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## RECORD CROWDS ATTEND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA MADRE, U.S.A.



Mayor Pro Tem Josh Moran by  
Ivonne Durant



Grand Marshal Retired Sierra Madre School Principal, Gayle Bluemel. Below, even a Dinosaur came to town.  
Photos by Dean Lee



Sierra Madre Hometown Hero John Shear by Chris Bertrand



Lolita Brady of Sierra Madre and her friend (right) LaRue Meyer of Billings, Montana. Photo by Beth Beljon



Right, Young Maila Thomas leads the way for the Mountain Views News Crew.  
Photo by Susan Nesler



Above, Photographer Chris Bertrand captures the real spirit of the day with a snapshot of this young celebrant.



## RECORD CROWDS ATTEND SIERRA MADRE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVITIES

Just in case you need to be reminded of how wonderful this country is, one only has to come to Sierra Madre on July 4th. In Sierra Madre, from about two weeks before, you will see everyone unified in their efforts to prepare for America's Birthday. Patriotic decorations adorn homes all over town. Conversations everywhere are focusing on the very special way that Sierra Madre celebrates Independence Day.

This year held to the traditions of the past, however, the all volunteer Fourth of July Committee did something that no other committee has done. It had the largest crowds that anyone can remember. Yes, even the 'old timers' (residents over 50 years) said was the biggest one yet.

### Protest Averted

Despite what appeared outwardly to be a perfectly orchestrated event, the committee had to react quickly the day before the parade in order to protect the best interests of the public. Originally, plans were made to have a trained elephant participate in the parade for the children. However, at the ninth hour, when it was learned that animal rights protestors might disrupt the parade, the live elephant was substituted with a giant inflatable dinosaur. The decision was made out of concern for public safety, as an el-

ephant might react to the kind of activity that protests sometime bring.

This is not the first time a live elephant was scheduled to appear in the parade. According to Former Mayor George Maurer, years ago an elephant in the parade was startled by a "youngster who ran into him with his go cart."

Another resident also acknowledged that once Auto Dealer Cal Worthington and his dog "Spot", that year an elephant, rode into town without incident.

Over the 3 day celebration, close to 5,000 people participated according to Committee Chairman Matt Bosse. That figure is inclusive of those participating in the Picnic, Concert in the park, Beer Garden, Fun Run, Parade, and post-parade festivities at Memorial Park. And as evidenced by the expressions on everyone's face, they had a really great time.

Bosse wished to thank all of the volunteers, "including Kathy Childs, Charlie Childs, Linda Knowles, John Knowles, Sue Levoe, Karma Bell, Chuck Dorsett, Jim Walsworth, Martha Walsworth, Janet Hagen, Paul Hagen, and Colleen McEvoy. Support from the City staff was vital too, including Kyle Schnurr, Lawren Heinz, Kristi McClure, and Elisa Weaver."

S. Henderson/MVNews

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Above, Sierra Madre Mayor John Buchanan and family. Photo by Dean Lee

Left, a future Navy Pilot tests the landing strip. Photo by Lina Johnson

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## 5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
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

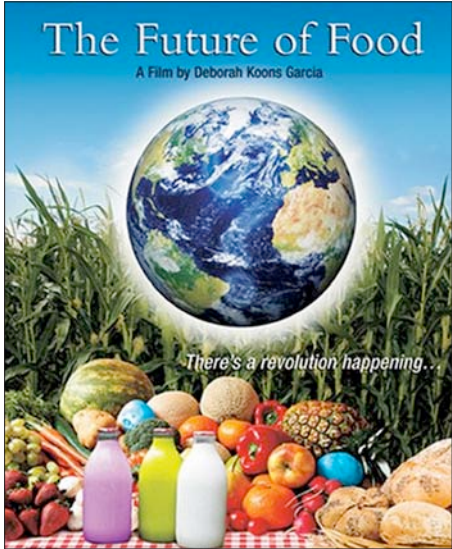
CITY HALL CLOSED ON JULY 1, 15 & 29

July 12th	CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 13th	Community Arts Commission Cancelled
July 18th	6pm - Community Services Commission
July 19 th	6:30pm - General Plan Steering Comm.
July 20 th	7pm - Tree Advisory Committee
July 21st	7pm - Planning Commission
July 26th	6:30pm - City Council Meeting
July 27th	7pm - Library Board of Trustees
July 28th	7pm - Green Advisory Committee

# Sierra Madre’s Farmer’s Market Is Back! New Location

The Sierra Madre Farmer’s Market will re-open under new management on Wednesday, July 13, 2011. The new location is in Downtown Sierra Madre on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue. The hours will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the summer with the exception of major holidays. During the winter/Pacific Standard time the market could possibly end at 7:00 p.m.

## THE FUTURE OF FOOD



July 13th  
Sierra Madre Playhouse  
7:00 p.m.

In observance of the new Sierra Madre Farmer’s Market, the free film, “The Future Of Food”, a documentary about the issues that faces our agricultural and food systems in their efforts to become sustainable.

Speaker Stacey Hall of the Institute of Responsible Technology and the 2012 Label GMO Initiative will speak at 7:00 p.m. followed by the film at 7:30 p.m.

Sierra Madre Playhouse  
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For more information contact Kim Kelley at  
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Sierra Madre Public Library  
Homebound Program  
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626.355.7186

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

# Sierra Madre Honors...

## Nominations Are Now Being Accepted

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

To nominate a member of the Sierra Madre Community for one of the Awards, please include the person’s name, phone number, address, and 1-page explanation of nomination along with your name and phone number, and return to City Hall, the Community Recreation Center, or email to [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 Adams Pack Station 75th Year Anniversary Mixer



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[www.SierraMadreChamber.com/Mixers](http://www.SierraMadreChamber.com/Mixers)



## Summer Worship: 10@10!



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 departing  
Director of Student

Ministries Paul Blakesley will preach. The service will also feature special music from a vocal quartet.

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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## 2011 SUMMER POOL MOVIE NIGHT SERIES

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

## BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

If you missed last month’s Friends of the Library Bargain Book Table Sale, there’s still time to scoop up some sizzlin’ summer reads! The Friends will be having another table sale, Monday, July 11 through Saturday, July 16, during the Library’s open hours. This month’s features will include: Fiction, Art, Sports, Children’s and Specialty books. All books are in good condition and are \$1.00 each. It pays to stop by often—books are replenished daily, and there are always plenty of good titles to choose from.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (626) 355-7186. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

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## “COOKIE EINSTEIN, THE COCKAPOO

MATH WHIZ”  
A Family-Friendly Event  
at Sierra Madre Library

Cookie Einstein, an adorable AKC Cockapoo, has been thrilling audiences of all ages with her phenomenal mathematical talent. This amazing canine “math genius” will be appearing at the Library on Monday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Cookie is a former therapy dog who has the uncanny ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide, as well as do square roots and simple algebra. Her handler, Penny Martin, rescued Cookie from a shelter when the pup’s former owner, a nurse, passed away. It soon became apparent to Martin that Cookie was no ordinary dog. When asked her age or the answer to a simple addition question, Cookie would bark out the correct answer. To Martin’s astonishment, Cookie made quick progress and was soon able to handle more challenging math problems. Cookie is also bilingual, and will bark out the answers to questions posed to her from the audience in either English or Spanish! Is Cookie smarter than the average 5<sup>th</sup> Grader? Penny Martin will challenge the audience to test her and find out! This fun-filled, interactive event is free and open to the public. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. (626) 355-7186. [www.sierramadrelibrary.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadrelibrary.lib.ca.us).



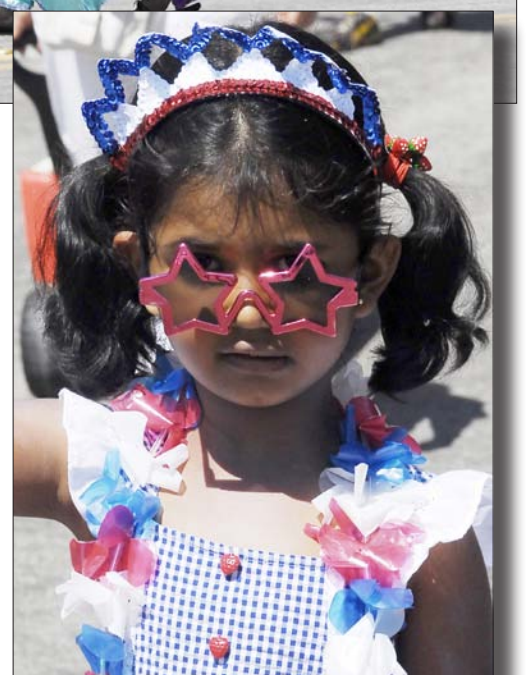
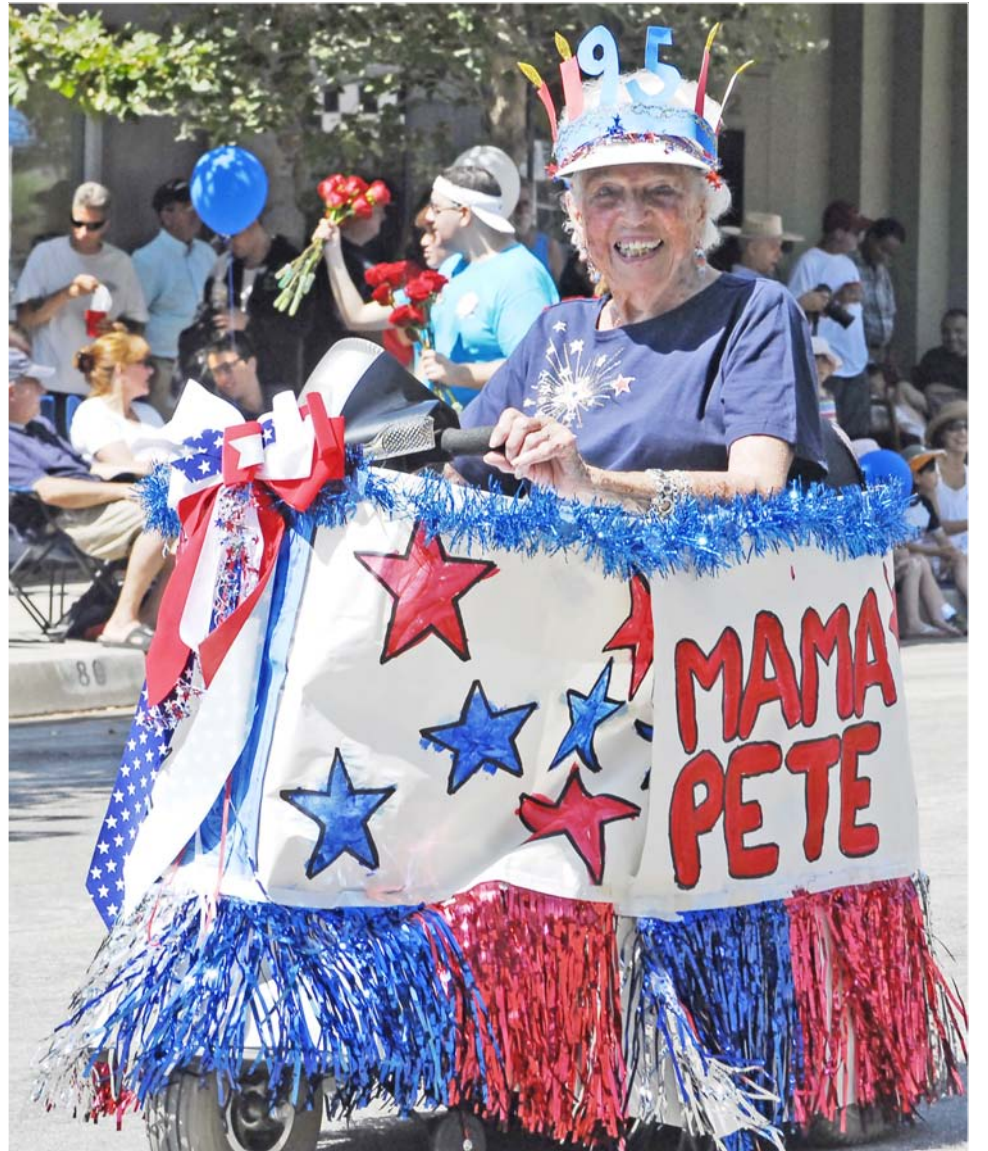
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Lina Johnson





BIG FUN AT THE FUN RUN

Photo by Bill Coburn



This year the Sierra Madre July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee and the Spero Foundation hosted the inaugural Sierra Madre 5K Fun Run. With the streets blocked in anticipation of the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade; over 100 pre-registered runners arrived at Kersting Court at 6:00 am to check in and our same day registrations pushed the number of runners close to the 200 mark.

Jerry Carlton was our race starter and at 7:00am the race began. Our 5K course sent the runners from Kersting Court east on Sierra

Madre Boulevard they made the turn a round at Sierra Vista Park and returned on Sierra Madre Boulevard to Sunnyside where they made a u-turn and returned to the finish line at Kersting Court.

Medal winners of this year's inaugural run were given in the following four categories: Male 18 years and older: 1st Place: Simon Cooper and 2nd place: Colin Hurlbut.

Male 17 years and under: 1<sup>st</sup> place Spencer Mc Faul, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jack Griffin.

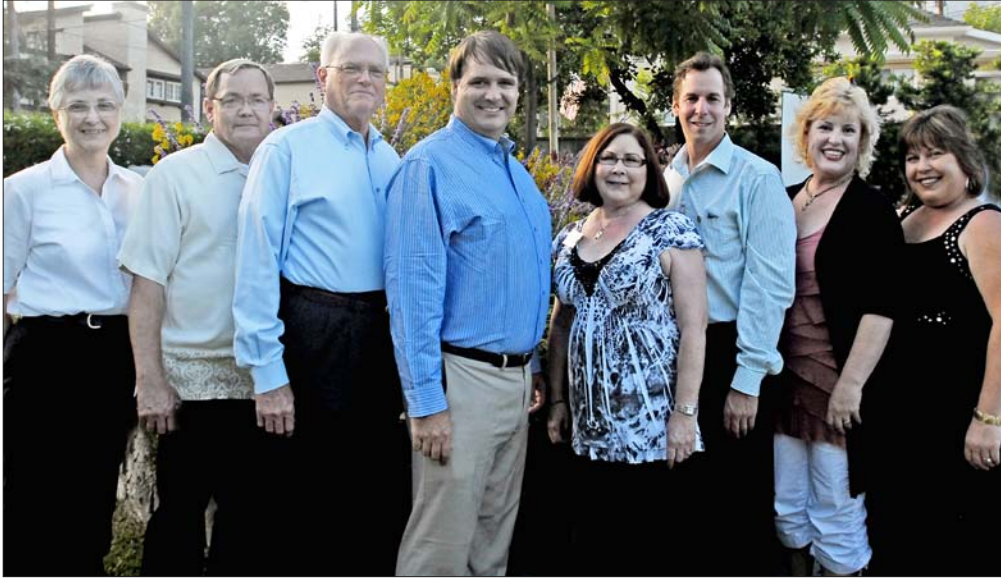
Female 18 years and older: 1<sup>st</sup>

Place Jill Liston 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jill Riehl. Female 17 years and under: 1<sup>st</sup> place Natalie O'brien and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Thamra Peterson.

In addition participation ribbons were given to all children in strollers.

The Sierra Madre July 4<sup>th</sup> committee thanks the generous sponsors and all the volunteers that helped make this inaugural run a safe and fun event. A special thank you to all the Proceeds raised will support the July 4<sup>th</sup> committee for future events.

SIERRA MADRE ROTARY SENDS OFF PRESIDENT HUNDSHAMER WITH "DEMOTION"



Sierra Madre, CA Continuing a fourteen year local Rotary tradition, Cathy Hundshamer, the 2010-11 President of Sierra Madre Rotary was "demoted" at a dinner honoring her year of service, as well as the current officers and board of directors on Tuesday, June 28. The twilight gala was held in the garden of the Swisher home. Retiring club president Hundshamer, of Arcadia, also retired this year from Citizens Bank in Arcadia. The new Rotary Club President will be Tom Brady, a resident of Sierra Madre, and President of the Destination Group, also located in town.

In addition to the presidents, the outgoing

2010-11 officers included John Stubbs, Jeff Porter, Walter Poser and Louise Calaway, aided by Directors Rudy Hayek, Karen Swisher and Kris Poulsen. Brady's 2011-12 board includes returnees Hundshamer, Stubbs, Swisher, Calaway and Poulsen, joined by Christy Joy Brendel of Methodist Hospital as Secretary, and Dr. Mike Budinchich as a Director.

The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre welcomes visitors and potential members. The club meets each Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Senior Center in Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre. For more complete Rotary information, visit [www.SierraMadreRotary.org](http://www.SierraMadreRotary.org)

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: WISTARIA RESTAURANT AND BAR



At long last, Wistaria Restaurant and Bar, sister restaurant to Mike and Anne's of South Pasadena, opened its doors on Friday evening, July 8. The restaurant, located at 44 N. Baldwin, will be open at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday for dinner, and from 8:30-2:30 on Thursday through Sunday for breakfast and lunch. For more information, call 626-355-3155 or visit [www.WistariaRestaurant.com](http://www.WistariaRestaurant.com)

Photo and caption by Chris Bertrand/MVNews

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
Time 6pm to 7pm  
Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Time 9am to 10am  
You only need to attend one of the information meetings. All questions regarding participation in this event will be answered at this time.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 26th, to Saturday July 2nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 299 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for updated information.

**Sunday, June 26th:**  
**7:42 AM- Terrorist Threats, Grove St.** The suspect used a knife to threaten to kill his live-in girlfriend, and sent her text messages implying that he was going to kill her. The victim was terrified and notified the Sierra Madre Police Department. The PD directed the victim to leave the location and obtained an emergency protective order on her behalf. Officers staked out the location and arrested the suspect as he left home the next morning. The suspect was charged with making terrorists threats and booked at Pasadena Jail. His bail was set at \$100,000. The District Attorney's Office filed two felony counts of terrorist threats against the suspect.

**Monday, June 27th:**  
**9:23 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Santa Anita Canyon Rd and Arno Dr.** An officer stopped a 27-year old Azusa motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

**Tuesday, June 28th:**  
**10:09 AM- Public Intoxication, Warrants. 100 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.** Officers arrested an intoxicated homeless man on a bicycle and booked him at Pasadena Jail. The suspect also had five outstanding warrants for his arrest.

**Thursday, June 30th:**  
**3:29 AM- Attempted Residential Burglary, 500 blk. Sturtevant Dr.** A victim called police after a man with a dog tried to enter her home. Officers responded to the location and encountered the suspect in the driveway with the dog. Officers ordered the man to surrender, but he did not comply, and tried to run away. An officer deployed a Taser on the suspect, who was then taken into custody. After a medical clearance, officers took the suspect to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

**Friday, July 1st:**  
**1:59 AM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, Sierra Madre Blvd and Baldwin.** An officer contacted an intoxicated man sleeping on a bus bench and arrested him. The officer took the suspect to the Pasadena police Department Jail for booking.

**10:52 PM- Felony DUI/Fourth Conviction within 10 Years, Sierra Madre Blvd. and Michillinda Ave.** An officer stopped a 62-year old Sierra Madre motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Based on the suspect's previous DUI convictions within the past 10 years, the officer arrested him for felony DUI and took him to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

**Saturday, July 2nd:**  
**9:03 PM- Disturbing the Peace/Loud/Unreasonable Noise, 200 blk. Old Ranch Rd.** Officers responded to a complaint of a man yelling and screaming from inside his home. The PD has previously responded to the location at least sixteen times in the past 6 months for similar behavior. A neighbor signed a private person's arrest and officers took the man to jail for disturbing the peace.

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## Foothill MWD Continuing to Offer Rebates for Conservation

Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD), will continue to provide rebates for high efficiency toilets, turf removal and rain barrels as part of an effort to be more independent of imported water supplies announced Nina Jazmadarian, General Manager of FMWD.

The program that began July 1, 2010 with over \$50,000 provided in rebates will re-open July 1, 2011. Program dollars are limited. Once the money runs out for the year, the program will be suspended.

The following rebates are being offered to customers within the service area.

**Residential High Efficiency Toilets** – customers that replace older high water use toilets with high-efficiency toilets can receive a \$50 rebate. Only WaterSense-qualified high-efficiency toilets with a capacity of 1.28 gallons per flush or less qualify for rebates. (Check with your water provider for additional rebate dollars on selected items.)

**Turf Removal Program** – Foothill area residents can receive up to \$800 in rebates

for removing their thirsty lawns and replacing with California Friendly plants, drought tolerant plants, mulch, or pervious hard-scape. 2

**Rain Barrels** – customers can receive a 50% of the cost of a rain barrel rebate up to \$100 per rain barrel for up to a maximum of 8 barrels by capturing stormwater and using it to irrigate landscape.

In addition to the above rebates, residential customers can receive the following rebates through Metropolitan Water District of Southern California:

**High Efficiency Clothes Washers** – a rebate of up to \$135 for one washer is being offered. Washers must have a water factor of 4.0 or less.

**Weather-based Irrigation Controller** – a rebate of \$80 for less than 1 acre and \$25 per station for more than 1 acre of irrigation is being offered.

**Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles** – Pop-up spray head nozzles can be replaced with these low-precipitation rate nozzles to help reduce run-off and irrigate more efficiently.

The rebate for nozzles is \$3 per nozzle with a minimum of 25 per application.

Please visit the FMWD website at <http://fmwd.com/Conservation.aspx> for information on how to apply for rebates.

Foothill area commercial and industrial customers can receive rebates on water conservation devices as well. As a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Foothill's customers are eligible for the Save A Buck program. For more information, go to <http://www.mwdsaveabuck.com/>.

Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

More information can be found on the District's website at [www.fmwd.com](http://www.fmwd.com).



## ARMENIAN COMMUNITY COALITION of Pasadena



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## SIERRA MADRE RESIDENT THEODORE CALLETON HONORED BY LA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



*Partner at Calleton, Merritt, De Francisco & Real-Salas, receives  
2011 Arthur K. Marshall Award*

Pasadena, CA - The Law Firm of Calleton, Merritt, De Francisco & Real-Salas, LLP, ([www.cmdrlaw.com](http://www.cmdrlaw.com)), a Pasadena based law firm, is pleased to announce that Theodore E. Calleton was named the 2011 Arthur K. Marshall Award recipient on June 30, 2011. The award was established in 1981 by the Trusts and Estates Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association to honor leaders of the Los Angeles bar who have made outstanding contributions to the community and the legal profession in the field of probate and trust law.

The award recognizes Calleton's contributions to the legal profession and to the local bar over a career of almost 50 years. The honor reflects his achievements in the practice of probate and trust law, in the education of the probate and trust bar, in the advancement of knowledge through publication of significant writings, and in the public service to the Bar and the community.

"Having been a friend of Art Marshall's and involved in the establishment of the Arthur K. Marshall Award, I am doubly honored to receive it, particularly when recognizing that it has only been bestowed twelve times in the prior 30 years," said Calleton.

Mr. Calleton is a graduate of Yale University and of Columbia Law School. He is the author/co-author of six estate planning books, as well as the California automated drafting program, Calleton's Wills and Trusts. He has also written more than forty articles on estate planning, life insurance and irrevocable trusts for legal and academic publications.

In addition, Mr. Calleton is currently a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. He has been a member of the Board of Advisors of the U.C.L.A./C.E.B. Estate Planning Institute since its inception in 1979, and has been listed in "Best Lawyers in America" for over 25 years. Best Lawyers" is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Mr. Calleton received the Dana Latham award from the Los Angeles County Bar Taxation Section in 1996 for service to the tax bar.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

## County Bans Vehicle 'For Sale' Signs

By Dean Lee

A new county ordinance, unanimously approved Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, not only prohibits parking cars with "for sale" signs on a number of streets in Altadena and East Pasadena but also allows police to impound vehicles displaying such signs.

The ordinance takes effect in 30 days.

According to the county staff report, "the County of Los Angeles has experienced a proliferation of used vehicles being parked or left idle on public streets for the purpose of advertising or displaying such vehicles for sale, resulting in a negative impact on the County, its residents, and businesses."

Before impounding a vehicle, the ordinance, section 22651.9(a) of the CVC states that it must appear that the primary purpose of parking the vehicle is to advertise the private sale of the vehicle and that within the past 30 days, the vehicle is known to have been previously issued a notice of parking violation. The owner must also be warned that an additional parking violation may result in the impoundment of the vehicle even if moved to another street, as long as the signs or placards remain on the vehicle. A ticket must be issued at least 24 hours prior to impounding the vehicle.

A Department of Motor Vehicle's survey in August showed health and safety issues related to signs. The signs can cause passing motorists to slow down or stop to obtain information on the signage on the parked vehicles, causes motorists to "double park" next to such vehicles and get out of their cars to examine the vehicles thereby blocking traffic, and encourages jaywalking across streets for prospective buyers to inspect the vehicles the report said.

In Altadena, signs are prohibited on parts of Lake Ave. Lincoln Ave. Mariposa Street, Washington Blvd. and Altadena Drive, among others.

In Pasadena areas include, Huntington Drive between San Gabriel Blvd. and the City of Arcadia boundary, and Del Mar Blvd. between the City of Pasadena boundary and Rosemead Blvd.

## Pet of the Week



Tabitha, a lovely, longhair, diluted tortoiseshell cat is about six years old. She is a large cat that loves to cuddle and would be a great pet for someone that likes to take it easy. Tabitha is looking for a home with someone who will brush her, give her lots of attention and make sure she eats a healthy diet. Come visit Tabitha today! The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Tabitha 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 about A289243 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](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)



## Thousands Celebrate 4<sup>th</sup>

An estimated 30,000 people came out Monday night for the Rose Bowl's 85<sup>th</sup> annual Americafest —the largest fireworks display in the show's history.

Officials said another 10,000 watched the 30 minute show from outside, many sitting on blankets and lawn chairs.

The official party started around 6 p.m. with the Jan

and Dean Show, the Mariachi Divas, and Nickelodeon's Drake Bell among others.

Many local residents also watched the festivities from the Colorado Street Bridge which was closed to traffic.

In Related News,

Pasadena Heritage announced plans to now hold its popular Colorado Street Bridge Celebration on an alternating

year schedule. The next event set for July of 2012 they said.

"The Bridge Party is such a major undertaking that we have decided to hold it every other year, as was done in the early years between 1978 and 1990."

For more information about Pasadena Heritage call (626) 441-6333 or visit [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).

## Treatment Plant Back In Service

Pasadena Water and Power brought a new water treatment plant online Wednesday, reviving a local groundwater source that had not been used since 2002.

The Monk Hill Treatment Plant at 2696 Windsor Ave. near the Jet Propulsion Laboratory is designed to treat up to 7,000 gallons of groundwater per minute, removing perchlorate and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to meet all regulatory standards for safe drinking water.

Perchlorate is an oxidizer used in rocket propellants; VOCs were once used as industrial cleaning solvents. These chemicals leached into the Monk Hill Sub-basin of the Raymond Basin aquifer subsequent to waste disposal practices at JPL decades ago.

The city of Pasadena worked closely with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), owner of JPL, on design of the state-of-the-art treatment plant, site selection, public outreach and environmental and public health review processes. NASA funded construction and operating costs; the city of Pasadena leases and operates the plant.

Support for the project was also provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

The CDPH led the public health review process, which consisted of evaluating the quality of the treated water, a public review, comment period and a public hearing, and issued a permit to serve water from the Monk Hill Treatment Plant on March 17th this year.

"On behalf of the city of Pasadena, I want to thank all the agencies that came together to realize this project," said Pasadena Water and Power General Manager Phyllis Currie.

"And I especially want to thank the many citizens who came to neighborhood meetings from the earliest days of this project, submitted comments and questions along the way and participated in the final public health review process. Your diligence is a testament to the vital importance of water to our community."

"NASA made a commitment to the city to clean up the chemicals in the groundwater from JPL," said NASA Groundwater Cleanup Manager Steve Slaten. "This new treatment plant achieves that result and we are pleased to have lived up to our commitment."

For more information about the Monk Hill Treatment Plant and groundwater cleanup near JPL, visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/monkhill](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/monkhill) or call (626) 744-4409.

## Parsons Campus Sold for \$320 Million

By Dean Lee

In what is being called the largest real estate sale in the city's history, Parsons Corp. announced this week the \$320 million sale of their headquarters just north of Old Pasadena.

The deal between Parsons and Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing and Lincoln Property Co. allows the engineering firm to continue to occupy the 932,000-square-foot 22.7-acre property as a tenant for the next 15 years.

David Binswanger, Executive Vice President of Lincoln Property Company said in a statement, "We look forward to joining the Pasadena community at such a prominent and visible location. The Parsons Campus fits well with Pasadena's reputation as the home for some of the very best engineering, healthcare, technology, defense and financial services firms."

Parsons has occupied the 12-story world headquarters at 100 W. Walnut Street since it was built in 1974. Kaiser Permanente and FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) are tenants in the property's east and west annex. The property is also used for special events parking including UCLA football games, the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game.

The company also just announced that Syndicat des Transports d'Ile de France (STIF) has awarded Parsons a contract as part of a massive transportation plan for the Parisian rail transit

network recently approved by the French government.

"With this win, Parsons will have the opportunity to grow our presence in Europe and be involved in a total transportation project to renew the Paris network," said Tom Barron, Parsons Group President. "Parsons is a partner of choice for complex rail and transportation projects, delivering value and innovation to our customers, existing and new."

In 2008 Parsons was criticized in a report accusing the company of wasting millions of U.S. tax dollars in a contract, worth as much as \$900 million, to build police stations, prisons and courthouses in Iraq. Many of the projects went undone, with severe electrical and plumbing problems, the report by Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction said. A spokesperson for Parsons at the time said war conditions made it unsafe, including a Parson's subcontractor that was shot and killed.

The company, on its official website, claims revenues of \$2.7 billion in 2010. Parsons has 10,500 employees engaged in more than 4,500 projects in 50 states and 24 countries and is 100 percent owned by the Employee Stock Ownership Trust according to the website.

Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm, is headquartered in New York City. Lincoln Property is a real estate company based in Dallas Texas.



Parsons Corp. World Headquarters

## 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 12 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](http://pasadenan.com).

## Medicare Program Turns 45

Congressman Adam Schiff released the following statement Friday on the 45th anniversary of the implementation of Medicare. "Forty-five years ago, President Johnson signed Medicare into law, and the Medicare program began to be implemented on July 1, 1966. Medicare has transformed life for millions of seniors in this country, providing them with economic and health care security."

"Before Medicare, only 51 percent of Americans 65 and older had health care coverage. Today, thanks to Medicare, virtually all Americans 65 and older have health care coverage. Before Medicare, nearly 30 percent of seniors lived below the poverty line. Today 7.5 percent of seniors live below

the poverty line. In addition, under Medicare, Americans' life expectancy has been significantly improved.

"In April, the House passed Budget Chairman Ryan's plan to convert Medicare into a voucher or premium support program, where seniors would get a subsidy to go out and buy private insurance if they are able. I opposed this dramatic and flawed change to the nature of Medicare, and the legislation has been stopped in the Senate.

"I will continue fighting this plan and remain committed to meeting our obligations to the nation's seniors, while responsibly balancing our books and paying off our debts. And I will be working hard to preserve and strengthen Medicare to ensure it is there for future generations of Americans."



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## MAYOR KOVACIC BRINGS GREETINGS FROM ARCADIA



Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic in the Sierra Madre July 4th Parade. Photo by Beth Deljon

## FAMILY FLICKS WEDNESDAYS!

This year, the City of Arcadia and Westfield Santa Anita are teaming up to bring you a new program called Family Flicks on the Promenade (upper level of the mall) 400 S. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007 . Family fun starts at 6pm with pre-show entertainment and activities with Radio Disney Street Team, as well as exclusive dining discounts and fabulous prizes. Movies begin at dusk. All movies are shown on Wednesdays beginning July 13th.

<b>July 13th; Shrek (PG)</b>	<b>August 3rd, Tangled (PG)</b>
<b>July 20th Yogi Bear (PG)</b>	<b>August 10th Toy Story (G)</b>
<b>July 27th, Shark Tale (PG)</b>	<b>August 17th High School Musical 2 (G)</b>

It is a completely free event and no registration is required. For more information, please contact the City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, June 26, through Saturday, July 2, the Police Department responded to 873 calls for service of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### Sunday, June 26:

At about 2:22 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Live Oak Avenue and Arrow Highway. A records check of the vehicle showed an outstanding felony warrant. An investigation revealed that the driver, a 29-year-old White male, had a suspended drivers license as well as an outstanding felony warrant in the amount of \$50,000. The male was placed under arrest for both the warrant and for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Around 7:12 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised they had detained a juvenile for theft. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room, concealed the property, and left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and the 16-year-old Hispanic male was taken into custody for petty theft.

### Monday, June 27:

3. At about 4:25 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a report of possible child abuse. An investigation revealed that a 4-year-old Asian female had been struck in the face by her father and had visible bruising to the face. The father, a 38-year-old Asian male, was placed under arrest for infliction of corporal injury on a child.

4. At approximately 8:30 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Santa Anita Avenue and Camino Real Avenue for an inoperable brake light. A records check of the 34-year-old Hispanic male driver revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for which he was placed under arrest.

### Tuesday, June 28:

5. Between 8:50 a.m. and 1:20 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of Vaquero Road. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the south side garage door and entered the property. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole two laptop computers as well as two wireless mouse and keyboard sets.

6. Shortly before 7:00 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Colorado Boulevard and First Avenue for making a turn without a turn signal. A records check of the female passenger revealed two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 39-year-old Hispanic female was placed under arrest for the warrants.

### Wednesday, June 29:

7. At approximately 6:45 p.m., officers were flagged down in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Colorado Street. The reporting party told officers that he saw two males abandon a vehicle and run away. An investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen and the license plates had been switched. The two subjects were located and officers arrested two Hispanic males, ages 22 and 29, for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent.

8. Between 5:30 p.m., June 28th, and 7:00 a.m., June 29th, a residential burglary occurred in the 900 block of Volante Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location by unknown means. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole several tools being

used to remodel the home.

### Thursday, June 30:

9. At about 10:20 a.m., officers responded to the 500 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a welfare check. Officers were met by the reporting party, a 69-year-old White male who had been unable to contact his mother-in-law at that location. The Arcadia Fire Department assisted and made entry into the location. Once inside the residence, a 94-year-old White female was found deceased. There were no signs of foul play and the victim appeared to have died from natural causes.

10. Shortly after 11:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a subject in custody for trespassing. The subject, a 57-year-old White male, had been previously served with a Denial of Access Notice and was arrested for trespassing.

### Friday, July 1:

11. At about 2:35 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of West Huntington Drive to investigate a hit and run collision. Witnesses had observed a blue, older model truck drive away from the scene westbound on Huntington Drive. Officers located the vehicle, which was disabled, on Rosemead Boulevard south of California Boulevard. A consensual search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine, a digital scale, baggies and glass tubes. The 43-year-old male of Unknown race was arrested for hit and run, possession of narcotics for sale, and possession of paraphernalia.

12. At approximately 2:30 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Second Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. A bicyclist was stopped for riding against traffic. A records check of the driver revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant in the amount of \$30,000. The 41-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest for the warrant.

### Saturday, July 2:

13. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., officers responded to the Westfield Santa Anita mall parking structure, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a possible hit and run collision. Officers contacted the reporting party, a 35-year-old female of Unknown race and her daughter, a 16-year-old female of Unknown race. The officers were advised that while walking back to their vehicle, a car that was backing up almost struck the 16-year-old female. To gain the driver's attention, the mother had tapped the trunk, then proceeded to enter her vehicle. The driver of the opposing vehicle, an Asian female in her 30's, stopped and exited. She then proceeded to yell and kick the victim's driver side door. The suspect then returned to her vehicle, obtained a crow bar and proceeded to strike the door again. The suspect was seen driving away in a newer model, white, 4-door Mitsubishi SUV.

14. At about 5:30 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of West Palm Drive regarding a possible drowning victim. Upon arrival, the Arcadia Fire Department was already on scene administering aid to the 6-year-old Asian female victim who had been found at the bottom of the pool. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment, where she was reported as unconscious, but breathing on her own.

## Arcadia AAUW Presents Two Woman of Achievement Awards



Joanna Liang (ctr. left) and Fanny Kuo were presented with the Arcadia AAUW's 2011 Woman of Achievement Awards. Pictured with them are proud husbands, Yuan Liang (left) and Tom Kuo.

The Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) had the double pleasure of honoring two of its members by presenting each with the 2011 Woman of Achievement Award. This award has been given annually since 1985 to a woman who exemplifies the AAUW purpose of promoting equity and education for women and girls. Honorees Fanny Kuo and Joanna Liang, both Arcadia residents, have indeed furthered the cause of women in education during their past three years as the Branch's Co-Vice Presidents in charge of AAUW's Educational Foundation, which supports women in graduate studies, public service projects, and research.

Each year, the fund-raising efforts of Fanny Kuo and Joanna Liang have resulted in cultural events that have delighted their fellow AAUW members and guests and enabled Arcadia AAUW to contribute generously to the Educational Foundation. Their last program, "Sharing the Beauty of Asian Culture," featured accomplished performers from such diverse cultures as Thailand, China, Taiwan, the Philippines, and India. In effect, the two women have acted as ambassadors of good will between the Asian community and their Arcadia community and beyond. Arcadia AAUW lauds them for their efforts.

Fanny Kuo was graduated from Tong-Hai University in Taiwan with a B. A. degree in Chinese literature. She also has a background in music and is a classically trained soprano. In Taiwan she as-

sisted in the music department of an arts academy. In the Arcadia community, she helps with the English Conversation Class that Arcadia AAUW co-sponsors with the Arcadia Library. As a member of the Temple City United Methodist Church, she is assistant choir director and piano accompanist. In the words of Joyce McGregor, Fanny's Woman of Achievement presenter, "Fanny is known for her warm heart and caring spirit, and has kept our AAUW Branch alive with new energy and vision."

Joanna Liang received a B. A. in Chinese Literature from Taiwan's Tamkang University. In Taiwan, she worked as an elementary school teacher. In Arcadia, she was active in parents' activities at Arcadia Foothills Middle School and Arcadia High School. Currently, she is a member of the Arcadia Assistance League and the Arcadia Historical Museum. She has held several offices in the Arcadia Chinese Association (ACA). Joanna is head registrar of Arcadia AAUW-Arcadia Library's English Conversation Class. Class Coordinator Betty Harris, in presenting Joanna Liang with her Woman of Achievement award, said of her, "Joanna has worked to bring ACA and the AAUW together culturally and socially. It has been good for all of us."

The Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women was pleased to honor Fanny Kuo and Joanna Liang with the Woman of Achievement Awards. Their husbands, family members, and friends were present to add their congratulations.

## ANNUNCIATION PASTOR, FATHER EUGENE HERBERT, CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF PREISTHOOD

By Joan Schmidt Clayton

Father Eugene Herbert, Pastor, Annunciation Parish, Arcadia, recently marked thirty years of service as a Catholic priest. You may think, "That's a nice milestone, serving Catholics for thirty years." But there is more to the story that makes it special.

Our story begins on March 25, 1946, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mother Mary. Twin boys, Eugene and Jerry, were born to Thelma and Maurice Herbert in LA, CA, and the Herberts were thrilled. The Herberts raised five children in Whittier and were dedicated active members of the Calvary Baptist Church!

After starting his college education, Eugene was called to serve in the Viet Nam War as a medic. When Eugene returned home, he was unsure of his future. He also had questions pertaining to his faith; he felt something was missing. After much soul-searching, Eugene was baptized into the Catholic faith on July 14, 1974.

In 1976, Eugene Herbert graduated from Cal State LA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree

in History. Later in 1976, he entered St. John's Seminary in Camarillo CA and was ordained June 6, 1981. His first assignment was St. Francis of Cabrini Church in Los Angeles until 1985.

His next assignment was Annunciation Parish, Arcadia, as an associate priest serving under then-Pastor, Father Zimmerman from 1985-1990. While an Associate Priest at Annunciation, Father Eugene played an integral role in developing and delivering Annunciation's RCIA program to numerous individuals. From 1990-1995, he was assigned to St John Fisher in Palos Verdes, and from 1995-1999, St. Louise in Covina.

On February 1, 1999, Father Eugene was appointed Pastor of Annunciation Church, Arcadia. Since he became Pastor, many Ministries have been expanded or begun. There have been many improvements to the Church, school and hall. The Church's interior has been painted, statues refurbished and painted, a beautiful altar for Our Lady of Guadalupe,



Father Herbert with Marie Smith, who planned the celebration.

Patroness of the Americas, and the main altar's floor tiled. The school now has fencing all around it and had been painted inside and out. Air conditioning has been added to the hall and all classrooms. Father Eugene's energy is unbelievable and his vision endless. Although he suffered with a bout of cancer, it didn't get him down! Within months, he was "himself" and an inspiration to all!

## THE FENIANS "CELTIC" GROUP TO PERFORM

The Fenians "Celtic" 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. For nearly two decades now, The Fenians have delivered their potent mix of traditional Irish folk and good old rock n roll all across the USA and Ireland. With an ever expanding set of original creations, as well as contemporary and



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## CITY OF HOPE RESEARCHERS DISCOVER METHOD TO REVERSE LATE-STAGE TYPE 1 DIABETES

DUARTE, Calif., June 27, 2011 — City of Hope scientists have demonstrated a new treatment approach for late-stage refractory type 1 diabetes that may shut down the body's autoimmune reaction, which destroys islet cells, and may boost natural regeneration of the insulin-producing cells. The two-pronged approach has potential to replace islet transplantation for patients with advanced disease. Miao Wang, M.D., Ph.D., post-doctoral research fellow in City of Hope's Department of Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases Research, presented findings from the study at the American Diabetes Association's 71st Scientific Sessions, running June 24 to 28 in San Diego.

An estimated 20 million people worldwide suffer from type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system doesn't recognize islet cells, attacks them as foreign infections and ultimately destroys these insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. For patients whose condition has advanced to a refractory stage, islet cell transplantation is often the only option, though that procedure's effectiveness is temporary at best. However, a team of City of Hope researchers led by Defu Zeng, M.D., associate professor in the Department of Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases Research, has uncovered a new combination treatment that puts the brakes on the rejection process while simultaneously accelerating islet cell regrowth.

"Currently, the only effective therapy for refractory late-stage type 1 diabetes is islet cell transplantation," said Zeng, principal investigator for the study. "While transplanting islet cells from

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another person can provide insulin-independence, the effect lasts only about three years due to chronic rejection of the graft cells. Additionally, there is a shortage of islet donors."

In previous research, Zeng and his team developed a monoclonal antibody that induced mixed chimerism, in which both donor and host cells were accepted by the immune system without raising red flags. This conditioning treatment stops the immune system from attacking islet cells. In the laboratory, they were able to reverse newly-onset type 1 diabetes through conditioning, halting autoimmunity reactions and augmenting islet cell regeneration. Patients with late-stage, refractory disease, do not have enough functional islet cells left to regenerate healthy cells; thus, the researchers combined the conditioning approach with compounds known to promote cell growth and regeneration, specifically gastrin and epidermal growth factor (EGF).

"When we combined induction of mixed chimerism with administration of gastrin and EGF in mice with late-stage refractory diabetes, we observed that 60 percent of the mice receiving therapy showed a reversal of disease, compared to none of the control subjects," said Wang, a post-doctoral research fellow in Zeng's lab. "Additionally, the experimental group had 10 times higher islet cell

mass, three times higher insulin levels, and improved insulin sensitivity and islet cell survival than the control group."

"We believe that this new approach would be able to make the islet transplantation procedure obsolete," Zeng said. "My team and I are currently investigating the exact mechanisms behind this therapy so we can further refine and develop this method of treatment."

Others researchers involved in this study include Ivan Todorov, Ph.D., and Ph.D. candidate Jeremy Racine. This study is supported by a funding from Iacocca Family Foundation.

### About City of Hope

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## FORMER MONROVIA MAYOR BOB BARTLETT, PASADENA RESTAURANTEUR ROBIN SALZER ARE 2011 HEART IN HAND HUMANITARIANS

### Honors to highlight Foothill Unity Center's 13th Annual Golden Plate Awards

Longtime Monrovia mayor Bob Bartlett and community supporter Robin Salzer, owner of Robin's WoodFire BBQ in Pasadena, will receive Heart in Hand Humanitarian Awards at Foothill Unity Center's 13th Annual Golden Plate Awards on Thursday, September 22, at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia. The award, the Center's highest accolade, honors local people who have made an outstanding impact on the quality of life in their communities and beyond. Tickets to the event, the Center's only major fundraiser of the year, are \$75 per person.

The evening will include silent and live auctions, an al fresco trackside dinner, live entertainment and more. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$1,000 Bronze to \$10,000 Platinum packages, each with special recognitions including ads in the Tribute Program. Ads may be purchased separately. The Center is also seeking items for the evening's silent and live auctions. Donations valued at \$50 or more will be acknowledged in the program. For more information, visit [www.foothillunitycenter.org](http://www.foothillunitycenter.org) or contact Gerald at the Center, (626) 358-3486.

#### 2011 Heart In Hand Humanitarians

##### Bob Bartlett

Born and raised in Monrovia, Bob ran for City Council because he saw his hometown floundering while other cities were progressing. First elected in 1974, he became a major force behind the city's extensive redevelopment projects. In 1976 he became the last Monrovia mayor appointed by the City Council and the city's first African American mayor, serving a two-year term. In 1988, he was elected to the office, and served for another thirteen years. Many residents cite Bartlett's strong leadership and vision as the key to Monrovia's transformation from a blighted, gang-infested location to the prospering city it is today. During his tenure, Bob served as the President of the California League of Cities and the Southern California Association of Governments as well as chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the National League of Cities. He also played a major role in creating the Foothill Transportation Zone and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, among many other achievements. He also served as president of the board of Foothill Unity Center. In March of this year, Bob received the 2011 Life Changers Achievement Award for his many contributions to the community at the San Gabriel Valley Gospel Expo in Monrovia. In praising the event for bringing people together, he made an observation that could describe his own career. "It's

not only redeveloping the buildings and edifices that's important," he said. "You have to change the hearts and minds of people."

##### Robin Salzer

Robin grew up in Milwaukee and got his start in the restaurant field at sixteen, washing dishes at a local IHOP. Seven years later, he bought the place. After a winter visit to California, he moved west, bought a run-down Pasadena coffee shop and turned it into Robin's Woodfire BBQ & Grill, now an award-winning Pasadena institution lauded by celebrity foodies like Rachel Ray. Robin has long been known for his work with local low to moderate income people in Northwest Pasadena. In 2007, in partnership with Neighbors Acting Together Helping All (NATHA), he founded The Lemonade Brigade, a youth entrepreneurship program that helps youths in the Pasadena Unified School District learn about starting and running a business. Proceeds of their sales at local events go toward scholarships and college field trips. In 2010, with his team and partner Walt Jackson, he started the United Pasadena Food Bank at the Jackie Robinson Center. The privately funded, volunteer-staffed program helps Pasadena restaurants donate extra food to the needy. Its Wednesday hot meal program is now serving some 175 people a week and growing. The meals are not just for homeless or poor families. Everyone is welcome, and visitors have included many community leaders including police and city management. "People get to talk to the guy who is making the decisions," says Robin. "The more [city officials] interact with the people, the better off the community is." About Foothill Unity Center Foothill Unity Center, Inc., has been serving low-income families and those in crisis for over 30 years. Founded in 1980 in a church closet to provide food to a few hungry families, the Center has become the major source of food, health services and crisis assistance for over 4,000 low-income families in its service area: Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, Baldwin Park and Irwindale.

In 1991, the organization was incorporated. In 2008, it was federally designated the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area. The Center acts as a lifeline for very low income individuals and families who are struggling to survive. Clients are often unemployed, employed at wages too low to provide for their families, on welfare, or facing a temporary crisis. It also serves seniors, homeless, disabled, emancipated foster youth, victims of domestic violence, and students on limited incomes. 38% of its clients are children.



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## STEPS TO EMPLOYMENT

The Monrovia Public Library will host this timely workshop on Tuesday, August 2 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room. The Library is located at 321 S. Myrtle Avenue, in Old Town Monrovia's Library Park. Learn how to file an on-line unemployment application, find jobs via social networking and access a multitude of free resources for job hunters. A demonstration of the Career Transitions 24/7 online resource walks users through the entire job search process. Meet a representative from the local Employment Development Department (EDD) to get answers to your questions. Handouts from the

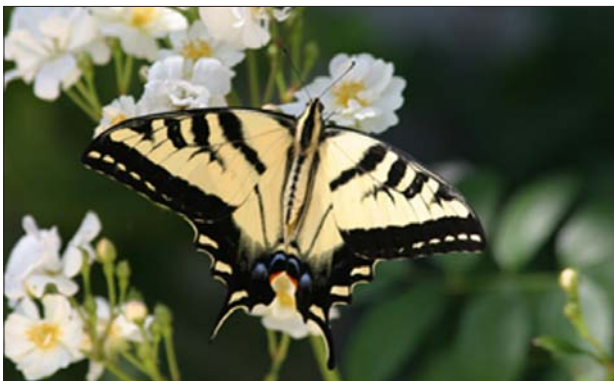
California EDD, an annotated webliography of resources for first time job hunters, and a list of suggested print books available from the Monrovia Public Library are also included. Registration is encouraged. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk, call 626-256-8274, or visit [www.monroviapubliclibrary.org](http://www.monroviapubliclibrary.org) and click on the calendar icon on the top right of the page. Find DATE, click on the event and sign up. Walk-ins welcome. Tuesday August 2 Library Community Room 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Free Sponsored by Friends of the Monrovia Public Library

## Ninth Annual North American Butterfly Association (NABA) Butterfly Count



The Ninth Annual North American Butterfly Count was attended by seven participants on Saturday, June 18 at Monrovia Canyon Park. The participants hiked 2.5 miles beginning at Twin Springs in Sawpit Canyon. A total of 565 butterflies were counted and 14 species were identified.

On the left, volunteers identify butterflies in Sawpit Canyon. Below, a Western Tiger Swallowtail.





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### SCHOOL DIRECTORY



Gooden School at the Sierra Madre July 4th Parade. Photo by Lina Johnson



### BERNIE

Brown University has far exceeded my expectations. My class, Experimental Writing, is fantastic and my dorm is freakishly close. One of my dormmates is from Flintridge Prep and her roommate and I are the same person. It's strange.

This past Friday, July 1, our clan, the Littlefield Nine (our dorm is Littlefield; I am staying in the same dorm and same floor as Emma Watson!) had an epic night on the town, going to a fancy restaurant named Paragon for dinner followed by a movie at the old fashioned one show movie theater, the Avon, where they still hand out fifty-cent coins. We saw Midnight in Paris, which I recommend to anyone and everyone, especially if you are into the Fitzgerald-Hemingway-Picasso era.

After this splendid film, we ventured over to the local Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop, home of the Vermonster. Now, the Vermonster is no ordinary ice cream sundae, but one of epic proportions: 20 scoops of ice cream, 4 ladles of hot fudge, 4 cups of 4 toppings, 4 bananas, 3 cookies, 1 fudge brownie, topped with an absurd amount of whipped cream. We took on the challenge, thinking that we could defeat this monster as there was our group of nine plus two. We couldn't finish it. We only got through two thirds of the giant tub which had now become ice cream soup.

Not willing to admit defeat, we asked for a lid and walked the tub, which we dubbed Bernie, home. The fourteen thousand calorie, five hundred grams of fat bucket was then cleaned out and has now become our groups mascot.

Bernie ended one of the best weeks ever on a high note and will always be a symbol of our little group and the great times we have spent together.

### OPERATION HOMEFRONT PARTNERS WITH DOLLAR TREE FOR ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRIGADE TO PREPARE MILITARY CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL

#### Local Communities are Encouraged to Volunteer

San Antonio, TX – Operation Homefront today announced its 2011 Back-to-School Brigade program to provide backpacks full of school supplies to military kids in need. The organization, which provides emergency financial and other assistance to military families, is seeking volunteers from communities nationwide to help collect supplies from their local Dollar Tree stores. Today's launch marks the fifth annual nationwide campaign by Operation Homefront to give the children of military families the opportunity to start school with all the supplies they need to be successful.

"Military families, especially those in the lower and mid-grade ranks, can see a real money crunch at back-to-school time," said Jim Knotts, President and CEO of Operation Homefront. "People in the community who want to say thank you to military families can make a real contribution by being part of the Back-to-School Brigade program."

Anyone interested in helping military kids can log on to OperationHomefront.net or Facebook.com/OperationHomefront to learn more about how to volunteer or make a donation.

Donations will be accepted from July 8 – 25 at Dollar Tree stores or online at OperationHomefront.net. Items donated for the campaign will include spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebook paper, rulers, colored pencils, calculators, and erasers. This program saves military families a major education expense, especially for those experiencing financial hardships.

In 2010, the Back-to-School Brigade program raised over \$2 million in school supplies nationwide through its partnership with Dollar Tree. Through the generosity of individual and corporate contributors, Operation Homefront provided 29,000 backpacks to fill with school supplies for children of military service members. Additional information can be found at OperationHomefront.net and Facebook.com/OperationHomefront.

### HOW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN PREPARE

(NAPS)—College graduates are twice as likely to be employed as those with no college degree and can expect to earn about 66 percent more throughout their careers, The College Board reports. That's one reason many parents and students should heed a few hints about getting into—and paying for—college.

- Develop a timetable and list of tasks to be completed that can assist you in your planning efforts.
- Work with your children to develop and update their résumés, including their school, community and service activities, sports, awards and recognitions, work experience, hobbies and interests. Encourage your children to join and get involved in extracurricular activities and volunteer work.
- Be sure they take courses necessary for college admission. Investigate opportunities for high school Advanced Placement courses.
- Develop, discuss and review with your children their individual list of college attributes that are important to them; that is, size, location, academics, facilities and activities.
- Work with your children to develop a list of at least 10 colleges. Research these through websites, college fairs, college guides and by talking with admission representatives.
- Set up a filing system to maintain information about each school that interests them.
- Learn about resources available through the school. Consult with the professionals, such as your children's high school guidance counselor, the financial aid office at any prospective school and your student loan lender.
- Become familiar with college entrance requirements and preparation exams.
- Visit campuses.
- Learn the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) financial aid process by using FAFSA4caster, which will provide you with an early estimate of how much money you will be expected to contribute toward your children's education and eligibility for federal student aid.
- Identify the individual application instructions, deadlines, policies and procedures for each school.
- Register for a PIN with the Department of Education and submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of senior year.
- If you have any special family circumstances that may affect your children's financial aid eligibility, contact the financial aid office at the school being considered.
- You can get more good advice from the CollegeSTEPS program, which offers a magazine and planning calendar, useful college planning information and a chance to win one of 20 individual \$1,000 prizes.

#### More Information

Learn more at [www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps2011](http://www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps2011) or go to a Wells Fargo or Wachovia bank.

With the help of their parents, there are many ways students in ninth through 12th grade can plan and prepare for college.

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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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## BENJAMIN'S LIST

by Joshua Ethan Tomoyasu



One day in Wayside School, something AWFUL happened!!! Everyone except Shari, Stephen and Benjamin were benched for throwing dodge balls at each other. It was up to those three to get them off.

Benjamin had a plan. Shari, Stephen and Benjamin went in the unisex restroom to hold a top secret meeting. Benjamin put a shock collar around Shari so she couldn't fall asleep. Benjamin discussed how he found a cargo elevator behind the school. Then he discussed how to snatch an elevator key from Louis.

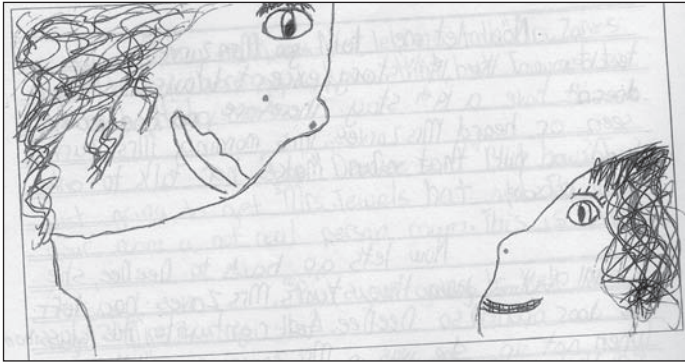
Next, he discussed a distraction. Shari and Stephen were to fight in front of Louis and keep him busy, while Benjamin led the escapees to the secret cargo elevator.

The next day they put it all into action. Stephen and Shari started slapping each other. Louis said, "Cut it out! Cut it out!" Benjamin took the class to the elevator. Shari and Stephen ran in right before the door closed.

On the way down the kids told jokes to pass the time. After all, it's a REALLY long trip to the basement. When they got there, they played games and had a great time.

They planned to stay for one day, but ended up staying for a month. When they returned, Todd asked to marry Joy. Of course, Joy said no way and beat him to a pulp. Joy was eventually brought down by 175 federal marhalls. THE END

# SUMMER FUN



## FACE TO FACE

By Ava Walters

The kids in Mrs. Jewel's class were definitely the loudest class in Wayside School! But today, they were louder than ever because it was Mrs. Jewel's birthday.

Joy was yelling things like bananas or Mrs. Jewels. Then Mrs. Jewel's held up two fingers and said, "Stop Screaming! Oh, and Dee Dee can you go down to the office and get my hat?"

"Ok", said Dee Dee. So Dee Dee ran down the stairs but she tripped.

Now let me tell you, Mrs. Zarres is the teacher on the 19th story, except Wayside School doesn't have a 19th story. Therefore, no one could see or hear Mrs. Zarves. This morning Mrs. Zarves found a pill that can make her talk to only one person.

Now let's go back to De Dee, she is still falling down the stairs. Mrs. Zarves had left the door opened so Dee Dee fell right into the classroom. When she got up, she was in Mrs. Zarves room. "Where am I? I'm dreaming?"

Mrs. Zarves said, "No....class keep doing what you are doing", she said to Dee Dee, "My name is Mrs. Zarves, how did you.....?"

....."But you're note real!" Dee Dee yelled.

"Yes, I'm not real....but I'm here and I'm talking to you! Oh my, this is crazy. I can't believe it worked!"

"What worked?" asked Dee Dee.

"Oh, nothing. Now let me talk.", Mrs. Zarves said.

"I'm not here you know that, but I want to be real. Help me!"

"Fine", Dee Dee said, "but how? I was just going to get Mrs. Jewel's hat and I'm in your room, a not a real person's room. This is crazy!"

"But you're going to help me right?", Mrs. Zarves said.

"I'm going to get the hat then I'll be back", Dee Dee said.

So Dee Dee left and got the hat then went to Mrs. Jewel's room.

Mrs. Jewels was waiting. "What took you so long? Go down to the playground."

So Dee Dee left. She told BeBe and Joy all about it.

"I know what to do", said BeBe. "Just get a different pill."

"I can't", DeeDee said.

"Why not?", asked Joy.

"Because where would I get one?" said Dee Dee.

"I don't know, where did she get one?", BeBe said.

"Wait", said Dee Dee. I will just tell people about Mrs. Zarves.

"Ok", said Joy.

So Dee Dee ran all the way up the stairs to the 19th floor, opened the goo sack and said, "Mrs. Zarves, I got it! I found a way for you to be real!"

"Oh", said Mrs. Zarves.

"I will just tell people", Dee Dee said.

"Then why are you all the way up here? Go down there", Mrs. Zarves said.

So Dee Dee ran down the stairs and told Todd.

Todd said, "Wow! We have a fake teacher!"

"No, not fake, real", Dee Dee said. "Well not real, but who wants to be."

"Oh", said Todd. "That's cool too".

By the end of the day, Dee Dee told three quarters of the people in the school.

"I'm so lucky to be helping a not real teacher", said Dee Dee after school. Dee Dee had told the last quarter of the school.

"I'm done", Dee Dee yelled.

The next day, Dee Dee was on the playground. She said, "Hi Joy, do you want to play tag?"

"No, I'm going to go to Mrs. Zarves room to talk", Joy said.

"Oh", said Dee Dee and ran over to Allison. "Do you want to play tag?"

"No, I'm giving Mrs. Zarves some cake", said Allison.

"Ok", Dee Dee said glumly and ran over to D.J.

"Hey D.J., do you want to play football?" D.J. said, "No, I'm giving Mrs. Zarves a gift basket".

"Fine!", yelled Dee Dee. "Whatever!" She ran over to Louis. "LOUIS!"

"Yeah", Louis said.

"I have nothing to do", Dee Dee said. "All my friends are gone all because of Mrs. Zarves". She marched right up to the 19th floor, and opened the door.

"Thank you very much", said Mrs. Zarves as Dee Dee walked in.

"You're welcome, but stop stealing my friends!"

Mrs. Zarves looked at her, "What?", she said.

"You're stealing my friends", Dee Dee said.

"She is not stealing us", said D. J.

"Do you to want to play tag?" asked Joy.

"Yay, do you?", said Allison.

"Yes", yelled Dee Dee.

So that's how it was that Mrs. Zarves became real. She also got a house and it was next to Dee Dee's house. Dee Dee was happy too. Ahhh, life is good, but even better are endings.

How many coins did Pinch...



...find while beachcombing?

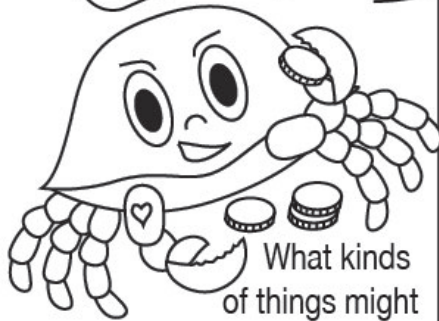
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## Beachcombing Fun!

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A **beachcomber** is a person who likes to search the sands and shallow waters for things that he can use, make into something else or sell because they have some value.

Pretend that you and your family live on the beach and are beachcombers. Do you think it would be a hard life or an easy one?

Read the clues to find out:

### Across

1. box of valuable jewels in the ground
5. forts with moats around them
8. trash
9. glass tube formed in sand when lightning strikes the sand
10. soft-bodied water animals live in these
12. carry their "homes" on their backs
13. plants that live in the ocean
14. broken pieces worn smooth
15. paw prints



### Down

2. reddish-brown coated piece of metal
3. have tentacles that can sting
4. have large oval shells and long stiff tails
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Denny and Geri Barry of Sierra Madre sure know how to throw a 4th of July Party, the best ever! Denny is an aspiring foodie and posed this question to me. “Peter we listen to your show and you have this saying that you throw around, ‘Eat like a prince and pay like a pauper,’ how about a seafood restaurant that fills that bill?”

Denny I have that covered!! Just one city over in Monrovia I have made the ultimate discovery in the seafood arena, it reminds me of the very popular Fisherman’s Wharf that you may

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills



remember on Kertings Ct., and believe me, the prices are about the same as Fisherman’s Wharf some fifteen years later. Let’s start off with a cup of Lobster Bisque for (\$2.45)!! Yes it is a cup but, but what a cup, it battles many of the soups that I have had a five star Steakhouse. Sure there is no Maitre De here, but we are paying like paupers, right? All entrees are in the (\$8 to \$13) range, I was able to sample many of the dishes. I recommend ordering from the Big Shrimps favorites: Cajun Pan seared big Shrimp or the garlic butter pan seared big Shrimps at (\$9.95). Both are worthy of a try. From the grill, seven to eight varieties of fish are there for sampling. Summer is always a great time for fish, and most of the items are fresh from the boat. I devoured the Tuna at (\$9.95) and was very impressed. Cooked to a perfect medium rare, and again, the texture recalls an upscale sea-

food restaurant charging double. Also available are fish and shrimp burritos/tacos (\$2.45 to \$6.75).

How do they keep prices so reasonable? Good question! The restaurant is extremely clean but no frills and seating at the counter is available. Owner Adam Chu has been importing shrimp from the Far East for over 10 years and has taken his expertise in buying seafood and has shared his knowledge with us. He continues in that business but as the owner of the restaurant, he transfers those incredible savings to us.

For salad fans, I prefer the shrimp and crab-meat salad for (\$8.45). There is a kids’ menu available and as of this writing a beer and wine menu is being constructed. Get in here before the owner comes to his senses and raises the prices. If you see Denny Barry walking around Sierra Madre, thank him for me, he motivated me to get you this discovery.

Big Shrimps Grill 123 E. Colorado Blvd. Monrovia. (626) 359-8982

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VONS CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW PASADENA STORE WITH \$100K GIFT TO CITY OF HOPE



By Chris Bertrand

The long awaited new Vons store opening at Sierra Madre Boulevard and Colorado in Pasadena, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, June 29, with a pre-opening sneak peak and wine tasting fundraiser for a favorite Vons charity, The City of Hope in Duarte.

At the event, Vons Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Daymond Rice presented a \$100,000 donation for breast cancer research to City of Hope’s Senior Director of Development, Cheryl Kennick. Kennick said, “Over the years, Vons has provided City of Hope with over \$6 million in funding for lifesaving research treatment and education programs dedicated to the prevention of and finding a cure for breast cancer, and a lot of what we have done would not be possible without their support and that of the Food Industries Circle.

Peter Dills, KABC radio personality, restaurant critic and columnist for this paper, poured Riboli family wine at one of the many wine and spirits tasting booths amid the perfectly polished and faced produce. “What’s great is that there was no overhead for this

event,” said Dills. 100 % of the proceeds goes right to City of Hope, thanks to Vons and their vendors.”

After nearly a year of construction, the new Vons shopping center, across from a recently opened Walgreens brings new vitality and upscale shopping options to east Pasadena. The store added 20,000 square feet to the retailer’s previous iteration located at the site, which has featured a Vons store since 1964. New services will include dry cleaning, sushi, a walk in wine cellar, a hearth oven, plus upgraded deli cheese and bakery offerings.

The Vons store at 2355 E. Colorado, in Pasadena, officially opened to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday afternoon, June 30.

Timothy Genske of Cypress Retail Group, who represents the additional leasing space in the newly constructed shopping center, indicated that Verizon, Chase Bank, a nail salon and frozen yogurt retailers had already committed to space in the center. Interested retailers can contact him at 805-449-1804 or through www.CypressRetailGroup.org.

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## THE PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ITS 8th ANNUAL FREE SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT SERIES

### *Eight Sundays of Free Summer Concerts*

Pasadena, CA (July 2011) – The Pasadena Playhouse District Association sizzles this summer with its 8th Annual Free Jazz Summer Concert Series.

The concert series takes place every Sunday evening, July 10 through August 28, 2011 from 5 pm until 7 pm at the Vroman's outdoor courtyard, 695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. The 8th Annual Free Jazz Summer Concert Series is free and open to the public. The eight week series features an eclectic roster of up-and-coming and notable jazz performers such as the Jacques Lesure Group, Jamila Ford, Faro, and Latin Jazz Syndicate among other groups. From blues to Latin and smooth jazz, the free summer jazz concert series has something for all jazz lovers.

The full concert schedule listed below. In its eighth year the summer jazz concert series has provided the community with all-star jazz entertainment at no cost.

For additional information on the Seventh An-

nual Free Summer Jazz Concert series, contact the Playhouse District Association, 626.744.0340.

About the Playhouse District Association The Playhouse District Association (PDA) is a California non-profit formed in 1995, which serves to enhance and promote The Playhouse District as the historic, cultural, and thriving commercial heart of Pasadena. 2011 Summer Concert

#### Schedule \*

July 10 - Donovan/Muradian Quintet

July 17 - Jamila Ford

July 24 - Elliott Caine

July 31 - Joseph Pernicano

August 7 - Latin Jazz Syndicate

August 14 - Michael Haggins

August 21 - Jacques Lesure Trio

August 28 - Scott Martin Latin Jazz Soul

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## SIERRA MADRE CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

Join the City of Sierra Madre this summer for the FREE Concerts in the Park Series which begin Sunday, July 10, 2011 and occurs every Sunday through August 28, 2011.

The eight concerts are held from 6:00 pm and run through 8:00pm. All concerts will be held at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. next to City Hall. Seating is on the green so remember to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Alcohol is prohibited.

Spectators are encouraged to support local organizations that may provide refreshments. For additional information please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department (626) 355-5278.

#### CONCERTS IN THE PARK SCHEDULE:

**July 10** – Yvonne Perea (folk and blues fusion), sponsored by the Spero Foundation selling dollar street tacos, cookies, drinks and homemade ice cream by Pepper Marie's Ice Cream.

**July 17** – Woodie and the Longboards (beach inspired), sponsored by Sierra Madre Civic Club selling hot dogs, pie, ice cream and water.

**July 24** – Elvis (rock 'n roll), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre selling items from the In-N-Out Truck

**July 31** – Fairytales and Fantasy VI (musical), hosted by Southern California Lyric Theatre

**August 7** – Ghost in the Machine (The Police and Sting Tribute Band), hosted by L.A. County Arts Commission

**August 14** – Ray Bailey and the Rayletts - Blues and Jazz sponsored by Kiwanis and Friends of the Library

**August 21** – Danny Dean and the Rockabilly Lovers (50's Rock) sponsored by the Senior Community Commission selling desserts

**August 28** – The Silver Beatles (Beatles Tribute Band) hosted by the Community and Personnel Services Department.



Sean Kayden

network look to be kicking off the excitement in the most unconventional, unabashedly way possible. Each cable outlet debuted their freshman law shows, Franklin & Bash and Suits, respectively last month. Both shows, while treading in the same terrain, have something innately unique and refreshing about them. Granted, one may say why watch two shows with similar vibes? Well, the pilots for each series were considerably strong and easily among the best with the inclusion of Showtime's Shameless this year. If you're like me, you find it difficult to resist witty, clever and genuinely humorous dialogue within the confines of the buddy comedy genre. Franklin & Bash and the guys from Suits are a few charismatic dudes I'd chill with any day of the week. With them, the party seemingly never eases up. And since it's summer, I'm perfectly fine with that.

Franklin and Bash tell the story of two budding lawyers who play by their own rules. Breckin Meyer portrays Jared Franklin, the too-cool-for-school, self-assured party boy. However, he's more about doing the right thing than just merely racking up the victories in court. Mark-Paul Gosselaar depicts Peter Bash, the slightly more mature, grounded legal partner of the two. The two together are a bro-force to be reckoned with. Things drastically change for them when a big law firm, headed by the eccentric Stanton Infeld (Malcolm McDowell), recruits the two best friends soon after they display unusual, but convincing tactics in court. The first episode was uproariously funny. While often jocular and airy, there was just something unequivocally charming about the show. The two leads are perfectly

## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

### THE VERDICT IS IN AND I DO NOT OBJECT

Who says lawyers can't have fun? This summer, both TNT and USA

casted in their roles and significantly play well off one another. The courtroom drama is merely a backdrop for this wickedly funny dramedy. At its core, Franklin and Bash simply specialize in the ridiculous. And at the same token, it'd be ridiculous on your part not to tune in.

Suits plays the drama card a little more than F & B. Although, that gives Suits the edge for creating more emotional depth. Plus, on occasion, you'll find razor-sharp humor. Mike Ross (Patrick J. Adams) is a lethargic but an extremely bright college dropout with a photogenic memory that has allowed him to pass the bar exam without attending law school. He has immeasurable potential, but has never truly utilized it in the finest way. Harvey Specter (Gabriel Macht), one of Manhattan's best lawyers and self-proclaimed #1 closer in New York, hires Ross as his new associate after being completely impressed with him and his story. Problem is, Ross never went to Harvard (the firm only hires Harvard grads) and the two must keep it a secret. Honestly, the situations that arise in Suits feel to have more at stake than ones in Franklin & Bash. For the character, Mike Ross, the viewer can sympathize for him more because he's a good guy, who is close to his ailing grandmother and he sincerely cares about the well being of others. Suits may appear to be less "fun" than the other guys, but they make up for it effortlessly with realistic scenarios, intelligent writing and avoid the same beat-for-beat story structure found in consecutive episodes of F & B. Even with only three episodes in the bag, I'm confident to say that these are a pair of "suits" you'd actually want to be friends with.

Look for Franklin and Bash on Wednesday nights at 9pm on TNT and Suits on Thursday nights at 10pm on USA.

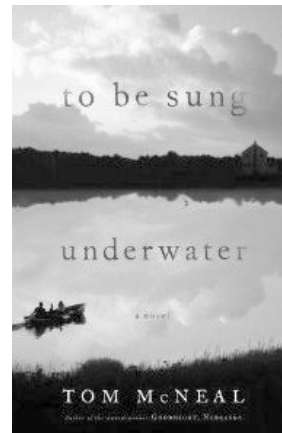
## Jeff's Pics The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

### TO BE SUNG UNDERWATER: A NOVEL

by Tom McNeal

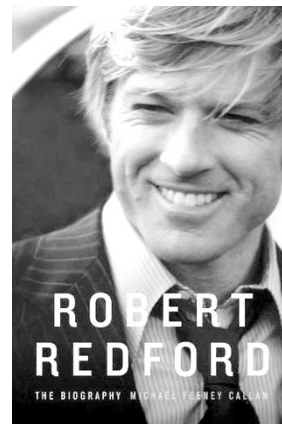
In this beautiful unforgettable book, Judith Whitman always believed in the kind of love that "picks you up in Akron and sets you down in Rio." Long ago, she once experienced that love. Willy Blunt was a carpenter with a dry wit and a steadfast sense of honor. Marrying him seemed like a natural thing to promise. But Willy Blunt was not a person you could pick up in Nebraska and transport to Stanford. When Judith left home, she didn't look back. Twenty years later, Judith's marriage is hazy with secrets. In her hand is what may be the phone number for the man who believed she meant it when she said she loved him. If she called, what would he say? The book is the epic love story of a woman trying to remember, and the man who could not even begin to forget.



### ROBERT REDFORD: THE BIOGRAPHY

by Michael Feeney Callan

Among the most widely admired Hollywood stars of his generation, Redford has appeared onstage and on-screen, in front of and behind the camera, earning Academy, Golden Globe, and a multitude of other awards and nominations for acting, directing, and producing, and for his contributions to the arts. His Sundance Film Festival transformed the world of filmmaking; his films defined a generation. America has come to know him as the Sundance Kid, Bob Woodward, Johnny Hooker, Jay Gatsby, and Roy Hobbs. But only now, with this revelatory biography, do we see the surprising and complex man beneath the Hollywood façade. From Redford's personal papers, journals, script notes, correspondence, and hundreds of hours of taped interviews, Michael Feeney Callan brings the legendary star into focus. Here is his scattered family background and restless childhood, his rocky start in acting, the death of his son, his star-making relationship with director Sydney Pollack, the creation of Sundance, his political activism, his artistic successes and failures, his friendships and romances. This is a candid, surprising portrait of a man whose iconic roles on-screen (Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, All the President's Men, The Natural) and directorial brilliance (Ordinary People, Quiz Show) have both defined and obscured one of the most celebrated, and, until now, least understood, public figures of our time.



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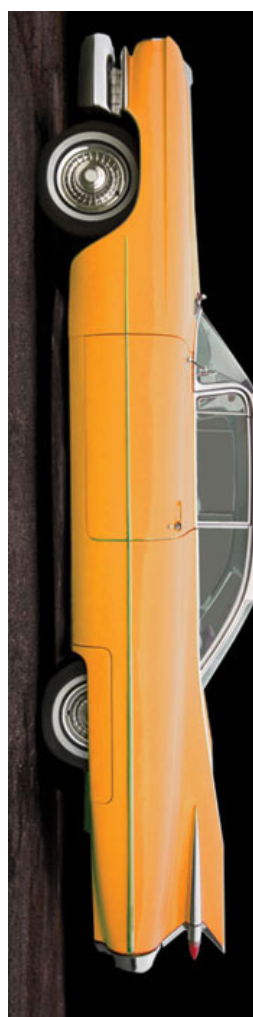
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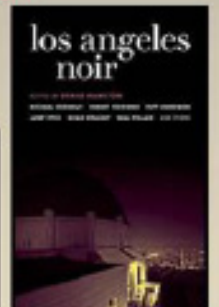
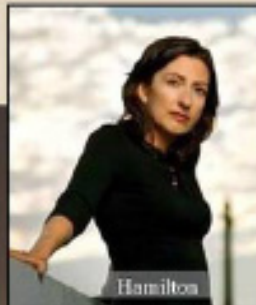
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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



President Obama is espousing a spirit of bipartisanship, so I'll do my part by lauding the efforts of certain Republicans. It isn't easy, as currently in return for support in raising the debt ceiling, Republicans are demanding a balanced budget amendment (backed by all 47 Republican Senators), under which all eight

budgets of the Reagan Administration and all eight passed under Bush would've been deemed unconstitutional.

There's the demand that any closing of tax loopholes be matched by a corresponding drop in tax rates, despite taxes already being at their lowest level in fifty years. There's Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) describing Majority Leader Harry Reid's call for millionaires to "make a more meaningful contribution to the deficit reduction effort" as "rather pathetic". (Sen. Reid's spokesman responded, "Apparently, nothing irritates Republicans more than the prospect that millionaires and billionaires might be asked to share in the burden of deficit reduction.")

In this context it was refreshing to read in Sam Stein's piece at Huffington Post of how Republican Congressman Stephen Fincher of Tennessee rose in support of a major port project on the Mississippi River. Thousands of jobs created in an area where more than a third live in poverty. A harbor, industrial park, road and railway improvements getting a \$13 million grant from the federal government, and \$7 million from the state.

"We just wanted to make sure that we could do everything possible to create jobs", said Rep. Fincher after the grant was approved by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Another freshman Republican, Rep. Bill Johnson of Ohio, co-signed a letter urging the Transportation Dept. to approve \$4.35 million for improvements in a runway at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport.

Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AK) wrote to Agriculture Sec. Tom Vilsack requesting a grant supporting commercial development of biomass to "provide farmers an alternative energy crop source" and "create a significant number of new jobs for Arkansas".

Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL) sought \$7.5 million in support from the Dept. of Agriculture for education and nutrition programs in Nicaragua through the American Nicaraguan Foundation and Fabretto Children's Foundation.

Freshmen Reps. Kristi Noem (R-SD), Scott Tipton (R-CO), Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Kevin Yoder (R-KS) co-signed a request to the Dept. of Agriculture requesting funds to combat a bark beetle epidemic in the Rocky Mountains.

They all seem to appreciate the federal government's role in creating jobs, repairing infrastructure, helping those abroad and protecting national resources - investments sure to pay dividends in the future, as history shows they have in the past.

They also appreciate the need to limit publicity of their involvement, so as not to endanger Tea Party bona fides. Shortly after funds were approved for the Tennessee port project, Rep. Fincher sent out press releases emphasizing the need to "rein in out-of-control Federal spending". At the

time he was soliciting millions in federal support for that Ohio airport, Rep. Johnson declared on the House floor, "our nation is broke. The federal government has maxed out its credit card."

There's a disconnect between actions and rhetoric, and also one between positions taken yesterday and those of today. Last month Sens. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill) called out Republicans for now opposing measures, such as a payroll tax cut, a small business development program (started under President Reagan) and incentives for innovative research, they'd strongly backed only weeks before.

A few days ago, Republicans boycotted a Senate hearing to advance free trade agreements with South Korea, Panama and Columbia - agreements they had long supported. Republicans objected to a section providing support to U.S. workers whose jobs might be displaced. As with the trade agreements themselves, this provision enjoyed substantial Republican support as recently as a couple months ago. Sen. Schumer observed, "They seem to be tying themselves in a pretzel of contradiction simply to make sure the economy doesn't advance so that their political fortunes might."

In a recent NY Times column, David Brooks lauded Republicans for moving spending and deficit reduction to the top of the agenda, for their negotiating prowess in forcing Democrats to capitulate and agree to a 3-to-1 ratio of spending cuts to revenue increases; a "deal of the century", the "mother of all no-brainers" they'd be leaping on - "if only the Republican party were a normal party".

Brooks explains the Republican party has become "infected" by those who "do not accept the logic of compromise", "do not accept the legitimacy of scholars and intellectual authorities", and have "no sense of moral decency"; who "talk blandly of default and are willing to stain their nation's honor."

He concludes by warning that independent voters will blame any default on "Republican fanaticism" and a party "not fit to govern."

In last week's column I wrote of President Johnson's becoming aware of Richard Nixon's attempts to sabotage Vietnam peace talks, in order to boost Republican chances in the 1968 elections. When asked later why he didn't go public with the information, Johnson replied that if Nixon won the election, and this information became known, it would be difficult for Nixon to function as president - and that would be bad for the country.

It's difficult to imagine; someone has the opportunity to crush a political opponent, but decides not to because it would be bad for the country. Now we have a party strategy based on little more than blocking efforts at recovery, hoping continued national misery improves chances in the next election.

The freshman Republicans above advocate for their communities, but know a similar approach nationally would run counter to that electoral strategy. As a partisan, I could hope they don't change, and continue convincing voters they're a party "not fit to govern." Or, they could take what they know is best for their communities and apply it to the entire nation. That might not be good for Democrats hoping to pick up those seats, but it would show a spirit of bipartisanship - and be good for the country.

## Assembly Committee Puts Health & Safety Needs of Children First

Huff Measure to Aid Children With Epilepsy Overwhelms Union Opposition SACRAMENTO: The Assembly Education Committee has taken action to pass legislation that puts the needs of California school children first. SB 161, authored by Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) passed out of committee despite stiff union opposition. The Huff measure would authorize school employee volunteers to provide emergency medical assistance to pupils with epilepsy who suffer a seizure while on campus. Children who suffer from epilepsy are at risk of dangerous and prolonged seizures and must have immediate access to life-saving emergency medication. Diastat Acudial is a pre-dosed preparation of diazepam gel and is the only standard, out-of-hospital treatment that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to successfully



treat prolonged seizures. It is also the only FDA approved medication that can be administered by non-medical personnel. If the medication is not administered within a matter of minutes following a seizure, children can begin to suffer severe brain damage that can even lead to death. Senator Huff took part in a news conference to defend the bill against concerns mounted by the California Teachers' Association and a number of other union organizations. Sound bites in .mp3 format are attached to this release. SB 161 will now move to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

*Senator Bob Huff serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair and represents the 29th Senate District covering portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties. You can follow Senator Huff on Twitter @bobhuff99.*

## PORTANTINO'S RAPE KIT TESTING BILL APPROVED BY SENATE COMMITTEESACRAMENTO

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's (D-La Cañada Flintridge) bill to help put more rapists behind bars passed another legislative hurdle today when it was approved by the Senate Public Safety Committee 7 to 0. AB 322 seeks to shed light on the problem of untested rape kit evidence from sexual assaults and help bring rapists to justice. "It's unconscionable that thousands of rape kits remain unopened and untested across California," stated Assemblymember Portantino. "Rape kits hold vital evidence that is crucial to a criminal conviction, while the clock is ticking on the statute of limitation for these crimes. It's frustrating to know that a rapist could be walking free and a victim who suffered is further disrespected because a vital piece of evidence went untested." Under AB 322, law enforcement agencies will be required to report to the Department of Justice the number of rape kits they collect, the number that are the result of stranger-rape and the number of kits tested beginning when the law goes into effect. The bill will also establish a two-and-a-half-year pilot project to test all rape kits in California counties that make arrests in fewer than 12% of the forcible rapes reported in that county. Rape kits hold potentially crucial information from the crime



scene. DNA evidence from the kits is used to compare samples from known felons in State and Federal databases. If you don't process the evidence you can't check it against the database. In 2009, law enforcement agencies reported 8,698 forcible rapes in California. But, arrests were made in less than 24% of the cases. By comparison, New York City, which has a policy of testing every rape kit, has an arrest rate around 70%.

This is the third time Assemblymember Portantino has introduced legislation aimed at getting law enforcement agencies to process rape kits in a timely manner. Despite strong bi-partisan support, former Governor Schwarzenegger twice vetoed earlier efforts. Assemblymember Portantino is hoping that this time with a new Governor and new language, the result will be different.

*Anthony Portantino has represented the 44th Assembly District since his election to the Assembly in November 2006. The 44th Assembly District includes the communities of Altadena, Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena and Temple City. It also includes portions of Arcadia, Monrovia, Mayflower Village, and the Los Angeles communities of Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Highland Park, and Mount Washington.*

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

## The Monster in the Room: MARC Nuttle The World Debt Wall



In his press conference last week, President Obama spent much time attacking Republicans for failing to pass a debt ceiling increase to his liking. He blamed Congress for running up the bills in the first place, without mentioning it was also his administration and a previous Congress led by Democrats who authored and passed the legislation that so mightily added to our \$14 trillion federal debt.

What the President did not talk much about was the current debt crisis in Greece. There, a Socialist Prime Minister and Parliament have hit a debt wall -- they have in fact spent and taxed that nation to bankruptcy.

Maybe he didn't talk about it because he knows just how close we, and the rest of the world are, to being in the same boat. Or maybe he doesn't know. Either way, it would be helpful if all our representatives in Washington took a hard look at what's happening in Greece.

On Thursday, the Greek Parliament voted for an austerity measure that includes a five-year, \$40 billion plan to cut spending, raise taxes, reduce public employee wages and move the retirement age from 61 to 65. The plan also calls for privatization of some government services and selling \$71 billion in government assets.

Unfortunately, it may be too little too late. It's likely that Greece can't pay its bills, and all the bankers in Europe can't change that fact. What they can and are doing is holding off the inevitable until they can unload as much Greek debt as possible onto private investors and American mutual funds. They're also trying to delay a messy Greek default until they can prop up the other nations in Europe who face an imminent debt catastrophe: Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Italy.

What none of the bankers, politicians and journalists want to admit is that the rest of Europe -- and for that matter, the United States -- may soon be facing our own catastrophe.

They have joined their American counterparts in the belief that if we just delay the problem long enough, it will disappear. They're afraid, and don't really know what to do so they do nothing. It's akin to the 4 year old who thinks if he puts the covers over his head, the monster won't know he's there.

There are really only three major differences between the debt crisis in Greece and the debt crisis in the U.S.

First, their debt is much smaller than ours even on a per capita basis. Second, depending on what maneuvers President Obama and his Treasury Secretary can play to hold off default -- we're still 8 to 24 months away from facing the problems Greece is experiencing now. And, finally, Greece had somewhere to turn when their debt crisis hit. We don't. By the time our debt crisis turns to catastrophe, the rest of the governments in the world who depend on debt to fund their operations will be in the same boat with Greece and us. Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Italy are al-

ready at the tipping point. Without major changes in the world's sovereign debt circumstance, most of the rest of the world will be there soon.

Why? Because there will be neither an entity left to bail us out, or enough ready money available to borrow our way out of it.

The entire world will have hit the same Debt Wall Greece is hitting now, that point at which there isn't enough liquid capital in the world to fund the deficits of the 181 nations currently running in the red at a moderate interest rate.

The U.S. is the biggest offender with a deficit this year of at least \$1.67 trillion. The rest of the world needs about \$8.5 trillion to fund its annual deficit spending. But there isn't the required \$10 billion readily available to fund that debt.

So the additional funds will have to be attracted from other markets and investments. Getting to that money will require governments to bid up the interest rate their willing to pay for access. Right now, Europe and the U.S. pay about 1.25%. Once we hit the Debt Wall, it's likely we'll be paying closer to double that or more. Greece is now offering its bonds at 26% and not finding many takers.

While a 3% or 4% interest rate on sovereign debt doesn't really sound all that threatening, the fact is that it will add \$600 billion to our deficit. That's when our own austerity plan will kick in.

The debate won't be whether we should fund college tuition, or health care, or defense. The debate will be whether we can pay for any of these services while the majority of our revenues go to servicing the federal debt. Today 42.8% of the federal money spent is money printed or borrowed and that is the U.S. deficit.

Businesses won't be able to survive huge interest rate hikes. Jobs will be lost as those businesses fail. Even more families will lose their homes as unemployment skyrockets. Retirement savings will be ruined as the markets fall off. And, of course, pleading a catastrophic fall off in revenues, liberals in Washington will move to tax and control everything in sight.

We have a very short time left before it will be too late to do much of anything at all. The deficit must be cut now. Our Representatives in Washington don't have to strain much to see the truth of that. They only need to watch the news coverage coming out of Greece.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*



### HOW TO START & BUILD A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS - FEDERAL & STATE RESOURCES

by La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA

If you need information and assistance to start or grow a business, everything you need to know is right at your fingertips - literally via the internet or phone. Two publicly-funded government resources, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and The Governor's Office of Economic Development, should be the first stops on your fact finding mission. Both offer a number of free resources and services to help you get started and stay on the road to business success. It is imperative to doing a bit of homework first so that you'll be better prepared to maximize the benefits from additional information and assistance that is readily available.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is a federal agency that has district offices in all 50 states. They offer many "free" (courtesy of our tax dollars) services, including counseling, training and business development specialists to help you start and grow your business. You can get a good overview of important business "start-

up" topics by spending some time at their website (*i.e. Thinking About Starting, Finding a Mentor or Counselor, Business Law & Regulation and more*).

The SBA partners with **SCORE**,\* "Counselors to America's Small Business." The organization is staffed by more than 12,400 volunteers with expertise across the full range of business operations. SCORE is dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. For a more detailed overview of free services available, logon to **SBA.gov**, the official website for the U.S. Small Business Administration. The local SBA office in the Pasadena-Foothills is located at 330 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 190 in Glendale, CA. (818) 552-3210. *\*Service Corps Of Retired Executives*

At the state level, the (California) Governor's Office of Economic Development offers a number of free resources and services as well. Their website is designed for one-stop access to state-level information and resources for businesses, including statewide and local incentives to relocate or launch a business in California, and specific laws, policies and procedures that you may need to consider. If you need one-on-one assistance, you can contact one of the state's *Business Specialist* by submitting out a short, online form. Visit **business.ca.gov** and click the "Start A Business" tab to

get started with a review of nine key topics.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development partners with the California Small Business Development Centers (SBDC's), which provide expertise within a geographic regional to assist you in becoming a successful business owner, with low cost business training and free business mentoring. The national network of SBDC's is the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the United States and its territories. Their motto, "Your Success is our Business" speaks to their mission to "Help new entrepreneurs realize their dream of business ownership, and assist existing businesses to remain competitive in a complex and changing global marketplace and economy." The Pacific Coast Regional SBDC is located in Los Angeles at 3255 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1501, 90010 - (213) 674-2696. For more information, [pcrsbdc.org](http://pcrsbdc.org).

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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### Going, Going, Gone -- The Vanishing Landscape of America

Last week the writers here at the paper were asked to identify something they felt are vanishing or gone from America. I thought the idea was so intriguing that I thought I'd devote this week's column to the subject. Here are six things I consider going or already gone.

Free Directory Assistance -- Remember when you could dial "411" and get free directory assistance from a real live operator? No more. One of the many changes that has taken place in the telephone industry in the last few decades is that while phone companies once generally provided their local customers with free directory assistance, in most cases telephone customers are now charged a fee (typically \$1.00 or more) for each directory assistance call. The phone companies say this is because of the burgeoning number of cell phone numbers. Despite the charges, U.S. customers continue to use the 411 directory assistance service, placing some 6 billion such calls per year.

Phone Booths -- Many readers may not be old enough to remember how a phone booth even looked. They were a standup wood or metal-framed glass cubicle with a door for privacy. Some even had a stool you could sit on. Inside they were fairly spacious and had a good size level area you could put a pad to write on. Phone booths were conveniently placed where they were easy to use, most often on street corners, in gas stations, restaurants, libraries, train stations, or hotel lobbies. They were pleasant places to make a call. They were well-serviced, clean and always had a set of phone directories -- both white and yellow pages. Of course, almost no one used the phone books because directory assistance was free.

Handwritten Letters -- When's the last time you received a handwritten letter? This year it is estimated that, worldwide, 200 billion e-mails were sent each day. That's more than two million each second. Next year it is estimated that 5 billion Earthlings will own cell phones, and 80% of the world's population will have access to cell phone coverage. What's more nearly 750 billion text messages are now being sent a year, and the number

will no doubt increase exponentially in the future. So where amongst this gorge of gabble is there room for the elegant, polite handwritten letter?

Personal Checks -- Does anyone still pay for things with a check? According to an American Bankers Association report, 23% of bank consumers plan to decrease their use of checks over the next two years, while a net 14% plan to increase their use of PIN debit. Bill payment remains the last stronghold of paper-based payments -- for the time being. Checks continue to be the most commonly used bill payment method, but on a bill-by-bill basis, they account for only 49% of consumers' recurring bill payments (down from 72% in 2001) as more people make their payments online.

Paperboys -- When I was 12 years old I had my first "real" job delivering the Pasadena Star-News around Poppy Peak in the San Rafael area west of the Arroyo Seco. I remember coming home after school each day to wrap, band and deliver papers on my bicycle. The position of newspaper boy at that time occupied a prominent place in the U.S. because it was the first paying job available to young teenagers. Yet, today paperboys are almost nonexistent. This is mainly due to the disappearance of afternoon newspapers, whose delivery times worked better for school-aged kids than do morning papers which are delivered before 6 a.m.

Drive-in Movie Theaters -- Does anybody remember the Hastings Drive In? In the 60s, when I was a teenager, we euphonicly called it the "Passion Pit" During the Drive-in theater peak in 1958, there were more than 4,000 drive-ins in the U.S., but by 2008 only 384 drive-ins were still operating. Even re-opening the Hastings as an in-door theater with a massive 1,500-seat auditorium with a 60-foot-wide, 25-foot-tall screen and dual Norelco projectors, capable of showing both 35mm and 70mm couldn't save it from going the way of the milkman. It closed its doors for good in 2007.

Well, there you have it: The vanishing landscape of America. Where things are easily discarded and just as easily forgotten. I don't know about you, but there are some things I really miss and wish were still around.

Last week we celebrated the Fourth of July. My son is working, so he and his family will come by. I put up a few decorations in front of our house and began to think about our great country.

Why am I proud to be an American? My mom told me that her mother-in-law, my grandma would go back to San Quirico, Italy, for visits, but was thrilled to come home to the USA and wanted to kiss the ground! My grandma came over as a preteen. She met Grandpa, They married and raised five children. My grandpa and his brothers founded a statue business and were successful. My grandparents lived in a huge 3 story Victorian row house and had a bungalow at North Wildwood, N.J. They loved the USA!

My Dad stayed back in First Grade; he couldn't speak English. But he was so smart, he skipped 2nd and 3rd grades, and went to the University of Pennsylvania on a scholarship. He worked as a chemical engineer and had 14 patents! Only in America! Land of Opportunity!

My favorite story is Uncle Pete Carolfi. You must realize my dad's sister, Natalie, grew up saying, "I'll never marry an Italian". (She thought Grandma waited hand and foot on Grandpa. She did. But as Italian women know, "My husband is the boss, but I run the show.") Anyway, there was Pete Carolfi, an Italian Prisoner of War at Ft. Dix, NJ. They had "socials". (Probably dances) and Italian American young ladies would attend, such as my Aunt Natalie. Did she end up marrying an Italian? Contrary to her "I'll never marry an Italian" motto, she did! She followed Pete Carolfi to Italy, married him and they returned to the U.S.A. Peter left ALL his family behind, but became a successful sculptor. (secular statues) He and his sons were commissioned by the City of Philadelphia to do a statue of George Clymer, one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Statue is in front of Independence Hall. Pete's work can also be seen at Caesar's Palace, Atlantic City, and the Cherry Hill Mall, both in New Jersey! Only in America. Truly land of opportunity!

What about me? Why do I love this great land? I lived five years abroad as a military wife. Two years, 1978-1980 were in Taegu, Korea. We were lucky. My then-husband Richard had an importance job so we had housing on post, at Camp Walker. Some did not. One of my American student's family was robbed twice & moved into a small apartment for safety reasons. Let me explain.

First there was the "NO HOME CAN EVER BE WITHOUT A PERSON INSIDE" (This refers to people living on the econmy-not the Army Post. Once my Korean students were explaining, "Chusok", a holiday similar to Thanksgiving. All families meet at the eldest

## PROUD OF MY COUNTRY

JOAN SCHMIDT Clayton

son's house. Mira, my student was staying home. Only her parents and brothers were going to attend. She had to "Housesit.") Usually families in the city hired a young woman from the country. She was like a live-in maid, housekeeper, babysitter. These country girls welcomed an opportunity to live in a nice home in the city and experience city life. Mira's family was kind and wanted the maid to spend her holiday in the country with her own family. So Mira remained at home while her parents and brothers went to the Uncle's House.

Besides someone having to PHYSICALLY be in the house 24/7, all houses, rich or poor had 6 feet concrete walls around them. No pretty lawns! It reminded me of prison!

Then the curfew. Back in 1978-80, while we were there, the curfew was from midnight -6am, and NO ONE and I mean NO ONE went on the streets or you would be arrested. It was weird. Clubs closed at 11pm; movies ended 11pm. Everyone had to be home by midnight! My friend had a miscarriage. It was awful. The ambulance took her, but her husband couldn't go. There was no room in the ambulance, plus there was no way to get home.

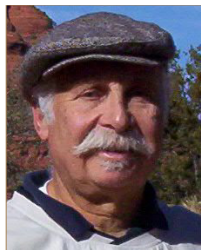
The worst experiences were during the Pak (Their president) assassination. Other military wives were saying we could go on the economy and send our girls on a scout trip. One wife bragged, "MY husband is a Captain with the Military Police." My then-husband Richard said, "Absolutely not." He had a military vehicle at home. He had to drive to Kimpo Airport, and the Secretary of Defense gave him an important communication. Most of the time, I had no idea of what he was dealing with.

With Pak's assassination came the threat of evacuation. We were terrified. Army wives had their documents and their children's papers, plus all our "doggy" tags. We had to be ready to leave quickly. Across the street were the Military Protestant Chaplain and wife. Their responsibility was a Military Police couple's baby. All military personnel remained behind no matter what. So this couple had made these arrangements for their baby daughter.

Then our beloved Pets! My neighbor and I agonized over them They could not be taken home. What would we do with them? The last worst solution was the Army Vet would have to put them down. Thank God it never reached that point.

For all of the above reasons, I am proud to be an American. It is a land of Opportunity! I have seen what my immigrant relatives accomplished. I am truly grateful to have a front lawn and for the whole family to take a trip together! God Bless America!

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE JULY 4th FREEDOM and FIREWORKS



Did you manage to get out of the house on Independence Day and gaze up at the fireworks display? As far as I am concerned they were wonderful; just as wonderful as they were sixty years ago and just as surprising. Last night my daughter, wife, and

I managed to drive around within sight of the Rose Bowl and gaze up into the sky and appreciate the awe-inspiring beauty of the fire works. As usual, we mistimed everything and couldn't find a parking space and never even got to the Rose Bowl. Still, while caught in traffic we were lucky to be facing in the right direction and there it was - free-of-charge, bigger than life, so great that one had no choice but to be absolutely exhilarated. And how often does that happen these days?

I guess that's my point. Fireworks wouldn't be fireworks if they happened every day. The streets would not be lined with families sitting on the curbs and on tops of hills and in their front yards; all of them

just sitting there together and enjoying being alive as if it happened every day. I think the major problem of America is that the fourth of July just started to come every day. It became too common - not the Fourth of July- but everything else became too common and pretty soon we forgot what we were celebrating.

I think that at the very bottom of celebrations is the recognition of our connection with other people. It has something to do with choice; the choice to allow ourselves to be totally absorbed in our own concerns as opposed to having a broader connection with the rest of the world. In order, though, to appreciate this choice we have to recognize and respect our own power to choose. For me, if I have no power to choose, no experience of free-will, it becomes very difficult to take myself seriously. In fact, I just realized that part of my pleasure in following my weird Vegan Diet is that nobody told me to do it. I really don't know anyone else who is a vegan and I'm not sure it actually does me any good, but it is my choice to do it and that's pretty exciting in itself. At the July 4th Barbecue at Susan Henderson's house grand looking ribs and chicken and beef and great

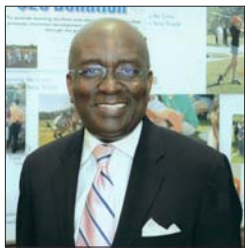
looking desserts were everywhere and I had absolutely none of it. There were green beans, and baked beans, and salads and I had plenty to eat and was quite pleased with myself and surprised at my own control. Increasingly I have come to understand that my self-satisfaction is somehow attached to doing what I say I am going to do. For me, Life has always been a kind of quest, a quest for what I am not sure. But it is this quest, this on-going search, that gives meaning to my life as I pursue my daily struggle to learn something new and to share that something with other people.

These articles that I share with you are something like my own personal fireworks. Sometimes they are confused, and sometimes they are repetitive; really, it is doubtful that I will provide you with any information that you have not heard before or can't find somewhere else. What I wish to do is share my own individual life experience with you like fireworks in the sky and have it burst and explode in front of you and remind you of how great it is to be alive and how much fun we're having and how much we share with one another without ever actually meeting. You see I believe that it is this

sharing, or prior to that—the desire to share that makes us all special and worth keeping around.

Yes, I know animals often express this great desire to share their lives with us. Yes, many of us are more comfortable with our pets than we are with other humans; but still we humans have some wonderful tools that make it possible for us to get out of our own limited perspective and feel what another person feels. How we came to possess this ability I do not know, but I do know we have it and I do know we must use it. We must use it - not to manipulate and control, but rather to simply maintain the wonderful experience of being human. That experience is just like fireworks; it's been around as long as any of us can remember; it's bigger than life and it's easily taken for granted but without this appreciation of the feelings of other people all celebrations would lose their deepest meanings. It is not winning for ourselves that is important but rather the recognition that in some deep way we all win and lose together.

I hope the Democrats and the Republicans get this message!



## Curbing Bad Behavior: Step Back From The Precipice

by Ron Carter

As politicians in the United States of America's (USA) Congress pontificate about the "debt ceiling" and their outlook for the 2012 elections, individuals who voted them into office are feeling anxious regarding the current financial climate of the USA. There is so much tension in the air that we, Americans, for the most part, cannot have a civil conversation, regarding politics, with someone whose opinion is different

from ours. When are these ladies and gentlemen going to take heed and start behaving themselves? They should be leading the charge in forging civil discussions back into the Global Public Square.

I have noticed comments such as "we could end up like Greece," "the debt ceiling is not that important" and "our children will have less than us" are being bantered about in some of the debates. Individuals are even suggesting we allow the "debt ceiling" to explode without any regard for what will happen to "Main Street" Americans. Whatever happened to "bring me your

tired, your weary"...you know the rest. I have also noticed more and more Americans are taking to the streets to protest one thing or the other. Some individuals are saying they have never seen this kind of animosity in their life time. The late, great songwriter and singer Marvin Gaye said it best "What's Going On?"

America touted as being the greatest country on earth must set the example for civility in this world. Getting back on track conducting the American people's business must begin with the Congress, Judicial and Executive branches of our govern-

ment. Ladies and gentlemen, the time has come for you to soften your differences and make America great again. Your children, your families, your constituents and your country need you to behave with humility and common sense. You cannot allow the country to fail so that you can win a private battle. That is insanity!

We have examples throughout history of great societies that crumbled. Usually, the debacle occurred because of the behavior of individuals who influenced the policies of those societies. American politicians must step back from the precipice.

## REV James L. Snyder NOT GUILTY OR INNOCENT, THAT IS THE QUESTION



A murder trial in our area that gained international attention involved a young woman accused of murdering her two-year-old daughter. She was facing four counts of murder including the death penalty. After the jury deliberated, they came back and exonerated her on all four counts. The jury's verdict was, "not guilty."

As far as the law is concerned, this woman is not guilty of the crime she was accused.

I say, as far as the law is concerned, but not as far as the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is concerned. For some reason she took an interest in this case and followed it quite faithfully. Fortunately, I did not have to follow this closely, my wife kept me up to date on all of the details.

I did listen to some of the news reports, which only served to

confuse me on this whole matter. It's amazing how people who know nothing about the law and have never studied law seems to know more about the law than lawyers and judges. I think the only other profession where the layman knows more than the one who has studied it for years is a minister. Personally, I am uncomfortable being in the same category as a bunch of lawyers. I'm thinking of suing.

While I am thinking about lawyers, isn't it strange that everybody hates lawyers until they need a lawyer? Crooked is as crooked thinks.

Spill a cup of hot coffee on your lap while driving and who ya goin call? Not a doctor but a lawyer. Of course, the person that ought to be sued is the person who was drinking hot coffee while driving. Aren't mothers teaching their kids anything these days?

When an accident occurs, the first thing people think of calling is, not the police, not a tow truck, but a lawyer. I wonder what these lawyers did before cell phones. I would not be sur-

prised to discover that behind the cell phone phenomena are a bunch of lawyers.

We have something in our country that says a person is innocent until proven guilty. What I want to know is, what do you call a person who has been proven not guilty? Of course, it is all in the eyes of the beholder.

It is too bad the jury in this recent case did not have an opportunity to hear my wife pontificate on this case. They may have come up with a different verdict. Nevertheless, the not guilty verdict was issued and that, as they say, is that.

Then my wife said something that spun my brain just a wee bit.

"What is the difference between being not guilty and innocent?"

Well, that puts things in a different light. It is entirely possible to be "not guilty" as far as the law is concerned and on the other hand not be "innocent," either.

Every husband knows what I am talking about here. No matter how hard he tries to prove he is not guilty, he never arrives at that euphoric state of being in-

nocent. After being married as long as I have been, I settle for those brief occasions when my wife considers me not guilty.

I used to fight for being declared innocent by my better half, but I am willing to be considered not guilty if that closes the matter. Nothing like closing the matter so I can move on to the next issue.

Sometimes the verdict of not guilty is because someone has not caught you in the act but you still may not be innocent.

Take the Apple fritter incident this past week. My good wife could not prove I was guilty of eating an apple fritter but she also knew I was not innocent of it either. I am willing to settle for "not guilty."

I was thinking about this recent murder case and it dawned on me that what seems obvious to one person might not be obvious at all to another person. Almost like looking in a mirror. When I raise my right hand, the object in the mirror raises its left-hand. When I wink my right eye, the person in the mirror winks his left eye. The only consolation I

have about this mirror business is that I am not quite as ugly as the person in the mirror. Right here is where I plead the fifth.

It is easy to jump to a conclusion when you do not have all of the facts pertaining to the situation at hand. My wife has been guilty of this in the past. Before collecting all of the evidence about a situation, she jumps to the conclusion that I am guilty. The problem with this is, I usually am guilty.

Right now justice is a rather fickle thing. Not guilty or innocent is not the real issue, but forgiveness.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Hubble Makes One Millionth Science Observation

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has crossed another milestone in its space odyssey of exploration and discovery. On Monday, July 4, the Earth-orbiting observatory logged its one millionth science observation during a search for water in an exoplanet's atmosphere 1,000 light-years away.

"For 21 years Hubble has been the premier space science observatory, astounding us with deeply beautiful imagery and enabling ground-breaking science across a wide spectrum of astronomical disciplines," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, who was the pilot aboard the space shuttle mission that carried Hubble to orbit. "The fact that Hubble met this milestone while studying a faraway planet is a remarkable reminder of its strength and legacy."

Although Hubble is best known for its stunning imagery of the cosmos, the millionth observation is a spectroscopic measurement, where light is divided into its component colors. These color patterns can reveal the chemical composition of cosmic sources.

Hubble's millionth exposure is of the planet HAT-P-7b, a gas giant planet larger than Jupiter or

biting a star hotter than our Sun in the constellation of Cygnus the Swan. HAT-P-7b, also known as Kepler 2b, was studied by NASA's planet-hunting Kepler observatory after its initial discovery by ground-based observations. The Hubble telescope now is being used to analyze the chemical composition of the planet's atmosphere.

"We are looking for the spectral signature of water vapor. This is an extremely precise observation and it will take months of analysis before we have an answer," said Drake Deming of the University of Maryland and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. "Hubble demonstrated it is ideally suited for characterizing the atmospheres of exoplanets, and we are excited to see what this latest targeted world will reveal."

"This exciting set of observations in search of water vapor on a planet orbiting another star is laying the foundation for how we plan to use the James Webb Space Telescope's more powerful vision to look for liquid water on nearby planets—the necessary precursor to extraterrestrial life," said Matt Mountain, director of the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI), which conducts Hubble

science operations.

The Hubble Space Telescope was launched April 24, 1990, aboard space shuttle Discovery. The discoveries of this orbiting observatory have revolutionized nearly all areas of astronomical research—from planetary science to cosmology. To date, the Hubble has collected more than 50 terabytes of data (the archive of that data is available to scientists and the public, at: <http://hla.stsci.edu/>).

The James Webb Space Telescope, intended as the successor to the Hubble, is expected to be launched by 2018.

Hubble's odometer reading of 1,000,000 includes every observation of astronomical targets since its launch, plus observations used to calibrate its suite of instruments. Hubble made the millionth observation using its Wide Field Camera 3, a visible- and infrared-light imager that includes an on-board spectrometer. It was installed by astronauts during the Hubble Servicing Mission 4 in May 2009.

"The Hubble keeps amazing us with ground-breaking science," said Senator Barbara Mikulski, the chairwoman of the Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, which funds NASA. "I championed the mission to repair and renew Hubble, not just to get one million science observations, but also to inspire millions of children across the planet to become our next generation of stargazers, scientists, astronauts and engineers."

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# Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding 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.

**My son is 18 years old and just graduated from high school. He did not prepare for college or any trade during his time in high school. It seems he doesn't have any real interest in anything. He did not work while in high school, so he doesn't have any work experience or skills. He has indicated he does not want to go to college or attend a trade school. I am afraid that he seems to not have a lot of ambition to find a job and go to work. We have loved, cared and supported him for the past 18 years. It is now time for him to "grow-up," become responsible, and contribute to the household income. I have tried to help him get a job. I wrote him a good resume. I have searched for jobs on-line and in our community that might have entry-level or training positions for him. I have contacted at least 20 employers for him and ask them if they need any help. I even went "door-to-door" and spoke with managers at fast food restaurants. I have been rejected by all of them. Several managers asked me why I was looking for a job for my son. They said they would remember his name and not hire him because of me. What suggestions do you have? I do not want my son sitting around all summer and possibly later without a job. I want him to be successful and not end-up with us always supporting him.**

Mom Afraid

Dear Mom: My response is what are you doing? You are a shining example of a mom taking on responsibility that should be entirely your sons'. You seem to be too infused in your son's life and he has probably gotten really use to it. Why should he look for employment when you are doing it for him? This has been an increasing trend over the past five years by parents of the millennial generation. These parents are known as "Helicopter Parents". They have monitored and controlled their children's education and now employment. You are not helping, encouraging or supporting your son in accepting responsibility to "grow-up" and get a job. My suggestion is this; he just graduated so give him some time to think about his future and employment. Let's say approximately one-two months and then it is definitely time to get a job. The restaurant managers were right. Employers do not want to hire someone that has a parent involved in the process. Encourage your son to look for employment and find a job he feels he would like to do. Support him no matter what type of employment that might be. My son started off the same as your son. He finally found a job as dishwasher in a restaurant. Now, he is a Chef and owns his own restaurant.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to find a job...but did not know who to ask. Ask jai.  
Send your questions to: [jai@resumeandcareerservices.com](mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com) or visit web site [www.resumeandcareerservices.com](http://www.resumeandcareerservices.com).



# Happy Tails

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

# The Magnificent Migrating Monarch

I have been seeing so many monarch butterflies flitting about in my yard and throughout Sierra Madre recently, and I just love it. They really seem to enjoy the flowers on the bougainvillea bushes growing along the fence in my back yard, and like some kind of a voyeur, I thrive on watching them pass pollen from one blossom to another, before they eventually fly away and disappear high into the sky. It is such a joy to watch them investigate each and every blossom, with their bright orange wings striking such a stark contrast against the dark green fauna behind them. The way they fold their massive wings in and out with such grace somehow gives me a sense of peace.

Seeing so many monarch butterflies in such a short period of time reminds me of an experience I had several years ago when I was at the beach in Carpentaria, and I saw huge colonies of monarchs lingering in clusters, hanging onto the bark and leaves of a very dense and shady eucalyptus grove. That was the first time I had ever observed so many butterflies lurking together in one area at the same time, and I was truly intrigued with their presence. When they gather together in clusters and cling to the trees the way they do, it creates a surreal-like scene that could easily be misinterpreted from a distance, as a sort of crazy, colorful work of art. Until you get close enough to realize that the brilliant orange menagerie you are seeing is actually made up of thousands of live butterflies, you might even think someone had come along and spray-painted the entire grove of trees using a sophisticated sort of stencil. But, in reality what you are seeing is a vast population of magnificent migrating monarchs, taking a break to rest and restore their energies before resuming a very long and somewhat treacherous journey from their original spring season home, to their

final fall destination.

The monarch is the only butterfly in North America that is known to migrate north in the spring and south in the fall, much like various species of birds migrate semi-annually. I find it quite remarkable that such a small and oh-so-delicate creature could have the energy and tenacity that it must take to travel so far, without losing its way or falling from the sky to its death before reaching its next nesting spot. It is a fact of nature that I find very hard to wrap my mind around, and certainly one that is worthy of attention and appreciation.

The Monarch butterfly migrates for 2 reasons. They can not withstand freezing weather in the northern and central continental climates in the winter. Also, the larval food plants do not grow in their overwintering nest sites, so the spring generation must fly back north to places where the plants are plentiful. The south-bound monarch migration usually starts in about October of each year, but can start earlier if the weather turns cold sooner than that. When the weather changes again, and the temperatures in the south start to rise in the spring, the monarch knows that it is time to head north, and off they go once again, on that long journey to their next seasonal destination. This magnificent migration pattern explains the sudden appearance of the many monarch butterflies we have been seeing in Sierra Madre recently. It amazes me to know that some of those little winged wonders that I have had the privilege of observing in my own back yard, will soon be living on the northern pacific coast, planning their next move to survive the winter months! Nature never ceases to amaze me, and it really brings things into perspective for me when I take the time to notice and appreciate all of it's wonders.

# What's On YOUR Mind?

# What Do YOU Think?

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# On Line

By PJ Carpenter

## Twitter: It's Not Really Made For Everything



Earlier this week the White House held a Town Hall in which the public was invited to participate via Twitter. Reviews were mixed and it has still yet to be seen if the objectives laid out for this event were reached. Some might see this as the functioning of a modern public institution connecting with its constituents and other concerned groups using the modern communication tools at its disposal.


Others might see it as an old institution trying to be a little too hip for its own good. Personally, I'm with the 'Others' group on this one. I'm also of the opinion that people and governmental entities that have something serious or of real importance to communicate to the world might just want to use more mature tools when getting your point out to the public. A small sampling of the tweets fielded didn't seem to show that any real business of depth was being discussed since the media itself doesn't really lend itself to deep, private communication between two individuals: exchanges are produced for public consumption and this sometimes results in bouts of showing off. During the "tweet-meet" the President ended taking questions from online participants, including members of the House of Representatives and right-wing political commentators, and at points during the session the action devolved into an all-out heckle-fest.

Although the public reviews were mixed on the whole affair I personally would have to give it an "F".

Either in whole or in part, I viewed the White House Tweet-Meet as a failure. The technology simply did not serve the President or his message well.

There is no denying the widespread popularity and appeal of Twitter and it often seems as if anybody who is somebody has a Twitter account and thousands of followers. Fans of the service point to its role in shaping the social landscape, including having a supporting role in several important events in the recent and ongoing Arab Spring, as proof of its relevance and importance in today's hi-tech world. The problem of Twitter, or the problem people have using Twitter, is the failure to resist the urge to use it for things that it's just not suited for.

# KATIE Tse.....This and That



## BODY SNATCHERS

Did you have a good Fourth of July? I hope so! To me, Sierra Madre's Fourth of July parade is the essence of summer! It's Mayberry from "The Andy Griffith Show," a living Norman Rockwell Americana painting, and "The Far Side" rolled into one. It's one of those things that goes in the "You know you're a Sierra Madiran if..." category along with Mary's Market, the Mount Wilson Trail race, and memories of Bean Town even before it expanded to its current size (bonus points for buying things from Robert's Market and Little Stuga!). One other experience vital for any Sierra Madiran is seeing "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" at least once. Just the name lets you know it must be great!

This 1956 cinematic gem stars Kevin McCarthy as protagonist Dr. Miles Bennel and Dana Wynter as Becky Driscoll, his love interest. It's your typical sci-fi mystery thriller with all the corny effects and acting you'd expect from a film of that era. Here's the story in a nutshell. Aliens are invading Earth by sending out "pods" containing blank prototype male and female bodies. These bodies assume your features until they resemble you completely at which point they "take over" your body when you fall asleep. Great stuff! The "pods" are sleeping bag-sized leafy shells that start foaming as they mature. (I think they used dish soap.) When ripe, the pod bursts open and the body inside flops out like a blow-up doll. Classic!

When we first meet Becky, she is getting off a train in the quaint Santa Mira station to meet Miles. There'd be nothing noteworthy about this, except that it's probably nine in the morning, and Becky is wearing a low - I mean LOW - cut dress with what appear to be little wads of tissue or cotton balls barely covering her bosom. What? You mean you don't wear this when traveling? Becky spends another good half-hour of the film meeting various Santa Mira folks, the men making a conscious effort to look her straight in the eye.

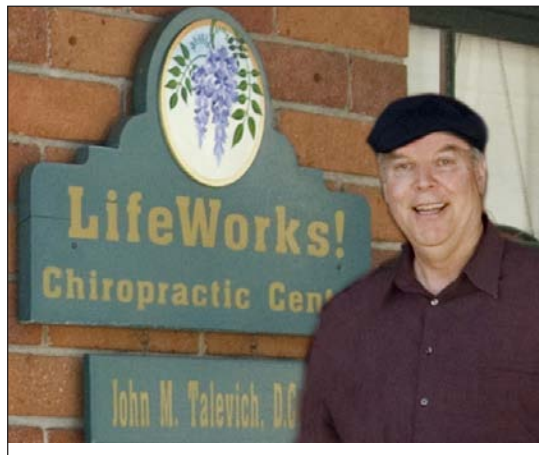
Other highlights include a great scene in which Dr. Miles, Becky, and their friends Jack and Teddy (that's a woman) Belicec discover pods at the Belicec residence. After killing the sudsy pod-man with a garden pitch fork, Jack and Miles lay "him" out on Jack's pool table while they all smoke and get a couple rounds of gin and tonic. Becky is particularly distressed, so Miles gives her a couple pills to go with her drink. He is a doctor, after all. Wow, the 50's must've been roaring!

While "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" is a must-see in it's own right, it's unique because it was filmed in Sierra Madre! (prominent footage of Kersting Court, Sierra Madre Blvd., and the old building that is now Sierra Fitness) When the city started showing movies in the park, the first was "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" on the Fourth of July. My dad was sorely disappointed when this did not become an annual Sierra Madre Fourth of July event. But that doesn't mean that you can't start your very own Body Snatchers 7/4 tradition! Then you can brag that you're a truer Sierra Madiran, too!



## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

## Today's Subject: You First, Me Second, Drugs and Surgery Last



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.

As a chiropractor, I enjoy a unique perspective in the process of healing. First of all, I touch my patients. A lot. In fact, the bulk of the treatment process consists of physical contact: a little touch here, a little push there, a slight pull, a little tug, a little stronger tug ~ you get the picture. Now, I know that this subject is not for the faint of heart, but it is important to point out because it offers a particular approach to the challenges of both pain alleviation and the prevention of disease. I am fully aware that not all people are touch-feely;

in fact, there are many people who have serious issues concerning touch. What I'd like to share here is the idea that touch practitioners see the healing process in a different way; that is, we use the faculty of touch to add a dimension to the patient-doctor relationship. This extra element can make the difference between success and failure in treatment.

With the above in mind, it should also be pointed out that chiropractors come in all stripes: some use particular instruments to effect change, others use lasers, several use various manipulation techniques, others do purely diagnostic work. What we all have in common is the principle that, in order for the body to heal, the areas where there is blockage to the normal flow of nerve conduction have to be cleared. This approach allows the body's innate healing abilities to shine.

At the possible expense of putting us all out of business, I'd like to offer a further solution to pain control and the prevention of disease: why don't YOU do it? Why don't we all do it? Why don't we do everything we can to stay well and then, if we aren't entirely successful, check in with the doctor? Better yet, why not find a doc who can help us do that instead of trying to do it for us? A partnership rooted in doing the right thing for wellness and longevity, an active approach to vital health? That way, the doctors who have dedicated their lives to treating the gravely ill won't have to worry about us. In honor of July's big holiday, Independence Day, let's pledge allegiance to our own wellness!

To your health ~ Dr. John

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## HOW WORK CAN AFFECT YOUR MEDICARE DECISIONS

Dear Savvy Senior:

I'll be turning 65 this fall and I'm planning to work for a few more years. Do I have to sign up for Medicare if I am still working and receiving health insurance through my employer?  
 Working Retiree

Dear Retiree:

The rules for enrolling in Medicare can be confusing. But when you postpone retirement past age 65, as many people are doing these days, it becomes even more complicated. Here's what you should know.

### The Basics

Let's start with a quick review. Remember that traditional Medicare has two parts: Part A which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor's visits and other medical services and costs \$115.40 per month for new enrollees in 2011. If you're collecting a Social Security check, your Part B premium will be deducted automatically every month. If you are waiting to collect Social Security, however, your Part B premium will be billed to you quarterly.

### Enrollment Rules

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. But to decide whether to take Part B or not, will depend on the size of the company you work for.

If there are fewer than 20 employees in the company, Medicare will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period – a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday. You can sign up online at socialsecurity.gov, or call 800-772-1213. If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium.

If, however, there are 20 or more employees in your company, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer. If this is the case, you don't need to enroll in Part B when you turn 65 if you're satisfied with the coverage you are getting through your job. But if you do decide to enroll in Medicare, it will supplement your employer insurance by paying secondary on all of your claims. In most cases, you should probably not drop employer coverage for Medicare. If you choose to take Medicare and drop your employer insurance, it may be very difficult for you to re-enroll in your employer plan should you decide to do so later.

In either case, you'll qualify for a special enrollment period, which will allow you to enroll in Medicare without penalty as long as you sign-up within eight months after you lose your group health coverage or you stop working, whichever comes first.

### Drug Coverage

You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage. Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable." (Creditable prescription drug coverage is one that is considered to be as good as or better than the Medicare prescription drug benefit.) If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If it isn't, you should purchase a plan during your initial enrollment period or you'll incur a premium penalty (1 percent of the average national premium for every month you don't have coverage) if you enroll later.

Savvy Tips: For additional help, call Medicare at 800-633-4227 or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see shiptalk.org or call 800-677-1116) who offers free Medicare counseling. The Medicare Rights Center is another great resource that provides assistance at 800-333-4114.

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.

## Medications 101: How Much Do You Know?

(NAPS)—While everyone needs to be careful when taking medication, older adults face particular challenges. Often, they take more than one medicine at a time and they may not metabolize drugs as well as they once did, raising the risk of complications.

Answering these true or false questions from leading home care company Interim HealthCare may help reduce side effects and improve the efficacy of any medications being taken:

### True or False:

1. Filling your prescriptions at the same pharmacy is a good idea.
2. All drugs need to be refrigerated.
3. If you miss a dose, the best thing to do is wait for the next time you need to take one.
4. Stop taking the drug once you feel better.
5. If you can't remember to take your medicine at the right time of day and in the right amount, use charts, calendars and weekly pillboxes.
6. Certain foods can interact with medications.

### Answers

1. True. That way, your records are in one place. This allows the pharmacist to know what you are taking and tell you if a new drug may cause interactions if taken with another drug at the same time.
2. False. However, all drugs should be stored away

from children and animals. Many must be stored away from heat and direct light and not in the bathroom or other damp place. If a drug is not stored correctly, it can reduce its effectiveness.

3. False. Some drugs should be taken as soon as you realize you missed a dose; with others, you should wait until the next dose. Be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist how to proceed with the drug you are taking.
4. False. Take the medicine until you are finished or until the doctor tells you to stop.
5. True. All these reminder systems can work, but if you become more forgetful, supervision may be required.
6. True. Grapefruit juice can increase the levels of some medicines in your blood. Eating a calcium-rich dairy product can stop antibiotics from working. These are just two examples. Check with your physician or pharmacist for more insight.

Always ask your doctor what each prescribed drug is, why you are taking it, when you should take it and what side effects to watch for. Supervising medication is one of the many jobs a home health care aide can perform. For more information, visit [www.interimhealthcare.com](http://www.interimhealthcare.com).

As seniors age, they may forget to take the medications that are prescribed to them and not report side effects to doctors.

## 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](http://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](http://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:

#### CRAB STUFFED FLOUNDER

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 pounds flounder fillets  
 1 cup crabmeat - drained, flaked and cartilage removed  
 1 tablespoon finely chopped green bell pepper  
 1/4 teaspoon ground dry mustard  
 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 ground white pepper, to taste  
 3 crushed saltine crackers  
 1 egg white  
 1 tablespoon mayonnaise  
 1/4 cup butter, melted  
 1 egg yolk  
 5 tablespoons mayonnaise  
 1/2 teaspoon paprika  
 1 tablespoon dried parsley

#### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Rinse the fillets and pat dry with paper towels.

Combine crab meat, green pepper, mustard powder, Worcestershire sauce, salt, white pepper and the crushed saltines. Combine the egg white and 1 tablespoon mayonnaise. Stir this into the crab meat mixture.

Brush the flounder fillets with melted butter. Place in a lightly greased, shallow baking dish. Spoon the crab mixture over the fillets and drizzle with any remaining butter.

Bake the fillets at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.

While the fish is baking, lightly beat the egg yolk in a small bowl. Stir in 5 tablespoons of mayonnaise. Remove fish from oven and spread this mixture over the stuffing; sprinkle with paprika and parsley.

Increase oven temperature to 450 degrees and bake until golden and bubbly, about 6 minutes.

### July Birthdays



Shahzad Azrani, Eunice Banis, Betty Barlow, Cindy Barnard, Jeanne Borgedahl, Janet Cox, Christine Durfort, Betty Hansen, Dorothy Montgomery, Beth Pancoska, Janet Swanson, Linda Thunes, Barbara Watson, Anthony Gheezo, Joanne Gheezo, Martha Griffin, Beverly Turko,



### Meals-On-Wheels

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

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

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

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## LUNCH & LEARN

Join the Senior Community Commission  
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 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.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Methodist Hospital will host Senior Blood Pressure Screenings on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Take advantage of this free program, which is open to all seniors 50 years of age and older. High blood pressure does not have any symptoms or outward signs and can lead to life-threatening conditions which can become fatal if left undetected. For additional information regarding this program, please contact the Community Services Department at (626) 256-8246.

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

### “Airplane Bungalow” Incorporates Outdoor Entertaining into Preserved Traditional Surroundings



homes remains cool in the summers, lush with the shiny, deep green leaves of the massive trees.

The Baldwin home, built in 1915, was the second Craftsman bungalow for Dorothy, who loves the style, and felt confident after her first successful Pasadena venture into old home living and rehabbing, near Pasadena Community College.

The Airplane Bungalow of the early 1900’s is known for its homey, unpretentious architectural profile. Some say that looking at one of these bungalows from above invites visions of airplane wings in the spreading roofline, with a cockpit (dormer window) in the center.

The building style continued the design break with Victorian fussiness, focusing instead on terms like “simplify” and “organic” and bringing the enjoyment of the outdoors in. Bungalows of that era

Steve designed and the two of them built an intricate, Craftsman style front fence of redwood, and then clad the automatic driveway gate to match. They integrated the fence into the existing stone pillars. The pillars, however, were carefully heightened by removing the vintage concrete caps, adding Arroyo stone and recapping. The result looks perfectly... old.

Without benefit of central air conditioning, many early 20th century bungalows sported a generous sleeping porch, from which the family could sweat out the relatively few steamy LA summer nights hoping for a cooling breeze or the return of a marine layer from the coast. Previous owners had enclosed the sleeping porch, incorporating it into the



home’s living space, but proper insulation and central heat/air conditioning were severely lacking.

After Andersen windows were retrofitted, ventures into the California basement determined that the forced air system was nearly nonfunctional, leaving it still cold in the winter and hot in the summer. With two engineers in the house, that’s a bygone problem now.

With a new baby, the Lewises are considering a reconfiguration of the main floor sleeping quarters to eliminate walking through one bedroom to access another. A third bedroom is located upstairs, the “cockpit” of the airplane bungalow design. Plans are underway now to repair the century old, original barn and hayloft, which is now a garage with a small apartment above, serving as Steve’s civil engineering office. Out of place picket fencing, enclosing a balcony for the office, has been carefully removed, and new Craftsman style, carriage doors have been crafted and installed.



used lots of oak millwork, often featuring a fireplace as a focal point for inviting hominess rather than as a heating source.

Almost no bungalow was complete without a wide front porch, and this home is no exception. All the Lewises took a rare moment to actually sit on their front porch to pose for my photo, though no grass grows under their feet, by any means, with two careers, two dogs, a baby and managing their rental properties.

In the last seven years, the two made an avocation of stripping or sanding decades of paint from the living room and staircase millwork down to its wood hues roots. Dorothy, the electrical engineer in the family, had the patchworked knob and tube wiring replaced, then delved deep into the electrical cobwebs to add recessed lighting to the living room.

Luckily, the kitchen, breakfast bar and casual dining areas had been tastefully updated by previous owners. The engineers brought the room closer to the period by retrofitting Craftsman reproduction fixtures into the kitchen area, and closer to today’s lifestyle by bringing the laundry back into the house from the garage.

After adopting two “rescue” Greyhounds, the front yard fence begged for reconstruction, especially when concerned Bean Town java drinkers spotted one of the canines, who had escaped into downtown Sierra Madre, blocks away.

Out back, they longed for a spa, and tough but beautiful surfaces that would tolerate their large dogs. The Lewises called in Sierra Madre resident, Mark Meahl, president of Garden View, Inc., to provide design inspiration and as general contractors. Meahl’s company, run by the family, has several divisions, including a large plant nursery on the west perimeter of I-605, just south of the 210. The company is very proud of the 67 Awards received from the California Landscape Contractors Association over the years.

“Initially,” Meahl reflected, “the Lewises wanted a big spa, maybe even a swim spa. I recommended against that option because every time you use the spa function, you have to heat a whole big area.” Instead, Garden View built them a small saltwater pool with a raised spa beyond, so their spa use requires a much smaller amount of water to heat. They installed a pump to swim against, for “in place” swimming.

Garden View used a “mini-pebble” surface with a longer lasting and more durable surface than traditional plaster, without the blotching and rough surface that often appears after a few years. Garden View puts great effort into blending boulders, (not the artificial ones!) into the pool. “We can build with real stone for the same price in this size project. We put real, hand selected boulders into the water. We waterproof around them, and then put another boulder on top of the pool wall that matches almost exactly to the one in the water, almost ‘marrying’ them to make it look like one big boulder. Many other contractors just plop one on top, and then it looks like it’s going to fall into the pool!”

One of the challenges was to combine grass and dogs near the pool. They opted for an artificial grass, to give the feel and look of turf, but not subject to the stresses


of the saltwater pool and the four footed family members. The key to a natural look, according to the Lewis, was choosing a product which incorporated some brown “leaves” into the mix, mimicking the natural cycle of a live lawn.

In such a tight space, nearly every space does double duty. In back, part of the driveway doubles as a beautiful patio. The Lewises chose a four color paver system, tightly set in sand, for the front walk, driveway, garage entrance and patio. Meahl indicated the cost is a little more than colored concrete, but not much.

“It’s a nice alternative to concrete, because the pavers don’t crack,” said Meahl. “If a problem arises underneath, it can be easily repaired.” Pavers also allow rainwater to permeate the soil, reducing runoff.

The Lewises splurged for slab granite counters and split stone to face the built-in barbecue, and got a firsthand appreciation for the careful, labor intensive process, as they watched the assembly.

Every once in a while, the Lewises take some time to enjoy the fruits of their labors. The proof of the pudding was their 4th of July gathering, when guests commented on how much they got out of their relatively small yard.



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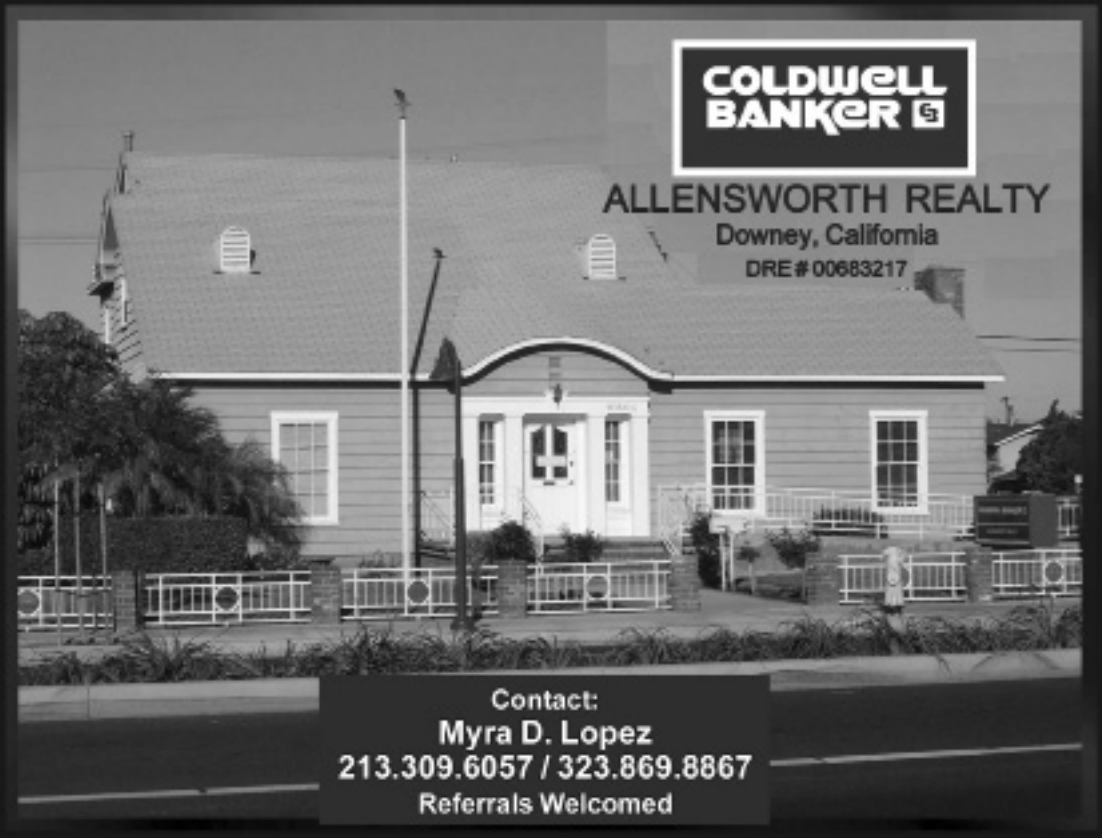
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