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A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

Mayor John Buchanan stated, "The informational piece requested in this settlement is information that we provided in the past, and we agreed to provide it again because it will assist residents in making informed decisions. We would have agreed to do this without a lawsuit. Although I believe there was no basis for this lawsuit, this resolution ends the matter at no cost to residents."

S. Henderson/MVNews



On Tuesday, Sierra Madre's Police, Fire, CERT, Emergency Communications Team, and Search and Rescue Team gave public safety demonstrations as a part of the National Night Out program. Residents attending were treated to dinner by In-N-Out Burger. Photos by Chris Bertrand



SIERRA MADRE HELPS SENIORS TO STAY COOL

- Slow down, avoid strenuous activity. Do not try to do too much on a hot day.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect heat and sunlight and help maintain normal body temperature.
- Protect your face with a wide-brimmed hat.
- Drink plenty of water regularly and often, even if you do not feel thirsty and stay hydrated.
- Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do not have air conditioning, stay on your lowest floor, out of the sun or go to a place where you can get relief from the heat, such as air conditioned, library, theaters and other community facilities that may offer refuge during the warmest times of the day.
- Electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help evaporate perspiration, which cools your body.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings or louvers. Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80 percent.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors.
- If you believe you, or anyone you are with, is experiencing a heat-related medical emergency, promptly call 911, and if possible, move to a cooler place.

If seniors do not have air conditioning in their homes, the City welcomes seniors to visit one of the following City facilities to stay cool.

- Sierra Madre City Hall – 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. – Monday – Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm & every other Friday, 8 am to 5 pm (626) 355-7135
- Sierra Madre Public Library – 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. – Monday – Wednesday, Noon to 9 pm, Thursday & Friday, Noon to 6 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm (626) 355-7186
- Sierra Madre Community Recreation Center – 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. – Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm & every other Friday, 9 am to 6 pm (626) 355-5278. The Aquatics Center is open for summer season until September 5 please call (626) 355-2356 for hours of operation.

The album cover for Ray Sailing's 'RESURRECTION' features a black and white photograph of the artist. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt. He is holding a guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is dark with some light flares. The text 'ray sailing | RESURRECTION' is at the top.

Alcohol is prohibited.

**SIERRA MADRE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH
OPEN SESSION 6:30 PM**
City Hall
232 W. Sierra Madre Bl.
Sierra Madre

Review of Solar Permit Fees

Discussion of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Survey

CORRECTION:

In the article on Midge Morash last week, the services on August 27, 2011 the Rev. George Crisp of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church will preside. Rev. Mark Trotter will perform the Homily.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at
City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

626-355-7135

City Hall Hours:

Monday - Thursday	7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Fridays	8:00 am to 5:00 pm

CITY HALL CLOSED ON August 12th and 26th

Mon Aug 08 @ 6:00pm -
Parks & Facilities Master Plan Committee

Tue Aug 09 @ 5:30pm - City Council Meeting

Wed Aug 10 @ 3:00pm - 08:00pm Farmer's Market

Sat Aug 13 @ 8:00AM - 12:00pm
Fire Dept. and Search & Rescue

Sierra Madre's Farmer's Market Is Back! New Location

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market 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.

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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

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.

Friday, August 19 – *Tangled*.

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information please call 626-355-2356.

Summer Fun in the Park Schedule:

August 2	Los Angeles Zoo
August 4	CATZ Fitness Activity
August 9	Sierra Madre Search and Rescue
August 11	CATZ Fitness Activity
August 16	Mission Renaissance Arts and Craft
August 18	CATZ Fitness Activity
August 23	L.A. Arboretum Arts and Craft
August 25	CATZ Fitness Activity

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SWINGS THROUGH SIERRA MADRE

Downtown Sierra Madre will be swinging this week, to the sounds of the Gem City Jazz Cats. The Jazz Cats, formed in 2009 as a 13-piece combo, now have 18 players, plus three vocalists. They will perform in Kersting Court as part of Friday Night Live, put on each summer by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.

Veterans of street fairs, private parties and benefit concerts, the Jazz Cats have performed several times before in Sierra Madre, including the Wine and Jazz Walk, Friday Night Live, and this year's 4th of July Community Picnic. The Band plays oldies, swing, and jazz but also includes some modern tunes, and is being sponsored by Prudential California Realty.

There will be a Hawaiian theme for the evening, with shoppers encouraged to wear their favorite Hawaiian clothing and leis. In addition, anyone who spends \$35 in a retail store or \$50 in a restaurant during Friday Night Live hours (6:30 to 9pm) is invited to bring their receipt to the Chamber booth in Kersting Court. They will be entered in a drawing to take place the final week of Friday Night Live. Shoppers are eligible every time that they spend \$35/retail or \$50/restaurant – the more times they spend \$35/\$50 the greater their chances of winning. On the final Friday, August 26th, two lucky shoppers will have their names drawn to win a shopping/dining spree at Sierra Madre



businesses valued at more than \$500! With only five weeks of eligibility, the odds of winning will be quite good for those who are entered in the drawing.

Friday Night Live will take place in downtown Sierra Madre from 6:30 to 9pm through Aug. 26th. For more information, including an entertainment lineup, list of themes, and a list of businesses participating in the shopping spree giveaway, visit www.SMFridayNightLive.info or call the Chamber at (626) 355-5111.

Youth Activity Center Summer Field Trips

The City of Sierra Madre's Youth Activity Center is hosting field trips this summer. Come out and join the fun, you do not even need to be a YAC member! Please sign up online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration or at the Community Services Office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

Summer Field Trip Schedule:

Friday, August 19 – Six Flags Magic Mountain

- o 10:00am-7:00pm, \$30 per youth

Free Parent/Child Workshops at the Sierra Madre Library

The Sierra Madre Public Library is again offering its popular five-week parenting workshop series in September. The workshops, for families with children ages three and younger, will cover general parenting; speech, language and reading; child development; nutrition; physical fitness and play for young children. The informal sessions will be interactive and will include toys, crafts, books and play, in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns.

Presenting at the workshops on consecutive Tuesday mornings, beginning Sept. 6th through Oct. 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will be community partners with expertise in working with young children. Registration begins August 1st, and as seating is limited, reservations are required.

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Storyteller Ken Frawley and his puppet friends.

"The Wonderful World of Stories and Songs" with storyteller and troubadour Ken Frawley, is coming to the Sierra Madre Public Library on Monday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m. This sparkling family-friendly program, chock-full of songs, stories, puppets, and spiced with a little magic, will feature music from England, America, and the Caribbean, and tales from Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. Adding to the fun will be interactive sing-along and clap-along songs.

Ken Frawley has performed thousands of his highly acclaimed programs for children and family audiences throughout Southern California at schools, libraries, and community events for more than 10 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESCUE LOG SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

During the past month Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to nine calls for assistance.

Fallen Hiker, Chantry Flat: The Team was called to Chantry Flat to aid a hiker who had fallen in an off-trail location. SMSR members responded to the site with a backpack-sized medical kit and determined the patient had fallen from a cliff approximately 40 feet high, suffering extensive injuries. EMT-certified Team members treated and stabilized the patient, who was evacuated via litter wheel-out to an ambulance at Chantry Flat.

Overdue Hiker: Montrose Search and Rescue notified SMSR that it was searching for an overdue hiker who was believed to be heading toward Sierra Madre. The Team launched a comprehensive search of area trails, sending several crews into the field on foot and in vehicles. An SMSR crew located the subject in good condition and escorted them to family members waiting at Chantry Flat.



Heat Exhaustion, Big Santa Anita Canyon: SMSR responded to a report of a hiker in distress near Hoegee's Camp in Big Santa Anita Canyon. The hiker was determined to be suffering from heat-related illness and was treated by paramedics from the Sierra Madre Fire Department, and EMT-certified Search and Rescue Team members. The patient was then evacuated to an ambulance waiting at Chantry Flat.

Environmental exposure is a common cause of emergencies in the backcountry. In Southern California at this time of year, hikers, bikers, runners, and others who enjoy the local

mountains are particularly at risk for heat-related illness. This can be as mild as heat cramps--painful muscle spasms--or as serious as heat stroke, which is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate intervention.

Tommy Ingulfsen, Chairman of SMSR's Medical Committee, says: "The chance of developing a heat-related illness may be aggravated by pre-existing conditions such as heart disease, kidney disease and obesity, as well as the use of alcohol and drugs." Infants and the elderly are particularly at risk since their ability to regulate body temperature is reduced.

Ingulfsen adds: "In hot weather it is a good idea to keep outdoor activity to a moderate level and stay in the shade as much as possible. Also make sure to stay well hydrated." Ingulfsen advises that in addition to drinking water, sports drinks

that contain sodium are good for replacing electrolytes.

Some common symptoms of heat-related illness include headache, lightheadedness, cramps, dizziness and vomiting. "If you or a friend develop any of these signs," says Ingulfsen, "cease activity, find a cool place to rest and consider calling for help."

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that

has been serving the local community for 60 years. SMSR is funded entirely by donations and never charges for any of its services. The Team provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities.

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

The City of Sierra Madre has a number of vacancies on commissions and committees looking for people like you to join!

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

The following vacancies on the various Commissions include:

-Community Art Commission - 3 Vacancies

-Community Services Commission - 2 Vacancies

-Library Board of Trustees 2 Vacancies

-Senior Community Commission -1 Vacancy

-Tree Advisory Commission 1 Vacancy

These advisory bodies are able to study a variety of issues and problems in detail. After gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notice on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act. Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at www.cityofsierramadre.com should you wish to apply. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. For more information please call 626-355-7135.

The Sierra Madre Fire Department and Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Joint Training

Would you like to help those who will help you in an Emergency?

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

work in our community.

The Sierra Madre Fire Department, and the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team would like to ask for some volunteer help with this training exercise. We would like to have 50 to 100 volunteers of any age to help with this training (children may assist if accompanied by an adult). You would be participating as an "actor" simulating injury requiring evacuation, and or medical assistance. Lunch will be provided to all who attend this training exercise. If you would like to have some fun - and at the same time help your local emergency services agencies prepare to "help you" if necessary during a major incident; please attend one of the information meetings to be held at the Sierra Madre Fire Department, located at 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

For more information, please contact the Sierra Madre Fire Department at (626) 355-3611.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE SIERRA MADRE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Now is a great time to volunteer for Sierra Madre's General Plan Update! This is an important document that the community should be involved with. The General Plan Steering Committee seeks volunteers to assist with various tasks to help complete the technical reports needed for the General Plan Update. Topics needing volunteer help include noise, land use and urban form, natural environment, transportation and mobility, community services and facilities, and historic and cultural resources.

You can sign up by doing any of the following:

Call De Alcorn at (626) 355-4793

Call Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135

Email GeneralPlan@CityofSierraMadre.com

*Please provide your name, phone number, email address, and the topic that you'd like to help with.

A FAMILY PLACE



Toni Buckner, Meegan Tosh and Gayle Bluemel are among those proudly displaying the library's "Family Place" banner.

Sierra Madre Public Library is a Family Place library, a statewide initiative to promote the literacy, early childhood development, parent education and family support of young children. Modeled on a national Family Place project, the project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Sierra Madre Public Library Youth Services Librarian, Meegan Tosh, at (626) 355-7186 or mtosh@cityofsierramadre.com. The Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 24th, to Saturday June 30th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 318 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Tuesday, July 26th:

9:17 AM- Auto Burglary, 500 blk. W. Highland Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked parked car with both of its rear windows down, between the evening of July 25th and the morning of July 26th. The suspect(s) stole a Beretta 92FS (9mm) with a fully loaded magazine, U.S.A. Passport, American Express credit card, Macy's credit card, Well's Fargo ATM card, Well's Fargo Visa card, Costco card, Los Angeles Police Dept. Credit Union card, Well's Fargo check book, Chase check book, Leatherman tool, Spider company knife, handcuffs, California driver's license, small black gun bag, gym bag with clothes and an iPod.

9:41 AM- Attempted Residential Burglary, 500 blk. W. Highland Ave. Unknown suspect(s) rang the front door bell in the victim's house and tore the kitchen window screen to gain entry into the house. The victim yelled at the suspect, causing him to flee up the driveway into a silver 4 door car with a rear spoiler. The suspect(s) left in an unknown direction.

4:48 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves unknown suspect(s) making fraudulent charges to the victim's debit card at a Union 76 gas station in Fontana. Total loss value is \$160.53.
5:06 PM- Petty Theft, 100 blk. Adams St. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked parked car between the evening of July 25th and the morning of July 26th. The suspect(s) stole a Verizon LG cellular telephone.

Thursday, July 28th:

4:18 PM- Threatening/Resisting Executive Officer, Possession of Heroin, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Two officers responded to a possible intoxicated man slumped over on the curb. Officers spoke to the suspect and determined that he was under the influence of an opiate. Officers found marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia in his daypack, and learned from the dispatcher that he had three outstanding arrest warrants. The suspect became uncooperative and began to fight with officers, who repeatedly commanded him to stop resisting arrest. During the fight the suspect bit one of the officers on the hand, and dropped a balloon containing tar heroin. The officers were eventually able to restrain the suspect and take him into custody. The suspect was 25 years old, and from Altadena. He was booked on multiple charges at the Pasadena jail.

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Body Found Days after House Fire

Police are asking for the public's help after a private fire investigator Tuesday morning found the body of a dead woman two days after a fire gutted the backhouse of an East Pasadena residence. The body was found in the charred remains of the structure.

The body was still unidentified Friday and reports suggest no one had come forward about a missing person.

According to police, officers along with fire personnel responded to a fire at 2:19 a.m. in the 100 Block of South San Marino Avenue. Upon arrival, firefighter's and officer's saw fire to the rear of the main property. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire in less than ten minutes police said.

The residents of the main house were accounted for and not impacted by the fire. They said that no one lived in the detached structure.

Later that same morning at 6:47 a.m. fire and police were dispatched back to the location for reports of smoke from the detached rear structure. Firefighter's doused the smoldering hot spots on the roof and ensured there were no more hot spots. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On Tuesday at 11:50 a.m. a private fire investigator, contracted by the homeowner's insurance company, went to the residence for follow up investigation. The investigator found a deceased body in the rear structure. He immediately called 9-1-1 and police officers responded.

Police said Investigators are conducting a thorough investigation into the death and fire.

Anyone that saw anything suspicious between July 31 and August 1st, are being asked to contact the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477).

Pet of the Week



The Pasadena Humane Society has lots of cute kittens in need of happy homes! Kittens need lots of love and attention so be sure you have enough time to devote to one of these tiny companions. If you are ready to add an adorable bundle of joy to your home, come visit with a kitten today!

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

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A290955 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



Persson's Closes, Plants Left to Die

By Dean Lee

The longtime Family owned nursery, Persson's, known for its public fight in 2007 with Southern California Edison over a plan to evict a number of nurseries along the power company's Pasadena corridor replacing them with self-storage facilities, shutdown after owner Gary Butters died three months ago of pancreatic cancer.

A source close to the family said this week Butters wife Linda then become behind on the lease. They also said rather than try and work something out or sell the business the gates were locked leaving hundreds of plants left to perish. The source said the couple was going through a divorce.

At press time phone calls to Edison and the family were not returned.

In recent weeks, residents passing by the 3115 East Sierra Madre Blvd location

have noticed rows of potted shrubs, bushes, flowers and trees on the property turning brown. The city's Planning Department Planning Division said Thursday they knew nothing of the situation.

Alvin Toma, owner of nearby Present Prefect Nursery said they shared customers and had heard Persson's closed. He said he thought it was the economy.

Toma said most likely the plants left at Persson's were supplied by Monrovia Nursery Company in Irvine. Judy Lynes, a spokesperson for Monrovia Nursery said she did not know who currently owned the plants but would look into it.

In July of 2007 Butters settled a long running dispute with Edison over terminating their lease. At the time, two groups, Pasadena Open Space Preservation (POSP) and Open Space Now joined

forces to stall a deal between, Edison and Pacific Storage Partners that they said would have taken away open space by closing nurseries. Pacific Storage Partners has moved forward with a new proposal for the Edison corridor that creates new public park spaces and a bike path.

Present Prefect Nursery 140 South Kinneloa Ave also settled with Edison in 2007. Although the terms of the agreement were not made public, both Persson's and Present Prefect were given long-leases with Edison.

Persson's opened 39 years ago by the parents of Linda Persson-Butters, Gary Butters wife.

Free Skin Cancer Screenings

The Skin Cancer Foundation's Road to Healthy Skin Tour, presented by AVEENO and Rite Aid, will stop in Pasadena on August 14. The Tour travels the country, offering FREE, full body skin cancer screenings and the latest skin cancer information to the public. AVEENO sunscreen samples, coupons and complimentary copies of Fitness magazine are also distributed. Local dermatologists who have volunteered their time will conduct the screenings. Screenings are first come, first served. For more information, visit www.SkinCancer.org/Tour or call 212-725-5176.

County Social Services Chief Steps Down

Philip Browning, the current director of Los Angeles County's Department of Public Social Services, would be named to serve as the interim director of the Department of Family and Children Services when the current acting director steps down next month, under a joint motion by County Mayor Michael Antonovich and Board of Supervisors Chair Pro Tem Zev Yaroslavsky to be considered Tuesday, August 9 at the Board's weekly meeting.

"Philip's leadership and management skills as a current Department head qualify him to lead and manage DCFS with a focus on improving outcomes for children and families while the County completes its search for a permanent director," Antonovich said.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky added, "He is one of the most gifted managers in local government today, and we're very fortunate that he's agreed to step in and accept this challenging responsibility. Philip has the capacity not only to stabilize the department, but to begin the vital work of turning it around."

Jackie Contreras, the current DCFS acting director, has announced her resignation effective September 16 to accept a position with Casey Family Programs. The Board of Supervisors is currently conducting an exhaustive national search for a permanent DCFS director.

Two Arrested, Two Stolen Cars Recovered

Two suspected car thieves were arrested early Wednesday morning after leading police on a quick chase that ended after the stolen car they were in crashed into a parked van and then a unity pole.

Both suspects were injured in the collision and transported to a nearby hospital. They were later arrested upon release.

Officers said they observed two Honda Civics stopped on Mountain Street near the 210 freeway off-ramp about 2:00 a.m. in the morning. As officers watched the driver of one car get out and get into the passenger side of the second car, they believed the suspects were abandoning a stolen car and attempted to conduct an

investigative stop as the car drove away. The suspects attempted to evade the officers and lost control of the car sideswiped a parked van at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Washington Place then collided into a utility pole.

The investigation confirmed both Honda Civics were unreported stolen cars. The car the suspects abandoned was stolen from Los Angeles. The car the suspects crashed was stolen from Rancho Cucamonga.

Both suspects are adult male Hispanic and residents of Pasadena. One of the suspects is on active parole for a stolen vehicle conviction. The names are being withheld until their identities are confirmed.

Cake During Armenian Festival Marks City's 125th



Mayor Bill Bogaard (center) cuts a cake with the city symbol celebrating both the fourth annual Armenian Identity Festival and the marking Pasadena's 125th Birthday. Founder of the festival, Khatchik Chahinian (left), along with, Police Chief Phillip Sanchez and City Councilmember Gene Masuda help mark the occasion.

Two Hikers Rescued from Eaton Canyon, One Airlifted



Altadena Sheriff's Station deputies said they were notified Thursday that two people were in distress at a waterfall in Eaton Canyon which activated the Altadena Search and Rescue Team.

Deputies said upon arriving they found a 31-year man had fallen from the cliff and a 20-year old female was stuck on the cliff.

Sheriff's Search and Rescue deputies worked on the ground while a Los Angeles County Fire Department rescue helicopter air crew worked from the air and hoist, to hoist the two people into the helicopter.

The woman was air lifted off the cliff at 3:55 p.m., shaken but unhurt they said.

After being stabilized by sheriff's rescuers and paramedics on the ground, at 4:55PM, the male hiker was air lifted from the canyon, and flown to an area hospital. The extent of his injuries were not known.

Both hikers were from Rancho Cucamonga.

Rescues are common in Eaton Canyon, and a man died after falling in the first waterfall area on July 31.

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 Aug. 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Huntington Library Joins City's Digital History Collaboration

The Pasadena Digital History Collaboration (PDHC), a consortium of Pasadena cultural institutions, has recently expanded their collaboration to include a new partner; The Huntington Library, Collections and Botanical Gardens. The Huntington will provide access to their Harold Parker Photograph Collection.

They join the Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena City College's Shatford Library and Pasadena Museum of History in Bringing Pasadena's History to Life by providing access to the greatest collection of digitized, historical archives in Pasadena.

"We hope that the addition of these treasures from

the Huntington Library is just the first of many to come. One of the PDHC's core goals is to continue partnering with other local cultural institutions that are either in Pasadena or have Pasadena-related collections. To begin our expansion with such a noteworthy, vibrant institution as the Huntington is thrilling. We are truly excited and motivated to continue bringing Pasadena's history to the community with just a click of the mouse," said Martha Camacho, Municipal Information Service librarian.

To access the collection go to www.pasadenadigitalhistory.com. For more information contact Martha Camacho at 744-4279.

"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan M. Clayton



The Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte (MAD) Town Council

What is a Town Council? Does it have the power to change laws, tax people? Are its members paid? The Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council is an elected volunteer group of five members. Back in 1993, when the Town Council began, there were seven elected members, representing 11,000 residents of the unincorporated areas.

What a history it has! How certain people influenced it is amazing! It began in late 1992, when deputies were being shot at. Temple Sheriff's Station's Commander, Captain Bob Mirabella called for a special community meeting held at Maxwell School, Duarte. Their principal, Julian Rodriguez was also concerned with the area's problems. Lieutenant Ruddi Jefferson, Sergeant Sam Jones and all of Temple Station's deputies were introduced. Local residents voiced their concerns. Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Chief Field Deputy, Sarah Flores and Lori Howard were present as was Pamela Park's Recreational Director, Maurice Wyre,

Two more meetings were held in early 1993. Maurice explained how his area had a Town Council! The first order was to have a "Formation Committee" with David Hall as Chair Person. The Formation Committee met EVERY Tuesday from March-June, 1993 at Maxwell School. Principal Julian Rodriguez opened the doors, stayed to translate and guide us. He even gave a seminar on the election process to help us move along.

The Sheriff's Department also played an integral role. Sergeant Sammy Jones arrended every meeting to answer community questions regarding crime. Because of the foresight of the Sheriff's Department and Supervisor Mike Antonovich, a grant was established in March 1993 for a special assignment deputy at Pamela Park. Deputy Paul Clay immediately set up boxing and basketball programs, purchased new sports equipment and helped plan an "Anti- Drug/ Gang March and Youth Appreciation Day.

The question of a "MAP" of our area was brought up and I offered my services. I used the Thomas Guide including all the pale yellow areas representing unincorporated areas. Someone said, "We don't need Arcadia", but I put my foot down. Arcadia was adjacent to us!

When election time FINALLY came, we put ads in the paper and passed out flyers. For TWO consecutive weeks, some of my students and I passed out 500 flyers in south Arcadia. The Pasadena Star News was contacted and alerted the public of the upcoming elections and candidate forum. Carolyn Ziegler came because she lived on Daines and had received one of the flyers we passed out. (Carolyn is WHY the entire MAD area has Monrovia Transit. She did all the leg work. She also initiated the free annual large trash pick-up by Newco. She also played a part in the 4 way stop sign on Daines/Tyler in Arcadia! Residents had tried unsuccessfully for 20 to procure one. Carolyn, an articulate speech writer, represented us well when meeting with public officials and for correspondence!

The winners of the first election in 1993 were

David Hall, Yvonne Bullock, Carolyn Ziegler, Joan Schmidt, Richard Brown, Stan Trinaystich and Paul Diffley. We drew straws to decide the term for the first elected council members. Four members would have a 4-year term; three members a 2-year term. We didn't want a complete turnover in four years. After that first election, all elected candidates would have a 4-year term. Four of us- David, Yvonne, Carolyn and myself picked the larger straws. It was fate as we remained on the council for the longest period of time. We were immensely disappointed that Reyna Diaz wasn't elected, but fate set in. Stan resigned after a few months and Reyna, a real "mover and Shaker" came aboard. A great representative of the Hispanic community, She held many fundraisers to benefit natural disaster victims.. Every Christmas, she and her family brought 1000's of toys to Mexico. Reyna the first Hispanic elected to the Duarte School Board still holds that position.

The Town Council can be described as the liaison between its residents and all county agencies. What has the Town Council done?

Over the years the Town Council has been involved with youth programs at Pamela Park.

We played a role in keeping Pamela Park opened. Neema Torres, County Director had neat programs going on. I took photos and wrote columns published by local papers. I sent them to Supervisor Antonovich so he could see what good the Park was doing.

We helped keep Duarte and Live Oak Libraries open. I took my sixth grade to the Board of Supervisor's meeting, had two students speak, and wrote columns telling residents \$22 a year isn't a lot to keep our libraries open!

We brought deputies to our meetings who alerted county officials that vagrants were living at the old Edwards Drive-in site and drugs were being sold. That brought the removal of the screen and ticket booth! (Current site of beautiful Greystone homes.)

The Town Council arranged for the Community Development Commission to help homeowners for delayed loans.

The Town Council alerted residents of available grants for home improvements.

Members Served on the Habitat for Humanity Selection Committees, Duarte Education Foundation, Duarte School Board and Temple Station's Civilians Activity Committee.

Our meetings provided an opportunity for not only the Sheriff's Department, but also the CHP, LA County Fire Department and various county agencies to address the public.

Our meetings provided a setting for all project-ed businesses to address the public.

MONROVIA-ARCADIA-DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

3rd Tuesdays each month
Even Tuesdays at Annunciation Church Hall, 1307 East Longden Ave., Arcadia.
Odd Tuesdays at Pamela Park, Duarte.

COME ON DOWN!
Further Info: (626) 358-8444
(Next week I will give more information about the current Town Council Members and their goals.



Sassy

with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Sassy or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dog of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

BRAVE PACO, THE CRIME-FIGHTING CHIHUAHUA, IS COMING TO WEBSTER'S FANCY FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY!

Altadena's crime-fighting Chihuahua will be the Honorary Guest at Webster's Fancy Food Truck Friday on August 12th!

Taking a Bite Out of Crime

YouTUBE's newest sensation is Paco the Crime Fighting Chihuahua. Recently, Paco jumped into action protecting Ace Smoke Shop in Altadena from two armed robbers. Since then he's been patrolling the neighborhood keeping Lake Avenue safe! Paco and his owner Erik Night will be Webster's honorary guests on August 12 for Fancy Food Truck Friday from 6pm to 8pm. Patrons will be able to take their photo with Paco, shake his paw, and receive his paw-tograph. Erik will also have commemorative T-shirts available for sale. Proceeds will benefit dog rescues.

The Best Chihuahua Meets the Best Food Truck Cuisine

Accompanying Paco this month in Webster's parking lot will be some of the best gourmet food trucks in town. Featuring sizzling good eats from behind their glass windows are: Food Network's Great Food Truck Race Winner: Grill em All, Greenz on Wheelz, Shrimp Pimp, India Jones, Hungry Nomad, and A Rockin Ice.

Building Community

This fun family event is fast becoming a local favorite where neighbors meet and visit with each

other. "We want to invite our Altadena neighbors to come and hang out with their friends and family. To make that easier, we will have family-style tables set up to enjoy the fabulous food and relax!" commented Event Producer, Meredith Miller. Webster's parking lot is located on the corner of Lake Ave and Marcheta in Altadena. Entrance is complimentary, street parking and adjacent lot parking will also be available.

Fast Facts:

Webster's Fancy Food Truck Friday: August 12th From 5pm-9pm

Hosted by: Webster's Community Pharmacy, Fine Stationers and Liquor Stores

Participating Trucks: Grill 'em All, India Jones, Greenz on Wheelz, Shrimp Pimp,

Hungry Nomad, A Rockin Ice

Complimentary Entry and Parking

Parking: Webster's lot, adjacent streets and designated lots

Location: 2450 N. Lake Avenue, Altadena CA, Corner of N. Lake and Marcheta

For more information: 626-797-1163

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AUGUST 28

What better way than a scoop of ice cream with a little fudge sauce on top to savor women's right to vote?

To celebrate the momentous day 91 years ago when women gained full participation in democracy with the passage of the 19th amendment, the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is throwing an ice cream social

for the whole family on Sunday, Aug. 28, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the historic Hillmont House, 939 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena.

Ragtime music by Dad's Band Plus One, games and activities for children and plenty of Carmela's ice cream on the lawn of a Victorian landmark promise and old-fashioned good

time. Children under 13 are free. Everyone else pays only \$5.

Reservations and further information about the League are available by calling 626-798-0965.

Reservations and tickets also are available online: <http://www.lwvpasadenaarea.org/donate.html>.

Salmonella Outbreak Strikes LA County

A salmonella outbreak linked to ground turkey meat is affecting several states across the nation, including California. To date, there has been one case of salmonella linked to this outbreak here in Los Angeles County. That person has recovered. I would like to assure you that Public Health is working with its state and federal partners in this investigation and that we will update you when information become available.

Information on food product recalls related to this outbreak can be found here: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/recall/currentRecall.htm>. Additionally, there are simple steps that you can take to protect yourself and your family from food-related illnesses such as salmonella:

Thoroughly clean utensils, counters and other food preparation surfaces, cutting boards, and sinks before and after preparing meals, especially when handling raw meat and poultry.

Avoid cross-contamination. Separate uncooked food from cooked food by using different, clean cutting boards and serving platters. Ground poultry, such as turkey meat, should always be cooked to an internal temperature of 165° F.

Do not rely on the color of cooked poultry; turkey can remain pink even after it is cooked to 165° F. Use a food thermometer to ensure the correct temperature. Leftovers containing ground poultry should be reheated to 165° F.

Always wash your hands with water and soap before, during and after preparing meals.

Uncooked ground turkey should be refrigerated (at 40° F or below) within two hours of purchase and can be kept

in the refrigerator for up to two days.

Uncooked ground turkey may be stored in the freezer (at 0° F or below) for up to four months.

Cooked ground turkey should be refrigerated (at 40° F or below) and used within three to four days. Cooked ground turkey may be frozen (at 0° F or below) and used within two to three months.

Salmonella can cause diarrhea, fever and abdominal pain 12 to 72 hours after infection. Illness can last up to seven days, and is particularly dangerous for infants, older adults and those with compromised immune systems. Always practice safe food handling skills to ensure that you and your loved ones can enjoy memorable meals without the risk of illness.

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CITY MANAGER TO RETIRE

July 26, 2011 After 36 years in city government, the last 13 1/2 with Arcadia, City Manager Don Penman has announced that he will retire in October of this year. In a message to City employees, Mr. Penman expressed his appreciation for his time in Arcadia and the opportunity to work with a staff that makes every effort to keep Arcadia a truly outstanding community. "Arcadia is a terrific city with an excellent staff, involved residents and a supportive and dedicated City Council," said Mr. Penman. "I am fortunate to have been a part of Arcadia history."

Over the next several months the City Council will go through the process of recruiting for a new City Manager.



YOGA IN THE GARDEN at the Arboretum

301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007
4 Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25 4 Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29 and 4 Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 9:30-10:45am \$25 per month for Arboretum members \$30 per month for non-members

Pre-registration required. Please call 626.821.4623 to reserve your place or email jill.berry@arboretum.org

9:30am: Please meet in front of the Main Entrance, outside of the Membership & Programs office, PROMPTLY at 9:30am for a walk through the garden. Classes are held in a variety of locations so please be on time.

Improve flexibility, balance and strength in the open air surrounded by the beauty of nature in the Arboretum. Certified yoga instructor Candyce Columbus will take students on a 10-15 minute warm up stroll through the garden prior to an

hour-long rejuvenating traditional Indian Hatha yoga class. Each session will include asanas (yoga poses), pranayama (breathing exercises), vinaysa (yoga flow series), mudras (yoga in the hands), meditation (guided) and relaxation.

Students should bring a substantial yoga mat and blanket or towel for extra-padding as needed, and wear comfortable clothes.

Candyce Columbus: Yoga practice has been an integral part of Candyce's life and well-being for more than 16 years. Since 2009 she has been sharing the knowledge passed on to her from many wonderful teachers. Regardless of fitness or flexibility she believes everyone can benefit from yoga. Her classes are well-balanced, varied, informative and enjoyable. She is dedicated to her students and to helping them lead active, healthy lives.

Annual End of Summer Carnival

The Recreation and Community Services Department will be celebrating the end of summer with our annual carnival on Wednesday, August 10th from 10am – 2pm at Eisenhower Memorial Park (corner of 2nd and Colorado). This year's theme is "Under the Big Top". Enjoy crafts, raffles, a photo booth, a balloonist and a

caricature artist. Carnival games are available for a nominal fee and offer fun, kid- friendly prizes, so be sure to bring lots of change. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a delicious snack from our snack bar.

For more information please contact the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 24, through Saturday, July 30, the Police Department responded to 931 calls for service of which 135 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 24:

Between July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. and July 24th at 12:00 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 200 block of West Huntington Drive. The suspect(s) forced open the rear window and stole a speaker box, a CD player, an amplifier, an equalizer and a CD case containing approximately 400 CD's.

At about 6:25 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained a juvenile for theft. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room, concealed it, and walked out of the store without paying. The 15-year-old Asian female was arrested for theft.

Monday, July 25:

3. Between 1:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., an auto theft occurred in the 1200 block of South Baldwin Avenue. Suspect(s) stole a 2010 Acura TL, grey, 4-door from the parking lot of the location.

4. Between July 23rd at 4:30 p.m. and July 24th at 7:45 a.m., a commercial burglary occurred in the 1100 block of South First Avenue. Suspect(s) cut the lock of a security gate that surrounds the residence under construction. The suspect(s) stole tools, a faucet and a crystal chandelier.

Tuesday, July 26:

5. At about 4:49 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of Diamond Street. The resident awoke to male suspect in her bedroom. He grabbed a purse located at the foot of the bed and fled. The suspect was described as a White male, 5'10", wearing a white t-shirt and basketball type shorts. The suspect had entered through an unlocked door.

6. Between July 21st at 5:30 p.m. and July 25th at 6:00 a.m., a grand theft occurred at the Los Angeles County Department of Weights and Measures, 12300 Lower Azusa Road. Unknown suspect(s) removed a dedication plaque that was located on the outer wall of the building.

Wednesday, July 27:

7. At about 12:21 p.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Oakwood Drive regarding an audible alarm activation. Two male suspects were seen leaving and entering a vehicle described as a 4-door, late model black Lexus sedan with dark tinted windows. There were conflicting suspect descriptions from witnesses. Investigation found the rear door pried open, but no loss was reported.

8. At about 11:00 p.m., units were dispatched to the 600 block of West Walnut regarding an attempted residential burglary. The resident awoke to the sound of someone attempting to open the front door, then the side entrance. When the resident turned on the porch light he saw a White male, between the ages of 20-30, 5'-10" and 150 lbs. The suspect had a flashlight with him which he shined into the victim's face and

then fled the location.

Thursday, July 28:

9. At about 3:24 p.m., officers responded to Dana's Housekeeping, 500 North First Avenue, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. A male suspect entered the business and told the victim he had a gun, demanding cash and checks from the business. The victim cooperated, handing over the loss. The suspect fled on foot. The suspect is described as a male, African American, 30-years-old, 5'-06", 140 pounds, short black hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, sunglasses, and a "floppy" brim straw hat.

10. At about 11:45 p.m., July 27th, a 53-year-old male White victim was standing to the front of an open business in the 00 block of East Huntington Drive. The victim saw a silver Honda, 2-door, with tinted windows, drive slowly by along Huntington Drive. The victim heard a noise come from the vehicle and was then struck by a pellet or B-B projectile in his elbow, causing a laceration. The suspect(s) fled in the vehicle. The victim did not seek medical aid.

Friday, July 29:

11. Between 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 500 block of East Live Oak Avenue. Suspect(s) smashed the front and rear passenger side windows, damaged the driver's side lock, and ransacked the glove compartment. No loss was reported.

12. Between July 28th at 8:00 p.m. and July 29th at 5:45a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 0 block of Christina Street. The suspect(s) gained access to a detached garage as well as three separate storage cabinets. The suspect(s) stole tools and other unknown property.

Saturday, July 30:

13. At about 11:36 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted in the area of First Avenue and Huntington Drive on a vehicle that had been reported as suspicious earlier in the evening. A record check of the driver, a 43-year-old Hispanic male, revealed a suspended driver's license and a warrant for his arrest. During a search of the vehicle, officers found tools commonly associated with the crime of burglary. Officers also found evidence linking the suspect to a reported auto theft in a neighboring city. The suspect was arrested for suspicion of commercial burglary and additional misdemeanor charges.

14. At approximately 11:45 p.m., units were dispatched to the 800 block of South Third Avenue regarding a possible residential burglary in progress. A resident at the location went to check the garage because he thought someone was inside. When the resident, opened the door he found a White male standing next to his car with the door open. The suspect had removed a cell phone and garage door opener from the car. When confronted, the suspect fled on foot. A suspect that matched the description was located and detained at First Avenue and Duarte Road. The 18-year-old White male suspect had in his possession the stolen property from the victim's vehicle and was placed under arrest for Residential Burglary.



Summer Concert Series August 11, 2011 — Tommy Tassi and the Authentics "Oldies"

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.

Tommy Tassi and the Authentics (Oldies)

Tommy Tassi and the Authentics have been entertaining southern California audiences since 1978. They specialize in the pop hits of the 50's, 60's & 70's. The group's main feature is its front man and lead vocalist, Tommy Tassi, who has an uncanny ability to sound like many of the legendary artists. From the tender ballads to the bellowing rockers, he truly delivers sound-a-like renditions of the classic hits. As a showman, he brings much enthusiasm to the stage, working the audience with his spirited personality and creating an atmosphere of clapping, singing along and dancing.

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

American Heart Association recognizes Methodist Hospital with heart attack care award

ARCADIA, August 1, 2011— Methodist Hospital was recognized recently by the American Heart Association as a Mission: Lifeline Receiving Center Silver Performance Achievement Award Hospital. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to and success for heart attack patients in implementing a higher standard of care that effectively improves the survival and care of STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) patients.

Every year, almost 1,250,000 people experience the STEMI type of heart attack. Unfortunately, many don't receive prompt reperfusion therapy that is critical in restoring blood flow. Mission: Lifeline seeks to close the gaps that separate STEMI patients from timely access to appropriate treatments. Mission: Lifeline focuses on improving the system of care for these patients and ultimately improving care for all heart attack patients.

Hospitals that are involved in Mission: Lifeline strive to improve care in both acute treatment measures and discharge measures.

"Methodist Hospital is dedicated to making our cardiac unit among the best in the country, and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program helps us accomplish that by making it easier for our professionals to improve the outcomes of our cardiac patients," said Dennis Lee, president and CEO. "I am pleased that our physicians, nurses and other clinicians are being recognized for their dedication and achievements in cardiac care."

Hospitals that receive the Mission: Lifeline Silver Performance Achievement Award have demonstrated for 12 consecutive months that at least 85 percent of eligible STEMI patients are

treated within specific time frames upon entering the hospital and are discharged following the American Heart Association's recommended treatment guidelines.

To be designated as a STEMI-receiving hospital, a hospital must have the equipment, expertise and facilities to administer percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), a mechanical means of treating heart attack patients. Although PCI is the preferred means of treating STEMI patients, only 25 percent of hospitals in the country are equipped to do so. These PCI-capable hospitals – like Methodist Hospital – are called STEMI-receiving hospitals because they are well equipped to receive and treat STEMI patients.

About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a 460-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care (neonatal and adult) and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission. For more information, please call 626-898-8000 or visit www.methodisthospital.org.

About Mission: Lifeline

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program helps hospitals and emergency medical services develop systems of care that follow proven standards and procedures for STEMI patients. The program works by mobilizing teams across the continuum of care to implement American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology clinical treatment guidelines. For more information, visit heart.org/missionlifeline and heart.org/quality.

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DUARTE KIWANIS HEARS ABOUT NEW PROGRAM – LATEENA POWER



Key Club Members Alyssa Abanes, Keely Ganivet, Facilitator, Yolanda Haro, Duarte Kiwanis President, Tina Carey, Key Club members Sarah Segobia, Katelind Lee and Deryn Ongchango

On August 2nd the Duarte Kiwanis Club and five members of the Duarte High Key Club had the opportunity to hear Facilitator, Yolanda Haro speak on the new LaTEENa Power program. This program was developed by Casa de la Familia in response to the troubling statistics within the Latina community:

41% of Latinas do not graduate from High School in time with a standard diploma

53% of Latinas become mothers before the age of 20 – nearly twice the national average

One in three Latinas have experienced domestic violence

Latinas attempt suicide at twice the rate of non-Hispanic teens – 15% of Latinas between the ages of 14 and 19 attempt suicide

Latinas make up almost 25% of all new HIV infections among the U.S. Latino population, and most often become infected by having sex with a male partner.

Ms. Haro has recently become certified to train in the La TEEna Power program focusing on seven key strengths – The Creative Spirit, Passionate Determination, Networking Ability, Diplomatic Discretion, Courage, Life Balance and Confidence and Strength. In conjunction with the Duarte Kiwanis Club and other organizations within the community, Ms. Haro intends to start this creative new program. For information on joining Duarte Kiwanis or providing a program for the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com

MONROVIA LAUNCHES BUSINESS FRIENDLY WEBSITE

MONROVIA – The City's Redevelopment and Economic Development (R/ED) Team on July 28 will unveil its Online Business Resource Center, designed to guide Monrovia's existing and future business owners through the entitlement processes that come along with opening and growing a business.

The public launch to the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce – to be presented on July 28 – comes after a "soft release" of the website on June 15. In the past month and a half, the website has already received nearly 1,000 hits – and Project Coordinator Lauren Vasquez expects that number to only going keep growing.

"We hope that our business community will visit the website and get the message out that we are business-friendly, and are ready to assist in anyway possible," Vasquez said. "The R/ED team's focus is not only on growing sales tax dollars, but on creating and maintaining jobs here in Monrovia – and in our eyes, new and expanding businesses means more local jobs."

The website, available through the City's main website at www.cityofmonrovia.org/red-home, has sections including "Grow Your Business," "Bring Your Business to Monrovia" – which walks people through the entire process of how to open a business here – and "Why Monrovia." Other categories include incentives, green business policies, and information on Monrovia's Redevelopment Agency.

It also features the My Monrovia Business

Blog, which includes regular posts about new businesses, profiles on business owners and posts on current events that may impact our business community.

"Sifting through the entitlement processes associated with opening and growing a business can be a complex, overwhelming and time consuming. Our hope in designing the website was to create a user friendly guide to help the businesses through the process with ease. Additionally, we wanted to create a one-stop shop for the business community," Vasquez said.

The Online Business Resource Center was one of the items identified in the Economic Development Action Plan, which was approved by the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Executive Board on April 5. The Plan focuses on ways to attract and retain businesses, as well as developing a comprehensive marketing strategy for these activities.

Implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan is being led by staff in the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency, which is tasked with creating economic growth by helping businesses grow and redeveloping blighted properties. In the past 40 years, the Agency has created or saved more than 3,250 jobs. Among the list of employers the Redevelopment Agency has attracted or helped grow include Home Depot, Living Spaces, Trader Joe's Headquarters, City of Hope and over two dozen technology based firms located in Monrovia's High Tech Corridor on Huntington Drive.

COME ON DOWN TO PAMELA PARK!

By Joan Schmidt Clayton

Last week I went over to Pamela Park to inquire about National Night Out and was blown away. Of course the Park has the beautiful gymnasium and skate park. However, there has been SO MUCH more equipment added and so many fun events scheduled for the upcoming weeks. All the programs are FREE! Pamela Park's address is 2236 Goodall Ave. Duarte. Easiest way to get there: From Duarte Road- South on California, east (Left turn) on Pamela Road & proceed straight to the Park.

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PAMELA PARK PHONE NUMBERS:
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From Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz:

A Message of Thank You to Senator Bob Huff, Assembly Members Anthony Portantino and Tim Donnelly:

As Mayors and City Council Members, we find it hard to believe that Governor Brown and the California State Legislature actually voted to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies from the State of California in spite of clear facts that Redevelopment abates blighting influences and brings positive economic development benefits to our cities and the state. It is particularly disturbing that the Legislature would ignore the fact that less than a year ago the citizens of California voted overwhelming for Prop 22 – an initiative designed to protect local government funding and specifically, Redevelopment.

The sad fact is that they did approve the elimination Redevelopment; but not all State

Legislators turned their back on the people they represent.

We are proud to stand next to and thank Senator Bob Huff, Assembly Member Tim Donnelly and especially the **only** democrat to oppose the bill, Assembly Member Anthony Portantino.

Taking principled stands that are not politically expedient is not easy. Representation that is meaningful and preserves local government serves all Californians and we are grateful to be represented by such fine public servants. Thank you Senator Bob Huff, Assemblymembers Tim Donnelly and Anthony Portantino!

With gratitude from the Mayors and City Council Members from the following cities:

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Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 588 service events, resulting in 97 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Hot Prowl

On July 22 at 1:20 a.m., a resident in the 800 block of East Lemon was sleeping in the living room when she heard her small dog growling at something outside. She went to investigate and saw a male subject wearing dark colored clothing crawling through her bedroom window. The suspect saw the resident and fled. Officers conducted an area search, but were unable to locate the suspect. The investigation is continuing.

Receiving Stolen Mail / Parole Violation - Suspect Arrested

On July 22 at 9:17 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 800 block of West Walnut due to recent complaints of drug activity. He observed two subjects walking down the street carrying a duffel bag. When he stopped and talked with the subjects, he learned one of them was on parole for burglary. A search of the duffel bag revealed stolen mail from several residences off Royal Oaks. The suspect was arrested for possession of stolen mail and a parole violation.

Armed Robbery - Suspects Arrested

On July 24 at 4:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to a motel in the 900 block of West Huntington. A male victim reported that a male occupant staying in a room at the motel had just robbed him of all his property at knife point. The victim went to the motel to trade items he found in the trash for marijuana. The suspect did not want what he was trading and decided to take everything he had, including his backpack and iPod. The suspect was identified and arrested without incident. The stolen property was located and returned to its owner. A female subject inside the room was also arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, as well as another male subject who had rented the room. A stolen bicycle was found in the second male subject's vehicle, so he was also charged with possession of stolen property.

Wanted Robbery Suspect Arrested

Arcadia Police Department recently circulated a special bulletin regarding a wanted robbery suspect from their city. On July 24 at 10:43 p.m., a Monrovia officer, who is familiar with the suspect from prior contacts, drove by an area where the suspect was known to frequent. The officer saw the suspect walking near Fifth and Olive with another male subject. The suspect tried to conceal himself behind a bush, but was detained without incident. Arcadia officers arrived and took custody of the suspect.

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

On July 25 at 4:00 a.m., an officer saw a suspicious person in the area of Foothill and Canyon. The officer contacted the male subject and determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance. Upon further investigation, the officer found the suspect had a flashlight, screwdriver, and box cutter in his possession. The suspect did not have a reasonable explanation for having these tools or for being in Monrovia. The suspect was arrested for being under the influence and possession of burglary tools.

Driving Under the Influence / Hit and Run Traffic Collision - Suspect Arrested

On July 25 at 2:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of South Peck, where a vehicle collided into four parked cars. The suspect's vehicle lost one of its wheels, but the suspect continued south on Peck into the City of El Monte on three wheels and an axle. A witness followed the driver and led officers to the suspect. He was detained and officers determined he had been driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Battery

On July 25 at 6:23 p.m., police received a report of a battery that just occurred in the area of California and Walnut. The reporting party stated a male subject had exited a truck and was seen hitting a female, then dragging her into the bushes. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone. The reporting party called again and stated he had been incorrect in the location, and that it was Canyon and Walnut. Officers returned and located a trail of blood from Walnut to Maple. After an extensive investigation, it was determined an altercation had occurred between a teenage boyfriend and girlfriend, and the female may have hit the male in the nose, causing him to bleed. Officers were unable to determine exactly what transpired, as the two juveniles were uncooperative and had no visible signs of injury.

Battery Thefts

On July 26, three curbside box battery thefts were reported. The suspect(s) pried open the box doors and stole several back-up power batteries that are used in case of power outages. The thefts occurred in the 1300 block South Magnolia, the 500 block of Bradbury, and the 1000 block of Royal Oaks. No suspects have been located. Time Warner Cable reported that a few nights ago, the City of Pomona had approximately 60 of these boxes broken into in one night. The same thefts are also occurring in Arcadia and South Pasadena. Investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary

On July 26 at 10:00 p.m., a subject who was house-sitting in the 100 block of North Madison arrived at the home and found the front door ajar. The point of entry into the home was a kitchen window; no forced entry was apparent. The house appeared to be thoroughly ransacked and the actual loss is unknown, since the owners are away. The loss will be determined when the owners return. Investigation continuing.

Possible Drug Activity

On July 27 at 12:11 a.m., a caller reported a male subject standing near a blue van in the 900 block of West Walnut that appeared to be smoking marijuana. The caller stated they did not think the person belonged in the area. When the officer arrived, the suspect fled. As he ran, he placed his hands in his sweatshirt. The officer called out commands for the suspect to remove his hands, but the suspect kept running and was able to get into a construction storage yard at the 210 Freeway and Fifth. Containment of the area was set up and the Foothill Air Support Team helicopter assisted in the search. The suspect was not found. He is believed to be associated with a local residence in the area. A methamphetamine pipe was found in the area.

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Jefferson Principal Requests Reassignment

In December last year, parents staged a protest, demanding that the PUSD force Principal Hoori Chalian leave the school. Last week, she did.

According to the Pasadena Unified School District, Jefferson Elementary principal Hoori Chalian did a good job. In a statement issued last week, the district said,

"In the last two years, student achievement at Jefferson Elementary has risen by 19 points on the Academic Performance Index. The school designed and implemented a response to intervention program that provides targeted instruction to meet individual student needs in language arts. Both were accomplished under the leadership of Principal Hoori Chalian.

Having completed her goal of raising student achievement at Jefferson Elementary, Ms. Chalian has requested reassignment. The District will honor her request and will work together to leverage her skills, knowledge, and passion for student achievement in other areas that will have the most benefit for our district's students.

Over the last few months, the Pasadena Unified School District has received and investigated complaints by some parents of Jefferson Elementary School. In accordance with state law and Board of Education policy, all complaints have been investigated,

addressed, and received appropriate written responses. No cause was found to remove the principal.

We are grateful for Ms. Chalian's commitment to doing what's best for kids, and look forward to being part of her continued professional success in PUSD."

This statement is in stark contrast to comments made by parents who took to the streets in protest last year, after appeals to PUSD officials failed to yield the resignation of the principal. At that time, parents attributed the failure of the schools maintenance staff, the unruly behavior of children, including bullying on the playground and her unwillingness to work with them to resolve their concerns to Chalian's inability to manage the school. In addition, according to news reports, 90% of the staff who worked with Chalian voted 'no confidence' in her leadership.

While some PUSD board members attributed the conflict between parents and Chalian to differences in culture others indicated that it seemed to be personal.

Chalian continued in her role as Principal and managed to improve the academic per-



formance at the school. Her request for reassignment was completely voluntary.



Gotcha!

This summer has been amazing; going to the beach, traveling across the country, seeing friends, etc., but hard as I tried to escape the inescapable, it finally caught me. Realization hit me smack dab in the middle of the forehead and reality sounded the alarm to begin panicking and stressing out. For this past Sunday night, the Common Application became open. All summer my friends and I had talked about getting it done early so we do not have to stress during the school year and be able to make perfecting touches. But when I filled out my registration and logged on for the first time, I felt the tiny trickle of anxiety begin to spread across my body. The Common App is supposed to be simple and easy, which it does seem for the most part, but the individual college supplements and college essay are the scary ones. Questions like, "What is one thing you do not want to fail at and why?" are terrifying, because how is someone to supposed to answer that seriously but also express who you are as an individual? Because personally, I would really like to not fail as skydiving, that would suck because I would be dead, but that response is not suitable for a college application. Yet despite all this stress, it is also really exciting.

As I was adding my colleges to my list for the application, it was crazy to realize that hopefully I will be going to one of these schools next fall, where the air will be crisp and leaves will be on the ground before the first snowfall. I will have left the scary world of applications behind and ready to enjoy the future. For now, though, I have to focus on the Mt. Everest before me- that is the Common Application - inhale some pure oxygen, and breathe.

MTA APPROVES DEVELOPMENT OF "EZ TRANSIT PASS" PLAN FOR EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors unanimously approved a plan by County Mayor and MTA Director Michael D. Antonovich to develop a pilot program providing no-cost EZ Transit passes for the County's Emancipated Youth Self-Sufficiency program. The EZ Transit pass will provide service for all municipal and rail systems.

"This program is a major breakthrough in assisting some of our County's most vulnerable youth achieve stability and autonomy," said Antonovich.

The one-year pilot program will be designed by the MTA and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services to be implemented by March 1, 2012.



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- ♦ sort and package school supplies during the weeks of Aug. 1 and Aug. 8th.
- ♦ set-up at Santa Anita racetrack on Wed., Aug. 17th —9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ♦ to help at Back to School Day, Thursday Aug. 18 at Santa Anita racetrack.

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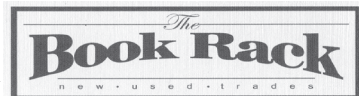


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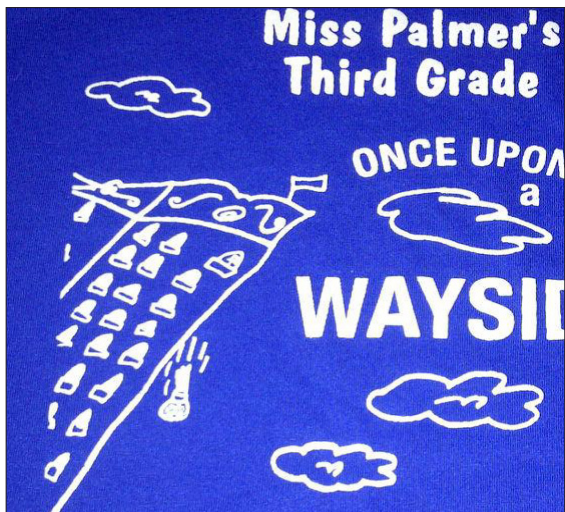
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SUMMER FUN



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

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

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

This is a series of stories that will enlighten, inspire and keep you laughing all summer long!

If you want to read the previous week's stories, go to: www.mtnviewsnews.com. S. Henderson/MVNews

BIRTHDAY WORRIES

by Robert Mangrum

It all started with Todd. Jason's birthday worries, I mean. It was Jason's birthday and he was turning 9. Todd, who was already 9, made up a rumor that when you turn 9 really bad things happen to you outside school.

"Really?", asked Jason after what Todd had told him.

"Nine is an unlucky number," said Todd, "so never trust the outside of Wayside."

"I won't," said Jason, shivering.

"Hey Jason," called Dee Dee, "want to play kickball?"

"Sure," said Jason. He went to play kickball.

"Darn!" Jason heard Ron saying, "only three and a half feet."

"Getting better though," said Terrence.

"Here's the birthday boy," called Dee Dee. Then the bell rang. Everyone hurried up the stairs.

Jason took his seat next to Joy and Allison. Rondi sat in front of him.

"Happy Birthday Jason," said Todd.

"Todd, no talking," said Mrs. Jewels. She wrote his name on the blackboard.

"Take out your workbook," said Mrs. Jewels.

Jason took out his workbook. He was on page four hundred seventy-eight. Todd was still on five. After they were done everyone sang happy birthday to Jason. Todd said, "Cha, cha, cha" and Mrs. Jewels didn't like it so Todd got a check. They had cupcakes with jelly beans on top, then when everyone left school Jason stayed. He believed what Todd had said.

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"Come on, wake up Jason!", shouted Allison.

"Let me help," said Maurica. She screamed at the top of her lungs, "Wake Up!"

"Oh, okay," said Jason.

"You slept at school," called D.J. from his desk.

"It's 8:55!"

"I'm getting up," said Jason. Just then Mrs. Jewels strolled in followed by the rest of the class. Jason took his seat.

"Class," said Mrs. Jewels, "today we have recess all day."

"Yayyyy," shouted the class.

"Gp get fresh air," said Mrs. Jewels. The class scurried outside. Dee Dee was extra happy she would get the green ball.

"Todd?" said Jason, "will you help me?"

"No, I can't Jason," said Todd. Todd just really didn't want to help.

"Okay," said Jason. Jason just wanted more information about what Todd had warned him about. They went down to the playground. Jason felt

just as gray because he was still scared.

It was only a matter of time before it was two o'clock and school was over. Jason stayed in the classroom.

"Come on Jason," said Allison and Maurica.

"I'll smile him out of it," said D.J. He smiled. It did not work.

"I'm staying," said Jason.

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The next day Jason woke up to the sound of pattering feet. Everyone was coming in. Jason got up and sat at his desk. It was Friday.

"Workbook time," called Mrs. Jewels. Jason got out his workbook. He was now on page five hundred eight. Todd was on page six. He worked until page six hundred. Then it was ten o'clock. Time for recess. Jason walked out of the building.

He was still scared. The day went by fast and soon was over. Jason stayed for the next five days.

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The following Thursday morning, Jason woke up at one o'clock am finding Maurica, Allison and D.J.

"We know what's happening," said D.J.

"Todd's lying," said Maurica.

"Really," said Jason.

"Yes," all three said.

All of a sudden Jason wasn't afraid any more. Then he shouted, "I'm nine!" That went bouncing off the corners of the earth. Jason was not afraid. He was proud to be nine.

THE MEAN ONE

By Miette Roehr

Kathy was the meanest kid in Mrs. Jewel's class. She called everyone names, even Louis and the teachers. This meant she got in trouble a lot.

One day, when she was walking down the stairs to go outside, she saw Maurecia. She ran over to her and called her Ice Cream face. Maurecia started to cry. Louis came running over to her.

"She called me Ice Cream face," sobbed Maurecia.

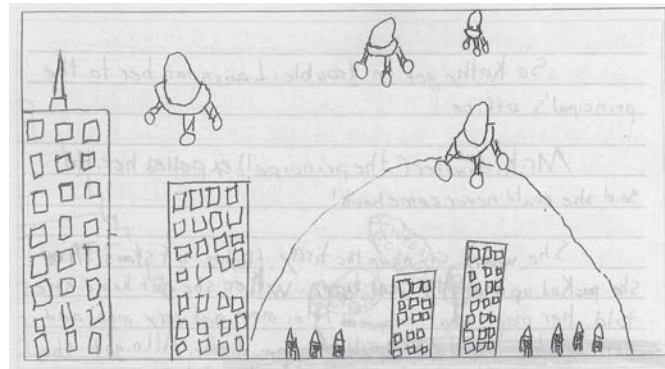
So Kathy got in trouble. Louis sent her to the principal's office.

Mr. Kidswatter (the principal) expelled her. He said she could never come back!

She went crying up the thirty flights of stairs. Then she packed up and sadly went home. When she got home, she told her Mom what happened. Her Mom got very mad and sent her to bed. She could not have dinner. All night she was starving. She started to cry. She decided she was never going to be mean again.

THE SHORTEST ALIEN ATTACK

By Levi M.



One Tuesday night at 11:12, Terrence saw an alien! He was on the roof of the Hollywood Bowl looking at the sky when all of a sudden he saw a red thing with ninety-five eyes! It also had seventy-five ears, popped in front of his telescope that he got for Christmas.

Terrence was very excited so he told Dee Dee all about it. But he warned her not to tell anyone. If she did, he might be famous!

"Too late," shouted Dee Dee. "I already posted it on YouTube", she continued.

"Noooo", exclaimed Terrance

The sound waves traveled from Terrance and knocked the video off YouTube right as someone was watching.

"Whaa", shouted the random citizen watching the video.

So word started to spread about the aliens who meanwhile started to panic. They weren't ready for people to know about them. As they stop their forget fast the alien said, "I sid drive to the 6,000th Galaxy, not the 60th, you dummy!"

Pop! Terrance shot out of bed as Dee Dee was shooting off New Years poppers.

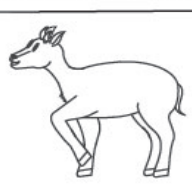
Terrance, "that was a scary dream."

The aliens were never seen again. Pop.....

I love ice cream sandwiches!



I like to make root beer floats!



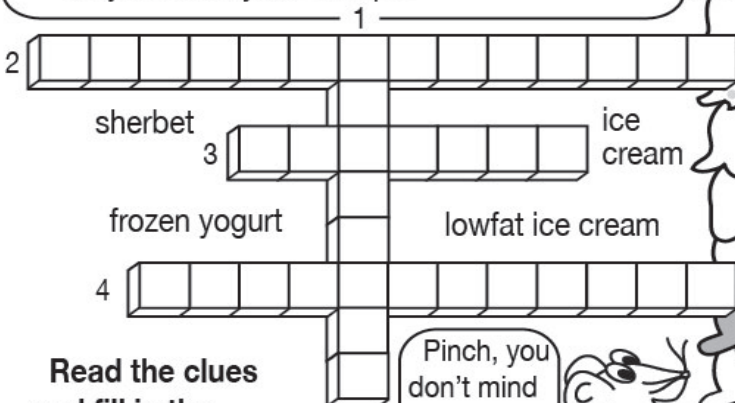
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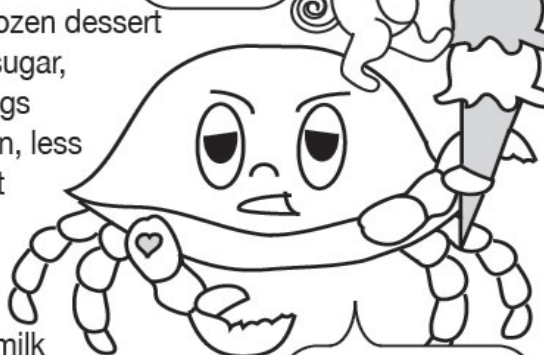
What's your favorite frozen dessert? Frozen yogurt? Ice cream? Sherbet? Lowfat ice cream? Frozen desserts are great any time, but they are especially refreshing on hot summer days. Do you know your scoops?



Read the clues and fill in the puzzle:

1. smooth, sweet frozen dessert made of cream, sugar, eggs and flavorings
2. sweetened, frozen, less than 10% milk fat
3. mostly made of water, sugar, flavoring and a small amount of milk
4. like a custard, it is made from milk; it has a slight sour-sweet taste

Pinch, you don't mind sharing, do you?



Hmmph, okay help yourself.

We seem to like ice cream dished out any way we can get it! It is said to be the favorite dessert in our country.

Can you find and circle these favorite ice cream treats, flavors and toppings?

cherries
caramel
hot fudge
chopped nuts
marshmallow
mint chocolate chip
cookies and cream
coffee
vanilla
chocolate
strawberry
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TAYLOR'S STEAKHOUSE IN LA CANADA

A Brunch to dine for.

Everyone has the favorite idea of the perfect Sunday afternoon. Some prefer the beach, others like to lounge and for me it's sipping good champagne with a great meal. Madame Begue's restaurant in New Orleans might be the initial restaurant to offer 'brunch' but many claim credit for the invention of the Sunday Brunch. The Sunday Brunch may have not been invented in Las Vegas but the act was perfected there.

I truly think that life should be a celebration, time stops for no person, and before you know it, you are in your 40's and writing in a newspaper about classic restaurants. That's how I came upon Taylor's Steak House in La Canada for this story on Sunday Brunch.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

The area of La Canada sure has changed even in the last year, but the good news, the prices at Taylor's have reflected little of that change. I made it a point to write the owner Bruce a note upon my exiting one Sunday Brunch, "Don't change a thing."

Old School is a term of affable endearment. Red leather booths, Marge as the server and of course a good stiff drink for under (\$10). Elva was my server on this visit and she pulled a full bottle of "J" sparkling wine for (\$28). Crazy - good!!! If you want to invest the day in the House Sparkling Wine, it is available too. With the first glass being on the house. So what is on the menu? A Classic Eggs Benedict (\$13.95) a dish that is so good the originator Commodore E.C. Benedict would be most proud to pull a fork over. For omelet worshippers, the build your own at (\$13.95) has local restaurateur David Yost in just about every Sunday when he is not working at one of his own restaurants. Fish lovers will rejoice on the Alaskan Halibut (\$18.95), it is in season at the moment and fresh. If you compare the price to the regular dinner menu and that you are getting a complimentary glass of bubbly it is quite the deal. My Brunch companion was very pleased with the Poached Salmon and Hollandaise for (19.95). Also, for bacon aficionados something unique to Taylor's is the hand cut Virginia smoked ham trimmed to bacon. It will straighten your tail with delight. Waffles and other morning food items are available. One additional recommendation, or-



der the "J" Champagne off the regular wine list. If you love good bubbly and want to treat yourself.

History Taylor's originally started on 8th St. in downtown LA; Tex Taylor started the clubby name-sake restaurant location over 45 years ago. The downtown location is still going strong. Son, Bruce Taylor has since taken over the reigns and opened this second location in La Canada. Red leather booths, full bar and veteran servers, just like the good old days.

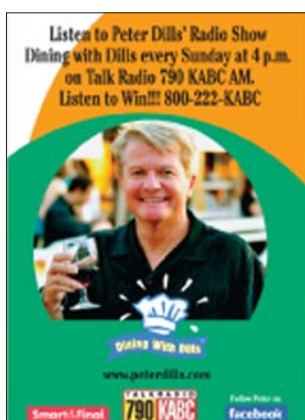
Our server "Elva" did a great job of making us feel at home. The afternoon was worth the label of celebration. I will be back.

Brunch Hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM.
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Taylor's Steakhouse 901 Foothill Blvd. La Canada (818) 790-7668

Log onto www.taylorsteakhouse.com for complete menu and prices

In the Next few months I will be visiting many an Old School Restaurants. So stay tuned to Dining with Dills on KABC Talk Radio 790 every Sunday Night at 5 PM. e-mail me at thechefknows@yahoo.com



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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 31 – Joseph Pernicano
August 7 – Latin Jazz Syndicate
August 14 – Michael Haggins
August 21 – Jacques Lesure Trio
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* Performers are subject to change without notice.

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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:

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store or \$50 in a restaurant during Friday Night Live hours (6:30 to 9pm) is invited to bring their receipt to the Chamber booth in Kersting Court. They will be entered in a drawing to take place the final week of Friday Night Live. Shoppers are eligible every time that they spend \$35/retail or \$50/restaurant – the more times they spend \$35/\$50 the greater their chances of winning. On the final Friday, August 26th, two lucky shoppers will have their names drawn to win a shopping/dining spree at Sierra Madre businesses that has an estimated value of \$500! Friday Night Live will take place in Kersting Court in Sierra Madre from 6:30 to 9pm on Fridays from July 29th to Aug. 26th.

For more information, including an entertainment lineup, list of themes, and a list of businesses participating in the shopping spree giveaway, visit www.SMFridayNightLive.info or call the Chamber at (626) 355-5111.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

The Disheartening Endless Summer

What do the movies "Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon", "Green Lantern", "Cars

2", "The Hangover 2", "Bad Teacher", "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides", "Cowboys & Aliens" and "The Smurfs" all have in common?

Well, besides performing gangbusters at the box office, the aforementioned films were all panned by critics. "Cowboys and Aliens" and "Bad Teacher" currently hold scores of 44% on RottenTomatoes.com, making them the best reviewed of the bunch. Sad, isn't it? Even ones that received generally favorable reviews such as "Thor", "Super 8", and "Horrible Bosses", in my humble opinion, were flawed and offered very little emotionally. More or less, they were run of the mill and middle of the road affairs. Maybe I've become jaded at my age, but I've grown immensely tiresome of superhero movies (unless Chris Nolan is at the helm), comic book flicks and just simple dumb action films. Without a doubt, this has to be easily the most disappointing summer movie season in quite awhile. As far as I'm concerned, I'm not sure if any mainstream movie has really stood out. Of the eleven movies I mentioned, eight of them were either a sequel, based on a toy (and a sequel), based on Disney theme park ride (and a sequel), based on a comic book or based on a television show. "Super 8" was original, but borrowed heavily from earlier Spielberg films. I felt that it didn't achieve the greatness it promised. "Horrible Bosses" and "Bad Teacher" were at the very least original comedies. However, "Horrible Bosses" was funny in parts, but the laughs were inconsistent and the story at times felt too formulaic. Personally, I can't speak negative about "Bad Teacher" since I haven't seen it. Nonetheless, it's from the same guys who wrote the movie "Year One" a few years ago. That alone scared me off. At any rate, without the recent success of R-rated comedies, who knows if these two movies would have even seen the light of the day at all?

It shouldn't go without mentioning that there have been a few movies this summer successful both critically and financially. I did not see "Kung Fu Panda 2", but with a score of 82% on RT, it must be all right. Then again, was it just another unnecessary sequel? "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows Part 2" finished at an unprecedented 96% on RT. Not only was it the best-reviewed movie of the year, but the most successful financially too. The box office figures come at no surprise since this is the most successful

film franchise ever. "Bridesmaids", the female version of the "Hangover", did way better than expected. It was surprisingly humorous at times despite dragging on just a bit toward the finish line. Now personally, my favorite mainstream summer movie was "X-Men: First Class". The chemistry between James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender was unequivocally rock solid. Director Matthew Vaughn easily reinvigorated and brought new life to an arguably worn out franchise. After the let downs of "X-Men: Last Stand" and "X-Men Origins: Wolverine", the X-Men series seems to be yet again looking promising.

On the indie side of the spectrum, the true breakout movie is without doubt "Midnight in Paris". It's been deemed Woody Allen's best film in years while both critics and audiences are fully embracing it. Sadly, I still haven't seen it, but plan to. Besides "Midnight in Paris", no other indie movie this summer has had the same magic. "Everything Must Go" (Will Ferrell), "Hesher" (with Joseph Gordon Levitt, Natalie Portman and Rainn Wilson) and "The Beaver" (Mel Gibson's audacious return on screen) failed to make much of a dent at the box office. Reviews for all three were mixed to positive. However, "The Beaver" was overwhelmingly underrated. I wouldn't be surprised if it caught some heat when it released on DVD/Blu-ray this month. Unfortunately, the little guys (the indies) received no love during a crowded, bloated, and oversaturated summer movie season.

So, what's there to look forward to until the end of summer? Is there truly anything to anticipate? I remain cautiously optimistic, but I feel that the best days do lie ahead. These days just so happen to fall under the autumn movie season though. Anyway, as for the independent side of things, we've got "The Myth of The American Sleepover", "Another Earth", "Bellflower", and the much buzzed about "Attack The Block". Moving over to the mainstream side, will "The Change-Up" (writers of "The Hangover") and "30 Minutes Or Less" (director of "Zombieland") be able to stand out from the other recently successful R-rated comedies? Can "The Rise of the Planet of the Apes" turn out to be a worthy origins story? Will writer/producer/visionary Guillermo del Toro deliver the goods on the remake of "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark"? We'll also find out if "Fright Night" was a necessary remake too. Lastly, can "Our Idiot Brother", another R-rated comedy with a little more drama than the other comedies be able to find love with critics and audiences? I hope the end of summer movie season will refurbish us with some refreshing sounds because the season thus far has been abundantly frustrating.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

CLEOPATRA: A LIFE by Stacy Schiff

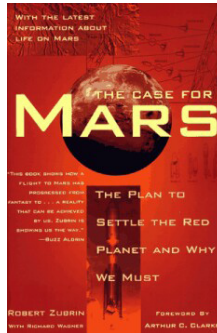
The Pulitzer Prize winning biographer brings to life the most intriguing woman in the history of the world: Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt. Her palace shimmered with onyx, garnets, and gold, but was richer still in political and sexual intrigue. Above all else, Cleopatra was a shrewd strategist and an ingenious negotiator. Though her life spanned fewer than forty years, it reshaped the contours of the ancient world. She was married twice, each time to a brother. She waged a brutal civil war against the first when both were teenagers. She poisoned the second. Cleopatra appears to have had sex with only two men. They happen, however, to have been Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, among the most prominent Romans of the day. Both were married to other women. Cleopatra had a child with Caesar and, after his murder, three more with his protégé. Already she was the wealthiest ruler in the Mediterranean; the relationship with Antony confirmed her status as the most influential woman of the age. The two would together attempt to forge a new empire, in an alliance that spelled their ends. Rich in detail, epic in scope, Schiff's is a luminous, deeply original reconstruction of a dazzling life.



THE CASE FOR MARS: THE PLAN TO SETTLE THE RED PLANET AND WHY WE MUST by Robert Zubrin

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He explains how scientists can use present day technology to send humans to Mars; produce fuel and oxygen on the planet's surface with its own natural resources; build bases and settlements; and one day terraform the atmosphere to pave the way for sustainable life. Zubrin lays out a comprehensive plan to build life on a new world.



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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"This whole process has been like; you're in a bank, it's a negotiation where you got some hostages and after getting everything you wanted you're still going, 'Oh, and one last demand - I still get to kill the hostages, right?'"

- Jon Stewart

THE DAILY SHOW host drew an analogy with congressional tea-baggers

holding the nation's economy hostage, threatening mayhem unless their demands are met. Then, after a deal is struck, reacting not with relief but with disappointment they won't get to have their mayhem.

Stewart observed, "Government isn't perfect, but some people wish it was better - not gone."

Throughout the entire ordeal, there was the disquieting realization that these hostage-takers had no idea what the issue was, and remained blissfully unconcerned with consequences.

The issue was not deficit spending. Governments routinely borrow in times of war, natural disaster and to bring economies out of recession. Governments borrow to make investments - as we have in such areas as science research and education, interstate highways, a space program, rural electrification and a G.I. Bill - leading to immeasurable dividends.

Deficit spending was not the reason Wall Street threatened to downgrade our credit rating, and foreign governments questioned the future of the dollar as a benchmark currency; rather, it was because we'd become immobilized by debate over whether to pay our bills.

The United States and Denmark are the only two nations with statutory debt ceilings (a mechanism we adopted in 1917 to facilitate the financing of World War I). Most other countries, and the U.S. Congress up until a few months ago, assumed that authorization for an expenditure implied an intention to pay for it.

The tea-baggers aren't constrained by such assumptions. They've made comparisons to a family around the kitchen table deciding which debts to pay right away, and which to put off for later. The U.S. Treasury has no such latitude. It must pay debts as they become due.

They've offered reassurance we have enough funds to continue making interest payments. But when a Treasury bond matures, it's the face value that becomes due, not an interest payment. If the family sees a bill from the plumber for \$75, they know the plumber expects the \$75 - not an interest payment.

That disconnect from reality was symbolized by Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL), the ubiquitous tea-bagger talking head making the media rounds lecturing on fiscal responsibility. When asked on CNN about his being sued by an ex-wife for \$117,000 in back child support, the congressman suggested such problems show he's one of us, because "This is where the real America is."

Unfortunately, divorce and child support payments are indeed part of American life. But what the congressman and fellow tea-baggers fail to understand is that, whether child support or national obligations, the "real America" doesn't renege on its

debts.

Fortunately, enough Republicans joined with Democrats in realizing this went beyond partisan game-playing, a strategy of betting President Obama gets blamed for whatever suffering is inflicted, and risked nothing less than the "full faith and credit" of the United States. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) described Tea Party confidence in extorting a balanced-budget amendment as "unfair. It's bizarre. And maybe some people have only been in this body for six or seven months or so really believe it."

Sen. McCain continued by quoting the Wall Street Journal, warning that tea-bagger positions "not only undermine their House majority, they will go far reelecting Mr. Obama."

As it is, the final deal seems anti-climatic. President Obama can raise the debt ceiling, and Congress can say it doesn't like it. Only about 2% of the \$3 trillion in envisioned cuts need be dealt with right away. A bipartisan committee will come up with its own recommendations around Thanksgiving, and unless Congress wants to deal with half-a-trillion in defense cuts, revenue will be part of the equation.

In a Congress truly representing We the People, it wouldn't have come down this way. A CBS News poll from mid-July showed just 21% support for Republicans' refusal to allow consideration of tax increases. Overall Republican handling of the talks got 51% disapproval - among Republicans. (32% of Democrats disapproved of their own party's performance.)

As the deal grew closer, a Washington Post / Pew Research poll asked respondents what one word best described their impression of budget negotiations. "Fair" got 5% of the vote. "Compromise" got 6%. The top three vote-getters were "Ridiculous", "Disgusting" and "Stupid" (66%, 42% and 35%, respectively).

Hostage dramas draw attention from what really matters. When interviewed by Chris Matthews on MSNBC, Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA) turned the topic back to reality: "75% of corporate profit over the last two years has been a result of cutting personnel and innovation. We're cutting out jobs in order to maximize profit, and corporations are sitting on \$2 trillion in cash. We are not a poor nation, but we're never going to realize our real wealth as long as we don't invest in our people."

In another interview, Matthews took on Matt Kibbe of FreedomWorks, the corporate astro-turf firm behind the tea-baggers: "You have an ideology behind you which makes sense, but the trouble with it when it comes down to running the United States government, you guys don't accept the fiduciary responsibility to be part of the United States government, do you? You're basically still carrying placards, and you're still standing outside the Capitol yelling. But you're not willing to come inside the building to help run the government, which means paying the bills, because you don't accept that responsibility, do you?"

On Monday, the day before the hostage crisis ended, the U.S. lost \$18 million in a single day as higher interest was demanded by a worried market in an auction of short-term Treasury bills.

Wall Street continues to tumble at the prospect of even minor budget cuts in a struggling economy.

The Republican House has adjourned for a five-week vacation.

about the company and its products. Each of these businesses has moved on to new taglines, but they were so memorable that millions of customers still make the association with their respective businesses: 1) Nike, 2) Bounty, 3) BMW and 4) Wendy's.

"Shorter is better" is the Golden Rule when developing your tagline. By following basic guidelines, you will be able to come up with one to serve your business well. First, ask yourself, "What do I want to communicate to my customers?" What is the main message that I want to convey about my goods or services? Second, do some research on taglines of other companies, large and small. Gather them into a file where you can review them. Which ones grab your attention and why? Third, it's time to have some brainstorming sessions (solo or with a small group). You may have 10, 20 or even more ideas when you finish. Fourth, once you've generated the list, it's time to narrow it down to the top three so that you can make a decision. Your final choice may need to be reworked or reworded. Finally, it's time to do some informal marketing research on your short list of taglines. If you're already in business, you can ask existing customers for their opinions. If you're still in the planning stages, you can solicit feedback from business colleagues or others who fit the profile of your potential customers.

Mountain Views News will be sponsoring a Fall 2011 series of free introductory marketing workshops for small businesses. Final arrangements are being made to confirm dates and locations, with the first to be announced for registration in next week's column.

GREG Welborn

HOBBITS, NEO-NAZIS & TERRORISTS AT THE TEA PARTY



So based on their performance last week, Tea Partiers are (depending on who you want to believe) Hobbits, Neo-Nazis or Terrorists. Seems like a pretty extreme accusation, especially coming from the party that pleaded with us to resume a more civil discourse after Representative Gabrielle Gifford's shooting, so I thought I'd review what claims, aspirations or goals of the Tea Party might warrant such a title.

Let's start with documenting the fact that we don't just have some loons on the left hurling these charges. After all, if it's just one nutter who's having his 15 minutes of fame, then it would be unfair, and blatantly uncharitable, of me to assign such lunacy to the entire Democratic Left. Sadly, it's not just one nutter. Maureen Dowd, a mainstream Liberal writer if ever there was one, accused the Tea Partiers of being Hobbits. O.K., O.K. that might actually be a compliment. After all it was a Hobbit that saved the world. But dear Maureen meant it in the most disparaging and condescending of ways. Tina Brown of Newsweek called them suicide bombers. Representative Doyle of the great state of Pennsylvania referred to Tea Partiers as the equivalent of the Taliban or Hezbollah. He then followed that with the "T" word, accusing them of actually being terrorists, which was quickly picked up by Chris Matthews of MSNBC, and then not-to-be-left-out-of-the-press-coverage Vice President Biden, who also picked up the theme.

So what is it exactly that Tea Partiers want? Well, the proximate cause of all these complaints and accusations is the fact that Tea Partiers want to reduce the deficit and prevent the federal deficit from consuming us. They point to the sheer size of the deficit and debt, which ballooned under President Obama, and have dared to say it is at unsustainable levels. To add to their hate-filled and violence inciting remarks, they've pointed out that the amount of revenue collected by the government has remained fairly steady as a percentage of our economy (GDP), but the amount of spending has increased well beyond anything imaginable. In other words, they say, it's a spending problem, not a tax problem. That is truth, but as has often been the case, speaking the truth doesn't earn you any friends or allies.

Seems a bit absurd, doesn't it, that pointing to the extravagance of spending would equate a group of average Americans with bumbling, hate-filled and violent characters from fiction, history and the Middle East? Perhaps there's more to the story. It seems after all that Tea Partiers are unhappy with a number of things the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. has done. It's actually a rather long list.

1. When Obama took office, the federal deficit was 3% of GDP, and it's now 11%.
2. When Obama took office, the federal debt

was \$10.7 trillion but has grown in 3 short years to \$14.3 trillion, with another \$2.something trillion agreed to.

3. The dollar has lost roughly half its value against gold since Obama took office.

4. Since Obama took office, employment has FALLEN by 3.5 million jobs, instead of growing by 2.5 million as he claimed.

5. China's military budget has increased by 13% while ours will suffer \$40 billion per in cuts over the next decade, with even more threatened by December, and Tea Partiers don't think the Chinese want to just run humanitarian projects with all these soldiers and weaponry.

6. Since Obama took office, the percentage of "moderate" Muslims who had a favorable view of the U.S. has fallen from George Bush's 9% to 5%. Sucking up to them really didn't work.

7. Peace-loving, misunderstood Iran has increased their enriched uranium from 1,000 kilos to 4,000 kilos, undoubtedly to be used in the export of really fun glow-in-the-dark toys for American girls and boys.

The list could go on, but space is tight. The reality, though, is that none of the above is really a reason to accuse Tea Partiers of the heinous crimes listed. The point of the matter is that liberals are irate that Tea Partiers have been so successful in transforming the nature of the political discussion in Washington. The Obama era started with a goal of increasing the size and scope of government to levels almost unheard of in our republic.

Conservatives seemed on the defensive. Conservative ideas seemed to be waning. Within the scope of a few short months, and lots of grass roots efforts, Tea Partiers have helped Americans of all stripes recognize that a bloated government with massive deficits and debts is counter to the American way. Americans are now engaging in a serious debate about the size, scope and mission of government, and the restrictions it imposes on average Americans. Bringing that in to the clear light of day has earned true conservatives the invective and vile anger we're seeing now.

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Promoting Your Small Business: Developing A Tagline for Your Business

by La Quetta M. Shamblee, M.B.A.

Along with your business name and logo, a tagline is definitely the most noticeable element of a business's identity. A tagline is usually a one or two line descriptor that is usually placed along with a logo or company name. However, some taglines can be comprised of single word, like 3M's "Innovation," or Budweiser's "Whassup?!"

Coming up with a tagline that is creative and catchy enough to be memorable may seem easy, but corporations typically spend big money for advertising agencies to develop and market test their taglines. Small businesses that don't have the big budgets can still come up with brilliant taglines by following a few guidelines and investing some time to brainstorm. If you choose one that is creative and catchy enough, it will also be the most memorable association that the public makes with your business.

When potential customers begin to identify your tagline with your business, they're more likely to patronize you when they have a need or desire for what you sell. It may even prompt them to spend money with you as a result of learning more about the company with the catchy phrase.

Consider the following four "retro" taglines to see if you can recall and match them with their respective businesses (answers are provided at the end of the following paragraph):

- 1) "Just Do It!"
- 2) "The Quicker Picker Upper"
- 3) "The Ultimate Driving Machine"
- 4) "Where's The Beef?"

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn Thrown under the bus...AGAIN!



Monday was not a good day for liberals and progressives. The U.S. Senate voted 74-26 in favor of the \$2.1 trillion deficit-reduction bill passed the Republican-led House. President Obama signed the bill into law shortly after. The signing came only hours before the deadline to raise the nation's debt limit and avoid default.

In a statement from the White House after the vote, Obama called the passing of the bill an "important first step." Senate Democrat Harry Reid said the Republican-opposed tax increases must be included in additional deficit cuts.

Rating agencies Fitch and Moody's both affirmed Tuesday that the U.S. would maintain its triple-A status. However, both warned of the potential for a future downgrade. Stocks, meanwhile, dropped by more than two percent on reports of lower consumer spending and slowing in the manufacturing sector.

In exchange for raising the nation's debt ceiling, Congress will immediately slash over a trillion dollars from government spending. A "supercommittee" in Congress

will then propose additional cuts of nearly two trillion dollars late this year. If Congress cannot agree to specific cuts, then the cuts will be made across the board.

Significantly, the debt compromise only includes spending cuts. It does not include a mechanism to increase revenue, even though both lower revenue and higher spending have caused the historically high deficit. Also, President Obama initially said that revenue must be a factor in any compromise. He later abandoned that position.

Predictably, and rightly so, many on the left are up in arms about the compromise. Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor during the Clinton Administration, offered a scathing critique of the proposal. Reich argues that: "Anyone who characterizes the deal between the President, Democratic, and Republican leaders as a victory for the American people over partisanship understands neither economics nor politics."

"The deal does not raise taxes on America's wealthy and most fortunate -- who are now taking home a larger share of the total income and wealth, and whose tax rates are already lower than they have been, in eighty years. Yet it puts the nation's most important safety nets and public investments on the chopping block."

Liberals in Congress have also begun to criticize the deal. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, described the proposal as "a sugar-coated Satan sandwich" and as a "shady bill."

The debt deal apparently doesn't appeal to Nancy Pelosi either. The Washington Post reports that Pelosi offered lukewarm reactions to reports of the compromise. First, Pelosi said of the deal: "We all may not be able to support it, or none of us may be able to support it." then, later followed up with this lukewarm comment: "I look forward to reviewing the legislation with my caucus to see what level of support we can provide."

Michael Hudson, president of the Institute for the Study of Long-Term Economic trends says the Republican proposal dubbed "Cut, cap, balance" is horrible legislation and that Obama is manufacturing a crisis to play ball with Wall Street instead of Main Street.

"[The deal] is an awful piece of legislation, and it's too bad that Mr. Obama supports it. But you could see it all coming even before Mr. Obama took office, when he appointed the Deficit Reduction Commission. He appointed opponents of Social Security to the commission: Republican Senator Simpson and Bowles, who was Clinton's chief of staff.

Obama really believes in trickle-down economics. He believes Wall Street are job creators, not downsizers and outsourcers and foreclosurers. That's the tragedy of all this.

"Now, how--the question is, how can a Democratic president put forth a Republican program? There has to be a crisis. Now, in reality, there is no crisis at all. In reality, the raising the debt ceiling has been done for a hundred years automatically. There is no connection between raising the debt ceiling and arguing over tax policy. Tax policy takes many years to work out.

"All of a sudden, Mr. Obama is going along with the charade of saying, 'Wait a minute, let's create a crisis.' As his former manager, Rahm Emanuel, said, a crisis is too important an opportunity to waste. And Wall Street doesn't like real crises, so there's an artificial non-crisis that Obama is treating as a crisis so that he can put forth the recommendations of the Deficit Reduction Commission to get rid of Social Security that he has supported all along..."

In other words, the first black president, elected by progressives is really a shrill helping Wall Street plunder the U.S. treasury... Meanwhile, here on Main Street, the rest of us have been thrown under the bus... AGAIN!

RICH Johnson



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"Dwn wth vwls"
"Earn cash in your spare time - blackmail friends" (sign over urinal in pub) "Express lane: five beers or less"
"Help wanted: Telepath. You know where to apply"
"Indecision is the key to flexibility"
"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Snore and you sleep alone"
"Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand"
"My daughter thinks I'm nosy. At least that's what I she says in her diary"
"My mother was the travel agent for guilt trips"
"Perforation is a rip-off"



OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column

Mr. Uncle Sam, Don't Touch My Apple Fritter!

I usually live life on an even keel. I once had an odd keel, but fortunately, I had the good sense to throw it back into the water from whence it came. I take pride

in maintaining a certain sense of balance in my life. But, there are those times when all balance is thrown out the window.

Just this past week when I was enjoying an unusually wonderful sense of balance in my life, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage changed my whole demeanor.

We were watching the news on television. When I say "we," I am not insinuating in any regard that I was paying any attention whatsoever to what was happening on the television screen. I usually have a book in hand I am perusing while I am allegedly watching TV.

Out of nowhere, I heard her exclaim, "They just wouldn't do that."

I continued in my book and paid no attention to her.

"What in the world is wrong with those people?" I heard her say.

By now, my curiosity had gotten the best of me and I laid my book down and said, "What has got you all riled up tonight?"

"Didn't you hear what they just said?"

"I'm sorry; I was looking at my book."

"Well," she said in a very disgusted manner, "the government is thinking about taxing junk food. Can you imagine anything more ludicrous than that?"

I always like to, at least try to think of the positive side of things. With the way our beloved politicians have been going these days, it is very hard to find the positive side. Although I am not in favor of taxes, I know that as a citizen I need to pay my fair share. I have no problem with that. I'm not, however, in favor of tacking on some new taxes. What's wrong with the old ones?

Then my wife said something that turned my thinking all the way around.

"You do know what junk food is, don't you?"

That was a crazy thing to say. Of course, I knew what junk food was. I stay away from that food category and pride myself in eating healthy food every day. No junk food for me, thank you.

I shrugged it off at the time and replied to my wife, "Oh well, the government has to do whatever it has to do in times like these."

"You do know that Apple Fritters are considered junk food by our government? And when they start taxing junk food they will be taxing your Apple Fritters."

"They don't."

"They wouldn't."

"Veni, Vidi, Velcro: I came, I saw, I stuck around"

"Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again"

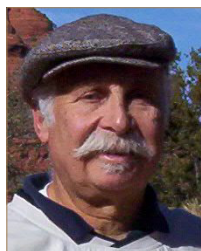
I'm often afforded the luxury of reading Stuart Tolchin's column before it's submitted and printed. And I love the fact that Stuart waxes philosophically. For one reason, it permits me to be the court jester writing trivial columns knowing he is dealing with the deeper issues of life. One important issue he deals with is the desire to fix our system of government. And who isn't for that?

This gives me motivation to restate some suggestions on restructuring government that I made only a few weeks ago. I resubmit them for your consideration:

1. Let the president serve one (1) six year term and out.
2. Have congressional elections every four years. The current two-year system forces legislators and wannabes to constantly be campaigning. If we have four-year terms, just maybe we might get a couple years of true governing between election slugfests.
3. Designate one Senate seat in each state as a one term only seat. Take California for example. Senator Feinstein's seat could be occupied by the same person for as long as they can win an election. Senator Boxer's seat, on the other hand, is good for one term and out. If that senator wants to run again, it has to be for Feinstein's seat.
4. Finally, let me suggest the really big change. Let's have a ten year moratorium on men running and holding political office. Us men have been in charge since time began and look at our track record. What would it be like to have women in the seats of power? They certainly couldn't do any worse. Of course there is that every 28-day cycle to consider (will I get in trouble for that?) Probably. Oh well.

Have a good week everyone.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



LESSONS FROM THE QWERTY KEYBOARD

Lately I've been reading a lot about evolution. I've become very interested in the animal which is considered to be the nearest relative to human beings, the Bonobo. The Bonobo is said to share 98.4 percent of its genetic make-up with human beings. This is about the same figure as is shared by the chimpanzee and human beings; and these three hominoids, human beings and the two great apes, shared a common ancestor about six million years ago. Although it is common for people to speak of human beings coming from apes, scientists tell us that each of the three separate species are highly evolved, well-established separate species that share a common ancestor. Still we can learn a great deal about ourselves by noting similarities and differences between these close relatives.

Right now theses differences seem very significant to me as the most obvious difference among theses species is that, on the one hand, chimpanzees and humans tend to react to differences by acting aggressively, while Bonobos settle differences through sexual activity. As I mentioned in my last article, Bonobos are the model for the "make love not war" method of resolution conflict. It is very possible that this capacity for peaceful resolution remains within the unconscious abilities of human beings, although at this particular time in history it is very difficult to recognize.

One of the surprising facts about the mechanics of evolution is that traits which are no longer useful still are retained as a part of the genetic make-up and may at some later stage of evolution be utilized for other purposes. Remember, evolution is not a decision-making process. No Creator or overall intelligence is present to guide the process. What allows and creates change is the passage of huge amounts of time. This particular aspect of evolution reminds me of the continued presence of the qwerty keyboard I am utilizing right now. This particular configuration of keys, I have learned, was designed in the 1870's. The keys were set up for the specific purpose of putting commonly used letters in difficult places and at a considerable distance from one another. There was a reason for this seeming madness, as early typewriters tended to jam if the typist was able to strike the letters very rapidly; consequently the keyboard was setup to make typing tough.

Obviously the problem of jamming typewriters was solved long ago and there is no particular reason to maintain this strange qwerty set up. Still it remains, and this archaic configuration has become an integral part of our most modern contemporary electronic technology, even though other keyboard designs would be better suited to contemporary needs. I think the same is true as related to our present governmental structures. The recent posturing and time-consuming senseless activity regarding the debt-limit has demonstrated the absolute senselessness of maintaining two houses of Federal Legislatures. The main and almost only thing these elected officials do is to try and get re-elected. The different parties march to the tunes dictated by their huge financial contributors who actually control the Country. The needs of the actual population of the Country are continually ignored. It is a broken system which almost by definition is unable to act quickly and respond to the real needs of the population.

IT IS TIME TO CHANGE THIS SYSTEM! We don't need these guys and their duplicative, expensive staffs which exist only to attempt to secure re-election. We can get rid of them!

Politics need not be like evolution. We individual humans can make some aware attempt to make changes. We need not hold on to the old qwerty keyboard. We can throw it out the window. How do we individual Americans make the change? Even the President, our number one elected-official, seems to be pleading with Americans to stop being passive and do something. All of this electronic technology makes it possible for us to communicate with one another and organize something or other. Forget marches, we need boycotts. If we stop buying stuff for a couple of days, or take our money out of banks, or stop buying gas on certain days, the rich and powerful will have to take notice. What are our goals? Well, jobs for starters, and a fairer distribution of income, and a serious attempt to protect the planet. But most important is to somehow get money out of the equation so that there can be meaningful and reasoned discussion about what needs to be done; a discussion not polluted by greed. For some reason evolution has resulted in a unique human consciousness and awareness. I believe we have still contained within us a capacity for fun, and love, and compassion, and fairness. If the Bonobos can do it so can we—at least we can give it a try. By the way, Bonobos are on their way to extinction; I hope we do not follow suit.



Curbing Bad Behavior: Self-Preservation Society

The current "Debt Ceiling" debate caused me a lot of anguish. I am quite sure it made many Americans angry. Even the politicians who voted "for" or "against" raising the Debit Ceiling were agitated about casting their votes.

With remarks such as "President Obama should be more engaged in the process," "John Boehner cannot control his caucus," "Harry Reid is not telling the truth," "This is \$3 trillion package," "Will a deal save the United States AAA rating?" "This is one of the most critical times in the 21st century," "American are anxious," "The world is watching America," "Will the USA leave its soldiers high and dry?" "Don't cut Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security," "We need to generate revenue," "We must raise taxes," "We are leaving our children too much debt," "We can't continue to kick the can down the road," "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs," "We are cautiously optimistic," "Rich Americans must contribute to help balance the budget," "We cannot balance our budget on the backs of middle class and poor Americans," "The damage to America's creditability has already been done," "Triggers," "How will the stock market react?" "Targets," "We are very close to a deal," "A compelling narrative has been constructed," "This crisis is appalling," "We're down to the wire," "Principles," "Government spends too much money," "We have to avoid a default," "There is a financial catastrophe looming over our country," "Rank and file members (who are these individuals?)," "Framework," and my favorite "This is sausage making in full view of the American people," how can you blame anyone for being angry with our politicians in Washington, D.C.

We are a self-preservation society, so I have resolved myself to be patient and allow the politicians to complete their task. Especially, since the debate is not quite finished; the United States of America Congress will be debating the "Debit Ceiling" again in the Fall of 2011. You go figure!

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

First “Trojan” Asteroid Discovered Sharing Earth’s Orbit

Astronomers studying observations taken by NASA’s Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) mission have discovered the first known “Trojan” asteroid orbiting the Sun along with Earth.

Trojans are asteroids that share an orbit with a planet near stable points in front of or behind the planet. Because they constantly lead or follow in the same orbit as the planet, they never can collide with it. In our solar system, Trojans also share orbits with Neptune, Mars and Jupiter. Two of Saturn’s moons share orbits with Trojans.

Scientists had predicted Earth should have Trojans, but they have been difficult to find because they are relatively small and appear near the Sun from Earth’s point of view.

“These asteroids dwell mostly in the daylight, making them very hard to see,” said Martin Connors of Athabasca University in Canada, lead author of a new paper on the discovery in the July 28 issue of the journal Nature. “But we finally found one, because the object has an unusual orbit that takes it farther away from the Sun than what is typical for Trojans. WISE was a game-changer, giving us a point of view difficult to have at Earth’s surface.”

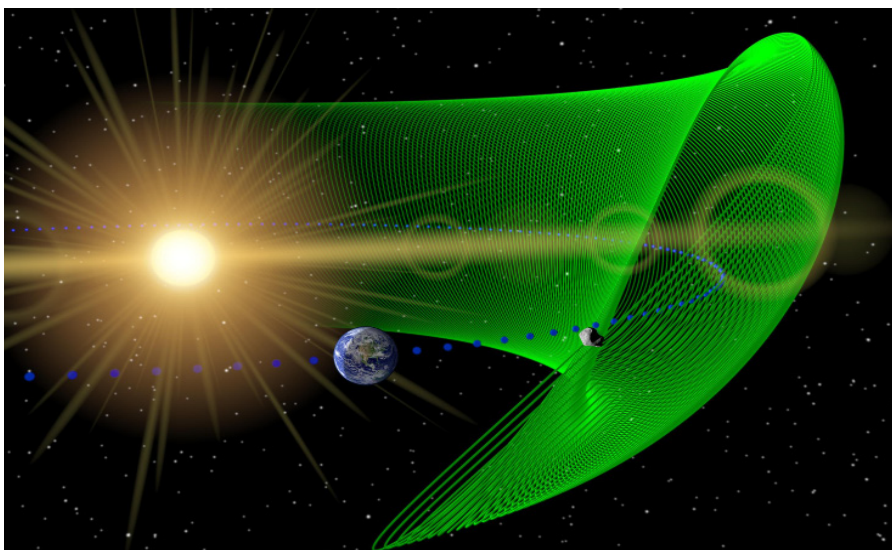
The WISE telescope scanned the entire sky in infrared light from January 2010 to February 2011. Connors and his team began their search for an Earth Trojan using data from NEOWISE, an addition to the WISE mission that focused in part on near-Earth objects, or NEOs, such as asteroids and comets. NEOs are bodies that pass within 28 million miles of Earth’s path around the Sun. The NEOWISE project observed more than 155,000 asteroids in the main belt between Mars and Jupiter, and more than 500 NEOs, discovering 132 that were previously unknown.

The team’s hunt resulted in two Trojan candidates. One of these, called 2010 TK7, was confirmed as an Earth Trojan after follow-up observations with the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope on Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

The asteroid is roughly 1,000 feet in diameter. It has an unusual orbit that traces a complex motion near a stable point in the plane of Earth’s orbit, although the asteroid also moves above and below the plane. The object is about 50 million miles from Earth. The asteroid’s orbit is well-defined and for at least the next 100 years, it will not come closer to Earth than 15 million miles.


“It’s as though Earth is playing follow the leader,” said Amy Mainzer, the principal investigator of NEOWISE at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif. “Earth always is chasing this asteroid around.”

A handful of other asteroids also have orbits similar to Earth. Such objects could make excellent candidates for future robotic or



human exploration. Asteroid 2010 TK7 is not a good target because it travels too far above and below the plane of Earth’s orbit, which would require large amounts of fuel to reach it.

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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.

I am an administrative assistant with over ten years experience and currently unemployed for the past six months due to a lay-off. I am happy to say I have had at least ten interviews during the past three months. Everyone says that is a “good thing”. However, I never get a call back or an offer to get hired. My friend said it’s probably because of my choice of clothes that I wear to interviews. She believes my clothes could be a little intimidating. I feel I dress to impress and my favorite color is red. I wear red suits to all my interviews, red pant-suits, and red suits with skirts, red jackets with black or beige pants. I make sure my finger polish and lipstick matches the red in the outfit. I also carry a very expensive red purse and matching shoes. I read somewhere that in order to make an impression in an interview you must dress for success. I believe wearing red expresses my lively and high energy personality to the interviewer. Only one interviewer asked me a question that had nothing to do with the job. She ask me what perfume scent was I wearing. It was Red, of course. Do you think the reason I am not getting called back or hired is because I dress in red? How could the way I dress be an issue? *Lady In Red*

Dear Lady In Red:

Dress for success is the key here, not to dress to impress yourself. First impressions are lasting impressions. In your case I could keep on writing these little quips. But, you really need someone to tell you the color red also means STOP. Stop wearing all red to your interviews. I am sure the impression you are making on the interviewer is ... “see me and hear me”. Sorry, I could not resist another quip. Ask yourself this question: Do you want to dress to get and keep a job? My favorite color is turquoise. But you would never see me dressed head to toe in turquoise. I am trying my best to imagine someone dressed in red from head to toe interviewing for a position.

Research every company’s dress code before your interviews and dress accordingly. The norm in dressing for an interview is to keep it simple and professional. Stay in the color zone of black, browns, navy blues and white. You can always accessorize with a little red since that is your favorite color and I have a feeling the color probably empowers you. Never wear perfume to an interview. Most employers have banned wearing perfume in the workplace due to allergies, and some scents are overwhelming. I recommend that you read: First Impressions: What You Don’t Know About How Others See You, by Ann Demarais, Ph.D. and Valarie White, Ph.D. A few changes to your interviewing wardrobe will probably bring you successful results.

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



Happy Tails

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

Most of the dogs I have owned throughout my life have been “mixed breeds” or what some like to call “mutts”, which is actually quite appropriate considering the fact that I myself come from a very eclectic genetic line of ancestry. I do not have a problem with so-called “mutts”, because more often than not mixed breeds are less apt to have the physical conditions and inherent diseases that seem to prevail with the pure bred. However, it just so happens that my current canine companion, “Tater-totts” is indeed an extremely pure bred bloodhound, born of parents who come from a long line of “blue-blood” hounds, with a tight English family tree that traces all the way back to the turn of the 20th century. In jest, I call Tater an “in-bred re-tread”, mostly because of her behavioral traits. It is a term of endearment and by no means do I mean it as an insult, because I love her with all my heart. Let’s put it this way, that girl thinks she is the only dog on the face of the earth, so she is not the most social creature you’ve ever met!


Although I would never breed dogs intentionally, I do appreciate what you might call the “art form” of breeding the “perfect specimen” of a given species and I enjoy seeing a dog whose traits, marks and characteristics were successfully bred for a specific purpose. Furthermore, most pure bred dogs seem to enjoy pleasing their masters by performing the “job” for which they were bred. In spite of the social challenges I have with my dog, when I look at her I can’t help thinking how gorgeous she is and how fortunate I am to have her. I adopted Tater from a breeder/handler who bred her for the show ring. One of 4 siblings, Tater’s brothers and sister were apparently quite successful at show, however at the age of 1 ½ years, when Tater proved less-than-promising for winning “best-in-show”, the owner was forced to give her up. Lucky me! Tater-totts is different from any other dog I have ever owned. Like I said, most pets of mine have been “combo-spawn”; the result of a neighboring dog jumping the fence and having his way with the dog next door, or an adoption through a local SPCA agency.

I have never before owned a dog that required so many trips to the vet, but Tatertotts is a major part of my life, so she is definitely worth it. Fortunately, I have an excellent veterinarian whom I trust with regard to Tater’s health needs. Dr. Sylvia Domotor (Animal House in Monrovia) has been a godsend. She is knowledgeable about the unique needs of a bloodhound, and

ANIMALS WITH ALLERGIES

she cuts right to the chase with what must be done to keep Tater healthy. What surprised me most was to find out that the majority of Tater’s symptoms are nothing more than allergic reactions! At first I had a hard time understanding that the dark goop growing in her ears, and the odd blotchy spots that sometimes appear on the surface of her under belly and between the massive folds of skin beneath her neck are the result of allergies. It seemed so foreign a concept to me. However, now that I know what the problem is, I can get proper treatment to control it, and avoid more chronic conditions that may occur otherwise.

What I have also come to know is that allergies are apparently very common among dogs, skin reactions are the most common symptoms, and certain breeds are more susceptible than others. Many allergens that effect dogs are the same ones that effect humans. To help identify and control symptoms, dog allergies are often categorized as inhalant, food, or parasite-related. Like humans, dogs can be allergic to air-borne particles that cause reactions such as sneezing, coughing, runny nose and watery eyes. Allergic reactions to certain foods are also common for the canine, and as most of us know all too well, parasites such as fleas and mites can cause chronic skin problems for our beloved pets. There are some home remedies for dog allergy symptoms, and fortunately veterinarians are well prepared to treat symptoms that cannot be remedied at home. Antihistamines found in the pharmacy aisle of our local grocery store can be efficient in treating some dog allergies. Common sense also tells us that when an allergen is removed from the dog’s environment, symptoms will decrease, so keeping the dog indoors when airborne pollen is potentially high can make a huge difference. Laundering the dog’s bedding and bathing the dog on a regular basis also helps. Be sure to use a mild, non-caustic soap product and take dry the dog off well afterwards. As for food allergies, most reactions are due to wheat or gluten ingredients used as fillers in dog food products. Check the label on the package, and try to stick with products that show meat as the main ingredient, versus grains or other fillers. If your dog continues to show symptoms of allergic reaction, consult your veterinarian in a timely manner. The good side of the story is the fact that when a pet is not feeling well, it doesn’t mean he is actually sick. It may just be a reaction to an allergen in his environment, and something that is easily remedied. Keep a close eye on your canine companion, and if you do detect symptoms, hopefully you will be as surprised as I was to find out it’s just an allergy that can be easily treated!



On Line

By PJ Carpenter

Drawing The Line

Last May lawmakers in Missouri passed the Amy Hestir Protection Act which was named for a Missouri woman who was manipulated into a sexual relationship with a teacher while she was still in junior high school. While the aims of the new legislation are widely seen as worthy and non-controversial on its face, provisions in the law prohibiting how teachers may communicate with students, specifically those dealing with social media, are raising eyebrows and concerns all over said social media sites. Many are interpreting the new law to mean that teachers cannot become “friends” with students or contact them in any way on Facebook or other similar social media sites. Others are adopting a far stricter interpretation that suggests that teachers may not even open accounts on sites where their students have accounts where they can send and receive messages not open for public viewing. Sponsors of the new law contend that they are only seeking to prevent the establishing of a “pathway to sexual misconduct” that is often maintained and strengthened through contact on sites like Facebook. For all of its lofty aims this legislation is sure to be challenged on many legal fronts and enforcement of this law will be difficult to say the least. Regardless of which side one comes down on in this debate this issue does raise the age-old question of just how friendly an adult professional should be with the underage charges in his or her care. Even when both parties are “of age” there are boundaries of professional decorum that are not to be breached under any circumstance and in these instances contact in social-media-sphere can only serve to undermine the structure of proper social order. The answer to this question was probably far simpler in a simpler time but we do not have the luxury of time-travel in order to avoid dealing with our modern problems. Personally, I can’t think of any of my teachers that I would’ve “friended” back in the day. Not one. We weren’t on those kind of speaking terms, not even with the teachers that I liked. I would’ve felt a little weird talking to an adult in the same manner as I talked to my friends or even hanging out in the same place other than a classroom and even then, it was clear to me that we weren’t friends or equals. Every once in a while one of these authority figures would have something to say to me in private but in those cases private meant right outside the classroom door or sometimes in the principal’s office. It was a pretty public “private”. It wasn’t after-hours or outside the confines of the school campus and it certainly wasn’t something delivered to my inbox at 2am and meant to be kept just between “us”. Everyone isn’t meant to be “friends”.

KATIE Tse.....This and That

SIERRA MADRE BY THE SEA



Well, my husband and I just got back from Cambria! Actually, we haven’t left yet, but by the time you read this we will have returned. If you don’t know Cambria, it’s a tiny coastal town roughly halfway between here and San Francisco. But I suspect you’re familiar with it, because it seems everyone in town has been there. My husband fondly refers to it as “Sierra Madre by the Sea.” A few years ago, my parents and I were exploring one of Cambria’s scenic back roads leading to farms and other hot spots. A couple on bikes stopped and said to me, “Hey! Did you work at Howie’s?” It was a very singular experience, my one taste of celebrity.

My husband’s a good sport to go with me, since a couple days of staring at the water is not his idea of a swinging time. Even though “enjoys long walks on the beach” has become the sappiest description for one’s self, I do like walks on the beach! We already went on his vacation to Vegas, which was nice --except I don’t gamble, hate shopping (see previous articles), and am too cheap for shows. Vegas is perhaps the most anti-theatrical destination to Cambria I can think of. Vegas: the city that never sleeps, versus Cambria: the town that hits the hay at nine.

I pity the Cambria visitor who doesn’t enjoy reading. Because if there’s nothing on TV, you’re left with a lot of time on your hands after dinner. The condos we’ve rented have been well stocked with novels (of a surprising range of interests!), board games, and even a mounted spotting scope. This makes you wonder if the other condos have similar optic devices, so you make sure to close all the bed and bathroom drapes and to never enter the big main dining room in anything less than total decency.

Besides the sea and pines, Cambria’s a good place for the great American pastime of eating. Linn’s Restaurant is widely known and beloved. It burned down once, but triumphantly rose from its ashes to create an even more extensive eatery. Making small talk in the waiting area, another customer explained how his family structures their entire vacation around Linn’s meal schedule. So, they can’t travel too far during the day, because they have to make it back for lunch etc.

Since Cambria is near Paso Robles, it’s also a great place to go wine tasting. My parents have broadened their tastes in recent years, but when I was growing up, my mom’s drink of choice was Blue Nun or Mogen David. My dad and I tease her that both are spiked Kool-Aid. My dad’s all about economy, so his vintage is usually in a box. I’m not a wine snob (it’s just that I won’t order white zinfandel). Despite their disinterest, my parents agreed to visit Fermentations, a casual and diverse tasting room. As our server poured the first of our flight, I could tell my dad was suppressing snickers at descriptions like “a creamy nose and a bright finish... with notes of grapefruit.” My mom, however, instantly advanced her level of wine appreciation with the discovery of muscato and port.

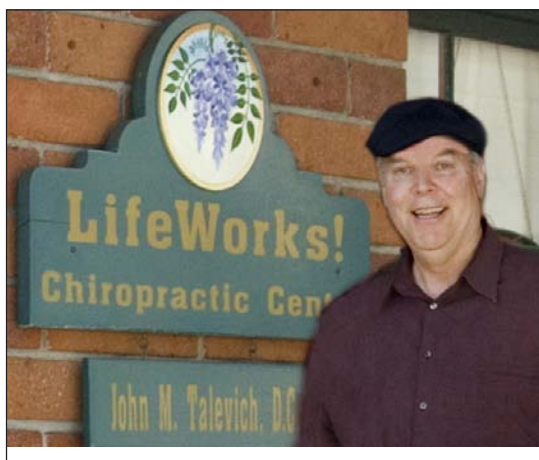
You meet all sorts while wine tasting. Last year, my husband and I were sitting outside, when Chloe, a rotund and greasily sleek cat, befriended us by kneading her claws into my stomach (I guess she thought it looked soft). A dog scared her away, and we called her name a few times before entering a tasting room. Somewhere between the viognier and syrah, two of Chloe’s twins appeared and leapt onto shelves holding expensive glassware. For being large, they were amazingly nimble. We kept looking in vain for Chloe afterward. Perhaps we’ll see her this time. Either way, there’ll be good food, good wine, and a good book for when they roll up the sidewalk at nine.



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

TRIGGER POINT THERAPY



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.

Janet Travell, M.D. became President John F. Kennedy's personal physician in part because she successfully treated his low back pain. She used a then little-known technique that she called "trigger point therapy." Dr. Travell believed that tiny nodules of contracted muscle tissue sent pain throughout the body and that, by finding and treating them, the pain would be alleviated. Over her years of research, she charted more than 620 potential trigger points.

Dr. Travell and others believed that when muscles become chronically strained, injured, or inflamed, a small nodule or band forms at the site. Eventually, the presence of these formations alters the function of the muscle and surrounding tissue, including the nerve supply. The process of releasing these points of tension relieves the pain. The value of this approach lives in the theory that seemingly unrelated areas of pain may be created by distant trigger points. This explains why treating an area directly does not always alleviate

discomfort.

Trigger points are diagnosed by touching and mapping the involved areas. Jaw pain may be caused by points in the muscles that make up the neck; headaches may be influenced by points along the muscles supporting the back of the head. What appears to be deep joint pain, an area that has no muscle tissue, may instead be caused by muscles that are near the joint. Once found, the taut muscle fibers are treated by manual techniques, injections, percussion, laser, needles, or electrostimulation, to name a few.

In Myofascial Pain and Dysfunction - The Trigger Point Manual, by Travell and Simon, the authors state that in 75% of the cases in their pain clinic, patients' trigger points were the sole cause of their pain. Additionally, conditions such as arthritis, carpal tunnel, bursitis, tendinitis, angina pectoralis, and sciatica were believed to be caused by trigger point activity alone.

Although the presence of trigger points has been demonstrated by modern imaging techniques, their clinical value has remained controversial. Most of the professionals that use this approach (chiropractors, massage therapists, osteopaths, physical therapists, etc.) are not part of the research community. These techniques may have significant value on a practical level and require very real skill to utilize, but don't presently translate into black and white data in the world of hard science. That said, trigger point therapy is a solid, generally non-invasive technique for pain management and is especially good news for those people who have not fared well with mainstream approaches. In those cases, the alleviation of trigger points may well be their solution.

Have a healthy, fulfilling week!

Dr. John

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Dear Savvy Senior

Are there any financial resources available to retirees who are interested in going back to college? Since I retired, I've been thinking about going back to school to study some topics of interest to me, but living on a fixed income I could use some financial help.

College-Bound Senior

Dear Senior

There are actually numerous discounts, tuition waivers, tax credits and other deals that can help retirees go back to school a little cheaper. Here's what you should know.

Back to School

From continuing education and enrichment classes to graduate school, more and more retirees are heading back to the classroom looking to pursue their interest, connect with other people or retool for a new career. But with the high cost of college these days, paying tuition, fees and books can be a big strain for many older adults living on a fixed income. Here are some tips that can help you save.

Discounted Tuition

Your first step is to contact your nearby college to find out what, if any, deals they offer retirees. Many community colleges and some four-year colleges for example, allow senior citizens to audit classes for free and many offer significantly discounted tuition rates for those who take them for credit. In fact, according to Fastweb, a college financial aid resource, 21 states and Washington, D.C., offer free tuition for senior citizens at some or all of their public colleges. (Textbook costs and sometimes fees are however not covered.)

Credits and Deductions

Uncle Sam can offer some assistance too in the form of tax credits and deductions. For credits, check out the Lifetime Learning tax credit that allows students of any age to claim up to a \$2,000 credit each year for college or other post-secondary school expenses. And the American Opportunity credit, which allows an annual tax credit up to \$2,500. The government also provides tuition and fees deductions for students that can cover up to \$4,000 in expenses. But, you can choose only one of these three tax breaks - Lifetime Learning credit, American Opportunity credit, or the tuition and fees deduction. To learn

more about these benefits, visit the IRS's Tax Benefits for Education Information Center, which you can access at TaxBenefitsForEducation.info.

Scholarships

While most scholarships are aimed at traditional undergraduates, there are a number of scholarships offered specifically to adult and non-traditional students. Two good websites to help you



find them are fastweb.com and scholarships.com, both of which offer huge scholarship databases and easy-to-use search tools.

Lifelong Learning

Beyond college classes, another popular and inexpensive option for retirees is Lifelong Learning Institutes (LLIs). These are noncredit educational programs that involve no tests or grades, just learning for the pure joy of it.

Usually affiliated with colleges and universities, LLIs offer a wide array of academic courses in such areas as literature, history, religion, philosophy, science, art and architecture, economics, finance, computers, lifestyle issues and more.

To find an LLI, call your closest college or search the websites of the two organizations that support and facilitate them - Osher (osher.net) and Elderhostel (www.roadsscholar.org/ein/intro.asp). Together they support more than 500 LLI programs nationwide.

If you don't find an LLI in your area, depending on where you live, there are other organizations that offer non-credit older adult education courses like Oasis (oasisnet.org, 314-862-2933), Shepherd's Centers of America (shepherdcenters.org, 816-960-2022), and SeniorNet (seniornet.org, 571-203-7100), which offers computer courses at learning centers around the country. Also, be sure to contact your local public library to see if it offers any programs for seniors.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 2011 - MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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

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

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.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
 Sierra Madre City Hall
 Sierra Madre Recreation Center
 Sierra Madre Library



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 at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center while the Hart Park House is under remodeling. 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

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

ANTIPASTO SALAD

Orzo, a rice-shaped pasta, is combined with traditional antipasto fare for this main-dish salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (6 ounces) uncooked orzo
 6 ounces green beans, trimmed and cut into 2-inch lengths
 2/3 cup bottled Italian dressing
 1 (4-ounce) jar fancy pimientos, drained and diced
 8 cups torn salad greens
 4 large ripe plum tomatoes, sliced
 12 small balls fresh mozzarella
 1 (6-ounce) jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained
 8 thin slices baked ham, cut in half lengthwise
 16 long, thin breadsticks

DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the orzo and cook it according to the package directions, or just until tender, about 8 minutes. Add the beans to the water for the last 2 minutes of cooking. Drain out the hot water, rinse the orzo and beans under cold water, and drain again well. Return the cooked ingredients to the pot. Add 1/4 cup of the dressing and the pimientos and toss to mix.

Arrange the salad greens on individual plates. Divide the tomatoes, cheese, and artichoke hearts evenly among the plates and then drizzle each salad with the remaining dressing. Top each salad with a helping of orzo.

August Birthdays



Karlene Englert, Juanita Fernandez, Joseph Kiss, Patricia Miranda, Margaret Aroyan, Phyllis Bugh, Phyllis Chapman, Beverly Clifton, Mary Kay Gifford, Rosemary Morabito, Marjorie Peterson, Susan Poulsen, Dorothy Quentmeyer, Genevieve Stubbs, Wilhelmina "Miep" Tulleners



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 at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation. Call (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

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 the Rev. Dr. Tom Erickson will preach. Communion will be celebrated.

Pardon our improvements!

San Marino Community Church is in the process of significant facility renovations. However, worship continues in the sanctuary during construction.

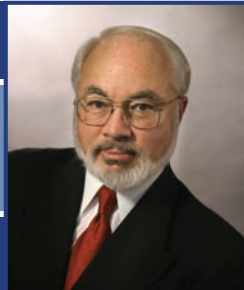
10:00 am Summer Worship
 Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided
 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
 11:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

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IN SEARCH OF REAL SURVIVAL

AN INTERVIEW WITH VINE DELORIA, JR.

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I had to chuckle when I heard a "survivalist" say that he'd like to see the collapse of society so that he could start over from scratch. Really? Why would someone sitting behind a computer, driving a truck, and buying what he needs at the local grocery store want things to fall apart? Though such persons are usually clueless as to what it actually takes to start a society "from scratch," such sentiments do reveal a deep discontent with our current state of affairs.

History is full of folks who attempted to create a breakaway society, usually in search of a better, more idealistic, maybe even utopian, way of life. That's how our American experiment began, at the expense of the Native Americans. This is how and why the Amish live the way they do, and persevere despite the ridicule of their neighbors.

Hippies of the 1960s and '70s also tried to create separate communities, "communes," where they could farm, dance and sing, and attempt to put into practice whatever religion and politics they developed. Let's examine the hippies.

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to interview Vine Deloria, Jr. for Wilderness Way magazine. Deloria was named by Time magazine as one of the greatest religious thinkers of the 20th Century. Among his approximately two dozen books, he wrote "God is Red," which Wilma Mankiller (former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation) called "the flagship book of Native American spirituality." (Deloria passed away at age 72 in November of 2005).



Among other things, I spoke with Deloria about how hippies presumed to imitate Native Americans in both look and practices.

The reason that the hippie movement failed, Deloria told me, was not just because of drug use, though that was a significant factor. Hippies failed, said Deloria, because they failed to grasp the value of organizing tribally, and they ignored the value of customs. "I think they failed for lack of discipline and lack of commitment," he said. "People tried to create communities from scratch and it didn't work. People were sincere, but they often lacked anything in common except a rebellious spirit. And in fact, a lot of Indian communities today have the very same problem. Extreme individualism is chaos and unjust to everyone."

Deloria also blames television and popular media for presenting a false picture of what traditional Indian culture was and is all about, so those who do sincerely try to pursue that end up pursuing a counterfeit.

"In the world of ideas," continues Deloria, "Indian culture becomes a kind of deli where people pick and choose what they want to practice. Much of the appropriation is the projection of wishful thinking on different Indian symbols, such as the vision quest, sweat lodge, using the pipe, etc. My fear was that with so many Indians living in the cities with no experience with reservation communities, some of them would begin to think that the frauds actually represented the true tribal cultures. I can remember how popular the Billy Jack

movies were and many Indian youths thought the 'ceremonies' in that movie were what people actually did. A lot of it sounded good to people who knew nothing about Indian culture. And simply being an Indian in the urban area does not somehow magically mean you know anything of the traditional tribal culture."

It was an insightful interview with Deloria on a variety of topics where he shared – if you read between the lines – how to succeed at making a meaningful community, based upon following certain patterns from the past.

Unfortunately, the interview was never published in Wilderness Way because the owner/publisher told me that "It might offend Christian readers." "How on earth would they be offended?" I challenged. "Because his book is called 'God is Red,'" said the publisher. I was shocked at his narrow-mindedness, and suggested that he read such books as "The Pipe and Christ," or Joseph Epes Brown's "The Sacred Pipe" to see that there is less dichotomy between pure tribal religion and pure Christianity than meets the eye. This is not to imply that Deloria did not criticize Christianity. He certainly did, but Deloria was an "equal opportunity" criticizer, criticizing what he saw wrong in both Native American practices, Christianity, and elsewhere.

For example, he harshly criticized televangelists such as Oral Roberts who once told his followers that he needed about \$10 million for his new building or "God would take me home." He analogized televangelists to mainstream Christianity as the travelling pop shaman to traditional tribal religion.

"Except the televangelists are much worse," he explained.

"They thirst for political power whereas the medicine men, even the phoneyes, simply want some public recognition and status."

There is no shortage of guidelines from the past or present for "the right ways to live." It is silly to think that everything must be destroyed in order to create a higher and better way of life.

Deloria brought up just a few of the principles that anyone can work to put into practice: Discipline, organizing within a community of like-minded people, and valuing your traditions and customs.

Additionally, whenever anyone brings up "The Old Ways," it usually refers to such things as valuing family, home, respect for elders, respect for your surroundings, cooperation with others, and the ability to adapt.

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On July 14th, the organization officially changed its name to Council for Watershed Health. This new name reflects the desire to create a sustainable Los Angeles by educating people everywhere that healthy waters mean healthy communities. By taking a proactive role through the very best research, analysis, and education, the organization can and will take the progress it has made over the past 15 years and move it forward to achieve Vision 2025, which sees greater Los Angeles as a region that is a model of sustainable, urban water-shed management.

Since its founding, the Council has tackled issues that were difficult for government and business to address individually. Issues such as poor water quality, heavy reliance on imported water, park scarcity, imperiled open spaces, and ignored rivers. In 2000, the organization initiated the Water Augmentation Study (WAS), which proved that polluted stormwater in an urban setting could be safely used to augment local groundwater supplies. The implications of that research are being felt region-wide, resulting in better

policies, practices and a healthier region for us all. The Elmer Avenue Neighborhood Retrofit in Sun Valley is an exemplary demonstration of these principles in action.

The Council continues to work toward a more sustainable southern California. Some recent achievements include:

- The completion of one of the first and most comprehensive "green streets" in Los Angeles at Elmer Avenue in Sun Valley. The street was completed through a partnership with residents, 14 government agencies, and consortium of non-profits. By incorporating the latest in innovative water saving techniques and water saving elements, Elmer Avenue is able to capture more water yearly to than is used on the entire block! In addition, drought-tolerant landscapes were added to show that native plants will not only improve the environment, but can actually beautify a neighborhood.
- Working with the community of Compton to develop the Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan.
- Training hundreds of professionals through the Sustainable Landscape Seminars, learning how they can be good stewards of the land.
- Providing a forum for discussion and greater understanding of issues related to the intersection of land use planning and watershed management through a quarterly symposium series.

Dorothy Green had an incredible ability to push everyone to look at the bigger picture. Where others saw concrete, she saw the river. Where others saw a river, she saw the watershed. Where others saw stormwater pollution, she saw more

drinking water. Dorothy also saw collaboration. She knew that she couldn't make the vision a reality without bringing together diverse groups. As the Council for Watershed Health looks toward the future, we hope residents will share our Vision 2025:

We envision that by 2025 the Los Angeles region is a model of sustainable, urban watershed management. The region's watersheds are managed for environmental health, social equity, and economic vitality, with clean waters, reliable local water supplies, restored native habitats, ample parks and open spaces, integrated flood management, and revitalized rivers and urban centers.

The Council for Watershed Health supports a healthy watershed for the region by serving as a robust center for the generation of objective research and analysis. The Council has established a platform for meaningful collaboration between governmental organizations, academic institutions, businesses and other nonprofit organizations with a vested interest in preserving the watershed.

Founded in 1995 by leading environmental activist Dorothy Green, the Council for Watershed Health produces continuing research programs that examine water usage and quality as well as create and enhance preservation and conservation tactics. The trustworthy expertise and analysis that comes from the Council's ongoing programs connects a diverse set of groups with overlapping missions in an effort to drive policies that will continually improve watershed quality.



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 No. 11-067283

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This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **SIAGI JOHN FAATOLO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/19/11. The registrant(s) (s) have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was recorded in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this state-

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ORDINANCE NO. U-1320

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING IT WILL COMPLY WITH THE VOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 1.9 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre (“City”) approved and adopted the Redevelopment Plan for the Sierra Madre Redevelopment Project (“Redevelopment Plan”) covering certain properties within the City (the “Project Area”); and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sierra Madre (“Agency”) is engaged in activities to execute and implement the Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the provisions of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code § 33000, et seq.) (“CRL”); and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the Redevelopment Plan, the Agency has undertaken redevelopment projects in the Project Area to eliminate blight, to improve public facilities and infrastructure, to renovate and construct affordable housing, and to enter into partnerships with private industries to create jobs and expand the local economy; and

WHEREAS, over the next few years, the Agency hopes to implement a variety of redevelopment projects and programs to continue to eliminate and prevent blight, stimulate and expand the Project Area’s economic growth, create and develop local job opportunities and alleviate deficiencies in public infrastructure, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2011-12 State budget bill, the California Legislature has recently enacted and the Governor has signed, companion bills AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27, requiring that each redevelopment agency be dissolved unless the community that created it enacts an ordinance committing it to making certain payments; and

WHEREAS, specifically, AB 1X 26 prohibits agencies from taking numerous actions, effective immediately and purportedly retroactively, and additionally provides that agencies are deemed to be dissolved as of October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, AB 1X 27 provides that a community may participate in an “Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program,” in order to enable a redevelopment agency within that community to remain in existence and carry out the provisions of the CRL, by enacting an ordinance agreeing to comply with Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program requires that the community agree by ordinance to remit specified annual amounts to the county auditor-controller; and

WHEREAS, under the threat of dissolution pursuant to AB 1X 26, and upon the contingencies and reservations set forth herein, the City shall make the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 community remittance, currently estimated to be \$676,000 Dollars; as well as the subsequent annual community remittances as set forth in the CRL; and

WHEREAS, the City reserves the right to appeal the California Director of Finance’s determination of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 community remittance, as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 34194; and

WHEREAS, City understands and believes that an action challenging the constitutionality of AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 will be filed on behalf of cities, counties and redevelopment agencies; and

WHEREAS, while the City currently intends to make these community remittances, they shall be made under protest and without prejudice to the City’s right to recover such amounts and interest thereon, to the extent there is a final determination that AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 are unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the City reserves the right, regardless of any community remittance made pursuant to this Ordinance, to challenge the legality of AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27; and

WHEREAS, to the extent a court of competent jurisdiction enjoins, restrains, or grants a stay on the effectiveness of the Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program’s payment obligation of AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27, the City shall not be obligated to make any community remittance for the duration of such injunction, restraint, or stay; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Participation in the Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program. In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 34193, and based on the Recitals set forth above, the City Council hereby determines that the City shall comply with the provisions of Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, as enacted by AB 1X 27.

Section 3. Payment Under Protest. Except as set forth in Section 4, below, the City Council hereby determines that the City shall make the community remittances set forth in Health and Safety Code section 34194 et seq.

Section 4. Effect of Stay or Determination of Invalidity. City shall not make any community remittance in the event a court of competent jurisdiction either grants a stay on the enforcement of AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 or determines that AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 are unconstitutional and therefore invalid, and all appeals therefrom are exhausted or unsuccessful, or time for filing an appeal therefrom has lapsed. Any community remittance shall be made under protest and without prejudice to the City’s right to recover such amount and interest thereon in the event that there is a final determination that AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 are unconstitutional. If there is a final determination that AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 are invalid, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be null and void and of no further force or effect.

Section 5. Implementation. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to take any action and execute any documents necessary to implement this Ordinance, including but not limited to notifying the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, the Controller of the State of California, and the California Department of Finance of the adoption of this Ordinance and the City’s agreement to comply with the provisions of Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, as set forth in AB 1X 27.

Section 6. Additional Understandings and Intent. It is the understanding and intent of the City Council that, once the Agency is again authorized to enter into agreements under the CRL, the City will enter into an agreement with the Agency as authorized pursuant to Section 34194.2, whereby the Agency will transfer annual portions of its tax increment to the City in amounts not to exceed the annual community remittance payments to enable the City, directly or indirectly, to make the annual remittance payments. The City Council does not intend, by enactment of this Ordinance, to pledge any of its general fund revenues or assets to make the remittance payments.

Section 7. CEQA. The City Council finds, under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b) (4), that this Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) in that it is not a “project,” but instead consists of the creation and continuation of a governmental funding mechanism for potential future projects and programs, and does not commit funds to any specific project or program. The City Council, therefore, directs that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles in accordance with CEQA Guidelines.

Section 8. Custodian of Records. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the City Hall located at 232 W Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre CA 91024. The custodian for these records is City of Sierra Madre.

Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

Section 10. Certification; Publication. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once within 15 days of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the City of Sierra Madre, and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk in accordance with Government Code § 36933.

Section 11. Findings. The adoption of this Urgency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety. In accordance with California Government Code Section 36937 and in order to protect the public peace, health and safety, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre finds and determines as follows:

(a) AB 1X 26 prohibits agencies from taking numerous actions, until the City Council adopts an ordinance agreeing to comply with Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, including but not limited to incurring any new monetary or legal obligations or expanding any existing monetary or legal obligations, entering into agreements with any person for any purpose or amending or modifying any existing agreements and taking any action with respect to a redevelopment plan;

(b) Prior to the enactment of an ordinance agreeing to comply with Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, the Agency will be unable to continue efforts to eliminate and prevent blight (including plans outlined in the Agency’s Five Year Plan, adopted October 2010), stimulate and expand the Project Area’s economic growth, create and develop local job opportunities and alleviate deficiencies in public infrastructure;

(c) Blighting conditions in the Project Area constitute substantial threats to public peace, health and safety, and are so prevalent they cannot be eliminated without Agency action, including but not limited to the use of Agency funds and authorization of redevelopment projects and programs;

(d) During the current economic crisis, the Agency must have the ability to act and continue the efforts set forth in (b) above. The Agency must have all tools available in order to eliminate and prevent blighting conditions, including implementation of the Agency’s economic development programs as listed in the Agency’s Five Year Implementation Plan, adopted October 2010; including but not limited to: the parking and traffic improvement program; water main replacement program; healthy family program (such as farmer’s market and play equipment in the project area); Senior Center rehabilitation including new kitchen for meals-on-wheels program; business improvement programs, such as façade improvement and development impact fee grants; housing for low and moderate families within the City.

(e) The Agency is actively engaged in efforts to rehabilitate housing units, to provide assistance for property improvements and to provide safe and affordable housing. Adoption of this Urgency Ordinance will permit the Agency to continue these efforts immediately.

Section 12. Effective Date. The City Council hereby declares, on the basis of the findings set forth above, that an emergency exists and that this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the public peace, health and safety. Accordingly, this Ordinance is adopted as an emergency ordinance and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday day of July 26, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Buchanan, Moran, MacGillivray, Mosca, Walsh NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

City of Sierra Madre

To:
From:
Subject:

Citywide
The City of Sierra Madre
PUBLIC FACILITY ADA ENTRY MODIFICATIONS

Project Location:

232 and 242 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Public Works Department is accepting formal, sealed bids for the modification of the entry ways of the Public Facilities located at 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard (City Hall) and 242 West Sierra Madre Boulevard (Public Safety Building). This is a CDBG funded project.

DATE AND TIME OF MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

PLACE OF MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
Thursday, August 11, 2011
(Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m.)

City of Sierra Madre
City Hall
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All parties interested in bidding on this project may attend this meeting.

DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING

PLACE OF BID OPENING

City of Sierra Madre
Council Chambers
Thursday, August 25, 2011
(Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.)

City of Sierra Madre
City Hall
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

Only those who attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting will be able to apply. This is a federally assisted construction contract. Federal Labor Standards Provisions, including prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be enforced. In the event of a conflict between Federal and State wages rates, the higher of the two will prevail.

The Contractor’s duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et. Seq. and Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages and employ apprentices including forfeitures and debarment. For further information on this subject, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 355-7135. By Order of the City Council
Bruce Imman,
Director of Public Works

City of Sierra Madre

Public Hearing Notice

From:
Subject:
Applicant:
Project Location:

The City of Sierra Madre
MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 11-02 (MCTA 11-02)
City of Sierra Madre
Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a text amendment to the City’s Zoning Code (Title 17). In accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, local governments are required to provide people with disabilities reasonable accommodations as necessary to ensure equal access to their dwelling unit and/or place of business. The purpose of the new Ordinance is to provide a clear and defined process for people with disabilities to make reasonable accommodation requests from existing standards in the City’s Zoning Code.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2011
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301 (Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities), 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), 15311 (Accessory Structures) and 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act, as the proposed Ordinance would allow for reasonable accommodations from the application of zoning regulations limited to those required to ensure equal access to a dwelling unit and/or place of business and which would have less than significant impacts on the environment.

APPEAL:

The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people whoe create them.* Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand



KNEIER LODGE IN BIG BEAR

It's often said that "heaven" is two hours from wherever you live.

Big Bear Lake is almost exactly that magic two hour travel time "heaven" from Los Angeles. Originally created in 1884 to irrigate the orange orchards in the farmlands of San Bernardino County below, the Big Bear Lake area is a mountain ski resort in the snowy months and a lake-centric recreation area in the summers.

Dennis Kneier spent the summers of his youth in "heaven," amid six brothers and sisters in his parent's small cabin. Purchased when Kneier was five, in 1945, it was built on Forest Service land in the Fawnskin area on the north shore of Big Bear Lake, where the siblings fished, hiked sailed swam, water skied and explored mountain roads in the family Jeep. In 1972, a sibling purchased the cabin, continuing the family traditions.

Kneier and his family so loved the Big Bear getaway, that in 1985, he purchased the much larger adjacent home just east of his family's mountain cabin. "The Big Bear life ingrained in all of us a love of the mountains and of nature," he said. "Every update since then has first remained true to the spirit of cabin living of the era. When bathrooms needed work, claw foot tubs were added, not showers. Of course, the kitchen has a wood stove (in addition to a gas stove for modern day convenience).

Built in 1927, it is said that Hollywood celebrities like Clarke Gable, Carole Lombard and Tom Mix regularly used the home, even leaving a favorite cream waffles recipe embedded on the inner door of a kitchen cabinet. In 1987, a (not very memorable) movie starring Tad Hunter and Linda Blair, was actually shot at the home. During the month of filming, the cast continued the Hollywood inscription tradition, adding their own sentiments to the inside of an adjacent kitchen cabinet.

The Kneiers love a bit of quirkiness in their mountain living. A set of 60 year old, full size Native Americans manikins from the Knott's Berry Farm Steak House, are perched casually, like revered family members. One resides in the living room of the main house, and a second in the guest cabin Kneier just spent a year restoring and improving. Always ready to startle the unsuspecting guest and engender a bit of laughter all around.

It's hard to pick the buildings out from the water, as the Forest Service intended for the structures on their leased land to blend into the mountainsides. It requires a brown and dark green color scheme for the exteriors of structures built on this leased land... though

some seem to have taken liberties.

It's very evident this home was built from trees that remained quite identifiable. Trim work around the exterior windows is clearly rough hewn from old growth trees. The corners of the home are bound in what appears to be entire tree trunks.

Instead of crown molding inside, quarter diameters of rough hewn logs have been fitted into the junction of wall and ceiling... also constructed of wood, of course.

The staircase to the third floor boasts railings and posts that celebrate the non-uniform nature of tree limbs, the nubs of branches left intentionally in place. A free form animal of sorts, crafted from Manzanita limbs, climbs between the limbs that run parallel below the railing. Two other wood species were used to create the walls and stairs in contrasting red and yellow colors, likely cedar and fir.

The Kneiers bought the cabins furnished from the previous owners. "As is common in cabins, the furniture was castoff from things that weren't wanted or need anymore, back in the LA house." The couple has thoroughly enjoyed replacing nearly everything with their personalized taste over the years. "Basically, every stick of furniture and artwork has been replaced," chuckled Kneier.

The dining room table and buffet fit exactly as if they were made for the room. Antler chandeliers would likely appear kitschy back in the big city, yet a Craftsman or brass chandelier would likely look as out of place here in the lodge.

There are many private as well as public spaces for family members and guests to settle deep into a book or cards or chess or lake gazing, though the Kneiers have learned a few things about mountain living over the years.

A beautiful balcony was almost never used because afternoon and evening winds made it uncomfortable. A wind block in just the right place has made now one of the home's most desirable spots, with some of the best views, a big sofa and a table to take it all in, or ignore the vistas and enjoy the fresh air and the feel of the sun's warmth.

Another feature of the property,



a guest cabin had lain in complete disrepair and dis-use since the Kneiers' purchase, even devoid of furniture. A year ago, the time came to restore and update the 330 square foot cabin. Architect Rob Tyler laid out the basic design. An experienced sailor, Tyler was an expert in getting the most, function, storage and use out of the extremely close quarters.

The Kneiers then chose Stanley Marshall, of Rustix Design, to perform the remodel. Marshall had already proved himself with various projects at the main house, including the dining room furniture and balcony table. Marshall spent seven intense months fashioning a multi-colored, multi-species décor, including light fixtures, mirror surrounds, cabinetry, handles, armoires and even toilet paper holders.

Kneier reflected, "We knew his work and turned him loose on the guest cabin. We're very very happy with the outcome. We think it's like a little jewel box!"

More information about Rustix Design, of Big Bear City, can be obtained at www.RustixDesign.com or at 909-547-0789.

Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by *Luther Tsinoglou*

A WARM INVITATION

In spring and summer, it's easy to envision ways to enhance your home's curb appeal with a trimmed lawn, planted and potted flowers, and patios and decks arranged with outdoor furniture and an inviting grill. But when the leaves fall and the temperatures drop, even homes in temperate climates undergo a winter transformation that can challenge a seller to create exterior appeal.

When it comes to landscaping and colorful plants, there are plenty of ornamental grasses and plants that look great in wintertime. Purple cabbages, fountain grasses, and potted evergreens along pathways and by the door all add seasonal color and appeal. And obviously, your sidewalk, entry path, patio and deck should be clear of leaves and/or snow.

Be sure to keep in mind that shorter days mean that buyers are that much more likely to see your home after sunset, so make sure all your floodlights are clean and in working order, highlighting your home's exterior features. Lamps with soft lighting in all your windows will also offer a warm invitation.

Finally, just to cover your bases, have photos available of your home in all its glory during the spring and summer months. This gives buyers a better sense of your home's appeal during all the seasons of the year. Your agent will have more tips for attracting buyers in any kind of weather.



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COMING SOON...



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A step onto the porch of the "Misses Climie Home" is a step back in time. Wicker chairs seem to invite a cool beverage to sit, take in the mountain views and chat with the neighbors who regularly amble by, reminding us that taking a moment can restore the soul. This is not just a home, it's a state of mind... blending a century of history with comfortable contemporary living!

One of only forty-eight designated historic homes within the city, this home was designated a Mills Act property in Sierra Madre in 2005, according to the city. The Mills Act, renewable every ten years, provides property tax relief in exchange for the owner's efforts and investment in preserving the exterior historic presentation and the neighborhood's architectural context for future generations. It is also listed on the California Inventory of Historical Resources.

An old two wheeler, found in the basement years ago, is permanently affixed to a corner of the front yard, perched and waiting, kick stand down... seemingly ready to be ridden into town for an ice cream or soda. It's said to have been left behind from the days of the Hardy boys, though not the Hardy boys of mystery book fame.

Step inside and feel the magic... Then begin to make your own history here!

- 2471 s.f. main home built about 1907
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