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LIFE GOES ON! FLASH MOB HITS SIERRA MADRE

The Biggest Secret - Hundreds Surprise Principal Bluemel With Well Planned Flash Mob



Never let it be said that people can't keep a secret. The fact is that more than 300 students, their parents, the SM Fire Department, and all the staff on both campuses of Sierra Madre School were able to surprise retiring Principal Gayle Bluemel on Friday Morning. For more than two weeks, the word was spread, "it's a secret", and rehearsals were set up. People practiced the dance steps all over town. But most importantly, they kept it all from Principal Bluemel.

Then on Friday morning at 8 am, despite the morning drizzle, the fire alarm went off. The students assembled in an orderly fashion to the main yard, just as they have been drilled to do so many

times before, but this time, they knew this was neither a fire nor a drill. When the bell rang, the plan began to unfold. As planned, the Fire Department showed up.

When Bluemel came out of the building she saw the children and teachers lined up appropriately and spotted the firefighters, but just then, teacher Lisa Spagai-Perez stopped and diverted her attention so Bluemel could not see the adults gathering.

When Bluemel turned around, there was music playing and a one parent dancing to the sounds of

the Beatles, "Life Goes On". Just one. Then, suddenly there were two people dancing, then all the teachers joined in, followed by the students, and, what, a barrage of parents! Suddenly hundreds were dancing in step saluting a tearfully happy and surprised Bluemel. And to put the icing on the cake, Fire Marshal Rich Snyder and two other fire fighters joined in the dance. Said Bluemel, "Wow, it's always been about this.. our community!" Photos and Story by S. Henderson/ MVNNews See the Flash Mob in action at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr3qjYfeV2A>

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW FARMERS' MARKET

The Sierra Madre City Council Tuesday approved a 5-year contract to bring a Farmers' Market back to Sierra Madre beginning in July. Raw Inspiration, which also manages Farmers' Markets in Agoura Hills, Brentwood, Century City, Downey, El Segundo, La Canada Flintridge, Old Town Calabasas, Pacific Palisades, Westlake Village, Wilshire Center, Sherman Oaks, Larchmont Village, Melrose Place, and three in downtown Los Angeles, was awarded the contract to manage Sierra Madre's Market, beginning July 13th. The contract may be extended for up to two years beyond its five year term.

The Farmers' Market, formerly operated by Scholastic Gardens, closed down last September when Scholastic Gardens decided not to renew its contract. The organization had intended to operate as a 501 (c)3 when it began running the market for the City, but when it did not attain that non-profit designation, the company decided it did not want to continue to operate the Market without it. The market also suffered from poor visibility at its Mariposa parking lot location, which contributed to poor attendance and sales, so the market never grew to the success that had been envisioned. The new market will be in a more visible location, on Hermosa between Sierra Madre Blvd. and Mariposa, next to Memorial Park. This location also puts it just a short walk from two different parking lots. The previous location was in one of those parking lots, contributing to a shortage of available parking during the market.

The contract calls for Raw Inspiration to pay 15% of its gross revenue to the City every week in which it generates \$700 or more in gross revenue. (cont. on page 3)

HANGING UP HIS HATS

After 22 Years Captain Michael Bamberger Retires From the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department



The Very Rev. Canon Michael Bamberger is just retiring five of his many hats. The retiring Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department Battalion Chief and Captain is also the Rector of the Episcopal Church of The Ascension in Sierra Madre. Photo and Story by S. Henderson

It all started 22 years ago when a friend asked Father Bamberger to do him a favor. He asked the young minister if he would be kind enough to volunteer as the Chaplain of Sierra Madre's Volunteer Fire Department. Bamberger said yes and has been with the Department every since, that is until the end of last month.

In May, Bamberger decided to turn the page on that chapter of his life. He retired from the department as of May 31st.

Bamberger attributes his longevity with the department to a deep rooted "desire to serve". After all, he says, "We help people. We protect life, business and property". He says that service with the Fire Department has really made an immediate difference in the lives of many.

As a volunteer firefighter, he has been present at all of the major events of the last

20 years, including the 1989 Downtown Fire, the 1991 Earthquake, the 1993 Kinneloa Fire and of course the 2008 Santa Anita fire (partial listing).

Bamberger moved to Sierra Madre in 1985 under the auspices of the church and became its director in 1986. He has been married for 32 years to Debbie and the couple has two adult sons, Christopher, 25 and Matthew, 22. Matthew is currently a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy.

As a resident of Sierra Madre his commitment to the community has been extraordinary. He strongly encourages others who share his desire to serve, to join the ranks of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department or other community organizations, noting that it is volunteerism that keeps this town together.

Hats Off To You, Michael Bamberger and thanks.

SENIOR SCAM WARNING - CITY IS NOT SPONSORING A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Sierra Madre is alerting residents of a potential senior scam. A Sierra Madre resident informed the City that a company had contacted them, offering to come to their home to do free construction projects as part of a program with the City's Senior Center. The City is NOT involved or sponsoring a home improvement program.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Sierra Madre Police Department at 626.355.1414.

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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

CITY HALL CLOSED ON JUNE 17, JULY 1, 15 & 29

June 20 @ 6pm - Community Services Commission

June 22 @ 7pm - Tree Advisory Committee

June 23 @ 7pm - Planning Commission

June 28 @ 6:30pm - City Council

June 22 @ 7pm - Library Board of Trustees

June 23 @ 7pm - Green Advisory Committee

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

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!



~ Upcoming Community Events at Santa Anita Park ~

Relay for Life of Arcadia
Saturday, June 25, 2011
Infield at Santa Anita Park
www.relayforlife.org/arcadiaca

Rosemary Children Services "An Evening with Star Chef's"
Saturday, June 25, 2011
Paddock Gardens at Santa Anita Park
www.rosemarychildren.org
(626) 844-3033 extension 202

Greek Festival
September 16, 17, and 18
Paddock Gardens at Santa Anita Park
www.pasadenagreekfest.org
(626) 449-6943

ISES "JAM"
International Special Events Society
Tuesday, September 20, 2011
Paddock Gardens at Santa Anita Park
<http://ises-la.com/>
(626) 574-7223

For more information call (626) 574-6474

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

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.

To nominate a member of the Sierra Madre Community for one of the Awards, please include the person's name, phone number, address, and 1-page explanation of nomination along with your name and phone number, and return to City Hall, the Community Recreation Center, or email to city@cityofsierramadre.com.

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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.

2011 SUMMER POOL MOVIE NIGHT SERIES

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be hosting three pool movie nights this summer. This program is offered at absolutely no charge thanks to a generous donation from the Sierra Madre Community Foundation and is open to all from Sierra Madre and the surrounding community. Each pool movie night will begin at 7:45pm, space is limited so be sure to arrive early. Snacks will be available for purchase at the June and July movie nights and proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Dolphins Swim Team. The movie schedule is as follows: Friday, June 24 – *Shark Tale*, Friday, July 22 – *Little Rascals* and Friday, August 19 – *Tangled*. The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information please call 626-355-2356.

SUMMER READING CLUBS AND EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

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

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

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

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

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

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

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

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



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

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

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Woman's Club July 4th Breakfast

Join members of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club for breakfast before the parade. Doors at 8 a.m. on July 4th, at the Essick House on the corner of Sunnyside Ave. and Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

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!

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FRIENDS HONOR VOLUNTEERS



Librarian Toni Buckner, who is retiring later this year enjoyed her evening with the 'Friends', especially dinner! In the background are Library Gardens Chairperson, Darlene Traxler (left) and 2010 Older American Fran Garbaccio.

Friends of the Sierra Madre Library held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening and honored the many volunteers who support their efforts. Friends President Margaret Quigley served as the evening's Mistress of Ceremonies. In addition election of the new Directors for the 2011-2012 year was held. Recognition was given to the volunteers

of the following committees: Sharon Murphy, Chair of the Art Fair; Pat and De Alcorn, Co-Chairs, Wine Tasting; Best Used Book Sales, Pat Woods; Library Gardens, Darlene Traxler and chair of the Finance Committee, Sandra Dickey.

The Sierra Madre Library reported more than 3,534 volunteer hours as of May.

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Recognition Nomination – Due to City Hall Friday, August 5, 2011

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City of Sierra Madre

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on July 12, 2011, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing, to hear testimony on the 2011-2012 Assessment Districts.

The nine existing Districts are as follows:

- Oakwood/Vista Lighting District
- Lighting District A
- Lighting District B
- Santa Anita/Arno Lighting District
- Fane/Windwood Lane Landscaping Maintenance District
- Central Business District Landscaping Maintenance District
- Central Business District Parking Maintenance District
- East Bonita Sewer Assessment District
- East Mira Monte Sewer Assessment District

The City is proposing that the assessments for these seven existing assessment districts remain unchanged for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2011 and ends on June 30, 2012. The requisite Engineer's Report for the Districts was heard by the City Council at its regular meeting of June 14, 2011.

Assessments will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, the first week of August 2011. These assessments will appear on the next property tax bill for those properties within the Assessment Districts.

To review the Engineer's Report or the list of parcels and assessments, or if you have any questions about this matter please contact Director of Public Works Bruce Inman at 626.355.7135.

CALLING ALL CONVERTIBLES!

Calling all convertibles, calling all convertibles! The City of Sierra Madre's annual 4th of July Parade is in need of your assistance. Let your car shine like a firework as you transport the parade's VIP's down Sierra Madre Blvd. Let us showcase your pride and joy and as we together proudly celebrate the birthday of the United States of America. If this sounds like the opportunity your vintage, classic, snazzy convertible has been waiting for please contact call 626.355.5278 or email city@cityofsierramadre.com.



FARMERS MARKET (continued from page 1)

It also requires them to provide two hours of nutrition related education at no charge to a school located within Sierra Madre or at a City sponsored event during each year of the contract. Raw Inspiration is also required to provided food-related educational literature and information on how to start a garden at the Market.

According to the proposal submitted to the City by Raw Inspiration, they intend to start with a ratio of 50% farmers and 50% vendors, such as vendors of dried fruits and nuts, bakers, tamale vendors, etc. All vendors will be required to have valid City business licenses. Raw Inspiration will also provide a booth to the Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses, and a booth to the City to promote its events/programs. In addition, they will have several spaces available on a rotating basis for local businesses to, free of charge, set up shop for a few weeks to see if they want to participate in the Market on a regular basis.

The proposal also states that

they intend to use a 3rd party certification process to ensure that each vendor is certified for quality and sustainability. They also plan to host an annual "Green" festival to "educate and inspire the community and residents on new ways that they can practice sustainability, reduce their carbon footprint, and "green" their household and business further."

To grow attendance at the market, Raw Inspiration will use an existing e-mail database. They also plan to have a series of weekly events, monthly events and annual events, including the "Green" event mentioned above, wine tastings and permanent raffles.

After the council voted 4 to 1 to approve the contract (Council member MaryAnn MacGillivray was the lone dissenting vote, expressing concerns about a) the length of the contract, and b) the potential for local businesses to suffer due to competitive vendors at the Market), I spoke with Melissa Farwell, Market Coordinator for Raw Inspiration. Ms. Farwell informed me that she intends to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce right away, and will

be doing a walkthrough of local businesses to introduce herself and invite them to become involved in the Market. She was also receptive to the Chamber's suggestion (though no commitment was made) that the Market have signage at both entrances that would note that while the Market is here just a few hours each week, people can find some of the items available at the Market at local businesses all week long, such as Taylors' for produce, Wildflour Baking Co. for bakery items, Leonora Moss and Nobe's for flowers, and Taco Fiesta for tamales.

Raw Inspiration's proposal was one of two proposals received by the City during the RFP process. The other was from a company called A & R Management. The company's principal, Oscar Rodriguez, is a coffee vendor at various Farmers' Markets, who managed a market in El Monte for a time, and who also was hired by Scholastic Gardens to manage the Sierra Madre market during the last few weeks of Scholastic Gardens' tenure at the Market.

By Bill Coburn

THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE HAS A NUMBER OF VACANCIES ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES LOOKING FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO JOIN!

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

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.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 5th, to Saturday June 11th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 279 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, June 5th:

12:01 AM- Possession of Alcohol Under 21 yrs old, Auburn parking lot. This case involves four minors from Sierra Madre, Los Angeles, Agua Dulce, and Northridge drinking in a public parking lot. The four minors were detained and released with a citation for underage drinking.

Monday, June 6th:

1:00 PM- Vandalism/\$400 or More Damage, Bailey Canyon Park. A Pasadena resident parked his vehicle in the Bailey Canyon parking lot and went hiking. When he returned he saw that his car had been vandalized. The suspect scratched an obscene phrase on the car's side front door.

Tuesday June 7th:

10:10 AM- Residential Burglary, 300 blk. E. Montecito Ave. A resident was home when he heard loud knocking on his door. He looked outside and saw two Hispanic men, one of whom was driving a pick-up truck with a lawnmower in back, down the victim's driveway. The second man was walking behind the truck, putting gloves on. The two men broke into the rear of the house, and the victim ran upstairs and called police. The suspects ransacked the house and fled when the victim turned on the bathroom water. Officers arrived within a minute and tried to stop the suspects as they drove away. The suspects drove through three stop signs before yielding to police on Mountain Trail south of Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers arrested the two occupants for burglary after finding the victim's property in the truck and a witness positively identified the suspects. Both suspects were 18 and from Pasadena. Police took them to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

Wednesday June 8th:

11:34 AM- Fraudulently Obtaining Money/Property/Labor, 400 blk. Mariposa Ave. A resident reported that she was a victim of grand theft by means of a fraudulent transaction. The victim wired money via Western Union for a shipping cost, which was to ship merchandise to a customer in Malaysia. Both the shipping company and the recipient turned out to be fraudulent. The loss was \$9,825.00 in shipping fees and merchandise.

Friday, June 10th:

1:33 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Mountain Trail and Orange Grove. An officer stopped a 33-year old Arcadia 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.

2:43 PM- Minor Driving With a Prohibited Blood Alcohol Content, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped a 20-year old Monrovia man for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that he had a blood alcohol content of .051%. He was not impaired to the point that he was not able to safely drive. The car was stored and the driver was released with a citation.

Saturday, June 11th:

10:10 AM- Petty Theft, 100 blk. N. Auburn Ave. A resident reported that an unknown suspect stole two black solar power lights and a baseball catcher net from her property.

4:10 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. A resident tried to open a new cell phone line and learned that a fraudulent Verizon account was opened under his name in 2006 in Lancaster, CA.

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WHY WOMEN SUCCEED PANEL FEATURES TOP LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS



by La Quetta M. Shamblee

This past Thursday, the patio outside the spacious Crawford Family Forum at KPCC Radio's headquarters on South Raymond Avenue in Pasadena was abuzz with conversation as guests began to arrive for a reception shortly before 6 p.m. There were a few clusters of empty chairs still available at 7 p.m. when Women At Work's Board President, Pixie Boyden took the microphone to welcome almost 200 guests to the second annual "Why Women Succeed" event. This one was tailor made for entrepreneurs, current and aspiring. After Boyden introduced the moderator, Cynthia Kurtz, a panel of five dynamic and accomplished business women kept the audience intrigued for almost two hours during the lively and informative presentation co-hosted by Women At Work and 89.3 FM KPCC radio.

Kurtz, President and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, is the former City Manager for the City of Pasadena. She was masterful and quick-witted as she introduced each panelist and facilitated the discussion that was followed by an engaging Q & A with the audience. The diversity of business interests among the panelists made it even more interesting as they shared bits about their backgrounds, how and why they chose to go into business for themselves and some of the challenges they face.

The businesses ranged from home-based businesses that started with little to no money, to a multi-million dollar corporation that required a group of well-heeled investors. A common

theme expressed by all of them was the critical roles that passion, sacrifice and hard work play in starting and building a business. Each of them shared practical advice, insights and tips. This ensured that everyone in the audience would walk away with something useful to think about, or do, to start, run or grow a business.

The panelist included the following business owners: *Betsy Berkhemer-Credaire* is President of Berkhemer Clayton, a Retained Executive Search Firm. She is the co-host of the weekly "Unfinished Business" radio program on KFVB 980FM. *Paula Gallemlere* is founder of Fashgal, an online design studio that features handmade one of a kind and limited edition scarves, neck ruffs, wraps and kerchiefs with varied textures, patterns, colors and beaded trimmings.

Bonnie Henderson is co-owner of Bonnie B's Smokin' Barbeque Heaven, a restaurant that has garnered prestigious Zagat ratings during its first two years. In 2010, it received the designation as "Pasadena's Best New Restaurant" by the Pasadena Weekly. Hilary Lentini is the owner of Lentini Design, a full-service, graphic design firm with a reputation for original and compelling campaigns and projects. She has created Her firm has won 27 national design awards, 15 of them for public sector clients.

Diane Schultz is CEO of Cyber-Rain, a corporation making headway with a product that the Weather Channel referred to as "A sprinkler system with a brain." It uses the

technology of the internet to determine weather and related conditions to adjust the timing, amount and frequency of irrigation. Business Week recognized Schultz as one of America's Most Promising Socially Conscious Entrepreneurs.

Rush hour traffic didn't deter attendees who travelled from as far away as Torrance and Santa Monica. Based on the post-event networking, it was well worth the drive and time spent to hear and learn from the panel. Clearly, they have figured out how to keep things moving in the right direction in the midst of a challenging economy and they were more than willing to share.

Visit www.womenatwork.org to learn more about the upcoming Early Bird Entrepreneurship Workshop and other courses and activities. Women At Work is a nonprofit agency with the mission to help individuals realize their career and earning potential.

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Flash Mob Dance kicks off American Cancer Society Mini-Relay for Life, hosted by Camino Grove Elementary School

By Helen Simmons Conroy

Feet stomping, hands clapping, there we were, performing a mini-flash mob dance as opening entertainment at the ACS Mini-Relay on the Camino Grove field. School principal, Dr. Brook Reynolds, took his turn doing some fun solo moves, encircled by twelve Girl Scouts donning purple t-shirts, two teachers, our school office manager, and Jonie Tsuji, event coordinator. Held on June 3, this was just the beginning of an afternoon dedicated to promoting hope, fun, community, and cancer education.

With approximately 200 people in attendance, we enjoyed not only the mini-flash mob dance, but henna tattoos, hair painting, health related games, and physical fitness activities. Thirsts and appetites were satisfied with Jamba Juice, Subway sandwiches, and an abundance of healthful fruits and vegetables, ranging from apples to zucchini. Children and adults alike traveled from

station to station learning about the negative effects of the sun and smoking, and positive effects of exercise and eating right. Students and parents from other Arcadia Unified elementary schools and Dana Middle School joined us, some holding school banners while walking the track.

This ACS Mini-Relay for Life was a dream come true for event Coordinator, Jonie Tsuji. As a breast cancer survivor and parent of two boys attending Camino Grove, Tsuji, 43, not only successfully provided students with cancer education in a way that was engaging and kid-friendly, but reached her donation goal of \$5,000. As of June 13, the event has raised \$5,210.63 for the American Cancer Society.

Though Tsuji was the inspiration, vision, and soul behind the event's success, credit is also due to many others. It couldn't have begun without the support of Camino Grove principal, Dr. Brook Reynolds, and Camino Grove parents, teachers, and students

who helped plan and run the event. The involvement of other Arcadia District elementary schools, Dana Middle School, and Arcadia High School Senior volunteers was also crucial to its success. In addition, tremendous support came from Arcadia Unified School District Food Services, community organizations, such as the Girl Scouts (troop #s16591 and 6531), and businesses including Arcadia Sign Company, Carmin's Italian Restaurant, Subway - Arcadia, Zach's Wax, Super Pets, La Roux Salon, Take Care Health Systems, Coast Produce, Fresh & Easy - Arcadia, Dave & Buster's - Arcadia, Jamba Juice - Duarte, Arcadia Weekly, Arcadia's Best, Sierra Madre Mountain Views News, Pasadena Star News, and San Marino Tribune.

Our school communities came together, dancing, caring, and fighting for cancer research, support, and education.



Camino Grove Teacher, Helen Conroy; Camino Grove Principal, Dr. Brook Reynolds; and event coordinator, Jonie Tsuji, enjoying the festivities at the ACS Mini-Relay for Life. Photo by Scott Lopez.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

City Backs State Bill to Reform Inmate Residency

By Dean Lee

Although it would not take effect until the next decade, the city council Monday night publicly backed Assembly Bill 420 that would change the way prison inmates, through the Census Bureau, are counted, a move that could radically alter the states redistricting efforts.

Pasadena is the first city in the state to take a stand on AB 420 said, the bill's author, Assemblyman Mike Davis.

"This is an odd piece of legislation," said Councilmember Steve Madison. "But, if you think about it long enough, it makes sense."

Councilwoman Jacque Robinson explained the bill saying AB 420 would end prison based gerrymandering.

"Currently the election code states that inmates get counted where they are imprisoned vs. the community they come from. If passed, this bill would insure that prisoners in California are counted in the communities they come from, therefore potentially increasing the amount of funding that local cities are able to receive as a result of redistricting."

She also explained the bill would not take effect until the 2020 Census.

The city's Legislative Policy Committee, which Robinson sits, had approved May 25 authorizing the mayor to send letters of support for the bill. Madison and Mayor Bill Bogaard are both also on the committee.

Madison said the bill could only be financial.

"Convicted felons lose their civil rights, including the right to vote, so this really is purely about resources," he said "You know it's not about the vote."

The bill would also require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide to the Citizens Redistricting Commission information on inmate residency, except when the place is outside of California.

Supporters of AB 420 include the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Legal Defense Fund, AFSME (American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees), California League of Women Voters, and California Common Cause according to city staff reports.

Pet of the Week



Pippa, an adorable, year old Chihuahua mix is looking for a cozy home. She loves to cuddle and needs a home where he will receive lots of attention. Pippa gets along with other little dogs but would love to be your one and only. She would be a great choice for someone in an apartment or condo. Come visit with Pippa today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet. Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A288947 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

City Goes Quasquicentennial



Celebrating the city's 125 birthday, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Councilwoman Jacque Robinson cut a six foot tall cake Saturday to a crowd of thousands that included U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, and field representatives for LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Senator Carol Liu.

Edible versions of icons throughout the city's heritage included the Rose Bowl, Colorado Street Bridge and Mount Wilson Observatory. There was even a tribute to the Doo Dah Parade, the wacky spoof of the prim and proper Rose Parade.

To create the 300- pound cake, Le Cordon Bleu Pasadena President Tony Bondi said it took 100 pounds of flour, 200 pounds of chocolate, 340 eggs, 15 gallons of cream and 80 pounds of sugar. He professed the project took over 250 student hours to make.

The festivities also included historic vehicles a vintage Fire truck and a Wells Fargo stagecoach. The celebration was also marked by the coming together of many Centenarians who shared stories.

Other events include the 85th annual 4th of July Celebration Americafest at Rose Bowl and the Pasadena POPS Music Under the Stars, Sept 24.



Castle Green Tour to Show Interiors

The century-old Castle Green will present its summer tour Sunday, June 26th, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. . At the tour, visitors can explore the castle and walk through ground floor interiors that have been historically

restored. Comparing the original photographs with the present-day décor demonstrates the great effort that has been put into maintaining the original integrity of the interior public areas. Visitors at the tour will

also be able to explore over 25 residential units that will be open for viewing. There will be live music and light refreshments available.

As tour attendees step through the gates of the Moorish and Mission revival-style former hotel, they will see stagings of how people might have enjoyed the grounds in yester-year. There will be a 1940s-era picnic on the grass and live croquet before they ascend the veranda into the chandelier-lit foyer.

Admission is \$20.00 per person. For more information call 626-577-6765 or visit www.castlegreen.com

Quality of Life Index Now Online

The 2011 Pasadena/Altadena Quality of Life Index is now available online for residents to use as a tool when referencing the overall health of Pasadena and its neighbor Altadena.

An update of the last index in 2002, the 44-page document is a summary of health-related indicators supplied by more than 70 agencies that focus on the area's population, needs and resources.

The index is published by the city's Public Health Department, though the index measures broader categories than health care, such as living wage, child care, housing affordability, academics, arts, transportation and civic involvement.

"Social determinants in society and the external environment also affect the health of individuals," said city of Pasadena Public Health Director and Health Officer Eric G. Walsh, MD, MPH. "If communities are to be healthy, each indicator must not only be analyzed, but policies and programs should be in place to improve the health outcomes for each indicator."

For more information go to www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicHealth/Records-Reports.aspx or call (626) 744-6177.

Local Councilwoman Meets With Obama

City Councilwoman Jacque Robinson traveled to Washington, D.C., Friday to meet with members of the Obama administration and attend an intimate reception with President Barack Obama.

Robinson is one of a select group of Young Elected Officials Network members who have been invited to the White House to discuss important issues facing states and localities.

"I look forward to a full day of discussion with my colleagues and the administration," Robinson said. "I am most interested in engaging in discussion related to further stimulating the local economy, creating



jobs and stabilizing the housing market. This is an extraordinary opportunity for me to represent Pasadena at the highest level."

Robinson attended the YEO national conference in Washington last week. For more information about the organization, visit www.yeonetnetwork.org.

Survey, Workshops Consider City's Future

A survey and four workshops are included in the next phase of community engagement activities that will lead to the update of Pasadena's General Plan Land Use and Mobility Chapters.

In mid-June, a special General Plan newsletter will also be delivered to residential and business mailboxes. The newsletter will include comprehensive information about the General Plan alternatives and related meetings, a comparison of the alternatives, maps, illustrations, graphs, and a survey that will ask which alternative, or combination of alternatives, people prefer in six different planning areas. The survey period is from June 10 to July 8. The newsletter and survey can also be viewed online at www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan.

During a series of workshops, Pasadenans can learn even more about each alternative and how they would affect jobs, housing, traffic, greenhouse gas emissions

and more. workshop dates and locations include: Thursday, June 23, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Creveling Lounge at Pasadena City College 1570 E. Colorado Blvd. Saturday, June 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Auditorium at Madison Elementary School 515 E. Ashtabula St. Tuesday, June 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. John Scott Multipurpose Room at Community Education Center 3035 E. Foothill Blvd.

Each alternative has a different approach to growth in the city. Alternative A calls for growth to be diverted from the downtown and to East Pasadena and other business areas; Alternative B calls for maximizing economic vitality and jobs; Alternative C calls for "smart growth" along transportation lines and major intersections; and Alternative D calls for slowing growth citywide.

For more information about the General Plan, the alternatives, meetings and more, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan or call (626) 744-6807.

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.

PCAC Seeks Executive Director

Pasadena Community Access Corporation (PCAC) seeks a new Executive Director who can provide the professional leadership to achieve its vision and guide the organization into the future. Pasadena Community Access Corporation is a non-profit organization that manages operations for Pasadena's public access cable TV station, Channel 32 "The Arroyo Channel," and Pasadena's local government Channel 3 "KPAS." PCAC also acts as an umbrella organization for the Pasadena Unified School District education Channel 95 "KLRN-TV" and for the Pasadena City College education Channel 96 "PCC-TV." PCAC has an annual operating budget of approximately \$800,000 and a full-time and part-time staff of 12 and 10 as-needed employees. PCAC has a cable viewing audience of approximately 34,000 households serving

an urban area in Southern California with a population of 150,000+.

PCAC seeks an Executive Director who can conceive, launch and implement innovative programming, production, outreach strategies and distribution methods for the organization's current cable feed channels. It is the vision of the PCAC Board of Directors to develop alternative methods for delivering community-based, hyper-local programming and video content, while maintaining and developing traditional cable modes of distribution. This endeavor will stretch from training community residents and community producers in new technologies to delivering content to Internet-capable multimedia devices.

Applications must be submitted online and will be accepted until July 20, 2011. To view a complete job description and to apply for the position please visit the PCAC website at: <http://www.pasadenacommunitynetwork.com/pcacapplyonline.html>

Anthem Blue Cross and Methodist Hospital of Southern California Reach Agreement

Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Arcadia, Calif.—June 15, 2011—Anthem Blue Cross and Methodist Hospital of Southern California are pleased to announce they have reached an agreement, effective June 15, 2011, giving Anthem members the ability to receive in-network health care services from Methodist Hospital.

“We are pleased to have Methodist Hospital be part of our extensive provider network in California. This new agreement represents very good news for our members who choose to receive health care services from these providers,” said Pam Kehaly, president, Anthem Blue Cross. “Once again, members can receive covered services at Methodist Hospital and take advantage of their plans’ in-network benefits.”

“We are most pleased to have achieved this important agreement as we prepare to open our new patient tower this fall,” said Dennis Lee, president and CEO, Methodist Hospital. “We are very happy to welcome Anthem Blue Cross members, who now have access to all of Methodist Hospital’s exceptional services.”

About Anthem Blue Cross

Anthem Blue Cross is the trade name of Blue Cross of California. Anthem Blue Cross and An-

City of Arcadia 2011 Summer Swim Program Swim Lessons - Session 2 Registration

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department’s recreational swim program is now open daily. Located at the Arcadia High School Pool, 180 Campus Drive in Arcadia. Monday – Friday from 12pm-3pm and Saturday and Sunday 1pm-5pm. Fee is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child. Swim lessons for Session Two begin on Monday, June 27th.

Online registration for Session Two begins Fri-

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About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a 460-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care (neonatal and adult) and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s main standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

For more information, visit
www.methodisthospital.org.

day June 17th for residents only by logging onto www.ci.arcadia.ca.us. Open registration for all including walk-in, fax and mail for Session Two begins Monday, June 20th at the Recreation Department, located at 375 Campus Drive.

For more information regarding swim classes and the online and walk-in registration dates for Sessions 3-5, please call 626.574.5113.

Recreation and Community Services Department Opening Night at the Hollywood Bowl!

There is still time to get your tickets for The Hollywood Bowl’s Opening Night celebration this Friday night, June 17. Join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department as we kick off the 2011 summer season with our annual adult excursion to the Hollywood Bowl. Enjoy an evening of music, celebrity guests and spectacular fireworks. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and participants meet at the Arcadia County

Park parking lot (near the fountain) on Santa Anita and Huntington at 6pm.

You can register on-line, by fax 626.821.4370 or in person! Go to the City of Arcadia’s website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11, the Police Department responded to 882 calls for service of which 123 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 5:

Shortly before 10:00 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted to the front of Coco’s Restaurant located at 1150 West Colorado Boulevard for expired registration. A consensual vehicle search revealed a loaded firearm as well as an explosive device. The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department was called and arrived at the scene to examine the device and take custody of it. The vehicle also contained methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia as well as an illegally modified air soft gun. The 41-year-old male driver of unknown race was placed under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon, possession of narcotics for sale, possession of paraphernalia, having a hidden compartment for drugs, altering a replica firearm and possession of illegal fireworks.

At about 7:25 p.m., officers responded to the 00 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a suicidal subject. Upon contact the 57-year-old white male was deemed to be a risk to himself and was transported to Exodus Recovery Center in Los Angeles for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

Monday, June 6:

3. Between 12:00 a.m. and 3:24 a.m., a commercial burglary occurred at the Go Phone Shop located at 411 East Huntington Drive. Unknown suspect(s) shattered a front window. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole unknown property from a glass case.

4. Shortly before 7:00 p.m., units were dispatched to Nordstrom’s located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue in regards to a suspicious subject. Officers were advised that a male subject was using a fraudulent identification card and credit card to make a purchase. The subject exited the store and entered a vehicle as officers arrived. A traffic stop was conducted. An investigation revealed several purchases had been made under different names. Two Hispanic males one age 36 and the other age 45, were placed under arrest for commercial burglary, using another’s personal identification to obtain credit and providing false information to a peace officer.

Tuesday, June 7:

5. A traffic stop was conducted around 11:30 a.m. at Santa Anita Avenue at Colorado Boulevard. A records check of the passenger revealed three outstanding misdemeanor warrants and the 48-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest.

6. Between 7:45 p.m. on June 6th and 7:35 a.m. on June 7th, an auto burglary occurred in the 600 block of West Lemon Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) damaged the driver’s side door lock, entered the vehicle and stole various coins, gift cards and business cards.

Wednesday, June 8:

7. At approximately 3:26 p.m., officers were dispatched to Subway located at 288 East Live Oak Avenue regarding a robbery that had just occurred. A suspect described as a White male with a goatee, wearing a white tee shirt, blue jeans and armed with a handgun had just left the location. An area check was conducted for the suspect however, he was not located. The loss was approximately \$93.00 in cash. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

8. Between 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 900 block of Catalpa Road. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location by shattering a window on the rear door. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the home and stole unknown property.

Thursday, June 9:

9. Shortly before 4:30 a.m., a commercial burglary occurred at Domenicos located at 251 North Santa Anita Avenue. Two Black males in their twenties attempted to pry open the rear door and when unsuccessful, proceeded to kick it open. Once inside the suspects went through the contents of the office and took unknown property before leaving the location.

10. At about 10:41 p.m., while on patrol in the area of Campus Drive from El Monte Avenue, an officer received an alert in his unit from the Automatic License Plate Reader System (ALPRS) informing him that a vehicle, a silver Ford Expedition, had an outstanding warrant. The officer contacted the owner, a 52-year-old Hispanic female. A records check revealed two outstanding warrants in the amount of \$31,796.00. The female was placed under arrest for the warrants as well as possession of illegal fireworks.

Friday, June 10:

11. A traffic stop was conducted around 2:03 a.m. at Rosemead Boulevard and Huntington Drive for tinted windows. An investigation revealed that the 31-year-old Asian male driver was intoxicated and he was placed under arrest for DUI.

12. At about 2:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of South Sixth Avenue regarding a suicidal subject. The 50-year-old White male was determined to be a danger to himself and taken into custody for a 72 hour mental health evaluation. He was transported to BHC Alhambra hospital for the evaluation and treatment.

Saturday, June 11:

13. Between 6:00 p.m. on June 10th and 10:00 a.m. on June 11th, an auto burglary occurred in the 400 block of West Duarte Road. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the front passenger side window and stole a GPS device, an iPod and sunglasses for an approximate loss of \$500.00.

14. At about 5:00 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of La Cadena Avenue regarding a verbal argument between a boyfriend and girlfriend. An investigation revealed that the involved 28-year-old Black male was intoxicated and he was placed under arrest for being drunk in public.

Retired Teachers’ Group Awards School Grants to Arcadia H. S. Teachers

A May faculty meeting in Arcadia High School’s quad was the setting for a double celebration on the school campus. First, it was Teacher Appreciation Day for the high school faculty, and second, eight members of the faculty were awarded school grants by the California Retired Teachers’ Association #71 (CalRTA). Principal David Vannasall opened the meeting with a cordial greeting and invited teachers and guests to enjoy a fresh fruit parfait served buffet style.

Members of the School Grant Committee of CalRTA #71 visited the campus to award school grants to eight teachers who had made requests for classroom materials and equipment.

Patti Hahn, School Grant Committee Chairperson, made the awards. Those receiving grants from the Science Department were the following:

Craig Monden, Tal Jones, Cherryl Mynster (husband Ray accepted for her), Jorge Munoz, Neda Kuso, Karen Rapacon. Also receiving a grant was Christine Vaughan of the French Language Department. Science teacher Joan Stevens was not present, but a fellow teacher accepted for her.

Other CalRTA #71 members present were Carol Dennis, photographer, and Patricia Dietrich, Publicity Chairperson. CalRTA #71, a San Gabriel Valley division, has allocated an annual amount for school grants as a public service and as a means of acquainting future teacher retirees with its organization. Membership in CalRTA is open to all retired teachers, as well as to those interested in joining. For membership information, please contact Marietta Watkins at (323) 258-9615 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.



Above: Eight Arcadia H. S. teachers received school grants from the California Retired Teachers Association #71. In front row (l-r) are Craig Monden, Tal Jones, Ray Mynster (accepting for his wife Cherryl Mynster), Jorge Munoz, and CalRTA #71 presenter Patti Hahn. Pictured in back row (l-r) are Neda Kuso, Karen Rapacon, and Christina Vaughan. Not pictured: Joan Stevens



Arcadia H. S. Principal David Vannasall (foreground) welcomed teachers and guests to Teacher Appreciation Day and CalRTA #71 grant presentation.

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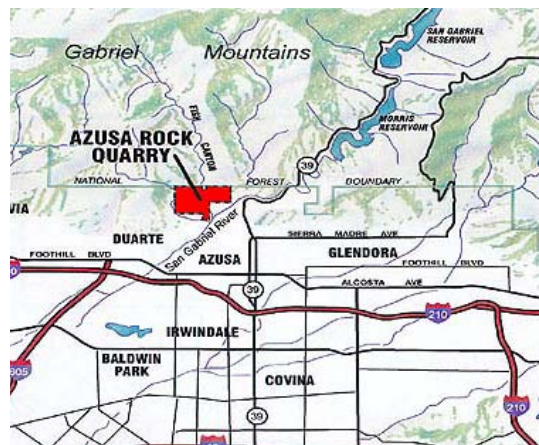
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Duarte Council Votes 5-0 to Appeal Recent Denial of Vulcan Materials Lawsuit



DUARTE, CA, June 15, 2011 - The Duarte City Council voted unanimously on June 14 to continue its challenge to the City of Azusa's 2010 approval of the Vulcan Materials Co. mining expansion project by authorizing an appeal to the State Court of Appeal. The lawsuit, originally filed in August of 2010 and first heard in late March of this year, was denied by the Superior Court on May 9. The City has until August 8 to file its appeal.

"The Council's decision to appeal continues Duarte's belief that the Vulcan EIR is seriously flawed and that destroying the Van Tassel ridge is the wrong thing to do," commented Darrell George, City Manager.

The appeal process starts a new review by a three-judge panel located in Los Angeles at the State Court of Appeal. The process, comparable to the initial lawsuit, will involve preparation of an administrative record, the filing of approximately three briefs, a hearing and eventual ruling. It could take anywhere from nine to fifteen months to complete.

"I hope we get a panel of judges who really understands what it means to rip that mountain

down," said Councilmember Margaret Finlay as she addressed the public after returning from closed session. "We will continue to fight the good fight," added Mayor Teasel Paras Caracci.

Duarte's lawsuit focuses on the Azusa City Council's violations of the California Environmental Quality Act and seeks to overturn its certification of the Final Environment Impact Report and related entitlements for the mine expansion project. It also raises numerous points including insufficient analysis of air quality impacts from blasting and trucking activities; ignoring South Coast Air Quality recommendations on the location and number of air monitoring stations; and Azusa's failure to impose any mitigation measures for potential liquefaction impacts.

As approved by the Azusa City Council, the Vulcan mining expansion project is poised to destroy Van Tassel Ridge as Vulcan plans to extract 105.6 million tons of aggregate from the mountain between now and 2038. Over that same period, the City of Azusa stands to make more than \$65 million in mining fees and incentives from Vulcan at the expense of its neighbors in Duarte.

Bear Resistant Trash Barrels are Available

Athens Services can provide bear resistant trash barrels to interested Monrovia residents. To apply, residents must complete a 36-month program participation agreement form with Athens Services. The cost per barrel can be billed in 36 monthly payments of \$4.99 per month. Note, this rate is in addition to the monthly trash service rate and the barrels remain the property of Athens Services. To receive automated pick-up service for the barrels,

the lids must be unlocked by the resident prior to pick-up. Setting unlocked barrels out the morning of collection rather than the night prior helps reduce the number of bear "break-ins". Athens Services provides an unlocking service upon request for an additional monthly fee of \$4.25.

For more information, please contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100.

Commercial Trash and Recycling Workshop

The City of Monrovia will be proposing a new trash and recycling program for all local businesses to be implemented by July 2012 to meet state requirements and local environmental goals. To ensure that businesses have an opportunity to participate in the formation of this program, businesses are invited to attend a final workshop to discuss service options and draft recommen-

dations to be considered by the City Council this summer. The Roundtable Workshop will be held on Monday, June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center, located at 119 W. Palm Avenue. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP send an email to CLOAKING, or for more information, contact the City of Monrovia Environmental Services at (626) 932-5553.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 549 service events, resulting in 85 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Attempt Theft

On June 2, an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Mauna Loa regarding an attempted theft from a vehicle. The victim parked her vehicle in front of her residence at 6 p.m. in the evening. The next day she went to unlock her vehicle with the remote and discovered she had not locked her vehicle. She inspected her vehicle and found it had been ransacked and the headliner had been burnt. No items appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

Theft From a Vehicle

On June 2, an officer responded to the report of theft from a vehicle in the 100 block of West Walnut. The victim parked his pickup truck at 11:15 p.m. He returned to his vehicle the following day at 11 a.m. and drove to work, which is in the 300 block of West Huntington. He parked and went into work. When he exited his place of work, he noticed his tailgate was missing. The victim does not believe it was taken while parked in the parking lot at work, since it is always busy. He suspects that it was taken during the night while parked in front of his residence.

Traffic Accident - Overturned Vehicle

On June 4 at 10:41 p.m., a vehicle was traveling east on Colorado when the driver either fell asleep or had some type of medical issue. The driver only remembers driving straight and then waking up with the vehicle upside down on its roof. The driver was checked and did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The driver was taken to a hospital for observation; no serious injuries were reported.

Driving Under the Influence / Possession of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested

On June 6 at approximately 7:27 a.m., police received a call reporting a female in a red Honda Accord honking her horn and yelling. Officers responded and stopped the vehicle. The female was found to be driving under the influence and was arrested. She was extremely uncooperative and verbally abusive. A thorough search of her property revealed a baggie containing methamphetamine. She was charged with driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. The female subject is schizophrenic and had been contacted several times over the previous weekend by officers.

Commercial Robbery

On June 6 at 4:19 p.m., police received a report of a robbery at a fast food business in the 300 block of West Huntington. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic wearing a light blue cap and white t-shirt with horizontal stripes. The suspect had a black semi-automatic handgun and demanded cash. The suspect walked out to a gray or silver, 4-door Honda Civic with paper plates, and the driver was a heavy-set female. The vehicle fled south on Magnolia, out of sight. An area search and notification was made to neighboring agencies, but the vehicle was not located. El Monte Police Department had a robbery that occurred later that day in their city; the description of the suspects and vehicle is a close match.

Vehicle Burglary

On June 7 at 4:30 p.m., police responded to a vehicle burglary in the 200 block of West Scenic. The reporting party believed someone had broken into their neighbor's vehicle. An officer went to the location and found the interior of the vehicle had been ransacked. He dusted for prints, took photos, and checked for witnesses.

Possession of Burglary Tools

June 7 at 11:47 p.m., officers observed a subject who was a known burglar in the area of Foothill and Magnolia near midnight. He was riding a bicycle without a light and no rear reflector. He was detained regarding the violations and questioned about his activity. His responses were ambiguous and in conflict. After a consent search of his person and property, officers found a sufficient amount and type of tools consistent with tools used for auto burglaries to arrest the subject. He was arrested and taken into custody for possession of burglary tools.

Residential Burglary

On June 8 at 4:18 p.m., a resident in the 900 block of Briarcliff Road reported a burglary. He had returned home and found the front door had been smashed and two televisions, a laptop, and other miscellaneous items had been taken. Officers responded and cleared the house; no suspects were inside.

Commercial Robbery

On June 8 at 8:48 p.m., an armed robbery was reported at a business in the 300 block of West Huntington. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, approximately 25-years-old, large build, wearing a white hat, white long-sleeve shirt and blue jeans. He approached the clerk, pulled a silver colored revolver and demanded money. He was last seen running westbound from the location.

Friends of the Duarte Library Celebrate 50th Anniversary With a Dinner, Scholarships and Renovated Library



Celebrating Friends -- Brian Mejia, representative to Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, presents president Pat De Rose with a certificate honoring the Friends of the Duarte Library for their 50 years of service to the Los Angeles County operated Duarte Library.

DUARTE, CA, June 14, 2011 -- The Friends of the Duarte Library have a lot to celebrate this year. Not only does this mark the 50th anniversary of Friends' service to the Los Angeles County operated Duarte Library, the library has just reopened with a fresh, new look after being closed for two months for renovation.

Although the timing for the renovation with the Friends 50th anniversary was coincidental, members of the Friends agree having a newly spruced up library is the best gift ever for the community. The 10,048 square foot library, originally opened in 1966, got a fresh coat of paint inside and out, new carpeting throughout, a modernized Information Desk, three self-check out machines, and two new computers added to the six already available for public use. Before the books were replaced, shelving was cleaned and stained, and a new, electronic

tract leaders, including Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and School Board President Pam Kawasaki, Los Angeles County Librarian, Margaret Donnellan Todd, and members of the business and residential community.

Five scholarships were presented to graduating students of Duarte Unified School District. The Gas Company awarded "Energizing Our Future" scholarships to two Duarte High School 2011 graduates. Cindy Gutierrez, who plans to become a physical therapist, and Melissa Ortega, whose goal is to become a dietician, each received \$500 scholarships. The Friends of the Duarte Library presented three scholarships. Henry Perez, graduating from Mt. Olive High School, received the Aloysia Moore Scholarship Award of \$500. A member of D.A.R.T., the Duarte Area Resource Team, Henry plans to pursue a law enforcement



The Friends of the Duarte Library celebrated its 50th anniversary and outstanding graduating students at a celebratory dinner at Westminster Gardens. From left, Friends President, Pat De Rose; scholarship winners Melissa Ortega, Henry Perez, Kenyale Kearney, and Cindy Gutierrez; and Duarte Superintendent of Schools, Terry Nichols.

reservation system was installed. The parking lot was also resurfaced. One more beautification is in the planning, according to acting Library Manager, Eileen Penson. The County will install sculpture gardens at the east and west entrances to the building which is expected to be completed before a formal open house event in late July.

"Our library is an important hub of activity for the community, one that we have supported whole-heartedly through all the economic twists and turns. We are thrilled that the County has made these long-awaited improvements to better serve our children, families and businesses," said Friends of the Library President, Pat De Rose.

The Friends of the Duarte Library kicked off a year-long celebration of its milestone year with a 50th Anniversary and Scholarship Dinner held at Westminster Gardens on June 3. Among the more than 60 in attendance were City and School Dis-

career after college. Duarte High School's Kenyale Kearney, the first in her family to graduate from high school and continue on to college, received the Special Vocational Award scholarship of \$500. Her goal is to become a pediatrician. This year, a special scholarship was named to honor former longtime president, Nita Norgard, who retired this year, and her husband Bill. The Norgard Scholarship for \$1,000 was presented to Melissa Ortega, who also received The Gas Company scholarship.

The Friends also recognized an outstanding Duarte educator, Eric Barba, who this year served as both Principal of Northview Intermediate and Duarte High School. Barba was presented with the Excellence in Education Award.

The Friends of the Duarte Library are planning many other occasions this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary, including the group's signature event, the Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Youth Appreciation Day Fun at Pamela Park, June 17

DUARTE, CA, June 14, 2011 -- Community youth are invited to enjoy live entertainment, food, dance and games at Youth Appreciation Day at Pamela Park in Duarte on Friday, June 17 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Pamela Park is located at 2236 Goodall Ave. The annual special event, sponsored by County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, celebrates youth in the community who excel during the school year. All ages are welcome.

City of Duarte Public Safety will also participate in the event, providing youths on a first come, first serve basis, with properly fitted free bike helmets courtesy of the Duarte Elks Club.

For more information about the bike helmet giveaway, call Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938. For additional details about Youth Appreciation Day, call Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-1619 or (626) 369-2514.

Recovered Stolen Property and Felony Arrest Made for Receiving Stolen Property

On May 5, Monrovia Police Department received a call from a resident who made a theft report because someone had stolen the doors from her Jeep Wrangler. The report came to the Detective Bureau as an "Inactive" case because there was no workable information for any supplemental investigation by the detectives. The victim began searching Craigslist to find and buy replacement doors for her Jeep. She found someone in Pasadena who was selling Jeep doors which looked exactly like her stolen doors. The victim passed this information on to the Monrovia Police Department. On Friday, June 3, three detectives and three patrol officers teamed up to conduct an operation to recover the doors, if in fact they were the victim's doors. Two of the patrol officers dressed in

civilian clothes posed as "interested buyers". The detectives and the remaining patrol officer were the arrest team. The patrol officer buyers had the victim's ignition/door key and when the first officer distracted the seller, the second officer tried the key in the door lock. The victim's key locked and unlocked the door. The detectives and officers then arrested the seller for a felony violation of receiving stolen property. The detectives and officers recovered the doors and brought them to the Monrovia Police Department. The victim positively identified the doors as hers and the doors were returned to her. The suspect was booked on felony receiving stolen property. The suspect posted bond and will have to appear later this month in court.



The Mountain Views News Proudly Congratulates Two Exceptional 2011 Graduates:

ASHA GRANT



Both students have just completed a program in which they were awarded their High School Diplomas, but a college degree as well.

Asha Grant, also known as Mountain Views columnist "Trish Collins" graduated High School on Wednesday from the Los Angeles Unified School District's Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy located on the campus of LA Harbor College. She was not only awarded her high school diploma, she was also granted an Associates Degree in Education. Asha has been accepted and will be attending Spellman College in Atlanta this fall.

Asha represents the third generation in her family to pursue a career in education. Both of her parents are teachers and her grandmother is a retired school principal.

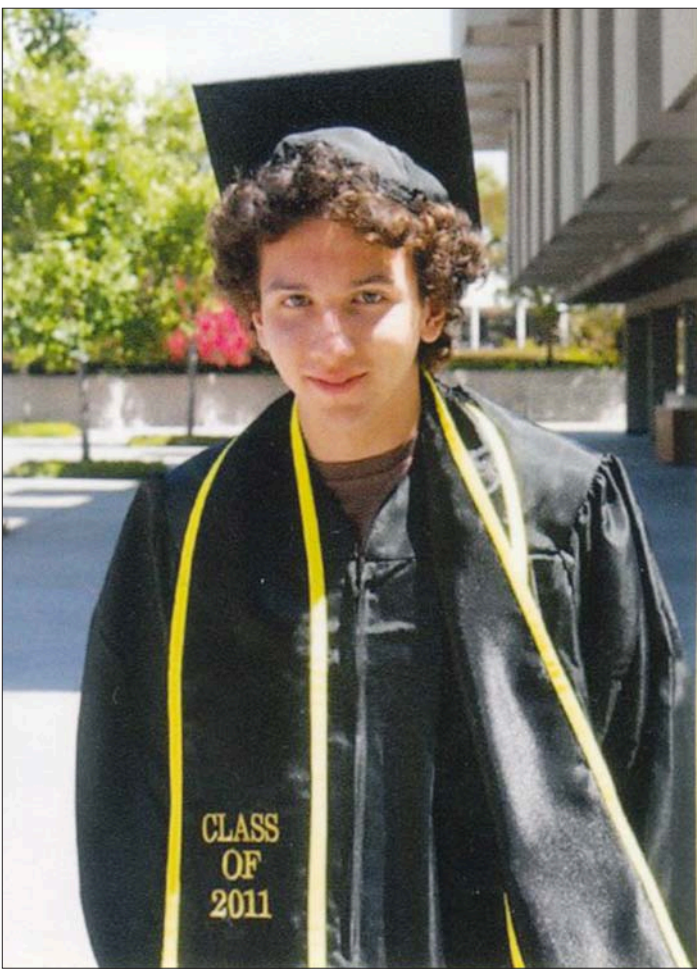
During her time at Harbor Teacher Prep, she was very involved in a number of

church and civic activities. She served as Vice President of the student body in her senior year. She also was the Founder and President of the school's Recycling Club (9th - 12th grade); and Founder and President of the Underground Music Club. She has received numerous awards and recognitions.

One of Asha's many interests is writing. In addition to writing more than 150 columns for this paper, she won national recognition for her poem, "Home Depot, Dried Rain", which was published in *A Celebration of Poets* 2009-2010.

Congratulations Asha! We are so very proud to have you as part of our Mountain Views Family!

VINCENT JOHNSON



On Saturday, June 11, 2011 Sierra Madre resident Vincent Matthew Johnson graduated with honors from California State University Los Angeles with his Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration, option Finance and a minor in Economics.

He entered CSULA full time at the age of 15 through a program called the Early Entrance Program in September of 2007, after testing highly on the Washington Pre-CollegeTest and successfully completing a provisional summer session.

Initially, Vincent began his studies at CSULA when he was twelve years old through another program called the PACE program

which allowed him to take courses at the campus part time, while attending St. Rita Elementary school. After graduating from Saint Rita, Vincent attended La Salle High School for one year. Upon being accepted into the EEP program Vincent decided to leave high school and pursue his degree. Vincent was among a group of 24 students who graduated from CSULA EEP program this 2011.

Vincent is the son of Mountain Views News contributor and photographer, Lina Johnson. Congratulations to Sierra Madre resident Vincent Johnson and all the Early Entrance Program graduates of 2011!

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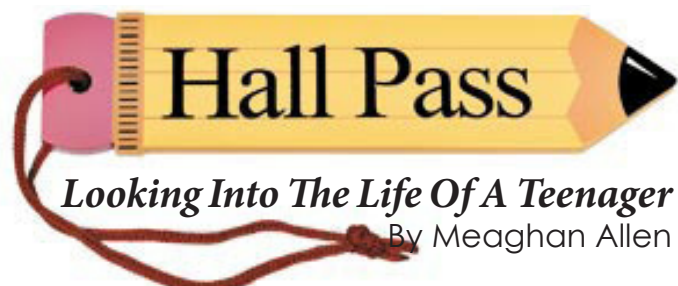
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HISTORY OF FATHER’S DAY

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington, first proposed the idea of a father’s day in 1909. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was raising six children on a farm by himself. The first Father’s Day celebration occurred on June 19, 1910, because it was the month of Smart’s birth.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day. President Richard M. Nixon signed the public law that made Father’s Day permanent in 1972.

Father’s Day has become a day to honor your father, but also a day to honor all men who act as father figures, including uncles, stepfathers, brothers, and grandfathers.

TV’s Top Dads

This Father’s Day, America will celebrate its 64.3 million dads. While you’re busy appreciating your own dear old dad, there are a few other pops you might want to keep in mind, too: TV dads. They may not be real, but these dads have wielded tremendous paternal influence over generations of American families.

Here’s a look at TV’s top dads: From the 1950s cardigan-wearing, “Father Knows Best” types to the 21st century guys juggling dysfunctional families and questionable careers. (in chronological order)

WARD CLEAVER

Played by Hugh Beaumont, Ward Cleaver was the model of fatherly patience on the hit sitcom Leave It To Beaver (1957-1963). No matter what calamity son Beaver embroiled himself in - and there were some doozies, Ward was always ready with an encouraging word and some life wisdom.



BEN CARTWRIGHT

Ben Cartwright, played by Lorne Greene, was the thrice-widowed patriarch in the long-running Western series, Bonanza (1959-1971). A pillar of the community, Ben was also a solid family man, raising his three dissimilar sons on the family’s 1000-acre ranch, the Ponderosa. At the core of the show was Ben’s commitment to helping his sons to face life with strength and integrity.



ANDY TAYLOR

Andy Taylor (played by Andy Griffith) was one of TV’s first single dads on The Andy Griffith Show (1960-1968). The down-home sheriff for the town of Mayberry, North Carolina, Andy set about raising his son Opie with a bit of hokey humor and a heaping of soliloquy-style discipline - and the help of the ever-present Aunt Bee.



ARCHIE BUNKER

Archie Bunker (played by Carroll O’Connor) was TV’s most morally offensive character - long before being morally offensive was popular. A working class father from Queens, Archie sat in his striped armchair, dispensing his always loud, usually bigoted opinions about people and politics. Pivotal to the show were Archie’s daily spars with son-in-law Michael (AKA “Meathead”), whose liberal views and perennial student status were fodder for Archie’s slurs.



MIKE BRADY

TV’s first stepdad, Mike Brady (played by Robert Reed) was the widower patriarch whose new blended family included three sons (his) - and three daughters (wife Carol’s). The Brady Bunch (1969-1974) managed to face their weekly dose of overly dramatic family dilemmas with some firm discipline from Mike (and fresh baked cookies from Alice, the housekeeper). One of TV land’s strictest dads, Mike was also the most even-handed - not to mention the hippest (remember the perm?).



HOWARD CUNNINGHAM

Ever-jolly Howard Cunningham (played by Tom Bosley) was the Midwestern TV Dad on the 1950s-

style comedy Happy Days (1974-1984). Howard earned his living by running the hardware store, but always managed to find time to solve the woes of his teenage kids. And he even played surrogate dad to son Richie’s rather wayward collection of friends.



HEATHCLIFF HUXTABLE

One of TV’s first African American fathers, Heathcliff Huxtable also broke paternal ground in The Cosby Show (1984-1993) for his dual-income earning family. The high-powered couple (Cliff was an OB-GYN, wife Clair a corporate attorney) resonated with American viewers, who were eager to see an image of their own family’s working status - rather than TV land’s persistence in the pas-sé norm of the housewife mom. Together, the joke-cracking Cliff and straight-laced Clair raised their five kids, ranging in age from preschool to high school, in their Brooklyn brownstone.



STEVEN KEATON

Steven Keaton (played by Michael Gross) was the liberal, loving dad to three in Family Ties (1982-1989). Both Steven and wife Elyse were former flower children trying to reconcile their now suburban lifestyle with a soulful quest to “do good” in the world. Steven found an outlet for his altruism in his career - running the public TV station; but at home, this former hippy was constantly foiled by eldest son Alex “P” Keaton, a hard-core Reagan Republican.



DAN CONNOR

Dan Connor (played by John Goodman) was the rotund, beer swigging, blue-collar husband and father on the comedy Roseanne (1988-1997). Frequently confounded by his three kids, Dan also struggled to figure out who really “wore the pants” in his blue-collar family: himself or his wise-cracking wife Roseanne.



HOMER SIMPSON

Speaking of less-than-perfect dads, Homer Simpson has cornered the market on under-achieving. As The Simpsons’s (1989-present) animated patriarch, Homer personifies bumbling ineptitude in everything he does - from his botched attempts at raising his three kids to his rather ironic job as safety inspector at the local nuclear plant. The longest run show on TV, with characters that have never aged, The Simpsons offers America a satirical, politically incorrect family and one of the most enduring iconic cultural references.



TIM “THE TOOL MAN” TAYLOR

Tim Taylor (played by Tim Allen) was Home Improvement’s (1991-1999) goofy handyman and blundering father to three sons. Fortunately for the Tool Man - as Tim was called on his successful cable DIY show - he was able to count on his ever-patient wife Jill and his sage-like neighbor Wilson for guidance on everything from parenthood to politics.



RAY BARONE

Ray Barone (played by comedian Ray Romano) was the Italian-American, sportswriter dad to three on Everybody Loves Raymond (1996-2005). Set in Long Island, the show featured the complicated (some might say: dysfunctional) family dynamics between the dopey but well-intentioned Ray; his long-suffering wife Debra; his gruff but good-hearted father Frank; and his meddling, passive aggressive mother Marie. And many were the opportunities for conflict between them, since Ray and Debra lived right across the street from Frank and Marie.



TONY SOPRANO

Now here’s a killer dad! Anthony “Tony” Soprano (played by James Gandolfini) was no Ward Cleaver, but he’s definitely the most powerful dad on this list. The ruthless Underboss of a New Jersey crime family, Tony seemed to genuinely love his wife (if you can look past his rampant infidelity) and his two teenage kids. But between his depression and anxiety attacks (and borderline sociopath personality), Tony struggled to find his footing in fatherhood - or marriage and any other genuine relationship, for that matter.



THE YEAR OF STRONG FATHERS, STRONG FAMILIES



Like millions of dads across our country, President Obama has said that being a father is the “most important job he has.” From coaching basketball to helping with homework,

the President cherishes the time he gets to spend with his two girls, even when life gets busy.

This week at a screening of the movie Cars 2 for military fathers and families, President Obama is kicked off something called the year of Strong Fathers, Strong Families as part of his Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. It’s an effort with partners from around the nation to create simple opportunities for dads and kids to connect. Whether it’s a free game of bowling, a Major League Baseball or WNBA game, a visit to the zoo or aquarium, or discounts for dads and kids through partners like Groupon and LivingSocial, and is excited to help create small moments that can have a big impact. You can sign up for updates and find more in the coming days on www.fatherhood.gov.

Happy Father’s Day

When I was growing up one invariably heard the taunt, “Don’t waste them, you only have so many brain cells.” This juvenile joust afflicted my small part of the world, so you may rightly conclude that I wasn’t raised in the toughest of neighborhoods. But these squares knew the science of the time. For the persistent scientific belief of our age was that the brain didn’t reproduce cells. Considering the mass volume of brain matter I jettisoned during those formative years, I felt a sense of relief and pardon when science finally pronounced that new brain cells are created in the mind. Today as I contemplate the grandeurs and glories of this world and the universe above, I have become persuaded that the most captivating element of existence is a singular source here on earth; that of a beautiful mind.

As science unravels the mechanics of the mind and the mysteries of that gray world, intriguing discoveries are being shed on the storage of memories. My mother, who is a thoughtful observer and lacks the trained skill of a scientist, insists that our memories never perish, but instead, bundle in film like images. Forming a warehousing for the prolific and for the monotonous books we have scoured, as well as the numerous half alert conversations we have unwillingly partnered in. She believes that those deep and shallow footprints of the mind are cast in permanent molds and remain impervious to the hands of time which entombs so many of these ancient images. For her, the mind requires a mere whim, or creature of a thoughtless day to introduce a classified code, one that is only known to the deeper engines of the mind, and once produced, hails the release of a long jailed recollection.

For much of my life I was certain she was mistaken. I had lost scores of impressions to the passage of time, and I had seldom re-mined them from the graveyard of memories, but incredibly, I have come to accept the veracity of her thinking. For I often find myself reading a book and my mind drifts to a parallel passage in another book. A book that I have been unable to champion in a solitary thought for ages, aside from the isolated acknowledgement of resignation, the resignation that I was once inspired by this magnificent book, but wholly incapable of grasping the vehicle of that inspiration. Whether it is the tone of the writing, the pattern of words, or the parallel events of the story that resurrects the treasured thought of this memory, I scarcely know. But I am always struck by the impressive nature of this visiting ghost.

As I was considered Father’s Day this year my mind heralded a place of memories and an impulse to research the importance of a Father in one’s life. The ladies of the world may find offense in my thinking, and none is intended, but I believe it is harder to be a good Father than it is a good Mother, and that comes from a person who adores both his Father and Mother. For starters, there are far more good mothers in the world than exist good Fathers. The incarnate act of good mothering appears as natural to women as water to a fish and flight to eagles. Additionally, there exist no equal of labeling for men as there is for ladies. Women have fancy monikers: “Motherly Instinct, Maternal Bond,” and they are also gifted with “Intuition.” Men are harnessed with a kryptonite called testosterone. A new father will invariably discover that they are neither populated nor strengthened with the necessary impulses that must comprise a well-rounded father. Therefore, they are forced to exist in the observation of their own father’s deeds and the pure act of discovery. If by chance a caring soul should one day determine to rally to the cause of males and write a manual about being a good father. It think it probable that it would be penned by a well-meaning women of decorated education, but men’s indigenous nature and hate for seeking direction would prevent them from reading it.

The duplicitous act of being a good father is that it makes an old man young and exhausts him with the same witchcraft of activity. The saving grace for men is that they are easily transformed to children, and the advantage of the regression is that it allows them to partake of a child’s game, such as baseball, and deflects the natural contempt of society for this recreation. The men that become the best Fathers are those that become the best boys. To be a good father it helps to be a skilled storyteller. I can’t tell you how many times my Father told me about the snow he torturously labored through for the pleasure of an education. The route of his travels curiously discovered to be uphill in both directions. Of course there was the gum repair business that he presided over to get him through college. The gum being the component he used to repair the holes in the oil pans of cars. He had me on that one for a while. For some strange reason he thought he could conduct military training ops on me, as he declared the “vice grip” while simultaneously clamped his hand upon my leg and watching it cripple. I have a suspicion that such an action is highly chargeable in this politically correct age. I can also recall with devastating brilliance the day I was conducting air assaults with water balloons. When I launched a particularly effective salvo out into the street and discovered the serendipity of the attack when my balloon struck a few feet in front of my dad’s car as he turned into the driveway. I am sure I was successful in wounding the leather on his belt that day, and for some reason, I have not forgotten him taking a knee bedside my bed and reciting a prayer with me.

Now as I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.
If should I die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

I would like to believe that ever child shares some memories of their father such as I have, but the truth is, too many don’t. The statistics are extremely troubling when you view children that don’t have a father in their life:

90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.

70% of juveniles in state operated institutions come from fatherless homes [U.S. Dept. of Justice, Special Report, Sept., 1988]

85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home. [Fulton County Georgia Jail Populations and Texas Dept. of Corrections, 1992]

The list of ravages upon a fatherless child curse the thought of all decent souls. Too many children never escape the pain of that existence. I have knowingly idealized my own father and pronounced him fit in many ways, but he is not perfect, and he would offer no resistance in confirming that statement. But perfection is not a requirement in a good or even great Father. The ability to love, the determination to be available, and the effort to leave memories for your children are the essential ingredients of a good Father. The world is measurably better because of your efforts.

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I'm designing and sewing a new tie for my Father.

I'm going to help Dad wash and wax the car.

Thanks, Grandpa, for taking us to the circus, zoo, on picnics and to swimming lessons!

Use the words above to fill in the crossword and the blanks below. Next, match each sentence's beginning to its ending. (Be a sport and let Dad help you! The first one is done.)

Thanks, Dad, for ...

- closing my bedroom windows
- whipping up your special _____
- taking me to _____ at the lake
- sledding in the _____
- teaching me how to ride my _____
- showing me how to _____ in the pool
- helping me to study my _____
- playing a _____

A. and helping to pick up the pieces.
B. and later giving me warm, dry clothes.
C. then getting me a band-aid for my small scrape!
D. and cheering for me when I understand the lessons.
E. and putting the worms on the hook for me.
F. and keeping out the thunderous storm.
G. and letting me lick the spoon.
H. and teaching me water safety.

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Happy Father's Day

It has been said, that there is no substitute for time. Only through its passage can many of life's experiences be fully understood. This Fathers Day I reflect back on a lesson of life and a Father that has ceased to teach and comfort me. I would like to invite you along for a single night with a man that has left this Earthly place but dwells eternally within my heart. The article below was written and published before his passing.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

MY EVENING WITH A RESTAURANT CRITIC.

My entire life has been an eight course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite, dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but I have come to realize that I was wrong. For some in life it is the famous baseball player; or possibly a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or the profound artist. How many times in life, if ever do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire and challenge life with a depth of wisdom? For most they will never get the opportunity. I can claim one prize in this life; I have had the opportunity to observe, speak with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that place for me. They have been labeled "The greatest generation" for a reason. Each day another from that stratum of America, "slowly goes into the night."

Many of you know that my Father Elmer Dills was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but as a fine wine, wisdom increases in its depth and flavor as it ages.

On this night our adventure took us to Madeleine's (since closed) in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madeliene's.

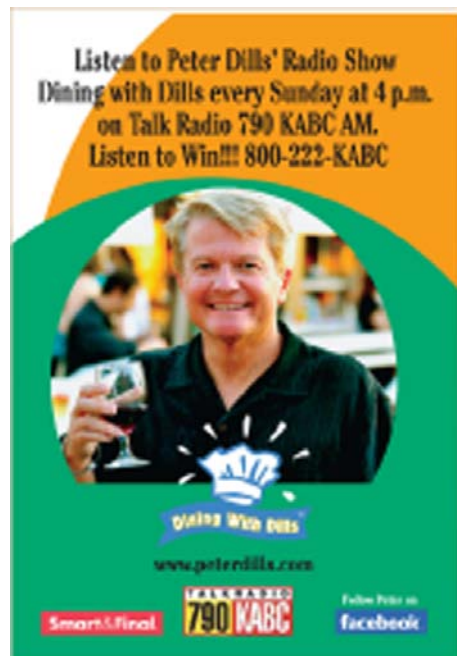
"Table for three, please," on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (the budding Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well behaved children; I know their parents are invariably going to be respectful people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment, I know it goes beyond just me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention and gratification, just a smooth easy in being in his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right in this business. My Dad the legendary restaurant critic doesn't even ask what the ingredients of the dishes are as he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just as natural as going to dinner with a group of friends, I think.

Madeleine's is/was located on Green St. at the bottom of an office building there are many different rooms, much like a Victorian house, there is a patio, a bar, and a large dining room. We sat overlooking the patio with a fireplace that added a perfect touch of ambience. The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit, just like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," just like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two training thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other. She will discover soon enough why I wear running shoes and a sport coat. I order the Spencer Steak, of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked, it vanishes quickly.

Back to Dad, the waiter asks, "How was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked would give the response, "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!!" "And the dessert was?" A shrug of the shoulders told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today, I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure he will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

Happy Fathers Day – I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything. This was a re-print and may just run it every year at this time just to remind you and all to hold these special days near your heart. Hope to see you all at the Grand Opening of Vons on the 29th of June.



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IS THE OLD NEWSPAPER MODEL DYING?

Director Andrew Rossi attempts to answer this question with his new documentary, *Page One*. Rossi takes viewers on a voyeuristic tour of the New York Times' Media Desk and the inner workings of the New York Times' newsroom.

Rossi does an excellent job of elucidating the foibles behind mainstream media organizations, and simultaneously providing viewers with a story that is both captivating and didactic.

Page One follows New York Times media writers David Carr and Brian Stelter, media editor Bruce Headlam, executive editor Bill Keller and Baghdad Bureau Chief Tim Arango. Carr, a recovering crack addict, is the quirky lynchpin of the documentary, as a majority of the film follows his interviews and assignments.

The film opens with a depressing montage of publications that have either folded, gone bankrupt or succumbed to severe lay-offs and buy-outs, some of which include the Chicago Tribune and the Rocky Mountain News. The pessimism of the opening is important to note as it forecasts similar turbulence for organizations like the New York Times.

Despite these overarching themes of decadence and despair, Carr emerges as an unlikely protagonist, and source of comic relief, opining, numerous times throughout the film, that the New York Times isn't going anywhere, even if the odds are against them—Carr's resilient attitude attributes to the film's success, as it reels in viewers and adds

an empathetic personal touch to the documentary.

What makes Rossi's documentary most successful, though, is his incredible footage and unparalleled access to big-name conference rooms and debates, all of which facilitate discourse on the enigmatic future of print journalism. Rossi acts like a fly-on-the-wall, giving the audience unadulterated footage that makes the viewer feel like they are a part of the documentary—a crucial criterion for any great documentary.

PAGE ONE

Rating: 8/10 or 4/5

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The conclusion of the film is, more or less, open-ended. No closure is given with regards to the future of print journalism. It seems that the best plan of action for most print publications is to start making use of the new media that is currently available, and to also make their online components subscription-based rather than free.

Regardless of your stance on the future of print journalism, *Page One* is a unique look at one of our country's most revered publications and an eye-opening learning experience that is sure to interest any viewer.



Sean Kayden

Abrams. Every venture this guy seems to pursue ends up top-secret. These days, it's become the norm with any and all J.J. Abrams' productions. However, the very problem with that is how expectations may get the best of you. I feel as if J.J. Abrams is somewhat of an enigma. On one side of the coin, you have a terrific visionary director. This is a man who can inject new life into anything that seems old and rusted. For example, his 2009 reboot of *Star Trek*. He was able to resurrect a dying franchise from a script that was as thin as Lara Flynn Boyle and take audiences on an absolute thrill ride. Remember though, every coin has two sides. The other side is J.J. Abrams, the screenwriter. In addition to directing *Super 8*, Abrams is sole credited writer on it. His writing and logic behind storytelling seems contrived and for a lack of a better word, 'mainstream'. It's as if he's trying to please every one of all ages, but it becomes increasingly problematic when the tone of the movie is all over the place. Unfortunately, the case is no different here. *Super 8* strives in some areas and will excite many moviegoers (although possibly under their own pretenses). Overall, what is bestowed to the audience is a film that is overwhelmingly unsatisfying.

Super 8 is about a group of middle-school friends who are shooting their own movie. They witness a terrible train accident, but it's the bizarre events that occur afterward when suspicion emerges. Once the military gets involved, the citizens of the small town raise concern, but few answers are provided to them. Same goes for the viewer as well. We're left with many questions, but most of them are rarely answered. Joe Lamb (Joel Courtney) is essentially the protagonist of this story. He's a young boy whose mother had just passed away due to an accident at work. The relationship with his father is strained. His father, portrayed by Kyle Chandler, is the deputy of the town and increasingly becomes more and more distant toward his son. Maybe it's because he's trying to get to the bottom of what is going on in his town. With his head in the clouds, he puts his responsibilities as a father on the back burner and only becomes remotely concerned about his son toward the end of the movie. However, Joe finds comfort in making movies with his friends. He also forms a strong fondness to Alice Dainard (Elle Fanning). She too has a stressed relationship with her own father. Therefore, Joe and Alice have communal catharsis. I can work with this because it creates emotional depth. Without giving away anything, we also find something else about Alice's dad that connects the kids to each other even more so. So while the audience tries to sympathize for Joe, you can't ignore the fact that he's actually coping with everything quite well. He's not obsessed with the death of his mother. He's more intrigued with movie making and the girl he's smitten by. As far as a plausible resolution with Joe and his father, the audience will be pleased for Joe. Problem is, leading up to that moment in the film feels utterly manufactured because the audience knows this is

SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: SUPER 8

One of the most highly anticipated movies of the year, *Super 8* is the clandestine project from

the ubiquitous J.J.

bound to happen. However, there is no real emotional or genuine build up for it. What you're going to experience is something taken from another movie, which will replace the illogical way on how it's presented to you in *Super 8*. Don't be fooled by the impeccably beautiful shots and blissful score that masquerades the faulty storytelling.

There is particular bedroom scene with Alice

SUPER 8

Release Date: June 10th, 2011

Directed by: J.J. Abrams

Screenplay by: J.J. Abrams

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence, language and some drug use.

Grade: 3 out of 5.

and Joe in act two that is wholly emotional and heartfelt, but that sentiment one will get is interrupted almost immediately. Actually, any time a specific scene is trying to tug on the strings of your heart and emotions, it quickly shifts to another scene or inexplicably changes in tone. That's a huge problem for me. *Super 8* could have worked much better as a coming-of-age tale, but it replaces the awe, excitement and wonderment of innocence and adventure for mild suspense and an uninteresting "alien". No, I did not give away the big secret of the movie. Frankly, *Super 8* has no secrets. It was advertised and setup that way for the average movie attendee to feel that a special payoff was in store for them. The only secret here is that the film tries extremely hard to recapture the magic of vintage Spielberg films. Sadly, it merely succeeds on this objective a few times throughout the course of the film.

Up until this point, it seems apparent that I'm bashing *Super 8*. I honestly have somewhat of a soft spot in my heart for this movie. Surprising, huh? Actually, it's for what this movie could have possibly been. What upsets me the most is that *Super 8* had the potential, pedigree, and key ingredients to truly achieve greatness. The direction is top-notch, the acting is supreme, especially from the talents of Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning and often times the viewer is quite interested in what is about to unravel on screen. However, I feel that the "secret" of what is going on is more intriguing for the characters within the movie than it truly is for the individuals watching it from the outside. Make no mistake, J.J. Abrams is an ultra talented director, who knows how to market his movies. While his heart may have been in the right place, the fundamental problem with the movie is how you're left emotionally empty by the end. Instead of being completely enthralled by something spectacular, you're instead left to think how the movie made such insignificant impact on you. Think of it like this, a J.J. Abrams movie is like a beautifully wrapped gift you're about to open. You're dying of anticipation and you imagine to yourself how there's no possible way you could ever be let down. After you carefully take off all the bows and ribbons, you open the box to find out the gift you've just received isn't entirely what you hoped for. You're still remotely satisfied by the provider's grand intentions, yet disappointment inevitably sinks in. The only thing you can wish for is that your next present will deliver on the promise from its supplier.

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The production is introduced with a video narration of life in the 1940s. Each of the actresses' performances is complimented with video narratives presented before their entrance on stage. The video is eloquently recorded by Londa Parks, an actress and singer.

The production's story line begins with Ms. Horne introducing Ms. Smith, Ms. Holiday, Ms. Baker and Ms. Vaughan, four women she came

to know as friends and family. As the story unfolds, the revelation that these women are having a spiritual reunion coming back from the beyond to give an account of their lives while they were alive is heart-warming. "When Divas Were Divas" captures the essence of the "Divas" and depicts their roles in the United States during a time when "women did not share the equality of men or whites and had struggles and pain they had to endure to succeed. The audience will experience Bessie Smith's fighting personality, love for life and her independence; Billie Holiday's pain, talented music career and friendship with Lena Horne; Sarah Vaughan's outspoken and sometimes comedic manner; Josephine Baker's pain from her upbringing and her love for her two countries America and France. And, Lena Horne's trend setting life filled with pain and pleasure which she shares with the ladies in the last scene as they sit around talking about their lives together and separately.

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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR PASADENA MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM'S SUMMER SESSION

Two Weeks Left to Perform in Jasper In Deadland, A Featured Event in the Festival of The New American Musicals

The Pasadena Musical Theatre Program (PMT) announced that June 21 is the last day for students to register to perform in their summer production of *Jasper in Deadland*. Written and directed by award-winning composer and lyricist Ryan Scott Oliver, the pop-rock musical is a featured event in the 2011 Festival of New American Musicals.

Oliver, who is the Artistic Director for PMT, grew up in Sierra Madre. He spends most of his time in New York City. He is currently writing the score for Disney Theatrical's upcoming musical, *Freaky Friday*, among other works, and is an adjunct professor at Pace University's musical theatre department.

The cast of *Jasper in Deadland* is made up of students from 7th – 12th grades. Rehearsals take place from Tuesday, June 28 – Friday, August 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Performances take place on August 5 and August 6.

Children in 4th - 6th grades can perform in *The Junior Follies*, a combination of Broadway and Vaudeville classic songs, dances, and comedy routines. Rehearsals take place from Monday, June 27 – Tuesday, July 26 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Performances are July 27 and July 28.

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As a result of this business expansion, Sally Morrison and Jeffrey Ingwolson, 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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Jeff's Pics The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

Cyber War: The Next Threat to National Security and What to Do About It

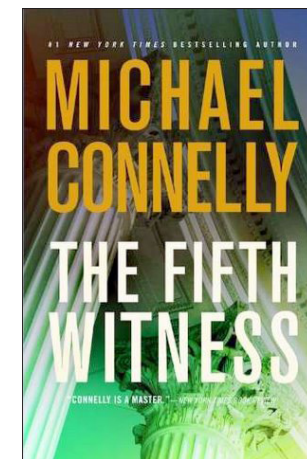
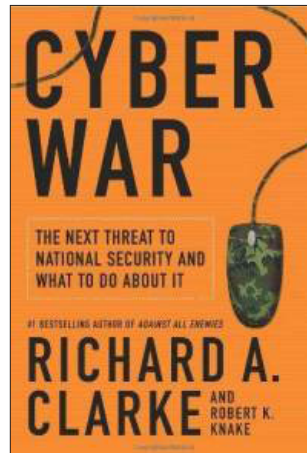
By Richard A. Clarke & Robert Knake

Clarke warned America once before about the havoc terrorism would wreak on our national security and he was right. Now he warns us of another threat, silent but equally dangerous. *Cyber War* is a powerful book about technology, government, and military strategy; about criminals, spies, soldiers, and hackers. This is the first book about the war of the future, cyber war, and a convincing argument that we may already be in peril of losing it. *Cyber War* goes behind the "geek talk" of hackers and computer scientists to explain clearly and convincingly what cyber war is, how cyber weapons work, and how vulnerable we are as a nation and as individuals to the vast and looming web of cyber criminals. From the first cyber crisis meeting in the White House a decade ago to the boardrooms of Silicon Valley and the electrical tunnels under Manhattan, Clarke and coauthor Knake trace the rise of the cyber age and profile the unlikely characters and places at the epicenter of the battlefield. They recount the foreign cyber spies who hacked into the office of the Secretary of Defense, the control systems for U.S. electric power grids, and the plans to protect America's latest fighter aircraft. Economically and militarily, what we've already lost in the new millennium's cyber battles is tantamount to the Soviet and Chinese theft of our nuclear bomb secrets in the 40s and 50s. Powerful and convincing, *Cyber War* begins the critical debate about the next great threat to national security. Richard A. Clarke has served in the White House for President Reagan, for both presidents Bush, and for President Clinton, who appointed him as National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Counterterrorism.

The Fifth Witness

by Michael Connelly

This is bestseller Connelly's compelling fourth Mickey Haller legal thriller. Mickey Haller has fallen on tough times. He expands his business into foreclosure defense, only to see one of his clients accused of killing the banker she blames for trying to take away her home. Mickey puts his team into high gear to exonerate Lisa Trammel, even though the evidence and his own suspicions tell him his client is guilty. Soon after he learns that the victim had black market dealings of his own, Haller is assaulted, too, and he's certain he's on the right trail. Despite the danger and uncertainty, Haller mounts the best defense of his career in a trial where the last surprise comes after the verdict is in. A very good courtroom drama!!



FOLK AND COUNTRY CONCERT AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON JUNE 19

Musicians Tim Tedrow and Terry Vreeland return to the stage of Sierra Madre Playhouse and welcome musical guests Severin Browne, Women on the Move, and Bill Mesnik (creator of the hit show "Three Songs") in a concert of folk and country music.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



It's early to be getting into electoral politics, with eight months to go until the first primary.

I'm not even sure what district I'm voting in. I contacted the Citizens Redistricting Commission, charged with keeping communities together as one of its mandates, to ask about maps appearing to have lines running through the middle of Sierra Madre. I was told nothing more specific was available, but these were just initial drafts, anyway.

I'm reasonably optimistic our Rep. David Dreier will find a more fitting line of work. As a corporate lobbyist, the 34th richest of 435 House members (as per 2009 disclosures) could unashamedly serve the desires of fellow millionaires, without having to maintain the pretense of serving constituents.

It's early, but I had to check out Monday's debate between candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. In a televised debate, as in professional wrestling, there's more primping for the cameras than actual combat. Rather than challenging each other, they instead went after someone who wasn't there - President Obama.

It's hard to resist tuning in to see someone who's down with legalizing gay marriage, marijuana and prostitution, like Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX), share the stage with those courting the Tea Party. Rep. Paul deftly engineered a telling expose of his opponents' knowledge of foreign affairs, when he mentioned the border between Iraq and Afghanistan. Nobody on stage seemed aware there is no border between Iraq and Afghanistan.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) opened things up by declaring Pres. Obama "has put a stop sign on oil drilling." According to the Dept. of Energy, domestic production is now up over 5.5 million barrels a day - the highest it's been since 2003, with analysts saying we're on track to increase production 25% over the next five years.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich described the administration as "anti-jobs." Last month's report from the Congressional Budget Office states the stimulus bill, which Republicans unanimously opposed, added between 1.2 million and 3.3 million jobs in the first quarter of this year, and the unemployment rate would've been 0.6 to 1.8 points higher without it.

Former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney charged Pres. Obama with having made the recession "worse, and longer." The National Bureau of Economic Research declared the recession ended in June of 2009 - six months after the president took office. Romney was unable to square the successful rescue and revival of U.S. auto manufacturing with his prior warning that with government intervention, "you can kiss the American automotive industry goodbye," and his advice a couple years ago to "let Detroit go bankrupt."

Romney pledged to repeal the Affordable Care Act, though a main feature, the requirement to purchase coverage or pay a tax penalty, was also central to his plan in Massachusetts. A differ-

ence, he pointed out, was that his state didn't have to raise taxes to pay for it. They didn't - while he was governor, but did after he left office in 2007.

He also promised to issue an executive order granting waivers to all 50 states allowing them to opt out of the ACA. That would be a tough promise to keep, since only Congress could grant them.

Neither Gingrich nor former Minn. Gov. Tim Pawlenty had much to say about their own prior support for individual mandates as a component of healthcare reform.

Pawlenty and Ron Paul both fret that Medicare is not currently solvent. Perhaps they could put their minds at ease by consulting the recent Trustees' Report, which states the plan as it is now is fine through 2024, and thereafter could cover 90% of its obligations.

Romney and Gingrich took off with the issue of privatization. To the residents of Joplin and throughout the storm-ravaged Mid-West, Romney suggested we turn the work of FEMA over to private contractors who can make a buck off the suffering. Gingrich wants to do away with NASA so we can have a "space program that works." Too bad about those moon landings that didn't work.

Herman Cain allows that government has a role to play in food safety, but urges the privatization of Social Security because "It's going to be our grandkids in that wheelchair they're throwing off the bridge." He says he wouldn't want Muslims who "are trying to kill us" serve in his administration. (I don't think I would, either.)

Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) claims, "The CBO has said that Obamacare will kill 800,000 jobs." The estimate she referred to was that the one-half of one-percent of the workforce which holds jobs solely to maintain health coverage, for instance the 63-year-old who would've retired if not for having to wait two years to qualify for Medicare, might choose to leave that job and instead spend time with grandkids if there was coverage available under the Affordable Care Act.

Along with misunderstanding CBO findings, Bachmann seems confused by the concept of Constitutional supremacy. She promises not to "interfere with ... state laws" on gay marriage. She also supports a Constitutional amendment to ban it. But regardless of such an amendment, she "would not be going into the states to overturn their state law." The Constitution, apparently, is there to provide optional guidelines.

Cain and Pawlenty both share Bachmann's dismissal of the Constitution as being essentially non-binding. Asked whether he agreed all those born in the United States are citizens, as made clear in the Fourteenth Amendment, Cain responded, "I don't think so." Pawlenty claimed it was all the work of "liberal judges."

Nobody came forward to challenge such a casual attitude towards the document they'd take an oath to "preserve, protect and defend."

The loudest applause came when Romney announced the Bruins led 4-0 in the Stanley Cup play-offs. Notwithstanding the skill and strategy of hockey, those who tune in mostly want to see the players go and have at each other.

The Healthcare Plan You Can't Keep

There's a great line in an old classic film about the realities of life which reminds me a lot of what we're facing with Obamacare. In the movie, The Paper Chase, Charles Kingsfield, who is one of Harvard Law School's most respected and feared professors, tells his assembled first year students, "look to the right of you; look to the left of you; by the end of this year, one of you won't be here." The resulting fear and panic is exactly what the professor wants and what the students need to convince them of the seriousness of what lies ahead. It's too bad Professor Kingsfield wasn't around to warn us all about Obamacare before it was voted in, because we've got about the same odds of keeping our healthcare plans as the students had of surviving their first year.

What largely escaped the gaze and notice of the mainstream press last week was the publication of a major McKinsey & Company study which concluded that upwards of 80 million Americans will lose their healthcare plans and be forced into the government's program as Obamacare is phased in. That of course directly contradicts the president's solemn promise that "if you like your healthcare plan, you can keep your healthcare plan." If this were just one study, we might be justified in questioning the conclusion; after all, 80 million out of a total American population of 300 million is a whopping 26%. Unfortunately for the administration, it may well be that McKinsey & Company was actually taking it easy on Obama.

It turns out the McKinsey report is at least the fourth study which has documented and predicted staggering losses of coverage. In June of last year, the National Center for Policy Analysis concluded that employers would be forced to drop healthcare coverage on 87 to 117 million Americans because of Obamacare. That pushes the percentage up to 39%. The other studies have all verified similar amounts and cited the same cause and effect.

It's really a matter of simple economics - even simple math. In 2010, the average annual premium for a single worker was \$5,049, and the employer typically picked up \$4,150 of the cost. The average annual premium for a worker and his family was \$13,770, and the employer picked up \$9,773 of that. Under Obamacare, the amount of coverage is actually being increased, due to all the mandated procedures that have been thrown in, which will drive costs up. At the same time, Obamacare charges companies who drop coverage only \$2,000 per worker. It really doesn't take a rocket scientist or Nobel prize winning economist to figure out what decision will be made by companies facing a tough economy, tough market, or tough set of competitors who have the option of paying \$2,000 per worker (if they drop health-

care insurance) or somewhere between \$4,150 and \$9,773 per worker (if they offer healthcare insurance). They're going to drop the coverage. You could even make a valid argument that companies in a good economy and market segment will still opt to save the money which they can use for additional product development and expansion.

The insidious nature of Obamacare is that it is both increasing the cost of medical coverage and driving more people into what will be second-rate, government run insurance policies. Some commentators have argued that this is precisely the goal of the left, that they want Americans to have essentially equal coverage, and the best way to accomplish that is to force everyone into the same policy. We may never know the truth of their motives, but it's pretty easy to figure out the truth in the projected results.

Sadly, the devastation doesn't just stop with the degradation of healthcare coverage for 1/3rd of our population. Obamacare will cause a fiscal disaster which will make the current budget troubles look like a proverbial stroll in the park. At the time of its passage, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that Obamacare would cost the taxpayers \$511 billion if 24 million people were pushed into the government plan. That means we're really looking at somewhere between \$1.7 trillion (if "only" 80 million Americans lose traditional coverage) to \$2.4 trillion (if upwards of 117 million do). The U.S. has a \$1 trillion dollar deficit now, and there is serious talk of our losing our credit rating and defaulting on our obligations. What in the world do we think will happen if that budget deficit gets pushed up by another trillion or two? The affect on the economy and employment will be devastating.

Perhaps in the final analysis, we're all going to wish that Professor Kingsfield was right. If we walk out our front doors, look to our neighbors on the right and on the left and find that only 1/3rd of them have lost their healthcare coverage or their jobs, we'll consider it a good thing in comparison. Then again, maybe we can all just admit what a disaster Obamacare is proving to be, repeal the whole thing and start all over again.

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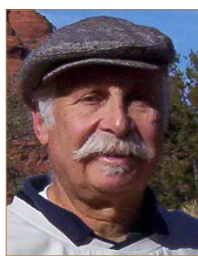
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE WORLD TRAVEL WITHOUT THE AIRPORT WAIT



For much of the last fifteen years my wife and I have travelled the world without ever leaving the immediate area. This mode of travel is, in relative terms, remarkably inexpensive and comfortable and convenient. What we do is go out to dinner almost every night. Yes, we are subjected to criticism by misunderstanding friends and relatives who feel we are being indulgent and extravagant in addition to being reckless about the food we place into our mouths. After all you never know how much salt is being used in the soup and those sauces may hide evils of which we are unaware.

These criticisms, although well-intended, miss the mark. For me a visit to a restaurant is a great opportunity for higher education. I absolutely love talking to the service personnel and learning about their hopes and dreams, their values, and their lives. Now the kind of restaurants we go to are pretty low-end and the service people are generally pretty young and engaged in other careers in addition to their work as servers and hostesses. At higher end restaurants the process fails because for some reason there is no access to the actual persons within the uniforms. Higher

end restaurant personnel are generally shielded by charm, efficiency, professionalism, and often don't take the time to talk to their customers because they are more focused on what they take to be their real job, which is earning a big tip, I guess.

Maybe the problem is not with the personnel but rather is with me. A couple of weeks ago my wife and I ate at Elements, a classy restaurant in the Pasadena Playhouse District. The waiter who served us was a wonderfully attractive person, as were all of the other employees in the restaurant. A short conversation with the waiter revealed that he had earned a PhD in Philosophy from an Ivy League College and had better things to do than to share his life-story with the likes of me. Perhaps I do not feel comfortable talking to someone who is undoubtedly more educated and more accomplished than I know myself to be. Yes I admit it; I am happier when the server is still engaged as a student, or has recently left the parent's home and is in the process of building a new life. It feels like we are being of service when my wife and I can make suggestions as to particular Schools or classes that might be of assistance.

We love talking to servers who have recently immigrated to this country. Often these trips across the sea were taken at great personal risk in the hope of constructing a better life. Talking to service

personnel has revealed to us the horrors of the wars and oppression existing around the world. Several times waiters and waitresses have broken down in tears as they described the Death Squads and the actual killings they observed in their Countries of origin. Really though, these kinds of stories are the exception. More typical is a conversation with a waiter like the one which occurred last night at the Delhi Palace on Colorado east of the density and expense of Old Town Pasadena.

My wife and I enjoy this restaurant for many reasons. It is never too crowded, it has been attractively reconfigured, the food is wonderful, and many of the employees have been there for a long time and recognize us. The employees come from all over the Indian Sub-Continent and represent many different classes. The manager is a Brahmin; the waiters are from Sri Lanka and India. Their religions differ, as some of the staff is Hindu, some are Tamils, and some are Christians. I have learned the history of the migration patterns of the Peoples of India and have had the opportunity to discuss the experience of the tsunamis with people who were actually there.

Yesterday's conversation was especially wonderful. Our young server was a wonderfully handsome young man who, in fact, does work as a model. His real passion though is scientific technology and

he is in College studying to be an Engineer. He reviewed for us the success of different companies and described the operation of Hyundai Motor Company with great reverence. He described many different alternative vehicles utilizing fuel sources other than petroleum and I felt like I was really learning something. Did you know that in India vehicles are being developed which utilize compressed air as a fuel source? I did not.

Even more exciting than the scientific descriptions was the young man's attitude toward his life and toward the future. He attends Cal State LA and explained that the engineering Department there was among the top fifty in the nation. He talked of his professors and glowed with pride when describing their achievements. He spoke of this present world as being in transition and therefore as a time of opportunity for anyone who is willing to work hard and learn. Really speaking to him was an exciting adventure and cost no more than the price of dinner and a generous tip.

So, this week's message is to be positive, stay current on scientific advances, and above all allow yourself to enjoy other people. Maybe I ought to give Elements another try.

RICH Johnson



A Computer Alternative

Someone recently asked why I had not been spotted commenting on John Crawford's blog. Fact is I do comment from time to time. My comments don't often see the light of day as the editor apparently cannot handle dissent.

My last submission supported the blog in that it provides another viewpoint on issues of interest to Sierra Madreans. Whether he is ever right or wrong is immaterial. If it gets you involved in the process of being a citizen it is important. However, I did point out that I wished the people who commented on his blog would write in such a way that they wouldn't mind their kids reading their posts. Some of those people write hate-filled venomous comments. Therefore, my post never saw the light of day as Mr. Crawford apparently cannot handle anything but sychophantic praise.

Personal note to the editor of Crawford's Blog. The difference between Susan Henderson and you is Ms. Henderson will print this column. She may not be happy about it, but she will print it. I call that class and journalistic integrity. (Don't be surprised if Herr Crawford takes a shot at me on his blog. If he does, I'll consider reposting it here so you can see him in all his glory.) And remember, I supported him in my comments.

So, who says I can't be serious? On a technical note I am considering trading in my computer for an Etch-A Sketch. Why? I recently came across the FAQ (frequently asked questions) and answers section at the Etch-A-Sketch Help Desk:

Q: My Etch-A-Sketch has all these funny little lines all over the screen. What do I do? A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I turn my Etch-A-Sketch off? A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: Is there a shortcut for Undo? A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I create a new document window? A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I reboot my Etch-A-Sketch? A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I delete a document on my Etch-A-Sketch off? A: Pick it up and shake it.

Q: How do I save my Etch-A-Sketch document? A: Don't shake it.



Curbing Bad Behavior: Jimmie Lee Solomon

by Ron Carter

League Baseball, is on an important mission and when he's finished, there'll be baseball programs in every urban American city where there is a Major League Baseball team. In the 1940s, 50s, 60s and early 70s, Baseball, Boxing and Horse Racing were the main sports in the United States of America. Flash forward and today Baseball is not as popular as Basketball and Football. Though both Boxing and Horse Racing are still popular, they now have niche audiences. In the late 1970s, Baseball peaked in urban American cities at 27%. Today, it stands at 8.5%. After speaking with Mr. Solomon, I was able to discern a few reasons why many urban teenagers migrated to the other

two sports (basketball and football).

To play baseball several elements must be in place. A large green space is required to conduct the game, adequate coaching is paramount to be successful and the collection of skills (fielding, throwing and batting) which is required to become a good baseball player usually is taught at an early age by a male member of a teenager's household. Conversely, in the late 1970s, a large number of urban households were beginning to be headed by single women which portend an issue with their young sons correctly learning to play the game of baseball. In basketball and football most of the successful professional players are athletic. In baseball one can be marginally athletic and still be successful as long as one mastered the collection of skills.

As Solomon, a Harvard University Law School Graduate, prepares to send a team of teenagers to Japan to play baseball in the

"Friendship Series," he reflects on the success that the first Urban Youth Academy in Compton, California is having on the teenagers living there. These teenagers chose, because of the Urban Youth Academy, to become American Ambassadors instead of being enamored with all the bad behavior that is sometimes present in urban cities. He intimated that because of the academies, the teenagers now have many options such as attending colleges, pursuing a vocation as a baseball executive, employment as a groundskeeper, becoming a baseball player or an umpire.

The Major League Baseball's Urban Youth Academy is expanding. There is a second successful academy in Houston, Texas and ground breaking is about to occur on a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania site. A contract is about to be signed for a fourth academy in Miami, Florida and a Guabo, Puerto Rico academy is up and running. Major League Baseball is also the financial backers behind a YMCA baseball academy in Atlanta, Georgia and they support a Washington National Foundation baseball academy in Washington D.C. After six years of operating the Compton, California acad-

emy, 25 teenagers have been drafted, over 150 teenagers have been given some sort of college scholarship and about 25 teenagers have been recruited to the minor league as umpires.

Solomon is proud of the 2,500 teenagers who yearly enter the Urban Youth Academy. He remarked that the teenagers matriculate from the program learning to respect authority, they're also much better able to envision making intelligent choices for their lives and they learn invaluable skills from the baseball instructions Solomon and his team are teaching them.

Solomon's credo is if a canoe is sailing on water and has a "hole on one side" and that hole is not "fixed" the canoe will sink, because eventually the water will submerge the canoe. I trust that Solomon's trailblazing methods and altruistic outreach through the Urban Youth Academy will result in a change of behavior in urban communities, so when parents are deciding which sport to have their teenagers participate in they'll highly consider baseball. After all, Baseball for a very long time was the United States of America's pastime and main sport.

REV James L. Snyder



A FATHER'S WORK IS NEVER DONE, EITHER

There is an old saying that to my knowledge nobody has ever taken credit. "A man works from sun up to sun down. A mother's work is never done." If I had said that, I would not want any credit for it either.

Why this anonymous person compares a man with the mother is certainly information that is above my pay scale. It is almost like comparing apples with horses. I like apples and I enjoy riding a horse occasionally, but they sure do not have anything else in common.

Right up front I will say that I honor and revere motherhood. As good old Abe Lincoln said, "All I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my mother." I think that is a rather nice way of saying how much he appreciated his mother. But, if you will permit me, I think good old "honest Abe" exaggerated just a wee bit on this point.

While I believe mothers have a very important role in the bringing up of children, it does not preclude the influence of the father. After all, most mothers will say to their children, "Wait until your father gets home!" Even mothers know that they cannot handle it all by themselves.

And while I will also give way to the point that mothers have a lot of work to do and it never seems to get done, such is the case with fathers as well. There never seems to be enough time to get everything done.

Take for example, the father's job of mowing the grass. That job never gets done. If the father has a wee streak of ambition about him, gets up Saturday morning and goes to the garage and prepares the lawnmower to mow he knows very well that he will never get done mowing the grass.

If perchance he gets the lawn mowed on any given Saturday, he knows, come next Saturday, if not before, the grass will need mowing again... And again... And again. An endless chore that never seems to get finished.

Of course, there is a positive side to this routine. When the mother of the household gets up on a Saturday morning and says to the father, "Honey..." [Every father knows that when he is being addressed as "Honey," there will follow a "to-do-list."] When the mother of the house tells the father of the house what needs done that day he can simply smile and say, "Honey..." [Every mother knows that when she is being addressed as "Honey," there will follow a very good reason why he will not be able to do her "to-do-list."]

"Honey, I would love to do all of that for you today, really, but the backyard needs to be mowed." And with a smile that stretches from Saturday to Saturday, he slowly sashays out to the garage and prepares the lawnmower for a day of mowing the grass.

Oh yes, a father's work is never done.

Then there is the matter of the father's paycheck. On payday when the father of the household receives his paycheck, his heart is filled with jubilation, that is, until he gets home. When he gets home the mother of the household and all of the children standing behind her have their hands out for their share of his paycheck

He looks at his family with a great deal of pride as he counts out, dollar-by-dollar, his hard earned paycheck. He had been harboring some hope that he would go bowling with his buddies this week, but by the time he does out the weekly allowances he finds himself completely doled out. His only consolation is that next payday he will get another paycheck.

Oh yes, a father's work is never done.

Let us not forget vacation time. All year long, the father of the household works very hard at his job anticipating that weeklong vacation. He dreams about setting on the beach with his only agenda being nothing, an entire week of relaxation and exploiting the vigor of nothingness. It is the dream that energizes him all year long.

Finally, the week comes that nobody is more excited than the father of the household.

"All right, family," the father says, "let's all head for the beach."

"Aw, dad" the tribe of his household says, "we want to go to Disney World."

"Whose world?" the father sighs.

After the family votes on where they will go for their week's vacation the father of the household, although he will be funding the entire week, is outvoted 99 to 1. "Oh well," he groans as he packs the car for Disney World, "there's always next year."

Oh yes, a father's work is never done.

Only one exception exists for this rule. That is our heavenly father. His work is finished in Jesus Christ. "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world" (Hebrews 4:1-3 KJV).

Hallelujah, His work is done.

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund

Asteroids May Have Brought Us Life's Ingredients

Some asteroids may have been like “molecular factories”, cranking out life's ingredients and shipping them to Earth via meteorite impacts, according to scientists who've made discoveries of molecules essential for life in material from certain kinds of asteroids and comets.

In January 2000, a large meteoroid exploded in the atmosphere over northern British Columbia, Canada, and rained fragments across the frozen surface of Tagish Lake. Because many people witnessed the fireball, pieces were collected within days and kept preserved in their frozen state. This ensured that there was very little contamination from terrestrial life.

“The Tagish Lake meteorite fell on a frozen lake in the middle of winter and was collected in a way to make it the best preserved meteorite in the world,” said Dr. Christopher Herd of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, lead author of a paper about the analysis of the meteorite fragments published June 10 in the journal Science.

“The first Tagish Lake samples—the ones we used in our study that were collected within days

of the fall—are the closest we have to an asteroid sample return mission in terms of cleanliness,” adds Dr. Michael Callahan of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., a co-author on the paper.

The Tagish Lake meteorites are rich in carbon and, like other meteorites of this type, the team discovered that the fragments contained an assortment of organic matter including amino acids—the building blocks of proteins. Proteins are used by life to build structures like hair and nails, and to speed up or regulate chemical reactions. What's new is that the team found different pieces from the exploding meteoroid had greatly differing amounts of amino acids.

“We see that some pieces have 10 to 100 times the amount of specific amino acids than other pieces,” said Dr. Daniel Glavin of NASA Goddard, also a co-author on the Science paper. “We've never seen this kind of variability from a single parent asteroid before. Only one other meteorite fall, called Almahata Sitta, matches Tagish Lake in terms of diversity, but it came from an asteroid



A Tagish Lake meteorite fragment, refrigerated at minus 10 degrees Celsius.

that appears to be a mash-up of many different asteroids.”

By identifying the different minerals present in each fragment, the team was able to see how much each had been altered by water. They found that various fragments had been exposed to different amounts of water, and suggest that water alteration may account for the diversity in amino acid production.

“Our research provides new insights into the role that water plays in the modification of pre-biotic molecules on asteroids,” said Herd. “Our results provide perhaps the first clear evidence that water percolating through the asteroid parent body caused some molecules to be formed and others destroyed. The Tagish Lake meteorite provides a unique window into what was happening to organic molecules on asteroids four-and-a-half billion years ago, and the pre-biotic chemistry involved.”

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b.eklund@Mtn-ViewsNews.com.



Ask jai.....

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

My daughter will graduate from college in two years with a Bachelor Degree in Marketing. My concern is that she is going to have a hard time finding a marketing job. I keep encouraging her to find an internship or part-time job while she is in college. She says that her Marketing Degree is all she will need to get a job after graduation. I am afraid that is just what will happen she will get “a job”. I support my daughter financially and emotionally to get a degree that will eventually lead to a rewarding career. I emphasize career not “a job”. How can I impress on her how important it is to get work experience before she graduates from college? What type of advice would you give her? Concerned Mother

Dear Concerned Mother

You and your daughter are putting in a lot of time, energy and money over a four year period for her to only eventually just get “a job”. It appears to me that your daughter is not focusing on her future or career aspirations. This is normal for students in their junior year of college. However, this is the right time for her to focus on her future employment and develop a career plan. What is her long-term career path, objective and goal? Marketing Degrees are very diverse in their areas of career focus and paths. I would suggest that you encourage your daughter to find out (or decide) what area (or areas) of marketing she is interested in pursuing.

Student internships, summer and part-time jobs, and volunteer experience are very important in the hiring decision making process today. Employers seek out college students and graduates who have career-related experience as an intern, volunteer, summer or part-time employee that matches with their requirements and qualifications.

Express to your daughter that participating in career related activities or employment during college is an excellent way to explore her chosen career path and passion. I suggest that your daughter visits her college career center and make an appointment with a career advisor. The center will have information and job descriptions from employers about internships, jobs and volunteer positions. The advisor will assist her in designing a career development plan based on her course of study, area of interest, career goal and objective. The career center advisor will also assist her in acquiring work-related experience that will eventually be vital to her in securing employment in her chosen field of study.

Employers make their final decision about which student or graduate to hire based on the student's commitment to their career goals, and that could be reflected in the student's experiences and skills acquired in their internships, part-time jobs and volunteer activities. Pre-graduation work experience can separate those who get hired and those who do not. Continue to encourage your daughter to include work experience either on-campus or off-campus to her educational experience. Career driven knowledge, experience and focus will make it easier for her to find gratifying employment before or after graduation.



Happy Tails

by **Chris Leclerc**.
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Summertime Fun, Naturally!

I remember as a kid I used to get so excited when I knew school would soon be out for summer. Anticipating all the fun activities I might have a chance to participate in, and knowing I would not have to sit still in a classroom for hours on end, five days a week was more than a little bit of heaven in my mind. Back then (and, there's no need to mention how long ago that was, right?) there were some pretty cool activities available for kids to get involved with during the three month reprieve from the classroom, and going off to summer camp was one of them. There were also local day camps for kids to attend, and I always enjoyed it when I got to participate in those. Going fishing with my brother was another favorite summer vacation pastime for me when he could get away, and spending time at the barn with my pony was a given, but I don't remember there being anything quite as cool as what they now call summer nature camp! Although, I must admit I was fortunate enough to have had a home environment that lent itself very much to teaching me about animals and nature, so I guess I didn't miss out on too much as a child.

One thing that was different back in my day, was the fact that there was no such thing as playing video games or chatting on the internet. We had a 14 inch television with 3 or 4 channels, most of which broadcasted daytime soap operas and silly talk shows, which was simply not enough to keep me interested in sitting inside and being lazy. Nowadays, with such advanced technology, it seems to take a lot more to gain the interest of a young mind, and there are so many things that can distract today's youth from wanting to be outdoors, enjoying nature. However, above and beyond the draw of so many tech toys at our kids' fingertips, children who live in our “neck of the woods” definitely have it “going on” as far

as outdoor summertime fun! We have some of the best mountain trails in California, right here in our back yard, along with several big parks and recreation centers fully equipped with swimming pools & baseball fields, and last but certainly not least, there are three nationally renowned nature & garden reserves within only a few miles from home, including The Huntington Library in Pasadena, the Descanso Gardens in La Cañada Flintridge and more locally, the L.A.County Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Arcadia. Very few communities can boast such a charming treasure trove of reserved open space and gorgeous gardens, and what more wonderful way could there be to introduce our youngsters to the bounties of nature that surrounds us!

The L.A. Arboretum and Botanic Gardens offers a wide variety of summertime activities for kids who want to learn about animals and nature. Even if these are not on the top of the list in terms of topics that interest your kids, you might be surprised at how their level of interest will be piqued simply by visiting the Arboretum and seeing the outrageous birds, plants and water features located on that prime piece of preserved property! The L.A. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens has a wide variety of activities and learning experiences available for families and kids of all ages. For example, an adventure hike provides the perfect opportunity to learn about the many wild creatures who make The Arboretum their home. Among the many other summer nature camp activities at the Arboretum are planting seedlings, playing nature games and making crafts and beautiful works of art. Summer nature camp offers a full schedule of various activities that are bound to inspire a child to appreciate nature and the wild animals who inhabit nature's open spaces. The nature camp schedule at the Arboretum continues throughout the summer months, with week long sessions as well as holiday and weekend short term sessions. For more information about Summer Nature Camp at the Arboretum, contact youth activity coordinator Ted Tegart via e-mail at: ted.tegart@arboretum.org, or call him at 626-821-5897, or to register call 626-821-4623.



A few months ago a serious case of malware infection managed to do what the combined diplomatic efforts of the United Nations and several advanced militaries of the world were collectively unable to do. It also managed to do what billions of dollars in sanctions and being made a pariah in the eyes of the world wasn't able to do either and it managed to do what the threat of certain war could not do. It managed to shut down (or at least slow down) the so-called Iranian Nuclear Program. No bombs were dropped and no lives were lost during the mission, accomplished its goals and just may have created a new model for future action. This new chapter in cyber warfare should give anyone who's thought about the implications that this will have on our modern world real reason to pause.

The star of this particular show was the Stuxnet worm. First discovered sometime last this year, this particular worm appears to have been written to target the functioning of critical industrial infrastructure (i.e., power stations, electrical grids, manufacturing machinery) and specifically the industrial machinery used in the uranium enrichment process.

Early analysis shows that this worm appears to have been written with specific industrial targets in mind. This worm contains code that spies on and re-programs industrial systems and also is the first to include a logic module that can be programmed to attack specific system models and affect the operation of crucial system functions. Despite all of the worms' technical sophistication it still needs a certain amount of human help in order to accomplish its goals. Target systems are usually infected via USB memory sticks and then mechanisms internal to the worm assist with navigation around the compromised network. This is really scary stuff. In this case the target just happened to be one highly unpopular with a certain segment of the international community and the cause appears to be one that “everyone” wants done. On the surface, there appear to be many reasons why what happened could be considered a good thing but if we continue reading just a little further on this page we eventually come to the point where we have to ask ourselves what happens if and when “we” become the unpopular target of this new type of cyber-attack. The effect of a major power outage days in length or a scrambling of our air traffic control systems have the potential to bring our way of life to a screeching halt and even if the disruption is short in duration, the loss of life or damage to critical infrastructure could have consequences that last far beyond the point of contact. Analysts are certain that this worm was created with nation-state support and was traded on the Internet for months before the actual attack occurred that damaged the Iranian nuclear facilities. Now that the next new thing in cyber warfare has made this spectacular debut it will undoubtedly be looking to make an even bigger splash the next time around.

KATIE Tse.....This and That ADVENTURES IN NARCISSISM



I've been taking a few “professional development” online courses for my job lately. While learning for learning's sake is great and all, I must admit my motivation is purely monetary. Now you might expect that the courses I have to choose from would have something remotely relating to my job description – but no. Some of the more colorful choices are “Girl Gangs,” and “Textile Throughout History.” So you'll understand how I just couldn't pass up something as promising as “I AM The Center of the Universe! Unwrapping Narcissism.”

The books I read for my first few classes were somewhat interesting. I learned how professionals use reverse psychology to negotiate bargains. If this actually works I'll let you know. However, this most recent text, addressing narcissism, has turned me into a convert! You, too, can purchase “The Narcissism Epidemic: Living in the Age of Entitlement” by Jean M. Twenge and W. Keith Campbell, both Ph.D's, for \$9.18 on Amazon. Truly, it is worth every cent to read this refreshingly frank critique of the rampant self-absorption in modern America.

Other highlights of the book include ways in which modern parents foster narcissistic tendencies in their children. Kids' clothes spelling things like “Princess” in rhinestones always annoyed me, but now these wonderful authors have given me validation. They also openly criticize the trend toward weird - I mean “unique”-names for children. Of course, celebrities have perpetuated this by naming their offspring things like Apple, Suri, and Sage Moonblood. And if parents do give their child a traditional name, why must they mess around with the spelling? I've always thought I had a pretty common name. So it kind of surprises me when people ask how to spell it. I've received notes addressing me as Kayte, or sometimes Kaity. I had no idea I was so exotic! Although the authors didn't emphasize it, I'd like to know why some parents give their kids extra surnames like Peyton and Baxter. Are they planning to open a law firm together?

Another fun gripe in the book is against social networks such as Facebook. I'm sure many people use these sites to responsibly share wholesome photos and messages with a select group of friends, but many more make it a vehicle for projecting an inflated version of themselves to the world. I ran into an old classmate a while ago who mentioned, incredibly, that she had looked for me on Facebook, but didn't find me! Yes, that's because I'm not on it. All the people who I would want to find me have already found me, without the intervention of Facebook.

I haven't finished the “The Narcissism Epidemic” yet (I'm savoring it), but the last chapter I read was aimed at tweeters and bloggers. The authors stated that a number of these people think their moment-by-moment thoughts and experiences are insightful enough to be globally broadcasted. Hmm... I hope they don't lump humble contributors to local newspapers into this category. Just for the record, I am not an expert on anything, and if you want to name your kid Plum Blossom and dress him in an ermine robe that's fine with me.

*I have so much to thank my parents for – the least of which being that they didn't name me Apple or Suri! So here's a great, big shout out to the John Hopkins! Happy Father's Day, with all my love!

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

We'd like to hear from you!

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

Holmes-Rahe Life Stress Inventory



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.

It's customary in our office to take a personal history with any physical exam which may be pertinent to the patient's complaint. Often, a person may be at a loss to describe whether there has been a prior injury that could contribute to the present symptoms, but during the physical exam such a memory may bubble up. As an example, a person treating for low back pain might report that the pain "just came out of the blue." While checking leg length status, it may become clear that one foot is severely pronated; when asked about any ankle injuries, a history of severe strain or fracture from years before may be recalled. The idea that something from the long ago can contribute to present symptoms is foreign to many of us.

Life Stress

The same is true of changes that occur in our personal lives, not only in the form of prior accidents and traumas, but also as challenges such as a spouse's death or a child leaving home. The Holmes-Rahe Scale (celebratingourjourney.com) is an indicator that allows us to measure

the amount of stress to which we have been exposed over a two to three year period. Starting with the death of a spouse (100 units) and ending with a minor violation of the law (11 units), the survey lists 43 situations that impact our lives. If the stresses have been severe or long standing enough, the accumulated demand can predict whether the individual is a candidate for the development of serious illness. If the score exceeds 300, the probability of having a health crisis in the next two or three years is significant.

What to Do About It

The idea that stress is accumulative is not new; however, realizing that we have been through more than we've been aware of can come as a surprise. Sure, the loss of a spouse is an obvious life changing challenge, but if it is combined with the changing of one's environment, another close friend passing away, and retirement, we can begin to see that we are in danger of some kind of crisis. In other words, appreciating the idea that life stress can be measured, and in the process of doing so we can see ourselves in a different light, enables us to make powerful choices in supporting ourselves toward recovery. At this point, we can seek the support of health care providers who are familiar with stress reduction and trauma recovery.

Have a healthy week! Dr. John

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HOW TO PICK A NURSING HOME

Dear Savvy Senior,
 Can you give me some tips on picking a good nursing home for my 82-year-old father? He had a stroke last year and has been receiving care at home but it's become too much to handle.
 Overwhelmed Daughter

Dear Overwhelmed,
 Choosing a nursing home for a loved one that provides quality care is an important and difficult decision that requires some homework. Here are some steps that can help you find a good nursing home and avoid a bad one.

Make a List: Start by contacting your Area Agency on Aging for a list of local nursing home facilities. Ideally, the facilities should be close to family members and friends who can visit often. Residents with frequent visitors usually get better care. The national Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116 or www.eldercare.gov) can direct you to your local aging agency.

Do Some Research: Every year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services collect data on more than 15,000 nursing homes throughout the country. Health inspection data, staffing and quality measures are combined to come up with an overall ranking system of one to five stars. To research the nursing homes in your area, go to medicare.gov and click on "Facilities and Doctors," then on "Compare Nursing Homes."

A Word From Social Security:

A HANDSOME GIFT FOR DAD

Father's Day is right around the corner. Perhaps you'll give Dad the usual gift: a necktie, shaving set, leather wallet, or new fishing lure. But there's something he may appreciate even more. People all over the country are helping their dads save nearly \$4,000 a year on the cost of prescription drugs. You can help your dad too — and it won't cost you a dime.

The high cost of prescription medication can be a burden on fathers (or anyone) who have limited income and resources. But there is Extra Help — available through Social Security — that could pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. That Extra Help is worth an average of almost \$4,000 a year.

To figure out whether your father is eligible, Social Security needs to know his income and the value of his savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home he lives in). To qualify for the Extra Help, he must be enrolled in Medicare and have:

- Annual income limited to \$16,335 for an individual or \$22,065 for a married couple living together. Even if his income is higher, he still may be able

Call Your Ombudsman: This is a government official who investigates nursing home complaints and advocates for residents and their families. This person can help you find the latest health inspection reports, which are public information, on specific nursing homes, and can tell you which ones have had complaints or other problems. To find your local ombudsman, call your area aging agency or see ltombudsman.org.

Call the Facilities: Once you've narrowed your search, call the nursing homes you're interested in to find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge, and if they accept Medicaid — most do.

Visit Your Top Choices: Be sure to visit more than once and at different times of the day and different days of the week. While you're there, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Also be sure to taste the food, and talk to the residents and their family members, if available.

Upon arrival, ask for the nursing home administrator or other person of authority to give you a tour. Find out about staff screening (do they do background checks) and training procedures and what percentage of their staff leaves each year. Less than 30 percent annually is considered good. More than 50 percent is a red flag. To help you rate your visit, Medicare offers

a handy checklist at medicare.gov/nursing/checklist.pdf.

Paying for Care

With nursing home costs now averaging nearly \$230 per day nationally, paying for long-term care is another area you may have questions about or need assistance with. Medicare only helps pay up to 100 days of "medically necessary" nursing home care, which must occur after a hospital stay. Most nursing home residents pay from personal money, long-term care

insurance policies or, if they qualify, through Medicaid. Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a good resource for long-term care financial counseling. To find a local SHIP counselor visit ship-talk.org, or call 800-677-1116.

Savvy Tip: For more information, get Medicare's booklet "Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home." To receive a free copy via mail, call 800-633-4227, or you can read it online at medicare.gov/publications/pubs/pdf/02174.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.

You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. Just select the link on the left of the page that says, "Get extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs." To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Of course, the Extra Help is not just for fathers. Anyone who is entitled to Medicare and has limited income and resources may be eligible.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

JUNE/JULY 2011 - MONTHLY ACTIVITIES*

*June 15 - July 15 activities held at the Senior Center. Starting Monday, July 18 all activities will take place at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center during renovation.

Monday: Closed July 4th 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 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 355-5278 for more information

Friday: City Hall Closed on June 17, July 1, 15 & 29
 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. Starting July 16 the Senior Club will meet at the Senior Apartments - 70 Esperanza Ave., Sierra Madre

EXCURSIONS

UPCOMING EXCURSION FRIDAY, JULY 8th PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Join us for this annual trip to Laguna Beach for a wonderful evening performed in a beautiful outdoor theatre. Cost per person is \$48

The bus will leave the Sierra Madre Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., at 4:30 pm, dinner is on your own and you will return to Sierra Madre approximately at 11:30 pm.

To register for the excursion, please visit the Senior Center or go online to www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration.

For more information please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394

SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Exploring Long Beach - Beat the summer heat by spending the day in Long Beach and enjoying lunch on the historic Queen Mary - 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Cost per person is \$44 - this includes deluxe coach transportation, driver's tip, exploring Long Beach and lunch on the Queen Mary.

Reservation for this excursion will open on June 30th either by visiting the Recreation Center in person or going online at

www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

Next class: June 28th & 29th - 9 am to 1 pm both days

\$12 for AARP Members & \$14 for Non-members

Please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394 to register in advance (10 person minimum for class to run) or for more information.

Recipe of the Week:

"The Bomb" Burgers

INGREDIENTS:

2-1/2 lbs. lean burger (lean makes for less shrinkage)
 1 pkg. onion soup mix (dry)
 Salt, to taste
 Pepper, to taste
 Cajun seasoning, to taste
 Seasoned salt, to taste
 1/2 cup beer

DIRECTIONS:

Split the beef in half. This makes it easier to mix. Mix in 1/2 the dry soup mix. Make sure you shake the pack a little before you open it so you don't get all onions in first half and bouillon in second half. Mix in the the cajun and seasoned salt at this time. When seasonings are all mixed, add 1/4 cup of beer to each half. Next make your patties. Cook on a very low temp. Use your thumb to push a hole in the middle of the burger. (This will help it not shrink too bad and cook more even.) Add salt and pepper as desired.

June Birthdays



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



Meals-On-Wheels

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

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

Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 for more information.

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Join the Senior Community Commission at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House / Senior Center for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation
 Call (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
 Sierra Madre City Hall
 Hart Park House / Senior Center
 Sierra Madre Library



SPONSOR BINGO PRIZE

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

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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people whoe create them.* Story By Chris Bertrand Photos cilly, ourtesy of Terra Bella

One of the 1996 “Jameson Legacies Estates” is Listed First time on the market since it was built



The landmark Jameson estate, built by the Baker Shoe empire family in 1908, was originally set on many acres of former vineyard land fronting Highland Avenue in northwest Sierra Madre. Originally named in Scottish as Glen Cairn, or Valley Landmark, the Jameson name associated

with the estate and the environs came only later, with the third owners, the Jamesons of Humboldt County, genteel Southern roots and oil money. (See my 2007 article on the sale of this estate.)

In the 1990's, remaining acreage on the north and east portion of the estate was subdivided, and the lots fronted on the original Highland, adjacent to the estate, on Jameson Court and on Ida May Lane, named for Mr. Jameson's wife, Ida May Smith from Oakland, well known Sierra Madrans at the Congregational Church.

The expanse was divided into quarter to .25-.31 acre lots, and then developed by Costa Real Estate and Development, according to some of the original advertisements in the 1997 Homes and Land Magazine.

That advertisement called attention to details that make the neighborhood so appealing today. The 3620-4525 square foot homes were all architecturally different, and Costa proudly used “authentic architectural styles” building a beautiful Victorian on the corner of Highland, Craftsman, Tudors and Prairie in the enclave.

Today, the original owner of the Tudor masterpiece at 476 Ida May Lane plans to downsize after fifteen years in residence. It's a home one that graced the cover of Homes and Land in 1997, and could be ready for an Architectural Digest photo shoot at a moment's notice, and is particularly known for beautiful settings for the owner's Asian art and artifacts collection.

Out front, a beautiful little historic stone bridge over a water course on the Lucky Baldwin walking trail was preserved, though the water flow must have been redirected long ago. The gurgling brook under the bridge is now a recirculating one controlled from the home.

The arched front door is inset with a stunning leaded glass oak tree silhouette, homage to the mature oaks and other magnificent trees that were integral to creating this neighborhood. Created in un-colored glass, striated with movement, the artisan's work lets ample light into the entry through its striking textural design, yet doesn't take attention away from entering this magnificent home.

Though the 4621 square feet is very generous, with many rooms boasting tall ceilings mimicking the towering pines and oaks outside, each living space feels very intimate and comfortable. A tribute to artful design.



Each area is also carefully used and blended for multiple purposes. The foyer also doubles as a music room, allowing piano music to take advantage of the beautiful acoustics in the two story entry and staircase. A landing upstairs provides an office or children's study space that's open to a mother's ear yet out of the fray and a place where mid-project “mess” doesn't upset the home's general aesthetics.

The gourmet kitchen includes another artisan leaded glass iteration to pour foyer light in while keeping it shuttered from the formal areas, if desired, or open if the mood strikes.

The home offers five bedrooms, with two on the main floor and three upstairs. This is one of the few homes in the area built with a 750 lb. capacity elevator, so those who can't use the stairs needn't cross this two story home off the list. The master suite's soaring, intricate peaked ceilings brings reminiscences of a modern castle, appropriate with its Tudor design. Who wouldn't want to feel royal?

Even the gorgeous slate roofing is special, embedded with copper detail that twinkles in the sunlight and framed with rich patina of aged copper trim.

The back yard feels like a true extension of the

living space, with its heavy timbered, shade arbor, fountain and lush green walls of shrubbery walls, where one can just open the doors and expand the party from inside to outside.

476 Ida May Lane, Sierra Madre, with 4621 square feet of living space, is offered at \$2,100,000 by Shannon J. Miller of Century 21. For more information, contact the agent at 626-833-1414 or visit her website at www.ShannonJMiller.com Photos by Erik Grammer Photography, www.ErikGrammer-Photography.com - 323 928 2241.



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

IF THEY SHOULD ASK

When you tell friends and family you're going to buy or sell a home, and they ask, "Why are you working through a real estate agent when you can just use the internet," how will you respond? Your first answer should be to have a professional handle all the paperwork - disclosure forms, inspection reports, deeds and titles, settlement statements... they'll get the picture.

You could describe your representative's knowledge about the area - schools, zoning, and property values. You want to know that the neighborhood matches your needs, and that your home holds resale value for the future.

Tell them there's more to advertising than websites, and that your agent will more likely find a buyer instead through their relation-

ships with other agents and past and current clients. Not to mention the fact that you don't want complete strangers visiting your home, and you're more comfortable knowing that your representative has screened and qualified all potential buyers.

And once you're on either side of an offer, you trust a professional's ability to negotiate successfully when it comes to terms like price, financing, inspections and repairs, and other contractual commitments.

Your final argument might be that most people may buy or sell a handful of homes in their lifetime, but your agent has been successful hundreds of times, on both sides of the transaction. Case closed!



WHAT DO THESE THREE MEN HAVE IN COMMON?

Sierra Madre, CA June 10, 2011 Actor & Comedian, Rob Schneider, former Prime Minister of England, Winston Churchill and CENTURY 21 VILLAGE real estate agent Simon Tsang all are connected with the home located at 855 Rosalind Road in Pasadena.

Rob Schneider currently owns it, Winston Churchill stayed in it during his visit to California in 1929 and Simon Tsang is currently representing the estate as Schneider's real estate agent. This beautiful French Normandy mansion was designed and built in 1926 by renowned architect Everett P. Bobcock for his own personal residence.

The home serves as a quiet family retreat among the other multi-million dollar homes in the neighborhood. Schneider has lived in the home on and off since 2003 and said that he has really enjoyed it over the years. The amenities consist of four large bedrooms which includes a master suite with a

fire place, four bathrooms, including a sauna, large living room with fireplace and connecting library. Also, off the kitchen there is a maid's or extended family quarters. Within the compound there is a sparkling pool, Koi pond complete with a water fall and a sporty putting green to hone ones putting skills. The two car detached garage is located at the rear of the property with a private drive-way leading from the street. This one of a kind mansion is assessed at 4,690 square feet of living space and sits on a 20,880 square foot lot. Tsang said “this type of property doesn't come around very often and it will be a prized possession for some lucky buyer.” The estate is currently being offered for \$2,450,000.

For more information, contact Simon Tsang at 38 W. Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre or by telephone 626.355.1451 extension 126 or on the internet at www.c21village.com

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billion in FY2001 to \$71.6 billion requested for FY2012. Adjusted for inflation, the United States has spent \$635.9 billion on homeland security since FY2001. Of this \$163.8 billion has been funded within the Pentagon's annual budget. The remaining \$472.1 billion has been funded through other agencies.

Who's minding the store? In the last decade or so there has been a paradigm shift in our national priorities from domestic to defense spending. Is it any wonder that states, local governments and school districts are struggling to make ends meet, or why Social Security, Medicare and other human services are facing cuts?

If you aren't upset about this wasteful, counterproductive use of our tax dollars you should be. The Pentagon is spending our dough like a drunken sailor. And what do we get for it? More wars, more deaths... and more enemies. Isn't it time we use this money more wisely to rebuild our society in ways that benefit the people who pay the bills? Isn't this what other democracies do?

Is our security being best served by putting us all in the poorhouse? Wouldn't it be much better -- and much cheaper -- to get our priorities straight; turn our swords into plowshares; and start minding the store and investing in the future? The clock is ticking folks... the clock is ticking....

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