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4th of July Activities

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 its 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

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.



4th of July Firecracker Fun Run
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.

8:00 am Women's Club Breakfast

Essick House
Sunnyside Ave & Sierra Madre Blvd.

10:00 Parade Begins

12:00 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!

Water Play Zone Guidelines

Sierra Vista Park is now the only designated water play zone (west side of the park on the grass lawn). The Sierra Madre Fire Department will be spraying water into Sierra Vista Park for children and families to play in. Only water/squirt guns will be permitted at the water play zone. Absolutely no water balloons or use of water hoses will be tolerated at the water play zone or anywhere along the parade route. Absolutely NO water will be allowed along the parade route. Parking signage will exhibit a "No Water Zone" notice along Sierra Madre Blvd.

PUSD GETS STATE OK TO BEGIN RECONSTRUCTION OF SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Story and Photo by Chris Bertrand. Renderings prepared by PBWS Architects, Pasadena, courtesy of PUSD.



As summer begins, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) received word this week that it was one more step closer to beginning reconstruction at Sierra Madre Middle School located at 160 N. Canon, Sierra Madre. Funding for the project comes from the passage of the 2008 Measure TT Bond Measure.

At passage, most of the PUSD campuses were nearly 50-75 years old, including Sierra Madre Middle School, which was built in the 1960's. The 14.73 acre site currently houses only 334 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, but the completed school will have capacity for 1289 students, according to the district's Measure TT website, www.MeasureTT.org.

Garrett Newsom, administrator for the middle school (upper campus) in Sierra Madre said the teachers packed up their classroom supplies at the end of the 2009-10 school

year, storing them onsite. When staff returned in Fall, 2010, they set up in the temporary campus configuration arranged by the district using portables and some classroom space outside the construction zone. The middle school functioned in this configuration during the 2010-11 school year and will operate this way for about two more years, during the construction phase which is about to begin.

In summer 2010, according to Newsom, many of the structures and playfields were razed, and the construction site was rough graded and fenced. Temporary classrooms, given the name "bungalows" instead of portables, were assembled in a "south village" for the 6th and 7th graders, who do not mix academically with 8th graders.

The 8th graders are using one of the old school buildings on the north side of the campus, out of the way of the construction, for now. In the interim,

the students and staff make do. A double "bungalow" was erected as a small multi-purpose room, choir room and lunch facility, while the teacher work room multi-tasks as a space for small group work outside the main classrooms.

Newsom chuckled, "We have only one field to use, so we're walking to the community center to use the fields there. So if you see a few dozen middle schoolers hiking down Canon or Sierra Madre Boulevard over the next few years, you'll know they're on their way to the fields there."

According to Frazer Thompson, the district's owner representative acting as overseer and project manager for the Sierra Madre project and a bevy of other Measure TT projects, two face to face June meetings at the Division of the State Architect (DSA) in Los Angeles accomplished the final approval.

The scanned drawing plans with the required DSA stamp of approval are expected to be (cont. on page 3)

Sierra Madre Receives "C" Grade from the American Lung Association for Tobacco Control Efforts

Earlier this year, the American Lung Association released their annual State of Tobacco Control Report, and the city of Sierra Madre received an overall "C" letter grade for their efforts in tobacco prevention and control. Also graded in the report were Pasadena: B; Monrovia: F; Duarte: F; and Arcadia: F. Altadena did not receive a personal letter grade since it is unincorporated.

The report serves as a comprehensive resource that provides information on the cities and counties in the state of California with tobacco control policies in three graded categories: smoke-free outdoor air, smoke-free housing, and reducing sales of tobacco products.

Sierra Madre received above average marks in all the smoke-free air and sales reduction categories, but received zero total points for their work with smoke-free housing. In total seven cities in the state, and three in the county of Los Angeles received the prestigious

overall "A" letter grade in the 2010 report. Among the cities receiving an "A" grade was the nearby municipality of South Pasadena.

The city has enacted a number of ordinances in recent years that have greatly aided in local tobacco control efforts. In February 2006, the Sierra Madre City Council passed a tobacco retailer-licensing ordinance that requires local retailers to acquire a license and pay an annual administrative fee in order to sell tobacco products to the public. This was followed by the passage of a comprehensive smoke-free outdoor dining ordinance in March of 2009 that designated all restaurants, bars, cafes and delis in the city as smoke-free. Owners were required to post no-smoking signs, remove ashtrays, and ask employees to remind customers not to smoke in order to provide a healthier, breathable environment for all patrons.

The city council should be commended for taking some strong actions in tobacco control efforts at the local level, but there is still plenty of work to be done with smoke-free housing. In California, tobacco use continues to levy a heavy toll against public health and taxpayer dollars. "Nearly four million people in California smoke, and tobacco-related illness remains the number one form of preventable cause of death in the state, responsible for more than 36,000 deaths each year - that's more people lost to tobacco than alcohol, HIV/AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined" (ALA, 2011).

A full copy of State of Tobacco Control 2010 along with a listing of all city and county tobacco control grades can be found at: www.lungusa.org/California

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THOSE WHO WILL HELP YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?

The Sierra Madre Fire Department will be hosting a joint training session with the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team on Saturday August 13th from 8am to 12 noon. This training will simulate a large scale incident that may result in mass civilian casualties. This training will allow the Sierra Madre Fire Department, and the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team to better prepare for major incidents such as; earthquakes, wildfires, and other unforeseeable incidents they may have to respond too - to protect the lives of those who live and work in our community.

The Sierra Madre Fire Department, and the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team would like to ask for some volunteer help with this training exercise. We would like to have 50 to 100 volunteers of any age to help with this training (children may assist if accompanied by an adult).

You would be participating as an "actor" simulating injury requiring evacuation, and or medical assistance. Lunch will be provided to all who attend this training exercise. If you would like to have some fun - and at the same time help your local emergency services agencies prepare to "help you" if necessary during a major incident; please attend one of the information meetings to be held at the Sierra Madre Fire Department, located at 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Information Meetings:



Friday July 15th, 2011.

Time 6pm to 7pm

Saturday July 16th, 2011


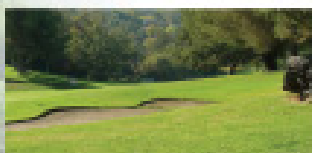
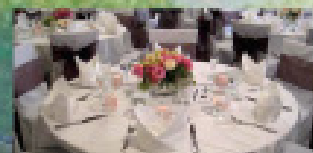
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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

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 JULY 1, 15 & 29

July 5th	7:00pm	General Plan Steering Committee
July 6th	7:30am	SMTV3 Committee Meeting
July 7th	7:00pm	Planning Commission
July 11th	10:00am	Cookie Einstein ...

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, July 2, 2011
Infield at Santa Anita Park
www.relayforlife.org/arcadiaca

Rosemary Children Services "An Evening with Star Chef's"
Saturday, July 2, 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

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

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 please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278 or city@cityofsierramadre.com.

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 through Saturday August 13.

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.

Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend a very special event
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Sunday
July 17th
5:00 to 7pm


www.SierraMadreChamber.com/Mixers

Summer Worship Schedule Begins



Join the San Marino Community Church family for 10@10! - ten weeks of summer worship at 10:00 am on Sundays, July 3 to September 4.

This week: Fuller Seminary PhD candidate and worship and music assistant Noel Snyder's sermon is entitled "Easy?". Communion will also celebrated.

10:00 am Summer Worship
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

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PETS & THE 4th

The most memorable Fourth of July celebrations often involve water, sun, noise, food, and lots of family fun. While the family dog loves a party just like we do, our Fourth of July celebrations are rife with dangers for our four-legged friends. Abandoned alcoholic beverages, stray paper plates decorated with delicious bits of tasty treats, loose packs of matches, lighter fluid at eye level, and mysterious squishy tubes of sunscreen are all temptations for the curious canine.

For a trouble-free time, a little planning ahead will hopefully stave off the worst kind of endings, such as chasing down Rover through your best friend's neighborhood, screaming in panic, clutching a towel around last year's bikini. Here are some suggestions for a safe and fun holiday with your four-pawed friends.

- For parties at home, keep your dog away from items like glow sticks and citronella candles, and busy with some special or favorite toys.
- Keep your pooch away from forgotten plates of food and drinks. Alcohol, grapes and raisins, macadamia nuts, chocolate, and onions are especially dangerous.
- For Fourth of July outings, plan ahead and bring a fresh supply of water and a doggie bowl.
- Never leave your dog in a hot car.
- Unfortunately, due to open gates and doors and loud, startling noises from fireworks, intakes at animal shelters spike during the Fourth of July weekend. Whether you are at home or away, make sure your pet



Ollie is a 2 year- old terrier who was adopted from Baldwin Park County Shelter. Photo By Beth Beljon

is microchipped and wears an ID tag with a current phone number at all times.

- If your dog is fearful of fireworks, speak with your vet for a recommendation for a mild sedative. Trembling, pacing, and heavy panting are all signs your dog is stressed.
- Keeping your dog inside with soothing music playing during fireworks can help him feel safe and secure.

To help homeless pets who get lost over this July 4th weekend and aren't lucky enough to be reclaimed by their owners, a sadly all-too-frequent reality, United Hope for Animals, a Sierra Madre-based animal rescue, will be holding Glamour Shot Day at the Baldwin Park shelter on Saturday, July 9 from 9 am-2 pm.

If you'd like to lend a hand while volunteers photograph, video, and spend quality one-on-one time with some homeless dogs and cats, contact laurak@hope4animals.org.



Photo by Frank Wise

FREEDOM IN A THOUGHT!

Some of the most onerous chains to bind the human species are confined to that of the mind. An idea or lack there of can enslave a person with a strength unknown to the strongest of chains. As we take the time to set aside a day to march in our parades and become mesmerized in the beauty of exploding fireworks. It is right and proper on this day, The Fourth of July, that we celebrate the gift of an idea.

A masterpiece is said to never fatigue the senses. It speaks to successive generations in a fresh and enduring spirit, and many of the greatest masterpieces of the world contain the simplest grains of truth or expression, and so declares our Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration of Independence is not only the espousal of a separation from another country it is a Declaration to our own Senses. It is a lasting reminder of God. A reminder, that all citizens of the world are bestowed with rights from a Heavenly Ruler, and no nation, can lawfully dissolve those Heavenly Gifts. The words contained within the Declaration of Independence fasten to our mind without an act of force and are easily recalled after a single reading. The great and lasting beauty of the thirty-five-word passage is discovered in the poetic simplicity of the language and the foundation of the idea. The recital of which never withers under repeated readings, instead, reinforcing the strength of character to its subject, the reader.

When Thomas Jefferson completed the thought in the Declaration of Independence he knew the world would be changed. He called the document a "little ball of liberty." Confident there was a permanency in the expression of its thought. The man with greatest imagination in America; imagined the idea in the Declaration freeing minds of every continent. So, we as Americans find ourselves, the once simplest of acorns having grown into the largest of oaks.

Being nourished in the lasting power of a masterpiece.

Happy Fourth of July. CraigHakola@aol.com

A Word From Our Publisher & Editor:

SUSAN HENDERSON



Well, it's America's Birthday and hopefully we are getting wiser as we get older right? I don't think so. Right now this country is in a mess. I am not speaking of our economy (which is in tough shape), but rather our inability to stop acting so sophomorically when it comes to everything else in our society.

I wonder what the conversation will be like in a hundred years when teachers are reviewing this *our* history? What will students think when they consider:

We make celebrities out of people who abuse the boundaries of everything regardless of who gets hurt.

We ignore the inevitable consequences of hateful rhetoric for the sake of ratings and money.

We worry about sports franchises losing millions of dollars because fat cat owners and players fight over getting more money and ignore the huge number of people they have put out of work?

What will they think when they learn that we constantly allow legislators to hold innocent people hostage just to prove a point with political bickering and posturing just for the sake of being right?

We waste millions on political candidates and yet won't fund our educational institutions.

AND WE TURNED OUR NOSES UP?

And what will they say when the look at how many of us do not vote or vote based upon whatever propaganda has been spoon fed to us, rather on the real abilities of the candidates.

No, I don't think we are getting wiser and I don't think we are painting a pretty picture for the future.

While many of us looked down our noses at what the Romans and other ancient societies did for entertainment or the means used to rule themselves, (barbaric – hideous behavior we cried), just what in the hell do you think posterity is going to say about us?

It's the country's birthday and the best present that we could ever give ourselves would be to immediately start taking responsibility for what is happening in the U.S.A. We have to get serious. Next year we have a Presidential Election and from the looks of things its going to be another year of trash and burn campaigning. We will get lots noise and very little substantive conversation about exactly what they will do to make things better. And that's because we, the American public allow it.

Yes, I'm afraid that when future generations study our history they won't be looking down their noses at us, they will be on the floor laughing.....or crying depending on what we leave behind.



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received by July 1. The next step is called a "constructability review", for which PUSD is in the process of retaining the Los Angeles based architectural firm, Bobby Knox, AIA Architects. According to the company website, has performed 500 such reviews for schools and state owned or leased facilities for the DSA and other organizations since 2000.

Thompson continued, "Mr. Knox is a highly respected Architect and has worked as a consultant to DSA for the last decade. We perform these constructability reviews to ensure that we minimize any potential interferences issues

in the field once construction has begun. While Mr. Knox is performing his review, we will prepare the bid documents in parallel and run the advertisements in our local Pasadena newspapers. The project value is under \$5 million, so this will attract a large pool of eligible contractors who can bond this amount. We will work closely with Mr. Ron Mathews of Alta Pasa to ensure that all of our local Contractors are aware of the bid and that all qualified local tradesmen have access to the General Contractors."

Thompson concluded, "Although I will be the Owner's Representative overseeing

the project, the best source of information for residents (and potential bidders) will be the District web site www.MeasureTT.org where regular updates will be posted. Once a Contractor is selected, the direct contact information for the site foreman will be posted at the site."

The contractor selection process will take place imminently with a final choice planned by August 22. Thompson plans to present his selection to the PUSD Board at their August 30th meeting. If approved, ground breaking will begin immediately afterward. The goal is to put Sierra Madre Middle School students into their new classrooms in Fall, 2013.

Remembrance: Fern Dapper Dies at 90

Long time Sierra Madre resident Fern Dapper Pettus, passed away on Friday June24 in Sun City, CA.

Born in Los Angeles on September 22, 1920, Fern McDermott was the great granddaughter of John Stoebe, member of one of the early pioneer families in the Alta Loma area. Graduating from Chaffey High School in Clermont, CA in 1938, Fern put herself through nursing school at Queen of Angeles Hospital in Los Angeles, becoming a licensed registered nurse just as the country entered the Second World War.

In 1947 Fern met and married Hal Dapper (Hal Dapper Memorial Field) and the couple moved to Sierra Madre in 1950, building their home on Foothill Avenue. Hal and Fern were active in Sierra Madre Little

League and St. Rita's church all through the sixties until Hal's untimely death in 1970. Fern then took the position as head nurse at the Sierra Madre Community Hospital until retiring and moving to San Dimas in 1981, where she eventually met and married her second husband, Wilfred Pettus in1987, moving to Sun City, CA.

For the next 12 years, Bill and Fern traveled throughout the United States and Canada in their mother home until Bill's death in 1999. Fern lived out the remainder of her days in relatively good health in her apartment in Sun City, where she was visited often by friends and family.

Fern is survived by a daughter, Gerri Dole of Temeula, CA, a son Jeff of Sierra Madre and five grandchildren; Kaili



Fern Dapper

Dole, Corey Dole, Brandon Dole, Lindsey Dole and Jacey Dapper. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 AM on July 5th at Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City, CA. All are welcome.

SANDRA LEVIN, CITY ATTORNEY LEAVES

At Tuesday's city council meeting, a brief announcement was made by Mayor John Buchanan that the office of City Attorney was changing. Levin, who has been with

the city for five years as the representative from Colantuano and Levin, will be replaced by Teresa Highsmith, another member of the Colantuano and Levin legal team. There was no public announcement as to why Levin was leaving the city.

RESCUE LOG
SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

During the month of June, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to 11 calls for assistance, including six in a single weekend.

Missing Hikers, Monrovia Canyon Park: The Team was notified that the Monrovia Police Department was investigating a report of two hikers missing overnight in Monrovia Canyon Park. SMSR sent several search teams into the field and discovered the subjects' footprints. Team members tracked the footprints to the subjects, who were in good condition.

Fall Victim, Sturtevant Falls: SMSR responded to a report of a fall victim at Sturtevant Falls near Chantry Flat. The patient was treated by paramedics from the Sierra Madre Fire Department and the L.A. County Fire Department in addition to EMT-certified SMSR personnel. The Team evacuated the patient via litter wheel-out to an ambulance at Chantry Flat.

Missing Hiker, Yosemite National Park: Yosemite National Park Search and Rescue requested the assistance of SMSR in the search for a missing hiker. SMSR team members departed Station 108 in the evening and drove through the night to be on hand for the following morning's search. Team members were inserted by helicopter to search a remote section of the park and then airlifted out. The hiker has not yet been found.

Other SMSR News and Notes:

In June the latest class of SMSR probationary members completed their multi-day final field test and graduated to full member status, earning the right to wear the blue Mountain Rescue Association patch. Of nine prospective members who began the training last year, only four successfully completed the arduous process.

New member training for SMSR members lasts 18 months and represents a serious commitment of time and effort. Probationary members must attend a training class one night per week, two team trainings per month, and a monthly team meeting. After an initial six-month training period they are expected to participate in field operations as well. Outside of official Team activities, trainees spend much of their "free" time practicing and perfecting the skills they learn in class. Between scheduled trainings, operations, and practice, it is not uncommon for probationary members to devote 20 hours a week to the Team.

The time commitment is immense but necessary to learn what it takes to function as an SMSR team member, including high-angle rescue, land navigation, radio operations, man-tracking, patient packaging, snow and alpine travel, helicopter operations, and swiftwater rescue. All these skills must be performed in extremes of heat and cold, at any time of the day or night. As the team motto says: "Anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help..."

After a short break, new team members begin the next phase of their training: three months of night school to earn their EMT certifications, a requirement for all Team members.

The commitment to joining the team is a financial one as well. Probationary members must purchase much of their personal equipment themselves, spending on average \$1,000-2,000 dollars during their first year with the Team.

SMSR is currently recruiting for its next probationary members' class. The only requirements for consideration are that candidates live within 20 minutes of Sierra Madre, be 25 to 55 years of age, and be physically fit and comfortable in the outdoors. And, of course, that they have a desire to work hard to help others. Visit the Team's website for application information.

For 60 years the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team has been responding to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Funded entirely by private donations, SMSR provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. The Team never charges for any of its services.

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

WELL, IT SEEMS OK.....



Sierra Madre Mayor John Buchanan is surrounded by children who came out to test the new playground equipment in Memorial Park on Thursday. Judging by the smiles on their faces, it appears that everything is A-OK. Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 19th, to Saturday June 25th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 350 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, June 19th:
3:25 PM- Trespassing W/O Consent of Owner Etc, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A business cashier inside a liquor store asked a man who was loitering inside to leave the business. The 21 year-old homeless man refused to leave for 10 minutes, then went outside and lay on the rear steps. The clerk arrested the suspect for trespassing, and officers took him to the Police Department where he was cited out due to medical issues.

Monday, June 20th:
3:22 PM- Theft, 700 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked carport and stole a Armor All Leather Protector, a Armor All Tire Cleaner, a bike pump, an athletic ball pump, and wrecked the master lock of the carport with an unknown tool. The loss is valued at \$40.00.

Tuesday, June 21st:
9:40 AM- Vandalism/\$400 or More Damage, 100 blk. Esperanza Ave. Unknown suspect(s) graffiti on a public sidewalk and an Athens Service trash bin. The total damage was estimated to be \$800.00.
11:35 AM- Attempted Residential Burglary, 100 blk. N. Lima St. Unknown suspect(s) tried to cut the metal screen covering the air conditioning unit with an unknown tool. It is unknown when this occurred.
3:10 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 400 blk. N. Sunnyside Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the rear of a truck's unlocked camper shell and stole a Toro commercial lawn mower, a leaf blower and a hedge trimmer. The loss was valued at \$1829.00.

Friday, June 24th:
8:49 AM- Assist To Other Agency, 1700 blk. Pasadena Glen Rd. A Pasadena resident reported that her brown tooled Western design wallet was stolen. It contained her driver's license, her social security card, a Bank of America Master card, Wells Fargo card, Macy's credit card, a Nordstrom credit card, a Citi Bank debit card, an Auto Club card, a Blue Shield health insurance card, a Blue Shield prescription medical card, family pictures, and \$120.00 in cash. Suspects withdrew \$3000 from the victim's Bank of America Master Card.
8:00 PM - Vandalism/Graffiti, 300 blk. N. Lima St. Unknown suspect(s) defaced the driveway of the residence with eggs, and wrote obscene phrases on the driveway.
4:11 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc, 200 blk. Ramona Ave. This incident involves unknown suspect(s) making fraudulent charges to the victim's debit card. Total loss value is \$1,235.98.
5:42 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc, 200 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This incident involves the victim's parents opening an American Express credit card in 1995 without his permission. The account is closed with an unpaid balance of \$23,115.00.

Saturday, June 25th:
10:50 AM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc, 600 Blk. Manzanita Ave. This incident involves unknown suspect(s) making fraudulent charges to the victim's debit card. Total loss value is \$400.00

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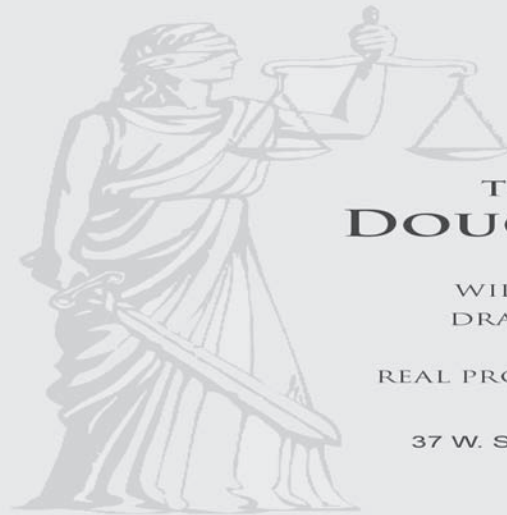
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City Cuts \$2 Million From Fire Department

By Dean Lee

The city council voted, during a special meeting Monday night, to eliminate \$2 million from the city's \$40 million fire department budget which includes having to take Station #39 out of service for a period of six months for unrelated safety issues. The closure will save the city \$886,303.

"This solution allows us to keep intact the city policy of four firefighters on an engine or truck," Councilmember Steve Madison said. "And to continue to have that policy implemented throughout the city fire stations."

Madison went on to explain other changes including civilianization of fire inspectors, converting one ambulance from an Advanced Life Support (ALS) to a Basic Life Support (BLS), defunding two positions — a Deputy Fire Marshal position for six months and Staff Assistant II position— and other contracts in medical insurance.

He said they struck a balance between the city and Fire Fighters Association.

The city's public safety committee had looked at reducing a long standing policy of staffing four persons per fire company to three.

City Manager Michael Beck said they were also looking at the future possibility of changing the entire ambulance fleet from ALS to BLS.

The conversion of one ambulance would save \$180,000 over six months Beck said.

Fire Chief Dennis Downs said BLS treats injuries and illnesses.

"It's the higher level but not a paramedic," he said. "They will be non-safety, non-fire fighter people but still under the control of the fire department, hired by the fire department at a lesser pay and benefits."

Currently, the department also uses sworn firefighters to perform fire inspections by switching to trained civilians, similar to Building Inspectors, Beck said the city would save \$46,400 per position.

Station #39, Downs said, was vacated in April after a citywide report on earthquake building safety deemed the station a hazard. He said they have looked at more than 300 temporary sites although added that a temporary station won't open for at least five months.

The cuts were part of the city's overall 2012 Operating Budget, unanimously approved Monday night by the council, which also included transferring \$15.4 million from the Pasadena Water and Power fund to the \$215 million general fund.

Pet of the Week



Shadow, a handsome shepherd mix is about five years old and very smart! He knows several commands including sit, down, and shake. Shadow is looking for a home with someone who will give him lots of love and attention. Come visit Shadow today! The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet. Shadow qualifies for the Senior for Senior program where people over age 60 can adopt a pet over age 5 for just \$20! Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A290036 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

Preparing for Fire and Fun



By Dean Lee

Firefighters took preventive measures Wednesday, spraying Phos-Chek around the Rose Bowl, to minimize the potential fire hazard during Monday's Fourth of July celebrations which is expected to be hot weather with highs topping 95 degrees.

Fire Chief Dennis Downs explained the Phos-Chek, sprayed in the area for the last 12 years, coats the brush which keeps trees and grassland from burning.

"It's the same fire retardant dropped out of airplanes to try and get ahead of a wildfire," Downs said. "The difference is that that is colored red so the pilot knows where to drop, the one we use, on the other hand is clear, so you won't know it's there."

Downs said they target areas with heavy vegetation in and around residential areas.

"We don't want to get our homeowners in jeopardy," he said showing a map of local high

fire danger areas.

Downs said this year saw record rain fall leaving moisture in the vegetation.

"The result, we had a lot of growth," he said. "Unfortunately With that growth and a little bit if heat added to it, it will dry out quickly"

He said grasses, "light flashy fuels," can burn quickly catching trees on fire, "that's something we really worried about."

Downs also said because the Phos-Chek's main ingredients are phosphates and fertilizers; it is not only harmless to the plants but also regenerates growth.

Down also said that many event goers like to set off fireworks around the Rose Bowl, and so, police and fire will have check points coming into the area.

"We will be confiscating and citing for fireworks that are in there," he said.

He explained that some fireworks are regulated, "If a local jurisdiction allows it they can be sold, just because you can buy them does not mean you

can bring them into Pasadena."

Rose Bowl CEO and General Manager Darryl Dunn said this year's Amerifest celebration is in its 85th year.

"It is the longest standing fireworks show in Southern California," he said urging people to come to the show instead of using illegal fireworks.



Firefighters shovel Phos-Chek

Library Holds Summer Reading Club

Themed, One World, Many Stories, the Summer Reading Club runs through Aug. 14 for children 12 and younger and through Aug. 20 for teens. They can register at any Pasadena public library. Children will get a special reading log, stickers and book bag, and then bring their reading records in when they've read 200 minutes to receive prizes.

Coffee with Altadena Sheriff's Captain

The community is invited to meet Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Steven McLean and his staff to talk about issues that are important to the community, learn about recent crime trends, how to start a Neighborhood Watch Program or just say hello! Dubbed "Coffee with the Captain" will be held Monday, July 25 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the coffee gallery 2029 lake avenue in Altadena.

For further information call: 626-398-7917

Safe Swim Hour for Kids with Special Needs

A supervised swim hour for children with special needs is available this summer Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon.

The city of Pasadena's Adaptive Recreation swim program runs from July 5 to August 12 for ages 5 to 12 at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

A parent or authorized guardian must be able to assist the child, and pre-registration and waivers are required. To pre-register call Jackie Scott at 626-744-7257.

For costs, scholarships and more information call Darrell Walker at 626-744-7530.

LA Gang Members Jailed in Daytime Home Burglaries

Pasadena and South Pasadena police officers arrested three suspects Wednesday, from the Los Angeles area, after they were seen by residents casing homes in the area of State Street in Pasadena.

Police said they first received a call about 2 p.m. reporting a possible burglary in progress.

Officers from both cities responded to the area with knowledge that this part of town has had daytime residential burglaries.

According to police the suspects saw officers and fled the scene on foot and in a vehicle, however; they were ultimately caught. Pasadena detectives determined the suspects, Dajuan Bryson, Cedric Horn and Andre Norwood, were members of a LA gang responsible for multiple burglaries in Pasadena, South Pasadena

and Glendale. All the suspects are male blacks in their 20s police said.

Detectives said they are continuing their investigation and believe these individuals may be responsible for other crimes throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

"Enhancing public safety and the apprehension of individuals responsible for crimes is our mission. We accomplished this with a collateral effort between police departments and the help of diligent residents who monitor their neighborhoods and notify police when individuals are seen acting suspicious," said Police Chief Phillip Sanchez.

Anyone with information regarding similar crimes in Pasadena are asked to call detectives at (626) 744-7312 or police dispatch at (626) 744-4241.

Antonovich Reminds Residents All Fireworks Illegal In LA County

County Mayor Michael Antonovich reminds residents preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July that fireworks of any kind are illegal in Los Angeles County.

"While some cities allow 'safe and sane' fireworks, fireworks, of any kind, are illegal in Los Angeles County," said Antonovich. The penalties for possession or use of illegal fireworks can range from a fine of up to \$1000, to one year in county jail.

"With fire season upon us, it is vital that our County

residents understand that fireworks can cause brush fires, house fires, millions of dollars in damages, injuries and even death," said Antonovich. "Our firefighters risk their lives protecting lives and property -- they deserve our help in preventing further fire emergencies."

Certain products like m-80's and m-100's are considered explosives and are a felony to possess with penalties as high as 16 months in state prison. Parents are also liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

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 July 5 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

John Woods Named PCC Athletic Coordinator



state champions and coached 51 All-American wrestlers. Compiling a 179-19-3 overall record, Woods was four times chosen as California Community College Coach of the Year.

As an administrator, Woods was honored in 2004 as the state's Athletic Director of the Year. Among his highlights as AD were expanding Palomar College's facilities to include an all-weather soccer field, a power strength area, and introducing an athletic study hall for student-athletes. He also served on the CCCAA (then COA) state management council from 1998-2003, and was president of the state athletic directors association in 2003.

As a student-athlete, Woods was a three-time, NCAA All-American at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and wrestled on two national champion teams in 1968-1969. Woods, a native of Visalia, earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and graduated from Cal Poly with a master's in education in 1970.

Woods is a member of seven different halls of fame, including the state athletic director HOF (inducted 2009) and NCAA Wrestling Hall of Fame (1999). At PCC, Woods will serve administrative needs and direct a budget for the college's 16 intercollegiate sports teams.

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THE FIRST GRADUATION OF ICA

By Joan Schmidt

Something really exciting and special happened at Annunciation Church last Friday at 4p.m. A Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises were held for 39 very excited and elated students. “Wow, we ARE the FIRST graduates of the new school model.” “Aren’t we very Special?” These were just a few of the comments I heard!

This graduation was the FIRST ever for “ICA”, Immaculate Conception-Annunciation School. This school merger came as a result of the economy and a low enrollment for both Immaculate Conception School in Monrovia and Annunciation School in Arcadia. The merger was not an easy decision and was not done overnight. First there was a special committee appointed to do a complete study of what the option were for these two schools. The committee looked at other schools and saw that mergers worked.

This past year saw the involvement of the new school model, Immaculate Conception-Annunciation, dubbed, “ICA”. On the IC campus were grades K-4. The middle school campus at



Annunciation housed grades 5-8. Did this plan work? Could two schools merge and students come together to learn and work as “ONE”? Yes it could!

As a substitute teacher this past year, I saw the results firsthand. Sure, there were a few glitches, but overall improvement. There now was a science lab, more field trips which gave students new experiences and participation in both the Monrovia District Spelling Bee and Archdiocesan Decathlon.

The FIRST Graduation and Mass of the new ICA School were beautiful. The Valedictorian was Carly Cheap. **Academic Awards** were presented in the following areas: Literature, Language Arts, Religion, Beatitudes, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, and Social Studies. Twelve much-deserving students were awarded **Gold Chords (First Honors)**. And sixteen students received **Blue Chords (Second Honors)**! That’s a great number when you consider there were 39 graduates! **Congratulations** to the FIRST-EVER graduating class of Immaculate=Conception-Annunciation School, dubbed “ICA” ! Well done, “Grizzlies”!

FIREWORKS BANNED

The City of Arcadia and the Arcadia Fire Department request your assistance in preventing personal injury and loss of life and property by celebrating safely this Fourth of July.

Arcadia Municipal Code (3124.8) prohibits the use, light, fire, discharge, explode, set off, sell, display for sale, possess, store, or manufacture any fireworks, including so-called “Safe and Sane” fireworks, anywhere within the City except as provided by the Municipal Code and approved by the Fire Chief.

“Safe and Sane” fireworks are neither safe nor sane. When things go wrong with fireworks, they typically go very wrong, very fast. Fireworks are particularly attractive to children. If children are present to watch, they may be tempted to touch. Children can be badly hurt in the blink of an eye if they are close to fireworks, as they inevitably are at home fireworks displays.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, June 19, through Saturday, June 25, the Police Department responded to 982 calls for service of which 94 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 19:

About 3:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard regarding a deceased person. Upon arrival, officers found an 88-year-old male of Unknown race in his bed and not breathing. He was found by a friend who called for medical assistance when she realized he was not moving or breathing. There were no signs of foul play and it appeared he passed away from natural causes.

Around 2:30 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised they had detained a female for theft. The suspect took merchandise, placed it in a bag and carried some items openly in her hands when she left the store without making payment. A private person’s arrest was made, and the 28-year old Hispanic female was taken into custody for petty theft.

Monday, June 20:

3. Between 7:15 p.m. June 19th and 9:00 a.m. June 20th, a commercial burglary occurred at Barnhart School, 240 West Colorado Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unsecured office on the northwest side of campus. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole a bottle of tequila and two gift certificates for an approximate loss of \$200.00.

4. At approximately 9:22 a.m., units were dispatched to an injury traffic collision at the intersection of La Cadena Avenue and Duarte Road. The collision involved a vehicle and a bicyclist. The 19-year-old White female bicyclist suffered abrasions to a knee and elbow, and was treated by the Arcadia Fire Department on scene and released. The 43-year-old Asian female driver of the vehicle did not sustain any injuries.

Tuesday, June 21:

5. Between 6:20 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 1500 block of Azure Way. Unknown suspect(s) gained access to the home by unknown means. There were no signs of forced entry, the suspect(s) stole two pouches containing gold and silver jewelry.

6. Around 7:35 p.m., officers responded to the Outback Steakhouse, located at 166 East Huntington Drive, regarding a subject who was leaving the location with a child and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. A traffic stop was conducted at Second Avenue and Bonita Avenue. An investigation revealed that the 52-year-old White male was under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for driving under the influence. No child was in the vehicle with him.

Wednesday, June 22:

7. At about 7:19 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of South First Avenue regarding a 16-month-old child not breathing. Upon arrival, officers attended life-saving measures (CPR) on the child who was blue in color. He was immediately transported by Arcadia Fire

Department Paramedics to Arcadia Methodist Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Coroner’s office.

8. Shortly before 5:00 p.m., officers responded to the Westfield Shopping Center, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a verbal altercation. Contact was made and a records check revealed that three of the seven subjects involved had outstanding warrants for their arrest. A 25-year-old Black male, a 19-year-old Black male and a 24-year-old Black female were all arrested for the warrants.

Thursday, June 23:

9. Between 9:30 p.m. on June 22nd and 8:00 a.m. on June 23rd, an auto burglary occurred in the 1100 block of West Huntington Drive. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the front passenger side window and stole a GPS unit for an approximate loss of \$129.00.

10. Between 1:40 p.m. and 2:55 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of East Forrest Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained access to the home through an unlocked sliding front window and stole cash, jewelry and an unknown amount of firearms. The approximate loss was \$8,000.

Friday, June 24:

11. At about 1:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a prowler. Upon arrival, officers learned from the reporting party that while in the living room he heard a noise by the back windows. He looked out and saw a male in a white shirt and dark pants looking inside. The unknown male fled upon being noticed. An area check was conducted for the subject but was unsuccessful.

12. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., while on patrol in the area of Clark Street and Varus Street, an officer observed a White male subject approximately 20-30 years old riding a bicycle. The officer recognized the subject as a Parolee-at-Large. A traffic stop was initiated and the subject fled on foot eastbound on Clark Street. The officer initiated a foot pursuit which ended when the subject jumped over a fence into a rock quarry. A containment area was set up and a search was conducted for the subject, but was unsuccessful.

Saturday, June 25:

13. At about 8:00 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Temple City Boulevard at Duarte Road for an expired registration. A records check of the 48-year-old Hispanic male driver revealed a suspended driver’s license for which he was placed under arrest.

14. At about 4:20 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at the 300 block of East Live Oak Avenue. A records check of the vehicle showed an expired registration, however the vehicle was displaying a current year tab. An investigation revealed that the driver, a 42-year-old Hispanic male, had placed the current year tab from another vehicle onto the one he was currently driving. The male was arrested for unlawful display of evidence of registration.

A VERY SPECIAL YOUNG MAN ATTAINS SCOUTS’ HIGHEST HONOR

By Joan Schmidt Clayton

Annunciation Church Hall, Arcadia, was the site, this past Saturday of Steven Andrew Taylor’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Just a few weeks ago, my husband Bob and I had attended his graduation party from Loyola High School, where he did quite well. In the fall, Steven is off to Cal Poly Pomona to major in Civil Engineering, which attests to his academic achievements.

I have known Steven for many years. His family are parishioners at Annunciation and I taught him in 6th grade all subjects and in 7th and 8th grade after our school departmentalized. Steven is a hard- working youth, generous with his time and willing to help others. Although he was in High School, he came back to our elementary school on a Saturday morning and spent three hours with me! Steven helped supervise a group of youths who were making Christmas cards for Veterans. We had so much fun visiting and working with these youths!

The Court of Honor began with a Welcome by David Bond, Scoutmaster for Troop #140. The Presentation of Colors was by Jason Richardson, Zackary Campos, Mathew Dela Paz, and Paul and Robert Drust. Jason lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Father Eugene Herbert’s Invocation. David Mayard, from the San Gabriel Valley Council BSA did the Eagle Scout Charge. Special presentations were made by Mayor Mary Anne Lutz and Steve Baker, representing the City of Monrovia and Tzeitel Paras Caracci, the Mayor of the City of Duarte and Steven’s sponsor for the project.

For those who don’t realize- there is A LOT involved in achieving the Eagle award. Several years ago, when I wrote for newspapers, I found out. It is a process that can cover a long period of time. There are several badges that MUST be earned and then a special project chosen. Steven chose to improve an area outside the YMCA Building in Monrovia. It had been a patio, but was so overgrown with weeds. Members of Steven’s scout troop #140 and his family were involved in the project. Tzeitel was the supervisor. First the area was cleared. Then a bench was sanded down and repainted. Then new plants purchased



and put in. Lastly arrangements were made for a watering system. What an improvement! It’s an area that even senior citizens enjoy.

Congratulations to Steven, Troop Leader David Bond and his family for doing something so special for the community to enjoy. I would like to personally thank Steve Baker, Mary Anne Lutz and Tzeitel for coming to Steven’s Court of Honor and making it so special. There were many congratulatory letters and certificates including ones from Supervisor Mike Antonovich and Congressman Davis Dreier. Both of these fine men always come through for special occasions. And a special “Thank You” Tzeitel, a “Bundle of Energy” for agreeing to be the supervisor of the special project! To Steven’s parents, “Thank you for being wonderful caring parents who support and encourage both Steven and his sister Alicia in academics and all worthwhile activities.” Steven is a “Chip off the Block” as his dad Mike also achieved Scout’s highest honor! And of course, Steven, CONGRATULATIONS! God bless you and I wish you success and happiness in the future.

Summer Concert Series

July 7, 2011—The 1st Marine Division Band

Join us this summer at Arcadia’s annual Summer Concerts in the Park series presented by Target. The seven-week entertainment series showcases a wide variety of musical performances. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating on the grass and enjoy a picnic dinner during the show. Kids of all ages will be entertained in our FREE kids’ fun zone area with many games and crafts each week.

Become a part of the Arcadia tradition, gather your family and friends and enjoy the sights and sounds of this year’s concert series. Whether you attend one or all seven, we are sure you will have a great time! As always, admission and parking are free. (Additional parking held at Santa Anita Race Track, Gate 5). Concerts take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm on beautiful City Hall West Lawn located at 240 West Huntington Drive.

The 1st Marine Division Band will start off the series to a patriotic theme. The band is based out of Camp Pendleton, California and consists of 50

Marine musicians. While the primary mission of the 1st Marine Division Band is to provide musical support for military parades and ceremonies, they remain versatile to accommodate other needs. In addition to the Ceremonial Band and Concert Band, the band forms smaller ensembles such as Big Band, Jazz Combo, Brass Quintet, and Party Band. They perform at over 300 commitments a year, with highlights including the State Funeral of President Ford, the Tournament of Roses Parades, Disneyland’s Independence Day Concerts, and annual concerts at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. In 2007, the 1st Marine Division Band was awarded the “Colonel George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Concert Bands” administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

For additional information, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

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During the last six-day period, the Police Department handled 541 service events, resulting in 77 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

National Night Out Against Crime

On Tuesday, August 2, neighborhoods throughout Monrovia have been invited to join forces with more than 34 million people from thousands of communities nationwide who will be participating in the Annual National Night Out Against Crime. This event is designed to: 1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2) Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations; and 4) Send a message to criminals, letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back. This event will also kick off the start of our new "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25" residential speeding traffic safety campaign.

Structure Failure

On June 23 at 4:45 p.m., Police were called to the Vons Pavilion's store in the 100 block of West Foothill regarding a structure failure. A loud bang was heard and the roof began to collapse. The Police and Fire Departments responded and helped to evacuate the building. There were no injuries. The air conditioning unit had a water leak and had weakened the supports. The building recently had solar panels installed on the roof, adding weight.

Attempt Robbery - Suspect Arrested

On June 24 at 8 p.m., Police received a call from a female victim who reported that a male subject had tried to take her purse by force in the 700 block of East Huntington. The suspect failed and fled the area out of sight. The suspect was seen on video surveillance approaching the victim and trying to take her purse. The video provided a good image of the suspect, which was given to officers. During the investigation, an officer located a subject matching the description, and the victim and a witness positively identified the suspect. He was arrested, and during a subsequent interview, admitted to the offense.

Chemical Extraction / Chemical Synthesis of a Controlled Substance

On June 24 at 8:45 p.m., the Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment complex in the 700 block of West Foothill regarding a burn victim. When they arrived, they were told a male and female were burned while cooking in the kitchen, but there was no evidence to support their statements, the Firemen requested Police. The burn victims had already been transported to a hospital when officers arrived. During the investigation, officers discovered what initially appeared to be a pipe bomb. Further examination and questioning of the male victim revealed the item was not a pipe bomb, but a homemade plastic device used to extract a chemical from marijuana. The male subject had researched the process online. During the process, the gases from the chemicals located an ignition source from a wall heater and ignited. The female subject suffered burns to her lower legs. The male subject sustained second-degree burns to 25 percent of his body, which included his arms, face and back. The investigation is continuing. Charges will be filed with the District Attorney's office.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery - Suspect Arrested

On June 25 at 3:12 a.m., an officer was traveling west in the 100 block of West Huntington. A computer check of the license plate indicated the vehicle was stolen. The officer made a u-turn and the driver turned around and headed west. The officer waited for additional units to arrive and then conducted a traffic stop. During the investigation, it was discovered the vehicle was reported stolen out of San Gabriel from a rental car company. The driver was taken into custody without incident and the investigation is continuing.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On June 25 at 11:38 p.m., an officer was approached by a citizen who reported a vehicle screeching its tires in the Albertson's parking lot in the 700 block of East Huntington. The vehicle was currently in the drive through line at a fast food restaurant. The Officer followed the vehicle as it left the area, heading east on Huntington and then south on Mountain. The driver was traveling at 50 miles per hour on Mountain before the driver was stopped. During the investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence and was arrested.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On June 26 at 2:03 a.m., an officer was in the area of Foothill and Mayflower when she noticed a vehicle traveling north on Mayflower failed to stop for a red signal as the driver turned east on Foothill. The driver was stopped in the 400 block of West Foothill. During the investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence and was arrested.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision / City Property Damage

On June 26 at 4:46 a.m., Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Terrace Drive regarding a water problem. When officers arrived, they discovered a vehicle had struck a fire hydrant. Officers followed wet tire marks left by the vehicle up a driveway and spoke with the resident, who admitted striking the hydrant while backing out of his driveway.

Residential Burglary - Suspect Arrested

On June 26 at 7:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of North Canyon regarding a burglary. This location was being fumigated and was tented. An employee of the fumigation company arrived to inspect the location and noticed a large tear in the back of the tent. He looked through the tear and saw two assault rifles and a baseball cap on the ground, between the tent and the exterior of the residence. Investigation revealed the home was burglarized and the two assault rifles belonged to the resident. The resident reported that he owned a .22 caliber pistol that was also inside the house. Because of the chemicals used for the fumigation, the homeowner could not enter to conduct an inventory of his property and Officers could not enter to clear the house. The assault rifles were recovered and placed into evidence for safe keeping. Several hours later, a Glendale Police Officer stopped a bicyclist in their city. The bicyclist was found to be in possession of the homeowner's .22 caliber pistol. The bicyclist is a former Monrovia resident who is currently transient. Glendale Police Department recovered the pistol and arrested the bicyclist.

Assault With a Deadly Weapon / Shooting at an Inhabited Dwelling

On June 26 at 9:31 p.m., Police Dispatch received several 9-1-1 calls regarding shots fired in the 900 block of West Colorado. One victim was reported to have been shot. A blue BMW occupied by four male subjects was seen parked near the apartment complex. The male victim was on the second story balcony of an apartment, and several shots were fired in his direction. The victim sustained gunshot wounds to his right leg and knee. The shots were fired from inside the apartment complex front gate. The shooter was not seen. The BMW then fled the scene in an unknown direction. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment; his injuries are not life threatening. The blue BMW is a vehicle of interest at this point. The investigation is continuing.

Domestic Battery - Suspect Arrested

On June 26 at 10:54 p.m., officers were sent to a residence in the 100 block of West Cherry regarding a family disturbance. The investigation revealed that an argument had occurred between a husband and wife, resulting in the husband pushing the wife to the ground. The wife sustained visible red marks on her back. The husband was arrested for spousal battery and taken into custody. The wife was issued an emergency protective order, which was served to the husband before he was released on citation.

Domestic Battery - Suspects Arrested

On June 27 at 1:30 a.m., officers were sent to a residence in the 500 block of South Magnolia regarding a family disturbance. The investigation revealed a pushing match between a boyfriend and girlfriend, resulting in minor visible injuries to both parties. The boyfriend was arrested for spousal battery and taken into custody. Due to medical issues, a verified complaint request was completed on the female subject for spousal battery and will be submitted to the District Attorney's office for review. During the course of this investigation, a male associate of the couple was present. A computer check revealed he had a want issued by the Monrovia Police Department for spousal abuse; he was also arrested and taken into custody.

Grand Theft - Suspect Arrested

On June 28 at 8:28 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the Home Depot in the 1600 block of South Mountain regarding a subject detained for shoplifting. The value of the items the subject had concealed in his pockets totaled \$975. The loss prevention officer completed a private person's arrest, and the suspect was taken into custody.

Delaying and Obstructing a Peace Officer / Mental Evaluation

On June 28 at 8:30 a.m., officers responded to the report of a male subject throwing items and yelling at cars. He was last seen north on Myrtle heading toward Huntington. When the officer arrived, the subject ran north on Myrtle to Walnut and a foot pursuit began. A detective tried to intercept the subject, but the subject swung at him several times. The subject ran east on Walnut, stopped, and tried to run again, but was taken into custody. The subject was not under the influence, but was determined to require mental evaluation. The subject was cited and taken to a hospital, where he was held for mental evaluation.

Residential Burglary

On June 28 at 1:39 p.m., Officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of Bradbury regarding a possible break-in. The reporting party stated she and her mother left the residence at 10:30 a.m. and locked the front door, which is not visible from the street. When they returned, they found the front door had been forced open and they called Police. Officers cleared the home and found the master bedroom ransacked. Some jewelry had been taken.

Residential Burglary

On June 28 at 7:10 p.m., residents in the 600 block of Parkrose left their home on June 24 and were gone for several days. When they returned on June 28, they found their home had been burglarized. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the backdoor and ransacked the interior of the location. Two handguns and items of jewelry were stolen. Investigation continuing.

Mayor Lutz Among Those To Be Honored at Los Angeles & San Gabriel Watershed Council's 15th Anniversary

LOS ANGELES, CA— What do Heal the Bay Founder Dorothy Green, Southern California Public Radio, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Carpet Manufacturer Bentley Prince Street, Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Temple City Councilman Carl Blum all have in common? The answer: they've all worked to end Southern California's dependence on imported sources of water.

On July 14, to celebrate its 15th Anniversary, the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council will present awards to those who have worked to ensure a sustainable future for the Los Angeles region, home to almost one-third of all Californians. The Watershed Council will also make a major announcement at the event, marking a positive strategic move forward for the organization. Policy makers, environmentalist and citizens concerned with sustainability won't want to miss this fun event that will feature great food, special guests, music, unique auction items and actors portraying pioneers of California's water past. LA City Councilman Ed Reyes has confirmed his attendance and several other local elected officials are tentatively scheduled to attend.

About the honorees

Southern California Public Radio/89.3 KPCC is being honored for its consistent and comprehensive coverage of local environmental issues by journalists such as Molly Peterson, Patt Morrison, Ilsa Setziol, and Larry Mantle. In addition to consistent high quality reporting on stormwater management and other water issues, the station's commitment to becoming the "greenest radio station in the nation" has taken an important first step in the building of its new LEED certified studio and office headquarters in Pasadena. Zev Yaroslavsky is in his fourth term on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Since first being elected in 1994, Zev has been a leader in environmental issues. His major priorities and accomplishments include leading efforts to conserve public lands and save open space especially in the Santa Monica Mountains, ban the use of plastic bags in grocery stores, and implementing the County's Low Impact Development ordinance to capture stormwater. The Supervisor championed the Sun Valley Watershed Project, which has been a boon to local environmental efforts while also helping residents solve very serious flooding issues. Zev authored Proposition A, which provided funding to preserve open space lands and triggered the development of urban parks throughout Los Angeles County and coauthored the North Area Plan in 2000, which reined in development in the Santa Monica Mountains. Thanks to his efforts, he was able to save significant mountain ridgelines and notable parcels of land, such as Ahmanson Ranch, King Gillette Ranch and others.

Bentley Prince Street is committed to sustainable commerce and innovations to integrate style and function with environmental practices through its Mission Zero goal of eliminating any negative impact it has on the environment by the year 2020. For 30 years the company has manufactured and marketed award-winning broadloom and carpet tile products for commercial interiors across the globe. With the industry's most comprehensive vertical carpet manufacturing facility, the company maintains third-party certification to the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System and the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System. Statistics back up the company's commitment to sustainability – over the past 15 years water use per unit has been reduced by 52 percent, waste sent to landfills has been reduced by 97 percent, absolute greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by 48 percent, and energy use per unit has been reduced by 40%. Today, renewable sources provide 100 percent of electrical energy requirements.

Mary Ann Lutz was elected as Mayor of the



Mary Ann Lutz

City of Monrovia in 2009 and re-elected in 2011 having served on the City Council since 2003. Prior to elected office, Mary Ann led a successful campaign to have the City of Monrovia purchase and create a wilderness preserve in the foothills. In her current role, Mary Ann has been a champion of water independence and was appointed the Vice Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2003. She is the Founding Chair and current Vice Chair of the Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resources Committee for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Chair of the Water Resources Working Group for SGVCOG, and a member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force.

Carl Blum was an early board member of the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, and served as Vice- President from 2000-2002. Over his 36-year career working for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and Department of Public Works, Carl led a shift in thinking toward a broader watershed management perspective including the creation in 2000 of the Watershed Management Division at the Department of Public Works. Notable accomplishments include the development of the Los Angeles River Master Plan and the formation of a steering committee for the development of a master plan on the San Gabriel River. Carl was influential in the formation of the Mountains and Rivers Conservancy, a state agency, and the formation of the Sun Valley Watershed Project. Since retiring from the District, Carl has remained active in leadership positions with the American Society of Civil Engineers. In 2010, Carl was appointed to the Temple City Council and was elected for a four year term in 2011.

About the Watershed Council The Watershed Council supports a healthy watershed for the region by serving as a robust center for the generation of objective research and analysis. The Council has established a platform for meaningful collaboration between governmental organizations, academic institutions, businesses and other nonprofit organizations with a vested interest in preserving the watershed. Founded in 1996 by leading environmental activist Dorothy Green and others, the Watershed Council produces continuing research programs that examine water usage and quality as well as create and enhance preservation and conservation tactics. The trustworthy expertise and analysis that comes from the Watershed Council's ongoing programs connects a diverse set of groups with overlapping missions in an effort to drive policies that will continually improve watershed quality. Tickets are only \$50 and can be purchased by visiting the Watershed Council's website at www.lasgrwc.org. Tickets are tax-deductible to the amount allowed under the law.

Library Closure in Preparation of the 4th of July Concert and Fireworks Show

The Monrovia Public Library will be closed Friday, July 1, until Tuesday, July 5, in preparation and celebration of the 4th of July festivities. The book drop, located on Lime Avenue, will be available on Friday, July 1, Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3, for book returns. The Monday July 4 festivities in Library Park will begin with a 7 p.m. concert sponsored by Mayor Mary Ann

Lutz 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 to 8 p.m., courtesy of the Monrovia Old Town Restaurants.

Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve Closure for the 4th of July Weekend

The Monrovia Fire Department has ordered Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve closed to all pedestrian traffic and activities during the July 4 holiday weekend. The annual closure will take place from Saturday, July 2, through Monday, July 4. The Trask Boy

Scout Camp will be open for scheduled activity on Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3. The Park Rangers will be patrolling all access points during the closure. For more information regarding the closure, please contact the Community Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

Community Center Closure for the 4th of July Holiday

The Monrovia Community Center will be closed on Monday, July 4, for regular business and contract classes, in observance of Independence

Day. The facility doors will open at 3 p.m. to accommodate restroom use for the festivities' participants.

Monrovia Celebrates Independence!

Please come out and join us on Monday, July 4, in Library Park for Monrovia's Independence Day Celebration featuring the kick-off of our Summer Concert series, and of course, fireworks in the Park. Last year's event was a tremendous success and this year will be even bigger and better. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and the fireworks at 9 p.m. Check the City's website and Facebook page for updates. See you there!

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JON R. GUNDRY CHOSEN AS NEW PUSD SUPERINTENDENT

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education introduced Jon R. Gundry as the new Superintendent of Schools on Thursday. The public announcement was held at Altadena Elementary School following a unanimous vote of 7-0 earlier in the week.

Gundry, hails from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) will replace Superintendent Edwin Diaz, who retired June 30th.

"Our four-month search for a new leader to continue the momentum of accelerating student achievement is at a close," said Board President Renatta Cooper. "Jon is an accomplished leader who can focus on moving forward and working together for our children's future, so that all children learn and our students are prepared for college and careers." As the interim superintendent of the since 2010, chief executive officer of LACOE and secretary of the County Board of Education, Mr. Gundry was responsible for ensuring the financial and academic stability of 80 school districts that serve more than two million preschool and school-age children, and for overseeing \$16 billion in school district funding and a staff of nearly 4,000. He was appointed interim superintendent by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors following the retirement of Darline P. Robles last summer. Previously as deputy superintendent, he had been a vital member of LACOE's Executive Cabinet, developing policy and overseeing strategic projects and initiatives.

"I am honored to be selected to lead this community in making further academic progress and addressing the challenges its students and families face," said Mr. Gundry. "I look forward to working with families and members of the communities to inspire and prepare students for their future."

Prior to joining LACOE in February 2008, Mr. Gundry served in the Houston (Texas) Independent School District. His tenure there included 12 years as an administrator, ultimately serving as an executive principal overseeing 17 campuses



Gundry with students at Altadena Elementary

in a high school feeder system. He also taught English, Spanish and ESL for middle and high schools in the district and in other locales. "The search firm presented an outstanding slate of candidates to the Board and after lengthy and careful deliberation, the Board reached a majority decision on the person it felt best embodied most of the characteristics members of this community indicated they wanted in a new superintendent," said Board Vice President Ed Honowitz.

Gundry's appointment culminates a four-month process that began in March and included outreach to parents, staff, and community leaders to identify the

qualities they wanted to see in the next superintendent. The Board retained the executive search firm Ray & Associates to recruit and select candidates; final candidate interviews began last weekend. The search firm and Board of Education relied heavily on the results of the community input process when reviewing the strengths of the candidates and finalists in the deliberation.

Mr. Gundry earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University and a master's degree in school administration from Houston Baptist University. PUSD operations will be managed by a team of senior level district managers before Mr. Gundry formally begins his tenure.

Jeffrey Sullivan Makes SMU's Honor Roll

Jeffrey Sullivan, a resident of Sierra Madre and a senior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is listed on the honor roll. To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must be in the top 15 percent of their school of record.

SMU's Spring 2011 enrollment included 10,595 students. SMU

is a nationally ranked private university in Dallas founded 100 years ago. Today, SMU enrolls nearly 11,000 students who benefit from the academic opportunities and international reach of seven degree-granting schools.

Local Students Excel at Gonzaga University

The following students from your area have earned placement on Gonzaga University's President's List. Students must earn a 3.70 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed.

Lindsey Wopschall, Arcadia and Robert Carr, Pasadena.

In addition, Madeleine Aguilar, a resident of Sierra Madre has earned placement on the Gonzaga University Dean's List for spring semester 2011. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.69 grade-point average to be listed.

Gonzaga University is a humanistic, private Catholic University providing a Jesuit education to more than 7,500 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the West's best comprehensive regional universities. Gonzaga offers 75 fields of study, 25 master's degrees, a doctorate in leadership studies, and a Juris Doctor degree through its School of Law.

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 Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. The Summer Reading Clubs and activities are funded by The Friends of the Library, The Sierra Madre Firefighters Assn., and 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.

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By Meaghan Allen

ON THE ROAD

I have made it a long way since the Air Force Academy two weeks ago. I have crossed fourteen states, entering nine new states (I have visited 31) and I am now safely in Providence, RI, where I am taking a summer course as Brown University. But getting here was not easy. My dad has an old 1983 Ford Econoline conversion van that was my grandfather's before he passed away. This van has not been driven more than ten miles at a single time in years, let alone 3000 miles across the country. Therefore, we were bound to run into some issues. In Indianapolis one of our tires blew out and we were forced to spend the night in a WalMart parking lot until the auto shops opened the next morning. To make matters worse, Indianapolis got an unusual amount of rain that night and it poured

for about twelve hours straight and got about three inches of rain. Then, half a mile in Delaware, something in the carburetor broke and we spent a good half day back in Maryland getting it fixed. Lucky for us they happened to have the car part, or we would have had to spend the night there. Again it rained. After Washington D.C., something went wrong with the exhaust, although the car was still drivable, and the car would not change gears properly, or at least worse than before. I did however make it safely to Providence and I am glad to say that it was all worth it. Brown is amazing and my class is very interesting, I am taking experimental writing. For the next two weeks I am going to do my best to enjoy this wonderful city and try not to think too hard about how I am going to make it home!

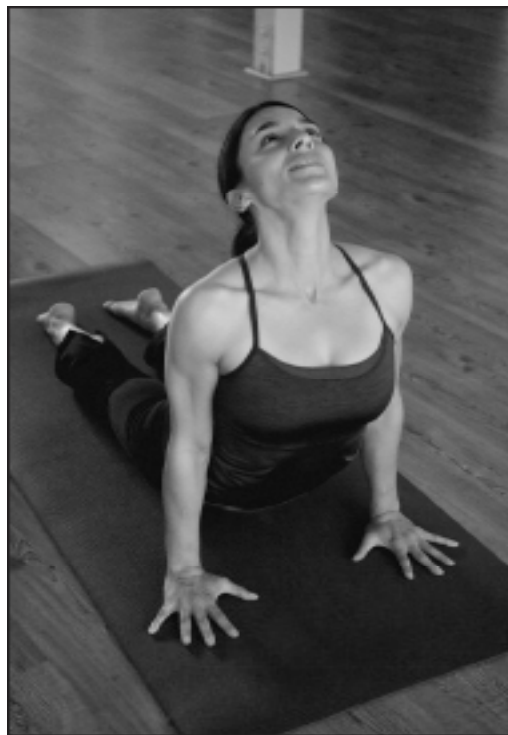


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Miss Palmer's 3rd Grade Class, 31 talented and creative students, have published a book! It is called, "Miss Palmer's Third Grade: Once Upon A Wayside" and it includes the work of each of the students in her class. We will publish the book in its entirety 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!
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Making Summer Easier for Parents

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.
Asco-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



Mrs. Gorf Comes Back

by Lily Cimino
One Day Maurecia and Todd were running down the stairs to recess. When they saw a strange shadow. They slowed down to get a closer look. They slowly turned the corner when they saw her.
They were looking straight at Mrs. Gorf walking up the stairs. They ran straight down and out to the playground to see Louis. They both started talking at the same time. "Stop", yelled Louis. "What's wrong?"
At the same time she said, "We saw Mrs. Gorf!"
"That's not true", said Louis. "She left forever."
"No," said Marecia, "We saw Mrs. Gorf!"
Right as she said Mrs. Gorf the whole class crowded around.
"It's just your imagination", said Paul.
"No", replied Todd. "We're sure we saw her said Maurecia.
"It's not true. You think you saw her but you couldn't have", replied Joy.
"We'll prove it", shouted Todd.
The next day Maurecia and Todd were running up the stairs. Unfortunately, this time they did not see anyone.
"See", said Louis. "She's not here!"
Both Maurecia and Todd knew she may not be here right now, but they had definitely seen her! They were sure of it.

Wayside School: The Nightmare

by Wesley O.
Once upon a time Eric Bacon jumped off the highest roof at Wayside School. Everyone thought he was going to die, but no one knew he had a parachute on his back.
As everyone looked up at Eric, he was coming down slowly into a hot lava volcano. Everyone screamed, "Eric Bacon, steer your parachute to the right or you ar going to be cooked alive and you won't taste good."
Mrs. Jewels said, "Let's call the cops."
Five minutes later the cops arrived and place a lot of pillows so Eric Bacon would have a soft landing.
The End!

TALKER

by Luke Vlcek
One peaceful morning in Mrs. Jewel's class, the classroom was quiet as everyone worked in their arithmetic books. All of a sudden, Mrs. Jewels yelled, "Todd! Go write you name on the black board under the word for Discipline for talking to DJ."
Todd was used to doing this because he wrote his name everyday on the board! In fact, he always had a check and a circle by his name too. In Mrs. Jewel's class this meant that you got sent home early on the Kindergarten bus.
Todd always went home on the Kindergarten buss. All he wanted was to make it through the day once to see what the class did after 12:00.
At 10:00, Todd got a check next to his name for talking to Maurecia. Todd was hoping not to get his name circled. He was curious about the afternoon activities.
Todd said, "Get it together, you can do it!"
It was hard for Todd. If he got through the day, it would be his first time ever.
Todd was dying of curiosity and wasn't sure he would make it through the day. He tried to relax and remain calm.
At 12:00, Todd still did not have his name circled. He was so happy. He started to jump up and down. So at 2:00 Jenny erased his name.
At the end of the day, Todd had survived on full day at school!

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Fourth of July!
The Fourth of July is our day to celebrate our country's independence and all of the freedoms we enjoy. It's a day for picnics, parades, swimming and fireworks. Have a ton of fun, everyone!
Do you know about the events that led up to the American colonies making a declaration to break away from British rule to be independent? It was a time of unrest and war, then peace and freedom. Fill in this puzzle about key events:
1. Before the American Revolution the _____ colonies in America were under British rule.
2. King George the III was only _____ years old when he claimed his throne.
3. King George wanted to raise some _____.
4. He placed too many _____ on the colonies, which had no vote in Parliament.
5. One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers. The soldiers shot into the crowd, killing some people and wounding others. This event is called "The _____ Massacre." (1770)
6. Next, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Angry colonists dressed up like Native Americans boarded the British ships. They threw the tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston _____ Party. (1773)
7. In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, Mass., gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These clashes were the first of the _____ Revolution.
8. George _____ became the leader of the American armed forces.
9. The colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule on July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of _____.
10. The colonies became the United _____ of America.
11. The _____ surrendered to George Washington in October 1781, at Yorktown, VA.
12. A _____ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in September 1787!
Washington Independence twenty-one American
Tea money peace taxes
Boston British thirteen States

Hot Diggity Dog Happy 4th of July

Although the history of the Hot Dog goes back a long way, hot dogs are as American as apple pie. There is no certain etiology of the term hot dog, but two theories are the most prominent.

The popularity of the term hot dog is generally attributed to sports cartoonist T. A. “Tad” Dorgan, who caricatured German figures as dachshund dogs just after the turn of the 19th century. His talking sausage cartoons generally denigrated the cheap wieners sold at Coney Island, crassly suggesting they contained dogmeat. It was such bad publicity that in 1913, the Chamber of Commerce actually banned use of the term “hog dog” from signs on Coney Island. The term actually first appeared in print in the Oxford English Dictionary in 1900.

German Americans brought us weinerwurst, German for Vienna sausage, which eventually became shortened to wiener. Other German immigrants referred to smoked sausage as bundewurst, which is German for dog sausage. By the late 1920’s, wienie roasts became the rage, with guests bringing their own hot dogs to roast over an open fire.

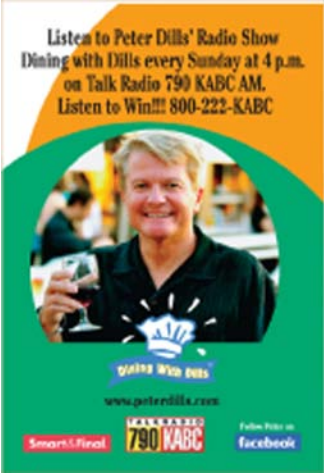
Credit for putting the hot dog into a warm bun and topping it with various condeiments goes to Harry Magely, catering director of New York City’s Polo Grounds, who reportedly instructed his vendors to cry out, “Red hots! Get your red hots!”

Also credited for the idea of warm buns is Charles Feltman, of Feltman’s Gardens in Coney Island amusement park.

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There’s a Food Scientist in the Foothills
Sierra Madre Grocery Company

by La Quetta M. Shamblee

When most of us think of food, we don't think of scientists like Karen Swisher. There's a good chance that you've had some of her tasty creations over the years if you've have flavored tortillas, bottled salsas, low fat donuts or savory English Muffins. A creative culinary pioneer of sorts, she has been at the forefront of developing new flavor combinations since graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Food Science. She has applied her expertise on behalf of clients and as a successful three-time entrepreneur after years of experience working in the corporate kitchen labs of Del Monte, Nestle, Carnation and other corporate food giants.

She is credited with creating the first low fat donuts and in 1994 she came out of the kitchen lab with the first line of flavored tortillas which were carried by Tumaro's Homestyle Kitchen. The original flavors included blueberry, apple cinnamon, green chili and jalapeno cilantro. She later developed more savory flavors like curry and sun-dried tomato. Although the company was sold, Tumaro tortillas are still available at Smart N Final, Albertson's and Ralphs.

Her list of culinary creations that have proven popular with consumers and profitable for her clients and customers continues to grow. She is credited with creating the Lighten Up brand for Van de Kamp, as well as applying her food chemistry expertise to help millions "lighten up" after she was approached to created the first-ever, microwaveable English Muffin for Jenny Craig®. The New York Times proclaimed that Just Crisps are, "The best of all possible things to buy!" - These are the Herb & Olive Crisps that she created for the company, "Just Off Melrose" that resulted in a windfall of millions for the owners when their company was purchased by Straub's. This baby boomer was also the first in line to develop nu-

tritional labels for products when the U.S. Food & Drug Administration made it a requirement for packaged foods in 1993.

Karen has owned or co-owned three businesses, but she has maintained her consulting practice to develop recipes and production processes for private labels. For 20 years, she ran Sierra Food Development and had a string of successes as a consultant. Next, she operated Huntington Food Products with her sister, Kirsten Pighin. After her sister passed, she decided to take a reprieve. In January of last year, she decided it was time to jump back into the fray with the launch of Sierra Madre Grocery Company, named after the city where she has resided since 1987. Her first product is a signature Roasted Garlic Olive Salsa, which is available locally at Savor the Flavor, a specialty food and gifts shop in Sierra Madre. She unveiled her Sweet N Spicy Mountain Trail Mix, providing samples to entrants at this year's Mt. Wilson's Trail Race held Memorial Day Weekend.

She's already geared up for the summer season and upcoming holidays with new products like Fruit & Fire, a salsa-like sauce made with mango, peach, pineapple, jalapeno and green chili. The Savory Chicken & Bacon Appetizer Wrap may be a consideration for starters. If you want to satisfy your taste buds and impress your dinner guests, she recommends the Carmelized Onion & Garlic sauce and says, "It's great for a goat cheese pizza." What's next? Karen is gearing up to introduce her new flat bread.

With summer in full swing, it's an ideal time to try the "Sierra Seasoning Rub," which is growing in popularity with personal chefs and restaurants alike.

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THE SOLID GOLD CADILLAC

By Despina Tsiknas-Arzuoman

This play is a comedy. And while there weren't a whole lot of outbursts of loud laughter, this play was wrought with humor. The Solid Gold Cadillac is about a corporate mega-conglomerate (General Products Corporation) whose "business as usual" tactics illustrate that when it comes to greed, such greedy business practices haven't changed in decades! Yep, and while this play was first performed in 1953, and fashion styles and trends are different now, it is clear that evolution of human nature hasn't budged. You'd think this story was ripped from today's headlines. The gentlemen seated to my left was chuckling and snickering at almost everything; while I, an altruist at heart, was on the verge of feeling outraged over every nuance of the sly humor. (I thought to myself: "hmmm, I wonder where that guy works?")

Anyhow, there we be, watching four greedy board of directors of the General Products Corporation holding a shareholder's meeting, and who are on the verge of running a distinguished firm into the ground by looting the company in order to line their own pockets. Meanwhile, an unassuming young woman [Laura Partridge, played by Georgan George], who was recently widowed and inherited 10 shares of stock in General Products, attended that shareholder's meeting. But, when she began innocently questioning the board of directors machinations regarding how they were allocating the other company's funds, the board of directors started getting nervous. Initially, the board of directors thought Mrs. Partridge wouldn't be too much of a threat because when they learned she used to be an actress, was interested in astrology, and had a lucky number of 17, they figured she wouldn't be able to follow along or outwit them in their maneuverings. Nevertheless, they offered her a job to keep her quiet. But, Laura Partridge was determined to find a way to stop the corporate crooks from bleeding General Products dry. Will the larcenous bigwigs get their comeuppance? You bet they will. And so, a new cycle will begin. But, stay mindful: 'tis true that when anyone

steps into a position of authority and 'power,' the test challenges of real honorability and morality do come a'knocking at honesty's door.

Including Georgan George who plays Laura Partridge, the cast also includes Kevin Allesee, Jill Bartlett, Michael Bruce, Tony Cicchetti, Aric Cushing, Jessica Fox, Sasha Golberg, Norman



Igar, Jeremy Mascia, and Kent Vaughan. And, while I am not familiar with Ken Salzman's previous directing credits ("Leading Ladies" and "The Sensuous Senator"), I very much enjoyed how this play was done. Of course, I always love adding how fascinated I am with the stage settings at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Every part of the stage was perfectly designed and utilized.

I think it would benefit everyone if they supported their local Sierra Madre Playhouse Theatre, as well as all the actors who work so hard at their craft. So I have to say: come on folks, reserve your tickets today. It'll make you think, and laugh, and do you good to support your fellows.

The Solid Gold Cadillac runs from June 17 - July 30, 2011. Showtimes are Friday and Saturdays at 8:00pm; Sundays at 2:30pm. Admission is \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (12-17), \$17; children 12 and under, \$12. For reservations call: (626) 355-4318, or for online ticketing, go to www.sierramadrepalyhouse.org. Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind the theatre.

"Leader in Southern California" Award bestowed on Sierra Madre resident, self-taught Senegalese fine artist, Djibril N'Doye.

Djibril was honored by the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals (CMHP) at the 8th Annual Extraordinary Sunday Afternoon of Visual & Performing Arts in Los Angeles Sunday afternoon, June 26th at the Town and Gown of the University of Southern California on the campus of the University of Southern California, with over 150 people in attendance. The afternoon included the Awards Ceremony, Dinner Reception and Silent Auction, plus live jazz by the Lonza Lester Quintet featuring Jazz Singer Dewight Tribble.

The main award presented to Djibril is inscribed: "The Dr Samella Lewis Award presented to Djibril N'Doye, internationally recognized artist whose graphic depictions of African life has won him critical acclaim worldwide." From the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals, Inc. The presenters were Halford H. Fairchild, PhD, Master of Ceremonies, and Sandra E Cox, PhD, Executive Director.

Djibril also received a "Senate Certificate of Recognition", from Roderick D. Wright, Member of the Senate, 25th District, California State Legislature, on the occasion of being honored by the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals, in recognition of Djibril's outstanding leadership and exemplary service throughout our community.

When talking to Djibril, and through the images he creates in his art work, community and communal well-being and support, are at the core of his cultural sensibilities.

Djibril was one of the very first, few artists to become involved in CMHP's campaign of aware-

ness over ten years ago, and has made an artistic donation every year at its annual fundraising event, even prior to this more formally-styled one that took place on Sunday. He is touched by the Coalition's expansion and successes over the last decade.

After the Civil Unrest of 1992, CMHP was cre-



ated to rebuild the human spirit through the provision of comprehensive and culturally sensitive mental health services. "The mission of CMHP is to serve and empower Los Angeles County through the development of a mental health agency providing mental health and related services to enhance the well-being of the community and improve the quality of life."

Tax-deductible donations can be made to CMHP, in any amount, as a way to recognize the honor bestowed on Djibril. For more information, please contact the CMHP at (323) 777-3120, or visit www.mentalhealthprofessionals.org.



Sean Kayden

The fifth album from Vetiver is a strong showcase in music progression. The Errant Charm is a concoction of solid songwriting, lush melodies and washed-out aesthetics. There's an innate charm and allure to this record. It's the ideal compilation to be playing while lying in one's futon on a hazy sunny day. Since that's the case, little work is required for one to soak up the tunes, "Worse For Wear" and "Hard To Break". Such beauty and blithe best describe the aforementioned songs. The Errant Charm will take you on a journey without ever realizing you were actually on one. It gently guides you to serenity. There are rarely any surprises with Vetiver, but they constantly deliver what you want and possibly need. However, tracks like "Ride Ride Ride" and the closer, "Soft Glass," slightly weave off the road a bit. Despite those minor calamities, you're still left with an accessible album that has considerable depth.

"It's Beyond Me", the lengthiest track from the album, starts things off in a promising fashion. It's definitely a suitable preview to the adventure you're about to embrace. However, it's the few sequential tracks that stand out from the rest. As I previously mentioned, "Worse For Wear" and "Hard To Break" are dazzling in every way. These songs either symbolize relationships on the fade-out or receiving second chances. "Fog Emotion" is a leisurely sort of tune that has the

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The spirit of the song is both tranquil and insouciant. While it may be the simplest tune off the album, it's the one to put you in the best kind of mood no matter of any type of darkness trying to enter your life. "Faint Praise" feels a bit out of place on this particular album, but there's no denying its stunning beauty. It's an airy, atmospheric, and ambient track that'll have you become lost within your own thoughts. It's a deeply satisfying dream song minus the requirement of

Artist: Vetiver
Album: The Errant Charm
Label: Sub Pop Records
Release Date: June 14th, 2011
Key Tracks: "Worse For Wear", "Hard To Break", "Fog Emotion", "Faint Praise"
Grade: 8.0 out of 10

needing to fall asleep to experience the vivid imagery discovered within.

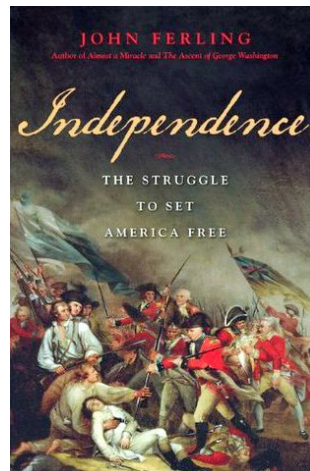
The Errant Charm is an undeniably strong demonstration of effective lyrics accompanied with breezy and swirling arrangements. It's not a masterpiece by any measure, but the record effortlessly displays Vetiver's most admirable strengths as a group. There's definitely a lot to enjoy here if this type of music persuasion is your thing. It may not fully captivate one entirely, but the superior songs off the album will certainly ease your distressed disposition. Even if it's only temporary, it's still more than what most songs can do these days.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

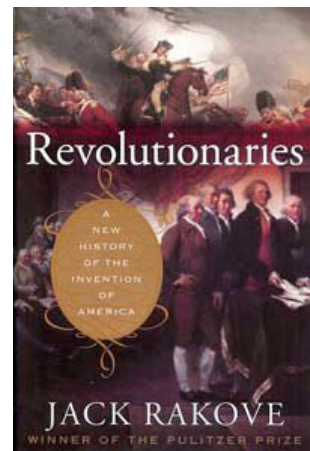
Independence: The Struggle to Set America Free by John Ferling

No event in American history was more pivotal or more furiously contested than Congress's decision to declare independence in July 1776. Even months after American blood had been shed at Lexington and Concord, many colonists remained loyal to Britain. John Adams, a leader of the effort, said bringing the fractious colonies together was like getting "thirteen clocks to strike at once." Independence takes readers from the cobblestones of Philadelphia into the halls of Parliament, where many sympathized with the Americans and furious debate erupted over how to deal with the rebellion. Independence is not only the story of how freedom was won, but how an empire was lost. At this remarkable moment in history, high stakes politics was intertwined with a profound debate about democracy, governance, and justice. John Ferling is professor emeritus of history at the State University of West Georgia and a leading authority on American Revolutionary history



Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America by Jack Rakove

In the early 1770s, the men who invented America were living quiet, provincial lives in the rustic backwaters of the New World, devoted primarily to family and the private pursuit of wealth and happiness. None set out to become "revolutionary" by ambition, but when events in Boston escalated, they found themselves thrust into a crisis that moved from protest to war. In this remarkable book, Rakove shows how the private lives of these men were suddenly transformed into public careers, how Washington became a strategist, Franklin a pioneering cultural diplomat, Madison a sophisticated constitutional thinker, and Hamilton a brilliant policymaker. Rakove shakes off accepted notions of these men as godlike visionaries, focusing instead on the evolution of their ideas and the crystallizing of their purpose. We see the founders before they were fully formed leaders, as individuals whose lives were radically altered by the explosive events of the 1770's. They were ordinary men who became extraordinary. Spanning the two crucial decades of the country's birth, from 1773 to 1792, Revolutionaries uses little known stories of these famous (and not so famous) men to capture in the intensely creative period of the republic's founding. From the Boston Tea Party to the First Continental Congress, from Trenton to Valley Forge, from the ratification of the Constitution to the disputes that led to our two-party system, Rakove explores the competing views of politics, war, diplomacy, and society that shaped our nation. Revolutionaries is a majestic blend of narrative and intellectual history, a rare book that makes us think afresh about how the country came to be, and why the idea of America endures. Jack Rakove is the William Robertson Coe Professor of History and American Studies and a professor of political science at Stanford University and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1997.



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HOWARD Hays As I See It



I appreciate that Greg Wellborn spent time, as noted in his column last week, as he “studied the left over the years”, finding “how ignorant of human nature they truly are.” As a study specimen, I’ll offer my own take on “human nature”; but first I’d suggest a study of history might’ve been time better spent.

Greg attributes our loss in Vietnam to the fact “the great liberal, President Johnson, misunderstood the North Vietnamese commitment to defeating us”. But here’s what really happened:

In 1968, Republican candidate Richard Nixon ran as having a “secret plan” to end the Vietnam war, and warned that Vice President Hubert Humphrey would simply continue Johnson’s war policies. (Johnson had earlier decided not to seek reelection, and instead devote the remainder of his term to ending the war.)

As the election approached, Johnson made progress in arranging three-party peace talks in Paris between Hanoi, Saigon and Washington. Nixon realized continued war helped his chances among an electorate seeking change. But an end to the war brought by successful talks would boost the campaign of Democrat Humphrey. A Republican victory could best be assured by sabotaging the peace talks.

Nixon had a good intelligence source in Henry Kissinger, an informal advisor to Johnson on the talks, who was, according to journalist Rick Perlstein, “a double agent feeding the intelligence to Nixon that let him scotch the peace deal before the election.” Johnson had his own intelligence, with wiretaps and intercepts planted through the South Vietnamese government.

Through them Johnson learned of conversations Nixon’s emissary Anna Chennault, widow of the famed WWII aviator, had with South Vietnamese Pres. Nguyen van Thieu in which she urged him not to participate in the talks, and instead wait until after Nixon’s election for a “better deal”. Nixon had his own message for Thieu: “Hold on. We’re gonna win.”

Johnson confronted Nixon in recently-released recorded phone calls. Nixon denied knowing of any effort to scuttle the talks and pledged not to interfere with Johnson’s efforts to end the war. According to Don Fulsom, who covered both presidents for UPI, “When the phone was hung up after at least one of these Nixon lies, Nixon and his cohorts reportedly burst into loud and sustained laughter.”

Other recordings document conversations between Johnson and Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen, in which Johnson lays out what he knows: “They’re contacting a foreign power in the middle of a war.” Johnson suggests he might go public with the information, but instead asks Dirksen to contact Nixon and put an end to it; “They oughtn’t be doing this. This is treason.” Dirksen replies, “I know.”

White House aide Richard Holbrooke later wrote that Nixon “massively, directly and covertly interfered in a major diplomatic negotiation . . . probably one of the most important negotiations in American diplomatic history.”

There was no “secret plan”. Rather than pursuing talks as many, including Pres. Thieu and Ms. Chennault, had expected, Nixon spent

the next six years dropping more bombs on Vietnam than were dropped on any country by any Commander in Chief in history. The war was expanded into Laos and Cambodia, laying the groundwork for the “killing fields” to come. 20,000 more American soldiers were killed, culminating in that iconic image of the last personnel clinging to the helicopter off the embassy roof in 1975 under President Ford, following Nixon’s resignation the year before.

In Greg’s column on “lessons from Vietnam”, those last six years apparently don’t count.

As for my view on “human nature”, I think most folks don’t like to be told what to do. The same goes for nations.

Again, Vietnam serves as an example. A thousand years ago, Vietnamese repelled Kublai Khan and Mongol invaders. For centuries they fought off Chinese dynastic incursions. From the late-nineteenth century they resisted efforts by the French to turn their land into a plantation colony, fought off the Imperial Japanese Army, and then French colonial powers again after WWII.

The power of people defending their homeland overcame the most powerful militaries of the day, regardless of whatever slogans the invaders claimed as justification; whether spreading “Christianity” in the case of the nineteenth-century French, or “freedom and democracy” for the Americans.

There will always be those who’ll side with the invaders and occupying powers, if they see some personal benefit for themselves. Unfortunately, it’s been our alliances with these people that have doomed foreign adventures from the start.

In Vietnam, our enemies were those who’d defended their land against foreign invaders. Our allies, those we put in power in South Vietnam, had sided with the French against their own countrymen.

In Afghanistan, we’re fighting for the installed government of Hamid Karzai; a government most notable for endemic corruption, rigged elections, enrichment of family members and little influence outside Kabul. Nearly ten years ago, President Bush named a former Unocal consultant as our first envoy to Afghanistan, and the goal seemed to be not to fulfill dreams of democracy, but the dream of laying a Trans-Afghanistan gas pipeline from the Caspian Basin.

We are asked to defend an Afghanistan government that Afghans themselves are unwilling to defend.

Those who see “democracy and freedom” as being achieved through fear and military intimidation display not just an ignorance of “human nature”, but of history. It’s the power of ideas and not the size of armies that change history; that’s why the British were unable to defeat the American Colonies, and that’s what we’re seeing today in the Arab Spring.

Words embodying those ideas have inspired since they were first written. In 1945, an Asian leader used them as his country emerged from Japanese occupation: “All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Quoted by Ho Chi Minh to begin the Declaration of Independence, Democratic Republic of Vietnam (Hanoi - September 2).

Happy Fourth of July.

GREG Wellborn will be back in 2 weeks. *In the meantime on the right we have.....:*

FOURTH OF JULY

THOMAS Sowell



The Fourth of July may be just a holiday for fireworks to some people. But it was a momentous day for the history of this country and the history of the world.

Not only did July 4, 1776 mark American independence from England, it marked a radically different kind of government from the governments that prevailed around the world at the time -- and the kinds of governments that had prevailed for thousands of years before.

The American Revolution was not simply a rebellion against the King of England, it was a rebellion against being ruled by kings in general. That is why the opening salvo of the American Revolution was called “the shot heard round the world.”

Autocratic rulers and their subjects heard that shot -- and things that had not been questioned for millennia were now open to challenge. As the generations went by, more and more autocratic governments around the world proved unable to meet that challenge.

Some clever people today ask whether the United States has really been “exceptional.” You couldn’t be more exceptional in the 18th century than to create your fundamental document -- the Constitution of the United States -- by opening with the momentous words, “We the people...”

Those three words were a slap in the face to those who thought themselves entitled to rule, and who regarded the people as if they were simply human livestock, destined to be herded and shepherded by their betters. Indeed, to this very day, elites who think that way -- and that includes many among the intelligentsia, as well as political messiahs -- find the Constitution of the United States a real pain because it stands in the way of their imposing their will and their presumptions on the rest of us.

More than a hundred years ago, so-called “Progressives” began a campaign to undermine the Constitution’s strict limitations on government, which stood in the way of self-anointed political crusaders imposing their grand schemes on all the rest of us. That effort to discredit the Constitution continues to this day, and the arguments haven’t really changed much in a hundred years.

The cover story in the July 4th issue of Time magazine is a classic example of this arrogance. It asks of the Constitution: “Does it still matter?”

A long and rambling essay by Time magazine’s

managing editor, Richard Stengel, manages to create a toxic blend of the irrelevant and the erroneous.

The irrelevant comes first, pointing out in big letters that those who wrote the Constitution “did not know about” all sorts of things in the world today, including airplanes, television, computers and DNA.

This may seem like a clever new gambit but, like many clever new gambits, it is a rehash of arguments made long ago. Back in 1908, Woodrow Wilson said, “When the Constitution was framed there were no railways, there was no telegraph, there was no telephone.”

In Mr. Stengel’s rehash of this argument, he declares: “People on the right and left constantly ask what the framers would say about some event that is happening today.”

Maybe that kind of talk goes on where he hangs out. But most people have enough common sense to know that a constitution does not exist to micro-manage particular “events” or express opinions about the passing scene.

A constitution exists to create a framework for government -- and the Constitution of the United States tries to keep the government inside that framework.

From the irrelevant to the erroneous is a short step for Mr. Stengel. He says, “If the Constitution was intended to limit the federal government, it certainly doesn’t say so.”

Apparently Mr. Stengel has not read the Tenth Amendment: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Perhaps Richard Stengel should follow the advice of another Stengel -- Casey Stengel, who said on a number of occasions, “You could look it up.”

Does the Constitution matter? If it doesn’t, then your Freedom doesn’t matter.

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WORKING AS A CONSULTANT

A BASIC CHECKLIST (PART II)

by La Quetta M. Shamblee

“I’m a consultant,” is jokingly referred to as “I’m unemployed,” but make no mistake about the fact that many consultants make a very good living by selling their expertise. Last week’s column provided an initial overview of the first things to consider. This week’s information provides a snapshot of three key areas that every consultant must master (or manage) to build and maintain a successful business.

The acronym “ALORE” should be a familiar term to every entrepreneur. It is a great memory tool to introduce Accounting, which is regarded as “The language of business.” “A” stands for Assets (things/resources owned, purchased, rented or leased that are used to operate the business), “L” stands for Liabilities (amounts owed – as in “debt,” loans, credit accounts with vendors), “O” stands for Owner’s Equity (Assets minus Liabilities – the amount remaining if all debts are paid), “R” stands for Revenue (amounts earned by selling your goods or services) and “E” stands for Expenses (amounts paid to operate – rent, salaries, taxes, inventory, etc.). Whether your business is a one-person consulting practice or a multi-billion dollar corporation, these are the five categories of accounts. The goal is the same, to generate a healthy net profit (after taxes are paid) by bringing in more Revenue than what you incur in Expenses over specific periods of time. This will result in a

favorable and growing Owner’s Equity to build your company’s value in the manner that you would want the equity in your real estate to grow.

Open any college-level, business textbook and you’ll find the 4 P’s of Marketing which deals with how to build a bridge between you and your customers. The P’s stand for Product (what are you selling?), Price (how much will you charge?), Place (where will you sell/distribute?) and, Promotion (what mix of advertising, promotion and other outreach activities will you use?). You can develop a basic outline for your marketing plan by jotting down your response in each of these areas.

“If you plan to fail, you plan to fail,” rings true in every area of life. Although things never go exactly according to plan, it is imperative to spend time in this area – initially and on an ongoing basis. Start with your long-term goals for your business. What do you want to accomplish? Then, take a step back and consider what you know and understand in the present to make it happen. Don’t worry about what you don’t know right now. Just proceed with your planning and start planning for short-term goals that will keep you moving toward the ultimate goals for your business.

If you’re serious about getting started, in next week’s column, you’ll find a list of local resources to help you move in the direction of planning, launching and building a successful consulting practice.

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REV James L. Snyder



The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly just finished supper and we were resting in the living room watching the TV news. Actually,

my wife was watching the news while I was perusing a book. As far as I am concerned, nothing equals the relaxation of a good book after a good supper. My definition of a good book is the one I am reading at the time.

I had just settled into my book when I heard a groan coming from the other side of the room where my wife was setting. Thinking it was her just winding down after a busy day, I paid no attention to it.

Then I heard it again followed by, "I just cannot believe that!" Assuming she was talking to herself and not addressing me in particular, I ignored her and continued in my book.

Then she said, "Do you believe what they did?" When I looked at her, I discovered she was looking at me. The question was addressed to me. Not knowing what she was talking about I responded with my typical, "Huh?" Huh, as most people know, is short for "I have no idea what in the world you're talking about." This seems to be where I am most of the time.

ON PLEDGING MY ALLEGIANCE

Then my wife explained to me the story on the news. It seems, in some school somewhere, someone was objecting to standing and pledging allegiance to the American flag. My wife, and right she should be, was irritated at these people refusing to pledge their allegiance to the American flag.

"What in the world is wrong with these people?" she queried me. Then she went into her typical diatribe about how important it is to be a good citizen. "How can you call yourself an American," she continued, "and not want to salute the American flag?"

Well, I think she has a good point. I tried to go back to my book and she went back to watching the news but I could not get back into my book. I thought about all of these people objecting to pledging their allegiance to the American flag.

What is the big deal? What is their objection? Why are some people offended by the American flag? I think the biggest question I might ask, why do they want to live in America?

I am a firm believer in the First Amendment and the right of everybody to express his or her opinion. If people do not want to pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, that is their right. I just do not get it.

I would be the first to admit our country is not perfect. After all, we have politicians running this country. Even

though there are things about this country that are not right and that I do not agree with all the time, I still pledge allegiance to the American flag. I still pray for our country and I pray for the president of the United States and all those in leadership positions.

I have thought further about these people refusing to pledge allegiance to the American flag and how inconsistent they are in their whole life.

For example, most of these people refusing to pledge allegiance to the flag will pledge allegiance to some credit card. They will sign up, gladly paid the fee, willingly accepts a high interest rate and then go on a spending spree. Every month they will salute and pledge allegiance to that credit card by sending in a check.

Others will pledge their allegiance to some mortgage company for their house. Month after month, these people pledge their allegiance to the mortgage company or the bank by writing out a hefty check, including interest and fees.

The same people will pledge allegiance to some car loan company in order to buy a new car. Month after month as regular as the sun rising in the morning, these people will pledge their allegiance to the car loan institution by sending them a check. By the time they have paid for a \$20,000 automobile they will have given to the car loan institution \$60,000. Of course, I could be a little wrong on my

math, but not by much.

It seems a little amusing to me that the same people who object to pledging their allegiance to the American flag and who object to prayer in any public setting will pay their allegiance to the credit card company, the mortgage and loan company, and the auto loan institution with money that has printed on it in bold type, "In God we trust."

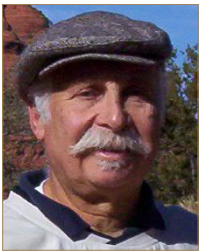
Let those who object to these things object to them but not in such a way as to hinder me from pledging my allegiance to the American flag. If you do not believe in prayer, fine, but do not force your unbelief on me. If there is no such thing as God, why are some people so upset when someone like me prays to God?

I go by the scriptural admonition, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1-2 KJV).

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America...

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STUART Tolchin.....



Every day I seem to spend a little time watching my wife and our dog Milo engaged in serious conversation. Usually my wife is the one doing the

talking and Milo is focusing with great concentration upon her face as he tries to understand. Often my wife is reviewing his past behavior and giving instructions for the day or perhaps is even discussing world problems. Milo concentrates and tries hard to understand but almost all conversations end with a few barks, a few licks, and then a game of fetch. My wife will end the conversations with a question like "Where's Mr. Sheep?" and Milo will leap off the bed and find his stuffed animal toy sheep and bring it to her, or almost bring it to her and after a little teasing, allow her to grab the toy from his mouth. She then hurls the toy through the door and down the stairs and Milo races after it and they happily repeat the process over and over and have lots of fun.

The difficulty for Milo is not inattention but rather that he is genetically ill-equipped to master the nuances of language. It turns out that human-

On LIFE

THE IMPORTANCE AND PURPOSE OF MYTHS

beings are uniquely prepared to utilize language. In his wonderful book, *The Tell-Tale Brain*, the neuroscientist V.S. Ramachandran explains that the upper part of the left temporal lobe of the human brain contains a patch of cortex known as Wernicke's area. This area has ballooned to seven times the same area in chimpanzees; it is one of the few brain areas that can be safely declared unique to our species. Its job is nothing less than the comprehension of meaning and the semantic aspects of language.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of this ability to create and utilize language. Human beings have created cultures that are often based on common understanding transmitted from one person to another that are believed by millions and yet have absolutely no basis in observed fact. I believe that all of the cosmological explanations of the formation of the world and the description of the after-life as disseminated by all of the world's religions, major and minor are absolute nonsense. Not one individual was around when the world was created and there are no reliable reports from anyone returning from the after-life. Still millions of lives have been sacrificed to the myths created by one person or

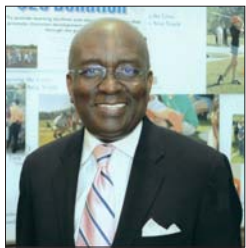
generation and passed on to another and the blood continues to flow. Myths are used by the powerful to manipulate others for the benefit of the few and the detriment of everyone else. Sometimes, of course, myths can be used to manipulate people in positive ways.

In last week's issue of this paper Kim Clymer-Kelly bemoaned "the dwindling of power of common citizens who 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.'" Unfortunately, Kim these words uttered by President Lincoln eight-seven years (four score and seven years ago) describe a kind of government that never-was. President Lincoln, was a Railroad Lawyer, a great writer, and a master-politician. He was dedicating a bloody battlefield as a cemetery and trying to heal a war-torn nation by describing a kind of government that never truly existed. (If you doubt this, read Howard Zinn or the book on the Gettysburg Address by Gary Wills). Really, this was okay and this speech filled with myth was the only speech that many of us ever memorized. Yes, we memorized it and we believed it and it helped us to be proud of being Americans and believing in the

commitment to an overall fairness and equality that existed at the very base of this nation. Really, contrary to my actual knowledge of American History, and I read a lot, I still believe in the existence of these values –myth or not.

Furthermore, I believe, probably even more unreasonably, that at some time in my lifetime a new myth will be created. It will be communicated from one person to another all over the world and will maintain that the strength and power of mankind has always been to combine and work together. Examples will be described of prehistoric man coming together to hunt and to protect themselves from vicious animals and the cruel, uncaring environment. People will be told that they must work together and cooperate for the common good because that's what human have always done. We humans will believe this, myth or no myth, and humankind will meet the environmental challenges no matter what they are and our specie shall endure for another millennia.

Perhaps you and I will still be around to participate in meeting the coming challenges. It sounds exciting, doesn't it? Probably more exciting than spending a lot of time watching my wife talking to a dog. (Sorry Milo)



Curbing Bad Behavior: AMERICA'S PROMISE

by Ron Carter

If America's Promise weathers away, then what will happen to our

children? The American Promise infers if one works hard, avoids trouble with law enforcement and nurtures ones children properly, there will be many opportunities for one to be successful. Conversely, today we witness record high levels of children homelessness, public schools' closings, the high school dropout crisis, childhood obesity, record teenage imprisonment, non-existent summer programs and jobs for children and the list goes on. However, all is not

lost even with these terrible statistics, which are streamed across the airwaves every day, because Americans more than any other nation volunteer their time and skills to help uplift the communities where we live.

A "Giving USA" report states that American philanthropy has risen over 2 percent (\$290 billion) in 2010 after two years of the steepest declines in history. Moreover, it's also reported that the American Economy is on the rebound. Then why all the angst about what will happen to our children? I believe that as the global influence of China and India become more pronounced and their children appeared to be doing,

academically, much better than ours, there should be reasonable concern for America's children future. And, it didn't help that our financial system was recently on the verge of collapse. America is known as the "land of the free and the home of the brave." What happened to the "brave" notion? Where did we lose our way?

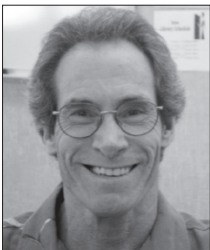
Here are some of my suggestions for sustaining the American Promise. We must teach our children to become opportunity seekers as opposed to entitlement seekers. Our children must be reminded of our history, all of it, not just the pleasant parts. That means they should develop an appetite

for knowledge and become voracious readers. They must make it a priority to assist and seek guidance from the adults in their families. They must eliminate bad behavior and embrace healthy habits (such as praying, saving 20% of what they earn and eating nutritious foods). Most important, their quest should be to become productive members of our society.

America's Promise is attainable in the United States, but to obtain it one must work both passionately and diligently. After all, globalization has brought more human beings into our daily lives. And, that's not so bad if we learn how to engage them.

HAIL Hamilton

My Turn



My youngest son just turned 16 the other day; his brothaer will be 18 in August. This has made me think back to when I was a teenager growing up in the 60s, and

made me reconsider what I had heretofore thought was an almost idyllic period in my life. It has also made me realize just how difficult it is being an adolescent coming of age today in a world rife with so much uncertainty and confusion.

It is Arnold van Gennep, the early 20th century Belgian anthropologist, who is credited with coining the phrase "right of passage." He noted a three-part pattern in transitions between stages in the life cycle: 1) an initial phase, during which the individual is isolated from the community; 2) a period of disorder or confusion, during his or her former identity is broken down; and 3) the individual's reincorporation into the community once he or she has made the passage to a new stage of existence and identity.

One of the most important transitions

in the life cycle is the passage from childhood to adulthood. Ceremonies marking this event are common in pre-industrial societies and are still practiced in a number of non-Western cultures, whose coming-of-age or initiation rituals follow the pattern outlined by van Gennep. For males, these rituals are must less elaborate than for females, and often consist of some kind of test and usually include circumcision.

The ritual coming-of-age ceremonies for girls are traditionally associated with the onset of menstruation. In contrast to males, young women are generally isolated individually, after which they often participate in activities literally or symbolically related to their future status as homemakers. Finally, they are usually adorned with jewelry and special clothing and have festivities held in their honor.

In the United States, as in many other Western cultures, there is no clear-cut point at which a young person becomes an adult and, therefore, no single definitive rite of passage marking the transition to adulthood. One reason cited for the absence of such a ritual is that such rites are typically religious in nature, and the United States has no official religion.

COMING OF AGE IN AMERICA

In fact, the closest approximation to traditional rites of passage in the United States are the Judeo-Christian religious ceremonies of confirmation and bar/bat mitzvah.

Although there is no universal rite of passage for American teenagers, a number of different milestones do carry symbolic connotations of adulthood. These include getting a driver's license, getting a first job, graduating from high school, leaving home, going to college, getting married, and joining the military.

Two rituals for young women that were once common but have faded in popularity are the "sweet sixteen" party and the debutante ball. Both of these events (especially the latter) served a function similar to that of more traditional female initiation rituals: announcing the young woman's availability for dating and marriage. The customary la quinceanera ("sweet fifteen") celebration for young Latinas serves a similar purpose among Hispanics in the United States.

Two other symbolic events accompany the end of secondary schooling: the prom and high school graduation. The high school graduation, which may be the closest thing Americans have to a

definitive coming-of-age ritual, involves a standardized formal ceremony, including speeches, music, and a procession. In addition, the initiates are spatially separated from the rest of the community (i.e., their parents), which they join after the ceremony.

Aside from the lack of a clearly defined point of entry into adulthood, another difference between modern industrialized societies and those with clear rites of passage is that in the latter there is usually no equivalent to the prolonged period of adolescence common in developed countries. Initiates of most non-Western cultures start out as children and become adults.

Some view the entire period of adolescence in American culture as analogous to the disorienting middle stage of van Gennep's classic three-part scheme: an extended period of transition characterized by uncertainty and confusion that eventually leads to the adult taking his or her place in society. In this view, coming of age in America remains a rough road for most teenagers, made all the more hazardous with its many sharp rocks, deep potholes and dangerous detours.

Looking Up with Bob Eklund

Space Scientists Call for Volunteers to Help Guide Mission to Solar System's Edge



Looking for a cutting-edge science project for your youngster? Here's one that will help the space effort as well as educate—and it doesn't require anything but a computer.

A team from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville has developed the website IceHunters: <http://www.icehunters.org> which challenges the public to discover potential destinations for a NASA mission to the very edge of the solar system.

"I think it's a great idea," said Yanga Fernandez, a University of Central Florida physics assistant professor and comet expert. "Actually that's kind of how I started. When I was 10 years old, I used to search the sky for interesting objects with my dad. And in high school I worked hard to find Halley's Comet, which wasn't easy in suburban Florida. I learned a lot of astronomy along the way."

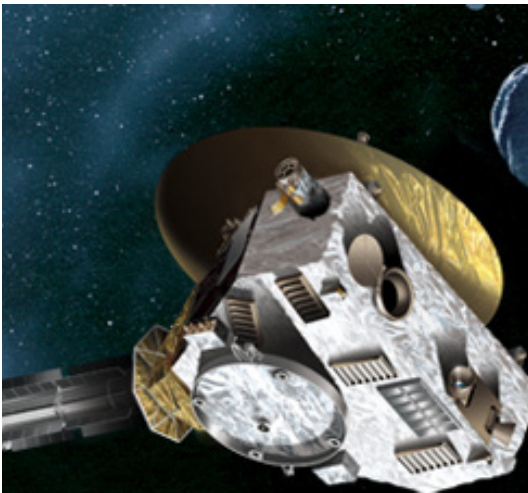
Today Fernandez holds a Ph.D. degree in astronomy and is among the world's experts on comets. He is part of an international team that recently published two articles about comets visited by spacecraft. The articles appear in recent issues of *Icarus* (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>

[science/article/pii/S0019103511000078](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0019103511000078)) and *The Astrophysical Journal* (<http://iopscience.iop.org/2041-8205/734/1/L11>).

Fernandez said the IceHunters challenge will not only excite people about space exploration, but it will also give scientists potentially hundreds of extra eyes.

"Up to now, what we know about comets is based on comets of opportunity," Fernandez said. "There are several comets like Halley that people can probably name. We know quite a bit about them because they have come close enough to earth or are bright enough for us to take a pretty good look. But we don't know much about the vast majority of comets out there because they are so far away."

For the contest, dozens of images from the Kuiper Belt—an area beyond Neptune at the outer edges of the solar system—have been taken by powerful telescopes and posted on the website. Participants are invited to view the images and mark potential targets of interest. Guidelines and a brief tutorial will help



volunteers interpret what to look for in the images. The site is called IceHunters because objects far from the Sun should be cold and icy.

But this isn't simply an academic exercise. The New Horizons mission that launched from the

Kennedy Space Center in 2006 is on its way to the outer solar system. The spacecraft flew past Jupiter in 2007, giving scientists a wealth of new data. It is scheduled to rendezvous with Pluto in 2015.

If the right object or objects can be found—anything from comets to asteroids to other unknowns—the spacecraft will take images and other measurements and beam them back to Earth for study. After the rendezvous, scientists believe the spacecraft will have just enough fuel to head deeper into the Kuiper Belt.

For Fernandez, the challenge recalls that spark in his childhood that led to a lifelong career.

"Most of us start out as amateur astronomers whether it's in our backyards with a pair of binoculars or on a balcony with a low-powered telescope," he said. "This is just a way to take advantage of all the passion and interest and, hopefully, inspire the next generation of space explorers."

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.



Ask jai.....

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

I read an article recently that said that some employers are only considering employed candidates for their positions. Is this against the law? Jonathan

Dear Jonathan

If this is not a law it should be. This would seem to be a form of discrimination. I suspect these employers are not actually advertising or publicly stating that they will only consider employed candidates for their open positions. However, what employers do behind closed doors in regards to how they make their hiring decisions, is and will always remain confidential. Do not let some article like this keep you from seeking employment. Continue to apply for positions that match your skills, experience and education. Submit an effective resume that addresses the employer's requirements and qualifications. Write a dynamic cover letter that focuses on your accomplishments and states your interest in their company and the position. Do not let statements, newspaper articles or anyone keep you from pursuing a position you are interested in being considered as a candidate.

Is it OK to go around recruiters and directly contact the hiring manager. Would it be considered inappropriate or healthy assertiveness? Audrey

Dear Audrey

It would depend on if the recruiter is working for you or the employer. There are two type of recruiters, agency and in-house. The agency recruiter is retained or commissioned by an employer to fill a position. The agency recruiter recruits, screens and selects a candidate to present to the employer. This type of recruiter is working on your behalf and the employer. Their goal is to recruit the ideal person who will eventually be hired by the employer. The employer expects the recruiter to partner with them in their search for candidates. A hiring manager might consider it inappropriate behavior for a candidate to go around the recruiter and directly contact them. This action might also reflect badly on the recruiter and hurt a candidate's chances at being hired. If this is an in-house recruiter, who is employed by the company, I would advise you to also be cautious. You do not want to offend anyone and possibly lose an employment opportunity. The right thing to do in either situation is to ask the recruiter for permission to directly contact the hiring manager and state your reasons. If the in-house recruiter or agency recruiter approves, then go for it. If they do not approve, you will have to trust and leave it in the hands of the recruiter.



Happy Tails

by **Chris Leclerc.**
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I received a forwarded e-mail from my good friend, Kathy Shifts this past week, offering an interesting moral derived from a somewhat controversial survival technique of the porcupine, and I was immediately inspired to write about this curiously contentious, yet undeniably cute creature. The e-mail was entitled "The Moral of the Porcupine" and it included a few photos of baby porcupines nestled in a humans' hand. To me, the baby "porcs" in the pictures look a lot like small bundled-up balls of fur with minute mouse-like faces that you can't help but fall in love with.

As far as my memory serves me, I don't think I have ever seen a baby porcupine before, and I was amazed at how adorable they are as little infants. The photos in the e-mail somehow reminded me of the Woodlouse, which is a very strange, pre-historic looking insect that most of us often see crawling about in our yards and gardens.

Very much like the Woodlouse (or, better known to me as the "rollie pollie"), baby porcupines know how to curl themselves up into a tight round ball, in order to protect their soft undersides from attack when they feel threatened by an intruder. Both the porcupine and the oddly armored Woodhouse termite have upper sides to their bodies that serve as an effective protective defense mechanism against potential predators. The difference is that the upper side of the Woodlouse termite's body is a hard shell, whereas the porcupine's upper side is more like a prickly bed of nails! The basic gist of the "porcupine moral" given in the forwarded e-mail, is that while the long, pointy pokers

MORAL OF THE PRICKLY, PRECARIOUS PORCUPINE

on it's back may serve as an important means of survival for the porcupine, they can sometimes get in the way of simply snuggling with their siblings but more importantly, they can also teach a very valuable lesson that can lead to a longer life. The fond fable of the porcupine in my e-mail goes a little like this: It was the coldest winter ever, and many of the wild animals in that region had already died from exposure to the freezing temperatures.

Realizing the situation, the thoughtful porcupines decided to group together to keep warm. It seemed like the logical thing to do, to share the warmth of each other's bodies and thereby survive the cold, however the closer they came together, the more the quills of each one began to inflict wounds on the soft under flesh of the loved ones they were closest to. After a while, the little porcupines decided to distance themselves from one another to prevent the poking effect, and before long they each began to die alone and frozen like the other animals that season. Soon it became clear that they had to make a choice; either accept the painful pricks of their closest companions' quills, or die alone. Wisely, the young porcupines opted to stick close together and learn to live with the wounds caused by the quills of their siblings, in order to share the warmth and survive the chill. So, the moral of the story is that the best relationships are not those which bring together perfect people who do not chafe, cause us pain or "rub us wrong", rather one must learn to live with the little wounds that come with close relationships and learn to appreciate the good qualities of a companion and the warmth they share in order to survive and thrive in this world.

For what it's worth, this simple, short but sweet story had a huge impact on me. It was actually quite timely and valuable, and I hope my readers will agree.



A frequent topic of computer security headlines is the so-called "Zero-Day exploit". A Zero-Day exploit is defined as the taking advantage of vulnerability the same day as the vulnerability is generally known. There are typically "zero days" between the discovery of the exploit and the attack, hence the name. In most cases when a vulnerability is found in computer code the discoverer will notify the company responsible for creating and publishing the software (and sometimes the computing community at large) so that a fix can be found and implemented before any real damage is done. Even if hackers happen to learn about the exploit as the same time as the software publisher they may not be able to take advantage of the vulnerability before it is fixed. When the hacker happens to be the discoverer of the exploit and the vulnerability wasn't generally known in advance, there may be no effective way to guard against an attack using this new vector. For these instances, security software companies have devised programs (and sub-routines) that look for specific, suspicious activity (such as requests to format drives that do not originate from the console) and disallow such actions.

The name "Zero-Day exploit" itself is a bit misleading because in many instances the vulnerabilities that are taken advantage of have been known to either the software company or hackers themselves for quite some time before "something bad" happens. Many of the larger software manufacturers have entire well-financed sections of their operations devoted to identifying, tracking and repairing security holes in their products. Sometimes there are differing opinions as to what constitutes a vulnerability needing immediate attention and a bug to be fixed in the next scheduled software update. The best thing you can do to protect against zero-day exploits is to follow good security policies in the first place. By installing and keeping your anti-virus software up to date, blocking file attachments to emails which may be harmful and keeping your system patched against the vulnerabilities you are already aware of you can secure your system or network against 99% of what is out there.

One of the best measures for protecting against currently unknown threats is to employ a hardware or software (or both) firewall. You can also enable heuristic scanning (a technology used to attempt to block viruses or worms that are not yet known about) in your anti-virus software. By blocking unnecessary traffic in the first place with a hardware firewall, blocking access to system resources and services with a software firewall or using your anti-virus software to help detect anomalous behavior you can better protect yourself against the dreaded zero-day exploit.

KATIE Tse.....This and That



LIKE SELLING ICE TO ESKIMOS

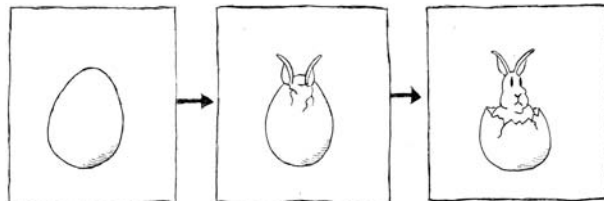
It's July and school is OUT! While this is great for kids and teachers, it does not come without some necessary house-keeping duties. Kids have to clean their desks (or lockers) and teachers have to pack up their rooms. For most teachers, this might take a day or two. But if you're retiring after 30+ years in the saddle, like my mom is, clearing out can be an arduous task!

It would be one thing if she had only been teaching nearly as long as the Israelites wandered in the desert. It would've been one thing if she had only stuck to the mandated curriculum instead of veering off into enrichment subjects like patriotic songs, Medieval history, and the many cultural, artistic, and emotional facets of "The Wizard of Oz." It would've been one thing if she'd only bought products to accompany these units rather than creating a plethora of her own, original material. But my mom is one of a dying breed, one not afraid to throw in a little life along with the bone-dry state standards (e.g., "recognize alliteration and onomatopoeia"). Needless to say, there was a veritable hoard of books, worksheets, games, and seasonal decorations brimming over the bookshelves and out of the closets in her classroom. Luckily she had my dad and me to bail her out, proving that blood is thicker than water.

Among the more farcical items we excavated over two and a half days of intense cleaning was a dusty binder, part of a very expensive program her district had purchased. For our purposes, I'll call it "Thinking Pathways." (Those of you in the know will recognize the actual product). I flipped through pages that showed large empty circles, boxes connected by lines, and circles radiating out from one another. By this time my mom noticed the pause in my nonstop cleaning and came over to explain "Thinking Pathways" to me.

For one of the "pathways" students would write the topic of what they were studying in a central circle and then fill in details in surrounding little circles (e.g., Bats: mammal, flying, nocturnal, vampires). Wow, that's deep. I recalled completing similar graphs as a kid in grammar school, but my teachers didn't have fancy binders. Surely the other pathways must be more sophisticated than this. Oh yes, there was more! Another graph had three squares side by side. The first box said "Beginning." Can you guess what the other two said? Apparently the great minds at "Thinking Pathways" were the first to theorize that all stories must have a beginning, middle, and end. Gee, I could've sworn Aristotle thought that one up, but I could be wrong. Perhaps the crowning accomplishment of "Thinking Pathways" is it's elegant graph of a single blank circle entitled "Circle Pathway." Within this hallowed space students write -wait for it!- the main idea!

How someone could market this is as astounding as the feat of writing enough verbal padding to fill a binder with endless explanations of the same obvious concepts. What's even more amazing is that districts where my other teacher friends work are currently "training" them in this method. Let's hope the money for this came from some other funding source than that used for salaries, because it'd be a shame if they chose this over saving someone's job. All in all, I have to congratulate the "Thinking Pathways" people on their killer marketing campaign. If I had those skills I'd be set for life. I hear they're also trying to sell the school system a popular bridge in New York.



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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

Visualization in Pain Management



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

The use of visualization in pain management has been around since the beginning of the human race. In primitive societies, various techniques were used to create images that had powerful healing effects. In modern times, physicians such as O. Carl Simonton have used these techniques in the treatment of cancer. You may be familiar with the practice of imagining the cancer cells being destroyed by an intense light or aggressive Pacman-like figures. How does this work, and is it worth trying?

Not too long ago, the consensus was that, after

a certain age, there was very little growth and change within the neurons making up the brain. Recently, the concept of neuroplasticity has evolved; this concept describes a process wherein the nervous system is capable of dramatically reshaping itself. A handy picture of this is a potter's wheel with either a dry, hard block of clay or a wet, malleable one. With a bit of water and movement, the clay can be shaped and reshaped.

So it is with the sensations that are generated by the body. By extending a series of prompts in the form of pictures, ideas, movements and other practices into this "sensorium," we can shape the experience just as the potter shapes her clay. For instance, that nagging headache? Instead of fighting it, take a moment to reshape the pain pattern by having a glass of cool water, taking a few deep breaths and scanning the body for areas of tension. You may want to add an image, such as being showered by a cleansing, soothing rain. Can you see how these simple reinforcements reshape the already existing neural pathways? Instead of just letting them run their course, we can assist in their resolution. As we apply these methods to all forms of stress and pain, we become students of our own unique inner workings, thereby establishing more of a partnership with them. In the long run, this cooperative experience leads to relief from discomfort and a vital, more conscious life.

Have a wonderful week! Dr. John

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HOW TO FIND AFFORDABLE DENTAL CARE

Dear Savvy Senior,
Where can seniors turn to find affordable dental care? I had dental insurance through my work for many years but lost it when I retired. What can you tell me? Flossing Frank

Dear Frank,
 Very few U.S. retirees have dental insurance today. Without coverage from traditional Medicare, and with private dental insurance typically costing too much to be feasible, most seniors are stuck paying full out-of-pocket prices every time they visit a dentist. While there's no one simple solution to affordable dental care there are a variety of options that can help cut your costs. Here's what you should know.

Dental Discounts
 One way you may be able to trim your dental care cost is by simply asking your dentist for a senior discount, especially if you're paying up front. Out-of-pocket payers save the dentist office the cost and hassle of filing an insurance claim, so asking for a small 10 percent discount is not unreasonable.

Another cost-effective way to reduce your dental expenses is to join a dental discount network. How this works is you pay an annual membership fee – roughly \$80 to \$200 a year – in exchange for 15 to 50 percent discounts on service and treatments from participating dentists. To find a network, go to dentalplans.com (or call 888-632-5353) where you can search for plans and participating dentists by zip code, as well as get a breakdown of the discounts offered.

Brighter (brighter.com, 866-893-1694), which launched in

May in all states except Florida, Montana and Vermont, is another discounted dental service to check out. It gives subscribers access to a network of 25,000 dentists offering 20 to 60 percent discounts on cleanings, crowns, implants, root canals and other procedures. You can sign up for a free one-month plan or opt for the premium plan, which costs \$79 per year for individuals and families.

Low-Cost Care
 Another way to get dental care at a lower price is at a dental school clinic. Almost every dental school in the U.S. offers affordable care provided by dental students who are overseen by experienced, qualified teachers. You can expect to pay as little as a third of what a traditional dentist would charge and still receive excellent, well-supervised care.

And for low-cost teeth cleanings, check with local colleges that offer dental hygiene programs. For training purposes, many programs provide teeth cleanings by their students for a fraction of what you'd pay at a dentist's office. To locate dental schools or dental hygiene programs in your area visit www.ada.org/267.aspx.

Low Income Care
 If you're strapped for cash there are other resources that provide dental care to seniors at a reduced rate or for free. Here's where to look:

- Health centers: Federally-funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), there are thousands of health centers

around the U.S., many of which provide discounted or free dental care to people based on financial need. To find a center near you visit findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov or call 877-464-4772.

- Local services: There are a few states, as well as some local programs or clinics that offer discounted dental care to those with limited means. To find out what may be available in your area, check with your



state dental director (see astdd.org for contact information), or your state or local dental society (see ada.org/statelocalorg.aspx).

- Dental Life Network: Offers several programs that provide free dental care for elderly and disabled people who can't afford to pay. To learn more or to apply for care in your state, visit nfdh.org or call 888-471-6334.

Savvy Tip: The best way to keep your dental costs down is through prevention and good oral hygiene. So remember to brush your teeth at least twice a day using fluoride toothpaste, floss daily and get routine checkups every six months or at least once a year.

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.

body temperature down and stay protected from UV radiation, wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.

3. Apply sunscreen. Approximately 30 minutes before heading outside, apply SPF 15 or higher sunscreen, and reapply every two hours.

4. Protect your eyes and face. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses to protect your eyes from sun damage and the development of cataracts.

5. Seek shade. Find shade during the sun's peak hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to reduce the risk of too much sun exposure.

6. Teach sun and heat safety. Keep an eye on others, particularly the elderly, remind them to be safe in the sun and the heat. Watch for signs of heat illnesses, which can include hot and dry skin, confusion, hallucinations, and aggression.

7. Check the UV Index. When planning outdoor activities check the UV Index to identify the times that pose the greatest risk for overexposure to the sun.

8. Check the Air Quality Index. On hot summer days, ozone levels can rise making the air unhealthy to breathe so be sure to check the air quality index before heading outside.

More information on how to reduce the heat island effect: <http://www.epa.gov/heatisland/>

More information on extreme heat events: <http://www.epa.gov/naturalevents/extremeheat.html>

More information on sun safety tips: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise>.

Check the UV index: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise/uvindex.html>

Check the Air Quality Index: <http://www.airnow.gov/>

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

JUNE/JULY 2011 - MONTHLY ACTIVITIES*

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

Monday: Closed July 4th 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

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

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

Thursday: 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information. 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Friday: City Hall Closed on June 17, July 1, 15 & 29

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

Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm. Starting July 16 the Senior Club will meet at the Senior Apartments - 70 Esperanza Ave., Sierra Madre

EXCURSIONS

UPCOMING EXCURSION FRIDAY, JULY 8th PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Join us for this annual trip to Laguna Beach for a wonderful evening performed in a beautiful outdoor theatre.

Cost per person is \$48

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH

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

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

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

www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

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

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

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

Recipe of the Week:

Old-Fashioned Homemade Ice Cream

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 13-ounce can evaporated milk (1-1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons)
- 1 gallon whole milk
- chipped ice
- rock salt

DIRECTIONS:

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add sugar gradually, stirring constantly. Add salt, vanilla and canned milk. Add about a pint of the fresh milk and mix.

Pour mixture into ice cream freezer can. Add enough of the remainder of the milk to fill can to the middle of the top board of dasher. (If the freezer can has a "fill" line on it, fill no higher than that line.)

Assemble the ice cream freezer. Add alternating layers of chipped ice and rock salt to barrel around freezer can. Crank freezer until ice cream begins to freeze (cranking will become harder as ice cream freezes), adding more ice and salt, as needed. When handle becomes difficult-to-impossible to turn, remove turning mechanism, and carefully remove top from freezer can; remove dasher. Replace top. Cover can with more ice and salt. Cover ice with an old towel, allowing ice cream to "cure" for at least 1 hour. If yours is an electric freezer, follow manufacturer's directions, but the curing step is essential. Makes about 5 quarts of ice cream Have A Wonderful Holiday!

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.)

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LUNCH & LEARN

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

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

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



SPONSORED PRIZES

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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The Purple Flowered Majesty of the Jacaranda Tree

The Jacaranda tree, sprinkled liberally throughout Los Angeles, is in full flower these days. At this time of year, it's not unusual to find artists painting plein air renditions of their beauty against the backdrop of the Congregational Church at

Sierra Madre Boulevard and Hermosa, in Sierra Madre, or at the historic Episcopal Church of the Ascension on North Baldwin.

Often planted as a street tree, beautiful massings can be enjoyed on Alegria, east of Baldwin, on South Hermosa and along the border between Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center and Bailey Canyon Park off Carter and Grove in town. In Pasadena, a stretch of Paloma between Altadena and Allen is known for its showy blooms. It's quite a sight to witness the "purple snowfall" under a mature jacaranda.

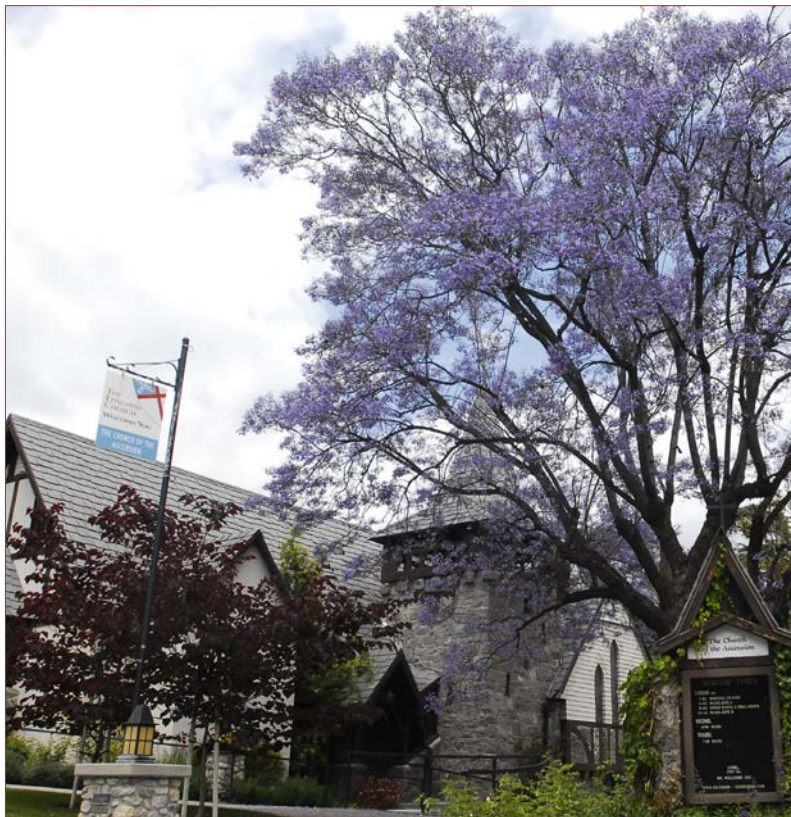
Known formally as Jacaranda mimosifolia, the tree is actually a member of the legume family, thrives in the low rainfall, Mediterranean climate of Los Angeles, especially in sandy soils, according to Sunset

Western Garden Book.

That said, the Jacaranda is usually NOT a good choice around a pool, as its spring leaf litter and summer flower "snow" easily clog the filters. Beautiful as they are in June and July, surface roots can be a problem, too.

Though June is the main flower show, Jacaranda often blooms twice a year as long as it is protected from the salty sea winds. It is also popular in San Diego, Phoenix and along the Sun Belt all the way to Florida, and is also popular on the arid cities of Australia, South Africa and Israel.

Kate Sessions, 1857-1940, the American



botanist, horticulturalist and landscape architect, is generally credited with importing the Jacaranda, a Brazilian native tree, to Southern California, according to the San Diego History Center. The Brazilians are also known to use the wood of this tree to construct acoustic guitars.

Known as the "Mother of Balboa Park" in San Diego, Sessions struck a deal with San Diego's city fathers, to plant a hundred trees a year in the mostly barren park, known then as City Park, and three hundred trees yearly throughout the city, in exchange for use of nursery land there to propagate and grow plants and trees. According

to the center, most of the older trees in the park, including jacarandas, are a result of Sessions' propagation and planting, which began in 1892. Sessions is memorialized with a bronze statue in Balboa Park, erected in 1998.

The intense color of the Jacaranda bloom is particularly showy because it drops its fernlike leaves in late spring before bloom, leaving the trunk and branches bare of texture and color distraction.

If you're of a mind to create a monochromatic purple theme for your So Cal landscape, think Wistaria for March, Jacaranda and Agapanthus

for June and Hydrangea for the rest of the summer. All with complementary hues, they should produce more than enough purple for any gardener's palate!

After you visit this year's Independence Day Parade on Sierra Madre Boulevard, take a walk under the purple majesty of the Jacarandas next to Memorial Park, at the Congregational Church! But beware... there's a reason the Chinese are known to use it as base for an intense purple dye!



Forever in peace may it wave, wishing you and your family a fun and safe 4th of July!

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by Luther Tsinoglou

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If you are buying, now is the time to make your move, literally. As the market recovers, the scales are still tipped in your favor. There are still many "distressed properties" (foreclosures and short sales) on the market, and other homeowners are entering the selling field as

improving conditions increase their confidence.

You can still expect competition for lower end, entry-level homes, but demand is softer in the middle to upper end property market, so you could be in a stronger bargaining position in those two tiers.

If you're a seller, don't be alarmed by the good news for buyers. Buyer confidence and strength makes it more likely that you'll enjoy a sale. Don't try to compete against short sales and foreclosures when you're pricing, though, because that's a tough game to win.

Just complete any needed repairs, get your home into great showing condition, and emphasize your home's strengths and features. We're in an interesting transitional phase where both buyers and sellers can be winners with the right attitude and representation.

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STRONACH BUYS SANTA ANITA

Santa Anita Park has new ownership, and although Frank Stronach once again leads that ownership, this time his Stronach Group is the sole owner.

Toronto-based Stronach Group announced in a brief media release today that it has acquired the racing and gaming assets formerly held by Stronach's MI Developments Inc. (MID) as part of a previously announced reorganization proposal approved by MID shareholders on March 29. Stronach's Magna Entertainment spun off these assets into MID last year during a bankruptcy process.

Stronach's daughter Belinda Stronach, whose name is not very familiar to locals, entered the Santa Anita spotlight in a media statement in which she is quoted as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Stronach Group. She mentioned not only horse racing but also gaming in her statement: "The acquisition of MID's racing and gaming assets positions The Stronach Group at the forefront of the Thoroughbred horseracing industry. We are fully committed to ensuring the success and profitability of our strong portfolio of racing and gaming operations. We also look forward to working with the horseracing industry and all of its stakeholders to ensure the long-term success and viability of the industry."

The racing and gaming assets acquired by The Stronach Group include: Santa Anita Park; Golden Gate Fields; Portland Meadows; MID's joint venture interests in Maryland Jockey Club's real estate and racing assets (Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park and the Bowie Training Center); Gulfstream Park and MID's joint venture interest in an associated retail development; horseracing technology assets, including Xpressbet, AmTote and MID's joint venture interest in HRTV, a cable and satellite television network dedicated to the sport of horse racing; as well as various development properties previously owned by MID.

What this all means is unclear but in theory the Stronachs are more free to make moves of any nature without stock-



holder approval. Frank Stronach recently said that as soon as he got full control of Santa Anita Park, he would try to get Rick Caruso back to the negotiating table to discuss resurrecting their Shops at Santa Anita partnership in some form. Caruso publicly announced earlier this month that he was ending his interest in that venture due to frustration with the lack of progress.

The Stronach Group is a privately-held consortium that owns, operates and manages a number of leading businesses in a wide range of industries, including: Thoroughbred racing and gaming; Thoroughbred horse breeding; agriculture; electric vehicle technologies; and medical technologies. The Stronach Group also owns a number of premier development properties and real estate assets in North America and Europe.

The Stronach Group is a joint venture partner with Magna International Inc. in Magna E-Car Systems, which designs, develops and manufactures hybrid and electric vehicle systems, modules and components, as well as complete hybrid and electric vehicles.

By Scott Hettrick, Arcadia's Best

LOCAL RUNNERS QUALIFY FOR USA TRACK & FIELD JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Lara L. Larramendi



Head Coach Keisha Marvin, Eryn Blakely, Sarah Troescher, Ashley Gomez and Coach Zalika Davis-Heart take a break from an intense workout session in preparation for the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic Championship in Wichita, KS.

Photo: by Lara L. Larramendi

Ashley Gomez, Sarah Troescher and Eryn Blakely, members of the San Gabriel Valley High Performance Track Club, successfully competed in the USA Track & Field Region 15 Junior Olympic Championship the weekend of June 24-26, 2011 in Escondido, CA and qualified to run in the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic Championship at Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium in Wichita, Kansas July 26 - 31, 2011.

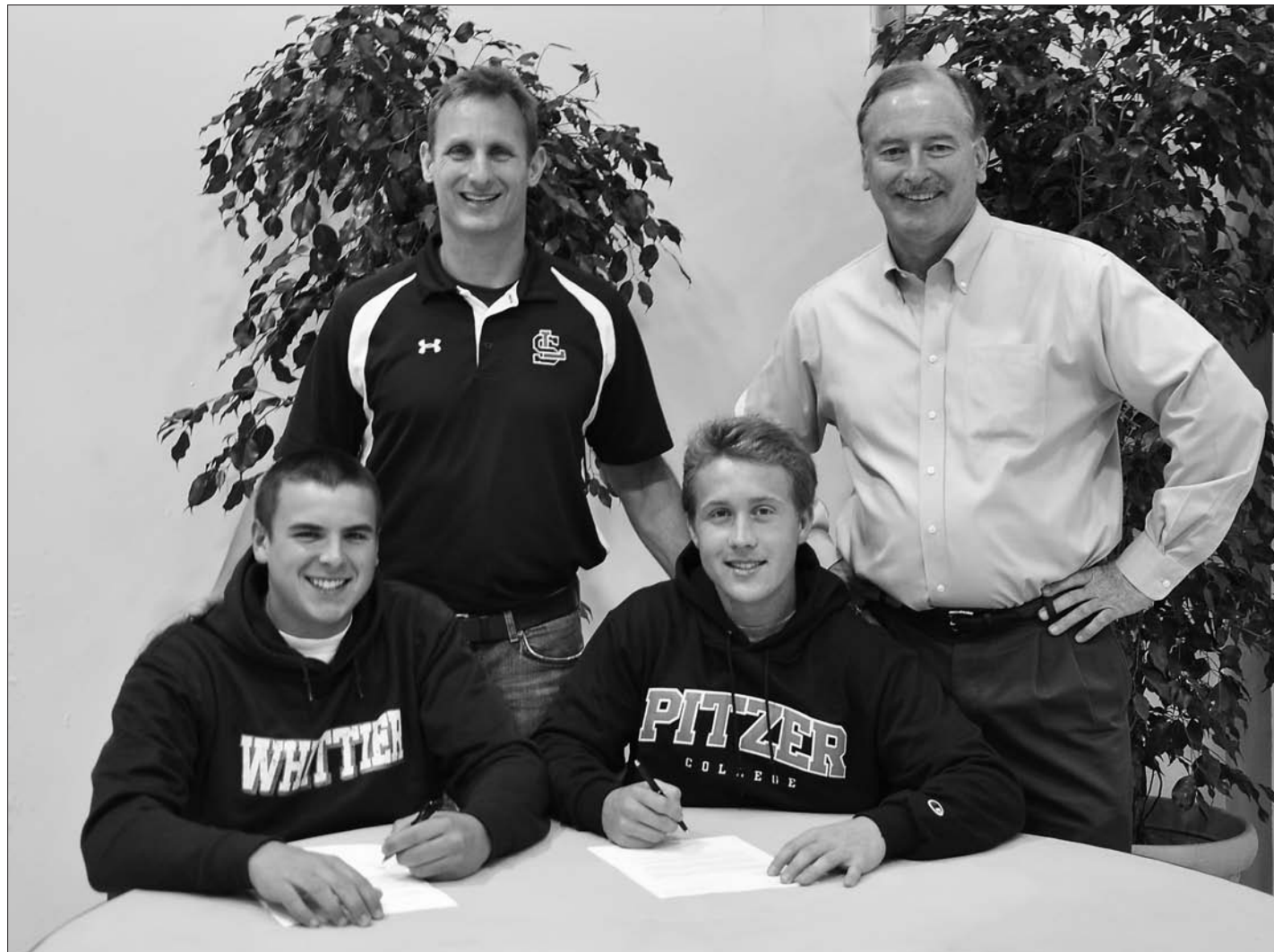
The top five finishers in each final race of each age category at the Region 15 Championships qualify to move on to the Junior Olympic Championship.

A sixth grader at St. Luke's School in Temple City, Ashley Gomez qualified for the 800 Meters (Midget Girls) with a time of 2:30.87. Sarah Troescher, an eighth grader at St. Rita's School in Sierra Madre qualified in the 400 Meters (Youth Girls) with a time of 1:01.84. Eryn Blakely, a Junior at Alverno High School, Sierra Madre, qualified in the 800 Meters (Intermediate Girls) with a time of 2:24.81.

The student athletes know that their hard work continues as they practice under the guidance of their coaches at SGV High Performance, a USATF Region 15 (So. Cal) sanctioned youth track club formed in 2007. Head Coach Keisha Marvin is a former UCLA All-American and world class hurdler. Assistant Coach Zalika Davis-Heart is a former UCLA middle distance stand out and Fila 2000 Olympic Trials qualifier in the 800 Meters. Together, Coach K and Coach Z bring many years of experience to the track club and to the Team members.

You can watch these students athletes train between now and July 24th on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5 P.M. at the La Salle High School track in Pasadena.

LA SALLE'S DENEEN AND VAN DER LINDE SIGN TO PLAY WATER POLO



Senior and two-time La Salle Hall of Fame inductee, Ricky Deneen recently signed and accepted admittance to Whittier College and received the John Greenleaf Whittier Merit Scholarship to play water polo for Whittier College.

Ricky has earned eight Varsity Letters at La Salle. Four years on both the water polo and swim teams. Twice he has earned Most Valuable Player and First Team All-League honors. Seven years of club experience with Rose Bowl and numerous playing opportunities in the annual USA Water Polo Association's Junior Olympics, along with wonderful guidance from La Salle's Coach Jeff Chase, has enabled him to develop into a Division 1 player. However, his interest in being an impact player immediately to a program and being better able to complete his undergraduate major in four years made it much more realistic to play for Whittier than to pursue a Division 1 school. Ricky stated that Coach Chase really helped him keep his focus on the future, using abilities and leadership in the pool to help him in the next stage of his life.

After entertaining interest from a number of colleges, it was Whittier's Coach Justin Pudwill's "persistent pursuit of me" that became the driving reason for choosing his team and school over the other Division 3 schools. Coming up one goal short of winning their division last year, "Coach Pudwill hopes my strong outside shot will really help win a championship for Whittier next season." Adding to the desire to continue playing water polo at the collegiate level is the brand new swim facility being built on campus. Plus Whittier's level of play has kept them at the top of their division. Ricky intends to major in business at Whittier and looks forward to taking his talent to the next level.

Senior Kyle Van der Linde has signed to attend and play water polo at Pitzer College in the fall, where he will join the Pomona-Pitzer water polo team. Kyle transferred to La Salle as a junior, and immediately became a vital part of the varsity water polo team. He was awarded Most Inspirational Player in his junior year, and was given the Coach's Award as a senior. He has lettered in both water polo and swimming

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at La Salle, where he benefitted from the enthusiastic and professional coaching of Coaches Jeff Chase and Nicki Maichrowicz. He is also a member of the Rose Bowl Water Polo Club team, where his team took first place in the US Club Championships, the Gold Medal in the South Florida International Tournament, first place in the John Hale Tournament, and third place in California Cup, among other highlights. He credits Rose Bowl Coaches Dan Leyson and Jason Falitz with teaching him a great work ethic, and the sport of water polo for teaching him how to attain success both in and out of the pool. Kyle is very happy to be able to combine the love of his sport with a college the caliber of Pitzer, where he will also attend classes at Pomona, Harvey-Mudd, Scripps and Claremont-McKenna. He presently plans to major in Business and Ethical Green Technology, with a minor in engineering. He is grateful to La Salle for preparing him so well for that endeavor, and to Coach Chase for his unfailing support of his college plans.

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