't mind going in there now. You and your ladies did a wonderful job," endorses Ted Alford (unrelated) of Alhambra. A complimentary consultation and gift certificates are available.

For more information call 626-429-4408 or visit www.stscmoves.com



Finally!

Finally, it is here. Summer. Gone are those dreadful Mondays when the alarm clock buzzes and wakes you up from blissful slumber. Gone is the overwhelming amounts of homework that seem almost impossible to finish on time. Now, you can breathe. Breathe the fresh summer air and enjoy the sunshine warming your face and soul. I have been waiting a long time for this moment to come, and now that it is finally here I cannot believe it. To start, May was possibly one of the longest months of my life, with AP exams to senior finals to my junior finals - it seemed never ending. Secondly, I was out of school for less than twenty-four hours when I jumped onto a 7:13 a.m flight for Casper, WY - my mom's home. The school year ended in a whirlwind - from my last final to saying goodbye to family before my 2 month road trip to a kickback at a friends to sleep and a flight all jam-packed into 24 hours was nonstop fun. Now, I am sitting in my mom's office on a beautiful country day trying to grasp the fact that this time next week I will be attending my seminar at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO; and ten days later I will be in Rhode Island at my Brown University summer camp. It is hard for me to finally grasp that summer has come because I have been looking towards these events for the past 4 months, and now they are here. I hope that they are all that I wish them to be, and I look forward to writing about my upcoming adventures. Hopefully my experiences will be exciting to tell. For now enjoy the beautiful sunshine and relax, kickback, and soak it in.

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The Class of 2011 gathers on the terrace of Alverno's historic Villa del Sol 'd Oro for a group picture.

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What the Class of 2011 Says About the Alverno Experience:



Above: Nicole Salvador will attend Brown University and says, "Before Alverno I could have never imagined I would thrive so thoroughly. This school not only fed my intellectual curiosity, but also my passion for being active in my community."



Left: Karineh Minissian is Salutatorian for the Class of 2011. She will attend UC Berkeley with a major in Political Science. "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," she says.

Right: Valedictorian Erica Tavera will attend Yale with a major in Biomedical Engineering. Erica commented on her experience as a student at Alverno. "One of the things I'll cherish most about my education at Alverno is that it not only taught me the importance of academic diligence, but also the value of helping others."



Above: Marissa Jones will attend Fordham University and feels that, "Alverno is my home. I learned so much and through the support of my teachers, I have been able to nurture my talents. Alverno's philosophy has prepared me for the challenges ahead in college."

Happy Father's Day

Here are few of my choices to spend the day with the most important man in your life, your Father.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

cranberries and Maytag blue cheese dressing. The Entrée choices include: Petit Rack of Lamb, Shrimp & Scallops Omelet, a Trio of Poached Egg Benedict/Cheese Blintz/Chicken Apple Sausage, Ultimate French Toast, Crab Crusted Atlantic Salmon or Local Sea Bass, or Seared Petit Filet Mignon. The two dessert choices are: Baked Grand Marnier Bread Pudding "a la Mode" or Chilled Martini of Mango and Raspberry Sorbet with California berries.

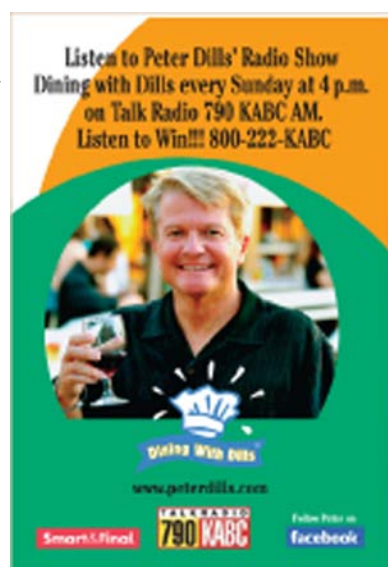
Price: \$49.00* for adults and for children 4-12 years \$24.50* (*Note: Prices do not include tax and gratuity.) Dinner will also available at The First Cabin Restaurant from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

For Reservations: To make your reservations, please call 949-630-4145 or visit our web site for details on all the menus. The web site address is: www.balboabayclub.com.

A Little Closer To Home:

I recommend the *Central Park Café* on S. Fair Oaks. Something different you ask? Well, I have been very impressed with the new Kings Row Gastro Pub on 20E. Colorado Blvd. even though I have only dined there once, my first impression was very favorable!!! Many wines and imported beers, many I have never heard of, but that adds to the fun. Dad will love the beer and the brunch includes all of his favorites like Chicken and Waffles(\$12), Biscuits and gravy and an above average Dry Aged Burger(\$9), I have been complaining about the Fish and Chips(\$14) in the Pasadena area, but give these a try, they use a IPA beer Batter, now that's unique. (626) 793-3010

Remember my Golden Rule, For truly great time, try not to be in a hurry, the restaurants listed above will no doubt be busy, if you can do it on the Saturday afternoon before, that might be the best call of all. Tell them Peter sent you!!



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Sierra Madre Police Corporal Charles Kamchamnan helps the princess find her way back to the playhouse.

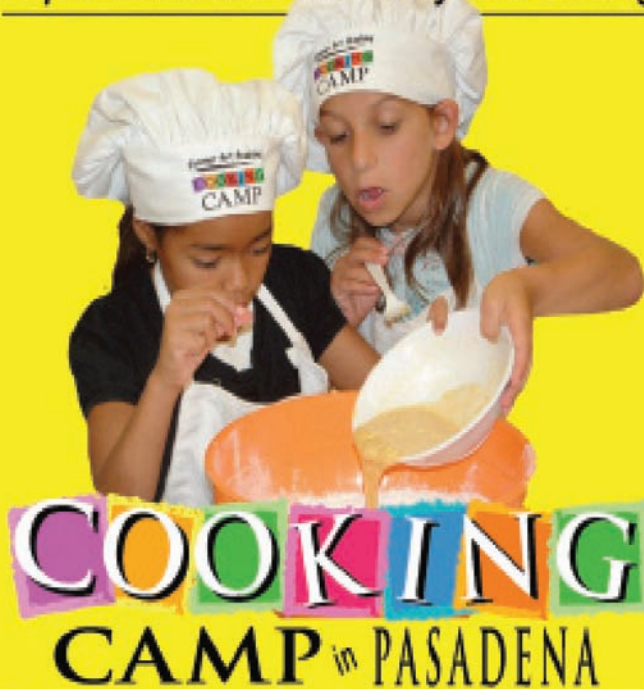
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At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample fee parking behind theatre. Sunday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$15. Father's Day special!: Dads get in for \$10. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

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As a result of this business expansion, Sally Morrison and Jeffrey Ingwalsen, 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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"LOVE LETTERS" AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON AUGUST 21

Bob Hakman and Sandra Hakman are a real-life theatre couple. Bob is a director. Sandra is an actor. Both have worked on multiple productions at Sierra Madre Playhouse, sometimes together. "Love Letters" brings them on stage together as performers.

"Love Letters" is A.R. Gurney's very popular play about Andy and Melissa. Both born to wealth and position, they become emotionally attached while growing up, yet nonetheless find and marry others. Andy becomes a Senator. Melissa's life is much less successful. Throughout their lives, they remained connected to each other through their correspondence in a series of letters, revealing a connection to each other that defies the distance of miles and commitments to others.

"Love Letters." At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre. Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$17. Children 12 and under, \$12. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sieramadreplayhouse.org

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

FRIENDLY FIRES

If you're looking for the ultimate estival album to guide you through road trips, summer love, (mis)

adventures and anything in between, then look no further. Pala is the sophomore record from Friendly Fires, the sitting-by-poolside-during-the-day-and-dancing-the-night-away driven band hailing from St. Albans. They made quite the buzz with their 2008 self-titled debut album and return to reclaim the throne of the premier summer band. Pala is drenched with beautiful electo-pop melodies that would make any mainstream pop artist envious. Friendly Fires aren't revolutionizing music, but simply put their signature stamp on the indie-dance-pop genre. These UK boys know exactly how to gravitate the shyest kid in town toward the dance floor. Simply put, they're creating pop-laden tunes that would even make Justin Timberlake jealous.

Ed Macfarlane's vocals are a breath of fresh air. The dude can really belt out the lyrics. He embodies such a breezy falsetto that falls somewhere into early 90s pop. You can easily hear the uncanny resemblance to the R&B references from that bygone era. Pala is a fully charged, in your face, 24/7 dance party anthem. However, even the most diehard, full-time partier needs a breather to recharge and that comes in the form of the title track, "Pala". A smooth, slowdance tune

that will still have you bumping and grinding on your girl (or boy). It would have been the ideal closing cap to an album that's like a rush of blood straight to your head. Instead, the track is only at the halfway point. After that relatively quick breather, you'll be revitalized to kick-start the second half of this boisterous album.

This is by far, the best pop album of the year.

Artist: Friendly Fires
Album: Pala
Label: XL Recordings
Release Date: May 24, 2011
Key Tracks: "Blue Cassette", "Hawaiian Air", "True Love", "Pull Me Back To Earth"
Grade: 8.4 out of 10

Unfortunately, Pala probably won't even register with the most ideal conventional listener. Forget any mainstream "entertainer" poisoning this oversaturated genre. This is the one and only hustle & flow, jaunty, and full of life record you'll need this summer. With memorable tracks like "Blue Cassette", "Hawaiian Air", "True Love", and "Pull Me Back To Earth", you'll realize just how much better and more alive Friendly Fires are than any other artist making this type of music. If you want to get down and dirty this summer (and who doesn't?), then skip over the lameness of Bieber and Gaga and head straight to the dance floor that's occupied by Friendly Fires. There's more fire than friendly in this dance rock opera to last you through the final days of summer.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

A Game of Character: A Family Journey from Chicago's Southside to the Ivy League and Beyond by Craig Robinson

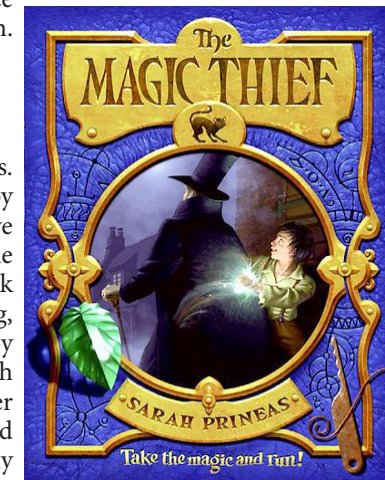
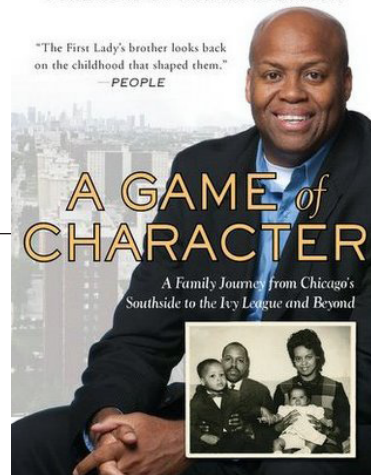
When he stepped into history's spotlight at the National Democratic Convention, Craig Robinson recalls that nothing could have been more gratifying than introducing his sister, Michelle Obama, to millions of Americans. Within minutes, he won the hearts of the nation by sharing highlights of growing up in the modest Robinson household, where he and his sister were raised by devoted parents who taught them the values of education, and hard work, and the importance of reaching far beyond what even seemed possible. Those lessons of character were fundamental in shaping Craig Robinson's own remarkable journey: from his days playing street basketball on Chicago's Southside while excelling academically, to admission at Princeton University, where he was later named Ivy League Player of the Year, twice. After playing professionally in Europe, he entered the field of finance. But another dream beckoned, and Craig became a basketball coach. He soon helped transform three struggling teams. In his first season at Oregon State Univ., he navigated what was declared to be one of the nation's best single season turnarounds. Robinson takes readers behind the scenes to meet his most important influences in his understanding of the winning traits that are part of his playbook for success. His parents, two individuals who showed their children how to believe in themselves & live their lives with conviction through love, discipline, and respect. We see how Craig and Michelle strengthened their bond as they journeyed out of the Southside to Princeton University and then to the national stage. Heartwarming, inspiring, and even transformational, A Game of Character reminds readers of the opportunity to work together and embrace the character of our nation, to make a difference in the lives of others, and to pave the way for the next generation.

The Magic Thief

by Sarah Prineas (Author), Antonio Javier Caparo (Illustrator)

Reading level: Ages 9-12. A very entertaining series for the kids. In a city that runs on a dwindling supply of magic, a young boy is drawn into a life of wizardry and adventure. Conn should have dropped dead the day he picked Nevery's pocket and touched the wizard's locus magicalicus, a stone used to focus magic & work spells. But for some reason he did not. Nevery finds that interesting, and he takes Conn as his apprentice on the provision that the boy find a locus stone of his own. But Conn has little time to search for his stone between wizard lessons and helping Nevery discover who—or what—is stealing the city of Wellmet's magic. Fantasy and adventure lovers alike will groan when they get to the tantalizingly mischievous ending, and will want to read the great sequels.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



I was probably the only kid in my first-grade class who knew the names Jerry Voorhis and Helen Gahagan Douglas. All the more remarkable, as they were both Californians, and I grew up in Washington State. All I knew of Jack Kennedy was that he had a funny accent, people worried he'd take orders from the Pope, and friends said his dad paid people to vote for him. It was also clear in my neighborhood that Richard Nixon would rightfully become our next president.

My dad told me how Nixon won his first Congressional seat by smearing incumbent Jerry Voorhis as being connected to Communist groups, took it back after the election, then did the same thing in his red-baiting campaign against Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-CA) for the U.S. Senate ("pink down to her underwear"). Alone among the grown-ups I knew, Dad counted on a Kennedy victory, because "Nixon's a crook; always has been and always will be."

Years later when President Nixon declared on television, "I am not a crook," I felt as if he was responding directly to my dad, who turned out to be right all along.

I'm not sure when my dad first talked politics with his own father (whom I never met). Nearly a century ago, my grandfather travelled between the towns of Port Angeles, Forks and Clallam Bay on the Olympic Peninsula, servicing and selling "power plants" - gas-powered generators providing electricity to un-connected households. Thus could a light bulb be hung outside the back door, illuminating the path to the outhouse should nature call in the middle of the night.

Those household visits were not solely commercial; they were opportunities to sit with families and talk politics. The Masonic Lodge and Oddfellows Hall were not just for meetings; they were venues to debate President Hoover's faith in Wall Street vs. the promise of a Democratic New Deal.

When I was in fifth-grade, I told Dad of classmates sporting badges proclaiming, "If I were 21 I'd vote for Barry", while I was the only one with an "LBJ for the USA" button. Dad said it reminded him of when he was my age, and went to his own father with his concern so many kids came to school wearing "Landon sunflowers". He told how his dad assured him Alf Landon hadn't a chance against President Roosevelt, as he was now assuring me Sen. Goldwater would be swept away by President Johnson.

Four years later, Dad took a friend and I to the Seattle Center to hear Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. (I shook his hand.) FDR had a "New Deal", and HHH campaigned for a "New Day" with the same themes; an emphasis on working-class American families, and help for those who, for whatever reason, had been left behind.

(I remember his campaign pamphlet on Foreign

Affairs. While attention was then on Vietnam, Communist China and Soviets in Eastern Europe, Humphrey suggested we instead focus on the Middle East, where, in his view, the gravest threats to world peace might originate. That view never gained much traction.)

My dad at first held an LBJ-view of the Vietnam War; it was a mess, but we couldn't just leave. The government there was imperfect, but we had to stay until their own forces were capable of doing the job. (Sound familiar?) I skipped high school classes to attend anti-war moratorium marches.

The debate at the kitchen table was over staying to ensure the survival of a U.S. ally, or not sacrificing any more young Americans for a corrupt government unsupported by its own people. What I remember most was that years later Dad told me I'd been right and he was wrong. That's a hard thing for anybody to admit about anything - especially from father to son.

Dad said he'd always thought of himself as having been raised "middle-class", until he was sent to Chicago after enlisting in the Navy to join guys from all walks of life, from all over the country. There he realized his family's income, relatively, had been more at the lower end of the spectrum.

Later he became successful in business, enjoying fine restaurants and travel with my mom. There was never self-consciousness about "class", though, or a feeling that doing well for oneself permitted less concern for others.

Dad relished needling the bankers and brokers he dealt with by displaying the Paul Conrad cartoons from the Times I sent up after moving to Los Angeles. They couldn't understand how one in Dad's position could be so critical of President Reagan, so he'd explain; "A defense contractor swindles millions of dollars from the government, and it's no big deal. But a kid gets a subsidized carton of milk at school that he's not entitled to, it's a major crisis."

I thought of Dad taking me to see Bill Dana introduce Hubert Humphrey when I took my own son, then age five, to join a raucous crowd in South-L.A. as Whoopi Goldberg introduced Bill Clinton. (As soon as he came on stage, we knew that he knew he was going to be president.)

My son, my dad and I each followed different career paths, but I wonder if there's something genetic in political affiliations. Years ago after picking my son up from pre-school, we'd become accustomed to those at the bottom of off-ramps holding "Homeless - Please Help" signs. Sometimes, though, the sign would be held by a young woman, and sometimes that woman would have children with her. Then, my son would turn to me with frantic questions: "Do they go to school? What are they going to eat? Where are they going to sleep tonight?" My son had friends at school, and a warm dinner and comfortable bed to come home to. But he remained concerned for those who didn't. Just like his grandpa.

Happy Father's Day - and Happy 88th Birthday, Dad.

GREG Welborn

The Truth About The Budget



One of my favorite quotes is from Winston Churchill when he was asked to comment on the truthfulness of a fellow member of parliament's comment. Sir Winston knew the fellow had lied, but he also knew that to call him out directly, given British traditions in parliament at the time, was unacceptable. So, when asked about this particular politician's statement, Churchill explained that "the gentleman had committed a verbal inexactitude". Fortunately, or unfortunately, I am not Winston Churchill, and we do not live under the same traditional constraints.

So when I'm asked to comment on what most politicians in D.C. are doing about our financial crisis, I call it like I see it. They're lying to us, and I for one am damn tired of it.

Consider first the whole context in which the deficit problem is being discussed. Most politicians would have us believe that it is a tax issue. The economy is in a tailspin, they say, revenues are down, and we have to raise taxes to make up the difference. It has a believable story line if only because the economy is in a drought. But to blame the deficit on the economy is to mix up cause and effect. As the always-prescient economist, Walter Williams, recently pointed out, if you go back to 1960 you would find that even considering the effects of inflation tax revenues are 23 times greater today, but government spending is 42 times greater. And that includes the effect of the current recession! The deficit is not a revenue issue. It is a spending issue, and any politician who says differently shouldn't be trusted to sell used cars, let alone represent voters.

But political lies also come in more subtle flavors than bold-in-your-face vanilla. There are multiple shades and gradations we need to worry about. Consider the very language with which Congress classifies the spending it authorizes. Politicians speak in terms of "discretionary" and "nondiscretionary", knowing the normal human reaction to that is to assume that nondiscretionary can't be changed. The lie here is that all congressionally authorized and presidentially approved spending is discretionary. All of it can be decreased at will. It just takes willpower.

The term nondiscretionary spending is applied to any program passed by Congress in which spending is calculated by some formula written into the law. For example, if Congress passes a law stipulating that zoos should receive payments equal to 1% of the federal budget each year for the next 10 years, then after the first year, that spending is said to be nondiscretionary. After all, it's on autopilot and no further action is needed. In fact, unless Congress acts to specifically stop this spending, it must occur over the full 10 years whether there is enough tax revenue or not.

Politicians do this purposefully so that they won't have to vote each year on potentially unpopular or wasteful programs. It is ever so much easier to simply throw up your hands and say that some boondoggle is "nondiscretionary"

than it is to vote each year to continue the waste.

The other reprehensible verbal inexactitude popular in D.C. is to label a spending program as an "entitlement". The word entitlement strongly implies a legal right to receive something which is rightfully due you.

Thus, when politicians refer to Social Security or Medicare as "entitlements", they manipulate us into believing that somehow the recipients are rightfully and morally due these benefits, and that to decrease them in any way would be immoral. Consider for a moment where Congress gets the money for these entitlements. In every one of these programs, if one American is given the right to receive a dollar in benefit, there is some other American somewhere who is obligated to pay that dollar out of his or her own pocket. This simple truth escapes notice because most of us hear the word entitlement and are distracted by the implied moral mandate.

Most recipients think of Social Security and Medicare as benefits they've "earned". In this, we really can't blame them. They've been fed that lie for most of their working lives. The truth, sadly, is that they never were banking the payments they made into the system for their own account. Their payments in went right back out to some other previous recipient's pocket. Social Security and Medicare have always been "transfer" programs designed to take money from Paul in order to pay Peter. Now Paul has retired and wants his share. The problem is that the system was never sound - it's always been a ponzi scheme - and now it's falling apart. There just isn't enough money in the system (or anywhere in America for that matter) to meet the promises made by politicians.

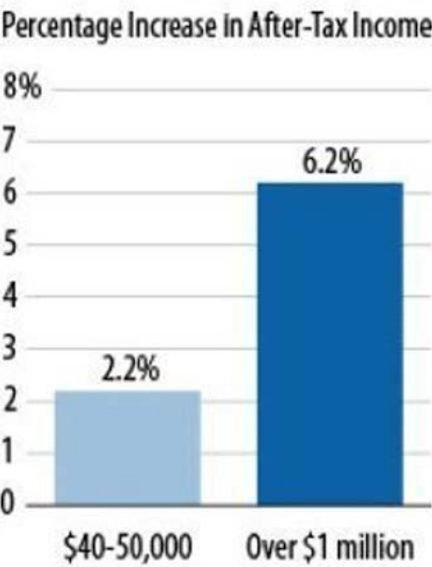
The good news is that America is waking up to the reality of our country's financial system and that there are practical ways to fix the problems that generations of political lies have created. There's an old saying, "fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." Living in the most advanced and interactive democracy in history, we, the voters, have amply opportunity to demand an end to the lies. We can't be afraid to call a verbal inexactitude a lie, and the sooner we start doing it, the better off we'll all be.

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The Bush Era Tax Cuts Ten Years Later: Something To Think About

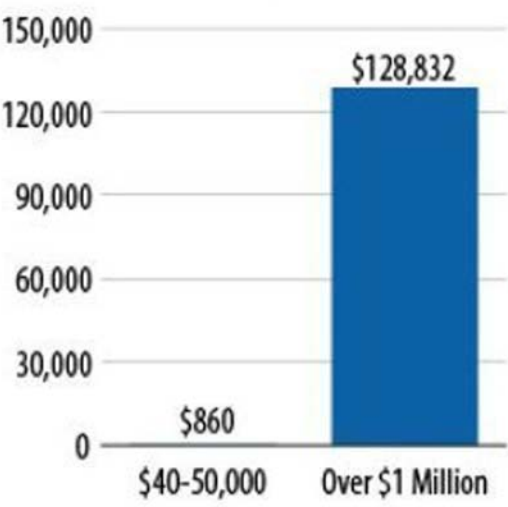
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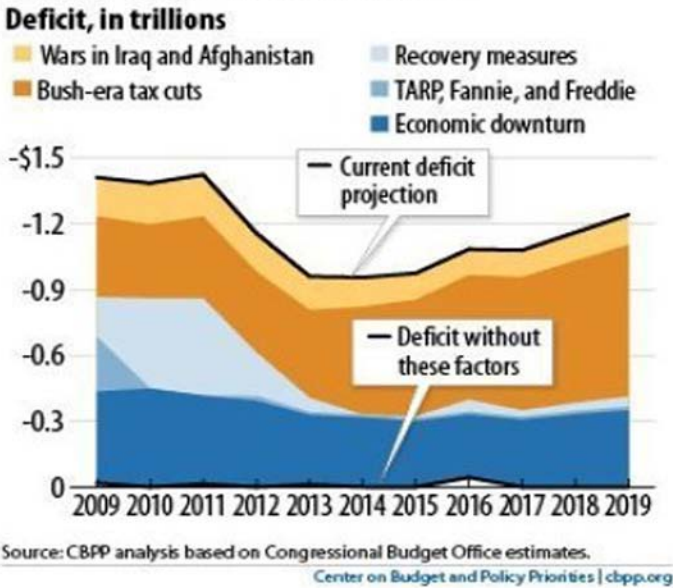
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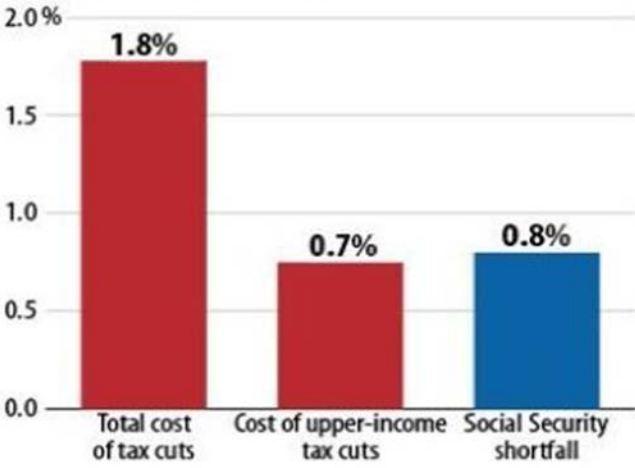


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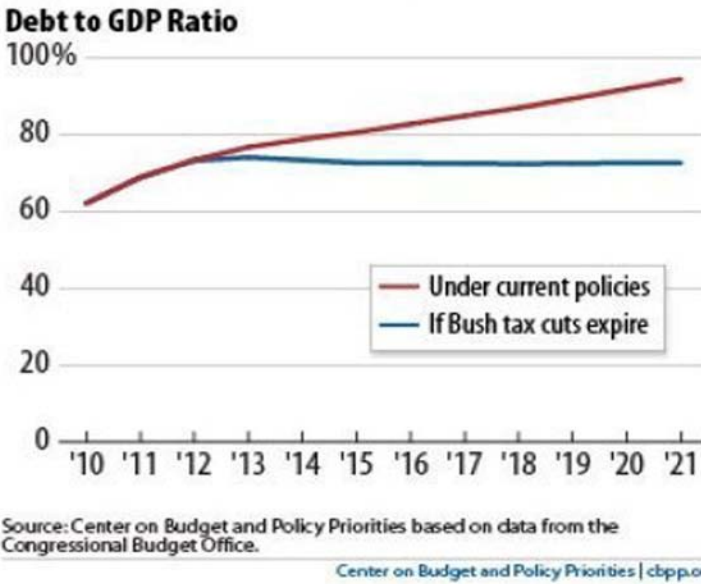


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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



TOO MUCH TIME ON OUR HANDS

Well, I just finished watching my tape of the Professional Basketball game, after which I skimmed the tapes of the Dodger game and the Angel game. I do something like this on most nights. Over the last couple of weeks I watched hours and hours of the French Open Tennis Championships and, of course this weekend I will undoubtedly watch hours and hours of the U.S. Open Golf Championships - always one of my favorite events. The strange thing about it is that even though I spend all this time watching sports I am less interested in the games than at any time in my adult or quasi-adult life.

The reason for my disinterest, I guess, is that most of my favorite players and teams have disappeared. You know without me telling you that the Lakers have long been eliminated from the playoffs, that in tennis the only American players worth watching, Venus and Serena Williams, are injured and absent. In golf, all of my interest was drawn to Tiger Woods, who is now injured and additionally is only another guy on the tour now rather than a Superman. Baseball, though, is the worst. The Dodgers have only one or two good players and the team is kind of dull. Worse than that, the ownership of the team is so screwed up that any day now the League may take over ownership of the whole team. I register my disgust with the situation by wearing a replica of an old Brooklyn Dodger hat as I wander around town. All kinds of folk react to the hat and support my feelings of disgust with the state of the present team. Even though I am always in need of validation I do not find much joy in rooting for the annihilation of the Home Team.

I guess what I am saying is that although modern electronics have made it possible for me to view more sports, I am enjoying it less. I used to enjoy searching out arcane sports information and read statistics books and memorized daily box scores. Okay, I admit I still read the box scores and check on my favorite players but I think this is mostly out of habit rather than resulting from any real connection. I used to devour information about Stan Musial, Ted Williams and other immortals. Now I don't think of the star players as immortals but rather as illegal drug users who have managed to escape detection for awhile. Watching sports has become sort of like rooting for the Mafia. Go John Gotti go!

Probably I am not the only ex-sports addict (okay I have not yet kicked the habit) who is suffering. Later generations have long ago ceased watching these old-time sports and, I guess, have acquired new addictions. I don't understand much about video games or simulated electronic competitions. I did go through a period of Sudoku madness, but this too passed. I think the problem there was that the improvement in puzzle solving was not automatic. It required focus and effort to remain enjoyable and I was unable - or unwilling - to put that much effort into solving some silly puzzle.

You know the willingness to put a lot of effort into something is probably a prerequisite to finding much satisfaction in any activity. I know that, at least for me, part-time legal work is not very satisfying. It is only when the requirements of a particular case require prolonged effort and focus that I manage to acquire much satisfaction. Of course there are other rewards, like money, but at this time in my life I do not want to undertake the responsibilities of handling a big involved case. I told my daughter I would help out in her office free of charge, but she refused my offer saying that she couldn't afford it. I think I understand her reasoning, in that the potential downside to our personal relationship, should I make some sort of unforgivable error, like losing a file, outweighs any potential financial benefit to her.

So, who needs her? Yes, I have reached retirement age with absolutely no idea of what I'm going to do, plus this unfortunate fact that I am losing interest in what it is that I am doing. Which way is the Senior Center and Ballroom Dancing and the tomato patch? I have this terrible fear that I am going to start doing all the things that I have avoided all of my life, like washing and ironing and cooking and maintaining myself. Really, I know it won't come to that. There are always books to read and articles to write and I can always hope that Tiger will get better and start winning again. I figured it out. I do not want to do anything hard; I just want the satisfaction that comes from doing hard things without expending the effort. Is that so wrong and what does it mean about our Country?

RICH Johnson



Scandalous College Sports

Scandals in sports have been with us, well, since scandals in sports first scandalously appeared. The word, scandal, comes from both Latin and Greek. The Latin word, scandalum, means stumbling block. And the Greek word, skandalon, means a trap.

One of my many covert operatives charged with the task of turning over every rock in the seedy side of society managed to secure a copy of a college exam specifically for athletes. I won't mention the name of the institution responsible. See how you do in this test: (as in the original test, you have three weeks to complete the exam.)

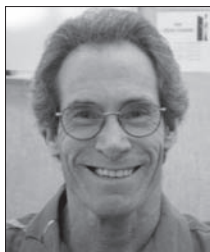
1. What language is spoken in France?
2. Give a dissertation on the ancient Babylonian Empire with reference to architecture, literature, law and social conditions - OR - give the first name of Donald Trump.
3. Would you ask William Shakespeare to:
 - a. Build a bridge
 - b. Sail the ocean
 - c. Lead an army, or
 - d. WRITE A PLAY
4. What religion is the Pope? (check one)
 - a. Jewish
 - b. CATHOLIC
 - c. Hindu
 - d. Polish
 - e. Agnostic
5. Metric conversion. How many feet is 0.0 meters? _____
6. What time is it when the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 5?
7. What are people in America's far north called?
 - a. Westerners
 - b. Southerners
 - c. Northerners
8. Spell the following names: Bush, Clinton, and Obama
9. Six kings of England have been called George, the last one being George the Sixth. Name the previous five.
10. Where does rain come from?
 - a. Macy's
 - b. Kmart
 - c. Canada
 - d. The Sky
11. Can you explain Einstein's Theory of Relativity?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
12. What are coat hangers used for?
13. Explain La Chateliers Principle of Dynamic Equilibrium - OR - spell your name in BLOCK LETTERS.
14. Where is the basement in a three story building located?
15. Advanced math. If you have three apples, how many apples do you have?
16. The Cornell University tradition for efficiency began when (approximately)?
 - a. B. C.
 - b. A. D.

I'm thrilled to report that the fairy tale theater production of "Cinderella" is returning to the Sierra Madre Playhouse on Saturdays, beginning June 25. I saw this play 3 times. It is a joy to see the cast interact throughout the play with the small children in the audience. Prince Charming comes out into the audience and dances with every young girl who says yes. The kids are invited to help Cinderella get ready for the Ball. And they come forward and comfort her when she's feeling down.

Come build lasting memories with your children as they share in the magical gift of Fairy Tale Theatre!

Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$12 for children 12 and under. On-line ticketing at HYPERLINK "http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org/" \o "http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org/" www.sierramadreplayhouse.org. Reservations call (626) 355-4318. The Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA, 91024. There is ample free parking behind the theatre.

HAIL Hamilton My Turn



Flag Day and Displaying the Flag

The American flag is a welcome symbol of freedom and national pride. With Flag Day almost upon us and Independence Day a couple of weeks away I thought a brief review of how to display the flag might be appropriate. I know some of you may think a review of how to display the flag is unnecessary because the citizens of Sierra Madre are experts at it. I mean: Look at all the practice we get with the various pageants and events the city sponsors.

Still, the proper display of the flag is important, if for no other reason than to show it the respect it deserves.

Manner of display:

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground.
- Do not fly the flag in bad weather, unless it is an all-weather flag.
- The flag should always be allowed to fall free.
- The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.
- When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States (the viewer's left).
- When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.
- When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.

Curbing Bad Behavior: The Cover Up

by Ron Carter



As I watched another public figure admits to lying to the public, family, friends and supporters, I wonder when will these misguided individuals - mostly men - realized that you cannot cover up bad behavior forever. The cover-up is "always" worse than the bad behavior. New York Congressman Anthony Weiner over the last 10 days conducted several interviews where he denied an accusation that was levied at him. Finally, after being forced by his consciousness and his accuser's threat to bring forth more evidence of the accusation, Congressman Weiner relented and told the truth. He admitted to posting and sending through his twitter account a lewd photo of his genital area to a young woman in Seattle, Washington. And, he also admitted to conducting the same acts with six (6) other women.

Does the Congressman's bad behavior connotes someone who is morally flawed, had a lapse in judgment, is fearful of real emotional intimacy or had forgotten that anything posted on the internet can be traced back to where it originated? Beware, if you accuse any of the highly secured

REV James L. Snyder The Great Yard Sale Conspiracy



Most things in life are not always as they seem. For some reason one person will say one thing and the person hearing will hear something altogether different. This appears to be the case between the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly.

One of the most frequent comments around our residence is, "Did you hear what I just said?"

Of course, that does not really bother me. What does bother me is when I answer in the affirmative, she will reply by saying, "What did I just say?"

It is not that I do not hear what she says; I'm just not listening to what she says. There is a big difference between hearing and listening. I hear many things but I certainly do not pay attention to most of it. If you would listen to most of the stuff said these days, not much of it is worth listening to, at least for long.

This illustrates the basic difference between a husband and wife. A husband always says what he means; but the wife always means what she says. Complication comes when the husband does not understand what she says and it is almost as if they are using a different language or at least a code most husbands are not privy to.

The problem is the most people do not say what they mean.

When someone says they are having a Garage Sale they do not mean they are going to sell their garage. In fact, they do not even mean that they are going to sell things from their garage. What they do mean is they plan to jam their garage full of junk to sell to unsuspecting customers. Most of what sells at a garage sale has nothing whatsoever to do with the garage. In fact, only half of what they are selling can fit into the garage while the rest spills out into the driveway.

The same thing goes with a Yard Sale. When somebody advertises they are going to have a Yard Sale they have no intention whatsoever of selling their yard. What they are going to do is pile their yard full of junk they do not want and sell to customers who will in turn put it in their yard sale next week.

When it comes to Yard Sales, I think there is only a certain amount of items that keep circulating throughout the community.

I once had an easy chair that I did not want anymore and set it out by the street. It was badly broken and I did not have the time to run it over to the dump. By next morning, my chair was gone. Two nights later, it appeared out in front of the house five doors down. The next morning it was gone only to reappear five more doors down two

• When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

• When hung in a window where it is viewed from the street, place the union at the head and over the left shoulder.

• The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

• The flag should never be used for clothing, bedding, or drapery.

• When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of red, white and blue bunting should be used, with the blue on top, the white in the middle, and red below; but never the flag.

• The flag should not appear on napkins, boxes, or other disposable items, nor should it be embroidered on cushions, handkerchiefs, or similar objects.

• The flag should never be used to cover a statue or monument.

• That the flag, when carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

• The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

• The flag should not be draped over a car, train, or boat, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

• On floats the flag should be only displayed on a staff.

Time for display:

• It is the general custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset in the open. However, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness -- the principle being that light is always shining on our national symbol.

Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

New Mars Rover to Have 3-D Color Vision; “Highway to the Stars” Opens to Mt. Wilson

Two digital color cameras riding high on the mast of NASA's next Mars rover will complement each other in showing the surface of Mars in exquisite detail.

They are the left and right eyes of the Mast Camera, or Mastcam, instrument on the Curiosity rover of NASA's Mars Science Laboratory mission, to be launched in late 2011. Landing on Mars is scheduled for August 2012.

The right-eye Mastcam looks through a telephoto lens, revealing details near or far with about three-fold better resolution than any previous landscape-viewing camera on the surface of Mars. The left-eye Mastcam provides broader context through a medium-angle lens. Each can acquire thousands of full-color images and store them in an eight-gigabyte flash memory. Combining information from the two eyes can yield 3-D views of the telephoto part of the scene.

The telephoto Mastcam, called “Mastcam 100” for its 100-millimeter focal-length lens, provides enough resolution to distinguish a basketball from a football at a distance of seven football fields, or to read “ONE CENT” on a penny on the ground beside the rover. Its images cover an area about six

degrees wide by five degrees tall.

Its left-eye partner, called “Mastcam 34” for its 34-millimeter lens, catches a scene three times wider—about 18 degrees wide and 15 degrees tall—with each exposure.

Researchers will use the Mastcams and nine other science instruments on Curiosity to study past and present environments in a carefully chosen area of Mars. They will assess whether conditions have been favorable for life and favorable for preserving evidence about whether life has existed there. Images and videos of the sky will document contemporary processes, such as movement of clouds and dust.

YOU AND I MAY NOT BE HEADING OUT TO MARS ANYTIME SOON, but as an out-of-this-world destination for a close-at-hand Saturday or Sunday outing, Mount Wilson Observatory can hardly be surpassed. And your trip has been made easy again, thanks to the reopening on June 3 of the Angeles Crest Highway from La Canada–Flintridge. A 7-mile stretch starting at the Angeles National Forest entrance above La Cañada–Flintridge had been closed following the devastating Station Fire of 2009. A plan to reopen it in January was re-



By Virginia Hoge

versed after 12 inches of December rainfall washed out several sections of the highway. A Caltrans army of engineers, geologists, maintenance crews, and environmental planners reconstructed entire hillsides, removed debris, repaved large portions of the roadway, and striped the lanes.

Although the Mount Wilson Observatory is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day of the week, if you come on a weekend you can enjoy food service and a guided walking tour of the Observatory area. The tour begins at 1:00 p.m.

at the “Cosmic Café” (the building overlooking the parking lot) and takes about 1 to 2 hours. Your docent will tell you all about the Observatory's rich history and ongoing science programs while you walk among the domes of this birthplace of modern astronomy.

And there's no need to even pack a lunch for this trip—fine sandwiches are served at the Cosmic Café. You'll also find Mt. Wilson souvenirs there, including T-shirts, hats, bumper stickers, and postcards.

You can reach the Observatory in less than an hour from Pasadena. From La Cañada–Flintridge, follow the Angeles Crest highway (State Highway 2) to the Red Box–Mt. Wilson Road; turn right, go 5 miles to the Observatory gate marked “Skyline Park,” and park in the large parking lot inside the gate. The U.S. Forest Service requires those parking within the Angeles National Forest to display a Forest Adventure Pass. It can be purchased for \$5 (one day) or \$30 (season) at the Cosmic Café.

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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 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.

When you apply for jobs on line should you always attach a cover letter? Where can I go to find a sample of what I should write? Camile

Yes, you should always attach a cover. Cover letters should be short, concise, and straight to the point. Employers do not have a lot of time to read a long drawn out cover letter. It should include: (a) Position you are interest in or applying.; (b) here you heard about the position or who referred you; (c) hat skills and experience you have that will help make their company successful; (d) tate you will follow-up with them within the week. (e) Include all your contact information. (f) End the letter restating again your interest in their company, and a request for an interview. Most job search websites and portals have examples of cover letters.

If your resume is more than one page how long should the second page be? Janice

My rule of thumb is at least one third of the second page should have pertinent job-related information. If you have less than one-third of a page, you probably need to start editing in order to have a one page resume.

What is the best time of day to approach employers? Donald

I would suggest morning hours between 9am and 10am or just before lunch between 11:00am and Noon. Next good time is late after noon between 3:00pm and 4:30pm. However, I suggest you use any means necessary to get an employer's attention. Send e-mail, call to speak with someone or leave a voice message, mail your resume and cover letter; this last suggestion is going to throw some people for a loop. But, start knocking on some small businesses doors. This is an old method ... but small businesses do not advertise their job openings. So, this is a great way to meet employers and introduce yourself. Be ready for face-to-face rejection or acceptance.

What exactly is an on-line job search site and could you recommend some? Nancy

There are numerous and various types of job websites. I will try to define and describe the different types. A Job Website displays only jobs that employers paid to have posted and can limit your job search. You can usually post your resume on these sites for employers to locate and contact you for a position. A Job Board is designed for niche industries and professional categories (i.e, entertainment, medical, marketing, lawyers, etc.). My favorite are the Job Search Portals which are search engines that pull job listings you? specifically or specify or ??? specific can request from all job search, job boards, newspaper links, employer links, national job sites, city and state jobsites, government sites and recruiter links. There is no charge for this service. However, be cautious about the information you give them. Be sure to only post your resume and contact information. My favorite sites are www.indeed.com, www.simplyhired.com . I still like and use www.careerbuilders.com.

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.
Canyon Canine Dog
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friend, a golden retriever named “Gus”, we were both enjoying the cool breeze and warm sunshine as we ascended up the steep hill, when we had a rather rattling encounter with a low-lying creature lurking in the grass. Like most dogs, Gus is a very curious canine. He notices everything that moves around him, whether it be a leaf falling from a tree, a bird flitting about in a bush, or a squirrel scampering overhead across a power line. When wind-blown objects or whimsical wildlife draw Gus's attention, it is easy for him to forget his typically excellent “leash-side” manner, and bolt toward the object in motion. I believe his random responses are most likely related to his desire to catch and retrieve whatever he can, in return for a moment of loving praise from his human friend. When he gets distracted by sudden peripheral movements, I give Gus a slight tug on his leash, tell him “no” in a strong voice, then reward him for responding to my command with a pat on the head and calmly spoken “good boy” in order to get him back on track with me on the trail. Although birds, bugs and lizards are most often what we might encounter during our walks together, deer & coyote also appear quite regularly in the brush-covered hillsides surrounding the areas where we walk.

On this particular evening, we came across a creature that took us very much by surprise! I am not sure if it was Gus's nose, ears or eyes that first drew his attention to the would-be elusive crawling creature. Perhaps it was a combination of all three. What I do know is that whichever of his keen senses kicked in at the time, immediately snapped him to attention and within a split second he changed his direction toward the object of interest. Naturally, I looked over to see what it was that had captivated his undivided attention, and when I did, I saw what I assumed was a sagebrush lizard, which is a harmless reptilian we often see slithering over the rocks and through the dirt along the trail. Some sagebrush lizards get quite large, and as adults they can develop a heavy coat of colorful scales, and a broad head with shiny round piercing eyes. Lizards are quite agile and they move very fast, which is why dogs and cats love to go after them. It's all about the challenge of the chase! When Gus got close enough to the reptile to scare it away, I was surprised to see that it did not move, rather it remained still and held it's ground. It was then that I realized our new-found friend was not a lizard at all.

My canine companion had just come face-to-face with a snake lying low and lurking in the grass! Fortunately I managed to pull Gus away before the snake made any swift movements, or had the opportunity to strike. When

A RATTLING TALE
FROM A LOCAL TRAIL

we were far enough away for my comfort level, we stood and observed it for a few moments. I wanted to get a good look at it's color and shape, and try to figure out what kind of snake it was. Per my estimate, the serpent was about 25 inches long and at least an inch and a half wide at the center of it's belly. All I could think at that point was that Gus could so easily have been bitten, if I had not been paying attention and pulled him away promptly. Feeling quite lucky that we had escaped what might have been a revolting development, we continued on our way and completed our hike. When I got home that evening, I “googled” snakes in the San Gabriel Mountains, and based on my memory of what it looked like, I determined that the snake we saw was most likely a Southern Pacific Rattler, which is one of the most common rattle snakes in our local foothills. Although it's venomous bite can be lethal, this snake is not known to be aggressive. Basically it just wants to be left alone to continue it's quest for survival, which explains why it refrained from striking, and simply laid still in the grass. While I was on-line I also did a little research to refresh my memory on emergency procedures to follow, for rattle snake bites in the wilderness.

One of the many important things I learned is that dogs who spend any time on the trails or back roads of our local canyons should receive a snake bite vaccine called Crotalus Atrox Toxoid. The comparative results of vaccinated dogs versus non-vaccinated dogs bitten, clearly speaks for itself. In my opinion, it is definitely worth it to have your dog vaccinated. Other precautions that will help to avoid the risks and detrimental results of a canine snake bite include being alert and paying close attention to what the dog shows sudden interest in, during your hike. Basic canine training and maintaining control are very important as well, as exemplified by my reaction when Gus first saw the snake. If I had hesitated to call him back, he would probably have been inquisitive enough to aggravate the snake, in which case he would most likely have been bitten. If a dog (vaccinated or not) is bitten by a poisonous snake, immediate veterinary attention is imperative. In the case of a time-lapse between the biting incident and veterinary care, be sure to keep the dog well-hydrated in the meantime. If the dog is not willing to drink on his own, use a syringe to force fluids down his throat, and keep the dog as calm and relaxed as possible. Finally and perhaps most obviously - do not panic! Stay focused and use your energy so you can handle the situation efficiently. The happy side of this otherwise seemingly “not-so-happy” tale, is the fact that the rattle snake is known to be way more passive than aggressive. I often like to say “Love and let live”, but in this case, I will say “Love, let live and leave it alone”. A snake will typically hide in lieu of striking if left alone, so give it space, go on your way and the snake will reciprocate in the same respectful manner! Good advice for a safe, happy and healthy hike!

On Line
By PJ Carpenter
UNPLUGGED

Was it just me or did anybody else become simply fed up with all the online shenanigans that were put upon the public this week? OMG. One right after the other. Of course, the main one was the distinguished gentleman from New York and his one-man online photo spread (and I do mean, spread).

Later in the week, another big bank revealed that hundreds of thousands of its customers financial data and bank accounts had been compromised in a security breach that it waited more than a month to inform the public about. Sony got hacked...again. Sarah Palin's emails covering her brief time as Alaska's governor were dumped onto a media frenzy that can't seem to get enough of the political star. Anonymous...Pandora IPO...blah, blah, blah. I think you get the picture. And I don't think I'm the only person who feels this way. One feature that each of the above-listed fiascos seems to share is the deafening sound of silence - the seeming absence of the sound of public outrage. Given the wall-to-wall coverage that each of these events and entities received through various forms of media during the last week, in almost every case, after the initial public divulgence and commentary, there wasn't much left to say, feel or do about any of these big news items. Welcome to the New Normal. In what is probably a direct effect of the modern information deluge we ride out every single day, I think many people are becoming numb to the sheer volume of information we are subjected to on a daily basis.

Many, including myself, just aren't sure of what, if anything, can be done about this current state of affairs. The important factor to keep in mind during all of this hand-wringing is the fact there is actually real news and items of interest in the midst of this data storm and that it often takes real effort not to miss out on what's really important to us. I'm personally convinced that every time I see a story about the troubles of a certain celebrity, who's entire career seems to be composed of being in trouble, that the space occupied by this non-news item is taking up the space that something of importance to a nation looking for answers should be. And that's just the news. What about all the time we spend on Facebook and texting and gaming and watching online media? Staying informed and keeping one's self entertained seem to be full-time avocation these days as we have plenty of menu items to choose from but what alternative do we have?

Over the course of the last few years it almost seems as if our brains have been re-wired to look for constant stimulation and the great data machine known as new media fills this void quite nicely. A step further along this path could lead one to the inference that all of this new media is a self-sustaining, self-regenerating entity with a life and goals of its very own: it exists to further its own existence and it does so with our participation. So how can we possibly change this situation if we have come to the conclusion that this is not a healthy way for us to live? I came across a story the other day about a man who set out to unplug from the machine and it sounded like a noble mission to me. I don't know if he was successful or not in this endeavor because since he deleted his Facebook account I don't have any way of getting in contact with him.

KATIE Tse.....This and That
MINI MORTARBOARDS

I went to my niece's graduation last week. It had all the typical graduation elements, “Pomp and Circumstance,” robes, mortarboards, diplomas, and sappy speeches. However, missing from the saccharine speeches was the valedictorian speech, a staple at any graduation. But of course this graduation was different, because these graduates ranged from five to six years of age.

That's right, my niece is an official member of the 2011 graduating kindergarten class at her elementary school. Although none of the students waxed eloquent about how they were “closing a chapter in their lives and embarking into a brave, new future,” the teachers and administrators did. When you only have five years of life experience and one year of academic exposure under your belt, any chapters you're closing are pretty short. And when you're five, nearly every day seems like a brave, new step in development.

Other highlights of my niece's commencement ceremony included a very, VERY sappy slideshow/movie of the students and teachers, set to Celine Dion's “Wind Beneath My Wings.” I know someone put a lot of work into it, but for me that stuff always triggers an involuntary gag reflex.

To distract myself from retching, I considered the many “graduations” kids go through these days. It pretty much depends on the number of grades a school has. Some schools only go up to sixth grade, and therefore have a sixth grade graduation. If you're a sixth grader at a K-8 school, you're not special yet. It'll be another two years until you graduate from middle school. The frequency of these events seems to cheapen the whole concept of graduation.

Graduation, in my biased opinion, should be reserved for completion of mandatory requirements of secondary and higher education. Everyone must finish high school (or some equivalent thereof). While students may take six or seven years to complete their Bachelor's degree, you usually can't make it out in less than four. And if it's taken you seven years to go through college, you certainly deserve a proper shindig!

High school graduation is a big thing, especially for families who've never had a high school graduate before. It's the culmination of twelve or more years of schooling, a test of survival and endurance. Finishing college is also a milestone, in that you are (hopefully) entering the work force in your field of study.

So perhaps you'll agree that completing one year of letter recognition and other pre-academics just doesn't compare. But it's nice for the parents and maybe the kids get a kick out of posing in funny hats, holding a roll of paper. Of course some of my nieces classmates will get to experience the grandeur of kindergarten graduation again next year, since they will be repeating kindergarten. You have to wonder if they'll despair when they return in the fall and their classmates from last year are now a grade higher. Even if they get a new kindergarten teacher, I think they might recognize the songs and reading series from last year. Or maybe it will all seem new to them. They'll get to double their pleasure and double their fun. Either way, their parents will get a nice extra set of portraits.

So in closing, I congratulate all the graduates out there, and encourage those still in school. Don't worry; there is a light at the end of the tunnel –and it is called retirement. But that's a whole other article!



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

TRAUMA



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.

A young lady in her early thirties came to our clinic a while back, seeking relief from some symptoms she had experienced on a plane a few days before. "Ann" (not her real name) said she had suffered an asthma attack, followed by a panic attack, while flying to California to attend a memorial. During the routine patient history, she stated that she had occasional asthmatic episodes and had a number of known allergies. She also shared that she had been in a life-threatening auto accident ten years before. When asked if she had asthma as a child, she said no, nor did she remember when the attacks had started. Had she experienced the asthma before the auto accident? No, they had started shortly afterward; she seemed surprised as she shared this information.

What Goes in Must Come Out

In his book, *Awakening the Tiger*, Peter A. Levine Ph.D. describes the process by which our bodies respond to, and recover from, stress and trauma. In the simplest of terms, he states that when an injury occurs, the nervous system

must supply an equal and appropriate response. In cases such as auto accidents, the ability to respond appropriately may be overwhelmed and the "absorbed" energy may get "locked" into the system. With nowhere to go, the energetic impression exerts a lasting influence on the way the body functions on a daily basis. Further, the learned experience from the traumatic impression may increase the individual's sensitivity to future stress, creating the potential for panic attacks and other disorders such as asthma.

An Extra Dimension

During my session with "Ann," it became clear that just connecting her present symptoms with the memory of the car accident reduced a great deal of anxiety. It seemed that a part of her was waiting to be acknowledged and, once recognized, was able to move through the trauma.

In the many auto accident patients that we have seen over the years, it has become evident that, unless this treatment process is completed, the patient may be prone to re-injury in the future. Unless one is fully "seated" back in the body energetically, a very necessary dimension of healing is not present.

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How Work Can Affect Your Social Security

Dear Savvy Senior

I'm looking at retiring sometime this year and starting my Social Security benefits, but would also like to work part time. Will this affect my benefits, and if so, how much?

Social Insecurity

Dear Insecurity

You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time, but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, it can cost you temporarily. Here's what you should know.

Working Rules

Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age (which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954; if not, see ssa.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm to find your full retirement age) and are collecting benefits, then you can earn up to \$14,160 in 2011 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security if you don't reach your full retirement age this year. But if you earn more than the \$14,160 limit, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2011, you can earn up to \$37,680 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty. But if you earn more than \$37,680 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions, and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment income, interest, and government or military retirement benefits do not. To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html.

Temporary Loss

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earnings limits, they aren't lost



forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld. For details and examples of how this is calculated, see ssa.gov/retire2/whileworking3.htm.

Tax Factor

You also need to factor in Uncle Sam. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable. Here's what the IRS says. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

Savvy Tips: For more information on how working can affect your Social Security see ssa.gov/retire2/whileworking.htm and ssa.gov/pubs/10069.html, or call the Social Security helpline at 800-772-1213 and ask to receive a free copy of publication number 05-10069, "How Work Affects Your Benefits." And for information on Social Security taxes call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask for their free publication 915, "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or see www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.

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

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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

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Recipe of the Week:

GRILLED SALMON WITH MUSTARD WINE SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:

1 teaspoon minced garlic
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 6 salmon fillets (6 oz. each)
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 tablespoon flour
 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 3/4 cup milk
 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 1/4 cup dry white wine, such as Pinot Grigio
 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil leaves
 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary leaves

DIRECTIONS:

1. Prepare a grill for high heat (450° to 550°; you can hold your hand 5 in. above cooking grate only 2 to 4 seconds). In a small bowl, combine garlic, salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, the oil, and lemon juice. Brush mixture over salmon, then cook, turning once, until done the way you like, about 6 minutes total for medium.
 2. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour and cook until starting to brown. Whisk in remaining 1/2 tsp. pepper, the paprika, milk, mustard, wine, and 3 tbsp. water. Cook until simmering, then spoon over salmon and sprinkle with herbs.

June Birthdays



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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.

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Big Changes Underway at Huntington's Most Popular Attraction: The Japanese Garden

In early April, the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens erected temporary fencing around the Japanese Garden in order to begin a one year face-lift of the nine acre site, in anticipation of the garden's centennial in 2012. Until then, visitors will be enticed (or tormented) by peeks of views strategically cut through the construction fencing at key vantage points on the garden's perimeter walkways.

Nearly a century of enchanted visitors descended from above, through walkways of purple wisteria and a gradual unfolding of the garden's signature water and arched bridge views below into one of the country's oldest and most elaborate Japanese gardens. Now that same walkway's vine faux bois, "false wood" trellises made of metal mesh and concrete, are also part of the revamping, under the careful eye of local Sierra Madre artisan, Terence Eagan.

When today's mid-construction views unfold, no matter how well one is prepared, it is still a disorienting shock to see gaping exposed earth instead of a new iteration of the magical and joyful memories of the interplay of reflection and landscape.

Huntington's Communications Coordinator, Lisa Blackburn, was my tour guide amid the construction zone. Her reassuring calm and twenty-five years of experience with this and many other projects at the Huntington quell my disquiet as the earth seems to spin just a bit differently when viewing the garden's historic bridge that currently resides in "dry dock" amid the lacy crisscross of orange construction safety fencing interspersed with a plethora of orange hardhats resembling little orange ladybugs lighting on a plant in need of entomological aid.

The \$6.7 million project, underwritten by the late Mary B. Taylor Hunt, the estates of Deane Weinberg and Michael Monroe and grants from The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation and The Rose Hills Foundation, will include a complete historical renovation of Mr. Huntington's Japanese house purchase from 1912, plus many un-glamorous but necessary components such as new drainage and concrete structures replacing century old pond



and water courses that have been jury rigged over the decades, reconfiguration of walkways and accessibility and views.

A highly anticipated addition is Seifu-an, translated as the Arbor of Pure Breeze, an authentic ceremonial teahouse donated last year by the Pasadena Buddhist Temple. The 47 year old structure was disassembled, then shipped to Kyoto for restoration by Nakamura's team of thirty carpenter and six architects. In the process, it was discovered that his own father had created the structure half a century before.

Fortunately, the restoration and its return voyage were unaffected by the massive earthquake damage in Japan earlier this year. The teahouse (still in parts), Nakamura and four craftsmen from his team, are all back stateside to oversee the reassembly process on a half acre site on a ridge southwest of the Japanese house. When complete, the tea house will host the Japanese tea ceremonies whose rituals date back to the 12th century.

Jim Folsom, the Telleen/Jorgensen Director of the Botanical Gardens, gathered an international



team of specialists for the delicate and precise project, Takuhiro Yamada, a landscape architect, and Yoshiaki Nakamura, a renowned architect and craftsman, both of Kyoto, Japan. Retired Cal Poly Pomona professor, Takeo Uesugi, himself the designer of many Japanese gardens in the United States, is overseeing the design plans for the project. Quoted in a 2010 Huntington article about the teahouse donation, Uesugi said of the pair, "The Huntington is very lucky to have the best architect and landscape architect in Kyoto."

A part of Henry Huntington's original personal estate, the inception of the Japanese garden is an interesting one, according to Blackburn. In the early 1900's, amid an era enamored with all things "Oriental", it became known to Mr. Huntington that a commercial Japanese tea garden, in Pasadena at Fair Oaks and California, was going out of business.

Mr. Huntington arranged to purchase the establishment's Japanese house, plants and garden ornaments, kit and caboodle; and then had it re-assembled on the grounds of his estate as the anchor to the construction of his very own Japanese

garden. Folsom maintains a blog on the Huntington site about the project's updates and "archeological" findings as the Valley Crest crews slowly peel away at the layers of concrete underpinnings of the water features of some areas that give way to a mysterious second thin layer sandwiched between soil in the upper ponds.

Says Folsom in his blog, "We have no records that explain the challenges or the decision-making process. What we do know is that our predecessors had a firm commitment to concrete. If a little will do the job, a lot more will do it better." Such mundane topics as the roof replacement at Mr. Huntington's beloved Japanese House have engendered lively discussion and debate according to Folsom, "Who would have known that a beautiful roof is not just art, craft and sweat equity? To replace the Japanese house roof requires a pretty decent amount of science, mathematics, and engineering. It is no simple feat to make all of the lines and shapes work out."

"The Japanese Garden at The Huntington has long been one of my favorite places to take visitors on my docent-led tours. The current restoration project, including the addition of an authentic formal teahouse, will make it even more special. I look forward to sharing with visitors what will be a world-class Japanese Garden when the project is completed," says San Marino City Council Member, former Mayor and current Huntington docent, Dennis Kneier.

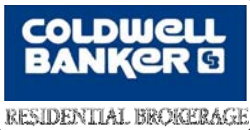
There's something to be said for closing the curtain, of temporarily, on a well-loved favorite. When the curtain rises once again on the Huntington's Japanese Garden, the cheering will be heard all the louder.

For more information about the Huntington, or to follow the progress of the Japanese Garden's updates, visit their website, www.Huntington.org. The Huntington is located at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108. Yearly memberships for two begin at \$120, with a \$30 discount for seniors over 65, and a 10% discount and two extra months of membership if you join for two years. Summer hours just began: Wednesday through Monday from 10:30-4:30. Adult admission is \$15 during the week and \$20 on weekends. For more information, call 626-405-2100.



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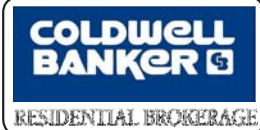


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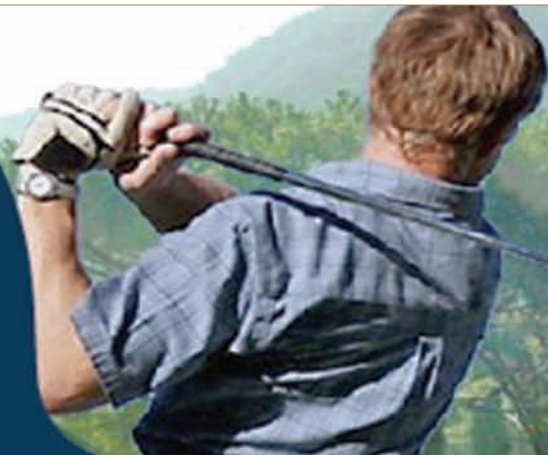
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