

Adams' Pack Station - 75 Years Young

For local hikers, campers and cabin owners who frequent the trails at Chantry Flat in Big Santa Anita Canyon, Adams' Pack Station has become known as a treasured historic icon, and after 75 years the pack station has much to celebrate. Having met numerous seemingly insurmountable challenges over the years including forestry road closures, fires and landslides, Adams' Pack Station is still quite alive at 75! Their success did not come easy, however. Without the dedication, hard work and support of people who cared enough to invest themselves in such a labor of love, the pack station may easily have become a thing of the past. Now it is thought to be the last remaining pack station of it's kind in the United States.

During a recent visit to Chantry Flat, I heard the brassy braying of a donkey echoing through the canyon which surprised me because for whatever reason, I assumed that hauling services had been discontinued. When I stopped by the pack station on my way down the hill, I was very pleased to see that it is indeed open, and there is a lot more going on there than there has been in years. I had the pleasure of meeting the current owner, Deb Burgess and she was kind enough to allow me an interview.

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In addition to enjoying the beauty of the area, visitors to the Pack Station can listen to Live Music and partake of Eric's good cooking! Mules such as the one pictured below still provide a valuable service to overnight guests.

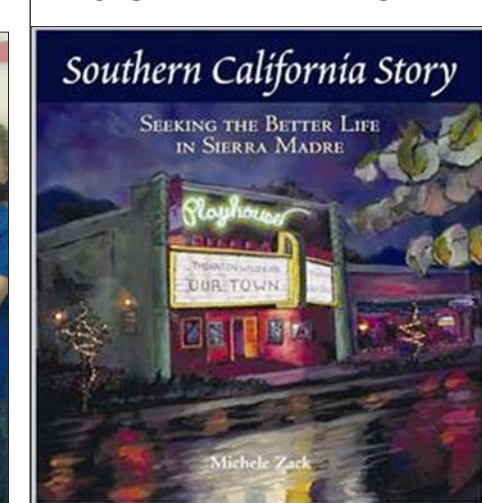


SME's NEWEST AUTHORS



Miss Palmer's 3rd Grade Class at Sierra Madre Elementary School consists of 31 published writers! Full story on Page 9

SIERRA MADRE CENTENNIAL BOOK AND DESIGNER WIN ANOTHER DESIGN AWARD



JPX Media Group of Los Angeles has announced the winners of its 2011 International Book Awards, honoring outstanding books on a global scale, and Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre has won the award for Best Interior Design. Sierra Madre resident Jeff Lapides, designer of the book, was recently notified of the honor. Competitors for these awards ranged from small boutique publishers to large ones such as Random House, Simon and Schuster, A.A. Knopf, and Penguin Books. Over 300 winners and finalists were announced in over 140 categories covering print and audio books. Awards were presented for titles published in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Jeffrey Keen, President and CEO of JPX Media Group, said this year's contest yielded a large number of entries from authors and publishers around the world, which were then narrowed down to the final results. It has just been confirmed that Jeff will also be designing the forthcoming San Marino centennial book being written by local author Elizabeth Pomeroy, which is due to be published in 2012.

Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre, published by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, was written by another local author, Michele Zack.

CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS USER UTILITY TAX AND REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AT TUESDAY MEETING

The Sierra Madre City Council will undertake two controversial issues at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28th.

On the agenda are the final report of the User Utility Tax (UUT) Oversight Committee which recommends that the city increase the UUT to 12% in the fiscal year ending 2012. 'The UUT Oversight Committee was formed to review and make recommendations concerning the audit and appropriate expenditure of the funds collected by the increased UUT'.

The recommendation came from the committee on a vote of 3-2. Kevin Brennan is the Chair of the committee and Larry David is the Vice Chair. Other members of the committee are Jeff Bohn, Tom Denison and Anna Laws.

Also on the agenda is an update/status report of the city's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The assessment is mandated by the state and, through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the state has tried to require all cities to provide low and moderate income housing based upon the regions growth patterns.

For the City of Sierra Madre, the suggested number of new housing units has raised the ire of most residents. On Tuesday, the council will hear an update on the status of what is currently going on with SCAG and where Sierra Madre now stands.

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

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"
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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.

George Maurer Lifetime Service Award

Presented to a person/entity that most strongly represents a commitment to serving and volunteering, which is the true spirit of Sierra Madre.

Wistaria Award

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

Police Chief's Special Award

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

Public Safety Award

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

Public Service Award

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

Community Youth Service Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, July 2nd

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMORIAL PARK FESTIVITIES, 12NOON

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

Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre Invites You To Join Us For Lunch:

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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.

SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

A Word From Kim Clymer-Kelley

PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE TOO

Anyone who has read even a few words of what I have written here in this paper over the years has probably been made aware of the fact that I am a lover of nature and a strong advocate of the environment. I spend several hours everyday reading articles about the atrocities that are being perpetrated on our natural world and respond by joining like-minded people and signing online petitions and emailing my representatives on various issues. It is important to let them know that their constituents care about such things and it is our hope that in doing so, we might wrangle a little power away from the other forces that seem to have a stranglehold on our elected voices and persuade them to do what is right for the environment and thus for the people of this planet.

As most people in this world are aware, we are living in a time where it has become clear that unless we begin to live in a more sustainable way, there will be nothing left for our future generations. There will not be enough resources left on our planet to support human life, or much else in the way of life if we do not change our priorities and learn to live as part of nature instead viewing ourselves as supreme over it. We cannot continue in the belief that we have the right to take from our environment anything we want, and do with it as we please. While the problems we have created seem to be insurmountable, and the amount of work that needs to be done seems so vast that it could not be accomplished in our lifetime, it may not be as impossible as it seems. We underestimate ourselves. We have the ability to reverse the trend and begin reparations at a very remarkable rate if we choose to do so. We have accomplished such impressive tasks in the past when we mobilized to get ourselves out of the great depression and construct a complete infrastructure for our country, and when we reassigned our entire industrial system to gear up for WWII in just a few months. I believe that most people would indeed choose to attempt such a feat if



they did not feel so helpless, paralyzed, and at a loss as to where to begin. It is easy to feel that it is not in one's power to do anything other than to change some of our personal habits and choices. Those of us who care proudly and willingly do our best to make some difference, but for most it is not anywhere near enough. A look at the freeway and the thousands of cars passing by and a look at the valley lights at night reveals just a small portion of the energy that is being consumed ... mostly derived from fossil fuels. While our individual contributions will make a small difference there is little we feel we can do to influence and change the overall picture of our society.

I have felt that too, and I have read many articles and listened to others speak on the subject to try to relieve my frustrations and keep me motivated to make a difference. In processing all of this information I have taken in, a very clear picture of the problem has emerged. The environmental movement is divided up into thousands of groups around the world, each with their own special mission. Many are formed by local people to stop something from happening in their backyard; many more have spread to a national level or even international level. Some are addressing issues related to the oceans, or the air, or wildlife, or preservation of open spaces, or eliminating the threats of genetically modified organisms (one of my passions), or eliminating nuclear power, or promoting solar and wind power, or saving the rainforests...the list goes on and on...each group putting out fires here and fires there, but never uniting to identify the arsonist and putting a stop to his destructive behavior.

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“The Little Things”



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to Sunday worship! Pastor Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches at both the 9:15 traditional service and “The Gathering” at 11:15 am.

Join the church family for a groundbreaking ceremony following the special meeting of the congregation at 10:15 am.

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

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided
10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation
11:15 am “The Gathering” worship service
Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

San Marino Community Church
1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108
For more information call: (626) 282-4181
Connect with us online: www.smcpcb.com

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 12th, to Saturday June 18th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 302 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, June 12th:

8:25 AM- Residential Burglary, 300 blk. Foothill Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered a house between 5:00 AM on Friday June 10th and 8:25 PM on Sunday June 6th. The suspect(s) ransacked the interior of the den, family room, garage and car, none of the locations had detection of motion sensors. The loss included: a Chase Bank American Airlines Visa card, Bank of America checks, a 19" Sony flat screen TV, 10 pairs of women's shoes, miscellaneous Christmas gifts, Chivas Regal Whiskey, Harvey's Bristol Cream liquor, Cognac liquor, luggage, miscellaneous dry and canned food, a box of kids toys, miscellaneous clothes, a red glass vase and 3 jade colored pieces of jewelry. The suspect(s) left in an unknown direction with the stolen property. The loss was valued at \$1,562.00.

Monday, June 13th:

6:48 AM- Auto Burglary, 300 blk. Manzanita Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked parked car between the evening of June 12th and the morning of June 13th. The suspect(s) stole a camera tripod and a Canon camera with an attached lens, and a camera bag. The loss was valued at \$1,870.00.

Wednesday, June 15th:

2:01 PM- Attempted Petty Theft, 300 blk. San Gabriel Ct. A 40-year old Hispanic woman parked her van on the street and walked up the driveway of the home. She grabbed a scooter and walked back to the van. The victim yelled at the suspect, who dropped the scooter and got into the van. The van left westbound on San Gabriel Ct.

Thursday, June 16th:

2:26 PM- Altered/Forged/Counterfeited Document, 300 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The victim reported that an unknown person stole his checkbooks. The unknown suspect(s) forged and cashed a check at \$600.00, from the Bank of America in Sierra Madre.

Friday, June 17th:

12:24 AM- Possess/Sell Switch Blade Knife, Michillinda Ave and Foothill Blvd. An officer stopped a 42-year old Van Nuys motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and learned that the driver was under the possession of a switch blade knife. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking and later released on a citation.

Saturday, June 18th:

11:30 PM- Possession of Open Container in Vehicle, 300 blk. Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped an 23-year old Pasadena motorist for driving with open container of alcohol. Further investigation revealed that the driver was also in possession of marijuana. The passenger was also cited for possession of an open container of alcohol in the car and possession of less than 1 oz of marijuana.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNOUNCE NEW OFFICERS

During their annual dinner meeting, The Friends of the Sierra Library announced and installed a slate of new Officers and Directors who will begin their volunteer duties July 1.

The new inductees for the Friends include: Darlene Traxler, President; Beth Smith-Kellock, Vice President; Sandra Dickey, Treasurer; Karma Bell, Recording Secretary; Mary Talwar, Corresponding Secretary; Alison Snow-Wesley, Art Fair Chairperson; Martha Troedson and Alan Leahy, Best Used Book Sale Chairpersons; Margaret Quigley, Board Development; Sue Hart, Archives Historian; Dave Hart, Membership; Sue Levoe, Wine Tasting Chairperson; Jane Zamanzadeh, Publicity; Pat Alcorn, Trustee Liaison; Toni Navarro, Volunteer Development, and Pat Locher, Joe Tortomasi, Sylvia Ryan, Jerry Carlton and Noreen Sullivan, Directors at Large.



Retiring Librarian Toni Buckner and Mayor John Buchanan

A special recognition was given to Pat Woods, who retired after over ten years organizing the Library's Best Used Book Sale, which last year processed over 3500 boxes of donated books, providing \$20,251 to the Library. Toni Buckner, retiring Librarian, was also recognized and spoke of her appreciation for the Friends contributions where 400 volunteers worked over 2000 hours to generate and donate \$58,000 to Sierra Madre Library programs and services. The Friends on-going fundraisers include an annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting event, annual Spring Art Fair, and the regular Best Used Book Sale.

EXHIBITION & ARTIST RECEPTION

The City of Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission is pleased to present an art exhibition by Gina Long. The art work is now on display through Friday, August 19 in Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Community members are invited to an Artist Reception on Friday, July 22, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre City Hall. The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

“The Unexpected Portrait is my take - - on people, families, pets, special occasions, life, and everything in between. I strive for my work to be a fulfilling collection of these sorts of memorable images, capturing as many exciting, delightful, introspective, silly and/or unique moments as can be seen with my eyes, though the lens, in as many ways as I can see them. Some images are raw and unaltered. Others, once captured, inspire me to play with effects, overlays and many times even color and texture. Hopefully, in all the images the thread you'll find is a *mood* reflected. Delve in, come back often and let me know what you think. There's always work in progress, a story to tell. If, after viewing you think you might like to purchase a portfolio image or have images photographed of yourself or of a place, your work, a loved one, a business, a special occasion, you name it, find me at my website, www.theunexpectedportrait.com.” - Gina/gishmoon, The Unexpected Portrait--candidly capturing life.

For more information please call (626) 355-5278.

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.



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.

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PACK STATION (from pg. 1)

I had so many questions about the pack station's current status and future outlook and her answers were very encouraging; Q: "So Deb, being a corporate business consultant, how and when did you get involved in such an unusual project as owning and operating Adams' Pack Station?" A: "My mother, Sue Burgess and I owned a cabin in Big Santa Anita Canyon, and we depended on the pack station to haul our supplies. When it became clear that the previous owner was struggling to maintain the facility, we decided to do whatever we could to keep it going. My mother, Rich Conforti and I went in together and purchased the pack station on April fools' day of 2006, and went right to work on it." Q: "You have done a remarkable job of fixing the place up and I see you've added lots of animals. How many animals do you currently have for hauling, and what kind are they?" A: "We have 1 mule and 9 donkeys. The mule and 8 of the donkeys are pack able and the other donkey is only a year old, so she is too young to pack, but she goes along with the string to learn." Q: "Where do get your mules and donkeys?" A: "Most of them are adopted from the Bureau of Land Management. They capture them from the wild." Q: How often do you pack supplies, and who are your most frequent clients? A: "We pack every Friday, through the main canyon and up to Spruce Grove where there are cabins, and continue on, ending at Sturtevant Camp. Sturtevant Camp used to be our most frequent destination when it was more active. Saturdays are reserved for packing to Winter Creek and First Water, but we have few requests for packing to those areas." Q: "You also have goats and chickens at the pack station. Do they serve a practical purpose or are they just for pleasure?" A: "The goats were donated and we thought we could use them for packing to remote areas for fire clearance, but as it turns out, they are the wrong kind of goat. They are too small with large ruments, so they are just for us and our guests to enjoy. The chickens were also donated. They lay a few eggs, and bring plenty of pleasure to our visitors. The children love the goats and chickens, so it makes visiting us a lot more fun for them." Q: "What type of materials do you typically pack?"

A: "The most common item we pack is propane, but we have hauled all kinds of other goods as well such as food, beverages, lumber, chairs, beds, refrigerators, mattresses, cement and lots of trash coming out." Q: "When is your store open, and what type of supplies and goodies do you sell?" A: "We are open Friday through Sunday 8:00 to 5:00 and we sell a wide variety of cold beverages, beer, candy and chips. On Saturdays and Sundays we also serve hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, hot links, fries and coffee and on the third weekend of the month, we serve dutch-oven cooked pulled pork sandwiches and veggie sausage sandwiches. We also sell National Forest Adventure Passes, walking sticks, books, maps and t-shirts." Q: "And I understand you also have live music at the pack station periodically. Tell me a little about that." A: "Yes, on the 3rd Sunday of each month we have a concert followed by open mic. We have had some excellent talent here. There is no admission fee, and we draw quite a crowd hikers, cabin dwellers picnickers and campers. All are welcome, young and old!" Q: "You mentioned that this is not a money making venture. It must take a lot of work & money to keep this place in such great condition. The animals are healthy, the barn, house and outbuildings are clean and well maintained. How do you do it?" A: "It is a team effort. Rich and my son Jason and I spend a lot of time here and we have volunteers who help with the animals, packing and maintaining the property. We have had the support of many friends along the way, but we always need more help." Q: "What can interested individuals do to help ensure the livelihood of the pack station?" A: "We could use more help with corral and barn maintenance. We also need to do fire clearance. Donations are always welcome to our non-profit, **Friends of the San Gabriels**. We use these funds to help with trail work, and support bringing disadvantaged kids into the canyon.

As I was leaving the pack station, the sun was going down and the hawks were soaring above when I heard another beautiful brassy bray fill the air, and I thought how lucky we are to have this hidden treasure of Sierra Madre right here on our back door step, and I hope we can keep it there forever.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

LAWSUIT CHALLENGES FEDERAL POLICY TO REMOVE TREES FROM CALIFORNIA LEVEES

By Lori Abbott

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Please, leave the trees: that's what conservation groups who've filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are saying about a policy that requires all trees and shrubs be removed from California levees. The federal policy aims to improve flood safety by removing vegetation that the Corps maintains weakens the levees.

However, Kelly Cattlett, California representative for Defenders of Wildlife, says there's clear evidence that the levee trees, which represent the last 5 percent of riparian habitat in California, are vital to endangered wildlife.

"It provides habitat for species; it stops erosion, so it actually strengthens the levees with the roots of the vegeta-

tion; and the overhang provides shade, which cools the water, which is good for aquatic species."

The policy was put in place after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Cattlett says California's needs are different, and contends a "one-size-fits-all" policy doesn't work.

"It's clear that this is a very ill-thought-out policy change. And when they did it, it seemed to be a knee-jerk reaction to what occurred in Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina."

There are other critics of the federal policy. The California Department of Water Resources has said removing the levee trees will cost billions of dollars that would be better spent on projects to make levees stronger. Cattlett agrees.

"In order to comply with the policy, levee owners are going to have to divert limited funds that they have already allocated to do things like strengthen their levees and prevent under-seepage."

The Corps maintains that trees can blow down during storms and take parts of the levee with them, and that the roots may provide a path for water to seep through the levees.

The lawsuit filed on Monday alleges the federal policy is illegal because the Corps hasn't prepared an environmental impact study or consulted with federal wildlife agencies.

More information is at www.defenders.org

PEOPLE (cont. from pg. 3)

It does not take much to figure out who that arsonist is and to see why it is that they have not been stopped.... as the old wisdom goes, "follow the money". If you do, you will easily see that it is the corporations of this world that are responsible for the majority of the problem, from selling us all our consumptive lifestyle and keeping us distracted in our pursuit of it, to their total disregard for anything but the bottom line, to their grossly reckless abuse of the environment, to their total control over our representatives we have entrusted protect our best interests and have empowered to do what is best for the people of this country. Our power as citizens has dwindled to the point where we have little input into our government, a government that was designed at its inception as a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people".

What is it that has taken our power away? The fact that over the last century and a half, our government has redefined what constitutes a person. It has given corporations the same rights as people.

They then redefined speech, so that

now money equals speech. So who now has the loudest voice?...those with the most money....and who has the most money and the power to keep it that way?... the corporations of this country. How do we change that? We must stand up on a grassroots level and take personhood and our government away from corporations and put it back in the hands of "we the people". Throughout our nation there are hundreds of communities that have revised their local charters or passed ordinances that state that within their boundaries, corporations ARE NOT PEOPLE. Many of these communities have gone a step further and recognized the rights of the natural environment, guaranteeing it the right to exist and to be unharmed. A group of over 100 townships in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Maine have joined together to form an alliance of townships that have taken personhood away from corporations and have granted nature the right to exist unharmed and have taken back the power to govern themselves. So too have entire countries changed their constitutions to redirect their priorities. Both Bolivia and Ecuador have rewritten their constitutions to give nature the right to exist and flourish. A true democracy such as our founding

fathers intended and prescribed in our constitution, was to be run by us and it is time for us to take our power back before we are stripped of our personhood .

Sierra Madre has always been a free thinking and independent minded town. Our community has always had a voice and our people have been a strong and guiding force. It is time for us to step forward and help to lead the rest of the nation's cities to being as empowered as we have had the fortune to be in this town. Let us amend our charter or pass an ordinance to take personhood away from corporations within our boundaries and to preserve and support our natural environment and our citizen's personhood that we so dearly value in Sierra Madre. If anyone is interested in pursuing this with me, please feel free to get in touch.

To see what others have done, check out the following websites. http://www.sustainlv.org/index.cfm?organization_id=11§ion_id=2147&page_id=9030 (PA) http://yestolocalrights.org/?page_id=101 (Shasta, CA)

NUCLEAR NEIGHBORS: POPULATION SOARS NEAR US REACTORS

Map of census data shows a 17 percent increase in residents within 10 miles in a decade http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42555888/ns/us_news-life/

Who's afraid of nuclear power? Not the American people, judging by where they choose to live. A new map of data from the 2010 U.S. Census shows that the number of people living within the 10-mile emergency planning zones around nuclear power plants rose by 17 percent in the past decade, compared with an overall increase of less than 10 percent in the U.S. population. If the circles on the map are widened to a 50-mile radius (the same evacuation area that U.S. nuclear officials recommended for Americans living near Japan's troubled Fukushima Dai-ichi reactors), they would cover one in three people in the U.S. That's 116 million nuclear neighbors, up from 109 million a decade earlier, according to the analysis conducted for msnbc.com by Longcreative, a data analysis and design company. The population within 10 miles of Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island reactor grew 11 percent. At Pilgrim, outside of Boston, the increase was 41 percent. Near San Onofre on the California fault lines, 50 percent. Among the 100 most populous cities on the new census map, 26 have a nuclear plant within 50 miles: New York, Chicago, Philadelphia (3 different plants nearby), Phoenix, San Diego, Fort Worth, Charlotte (2 plants), Detroit, Baltimore, Boston (2 plants), Washington, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Omaha, Raleigh and Durham, Miami, Cleveland, Minneapolis and St. Paul (2 plants), New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Toledo (2 plants), Newark, Baton Rouge, and Rochester, N.Y.

2nd Quarter Construction Update – 2011

Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6-9 & 11

Project Update — Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors have begun construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

Construction Activities: Upgrades to the electrical system will include the following:

(Please note that the construction schedule is tentative and may change depending on weather and other factors)

Locations: Work will take place within SCE right-of-way areas within the cities of Duarte, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, Industry, South El Monte, Pico Rivera, Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

In the utility right-of-way corridor, continue removal of existing electrical transmission wires (220 kilovolt) and structures and begin installation of new foundations and structures (will include upgrade of new electrical transmission wire and structures (500 kilovolt)):

Duarte: From the Van Tassel Motorway area south to Huntington Drive near Encanto Parkway.

Irwindale: From Huntington Drive (north of the Foothill Freeway (210)) south along the San Gabriel Freeway (605) to Ramona Boulevard.

Baldwin Park: From Ramona Boulevard south along the western side of the San Gabriel Freeway (605) to Valley Boulevard at locations along the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) and in the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

Industry: Along the western side of the San Gabriel Freeway (605) south of Valley Boulevard. East of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) and south of the Pomona Freeway (60), in proximity to Peck Road and Workman Mill Road.

South El Monte: West of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605), north and south of the Pomona Freeway (60)

Pico Rivera: Between the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and the San Gabriel River Freeway (605), spanning Rooks Road.

Hacienda Heights: North of Holmes Circle and Metropoli Drive, south of Belle River Drive, Car Green Avenue and Dolonita Avenue, continuing east of Hacienda Boulevard south of the city.

La Habra Heights: North of Casolero Drive, Skyline Drive and Leucadia Road, east and west of Hacienda Road.

Rowland Heights: From the Powder Canyon area spanning east over Fullerton Road, Pathfinder Road and Pathfinder Park to the Orange Freeway (57); South of Fullerton Road and northwest of Graystone Way (east of Harbor Boulevard); Northwest of the intersection of Fullerton Road and Harbor Boulevard; South of Sunrise Drive and east of Fullerton Road.

Additional areas of unincorporated Los Angeles County along Segment 8, including the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (south of Pomona Freeway (60)) and the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority area.

Segment 11 Transmission Line: Goodrich Substation to Mesa Substation: Construction for Segment 11 is scheduled to begin in August.

A new 220 kV line will be added to existing towers along the SCE right-of-way. The new 220 kV wire will be installed by SCE contractors using cranes and light helicopters.

The work will take place in areas of the cities of Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Pasadena and in portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County. Once completed, the new 220 kV conductor will connect the Goodrich Substation in the city of Pasadena and the Mesa Substation in Monterey Park.

Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

Questions?

www.sce.com/tehachapi

or call our toll-free line (877)795-8787 for after hours and 24-hour access

During standard business hours, please contact the SCE region manager in your area:

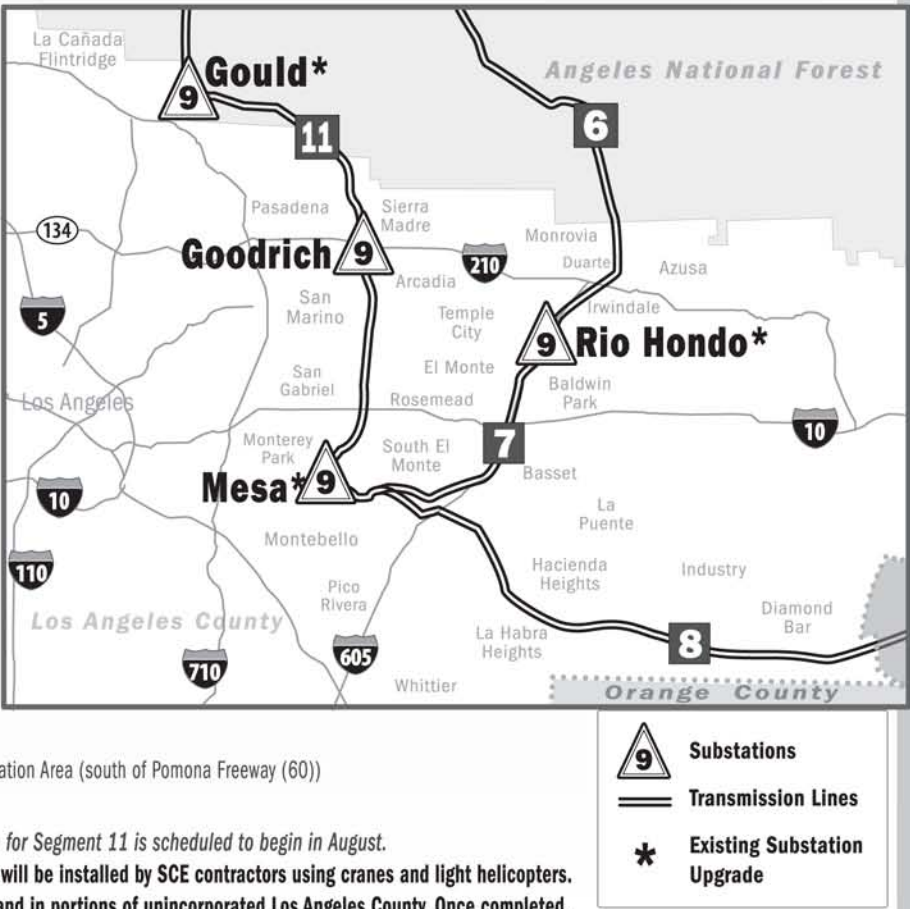
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Redistricting Task Force Members Named

By Dean Lee

The names of a task force, charged with redistricting, were released Monday night as the city council voted unanimously in favor of all nine appointees—in separate, although not unanimous, votes the council also elected a chair and vice chair.

Vice Mayor Margaret Mcaustin read the names, “District 1, Wendelin Donahue; District 2, Alex Guerrero; District 3, Alan Caldwell; District 4, James Marlatt; District 5, Bill Crowfoot; District 6, Richard McDonald; District 7, Mary Machado Schammel; mayor’s appointment, Liz Trussell...” Mayor Bill Bogaard also appointed Michael Alvarez as an “at large nomination.”

“Perhaps we could, for the record express gratitude to all of the applicants,” Councilmember Steve Madison said. “I was moved, as always, there were a number of qualified people that did apply for this, more than we had number of appointments to make.”

Crowfoot was also chosen by the council as chair and McDonald as vice chair. A number of councilmembers thought the task force should pick their own leader, instead of the council.

“I would be hesitant to just select a new chair because I know, besides just being on the task force itself, that’s a huge time commitment,” Councilmember Jackie Robinson said. “So I would want to be reassured that whomever we appoint has been talked to prior... I do have a preference for them selecting their own chair.”

According to city staff, voting districts are reviewed every 10 years based on new U.S. Census data. The seven district boundaries define the geographic representation of the Pasadena City Council.

Bogaard has said the population is now 137,122 according to new 2010 data released last month, up only slightly from a decade ago. In 2000 the population was 133,936 according to the U.S. Census website.

California state law provides that after each federal census, the city council must determine whether adjustments to the boundaries of any or all districts are needed.

The task force will review, and make a recommendation for the potential of adjusting any of the current district boundaries. All meetings will be public and input will be encouraged staff said.

City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris said the task would, most likely, start next month.

Pet of the Week



Hailey, a year old, silver tabby cat is so beautiful! She is very outgoing and loves to explore. She is also very talkative and would be a great companion for someone looking to liven up their home. Come visit with Hailey today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A288358 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



Weekend Events Draw Crazy Crowds

By Dean Lee

Over 600 dedicated chalk artists converged on Paseo Colorado’s promenades Father’s Day weekend as part of the 19th Annual Pasadena Chalk Festival. The festival last year received the Guinness World Record for the largest display of chalk pavement art. Although this year was even bigger, the event’s founder and organizer Tom Coston said they plan to take it easy, not trying to beat their own record.

Organizers boast that “25,000 sticks of pastel chalks are placed in the hands of hundreds of Madonnari (Italian for street painter) who come from across Southern California and points beyond to spend two days on their hands and knees creating spectacular murals on concrete areas throughout the shopping center.”

Eleven year old Kimberly Brake-Ayon amazed festival goers with a recreation of the white rabbit from Alice and Wonderland done completely by her.

“I done this for about five or six



years,” she said. “At first I got a little help from my stepbrothers and my dad but mostly I did it myself. Brake-Ayon’s dad, Chris Brake, won the festival’s “best use of color.”

Other winners included Shuji Nishimura Best of Festival, first place, Arlou Somo Best of Festival second place and Maria Diaz Best of Festival third place.

Chalk painting was not the only reason people were in town Saturday as thousands crowded Old Pasadena as part of Make

Music Pasadena. Hundreds of bands performed in alleys, art galleries and outdoors stages throughout the day. Bands such as Ra Ra Riot, Morning Benders, and the Best Coast performed on the “Indie-Rock” stage while Rocky Dawuni and the Afro Funke sound system and others played the Levitt Pavilion.

The Pasadena Police Department also held a classic car show Sunday featuring over 100 classic cars from the 1900s to 1974.

All proceeds from the event go to benefit the Police Activities League, Police Explorer Post #19 and Haven House. Awards were also given in several categories for the best cars, including a Chief of Police Special Award.

Schiff Introduces Armenian Genocide Resolution

Congressman Adam Schiff introduced, last week, a bipartisan House Resolution with Rep. Robert Dold (R-IL) recognizing and commemorating the Armenian Genocide in the House of Representatives. The resolution calls on the President and the U.S. Government to properly recognize and commemorate the atrocities that occurred in Armenia beginning in 1915, and which resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children, as genocide. “The facts of history are clear, well documented and non-negotiable – 1.5 million Armenians were deliberately murdered in the first genocide of the 20th century,” Rep. Schiff said. “If we are to prevent future atrocities, we must condemn genocide whenever and wherever it occurs. It has never served our national interest to be complicit in another nation’s campaign of genocide denial, and it never will. While there are still some survivors left, we have a compelling, urgent and moral obligation to speak plainly about the past.”

It has been 96 years since the systematic and deliberate annihilation campaign was launched by the government of the Ottoman Empire against its Armenian population. While the Armenian Genocide has been recognized by more than 20 nations including Canada, Italy, Sweden, France, Argentina and Russia, as well as the European Parliament, it has not been formally recognized by the U.S. Congress in decades.



Classic car show Sunday featuring over 100 classic cars from the 1900s to 174 including police vehicles.

Safety Urged During Fourth



The Pasadena Fire Department reminds residents and visitors that the best way to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday weekend with family and friends is by attending professional fireworks shows.

The sale and possession of all fireworks is illegal in Pasadena as well as most of Los Angeles County. Violators are subject to confiscation and impound of vehicles, up to one year in jail and fines up to \$50,000.

Due to high potential for fire hazards and injuries, Pasadena police and fire personnel will staff checkpoints around the Rose Bowl Stadium to seize all illegal fireworks and arrest offenders.

“The risks with fireworks are not limited to their use,” said Pasadena Fire Chief Dennis J. Downs. “Risks also exist wherever fireworks are stored, transported or sold.”

Parking enforcement officers will ensure that vehicles illegally parked in hillside areas on July 4 are impounded. Pasadena fire officials stress that the aim of the enforcement operations is to prevent accidents and injuries.

“Even sparklers, which many people consider safe, can reach temperatures of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, burn people seriously and cause fires,” Downs added. “Adults wouldn’t ordinarily allow their children to get near anything that hot but for some reason they think it’s acceptable to put sparklers in the hands of little ones on

the Fourth of July.” Nationally, two of five people injured by fireworks are under the age of 15.

Statistics show that nearly 10,000 fireworks-related injuries are treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms annually. The latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association show that in 2009 more than nine out of 10, or 92 percent, of fireworks-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms were caused by fireworks that federal regulations permit consumers to use. Fireworks are the most risky consumer products.

The Pasadena Fire Department will apply Phos-Chek Thursday, June 30, to brush areas surrounding the Rose Bowl Stadium. The main ingredients of this wildland fire retardant are phosphates and fertilizers that help prevent trees and grasslands from burning and revegetate wildland areas.

“This is a preventive measure for Fourth of July activities and the summer season that the Fire Department has conducted for the past several years,” said Downs.

For more information about fireworks safety and enforcement, call the Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 744-7276.

For information about the Americafest Fourth of July celebration, visit www.rosebowlstadium.com or call (626) 577-3101.

City’s Red-light Camera Contract Renewed; Goes Month to Month

By Dean Lee

Newly elected City Councilmember Gene Masuda took a stand against red light cameras Monday night casting the only no vote to extending a contract with American Traffic Solutions, even though, the council’s move did take the first steps in reviewing the system and ultimately removing it.

“This red light camera is not very well liked in Pasadena, in so far as the people that I meet,” Masuda said. “Let me just tell you some of the comments that I heard about, the community feels it’s not right, two; it’s about revenue not safety, three; residents feel big brother is looking at us.”

Masuda went on to cite a study in Gardena saying that there is no significant decrease in accidents when using red light cameras. In a prior presentation city staff had said a five year study—since cameras were installed—in Pasadena showed broadside collisions down 52 percent and other collisions down by 13 percent, statistics at odds with Masuda’s claims.

He also said the Los Angeles Police Commission voted 5-0, earlier this month, to end their use of cameras. The Police Commission actions were based on an audit last year that found the majority of citations go uncollected. The program lacked enforcement power they said.

“Right now the city of Los Angeles is on a month to

month [contract] and they are going to reevaluate the system,” Masuda said. The Pasadena city staff recommendation by the Director of the Department of Transportation, Fred Dock, is similar to L.A. extending the contract for camera (RLC) services on a month-to-month basis for a maximum of 12 months.

If the council had rejected the contract extension, all three locations with RLC system including Lake Avenue and Union Street, Marengo Avenue and Union Street, and Foothill Boulevard and San Gabriel Boulevard would shut down June 30.

City staff also said that a change in driver behavior, the time demands on the Pasadena police officers and pending legislation in Sacramento have deemed it necessary for the Public Safety Committee to review the system. The issue is set to be heard by the committee in September.

Councilmember Victor Gordo also asked the committee look at implementing a two second delay before a green light something one resident referred to as a “double red.”

“I would like us to look at it [double red], not just for these specific intersections, but potentially for use city wide or strategically at appropriate intersections,” Gordo said although adding that he did not want to abruptly stop the red light cameras.

County Budget in Limbo as State Fails to Pass Its Budget

County Mayor Michael Antonovich said that while the county budget passed today, the state’s failure to deliver their budget on time has left the county in limbo.

“Riddled by gimmickry and a “pass-the-buck” mentality, the Governor and the state legislature’s failure to meet the June 15 constitutional deadline to pass their budget has put every county, school district and city in a holding

pattern waiting for the other shoe to drop,” said Antonovich. “As a result of the dysfunctional state budget process, the County is struggling to meet mandated obligations in a budget plan that resembles Swiss cheese.”

The total county budget is \$23.340 billion dollars -- \$905 million less than last year’s final adopted budget -- and has over 100 fewer positions.

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

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

PCC Local Vendor Meetings Date Moved

Pasadena City College wishes to inform the community that the event designed for local vendors, contractors and suppliers who are interested in working with the District originally scheduled for June 24 and 25 has been postponed and rescheduled for August 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held in PCC’s Creveling Lounge in the Campus Center.

The sessions are designed to introduce prospective suppliers to PCC purchasing procedures, bidding, invoicing, and general needs of the college. Session highlights include a brief introduction to the District’s current and upcoming projects, a question-and-answer session, and group interaction.

The District strongly encourages local businesses and suppliers whose main office is located within the limits of the District to take part in the information sessions. A District map is available online at the PCC website at www.pasadena.edu or by typing www.pasadena.edu/board/districtmap2.cfm into your web browser.

In 2002, the voters in La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, South Pasadena, San Marino, Temple City, Rosemead and El Monte approved Measure P, a \$150 million general obligation bond measure, to fund facilities replacement, reconstruction, and modernization. The projects are outlined in the PCC Facilities Master Plan 2010 (see <http://www.pasadena.edu/bond/>).

Remaining projects include the Arts Building, and various smaller-scale miscellaneous remodeling projects. Bidding, general conditions, and bonding requirements for these Measure P projects are consistent with California Public Contract Law. Parking will be free in Lots 1, 2, and 4.

For more information, contact Purchasing Services at (626) 585-7367.

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NEARLY 600 ARCADIANs TO PARTICIPATE IN JULY 2 COMMUNITY PARADE

Chinese dragons, drums, and Ronald McDonald among latest entries

From Arcadia's Best....

ARCADIA, Calif. – Nearly 600 Arcadians, Ronald McDonald, and a pair of Chinese dragons will be showcased among more than 70 unique vehicles, equestrian and marching units presented by 30 different local groups in the first Arcadia community parade in at least 75 years at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.

Among the latest entries in the Arcadia's Best Patriotic Festival on First Avenue from Duarte Road to Huntington Drive is a martial arts group with students marching as two Chinese dragons to the beat of drums, and 100 students in the Arcadia High School marching band.

The parade will be followed at 11 a.m. by a street festival featuring nearly 30 classic cars owned by local residents; 10 gourmet food trucks including The Grilled Cheese Truck; vendor booths that will feature a book signing by local novelist C.B. Shiepe; and performances by music and theater groups and a 12-year-old student soloist.

Among the many dignitaries in the parade will be the Mayor and entire City Council, Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Sho Tay, Senior Citizens of the Year Jim and Margaret Barrows, and a half-dozen local Boy Scout Troops and Cub Packs from the Lucky Baldwin District.

In addition to thirteen former Rose Queens and Princesses who represented Arcadia from 1949 – 2010 and will ride individually in Corvettes and other special vehicles, a surrey pulled by four Clydesdale horses will carry another dozen ladies who were Royalty on the Arcadia Rose float from 1965 – 1991.

The parade on First Avenue will begin at Alice Street near the Arcadia Presbyterian Church and end at California Street near First Avenue Middle School. The following street fair will be contained on First

Avenue from California Street to Huntington Drive, with a performance area at Bonita Street.

Sponsors, City and Volunteer Supporters

Founding sponsors include the Gold Line Metro Foothill Transportation Authority, Arcadia Masonic Lodge, Mickey Segal, Waste Management, Post Alarm Systems, Peter Amundson, Santa Anita Park, Matt Denny's Ale House and Restaurant, Foothill Credit Union, The Book Rack/Image Foundry, The Arcadia Historical Society, and Richard Libby.

The Arcadia City Council, including Mayor Gary Kovacic, who has helped shepherd the event, unanimously approved the event under recent Mayor and original champion Peter Amundson, the latter of whom will be driving one of his classic vehicles in the parade. The Patriotic Festival is supported by the City of Arcadia and the Arcadia Police and Fire Departments. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Harbicht not only recommended event coordinator Bruce McCallum but will be driving along with his group of Santa Anita As. Councilman Mickey Segal was the original founding sponsor.

Other participating and supporting groups include the Arcadia Chinese Association, the Arcadia Education Foundation, Arcadia Republicans, Assistance League of Arcadia, the Arcadia Rotary Club, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, and many others.

Many of those groups and others, along with many individuals, have provided invaluable volunteer support.

For more information and to participate, visit <http://ArcadiasBestFoundation.org>, e-mail: info@ArcadiasBestFoundation.org, or call 626-538-5431.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, June 12, through Saturday, June 18, the Police Department responded to 955 calls for service of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 12:

At approximately 2:45 a.m., while patrolling the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Huntington Drive an officer observed a vehicle pull into the parking lot of the Denny's restaurant located on East Huntington Drive. The driver, a 38-year-old Hispanic female, jumped out of the vehicle and proceeded to urinate in public. Contact was made with the driver who was found to be intoxicated and unable to operate her vehicle safely on the roadway. The female was placed under arrest for driving under the influence and urinating in public.

At about 10:30 a.m., a 58-year-old Hispanic male along with his 9-year-old daughter arrive at the Arcadia Police department lobby and report that his wife, a 45-year-old Hispanic female had threatened to stab him with a knife after an argument. Officers responded to the 200 block of Joyce Avenue where an investigation revealed that the female had broken numerous items in her home and in anger had picked up a knife and threatened her husband. She was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon.

Monday, June 13:

3. Shortly after 9:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Alex Di Peppe's restaurant located at 140 Las Tunas Drive regarding a welfare check. The officers had been advised by dispatch that a male subject was staggering and seemed disoriented while walking from the restaurant west on Las Tunas drive. Contact was made with the 51-year-old White male who was found to be intoxicated and was placed under arrest for being drunk in public.

4. At about 9:45 p.m., units were dispatched to the 5700 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a suicidal subject who was holding a knife. Shortly before arrival, the subject's caretaker was able to convince the 56-year-old White male to put down the knife. The subject was found to be a danger to himself and was transported to the Arcadia Methodist hospital for a 72-hour Psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

Tuesday, June 14:

5. At about 10:30 a.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police department lobby regarding a fraud report. Upon arrival, officers contacted a 40-year-old female of unknown race who reported she had received a call from US Bank informing her of several checks that had been recently drawn on her bank account. Further investigation revealed that an unknown suspect(s) had either altered or recreated three checks from the victim's account and had successfully cashed two of the three for an approximate loss of \$1860.00. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

6. Between 10:00 a.m. on June 13th and 11:45 a.m. on June 14th, a residential burglary occurred in the 500 block of Santa Rosa Road. Unknown suspect(s) pried the northeast corner window screen damaging it. No property was reported missing.

Wednesday, June 15:

7. Between 7:40 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 00 block of West Floral Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location by shattering a window on the rear door. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the home and stole an iPod and jewelry for an approximate loss of \$700.00.

8. About 6:35 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a deceased person. Upon arrival, officers found an 89-year-old female of Unknown race in her bed and not breathing. Her care taker had been the one to call for medical assistance when she realized the female was not moving or breathing. There were no signs of foul play and it appeared she passed away from natural causes.

Thursday, June 16:

9. Shortly after 2:15 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police department lobby regarding a theft report. The victim, a 27-year-old Asian male, reported that he had gone to the First Avenue Middle School located at 301 South First Avenue to play basketball. He further stated that he had set down his keys and cell phone on the ground below the basketball net. Approximately 2 hours later he noticed the car keys were missing. He was able to open his vehicle using a spare key and then noticed his wallet was missing. Shortly after, he was told by his bank that two purchases had been made in that hour at Nordstrom's and Macy's totaling approximately \$1100.00. A follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

10. Shortly after 7:00 p.m., officers were patrolling the area of Colorado Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue and conducted a subject check. A records check of one of the subjects revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 23-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest for the warrant.

Friday, June 17:

11. At about 9:50 a.m., while on patrol in the 900 block of West Huntington Drive, an officer received an alert in his unit from the Automatic License Plate Reader System (ALPRS) informing him that a vehicle, a tan Ford F150, had an outstanding warrant. The officer stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, a 33-year-old Hispanic male. A records check of the subject revealed an outstanding no bail felony warrant for burglary and an additional misdemeanor warrant in the amount of \$30,000.00. The driver was placed under arrest for the warrants.

12. Between 9:00 a.m. on June 10th and 2:40 p.m. on June 17th, a residential burglary occurred in the 1500 block of Azure Way. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to pry open the rear sliding glass door and then entered the house through a bathroom window. The suspect(s) ransacked the house and stole checkbooks.

Saturday, June 18:

13. Shortly before 12:00 a.m., while on patrol in the area of Sixth Avenue and Camino Real Avenue, an officer received an alert in his unit from the Automatic License Plate Reader System (ALPRS) informing him that a vehicle, a gray Chevrolet Tahoe, had an outstanding warrant. The officer stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, a 30-year-old White male, who was found to be driving without a valid driver's license. Further investigation revealed burglary tools in the vehicle. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of burglary tools and driving without a license.

14. At approximately 11:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2800 block of Winthorpe Avenue regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle. Upon arrival, officers contacted the driver of the vehicle, a 22-year-old Asian male, who began vomiting when the officers arrived. The subject was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for disorderly conduct and being drunk in public. The 20-year-old Asian female passenger was also intoxicated and appeared to need medical attention. She was transported to the Arcadia Methodist hospital for a medical evaluation and possible treatment.

ARCADIA WINS AWARD

The City of Arcadia was presented with two awards at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood last night (Wednesday, June 22) by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The 1,100-member group recognized Arcadia with The Comprehensive Plan Award/Award of Merit for the City's recently updated General Plan; and the Distinguished Leadership Award/Citizen Planner to Arcadia resident and

The APA Award winners were announced in April.

Mayor Kovacic was on hand to join recipients Assistant City Manager Jason Kruckeberg, Senior Planner Lisa Flores, Deputy Director of Development Services Phil Wray, and Laura Stetson of Hogle-Ireland, the City's General Plan Consultant.

Every year, the American Planning Association recognizes outstanding planning and environmental achievements by individuals, cities and business. The efforts of these individuals and organizations are honored for innovative and exceptional planning for the physical environment. Both award recipients are now eligible for State-wide recognition.

Arcadia's updated General Plan was adopted by the City Council at the end of 2010 after much public input and many hours of work by staff and the volunteer General Plan Advisory Committee. The General Plan is a planning document that represents the community's view of the future. The policies and goals set forth in the General Plan are the basis of future land use decisions; they will help to preserve neighborhoods and they create a framework for smart and sustainable growth.

The Distinguished Leadership Award was



General Plan Advisory Committee member Scott Hettrick

presented to Scott Hettrick for his outstanding leadership and countless hours of work on behalf of the General Plan, as well as his efforts in a number of areas such as historical preservation through the "History Lives Here" program which recognizes historic landmarks and buildings in Arcadia, the Gold Line Extension Project, and community outreach.

Arcadia's General Plan is available for public view on the City website at <http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us/home/index.asp?page=1586>



Mayor Kovacic (left) joins (right-to-left) Laura Stetson of Hogle-Ireland, and City staffers Deputy Director of Development Services Phil Wray, , Senior Planner Lisa Flores, and Assistant City Manager Jason Kruckeberg

Community Calendar

Modification Committee Meeting
6/28/2011

Planning Commission Meeting
6/28/2011

City Council Meeting
7/5/2011

**With a Sweep of the Brush:
The Arcadia Flourishing Painters Exhibit**
7/9/2011

Modification Committee Meeting
7/12/2011

ADULT COOKING CLASSES - SUMMER

Come and learn how to cook quick, easy and delicious 3-course meals with Jan Sayvongsa, a Graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Every week will be an adventure for your taste buds. Enhance your knife skills and perfect all the cooking techniques. This class is for all skill levels of cooks! PLUS \$45 materials fee for Session 1 (with the exception of Monday of Session 1 which will be \$36).

Classes are held in the Arcadia Community Center Kitchen, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007.

You can register now on-line, by mail or in person! For specific times, location, fees and to download the registration form go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

Sprinkler Workshop

Saturday, July 9
9:30am-1pm / Palm Room at the Arboretum
\$25 Arboretum members/\$28 non-members
Laramie Haynes, instructor
Registration: 626.821.4623

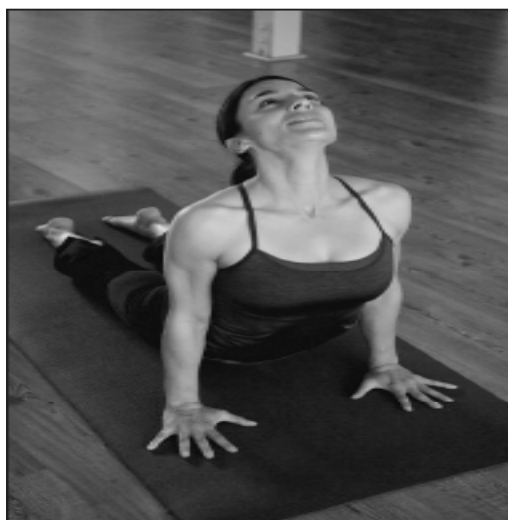
"What do plants need?" is the guiding question for this sprinkler workshop.

Sprinklers, when carefully designed and operated, will help your garden thrive and use less water.

This intensive workshop covers

- basic plant needs,
- sprinklers system design,
- sprinkler system parts such as valves, pop ups, nozzles, and how they work,
- irrigation controllers
- and finally sprinkler maintenance.

Laramie Haynes is a Pasadena-based landscape contractor and designer with ten years of field experience. Prior to purchasing his father's landscaping business, Laramie worked as a mechanical engineer in manufacturing. He has also designed wonderful gardens at the Pasadena Showcase Houses and the LA Garden Show. www.hayneslandscaping.com



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STATE BUDGET DEBACLE

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4TH OF JULY CONCERT & FIREWORKS SHOW IN LIBRARY PARK

Celebrate the 4th of July in Library Park. Festivities will be held on Monday, July 4, starting with a concert at 7 p.m., sponsored by Mayor Mary Ann and Corey Lutz, featuring the Delgado Brothers. The Fireworks Show will begin at 9 p.m. and is sponsored by the Monrovia Old Town Merchants and Green Dot Corporation. Bring your lawn chairs and arrive early to get a good seat. Refreshments will be sold adjacent to the park from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., courtesy of Old Town’s restaurants.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 567 service events, resulting in 86 investigations. Following are the last week’s highlighted issues and events:

Vehicle Burglary

On June 9 at 7:19 p.m., officers responded to a hotel in the 700 block of West Huntington regarding a Toyota 4Runner that had a window smashed. A laptop computer was taken from the vehicle. The burglary occurred between 5:30 and 7:19 p.m.

72-Hour Mental Evaluation

On June 9 at 11:01 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of West Palm regarding a subject who claimed to have overdosed on pills. His girlfriend reported he had left the location and was now calling her, repeatedly, and leaving text messages, stating he took pills and wanted to die. The subject was located by officers at Huntington and California. He was taken to a hospital and placed on a 72-hour hold for mental evaluation.

Traffic Collision / Driving Under the Influence - Driver Arrested

On June 10 at 3:59 a.m., officers responded to the report of a solo vehicle traffic collision at Myrtle and Huntington. A witness stated that the vehicle was eastbound on Huntington at a high rate of speed when it hit the east curb of Myrtle, just south of Huntington. The vehicle flipped around and landed facing west on the sidewalk. The driver did not sustain any injuries, but he was determined to be intoxicated. He was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Residential Burglary

On June 10 at 10:06 p.m., a resident left home at approximately 8:15 a.m. and returned home at 9:45 p.m. When she returned, she found the back sliding door leading into the family room wide open. The family room and master bedroom were ransacked. A laptop computer and miscellaneous jewelry were taken. The suspect entered through the unlocked, back sliding door.

Receiving Stolen Property - Suspect Arrested

On June 11 at 8:31 p.m., an officer saw a bicyclist wearing dark clothing and carrying a backpack in the area of Monterey and Olive, riding on the wrong side of the roadway. The officer detained the subject regarding the violation and discovered the bicycle he was riding was stolen. The victim of the stolen bicycle reported the theft to the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, Temple Station. The subject was arrested for receiving stolen property. The subject also had miscellaneous tools inside of his backpack, but possession of burglary tools could not be established.

Missing Hikers

On June 13 at 7:31 a.m., a female subject called from Canyon Park to report that her boyfriend and a friend of his went on a hike a day ago and had not returned. She said the two men were going to Rincon to retrieve the friend’s backpack they had left behind on a hike several days prior. Officers responded and Sierra Madre Search and Rescue was notified. Search and Rescue and the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department helicopter searched and located the two men, safe and in good health.

Vehicle Burglary

On June 13 at 1:46 p.m., the victim of a vehicle burglary came in to the Police Department lobby to make a report. He lives in the 200 block of Jasmine. He had parked his vehicle in its assigned parking stall after midnight on June 4 and used his keyless remote to lock it. He returned to the vehicle at about 8 a.m. to go to work without realizing someone had broken into it. He later discovered his iPod and other property were missing.

Delaying a Peace Officer / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

On June 13 at 2:14 p.m., officers went to a business in the 400 block West Foothill regarding two male subjects sitting in a vehicle, possibly selling drugs. An officer arrived and detained the male and female occupants of the vehicle and a second male subject standing outside of the vehicle. The investigation did not reveal any drugs; however, the female provided a false name

to officers and was found to be in possession of two syringes she uses to inject heroin. The male subjects were identified and the female arrested.

Grand Theft

On June 13 at 2:42 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 100 block of West Walnut regarding theft of copper worth \$1,500. It appears the suspects entered the yard of the location by jumping over a fence adjacent to an alley. The suspects pried open a door and removed a spool of copper wire.

Burglary

On June 13 at 3:54 p.m., officers responded to a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain regarding a subject who was caught stealing a large amount of merchandise. When they arrived, they determined the suspect is a juvenile. The suspect entered the store with another adult suspect who told him he would pay him \$30 if he pushed the cart out of the store. The juvenile agreed and was caught. He was arrested, booked and later released to a parent.

Transformer Fire

On June 13 at 5:47 p.m., officers responded to the Shell Gas Station at Huntington and Monterey regarding a blown transformer that had caused a fire in the car wash and multiple traffic signals to black out. Edison was advised and responded. There was minimal impact to traffic as Edison advised the street could be reopened. It appears there was a short in an underground power line.

Vehicle Theft

On June 14 at 1:39 p.m., officers responded to a business in the 600 block of West Huntington. The reporting party told the officer that on June 1 at about 2:28 p.m. she parked a forklift to the rear of the business. She was off for a few days and returned on June 5 and noted the forklift was not there. She figured it had been picked up for maintenance. On June 11 she returned to work and the forklift was still not at the business. She called United Rentals, the owner of the forklift, to ascertain if they had picked it up for service and they did not have it. She reviewed surveillance tapes and found that on June 5 a male Hispanic suspect, wearing a black shirt, white shorts, white sox and black shoes stole the forklift.

Assault With a Deadly Weapon / Robbery

On June 14 at 11:51 p.m., a 23-year-old, male, white victim was walking east on Fano when he was approached by a male Hispanic subject, also possibly in his twenties, about 6 foot 2 inches, thin build, wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt with dark trim. The suspect passed by him, and the victim only remembers being struck from behind and passing out. He came to consciousness and found his wallet had been taken. The wallet contained \$2 cash and some business cards. The victim was taken by a friend to a hospital, where he was treated for his injuries. Monrovia Police Department was summoned to the hospital.

Theft From a Vehicle

On June 15 at 7:26 a.m., an officer went to the 1100 block of East Lemon. The victim discovered his car, which they had left unlocked, had been rummaged through sometime last night or early morning. He checked his vehicle and found the laptop and GPS system was stolen. The investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Tampering

On June 15 at 9:24 a.m., an officer went to the 700 block of Mountain View, regarding vehicle tampering. The victim discovered the inside of the vehicle had been ransacked. The victim had left the doors unlocked and nothing was missing.

Theft From a Vehicle

On June 15 at 10:02 a.m., an officer went to the 1000 block of East Lemon. The victim walked outside of their home and discovered their vehicle had been ransacked during the night or early morning. The victim had left the doors unlocked. The victim’s in-dash digital television had been stolen along with speakers in a box from the truck. The investigation is continuing.

JUST SAY NO

Portantino and Donnelly Say No To The Governor

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From the desk of the Monrovia City Manager - Scott Ochoa

MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW

The June 21 City Council Meeting features a heavy agenda. Some of it cannot be helped (the budget and a couple of public hearings, for example); other items are simply too timely not to place on this agenda.

We will begin with a closed session regarding Gold Line property negotiations and litigation, and also an update to the City Council on labor negotiations.

We have four very deserving and exciting presentations: PR-1 is the recognition of Eagle Scout Jeffrey Ramos, who is the young man who spearheaded the Fountain to the Falls walking path project; PR-2 is the proclamation of July as “Parks & Recreation Month;” PR-3 is the recognition of the sponsors of last month’s highly successful Neighborhood Conference; and PR-4 is the report/recognition of Monrovia’s performance and achievement at the Neighborhoods USA Conference - where the MAP program collected several awards!

We have three public hearings. PH-1 is the consideration of a Specific Plan and CUP for the first phase of a 12-acre project at the Santa Teresita Hospital site. With the closing of the hospital and its pending demolition, the Carmelite Sisters are proposing the phased construction of assisted living and independent living facilities on their property. The first phase will consist of a 22-unit, 18,000-square-foot building. The specific plan and project are relatively straightforward, with the exception that the site straddles the Monrovia and Duarte border. Thus, both agencies have some degree of jurisdiction. Staff believes that the proposed plan and conditions provide flexibility to the applicant, yet ensure that the Sisters are able to comply with local standards. Staff recommends approval of Resolution Nos. 2011-14 and 2011-35, Ordinance No. 2011-03, and CUP 2011-08.

PH-2 is the proposed Amendment to Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations and Zoning Codes regarding massage businesses. You may recall that, following the State’s adoption of SB 731 (a bill advocated by the California Massage Therapy Council), Monrovia enacted a moratorium on new massage businesses until such time that the impacts of the legislation could be hashed out. SB 731, if not carefully analyzed and addressed, could severely limit a city’s ability to regulate massage businesses. Ultimately, in mandating that massage businesses be afforded the same zoning treatment as other “professional and personal service businesses,” SB 731 has essentially required cities

to define and/or re-define what a “professional and/or personal service business” is. Thus, in close conjunction with the City Attorney’s office, staff is proposing to update elements of the Zoning Code to allow legitimate massage businesses to operate pursuant to SB 731, but still preserve enough control for the City to ensure the public’s health and safety. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2011-05.

MRA-PH-1 is the continued public hearing from June 7 regarding the sale of the City and Redevelopment Agency’s property to the GLCA. Following the Public Comment portion of the June 7 hearing, and the Council’s own comments, the matter was continued to the June 21 agenda in order to give the GLCA and Excalibur Holdings (the adjacent property owner with two lawsuits against GLCA and one against Monrovia) the opportunity to come to some agreement. Notwithstanding GLCA’s recent notice of eminent domain proceedings against Monrovia, staff is recommending that the Council adopt Resolution Nos. 7-2011 and 2011-22.

MRA-1 and AR-1, respectively, are the consideration of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency and City’s two- year budgets. We have had two previous study sessions on the budget, the City’s overall financial health, and proposed fees and charges for the coming year. The budget is predicated on the City Council’s Priorities, our Principles of Financial Management, our Mission, Vision and Core Values, Community Feedback, and - most recently - the Principles of Public Sector Compensation. The Council spent considerable time discussing what it wanted to accomplish with this last item. Ultimately, it is a policy directive that will guide this and future Councils in creating and maintaining a sustainable compensation system. It is not an overreaction to the havoc wrought by the Great Recession; but it is a statement of lessons learned.

The summary of the previous budget study sessions is that Monrovia is structurally balanced; we are adapting to the “New Normal;” we are focused on cost-containment, especially in the area of compensation; and economic development and developing new sources of revenue are important to Monrovia’s long-term success. The total budgeted appropriations for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 fiscal years are \$58,904,696 and \$55,298,209, respectively. Staff recommends adoption of Resolution Nos. 8-2011, 2011-26, and 2011-27.

AROUND MONROVIA

Flag Stories at the Monrovia Public Library

A family story time celebrating Betsy Ross, the U.S. flag and other pieces of Americana will be presented on Tuesday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Library’s Community Room. This program is part of the Monrovia Cultural Series, which includes stories, film, craft and a snack. The program is free and open to the public.

Red, White & Blue Barbeque Senior Special Event

Kick off the summer at the Monrovia Community Center. Community Services will be hosting a Red, White and Blue Barbeque on Thursday, July 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., open to all seniors, 50 years and older. Celebrate the 4th of July holiday with patriotic sing-a-long entertainment, a barbeque lunch catered by Jake’s Road House, raffles and tons of fun. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Community Center. For additional information and reservations, please contact the Monrovia Community Center at (626) 256-8246.

Senior Driving Program

The Department of Community Services will host an AARP 55-Alive Driving Class on Thursday, July 7, and Friday, July 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The two-day course will focus on current driving laws and provide participants with helpful hints that will assist them with improving their driving skills. The class fee is \$12 for an AARP member and \$14 for a non-member; payable by check only, to AARP. Reservations and payments must be made in advance. For additional information and reservations, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

DUARTE KIWANIS PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

The Duarte Kiwanis Club was able to provide scholarship opportunities to a number of graduating seniors this year. Henry Perez, James Shamburger and Adrian Valdez for Mt. Olive Alternative School were each provided \$250.00 scholarships. Additionally, the club awarded six scholarships to graduating seniors from Duarte High School.

Pictured right are (back row) Arlene Galarza (\$750), Kenyale Kearney (\$500), Kiwanis members Karen Herrera, Reyna Diaz, Rose Brooks Mitchell, Pam Kawasaki, Lois Gaston and Peter Gallup. (front row) Vanessa Aguayo (\$450), Fabiloa Pena (\$450), Christopher Mendoza (\$250) and Adriana Arellano (\$400).



Finally, the Duarte Kiwanis Club also sponsored the “Red Wagon” Scholarships provided by Duarte’s Promise. A great success for all these Graduating Seniors.

DAY ONE KICKS OFF SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

SKILLZ Summer School In an environment of love, support, understanding and high expectations, we will provide students with the opportunity to earn both elective and academic credit. During morning hours, students will participate in life skills programming for 5 elective credits. During afternoon hours, students will participate in credit recovery classes Math, and English for 5 academic credits. Students will also have the option of participating in Room 13, an art workshop for elective credit. SKILLZ runs from July 6th- August 5th, classes are Monday-Thursday 8:00am- 3:00pm.

Know amazing teens? Nominate them for the Teen Legacy Award Day One is looking to recognize outstanding teens in the cities of Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre. Due to a lack of positive role models influencing youth in the public eye, The Teen Legacy Award was created by teens for teens to highlight the work and contributions that youth make throughout their communities. This award will be presented to four youth during the Youth Summit on August 16, 2011. Deadline to nominate someone is July 15th. Applications available on our website www.dayonepasadena.com

Youth Month calendars are out! 17 years of proving fun, safe, summer activities for youth and teens! All activities, transportation and meals are provided FREE or at low cost to youth. Activities include Raging Waters, Six Flags, museum tours, camping expeditions, college tours, and many more! Calendars available at Day One, Pasadena libraries, community centers, and partner sites now. Registration will be available online or by calling Day One starting July 25th. Calendars are available at Day One, community centers, libraries, partner organizations and online at www.dayonepasadena.com. Youth Summit FREE day-long series of



developmental workshops, inspiring guest speakers, and a one-stop resource fair for teens! This year's theme is around The Game of Life. We'll talk with teens about what it REALLY takes to get the college diploma, job, house, guy/girl, car, bling, and of course the cash. Teens are invited to come and enjoy breakfast, lunch, entertainment, raffles, and giveaways while experiencing what it takes to get there. Past guest speakers have included John Singleton who's critically acclaimed and popular films include Boyz n the Hood and 2 Fast 2 Furious, as well as legendary Dogtown and Z-Boy skateboarder Denis Martinez. To host a booth during the resource fair, contact carolina@dayonepasadena.com Registration will be available online or by calling Day One starting July 25th.

Day One is a community-based nonprofit organization with a 20-year history of providing effective, high quality and culturally-sensitive public health education, intervention, and policy development by involving health policy advocacy and community mobilization efforts for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention. The group works hand in hand with a variety

of community partners including (partial listing):

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Pasadena City College
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Pasadena Public Health & Library
Pasadena Unified School District
Peace Over Violence
Planned Parenthood Pasadena/SGV
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Target
TEEN FUTURES
Vision 20/20 Collaborative
Volunteer Center of SGV
Western Justice Center
Women At Work
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SIERRA MADRE TEEN EARNS EAGLE SCOUT STATUS

by S. Henderson

It has been said that a Boy Scout is "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." To say that young Sean Nesler is all those things would be an understatement. Sean, who has lived in Sierra Madre his entire life, lives a life that is all of the above and much more. A quiet young man, he is the young man that will stop to help you cross the street, or ask if he can help you when he sees you carrying a heavy load. So it was not a surprise to anyone who knew him that on Sunday, June 12, 2011, Sean has given the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Boy Scout. On that day, Sean Nesler, Troop 373, became an Eagle Scout. Also inducted as Eagle Scouts were, Nathan Allen, Patrick Cowell and Thomas Sargent of Pasadena.

Sean has been involved with the Boy Scouts since he was a Webelo in 2003. He is also a member of the BSA's National Honor Society. For his Eagle Project, Sean tore down, rebuilt and painted the fence surrounding the Youth Pastor's house for Sierra Madre Congregational Church. Home schooled, Sean just completed high school and has already taken more than a semester of college classes with "an A in every class". He has a keen interest in the television and movie industry and plans to attend the Sunset and Gower FX MakeUp School. He intends to make a career out of special/practical effects make-up work. He has already earned credits for making props

for a TV series for children. Sean is the son of Bob and Susan Nesler. Earlier this year, he participated in the 2011 PCC Film Festival and last Saturday, his work, "Alone" was one of the featured films.

The EAGLE SCOUT AWARD is the highest award available to youth members of the Boy Scouts of America. According to the Boy Scouts of America, "Just over 2 million boys have reached Eagle in 100 years (15,000 a year, roughly). Currently, around 4 of every 100 boys that joins Scouts make Eagle--that's less than 1% of the male population."

There have been many famous Eagle Scouts such as (partial listing)

Henry Aaron - Baseball player, home run king - the Mobile Press Register quoted Henry as saying that the greatest positive influence in his life was his involvement in scouting

Neil Armstrong - astronaut, first man on moon, from Wapakoneta, OH

William Bennett - Secretary of Education

Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. - Treasury Secretary & U.S. Representative from Texas

Michael Bloomberg - Mayor of New York City, founder of Bloomberg News

Bill Bradley - Pro basketball star and U.S. Senator from NJ

James Brady - Press Secretary to President Reagan

Stephen Breyer - US Supreme Court Justice

Gerald Ford - U.S. President (1st Eagle



Sean Nesler

to be President) (deceased)

Dr. Alfred Kinsey - insect biologist, human behavior researcher

Michael Moore - Author and filmmaker, nominated for an Oscar for "Bowling for Columbine"

William Sessions - FBI director

Steven Spielberg - Movie producer, from Scottsdale, AZ, made a movie of his troop while getting Photography Merit Badge.

Sam Walton - Founder, Wal-Mart (deceased)

Togo West - Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Veterans Affairs

SMU Announces May 2011 Graduates

DALLAS, TX Students from your area were awarded degrees during SMU's May 2011 Commencement ceremonies.

Collin Aufhammer, a resident of Alta-dena received a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting during the May 2011 Commencement.

Erin Gripp, a resident of Altadena re-ceived a Master of Science in information engineering & management during the May 2011 Commencement.

Lauren Phillips, a resident of Altadena received a Bachelor of Arts in environmental studies, and Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing during the May 2011 Commencement.

Jeffrey Sullivan, a resident of Sierra Madre received a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance, and Bachelor of Science in economics with finance applications during the May 2011 Commencement.

William Sullivan, a resident of Sierra Madre received a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance during the May 2011 Commencement.

Alison Frymark, a resident of Pasadena received a Bachelor of Science in applied physiology and sport management during the May 2011 Commencement.

Edward Lee, a resident of Pasadena received a Master of Interactive Technology in digital game development - software development during the May 2011 Commencement.

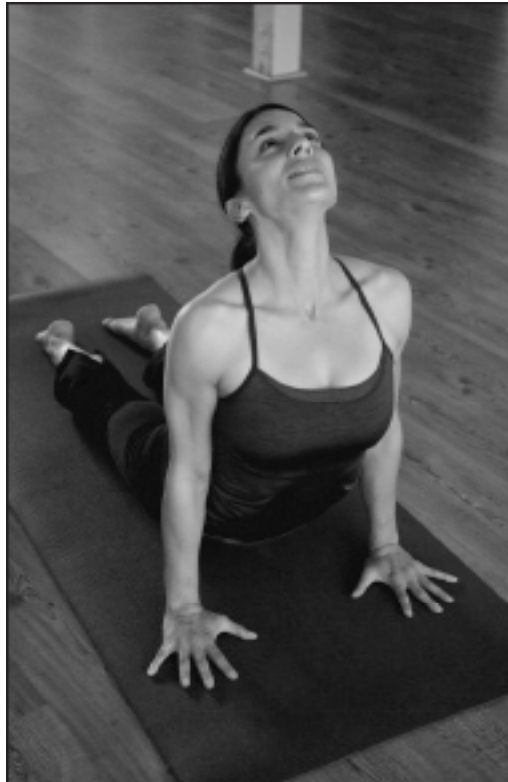
Andrew Titus, a resident of Pasadena received a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance during the May 2011 Commencement.

Betty Lam, a resident of San Marino received a Juris Doctor in law during the May 2011 Commencement.

Patrick McGowan, a resident of San Marino received a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance during the May 2011 Commencement.

After the University-wide Commence-ment, SMU's schools and departments held individual ceremonies throughout the day to honor graduates.

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Looking Into The Life Of A Teenager

By Meaghan Allen

The Challenge

Last week I spent three days at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs for an inspiring and eye opening summer seminar. My first morning I woke up to current cadets pounding on my door screaming at me to wake up over the loud roar of "Welcome to the Jungle". After the hallway was packed with girls like a can of sardines, we continued into a series of pushups, flutter kicks and jumping-jacks, reciting our "knowledge" we had been given the night before consisting of famous quotes by Ulysses S. Grant and Theodore Roosevelt, the Air Force Song and fighter planes. After twenty minutes of this we proceeded onto the Terazzo, the large marble and grass square, overlooking the infamous Chapel and began our morning PT in the morning dawn. This was how my "Doolie for a Day" began or rather, my taste of what the first few weeks of life as a new cadet at the Academy would be like. By seven we were eating at attention in the cafeteria, where we could only look down at the eagle on our plates and chew one bite at a time.

Luckily, the day got progressively easier and more entertaining as we participated in relay races consisting of Ranger-pushups, fireman carries, muddy army crawls and other strenuously filthy but exciting activities. This was the most stressful but most rewarding of my three days, as I was challenged in ways I had never been before and learned more about my capabilities. The next two days were more laid back, although we still had an hour of PT, in which we had classes and played epic games of ultimate Frisbee (I was MVP) and also attended some pretty wicked briefings about their parachuting and aviation programs.

It was tough dirty work, but in the end it was totally worth it.

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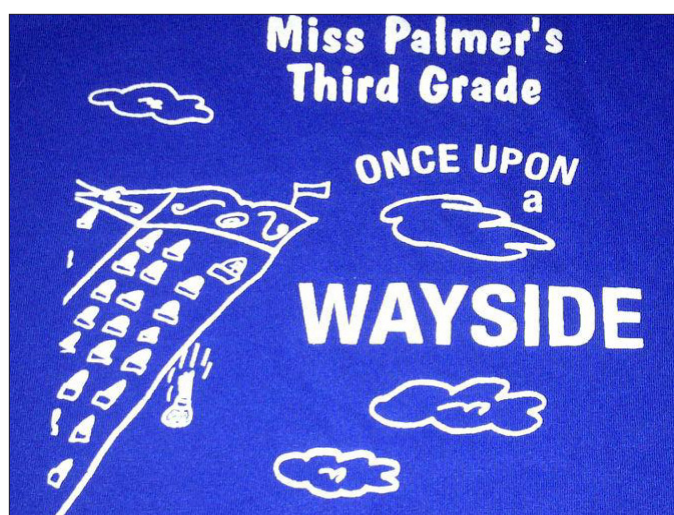
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SUMMER FUN



Miss Palmer's 3rd Grade Class, 31 talented and creative students, have published a book! It is called, "Miss Palmer's Third Grade: Once Upon A Wayside" and it includes the work of each of the students in her class. We will publish the book in its' entirety this summer, with 3-4 stories each week. The stories will not be edited, well maybe a few spelling corrections. They are all entertaining and original!

Inspired by the book series they read in class, The Wayside School Series by Louis Sachar, the children created their own episodes of life at Wayside. (Hint: Louis Sachar's Wayside School was supposed to be 30 classrooms, one story high; but by mistake it was built straight up 30 stories. That should give you some insight into the kind of stories you will read from Ms. Palmer's 3rd Grade Class!)

A teacher for six years, Ms. Palmer has been at Sierra Madre Elementary for two years. She was born and reared in Sierra Madre, played on the SM Girls Softball Team and was a Sierra Madre Rose Princess in 2000.

This is a series of stories that will enlighten, inspire and keep you laughing all summer long!
S. Henderson/MVNews

MATH by Ava Slocum

"Good morning, boys and girls!" Mr. Kidswatter's voice came over the loudspeaker. As usual, there was a pause as he waited for the children to answer him. As usual, nobody did.

"I'd like to announce that if you are in Ms. Fratic's class or up, you will be doing super, ultra, advanced math. Thank you."

Mrs. Jewels and her class were silent. Then Joe broke the silence. "Who is Mrs. Fratic?"

"She is a very kind teacher whose class is located five stories below us," Mrs. Jewels replied.

Everybody was silent until Maraicia let out a yelp. "Help", screamed Leslie. "Oh no", Paul said. "But I'm terrible at math", screamed Jenny.

Everybody had something to say from a negative statement to a simple yelp.

"All right," said Ms. Jewels, "Let's get started."

Nobody had anything to say. "Now", said Ms. Jewels, "If you multiply 12 by 18 then add 515 and then subtract 100 and divide by 3 and....." she paused. "Please take out your whiteboards and do that problem. Oh, and raise your hands when you are finished, thank you."

Everybody raised their hands. Not because they knew the answer, but because they all had questions. "All right," said Ms. Jewels, "let's move on to spelling."

The next day, they had their math tests. Nobody could do it and in the end, they all decided to guess. They all failed.

So it went on that way, nobody was able to do their math work. It hurt Ms. Jewels feelings to see so many unhappy faces and hear so many sighs when it was time for math. First, she tried making it interesting. "If there were 20,000 clowns, plus 150 clowns, minus 100 clowns, divided by 50 clowns, how many clowns are there in all? When that did not work she tried force. But in the end, nothing worked.

The next day, Ms. Jewels made an announcement. "Boys and girls," she said, "If Mr. Kidswatter never finds out that we are not doing our much too advanced Math, we will not have

to do it."

"Ooh", screamed Rondi.

"What fun", shrieked Allison.

So it came to be that they did not do their super, ultra, much too advanced Math.

The End.

YOGURT by Luke O.

It was Pet Day again in Mrs. Jewels class and John was late for school. John got his pet frog, Yogurt and rushed to Wayside School. He had made it to the 18th story when Yogurt suddenly jumped and ran.

Yogurt opened a door that no one had noticed. John dashed after him, but suddenly the door closed right on his nose! John cracked his nose, but he didn't care.

He opened the door and went in. That was a mistake he should have avoided. John paused as he gazed at Ms. Zarves. He couldn't believe it.

Ms. Zarves said, "Oh boy a new student. Please take a seat."

John sat next to someone and said, "What's your name?"

"Ray", Ray said.

"Who's that, that and that", John asked?

Ray said, "Victoria, Benjamin and Nick."

"Benjamin? I think I've heard that name before", John said. He wondered a bit then walked up to him. (When they had their minute break).

John asked, "Is you name Mark Miller?"

"Yes, Mark Miller", he said.

"Why do we work for eleven hours straight", John asked? Mark Miller shrugged.

"Your break is over", said Ms. Zarves.

"It's time for two math tests" John was finished first with the first one. Ms. Zarves graded it within a minute. John knew he wasn't going to ace the test, but his grade was still an A+.

Then John finished the second test, but he answered all of the questions wrong. He still got an A+.

After an hour, Ms. Zarves made them memorize all of the words in the dictionary. Ten hours later they got a break. John saw a box. It had a frog in it. He suddenly remembered

that it was Yogurt and he belonged in Ms. Jewels class.

He was about to grab him when Ms. Zarves said, "Don't even dare. What's your name young man?"

"John", John said.

Ms. Zarves said, "John, is that your frog?"

"Yes", John said.

"Then take it and get out of here", Ms. Zarves said.

John smiled and left the room. When he returned to Mrs. Jewels class, Pet Day was over, but he was just glad to be back.

THE NEW HAND GAME

by Candace Karasarkisian

One spring day and all through the school not a creature was stirring not even Samy. Ok, enough with the Dr. Suess act, let us get to the story.

One day in Mrs. Jewels class, Dana tapped on Shari's shoulder and Shari woke up. Dana taught Shari a secret hand shake. They, they turned it in to a hand game called "Mailman".

"Mailman, Mailman, do your duty", said Dana and Shari together.

"What kind of song is that", asked Rondi?

"Ou, sick", said Joy!

"I like it", replied Joe and Jenny.

So then the whole school started to play it. Even Mrs. Jewels, Mrs. Gouf, Miss Zarves, and Miss Nogard!

Mr. Kidswatter's voice came on the PA. "Good morning boys and girls", said Mr. Kidswatter.

As always, Mr. Kidswatter waited and listened for the children to say good morning back. They didn't say a word.

"I heard that there is a new hand game and I will make it the official hand game of Wayhigh School. Oh, did I say Wayhigh School? I meant to say Wayside School. Ok, have a nice day"

The children were quiet for a while and they looked at each other. Then, they all cheered. They all found a partner and started doing the hand game. Some people didn't know how to do the hand game, so they just asked Dana and Shari.

That's how Wayside School got a new hand game!

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR MEMORIAL PARK

The Sierra Madre City Council and Redevelopment Agency allocated \$75,000 for new playground equipment geared towards children 2 -5 years old in Memorial Park. Residents will enjoy a well-designed, accessible and beautiful play area. It is a wonderful space for kids; bright and colorful, it encourages the youngsters to run around and play. The playground equipment features a wave zip slide, an ABC climbing wall, rock wall and umbrella canopies. The new playground also incorporates traditional equipment such as swings (two belt seat swings and two tot seat swings) and a dragon fly totter, which will appeal to a variety of ages. The tiny tots have loved the sand pit area which has been kept in the process of renovating the playground. The installation is expected to finish this week.

The Sierra Madre City Council and Community Services Commission invites you to join them for the Memorial Park Playground Dedication Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 30th at 5:00 p.m. in Memorial Park, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Please contact the Community and Personnel Services Department for more information at 626-355-5278.



Making Summer Easier for Parents

Pasadena, California – Worried about keeping the kids active, out of trouble and happy this summer? Are you the person who finds out about events after they have occurred? How would you like to know about all the local kid and family friendly events happening around you? Here's what thousands of local parents already know: Macaroni Kid Pasadena.

Macaroni Kid Pasadena is a free, weekly e-newsletter and website that highlights enriching activities and events as well as offering giveaways for families in the Pasadena and greater San Gabriel Valley area. The publication regularly features relevant articles written by child development professionals, doctors, and other experts in the community. Macaroni Kid Pasadena has quickly become the trusted and valued resource that reaches thousands of parents throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

As co-publishers of Macaroni Kid Pasadena, Lauren Albrecht and Joyce Sakonju provide current and up-to-date information to parents in the San Gabriel Valley.

Their combined expertise in marketing and advertising, coupled with their lifelong connection to Pasadena make them the ideal team to provide information to the community. Both natives of Pasadena, Lauren and Joyce are the first to provide Pasadena families with information about all the best kid friendly activities. "Joyce and I are raising our families in our hometown of Pasadena, and are actively involved and in touch with our community. We are passionate about the importance of delivering helpful and timely information to local parents and caregivers."

Macaroni Kid Pasadena is a part of Macaroni Kid, LLC, which is a network of Publisher Moms in communities throughout the United States and Canada. Parents can subscribe to Macaroni Kid Pasadena's weekly newsletter by visiting www.pasadena.macaronikid.com. Ideas for articles and event listings can be sent to LaurenA@macaronikid.com. Inquiries regarding advertising should be directed to JoyceS@macaronikid.com.

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I like the crumbs left behind.

I really like the summertime, but sometimes it is too hot and humid for me! On some days I just feel like I'm melting away. Before I do, fill in my puzzle:

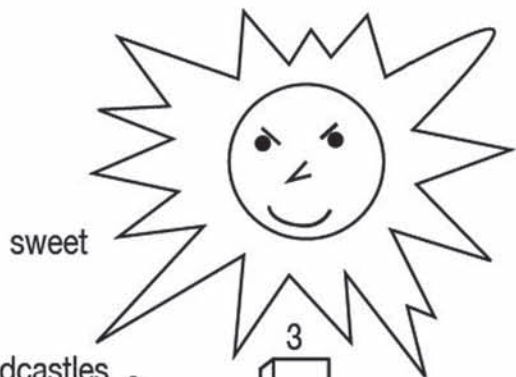
- _____ popsicle juice streaking down your arm
- _____ turtles and snakes on rocks and logs
- _____ for growing flowers, apples, pumpkins
- _____ reading clubs and programs at libraries
- _____ built at the beach
- _____ and splashing in the lakes
- _____, spinning and swinging on playground equipment
- _____ crickets (rubbing their front wings together)
- _____ hideaways under drooping tree branches
- _____ and tart pink lemonade
- _____ suddenly springing up
- _____ stars and constellations in the night sky

Hot Expressions

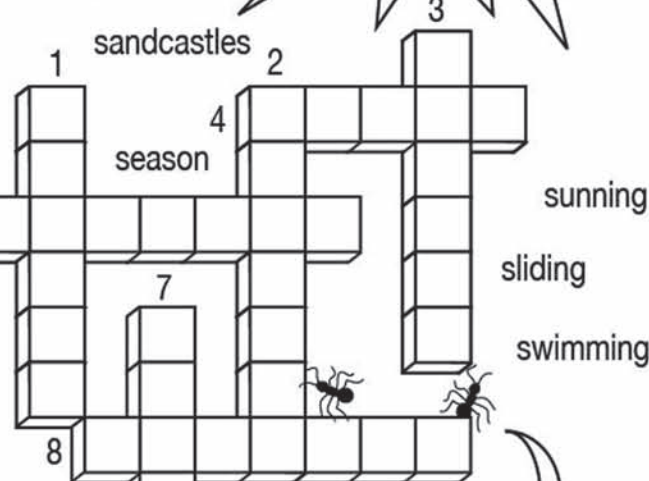
Match each expression below to its meaning:

1. be in **hot** water
2. full of **hot** air
3. **hot** under the collar
4. not so **hot**
5. red-**hot**
6. strike while the iron is **hot**

- A. brags or doesn't make a lot of sense
- B. just okay, not very good
- C. very exciting or successful at the time
- D. to be in trouble, someone is angry with you
- E. do something before you lose the chance
- F. has a quick temper, very angry



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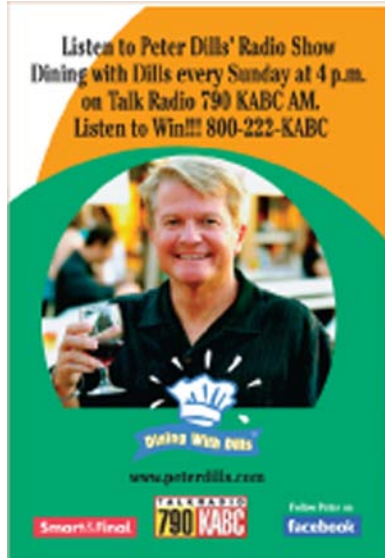
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Gales Revisited

One of the most common questions that I get on a weekly basis is, "peter, what is your favorite restaurant?". Well, my friends that is one tough question. What type of Cuisine? Price Point? Occasion? With Father's day fast

approaching I decided to leave that question to my dearly departed Father, the True King of The LA restaurant Scene. I know he loved Gladstone's in the 80's, and in the 90's it was Patina, and then closer to home he loved Burger Continental, heck they even named a sandwich after him. But his favorite over the past few years had to be Gale's Restaurant, and I think I have to put my name on that dotted line as well. Why? Great food? Of course some of the best Italian Food in town, dozens of daily specials plus fresh I mean fresh produce, that is all locally grown and sustainable Fish. Just a few reason why, but let's talk about the team that runs the show at Gale's Husband Rene Chila and well... of course Gale Kohl, when I am at Gale's either Gale or René is there, if one isn't there they are out selecting a fish at the market or delivery food for a party or at a charity event. If both of them are there then as they say double the pleasure, long days at a restaurant can be tiresome but, it never shows with these dedicated warriors. I mentioned the family affair, Terri Kohl, Gale's sister-in-law is involved plus niece Karyn has moved up the ranks as a hostess and nephew Matt works on the website. You know Gale's brother, Jerry, he runs the Brighton Accessories stores. The food is Northern Italian, and the kitchen is run ably but Chef Fausto Tinelli, if you are in the mood for Lasagna, pizza and my favorite Spaghetti and meatballs and wide selection of wine then you will absolute love Gale's, somehow these in name simple dishes, I have found truly come to life here at Gales'. Some of my suggestions for two I would start off with the Mussels in White Sauce (\$14), a true house favorite, another dish worth trying and you won't see it on every menu is the warm roasted olives (\$8), sometimes I just go to Gale's and order them at the bar and with a nice cold glass of bubbly. I mentioned that the fished purchased all sustainable, so ask your server for the fresh Fish of the day, but I can recommend the Zuppe di Pesce, yes it's a seafood soup with salmon, halibut, clams, mussels, and big shrimp (\$20) another meal in to itself. I didn't have it for this review, but my facebook fan Peter Fields says, the Tuscan Steak is a must. For you Pasta Fans, Gale's really excels here, try the Portabello Ravioli (\$17) a real winner, I tried to get Chef Fausto to give me the ingredients, but he held the recipe like a two year old child. Finally dessert, you might have a harder time picking the dessert then you will the entrée, but again ask your server for that days delight. All two thumbs up !!!

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Safety Tips To Help You Avoid Barbecue Blunders

(NAPSI)—Warmer weather is often the signal for backyard chefs to heat up the grill for a barbecue. Unfortunately, that's when the risk of food poisoning often heats up as well.

The good news is that grill masters can help keep their family and friends safe by following a few tips from the Home Food Safety program. The program is a collaborative effort of the American Dietetic Association and ConAgra Foods.

"Whether it's a picnic, barbecue or potluck, it's important to apply the same home food safety techniques to help keep you and your guests safe from food-borne illness," said registered dietitian and ADA Spokesperson Jim White.

- Before firing up the coals, scrub the grill, utensils and coolers with hot, soapy water. Set aside plates and utensils to handle raw foods and another set for cooked foods since cross-contamination tops the list of food safety concerns during the grilling season. Always wash utensils in warm, soapy water between uses.

- Plan ahead so you are able to wash your hands before, during and after handling foods outside. According to White, it's important to wash your hands in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds and keep a bottle of hand sanitizer or pack of

moist towelettes nearby when soap and water are not readily available.

- When preparing favorites, such as steak and chicken, remember to use different brushes to baste raw and cooked meats, and boil any leftover marinade before using it to season cooked meats. "A food thermometer is the only way to ensure food has been cooked to the proper temperature," White said. "It is not safe to rely on color or firmness or wait for the juices to run clear."

- Stock coolers with plenty of ice and a refrigerator thermometer to ensure foods are stored below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

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1 Yellow Bell Pepper, diced 1/4
1 cup Mayonnaise
1 cup Sour Cream
2 cups (1 jar) Sierra Madre Grocery Company Roasted Garlic & Olive Bruschetta Salsa
1 Tbsp Red Wine Vinegar

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For dressing, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, Sierra Madre Grocery Company Bruschetta Salsa and red wine vinegar. Whisk until thoroughly incorporated

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Jane Fuller, Sierra Madre resident, wrote the

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: BON IVER

The ubiquitous Justin Vernon returns to his solo venture, Bon Iver for his self-titled sophomore release. In 2008, "For Emma, Forever Ago" was graciously presented to our listening ears. It was a deeply personal, heartwrenching, and desolate record. Justin Vernon has been involved with numerous music acts prior to materializing songs under this moniker. He even did some guest vocals on Kanye West's previous album. However, the songs under Bon Iver are Justin Vernon's most compelling and preeminent work. While the direction is faintly down a different path than his debut, Bon Iver's music has never sounded so tranquil, transcendent and heartrending. Vernon has taken some new liberties with his own artistry and yet nothing presented here feels false or misguided. Every song significantly matters and holds something vastly consequential. Many fans and journalists have vocally and verbally hailed "For Emma, Forever Ago" a modern masterpiece and therefore, Vernon had a lot riding on his latest endeavor. While perfection is difficult to replicate second time around, Vernon may have figured it out. Instead of purely creating a beat-for-beat sequel to his debut, Vernon adds more instruments, higher production values and focuses his songwriting on an entirely different theme. All of this translates to a bigger and arguably more well-rounded soundscape. Bon Iver never overstays his welcome, yet at the same time, you wish he wouldn't leave. That's how this new album feels. At just shy of forty minutes, I don't think there's anything else you can be utterly inspired by in that period of time.

The music Bon Iver creates is for the fractured soul and wounded heart listener. The confused and perplexed entity will also find meaning

and comfort in this resonance. Vernon's falsetto voice and sincerely powerful lyrics are both as potent as ever. Not only does the record feel like a companion piece to "For Emma, Forever Ago", but also an entirely new enchantment. The love songs here differ than the ones on the previous record. This time around, he's writing them not to a girl,

Artist: Bon Iver
Record: Bon Iver
Label: Jagjaguwar
Release Date: June 21st, 2011
Grade: 9.0 out of 10
Key Tracks: "Minnesota, WI", "Holocene", "Wash.", "Hinnom, TX"

but to places. Some places are real ("Lisbon, OH", "Wash.", "Calgary") and others through Vernon's own pretenses ("Hinnom, TX") Either the case, these songs will point you in the right direction. No matter where the individual listener may be wandering, they're bound to reach their personal destination through the aid of these sensitive, cogitating, and marvelous tunes.

The change in both tone and musical arrangements should be wholly embraced because "Bon Iver" easily stands toe-to-toe with the best records of the year. The scope of Vernon's focus and creativity has increasingly widened. Fans of the first album might be taken by surprise, but rests assure this unequivocally feels like a Bon Iver record. While it may have a little more bells and whistles and laden vocal effects, the allure is ever so apparent. The tracks here represent pages in one's own personal journal. Since you have permission to take a peak inside, be prepared for what's to come. Once you finish page one, you'll be hooked to find out how this story ends.

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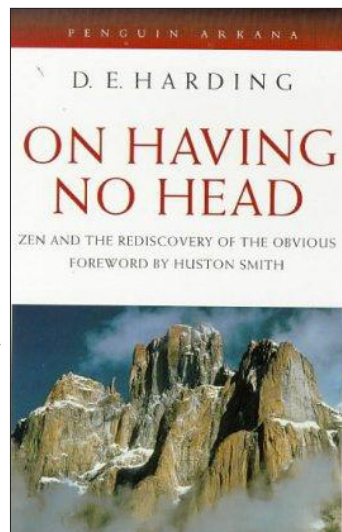
By Jeff Brown

On Having No Head: Zen and the Rediscovery of the Obvious by D. E. Harding

On Having No Head was first published in 1961. Since then, it has become a modern spiritual classic. "Headlessness" is the feeling of no-self, which mystics of all times have aspired to. It is an instantaneous way of "waking up" and becoming more aware of one's true self. Simple exercises help meditators shift their focus from the mind to pure awareness, the true goal of meditation. In this revised edition, Douglas conveys the immediacy, simplicity, and practicality of what he calls the "headless way." Douglas also draws parallels to practices in other traditions. "Reason and imagination and all mental chatter died down, I forgot my name, my humanness, my thingness, all that could be called me or mine. Past and future dropped away....Lighter than air, cleaner than glass, altogether released from myself, I was nowhere around." Douglas Harding is a respected author, philosopher, and mystic who, for more than thirty years, has been sharing with others a direct method for rediscovering our original nature. He is the author of numerous books on spirituality and there is a great website. HEADLESS.ORG

Once and Future Giants : What Ice Age Extinctions Tell Us About the Fate of Earth's Largest Animals by Sharon Levy

Until about 13,000 years ago, North America was home to a menagerie of massive mammals. Mammoths, camels, and lions walked the ground that has become Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and foraged on the marsh land now buried beneath Chicago's streets. Then, just as the first humans reached the Americas, these Ice Age giants vanished forever. In Once and Future Giants, science writer Sharon Levy digs through the evidence surrounding Pleistocene large animal ("megafauna") extinction events worldwide, showing that understanding this history, and our part in it is crucial for protecting the elephants, polar bears, and other great creatures at risk today. These surviving relatives of the Ice Age beasts now face an intensified replay of that great die off, as our species usurps the planet's last wild places while driving a warming trend more extreme than any in mammalian history. Inspired by a passion for the lost Pleistocene giants, some scientists advocate bringing elephants and cheetahs to the Great Plains as stand ins for their extinct native brethren. By reintroducing big browsers and carnivores to North America, they argue, we could rescue some of the planet's most endangered animals while restoring healthy prairie ecosystems. Deftly navigating competing theories and emerging evidence, Once and Future Giants examines the extent of human influence on megafauna extinctions past and present, and explores innovative conservation efforts around the globe. The key to modern day conservation, Levy suggests, may lie fossilized right under our feet.



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HOWARD Hays As I See It



Germany, with the world's fifth-largest economy, is a good example of how a nation's prosperity is proportionate to how many of its citizens are allowed to share in it. A third of its workers are union members (vs. 12% here), but virtually all its workforce shares in the benefits of collective bargaining. Corporations

with over 1,000 employees are required to have labor equally represented with management on boards of directors.

Restricting healthcare to those who can afford it, or cutting education to balance a budget, would be unthinkable. German workers can expect a decent income, vacation time with families and a secure retirement. Germany's now being asked to help bail out those EU economies which aren't doing so well.

It's the sort of prosperity we used to enjoy here, before President Reagan pushed for dropping upper tax rates for the richest while gutting unions and middle-class protections. Thanks to policies continued under President Bush, workers' share of national income has plummeted to its lowest point in history. The top 1% have seen their share of national income increase more than 120% over the past thirty years, while the bottom 40% have seen their share drop almost 30%. That top 1% averages \$1.1 million a year in income, while the bottom 90% averages \$31,000. Congressional Republicans threaten to shut the government down and crash the economy to prevent tax rates for the wealthiest from returning to where they were under Reagan.

I wrote two months ago that Sweden's Ikea was looking to exploit cheap labor in Virginia, as American companies used to hunt for cheap labor in Mexico. Now, it's Germany's BMW looking to do the same in Ontario right next door in San Bernardino County.

For over forty years, union reps at the BMW distribution center in Ontario would sit across the table with management and reach agreement on contract renewals. No problems, almost routine; workers now make \$25 an hour with healthcare for their families. But in talks earlier this month, for the first time management was joined at the table by a lawyer from the union-busting firm Jackson Lewis.

The lawyer was not there to negotiate, but to announce that the jobs of the nearly 100 workers would be ending August 31. BMW would be contracting with an outside firm to bring in unskilled, minimum wage workers to staff the facility.

Teamsters Joint Council 42 President Randy Cammack explained, "These foreign companies think that our recession creates an opportunity for them, an opportunity for them to exploit American workers as a means to increase profits in their sales of fancy foreign cars. The Teamsters are here to tell them that this isn't the American way." (BMW workers in Germany are fully unionized - as required by law.)

It's not just foreign companies, though. American corporations themselves yearn for an exploitable third-world workforce right

here at home; where rather than going against management for good wages and benefits, workers instead go at each other for whatever's left in a race-to-the-bottom job market. Workers used to share in a company's success, so they'd make enough to be able to pump money back into the economy. Now, billions in profits are stashed in tax-free havens overseas.

Since corporations can more openly buy politicians, they've accelerated efforts to extend this new reality to the public sector. Rather than having public funds spent on union wages and benefits, they'd love to see that money instead go to private contractors hiring unskilled, minimum wage workers to fight our fires, teach our children and keep our streets safe.

Wisconsin showed how an intentionally-created budget crisis (happens every time when giving tax windfalls to millionaires) can be used for union-busting. The same tactic was employed on a local level in Costa Mesa, which sought to replace half its employees and put public money in the pockets of well-connected contractors.

Costa Mesa's police chief Steve Staveley, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, resigned in disgust: "They have pushed finance and the budget process around to get the kind of numbers that benefit their position . . . They have, in essence, lied as they create the appearance of crisis . . . As for laying off a dozen cops, "It takes five years and millions of dollars to train that many police officers. That's not fiscally responsible. That's just stupid."

Police in Broward County, Florida, are taking another approach in responding to Republican Gov. Rick Scott's efforts to bust their union (which supported him in the last election); an event called the "Party to Leave the Party", where guests are invited to come and switch their voter registration. The purpose, as explained on the invitation, is "to send a message to the Republican Party, the governor and the Republican-led legislature -- those that are wreaking havoc on the lives of public employees -- that we will not sit idly by and take it. Supporting the GOP means supporting those that are working hard against your interests and those who believe that labor unions are bent on destroying America."

None of these police officers, or Ontario distribution center workers, are demanding to be paid enough to afford a new BMW. But they want to make the point that the well-being of a nation is dependent on the well-being of its working men and women. Just ask anybody in Germany.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Miss California, Alyssa Campanella of L.A., for winning the Miss USA crown. Of 51 contestants, she was one of only two (the other being Miss Massachusetts) to state "unequivocally" that evolution should be taught in public schools. She described herself as a "science geek".

I don't know what's more regrettable; that 49 out of 51 young ladies have mixed feelings about teaching science in science class, or that, of all those I hung out with in school who were described as "geeks", none bore the slightest resemblance to Ms. Campanella.

VIETNAM REDUX

Modern liberalism cut its teeth on opposition to the Vietnam War, and from that point forward, liberals have been fast on the draw to see Vietnam-like defeat imminent in almost every regional conflict in which the United States has been engaged. The great irony here is that liberals learned the wrong lessons from Vietnam and are now at the point of turning victory in Afghanistan into defeat.

Every objective critical analysis of Vietnam has verified that the U.S. did not lose the war militarily. It lost the war politically. Stephen Hayward, author of the seminal biographical work on Ronald Reagan, documents beyond a shadow of doubt how Johnson's incremental escalation and apologetic prosecution of the war convinced the North Vietnamese general staff that the U.S. had no desire to actually win the war. Thus, despite massive losses which the North Vietnamese sustained in almost every major battle, they knew that given sufficient time, the U.S. would eventually cut and run. Thus, the North Vietnamese had no reason to surrender or even to seriously reconsider their tyrannical aspirations, and they won.

With President Obama's speech this week, it appears almost certain that the U.S. will lose the Afghan war. What other conclusion can possibly be drawn when the President of the United States tells our major adversary that come 2014, we will withdraw? Note, telling someone that you intend to withdraw is singularly different than telling someone that you intend to withdraw on a given date. The difference lies in the commitment – or lack thereof – to victory as a precondition of that withdrawal. There was never any doubt in anyone's mind that the U. S. would withdraw its forces from the theatres of WWII, but everyone (especially our enemies) knew that we weren't going to withdraw until we won.

Admittedly, the Afghanistan war is not as large or wide-ranging as WWII, but that doesn't mean it is any less important. What liberals, and this president specifically, do not understand is the importance of the U.S.'s credibility in determining the direction of world events. Enemies decide whether to confront us, and friends decide whether to stay loyal to us, based on their cold, hard assessments of whether we mean what we say about supporting democracy and freedom and opposing tyranny and aggression.

It has been less than 48 hours since the president's speech, and already Afghan citizens are being quoted as questioning our commitment to them and therefore the wisdom of their aiding us. Surging 30,000 troops to Afghanistan and then informing the enemy of a date-certain departure is a betrayal of credibility of the first order. Sadly, it is not a new phenomenon for this

GREG Welborn



administration.

Other betrayals preceded this one. When we publicly denounce Gadhafi, claim that he must leave "now" and then lift less than a finger to actually bring that about, we have betrayed our credibility in the world. When we step up the pressure on Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to force out a man who at least supported our war on terror, but we fail to move against Syria's Assad who has aided and abetted those terrorists, we've betrayed our credibility. When the U.S. fails to lead the free world, but instead stands behind and insists that the feckless and corrupt U.N. lead the world, we have lost credibility in the eyes of those who should fear us. When we pledge to support the fledgling new democracies of Eastern Europe and then summarily refuse to put Poland and the Czech Republic under a missile defense umbrella, leaving them to the mercies of expansionist Russia, we have lost credibility in the eyes of those who need us and whose support some day we will need in return.

As much as I have studied the left over the years, it constantly amazes me to realize just how ignorant of human nature they truly are. Every thing that the left does or attempts to do is based on their vision of how they want the world to work, not on how it actually works. Their insistence that there is no enemy that can't be brought to civility and peacefulness by negotiation and compromise is the most dangerous risk to world peace today. It is of a magnitude worse than the aggression of the Taliban, Iranians or terrorists because it emboldens those same enemies of freedom and democracy to push their agendas forward.

Just as the great liberal, President Johnson, misunderstood the North Vietnamese commitment to defeating us, so too has our modern-day great liberal, President Obama, misunderstood our enemy's commitment to sustaining their efforts until we leave. As it's going to turn out, Vietnam and Afghanistan will look more alike than any liberal has ever imagined.

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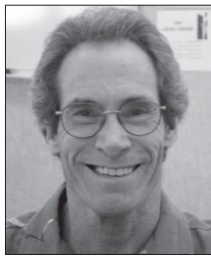
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America's continuing economic crisis is not only a national crisis. It is also a local government fiscal crisis. Coping with the worst economic downturn in 50 years, U.S. cities -- especially smaller communities like Sierra Madre -- could face sizable budget shortfalls next year.

With the pace of recovery still sluggish, local government budget tightening and spending cuts over the next year could well impose a significant drag on the nation's economic performance. It could be that a deepening local government fiscal crisis—less remarked upon than the one challenging state governments—could hobble the nation's incipient recovery with several years of layoffs, cancelled contracts with vendors, and reduced services.

Local government fiscal conditions matter for national economic performance. Small cities, in particular, are important economic agents that not only provide services important to the functioning of regional economies, but also serve as major employers in many metropolitan areas. For example, local government has grown relatively more important in recent years as a source of jobs and wages, and now accounts for some 10 percent of total non-farm metropolitan area employment.

Small cities in California, like Sierra Madre, face one of the most daunting and widespread fiscal crises in decades—and it's only just beginning. As a whole, these cities face nearly 3 percent budget shortfalls on average this year. And the sense of trepidation is ubiquitous

My Turn

CITIES LIKE SIERRA MADRE NEED HELP AND THEY NEED IT NOW!

across a diverse range of metropolitan areas, regardless of which aspect of the national crisis impacts them the most: declining consumption rates and increased property foreclosures; job losses in manufacturing or financial services; or record state budget shortfalls. Sierra Madre could be been especially hard hit, experiencing a one-two punch to its key revenue sources, as a result of declining consumer spending (sales taxes) and depressed home values (property taxes).

Yet this is still only the beginning of what will likely remain an ongoing crisis. That's because while income and sales taxes are typically the earliest sources of city revenue to decline as job losses in a community increase and consumer purchases slow, property tax collections— which make up the bulk of city revenue nationwide—decline much more slowly as real property assessments are adjusted to reflect declining housing values. These continue to slump, meaning that cities and other localities will be contending with increasing budget pressure for the next several years.

In Sierra Madre, like most places, the local response to deteriorating conditions has consisted of a predictable round of unfortunate but unavoidable service cutbacks and layoffs. Since 2009, the city has cut spending each year in real terms and is expected to continue reducing expenditures in the near future. This will result in workforce reductions, delayed or canceled infrastructure projects, or general service cuts. As the full impact of the national economic crisis degrades city fiscal conditions over the next 18 to 24 months, these sorts of responses will continue—and likely expand.

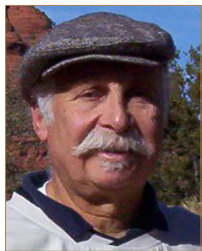
The nation needs a partnership between all levels of government to ease the local government fiscal crisis. Local governments, like Sierra Madre, are innovating. And yet, city and suburban leaders are unlikely to avoid severe service pull-backs, major workforce reductions, and various capital project delays—retrenchments that will reduce economic demand, undercut metropolitan vitality, and place a drag on national recovery. There are, however, a number of options the federal government could take to lessen the extent to which cities must take actions that harm the national economy.

For example, it could:

- Target temporary fiscal assistance directly to cities to stabilize local budgets.
- Establish a public service employment program to fund local hiring for positions needed to respond to the consequences of the economic downturn.
- Strengthen and stabilize the housing market by opening up mortgage finance markets, investing in neighborhoods, and protecting homebuyers from predatory lending.
- Invest in transportation and transit in ways that provide flexibility for meeting city- and metro-specific goals.
- Enhance municipal credit to lower borrowing costs for municipal bond issuers and facilitate financing for local capital projects.

By taking actions like these the nation can safeguard a still-shaky recovery. Cities like Sierra Madre need help and they need it now!

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



Right about seven p.m. as I finished my evening walk around the canyon, I noticed a new neighbor out in front of his house tending to his garden. You know, up here in the canyon the ground is pretty hard and growing things can be real tricky; I took a chance and greeted him and said something like, "How do you like it up here?" His response was wonderful. "I love it up here," he said. "Five minutes

away from the freeway and it's a different world. It's so quiet and so beautiful. For once I know I've done the right thing."

He didn't mention the incredible jacaranda trees that amazingly turn a gorgeous purple at this time of the year. He didn't have to mention them as I pictured their purple plumage in my mind as he spoke. He has only been here a few days and probably doesn't know about the floods, fires, and earthquakes that periodically cause us all to evacuate. He doesn't know about the incredible in-fighting that seems to involve all of Sierra Madre from time to time and, in fact, right now there's no need to worry him about our probable future catastrophes. There's plenty of time and I decided to let him live on blissfully for a while. For once, I too, think I did the right thing.

This doing the right thing stuff is pretty interesting. Recently, I have returned to the vegan diet that led me to the pages of this newspaper. My very first articles were about my successful dietary program and I would generally conclude my articles with helpful dietary hints. This was

DOING THE RIGHT THING

like an athletic event.

Zen Buffet is easy. When I order tea they bring me a whole pot and I don't have to go scrambling around for that second or third cup. The important thing for me is that the place makes my lunches easy and comfortable and gives me the overall experience that I am doing the right thing following my diet. Unfortunately this experience cannot be duplicated on weekends as the price on Sunday doubles and my family is not overjoyed with the non-vegan choices. Okay, so on Sundays Zen Buffet is not the right place for us. The important element is to stay aware and be focused enough to notice when one is doing the right thing.

In order to do this one must stay pretty focused and be aware and notice one's own experience. It's not about being critical or constantly complaining or being real hard to please. Really it is a commitment to being awake and enjoying one's life. I think it is possible for all of us to get into a flow where, just about from our individual point of view, everything is working even though other people might disagree. Look, my dear friends and neighbors, I think we have all done the right thing. We all ended up here in Sierra Madre and really it wasn't by accident. We chose this place and most of us love it. On the Fourth we'll all be out on the Boulevard, either in the parade or waving to our friends as they march past. It's always such fun and is the right way to celebrate our intelligent decisions unless we decide to something else that is equally right.

This being positive feels like the right thing, at least for now.

Curbing Bad Behavior: WAITING ON GOD

by Ron Carter



I am requesting that anyone reading this who doesn't believe there is a God, Allah, Buddha, Jehovah or any other religious being, please indulge me as I remark on "waiting on God."

Many of us, humans, can reflect on certain situations where if we had obtained the opportunities we were seeking, our victories would have been short-lived. In other words, we were not ready for God's blessings. We should try to not covet what someone else has attained. We must refrain from being envious of others' successes, because we "truly" don't know how long and diligent the individual worked to attain his/her blessings. My motto is "if you see a man or woman on the side of a mountain, you know they have worked to get

there." Derrick Rose, 2010/2011 NBA MVP, humbly stated, after losing the 2010/2011 NBA Eastern Championship, he would work on his game this summer and return next year, 2011/2012 season, for another chance at a NBA Championship. I believe that Mr. Rose understood what it meant to be humble, hardworking, diligent and "to wait on God."

Some of us are so malicious that we attempt to "willingly" run, ironically speaking, into someone else's path hoping that they'll trip and fall. We are so determined to get ahead of others that we neglect to create our own path. When does this bad behavior ends? Success can be attained without malice by being prepared when opportunity presents itself and "we have waited on God". Some individuals call it (success) luck. I don't be-

lieve in luck, I believe that when opportunity and preparedness cross, one is granted God's blessings from them converging.

My friend Steve Bradford is an example of someone who waited on God. Steve ran for the Gardena, California City Council four times before he finally won a seat on the council. After serving notably several years on the city council, he ran for the California State Assembly twice before he won his current seat in the 51st Assembly District. He is now front and center working diligently in a leadership role crafting state legislations in the California Assembly. While some might say Steve is lucky, I say he prepared himself and waited on God.

In my humble opinion, one should create their own path. Don't be envious of others' successes, don't covet what others have attained, be prepared, be diligent and most of all "wait on God."

REV James L. Snyder



I do not get as many letters as I used to do, which may be due to the Internet or to the fact that I do not have as many literate friends as I used to. I still like getting a letter, as long as it is a letter and not a bill. Bill used to write me but he was always asking for money.

I did get a letter this past week. It was unexpected but it was from a family member. Good old Uncle Sam sent me an epistle this past week. I was anxious to see how he was getting along. I hear all these rumors, you know, but it is good to hear straight from the donkey's mouth.

When I opened the letter it was not a personal letter. It was addressed to me, all right, and it had to do with personal matters, of a sort. But he was not chatting about what he was up to these days. Rather, it was a request for money.

It seems that way back in the year of our Lord 2003, there was a mix-up in my tax return and somehow I still owed the IRS money. My attitude was, let bygones be bygones. That is ancient history. Let us just get along.

There was a phone number on the letter inviting me to call. It was right after lunch so I thought why not get this over with and get on with the rest of my life. I hummed a little tune as I dialed the number and then waited for it to ring.

I finally got an automated service and was asked to press a certain number if I wanted to continue in English. My English is not that good and in high school, I got a D-plus in my senior year. But as it is the best language I know, I opted for English. For some reason I pressed the wrong number and got something that sounded a little bit like Spanish. My Spanish is not good, actually not at all,

A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON WITH THE IRS

I had no idea what they were saying. I really hate to hang up on people while they are talking but I finally hung up and re-dialed the number.

I do not want to complain, but I hate punching a number for this and punching numbers for that and finally getting someone on the other end of the line that is not a real person but they're telling me what to do. Who do they think they are? My wife?

After several tries and punching more numbers, I finally got back to the automated system. Through no skill of my own, I finally punched the right numbers and actually got a live person. Now, I thought to myself, I will get this taken care of, and that will be that.

The gentleman on the other end of the line was none other than a friendly IRS person. After exchanging a few pleasantries, we finally got down to business. I finally was able to ask what all of the paperwork meant that I received.

He began what turned out to be a very long spiel and it sounded somewhat similar to my high school teacher's explanation of Einstein's theory of relativity. I could not relate to my high school teacher's explanation anymore than I could relate to what my IRS man was talking about on the other end of the phone. If what he was talking about was in any way relative to my well-being, I had no way of knowing.

When he was finished with his long, drawn-out explanation all I could say was, "Huh?"

He then proceeded to go through the whole process again, ad nausea. After the second time of explaining what these taxes were, I knew less about its then after the first time of explaining it. I am beginning to see a conspiracy here.

"Exactly why do I owe these taxes?"

Obviously, he thought I said, "Where do you buy your axes?" And began talking in Chinese, or so it sounded like Chinese. When he was finished, I could not remember why I called him in the first place.

Finally, in somewhat of a desperate mood, I asked him how much I owed. As it turned out, I owed the IRS \$363.94. Why I owed that much, I still have not figured out. I must say good old Uncle Sam knows what he is doing when he hires people to man the IRS phone lines who know Chinese.

The only thing I could say was, "The check is in the mail." He did mention something about putting a lien on my bank account. Ha ha! There is barely enough money in my banking account to keep my account open. If anybody, especially the IRS, liens on my bank account they will fall smack on their face. I would like to be around for that one.

Paying taxes is one of the responsibilities of every American. Someone has well said that the only certain thing in life is death and taxes. Good old Uncle Sam has found a way for us to pay taxes after we have died.

I remember the words of Jesus. "And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25 KJV).

That is the best separation of church and state I know.

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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

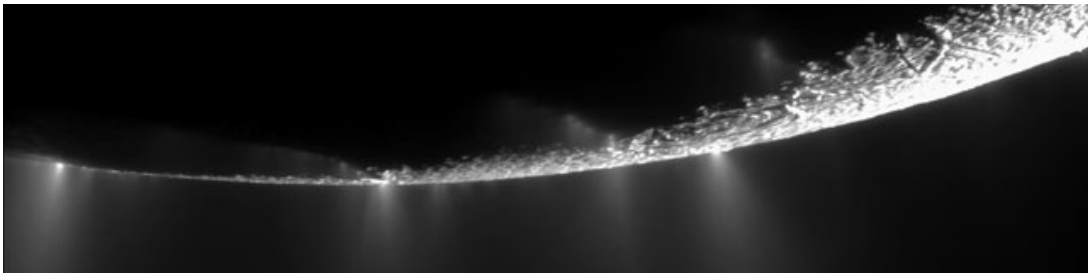
Cassini Spacecraft Captures Ocean-Like Spray from Saturn's Moon



NASA's Cassini spacecraft has discovered the best evidence yet for a large-scale saltwater reservoir beneath the icy crust of Saturn's moon Enceladus. The data came from the spacecraft's direct analysis of salt-rich ice grains close to the jets ejected from Enceladus.

Data from Cassini's cosmic dust analyzer show the grains expelled from fissures, known as "tiger stripes," are relatively small and usually low in salt far away from the moon. But closer to Enceladus' surface, Cassini found that relatively large grains rich with sodium and potassium dominate the plumes. The salt-rich particles have an "ocean-like" composition and indicate that most, if not all, of the expelled ice and water vapor comes from the evaporation of liquid salt-water. The findings were published last week in the journal *Nature*.

"There currently is no plausible way to produce a steady outflow of salt-rich grains from solid ice across all the tiger stripes other than salt water under Enceladus's icy surface," said Frank Postberg, a Cassini team scientist at the University



of Heidelberg, Germany, and the lead author on the paper. When water freezes, the salt is squeezed out, leaving pure water ice behind. If the plumes emanated from ice, they should have very little salt in them.

The Cassini mission discovered Enceladus' water-vapor and ice jets in 2005. In 2009, scientists working with the cosmic dust analyzer examined some sodium salts found in ice grains of Saturn's E ring, the outermost ring that gets its material primarily from Enceladean jets. But the link to subsurface salt water was not definitive.

The new paper analyzes three Enceladus flybys in

2008 and 2009 with the same instrument, focusing on the composition of freshly ejected plume grains. The icy particles hit the detector target at speeds between 15,000 and 39,000 mph, vaporizing instantly. Electrical fields inside the cosmic dust analyzer separated the various constituents of the impact cloud.

The data suggest a layer of water between the moon's rocky core and its icy mantle, possibly as deep as 50 miles beneath the surface. As this water washes against the rocks, it dissolves salt compounds and rises through fractures in the overlying ice to form reserves nearer the surface.

If the outermost layer cracks open, the decrease in pressure from these reserves to space causes a plume to shoot out. Roughly 400 pounds of water vapor is lost every second in the plumes, with smaller amounts being lost as ice grains. The team calculates the water reserves must have large evaporating surfaces, or they would freeze easily and stop the plumes.

"This finding is a crucial new piece of evidence showing that environmental conditions favorable to the emergence of life can be sustained on icy bodies orbiting gas giant planets," said Nicolas Altobelli, the European Space Agency's project scientist for Cassini.

"Without an orbiter like Cassini to fly close to Saturn and its moons—to taste salt and feel the bombardment of ice grains—scientists would never have known how interesting these outer solar system worlds are," said Linda Spilker, NASA's Cassini project scientist at JPL.

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Ask jai.....

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

I have been out of work for almost 5 years taking care of my family and raising two children. I want to return to the workforce. I have a finance degree and over 10 years work experience as a financial analyst. My husband is employed by a large corporation and they always have jobs listed on their website that I am interested in pursuing. I have asked my husband to talk to the Personnel Department about me and give them my resume. Which he has done. It has been over six months with no result. My husband has a good work history and has been with the corporation for 15 years. We are getting frustrated. What should we do to get me into their system to be considered for employment? Marika

Dear Marika

First, find out what your husband's employer's policy is regarding hiring spouses and family members. Next, there is no "we" when "you" are looking for employment. You are placing a lot of stress on your husband to assist you in finding employment especially with his employer. You need to take on full responsibility for finding employment and that should be with any employer that is looking for someone like you with your skills and experience. Start by letting your family, friends and former co-workers know that you are seeking employment. I am assuming that you are seeking employment in finance and as an analyst. A cover letter will be your key document when applying for any position. Your cover letter should explain why you are transitioning from family life back into the workforce. Be sure to include a referral name, the position you are seeking, why you are returning the workforce, why you feel you qualify for the position and some out standing accomplishment statements. Do not focus your cover letter on your family or family activities. You want to communicate to the employer that you will be completely focused on their needs and that your skills and experience will add value to their organization. I would also suggest that you write a chronological resume, include an objective heading and what you have been doing for the past 5 years. Any volunteer work, school activities and some hobbies all count as work experience and are appropriate to include on your resume into order to bring it up to date.

However, if you are set on finding employment at your husband's company you should find out if they have an employee referral program. Then ask your mutual friends who are employed there if they would refer you for positions at his company. I strongly suggest that you try to bypass the Personnel Department and go directly to the person who is making the decision to hire. Ask your husband to find out the name of that person and instead of him contacting and giving them your resume, you do it. Call or e-mail them directly, start with who referred you and if you feel it would be appropriate mention your husband's name. Continue looking for employment with other companies until you are employed.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to find a job but did not know who to ask. Ask jai. Send your questions to jai@resumeandcareerservices.com or visit website www.resumeandcareerservices.com.

Happy Tails

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



ANTS ALMIGHTY!

For reasons beyond my understanding, insects are apparently very attracted to me. Some say the fact that I have so many "bug buddies" might be related to my blood sugar level. Another theory is that I have a kind heart and therefore I attract all types of creatures. Personally, I prefer the latter explanation for why I am such an insect magnet, but whether I have sweet blood or a sweet heart I do my best to protect myself by covering up while I am outdoors to deter the inevitable bite or sting. Interestingly enough, even ants seem to be particularly tuned-in to my presence. When I am out in the yard, I often find myself engaged in what I like to call "The Bristol Stomp". One minute I am pruning a bush and whistling a tune, and the next minute I am dancing across the lawn, pounding my feet on the pavers and howling like a coyote. It's like someone sends an all-points-bulletin out to the local ant colonies letting them know there is a vulnerable victim available, and immediately they come marching in exponential numbers. If I stand still long enough my legs are covered with ants within a matter of seconds. It is quite bothersome, and I get annoyed with constantly having to wipe them away, or spray them off my feet in an attempt to complete what would otherwise be a simple outdoor task. Even though I get annoyed, I try hard not to crush or smash any of them as I wipe them away because I think every creature has it's purpose. There is a reason for their existence and they all matter, even those annoying ants! As a matter of fact, in many ways the ants may matter more than some, because they act like a building block for the survival of many other species. Ants spend their entire lives working, and much of the work they do helps to ensure that other living creatures, including plant life will survive and thrive. Scientists believe that ants have been in existence for at least 92 million years. There are about 12,000 described species, each with their own unique characteristics. One thing they all have in common is a remarkably articulate body with which they are capable of performing some of the most amazing feats relative to their size. Ants live in colonies and maintain a fascinating social structure. They operate in a matriarchal society typically led by 1 queen, but some colonies are known to have multiple queens. The queen spends her life giving orders to her minions and mating with her winged drones (male ants). For months after mating, the queen lays numerous eggs to keep the colony well populated. Most remarkable is the fact that she is capable of determining the sex and status of each egg, allowing her to create as many workers as she needs. This

extreme matriarchy can result in complete independence from male influence. One species is even known to have bred out the male gender all together! And we humans thought we had "arrived" in terms of women's rights! Many ant species are known for their outstanding or unusual features and abilities. The "mud ant" for example, has tiny hairs all over its body, used to collect dirt particles and leafy debris for an outer camouflage, making it easier to sneak up on prey which - in this case - happens to be snails. Fungus growing ants are avid agriculturists. They work constantly, biting off bits of live garden fungus during the warm months of the year, and carrying it into the lowest chamber of the underground nest beneath the frost line, where they huddle over it throughout the winter to keep it warm. When the frost melts, the ants carry the small bits of fertile fungus back up to the surface and place it in its original site where it will continue to grow from one year to the next. Then there is the "jumping ant", known for its ability to jump high in the sky by using its elongated mandibles like a spring board. These ants are rather primitive and live in small colonies with as few as ten per den. Presumably, their ability to leap straight up in the air allows them to travel efficiently and helps make them better hunters. The "soldier ant" is quite large (up to 1.5 cm long), and very strong with scissor-like mandibles that few other creatures care to contend with. When a predator invades this ant's nest, the predator better be ready to run, because putting up a fight is not an option! These ants send battalion troops out to attack the invader and bite with all their might. Their massive mandibles are strong and sharp enough to cut through shoe leather, and they are relentless in their pursuit, so they typically succeed in repelling the intruder. Last but not least is the Argentinean "leaf-cutter" ant, known for its human-like engineering in building tall turrets above its mound, to allow fresh air to flow through the nest, and by building "super-highways" used to travel from the mound to sites where they cut and collect leaves to be brought back to the nest. Many other parallels can also be drawn between the problem solving abilities of the ant and the human. For such a tiny creature with a relatively short life span, the ant sure makes a big impression. With fascinating features, instinctual intelligence and total tenacity, it's hard to argue the fact that the ant is one of the most amazing insects on the planet, and understanding the role it plays in nature makes this bug a lot less bothersome to me.

On Line
By PJ Carpenter

WHO'S FAULT IS IT ANYWAY?

Following the hacker break-in at Sony the group claiming responsibility posted a file containing the passwords of tens of thousands of users. This proved to be a huge embarrassment for the entertainment giant. For users it proved to be an annoyance and in some cases a real headache. But for security researchers the incident proved to be yet another foregone conclusion. As it turns out it isn't completely the end users' fault for picking weak passwords and using those passwords to secure their online accounts; it's the service providers' fault for allowing their systems to accept them.

Analysis of the lifted passwords show that most users had passwords of seven characters or less and an even larger percentage of users had passwords that were based on words commonly found in the dictionary. In an even riskier in-security practice many users created and used passwords that were based on their email address. Another conclusion: users frequently re-use passwords when the system allows them to do so. Implementing a password policy that forces users to choose strong, long, complex and unique passwords often results in users creating a password that ends up getting used on multiple sites because it makes it easier for the users to remember a password. While users can select strong passwords and control their reuse, the only gatekeeper that can force the requirement of password strength is the provider. User have some control over their own fates, but the online service provider has even more control because it is the service provider who ultimately dictates what is an acceptable password. From the user's perspective if the system accepts the password entered it must be good enough. Moreover, in almost every case in which password researchers have obtained information on users' choices of passwords, the breach occurred because of the provider's poor security, not the user's choice of a bad password. In the more egregious cases, such as Sony Pictures, the password file was stored in plain text, without encryption. When that happens, it no longer matters what type of password a user chose. It appears that in every case of a data breach users with weak passwords and users with strong passwords met the same fate when the security mechanisms in place to protect user data were weak.

KATIE Tse.....This and That

SUMMER TIME AND
THE LIVIN' IS EASY....

Last Tuesday marked the beginning of summer, but I think we've all been feeling it for a while now. Ah, summer! Long, sunny days with the promise of picnics and barbecues! As you might guess, it is my favorite season (you might recall my complaining during the fall and winter months -sorry!) Do you remember that iconic Staples' ad with the dad blissfully rolling a cart full of school supplies, with two grim children in tow, to the tune of "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year?" Well, I don't sing that in the fall or at Christmas, I save it for summer!

I think peoples' love of summer is instilled over their many years of schooling. There's something so liberating for children to walk out of their classroom, and also for the teacher to say goodbye to her class for the last time. Sure, we'll be moping through the aisles come September, but we have nearly three long, glorious months stretching before us like an endless carpet. Anything is possible!

My childhood summers seemed magical to me. There were swimming lessons at the Sierra Madre pool (the kiddy section, until I was developmentally ready for deeper waters). Part of the joy of those early morning swimming classes was that my mom would get me a hash brown at McDonald's afterward. Maybe she thought I had worked myself to the point of exhaustion practicing flipping on the side of the pool. More likely she just wanted an eager accomplice. The memory makes us both flush with guilty embarrassment, but those hash browns sure tasted good at the time.

It seems that a lot of parents believe they need to enroll their kids in summer classes to validate all that time off. This is all well and good if the kid actually enjoys it, and the class doesn't simply serve as a babysitting service or some parental ego trip ("Allyson will master beginner's French and reach intermediate piano before the first 'Back to School' notice arrives!"). I'm so glad my parents didn't have these high aspirations for me in my formative years. I spent afternoons in our backyard enraptured with the most mundane things such as bamboo, clover, roly pollies, and snails. The roly pollies were fascinating for their ability to double over into a perfect sphere. They also made a delightfully crunchy sound when we fed them to our ducks. That, of course, is where the snails came in, too.

This isn't to say that my parents didn't enroll me in any structured outside activities. I've already mentioned swimming, but there were also a couple stints at ceramics. I loved working with clay! It was so squishy I felt it demanded constant kneading. I didn't do it intentionally, but I think I annoyed a couple instructors by this --squishing while I should have been following directions. Many of my little "masterpieces" have been saved over the years and now I am able to articulate my purpose behind their design, but they were totally misunderstood at the time of their creation. Two examples are more than enough to suffice. Some ballerina mouse book must've really impressed me, because I made a ballerina mouse (with ears and tail) bowing on tiptoes with arms outstretched. The ears survived but the tail broke off due to poor design. Everyone was surprised that I sculpted a seated ballerina. I corrected them by holding the figure in its proper position. Somehow my developing brain hadn't generalized the force of gravity to all objects. Another piece I made was of a girl sitting at a desk with what my instructor thought was a crude computer. I pointed out to her that the lines on the tower ran horizontally and that there were little impressions on top to indicate numbers. It was, in fact, an imposing stack of homework. Needless to say, my love of summer is deeply rooted.



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

WHIPLASH



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.

I have a twelve-pound bowling ball sitting on the floor of my exam room. I use it to demonstrate the weight of a human head. For the most part, people do not appreciate what a balancing act the body (especially the neck) does to effortlessly support that head. That is, until something happens to throw the balance off.

For many, the idea of whiplash conjures up images of a malingering patient supported by an army of attorneys while being treated eternally by unscrupulous health practitioners. While it seems that very little damage could occur from a rear-end auto accident of 1 - 5 mph, 80% of all whiplash injuries results from this low velocity, impacting 4 out of every 1000 people at an annual

cost of 3.9 billion dollars. That is in the U.S. alone! Additionally, up to 50% of these types of injuries fail to resolve completely, leaving the individual with neck pain, headaches, radiating pain and jaw pain to name just a few possible outcomes.

The notion that "if you're not bleeding and broken, you're fine," keeps many people from seeking the care they need after an accident. Who wants to be perceived as an opportunist? If the car has not sustained significant damage, one might not be persuaded to look into bodily care. Further, symptoms not showing up until several weeks after the accident is a common occurrence. All of these factors influence public perception of whiplash.

Treatment for whiplash includes chiropractic care, which has been proven effective in relieving pain in 90% of cases. This is done using manipulation to restore normal function and movement to the involved area. Acupuncture has been shown to be effective in relieving pain, as have massage therapy and physical therapy. In terms of treating tissue regeneration, laser therapy shows great promise.

In many cases, it is clear to me that accidents from the past, and damage they have caused, contribute to a patient's present complaints. Often, a history of an apparently benign auto accident lies in the background, setting in motion physical and structural changes that culminate in a seemingly unrelated set of symptoms. That's why is it so important to get checked out if you've been hit. In the long run, it's just the right thing to do.

To your healthy week! Dr. John

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RESOURCES FOR JOB-HUNTING SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good resources to help job hunting seniors? I'm 60 years old and have been out of work for nearly six months now and need some help. What can you tell me?
Seeking Employment

Dear Seeking:

The tough employment market over the past few years has been particularly hard on people over the age of 55. Fortunately, there are a number of online tools and in-person training centers scattered across the country today that can help. Here's what you should know.

In-Person Help

A good first step to get help finding a job is at a Career One-Stop center. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, these are free job resource centers that can help you explore career options, search for jobs, find training, write a resume, prepare for an interview and much more. There are around 3,000 of these centers located throughout the country. To find one near you, call 877-348-0502 or go to careeronestop.org.

Depending on your financial situation, another program that may help is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Also sponsored by the Department of Labor, SCSEP offers access to training and part time job placements in a wide variety of community service positions such as day care centers, senior centers, governmental agencies, schools, hospitals, libraries and landscaping centers. To qualify, participants must be over 55, unemployed and earning less than 125 percent of the federal poverty level - \$13,600 a year. Unfortunately, 2011 federal budget cuts have significantly reduced this program funding, but it's still a viable option. To learn more or locate a program in your area visit www.doleta.gov/seniors or call 877-872-5627.

In addition to the national resources, some states, communities and local nonprofit organizations may offer their own senior employment programs. For example, in certain areas in Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Washington state and Wisconsin there are Aging Worker Initiative programs to help local job seekers 55 and older. To find out if your community offers any locally-based senior employment programs, contact the Area Agency on Aging - call 800-677-1116 or see www.eldercare.gov to get your local number.

AARP WorkSearch

Another resource that offers free job help is the AARP Foundation WorkSearch Virtual Job Coach program. This is a volunteer-run program that helps any job-seeker (you don't need to be an AARP member), age 40 and older, by connecting

you with a trained volunteer to help you search for jobs and get training. The coaching is typically done via e-mail or over the phone. Call 877-659-0969 or visit aarpworksearch.org to find help.

In addition, AARP also offers a jobs search engine that you can access at jobs.aarp.org. Or, if you want in-person assistance, AARP has 23 WorkSearch facilities around the country that provide free face-to-face help. To search for a facility, contact your state AARP office. See



aarp.org/states or call 888-687-2277 for contact information.

Online Resources

There's also a wide array of online employment networks that can help you connect with companies that are interested in hiring older workers. One of the best is retirementjobs.com, which offers a job search engine that lists more than 30,000 jobs nationwide from companies that are actively seeking workers over the age of 50. It also provides job-seeking tips and advice, helps with resume writing and allows you to post your resume online for companies to find you. Some other 50-plus job seeking sites worth a look are seniors4hire.com, workforce50.com, retiredbrains.com, retireeworkforce.com, wiserworker.com, seniorjobbank.com, enrge.us (a site devoted to retired government employees) and yourencore.com (an online recruitment firm that connects retired scientists, developers and engineers with companies that offer consulting assignments).

Start a Business

If you're interested in starting a small business but could use some help getting started, turn to the U.S. Small Business Administration which offers tips, tools and free online courses that you can access at sba.gov. Also see score.org a nonprofit association that provides free business advice for entrepreneurs.

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.

GEORGE TAKEI AND PATTY DUKE BOLDLY GO TO SOCIAL SECURITY'S WEBSITE

Are you ready to set course for retirement? Then follow the advice of entertainment icons George Takei and Patty Duke and *Boldly Go* to www.socialsecurity.gov. The two celebrities have teamed up in a new campaign to help Social Security promote its online services as an easy and secure way for people to apply for retirement, disability, Medicare, and so much more.

Those ready to retire, apply for disability benefits, or delay retirement and apply only for Medicare, can do so from the comfort of their home or from any computer. And don't forget to sign up for direct deposit so you'll get your benefits at warp speed.

Already receiving Social Security benefits? Go online to let Social Security know about a change of address or phone number, start or change direct deposit, get a proof of income

letter, or replace a lost Medicare card.

As Patty tells George, Social Security's website "is for everyone." Workers can get an online estimate of their future retirement benefits and use Social Security's planners to plan for a secure retirement and "Young people can help their grandparents with retiring online or getting extra help with their Medicare prescription drug costs." To which George concludes, "Everyone, of all ages, should go to www.socialsecurity.gov."

So Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov. Like George, you may find yourself saying, "Oh my! Then, in retirement, live long and prosper."

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/onlineregistration.

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/onlineregistration

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:

Martha and Sue's Grilled BBQ Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

1 whole chicken (4 to 4 1/2 pounds)

Season salt, ground pepper and Garlic Powder

1/2 cup Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce

DIRECTIONS:

Rinse chicken inside and out and dry thoroughly. Generously season inside and out with season salt, ground pepper and garlic powder.

Place chicken, breast side up, on opposite side of grill from heat. Cover and grill until cooked through, or a thermometer inserted in the thickest part of a thigh (avoiding bone) registers 160 degrees, about 1 1/2 hours, rotating halfway through cooking (if using a charcoal grill, add a couple of handfuls of charcoal every half hour to maintain heat).

About 15 minutes before chicken is done, brush with 1/2 cup barbecue sauce. Let chicken rest 20 minutes before carving.

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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 Call (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
 Sierra Madre City Hall
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SPONSOR BINGO PRIZE

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

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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

Time for a Sunday Drive to See 2011 Arcadia Beautiful Awards!



On June 6, the city of Arcadia announced their yearly, Arcadia Beautiful Awards. Early in the spring, nominations are solicited from the community, as well as the seven Arcadia Beautiful Commissioners, residents who volunteer for this well-loved event, the Holiday Decorating Awards event and Arbor Day festivities.

A banner announcing the community event hangs yearly over Baldwin at Huntington, and the announcement also goes out in the Spring edition of the quarterly Arcadia Newsletter and on the city's Hot Sheet publication, giving notice that the judging would take place on May 26th.

The City Manager's office received 44 nominations this year. Each of the seven commissioners also toured their assigned section of the city to develop their own nominations. Then the entire commission toured the city, reviewing the nominations. The sixteen winners were announced by the city on June 6th.

According to the city's website, "Properties are evaluated on overall appearance, landscaping, general property maintenance, architecture and use of color. A property can win an award once

every fourth year. The primary purpose of the Arcadia Beautiful Program is to promote a beautiful city and to encourage residents, businesses and property owners to take an active part in the improvement and beautification of their property. The program fosters pride in the appearance of our city, calls attention to the need for good property maintenance and supports

practices that help maintain an attractive community."

An awards ceremony was held on June 21 at the city council meeting at Arcadia City Hall, 240 W. Huntington Drive. Winners of the Arcadia Beautiful Awards "receive a sign to display in their yard, a certificate of commendation and a gift. Arcadia has a well-deserved reputation for superbly maintained, beautiful homes and neighborhoods. Now is the time to recognize some of the people who help us 'keep Arcadia beautiful,'" according to the city website.



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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by *Luther Tsinoglou*

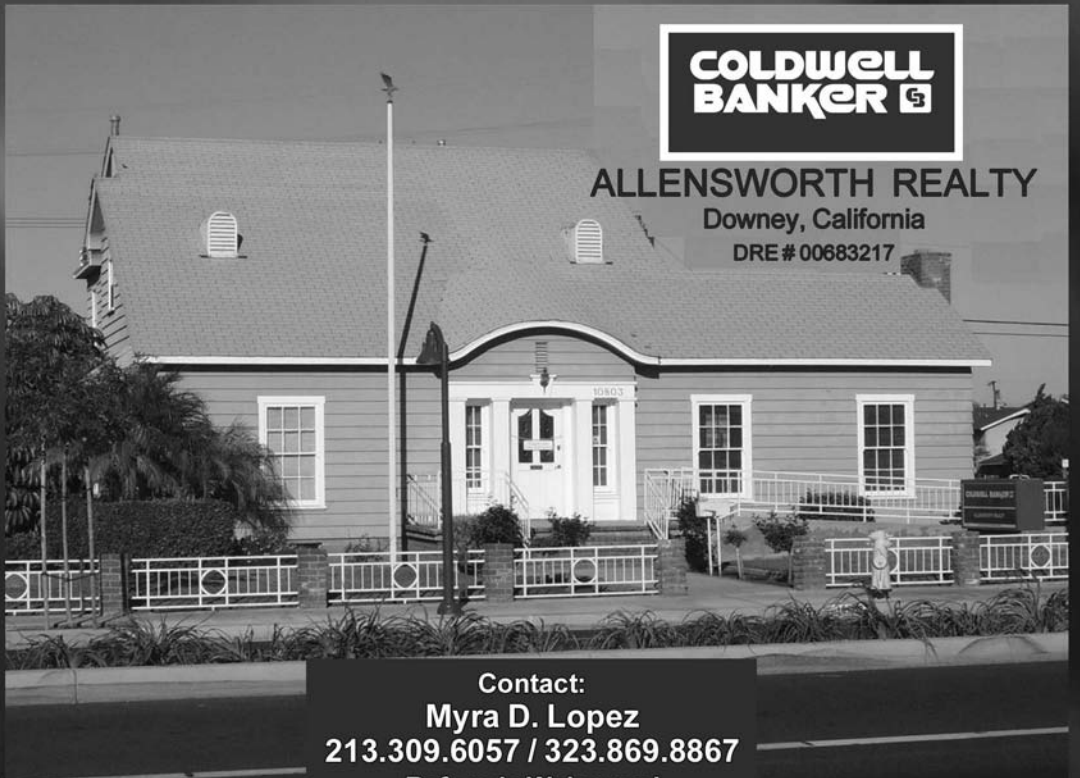
R.O.I.: RETURN ON IMPROVEMENT


If you plan to remodel or update before selling your home, you have to find the balance between what's appropriate and what qualifies as over-improvement. If you're in a mid-range neighborhood and install granite countertops, you're unlikely to recoup your costs. But if you're in a higher-end community, laminate may be too little, too late, resulting in a lower sales price.

So what will always work? Painting, inside or out, is one of the most affordable ways to increase your resale value. If you've got wood floors underneath carpeting, show them off. Old light fixtures in the kitchen, bath and hallways should be updated to popular styles with stainless steel or brushed nickel finishes. And be sure to make a good first impression outdoors with a maintained yard and perhaps a new mailbox, doorknobs and house numbers.

Before you plan your updates, visit some open houses or new home communities where you can see the latest styles, and update your home's features accordingly. Just remember to keep your improvements clean, neutral and timeless.

Try not to be the last one on your block to remodel or update, because buyers will pass your listing over for one up the road that's already been updated. Improve your chances for a quicker sale at a higher price by discussing with your agent which improvements provide the greatest return.





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WORKING AS A CONSULTANT: A Basic Checklist (Part I)

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

Thinking about starting a business and don't have a lot of capital to invest? If you're willing to invest your time and talents, working as a consultant may be the best way for you to get started. It is a business that you can launch based on your knowledge and experience in a specific area, and it's one of the few that you can start while you're still employed. If you're unemployed, you have the advantage of extra time on your side. However, there some basics to consider before getting started.

The first thing to ask yourself is, "Am I really ready to do this?"

You need to identify your area of expertise for consulting. Take an inventory of your skill set. Be sure to stay abreast of the newest developments in your area of expertise. Consider consultants that have been hired by your current or past employers, especially if they've been paid for the type of expertise that you have.

Be prepared to put in some long hours, especially in the early stages of your consulting practice. You may decide

to "moonlight" to get your business started while you're still employed. In any case, be prepared for some early a.m. or late night sessions to meet deadlines. There is no automatic paycheck at the end of the workweek. For some clients, it may take several months to cultivate them, secure new contracts, complete the work and submit your invoice to get paid.

The second thing to ask yourself is, "Do I have the business basics?"

It is imperative to have an understanding of "business basics." Even if you plan to hire an individual or company to handle certain aspects of your business, it is very important for you to have a solid frame of reference for the "administrative" functions of your business. The key areas of activity that must function well to support the success of your business include recordkeeping and accounting, marketing and advertising, and project and business management.


The final question to ask is, "What do I do next?"

If you're ready to take the leap, it's time to start laying the groundwork by putting some

action behind your consulting idea. First, start by simply documenting your ideas for your business in writing by answering three questions: 1) What services do you have to sell?, 2) Who is my target audience/Who need my services? and 3) What do I need to put in place to deliver my expertise to clients? (website, special equipment, etc.). This information can be incorporated into a more detailed business plan that can be developed as you proceed with the development of your consulting practice.



There are a number of local resources that provide information and training on how to start and build a small businesses, including community colleges, the U.S. Small Business Administration and several local nonprofit organizations. For starters, there is a wealth of free information available online – just Google* what you're looking for to start your personal business training program.

Read Part II in next week's issue.




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