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## REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAIN IN EAST SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD TO IMPACT TRAFFIC

The City of Sierra Madre Water Department will begin construction of a replacement water main in East Sierra Madre Boulevard on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The project will replace a major portion of a 90-year old water main with a new 12-inch diameter main, new fire hydrants and new water services to each residence or business within the project area. The project will be undertaken by Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc. under contract with the City, and is expected to be completed by October 20<sup>th</sup>. The project extends along the north side of Sierra Madre Boulevard from the Maintenance Yard at Sierra Vista Park to Baldwin Avenue. During construction the contractor will keep two-way traffic lanes open on the south side of the street. This will require parking restrictions in the work areas; it is estimated that approximately 300 feet of roadway will be "detoured" each day, beginning approximately August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Contractor has indicated that all trench excavations will be covered with temporary asphalt or steel plates by the end of each work day. Athens Services has been notified of the project and has agreed to work with the City and residents to continue trash pickup service in the project area, although minor, temporary scheduling modifications may be required in order to avoid interference with the water main project. MTA has been notified of the pending work, and has confirmed that Line 268 service will continue, although some bus stops may be temporarily impacted.

Thank you for your patience with this project and for bearing with the unavoidable inconveniences that it will bring. Please be assured that everything possible will be done to minimize project impacts on the City's residents and water customers, including traffic congestion, noise, and dust.

All driveways will be accessible for vehicles by the end of each construction work day, and the

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Sierra Madre Public Works Department at 626-355-7135.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, LARGE APPLIANCE, USED CFL LIGHT BULB COLLECTION INFORMATION

### Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup

This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Mariposa Avenue Parking Lot. From 9:00am to 2:00pm, residents are welcome to bring their household hazardous waste and electronic waste items for proper disposal at no charge. Items accepted include: paint, thinner, brake fluid, household and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, fluorescent light bulbs, computer monitors, televisions, printers, and other electronic items. The Mariposa Parking Lot is located south of the downtown businesses on W. Sierra Madre Blvd., between S. Hermosa Ave. and S. Baldwin Ave. For additional information contact the Public Works Department at 626-355-7135 or the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts at 888-CLEAN-LA. Or visit [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com).

### Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling Program

Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> - Thinking about getting rid of your used refrigerator or freezer? Or just want to save some money on your energy bill? Take advantage of Southern California Edison's Saturday pickup event in the City of Sierra Madre. SCE is offering its utility customers who are residents of Sierra Madre \$50.00 in exchange for your inefficient, working refrigerator or freezer-and they will come pit it up for free. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1-800-234-9722.

### Used Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

The rising use of CFLs in the community is a welcome energy-efficiency and money saving alternative to traditional light bulbs. These bulbs last many times longer than incandescent bulbs, but do not last forever. These bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and in order to safely recycle these bulbs it is recommended that they be brought to a **household hazardous waste event** or your local **Home Depot**, which has graciously accepted these items for the past few years.

Should a fluorescent or CFL bulb break, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control recommend the following guidelines that should be followed:

- ✓ Open all doors and windows to ventilate the area for at least 15 minutes.
- ✓ Turn off AC/fan/heater so as not to circulate vapors.
- ✓ Young children and pregnant women should leave the area during cleanup.
- ✓ Wear protective equipment, such as a dust mask and gloves.
- ✓ Carefully remove the larger pieces and place them in secured closed container.
- ✓ Use two stiff pieces of paper such as index card to "sweep" the smaller pieces and dust.
- ✓ Put all material into a sealed container labeled "broken CFL" and take to household hazardous waste event.

For more information on hazardous waste and recycling, please contact the Sierra Madre Public Works Department at 626-355-7135.

## FOOD TRUCKS ROLL INTO TOWN



It was bound to happen eventually. Food Trucks, the trendy, self contained restaurants on wheels made a stop Saturday in Sierra Madre. And, despite recent news reports of traffic congestion and even an unfortunate accident, the trucks did not present any problems during their stay in this small village.

Several hundred people came out and according to Bill Coburn, Executive Director of the events sponsor, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, "several of the trucks sold out of multiple items on their menu, and Nom Nom, probably the most well known of the trucks due to its second place finish in last season's "The Great Food Truck Race" on the Food Network, sold out and was on the road home nearly two full hours before the end of the

event." Local restaurants were supportive of the Chamber's efforts to bring people and potential long term customers to Sierra Madre, and based upon reports from residents who attended, most of the attendees were not from Sierra Madre. There will be a second Food Truck event on August 27th from 11 to 6 p.m. Eleven trucks are expected:

- Go Country 105 Chuckwagon [www.gocountry105.com/chuckwagon/](http://www.gocountry105.com/chuckwagon/)
- Crep'n Around <http://crepen-around.com/>
- Los Angeles Shaved Ice - Hawaiian Shaved Snow Cones <http://www.losangelesshaveice.com/index.html>
- Peanut Butter Bar - Gourmet Peanut Butter Sandwiches <http://www.pnutbutterbar.com/index.html>
- Lake Street Creamery <http://lakestreetcreamery.com/>
- Sloppy Gourmet - Gourmet Sloppy Joes <http://www.sloppygourmet.com/>
- Get your Lardon - Breakfast <http://getyourlardon.com/>
- Dumpling Station [www.dumpling-station.com](http://www.dumpling-station.com)
- Grilled Cheese Patrol - Gourmet Grilled Cheese <http://grilled-cheesepatrol.com/>
- KrazyBBQ - Korean Fusion [www.krazybbq.com](http://www.krazybbq.com)

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce, (626) 355-5111. Photo by Dean Lee/MVNews

## SMSR SEEKS CORPORATE SPONSORS FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

This year the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team is commemorating 60 years of service to the community. The Team was founded by Sierra Madre residents in 1951 and since then has answered thousands of requests for help in the local mountains and beyond. Team members past and present live by their motto: "Anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help..."

As part of its 60th anniversary celebration, the Team will print 1,000 copies of a full-color commemorative booklet featuring articles about Team history and safe hiking tips for adults and kids. This one-of-a-kind book will be distributed throughout the community to local leaders, families, and outdoor enthusiasts. It will be available at Adams Pack Station at Chantry Flat and in the Sierra Madre Library, and given to current and former Team members at the 60th anniversary banquet.

A good portion of the commemorative booklet will be filled with paid sponsor messages. Proceeds from sponsorships will help the Team fund a public open house in October, at which the community will be welcomed to Station 108 for tours and talks about safe hiking in the local mountains. Sponsorships will also pay for other 60th anniversary commemorative events such as the team banquet. Any money left over will be used for the Team's search and rescue activities.

Sponsorships range in cost from \$300 for a full page to \$50 for 1/8-page (business-card size). Messages and artwork must be received no later than September 1st. Sponsors will be provided with a flier announcing their support for the Team, to be placed in their storefront if desired. Additionally, sponsors will be recognized on the Team's website.



Anyone interested in purchasing a sponsorship and showing the community that they support SMSR is invited to e-mail the Team at: [pr@smsr.org](mailto:pr@smsr.org)

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## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast

#### Sierra Madre, Ca.

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<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	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

Tue Aug 16 @ 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Fun in the Park

Tue Aug 16 @ 7:00PM Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts @ the YAC 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Wed Aug 17 @ 3:00PM - 08:00PM Farmer's Market

Thu Aug 18 @ 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Fun in the Park

Thu Aug 18 @ 7:00PM - Planning Commission Meeting

Fri Aug 19 @ 10:00AM - 07:00PM YAC Summer Field Trips

Fri Aug 19 @ 7:45PM - Summer Pool Movie Nights, 8-19-11

Sat Aug 20 @ 9:00AM - 02:00PM

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup

Sun Aug 21 @ 6:00PM - 08:00PM Concerts in the Park Series

Mon Aug 22 Bargain Book Table Sale

## 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](mailto: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

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### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE CONTINUES

Guitarist Dan Rotten will perform in Kersting Court as part of Friday Night Live, put on each summer by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. There will be a "Future's So Bright" theme for the evening, with shoppers encouraged to wear their coolest "shades". One lucky "cool shades" wearer will win a \$25 gift certificate to Butterfly Effect Day Spa. 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](http://www.SMFridayNightLive.info) or call the Chamber at (626) 355-5111.

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### 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](http://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.

### 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.

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

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

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.

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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH?

The City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department in collaboration with the Pasadena YMCA is assessing the need for afterschool programs. Currently, the YMCA operates afterschool programs for youth under 10 and the City operates programs for those 11-17. The two organizations are evaluating a partnership in which the YMCA assumes the operation

of teen programs as well. The information received here will help the City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department and YMCA develop youth programs that focus on academic achievement, enrichment specialty classes, and recreational development. Please help us by filling out our online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/97FJ59B>

Thank you for participating in this voluntary survey inquiring about your family's interest in and need for afterschool programming in Sierra Madre. For additional information please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department (626) 355-5278.

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### HOLY CHAOS RETURNS

Pasadena CA. This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Chaos concert. The plans are set; the location is perfect and the bands are ready to rock.

The Concert will be held August 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 at The First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena 3700 East Sierra Madre Blvd. 91107. Tickets are on sale and will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$5 with the flyer and \$7 without.

For the last 10 years, all kinds of bands and artists have been a part of Holy Chaos. In an effort to bring the best and most complete bands the local scene has to offer, Holy Chaos continues to stand out as one of the best independent concert events every year!

Come join the ACOP and all the Christian Rock you can imagine. Every year the event has been a success. We have heard music from some of the best bands in this genre, bands like Confide, The Parousia, Freewaypeople, Coolhand luke. This year's lineup will include The Parousia w/ Broadawake, Spades and Blades, Crossing Out, Sketch Orchestra and so many more!

This is a Great concert, at an even better price; the first 20 attendees will get in free. Come rock away, on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

For any question or comments contact Sevag at [holychaosconcert@gmail.com](mailto:holychaosconcert@gmail.com) or you can call 626 786 3554 for more information. Also look out for [Holy Chaos](http://www.holychaos.com) updates on Facebook.

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### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.lwvpsadenaarea.org/donate.html>.

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## REMEMBRANCE

## JOAN L. BALDWIN

Joan L. Baldwin was born on October 4, 1932 to proud parents Robert A. and Mary Myers in Columbus, Ohio. As one of the 4J's, Joan, Joyce, Jacqueline and Jerry, she was very close to sisters and brother. Jacqueline and Jerry preceded her in death.

Joan graduated from East High School and left Ohio to attend Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. After returning from college, she married Nathan Baldwin and this union brought forth five children, Nathan, Mark, Michelle, Marvin and Mary. Over the years, Joan adopted two other daughters, Susan Henderson and Donna Lassiter, an early manifestation of her willingness to share her life with others.

After a productive career in government service, she began to focus on her true calling. She loved mentoring and counseling others. She went back to school and received a degree from Columbus State University in Mental Health Counseling to assist her in her efforts. She received numerous awards and recognitions for her work and shortly before her death she received the 2011 Senior Citizens Honorary Certificate of Service.

In addition to her counseling work, she stepped in and raised four of her grandchildren, Tiffany, Joann, Katrina and Stacey.

She departed this life on August 7, 2011 after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. She



is survived by her aunt, Alice V. Kelley; lifelong companion and husband of over 50 years, Nathan Baldwin; son, Mark Baldwin of Columbus; daughters, Michelle (Robert) Butler and Mary Baldwin of Maryland; sister Joyce (Rev. Napoleon) Kee; adopted daughters, Susan Henderson of California and Donna (Horace) Lassiter, of Maryland; 18 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She is also survived by good friend Bruce Biagi, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and other family members and friends.

Donations in remembrance of Joan L. Baldwin may be sent to HomeReach Hospice, c/o Ohio Health Foundation, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. [www.ohiohealth.com/foundation](http://www.ohiohealth.com/foundation) and click on "Make A Gift".

(Note: Susan Henderson is the Publisher/Editor of the Mountain Views News)

## DISARM SEARCHES IN JULY NET 178 ARRESTS, 47 FIRE-ARMS, AND OVER \$1.4 MILLION IN DRUGS AND DRUG MONEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — During the month of July, D.I.S.A.R.M. officers confiscated 33 guns and 14 rifles, over \$1.4 million in illegal drugs and drug money, and arrested 178 probationers in 1,400 unannounced searches of residences, persons, vehicles, and businesses across Los Angeles County, announced County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich.

The searches were conducted through the Probation Department's D.I.S.A.R.M. (Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management) program which pairs Probation Officers with local law enforcement to perform unannounced searches of probationers and their homes, as a condition of probation, and targets the confiscation of guns, drugs, and other contraband.

D.I.S.A.R.M. was initiated by Supervisor Antonovich following the tragic August 1999 shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the murder of a postal worker by Buford Furrow, an armed felon on probation from Washington State.

Since its implementation in February of 2000, the D.I.S.A.R.M. program has seized over 7,600 weapons and more than \$256 million in illegal drugs and drug money and resulted in 15,000 arrests. Nearly 10 percent of probationers searched in this program have been found to be out of compliance with the terms of their probation.

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## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

**During the week of Sunday, July 31st, to Saturday August 6th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 282 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for updated information.**

**Sunday, July 31st:**

2:08 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950,

500 blk. Manzanita Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a detached removable blue hardtop belonging to a Jeep Wrangler between the evening of July 27th and the morning of July 30th.

**Saturday, August 6th:**

9:32 AM- Auto Burglary, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s)

entered a parked car on Friday August 5th, between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM and removed the wallet from the victim's purse leaving the purse behind. The victim notified the Police Department that someone had tried to use her debit/credit cards.

## 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](mailto:GeneralPlan@CityofSierraMadre.com)

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## Family Nature Hike Saturday August 20, 2011

Bring the family and join us as we hike through Runyan Canyon Loop. We will meet at the Community Center at 7:30am sharp, board a bus to the trailhead in Hollywood just a few blocks from the Grauman's Chinese Theater and enjoy a moderate level hike that totals 3.5 miles round trip. Join us as we hike through three great observation points with stunning views of Hollywood and the surrounding area. Along the route, celebrity sightings are not uncommon either. Additionally, there are several hundred plant species throughout the hike including black sage, elderberry, California sagebrush, wild

## LAGUNA ARTS PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Come celebrate one of the most talked about highlights of the summer! We still have a few tickets left! Join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department for an adult excursion to this fantastic annual event in Laguna Beach on Friday, August 19th. Historic paintings come to life in this magnificent display of art. Only Make Believe is the theme for 2011. Don't miss out on this great adult excursion!

## KID'S NIGHT OUT - ARCADIA COMMUNITY CENTER

Under the Sea! Friday, August 12th - 6-11pm Recreation Staff and Volunteers will offer themed games, a movie, a delicious dinner and supervision so mom and dad can have a night on the town or a quiet evening at home. Children must be at least four years of age to attend. All activities will be geared toward elementary school

buckwheat, golden yarrow, laurel, sumac, scrub oak and much more!

After the hike we will picnic with our lunch together, please be sure to bring sunscreen and a hat. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and transportation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You can register now, on-line, by mail or in person! To download the registration form, go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

The trip fee of \$60 includes pageant admission, round trip transportation in an air conditioned coach bus and snacks. Please arrive at 5pm, the bus leaves promptly at 5:30pm from the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007, and returns at midnight!

For more questions, please contact the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

children; anyone younger must be potty trained. The cost is \$15.00 per child and also includes snacks and beverages. Registration for Kid's Night Out can be done by fax, 626.821.4370 or by coming into the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 31, through Saturday, August 6, the Police Department responded to 950 calls for service of which 133 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

**Sunday, July 31:**

1. At about 3:50 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 900 block of Balboa Drive. The suspect shattered the front door window with a large rock and entered the residence. Once inside, the suspect was confronted by a resident, and fled the location on foot. The suspect was described as a tall male, with a light skin complexion wearing dark pants. No loss was reported.

Shortly after 9:00 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of South Fifth Avenue regarding a white male in the backyard of the residence looking inside through a window. The suspect was located and detained. An investigation revealed he had an outstanding warrant. The 23-year-old White male was placed under arrest for suspicion of burglary as well as the warrant.

**Monday, August 1:**

3. At approximately 8:28 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of West Duarte Road regarding a suspicious circumstance report. Officers were advised that on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at about 9:15 a.m., two male subjects had identified themselves as AT&T employees and stated they needed to come in and check the wiring

inside the location. The suspects, were described as a White male in his mid 30's, 5'-09", heavyset and a Hispanic male in his mid 30's, 6'-01" and heavyset. Once inside, the resident followed the suspects around and they left shortly after. The resident later called AT&T who confirmed that no technicians had been sent to their residence that day. No loss was reported and a composite of the two suspects has been distributed to surrounding agencies.

4. Between 1:00 a.m. and 2:22 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 100 block of North First Avenue. Suspect(s) smashed the front passenger side window and stole a purse containing a wallet, credit cards, a cell phone and cash.

**Tuesday, August 2:**

5. Shortly before 2:00 a.m., officers responded to the 00 block of East Colorado Boulevard regarding a disturbance. Officers located and detained a 32-year-old Hispanic male who was pounding on the victim's door refusing to leave. The suspect was under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for being drunk in public.

6. At about 5:40 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy's at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained a juvenile for theft. The suspect took merchandise, concealed it, and walked out of the store without paying. The 14-year-old Hispanic male was arrested for theft.

From Arcadia's Best

## BREEDERS' CUP AT SANTA ANITA

- By Scott Hettrick

Racing officials and the Mayors of two cities made it official Wednesday with a press conference to announce that horse racing's biggest global event, the Breeders' Cup, will return to Santa Anita Park in 2012.

The two-day annual World Championships event will return on Nov. 2 and Nov. 3, it was announced today (Wednesday, Aug. 10) by Breeders' Cup Limited at the JW Marriott at L.A. Live in downtown Los Angeles. It has been run in Arcadia five times before dating back to 1986, including an unprecedented back-to-back hosting in 2008 and 2009, the latter of which featured the spectacular comeback win of then-undefeated mare Zenyatta.

"Hosting the Breeders' Cup is... an honor for Santa Anita to be chosen as host of the Breeders' Cup..." said Frank Stronach, Chairman of The Stronach Group, which owns Santa Anita.

Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic and Mayor Pro Tem Bob Harbicht joined Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Breeders' Cup President & CEO Craig Fravel, Stronach Group President Greg Avioli, and California Horse Racing Board Chairman Keith Brackpool to support the media event today.

"With the Breeders' Cup, the entire horse racing world literally comes to Arcadia, my beautiful hometown and Santa Anita, our city's crown jewel," KoRunnnivacic said. "Visitors from all over the world will enjoy our friendly community with its many first-class hotels, restaurants and attractions. As in past years, our community will also contribute greatly to the

corps of 350 to 400 volunteers working the event." Harbicht added, "Arcadia, with its history, is well prepared to host an event the magnitude of the Breeders' Cup." Kovacic said he hopes the Breeders' Cup decides to stay here for good, something that was said on the verge of happening after the 2009 event until Santa Anita was forced to cancel races, replace the synthetic track, suffer through a bankruptcy, and discontinued its decades-long relationship with Oak Tree Racing for the fall meet during which the Breeders' Cup has always been run at Santa Anita.

"This prestigious, international sporting phenomenon will boost our local economy and generate tens of millions of dollars in economic impact to the region," said Mayor Villaraigosa. The Breeders' Cup, the richest prize-money event in sports with 15 races and purses totaling \$26 million, generated in excess of \$60 million in economic impact in the Los Angeles area in both 2008 and 2009. Kovacic told a reporter that the tax revenue alone for Arcadia in the past has been around \$3 million. The 2008 and 2009 Breeders' Cup championships set records in attendance, wagering, and the most international starters in event history with 34 participants from outside the US in the 27-year history of the event, which will be run Nov4-5 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky, and televised on ABC/ESPN to more than 130 countries.

The decision followed a lengthy review process by the Breeders' Cup Host Site Selection Committee, which included proposals from multiple racing venues in North America.

## SHO TAY RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL

Arcadia's Citizen of the Year, Sho Tay, will make his fourth run at City Council early next year. His two likeliest strongest opponents for the two available seats will be incumbent Mayor Gary Kovacic and former Mayor John Wuo.

Tay, who came in fourth place in the last election to Harbicht, Segal, and Amundson, said he feels he suffered last time from the way the election wound up being decided along racial lines, according to many observers, when there ended up being three candidates of Chinese descent, including himself,

and three Caucasian candidates. The election was also by far the costliest ever in terms of campaign spending, and the rhetoric became very intense, particularly among the Chinese media.

An owner of multiple independent businesses, Tay says he most enjoys serving the people and community of Arcadia, which is why he wants to run for Council. He also said he has no intention of letting the result of his last three campaigns deter him from following through on his pledge to himself and others to become a City Councilman.

## Seniors Celebrating Healthy Living and Clean Air Fair

Adults age 50 and over are invited to attend the "Seniors Celebrating Healthy Living and Clean Air Fair, which is being produced and sponsored by the South Coast Air Quality Management district (AQMD).

Arcadia Senior Services is accepting reservations on behalf of the AQMD and free transportation is being provided courtesy of the AQMD. The event is being held from 9am-2pm at the Los Angeles Convention Center on

Thursday, September 15. The event will include a complimentary lunch and attendees will be provided with practical steps they can take in their home, neighborhood and community to help improve air quality.

Advanced registration is required by Wednesday, August 31st. For more information or to register, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.



# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community

For Your Community

## Man Shot in Gang Related Attack

Police are asked for the public's help seeking the whereabouts of a second suspect after a gang related dispute Wednesday night ended in gunfire leaving one victim in serious condition with mutable gunshot wounds.

Police said shortly before 11:00 p.m., they received calls of shots heard in the area of Lake Avenue and Claremont Street. Upon arriving, they discovered an adult male with gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local area hospital where he remains in serious condition. Detectives said they later arrested Uriel Solis, male-27 of Long Beach, in connection with the shooting. Detectives are seeking the whereabouts of the second suspect.

Reports suggest the suspects may have been driving a dark colored sedan. Police said two men were walking down the street when the suspects confronted them identifying themselves as gang members. Police said the other victim was not injured. Police described both suspects as Latinos in the 20s possibly wearing shorts.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

## City Offers Low-Cost Vaccines

The Pasadena Public Health Department is offering low-cost Tdap vaccines to raise the awareness of back-to-school immunization requirements as part National Immunization Awareness Month.

New California laws, Senate Bill (SB) 354 and SB 614, now require students entering 7th - 12th grades to show proof of the Tdap shot for Whooping Cough before entering school. This requirement applies to both public and private schools.

The city's clinics will be providing \$10 Tdap vaccines this summer, Monday - Thursday from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:15 - 4:30 p.m. Aug. 22, 25, 29 and Sept. 1. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 614 last week to give schools the option of more time to work with students to obtain their Tdap shot.

For more information call the clinic at 626-744-6121.

## Pet of the Week



Tiny Lucky weighs about 10 pounds and is just 1 year old. He has lived with kids before and gets along with other little dogs. Lucky is still very much a puppy and looking for someone who will enjoy training him. Come visit with this adorable little dog!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A292378 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)

## Schiff to Draft Legislation on New U.S. Visa Policies

By Dean Lee

Congressman Adam Schiff held a roundtable discussion Thursday with the brightest entrepreneurs, business leaders, Caltech faculty and students focused on the impacts of national visa policies on technology startups and economic competitiveness.

Schiff said current immigration policies look at how to keep people out and not how to attract the right people to come in. "That's not the frame where're use to looking through. I think it would be very worthwhile, at the highest level, to put a focus on immigration policy along those lines."

The takeaway from the meeting, Schiff said, was a broader understanding of what startups need. He said originally he was looking at drafting legislation that would give someone in the U.S. on a student visa that graduates with an advanced degree, starts a business, and hire a certain number of people, that person would then get a green card.

Schiff said he was fond of an idea from Caltech Director of International Scholar Services, Marjory Gooding, allowing



a grace period, not unlike a marriage.

"When you have a startup it's like you're married to a business," Schiff said. "I think a lot of the comments could be accommodated by that approach."

He gave examples of looking at what type of degrees people graduate with or if their startups have licensing agreements with larger companies, "you could look at a series of factors to see how serious the startup really is, or is it a phony incorporated entity just to produce green cards."

Schiff said ultimately he was trying to develop a new visa category for people in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields that want to stay and create U.S. businesses. He also said he wanted to deal with the issues of spouses and independents of people with H-1B visas.

Schiff said he did worry that

a whole cottage industry could lead to phony startups helping people get this new kind of visa something he said the grace period could address.

Overall he said, "My goal is to revisit some of the immigration policies that are economic suicide and trying to jettison those that are not working and counterproductive and developing new policies that will help our economy."

Attendees included, Caltech President Emeritus, Dr. David Baltimore; Professor of Chemistry and Nobel Laureate, Dr. Robert Grubbs; Dr. Yaakoy Shevy, President and CEO of Orbits Lightwave; Dr. Michael Gardello, President and CEO of Materia Inc. and Tim Cadogan, CEO of Ad serving, consulting startup OpenX, among others.

## City Look to Heavy Lifters

Weight lifters ready to press 200 pounds or more can compete for trophies and prizes during the seventh annual bench press competition at city of Pasadena's Villa-Parke Community Center gymnasium on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Applications are available for participants ages 18 and over. Last year's bench press winner in the super-heavyweight division was Ricky Pickens, pressing 565 pounds.

This year's competition is sponsored by Max Muscle, Juice It Up!, Triangle Sports and the city's Human Services and Recreation Department.

The event welcomes male and female competitors in five weight categories, with trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each weight classification.

Applications are available at the center; 363 E. Villa St. Cost to compete is \$10 per person. For more information call Bill Davis at (626) 744-6523.

## Alexander Soto Elected PCC Student Trustee

Pasadena City College student Alexander Soto has been elected as the 2011-2012 student trustee member for the Pasadena Area Community College District. He will be serving a one-year term retroactive to July 1.

Soto has been an active participant in a variety of activities and projects on campus during his two years at PCC. "During my first year, I was involved in the creation of a pilot school, the School of History and Dramatic Arts, that provides a well-rounded education by combining social sciences, natural sciences, and the arts in an interdisciplinary curriculum," explained Soto. "Moving forward, I will continue to be involved with the school as an in-class assistant."

This past year, he served as the vice president of the Associated Students of PCC where he organized the "March in March" event that brought students to Sacramento to rally and take a stand on behalf of higher education. He also served as a senator of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges where he was involved in the statewide shared governance decision making process and was able to work closely with the Chancellor's Office.

"I look forward to serving this institution and its students because education is something that I see as the most important component in our society," Soto said. "I believe that in the current state budget crisis we must not let education be forgotten, and will do what I can to make sure PCC is in a good situation for students during these tumultuous times."

For more information, contact the PACCD Board of Trustees at (626) 585-7202.

## Gaden Jangtse Monks to Create Sculpture



Pacific Asia Museum announces the residency of the Gaden Jangtse Buddhist monks from September 7-11. During the course of their five-day stay, the monks will create a sand mandala in Pacific Asia Museum's Focus Gallery, and a butter sculpture (floral form) in the Courtyard from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. On Wednesday, September 7, all visitors may come to Pacific Asia Museum free of charge for a 10 a.m. Opening Blessing and a mandala lecture by Geshe Tenzin Sherab. Additional programming will occur on Friday and Sunday.

The sand mandala is an ancient art form that is unique to Tibetan Buddhism. The artwork is made by placing fine sand, which is ground and dyed by hand, into an intricate design of the world in its divine form. It is intended to serve as a map by which the ordinary human mind is transformed into the

enlightened mind.

The creation of the mandala begins with the Opening Ceremony and the chanting of Buddhist prayers. The construction of the mandala then continues over the next five days. The monks work all day, placing the sand grain by grain into the delicate pattern, as they create these incredibly rare and sacred works of art.

Upon completion of the mandala, the monks will hold a Dissolution Ceremony as the mandala is blessed a final time and the grains of sand are swept into a pile-- erasing the once-beautiful work of art. Some of the sand is given to those who are present, as a small blessing for their home or gardens. The remainder is taken to the ocean where it is poured into the moving water, which according to Tibetan Buddhist belief blesses all the beings living there, carrying prayers and blessings throughout the world.

## Fire Department Reminds Residents to Register For Emergency Notifications

In order to ensure that emergency messages, red-flag parking restrictions and other urgent communications can be sent to community members within Pasadena, the City reminds residents and businesses to self-register on-line.

The Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System, or PLEAS, is a technology solution for both text and voice messages. The system knows if the message has been delivered to a person, voicemail, or was not delivered due to a telephone system error. The system will continue to attempt to deliver its message until it is successfully delivered, or until the message expires.

To self-register for emergency alerts please go to <http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/disaster/> and then select the Emergency Notifications (PLEAS) link. There are a variety of emergency notification you may select. The system will send a reply e-mail to activate

your account which also serves as confirmation your registration was successful. Once registered, if a call is received from (626) 405-2358, it is because vital information will be disseminated and it's imperative you listen to the message to completion. The Fire Department recommends you add this phone number to your address book so you recognize it. Additionally, if you receive an email from [PasadenaLocalAlert@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:PasadenaLocalAlert@cityofpasadena.net), important information will be included. Add it to your email address book so it does not get confused with spam.

The City website and same link included to register, also includes disaster preparedness information regarding a myriad of topics. For residents without computer access, all City libraries have free internet service. If you have any questions please contact James Weckerle at 626-744-4288.

## Mars Rover Arrives At New Site on Martian Surface



Photo courtesy of NASA/JPL

After a journey of almost three years, NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity has reached the Red Planet's Endeavour crater to study rocks never seen before.

On Aug. 9, the golf cart-sized rover relayed its arrival at a location named Spirit Point on the crater's rim. Opportunity drove approximately 13 miles (21 kilometers) since climbing out of the Victoria crater.

"NASA is continuing to write remarkable chapters in our nation's story of exploration with discoveries on Mars and trips to an array of challenging new destinations," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said. "Opportunity's findings and data from the upcoming Mars Science Laboratory will play a key role in making possible future human missions to Mars and other places where humans have not yet been."

Endeavour crater, which is more than 25 times wider than

Victoria crater, is 14 miles (22 kilometers) in diameter. At Endeavour, scientists expect to see much older rocks and terrains than those examined by Opportunity during its first seven years on Mars. Endeavour became a tantalizing destination after NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter detected clay minerals that may have formed in an early warmer and wetter period.

"We're soon going to get the opportunity to sample a rock type the rovers haven't seen yet," said Matthew Golombek, Mars Exploration Rover science team member, at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif. "Clay minerals form in wet conditions so we may learn about a potentially habitable environment that appears to have been very different from those responsible for the rocks comprising the plains."

## 50/50 Leadership Announces "Leadership Circles" Program

On the heels of the anniversary of California Women's right to vote, a day that highlights one of the most prolific moments in women's history, 50/50 Leadership, a California based non-profit (with international reach) dedicated to the advancement of women's roles in the business sector, launched its Leadership Circles program. The program is the brainchild of the non-profit, and is one that

envisions a world where women hold fifty percent of leadership positions. This is a number slightly less than women's population statistics worldwide and one that at present is severely lacking. The year-long program begins in Pasadena on Sunday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Flintridge Foundation Retreat Center at 236 W. Mountain, Pasadena, CA 91103.

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

## College Adds New Design Tech Pathway

An innovative new program is beginning this fall at Pasadena City College that combines design, digital fabrication technology, Math 402, and English 100 into one integrated pathway. The Design Tech Pathway will allow PCC students to learn the skills necessary for success in the creative, high-tech, high-pay, high-demand careers of the globalized future.

In a supportive, dynamic learning environment, students will solve real-world design problems, with the support of motivated instructors and student mentors. Students will learn design skills through hands-on experience, with state-of-the-art rapid prototyping technologies (3D scanning and design software, 3D printing, laser-cutting and milling) along with developing creative problem solving, critical thinking, team work and communication skills. Math and English are contextualized for design and technology so all the classes are integrated together to achieve strong student success.

Created as a broadly based introductory program, the Design Tech Pathway will prepare students for success in PCC transfer and certificate courses in architecture, engineering, fashion, graphic

design, jewelry, photography and product design. The Design Tech Pathway will also assist students to develop education and career plans in new technology fields such as additive manufacturing, bio-medical engineering and aeronautical fabrication.

Successful completion of this 12-unit block guarantees students continued access to the facilities through spring enrollment in the Fabrication Laboratory (fablab), ensuring students can use their new skills in their chosen major.

The program is open to all incoming or continuing students who have enrolled and tested in at Math 402 and English 100 on PCC placement tests. Students must complete the application process online at [www.pasadena.edu/designtech](http://www.pasadena.edu/designtech). Successful applicants will be promptly notified when application is completed. If you have questions, please email Deborah Bird or Salomon Davila at [designtech@pasadena.edu](mailto:designtech@pasadena.edu).

Block registration begins on Wednesday, Aug. 10. The two-week summer Design Tech Boot Camp begins Monday, Aug. 15, and the fall semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 29.

For more information, contact (626) 585-7901.

## "What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan M. Clayton



### THE COLLINS TWINS COME TO TOWN

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of meeting two remarkable men, NBA players, and twins, Jarron and Jason Collins. These fine men from Northridge, California were standouts at Harvard-Westlake High School and Stanford University. They came to Northview Middle School in Duarte as Guest Speakers at the end of a special week-long basketball clinic.

A Game Fundamental Basketball Clinic is the brainchild of Rodney Jefferson, Duarte High School's current Head Basketball Varsity Coach. Mr. Jefferson, a motivational speaker and intercultural mediator has worked as a liaison between city officials and at-risk youth to reduce gang violence. He's also worked with businesses to develop strategies to provide job training and increase opportunities. During the summer, Mr. Jefferson holds a special non-profit basketball clinic to help develop skills. But the youth learn much more. They learn the value of hard work, setting goals and working as a team. This year's clinic ran from 9am-1:30pm, August 1-5. The youths learned many skills, team work; they were given shirts, and lunch was provided each day.



Friday's ending festivities included games and competition between team and individuals. Then the certificates, awards, and trophies were passed out. So many wonderful dignitaries/friends came out! From Supervisor Antonovich's office, Field Deputy Brian Mejia, a proud new father, who was beaming! From the City of Duarte, Chamber Director Jim Kirchner and his lovely wife, Kathy; Mayor Pro Tem Lois Gaston and Council Member Margaret Finlay; School Board Members Ken Bell and Rose Brooks-Mitchell; Duarte High Principal, Eric Barba; and Duarte Coordinating Council Member Dorothy Smith. From the City of Monrovia, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Council Member Becky Shevlin. As a retired MAD Town Council member, I represented the county area!

The Collins were introduced and took turns speaking. They talked about the importance of family and sacrifices their parents made, so they would be where they are, today. The men told the youth to turn around and look at their families and to appreciate them, their support and sacrifices. Setting goals and working hard are an important prerequisite to success. Early on, Jason said they realized their parents couldn't afford to send both to college. They had to be successful in the classroom. As far as athletics were concerned, Jason said there was no substitute for practice and hard work. He wanted to do his best; he

challenged himself to do better.

Jarron reiterated what Jason said. Jarron was not an "A" student in all subjects. He was having difficulty in one subject, so he met with his teacher. He asked about extra credit. Most importantly, he set aside time every day to do his homework. Again, one must set goals and follow them to succeed.

There were many interesting questions and



comments. Mr. Bell remembered that the Collins boys' team beat Duarte H.S. twice! Mrs. Gaston said she remembered their years at Stanford and asked why that university was chosen. The answer was "for a number of factors including excellent athletic and EDUCATIONAL programs, and for family. Their grandparents lived in the Bay area and their grandfathers attended all their games at Stanford!"

When you apply at universities for a sports scholarship, you sign an "intent to play" and it's a given you're in the university/college. Not Stanford. One must fill out the forms and go through the entire process and meet educational requirements!

A question was asked about the Collins parents' height. Mom was 6ft.1; Dad was 6ft. 4! The twins had a young growth spurt. By 8th grade, they were 6'6 and could dunk!

"How many MVP'S did you receive?" was presented as a question. It couldn't be answered. Yet every team award- whether on the high school, collegiate, or pro TEAM award came to mind. That was the important goal: "TEAM". It didn't matter what one scored. Rebounds, passing to other players-that's what counted! John Stockton once said, "It's amazing what you can accomplish when no one cares about themselves."

The Collins Twins graciously sat down, signed autographs, and posed for photos with EVERYONE who asked-young and old alike even if you hadn't been at the clinic! We headed outside for a barbecue and as I walked out with some parents, I listened to their comments. "What PERFECT role models the Collins are! They stressed the importance of education." "FAMILY was a factor in their decision to attend Stanford. They told the youths to appreciate their families and the sacrifices their families make!" "The Collins gave good practical advice: Set goals, study hard, set aside time each day for homework!"

Thank you, Rodney Jefferson for a wonderful clinic for area youth. They not only learned skills, but many important life lessons. Thank you Jarron and Jason Collins for being the kind of role models I would want for my grandchildren. You both know what it really important in life.

### Board of Forestry & Fire Protection Moves Forward with State Responsibility Area Fee Regulation

Sacramento - The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) today directed staff to move forward with the drafting of emergency regulations in accordance with Assembly Bill AB X 1 29, State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fees, for the full board to consider at a special public meeting to be held in Sacramento on August 22, 2011.

Executive Officer George Gentry presented the Board with a comprehensive overview of the new law that requires the Board to adopt emergency regulations to establish a fire prevention fee of up to \$150 to be charged on each "habitable" structure within the over 31 million acres of SRA on or before September 1, 2011.

Among the items the regulations need to address are refining the definition of "habitable structure" as it relates to the law and a determination of the scalability of the fee based on prevention measures already in place.

Board Chairman, Stan Dixon expressed his appreciation for the thorough report provided by Mr. Gentry and noted that, "the law requires the Board to act and we will continue to move ahead with this task."

*The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, August 22, 2011 in the first floor auditorium of the Resources Building located at 1416 9th Street in downtown Sacramento.*

### 4th ANNUAL ARMENIAN IDENTITY FESTIVAL GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH



The 4th Annual Armenian Identity Festival took place on Sunday July 31st, from noon to 8:00 p.m. at Pasadena's Victory Park. The 4th Annual Armenian Identity Festival was arranged by the Armenian Community Coalition. Appointed as master of ceremony was Mary Agulian, who enthusiastically communicated with the patrons of the event. The success of this year's festival was calculated by attendees reaching over 3,000.

The festivities kicked off at 2pm with the presentation of the colors by members of the United States Marine Corps. Ara Sahagian did the honors of singing both the American and Armenian national anthems. To Celebrate Pasadena's 125th Anniversary city dignitaries, including Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez and wife Debora, Pasadena City Councilmember Gene Masuda, PUSD Board member Ramon Miramantes, Robin Salazar, and ACC Chairman Khatchik "Chris" Chahinian sliced a celebratory cake to honor Pasadena. Prior to cutting the cake Ara Sahagian also had the honor of singing "Happy Birthday, Pasadena."

Live musical entertainment was provided by Sahag Sislian, Kevork Chakmacyan, Nshan Tchaghatsbanian and Khatchig Nahabedian throughout the day. Everyone enjoyed the ethnic and local foods, while children participated in various activities. There were many exhibitions, including classic cars and local organizational booths. Nor Serount children's Dance group, choreographed by Lilian, presented Armenian folk dances, and

the Macarena. As the day progressed, Hye Kempo karate students performed.

Part of the festivities included a raffle for both a watch and a gold pendant; the watch was donated by Tic-Time, of Glendale Gallery. The gold and diamond pendant donated by Albert Tchoukadarian of Noble Jewelers in Monrovia was the grand prize of the raffle. Congratulations to both winners, the Grand Prize winner was Sarkis Sahagian of Pasadena.

On behalf of the Armenian Community Coalition, Chairman Khatchik "Chris" Chahinian presented two plaques of appreciation. The first plaque was presented to Mayor Bill Bogaard and the other to the United States Marine Corps, in appreciation for their service to the USA.

The Armenian Community Coalition is working hard to commission and bestow a Genocide Monument in the city of Pasadena, in honor of 1915 Genocide victims. For this project, six artists displayed and presented designs for the proposed monument. A petition campaign has begun to collect signatures to encourage the placement of a genocide monument. The Mayor, Councilman Masuda, and the Police Chief were among the first to sign the monument petition.

The Armenian Community Coalition of Pasadena is composed of schools, churches, and cultural organizations. Its mission is to bring the Armenian community together and work with other public groups to improve education, increase employment opportunities, and enhance living conditions in Pasadena.

### 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.lwvpsadenaaarea.org/donate.html>.

### PET OF THE WEEK

#### Benny: Animal ID #A4316365

Meet Benny, a debonair gentleman (A4316365). Benny is a handsome, three-year-old, white male Lab/Shepherd/Chow Chow mix who was found as a stray on the streets of the City of Industry and came to the Baldwin Park shelter on July 26th. Weighing thirty-six pounds, Benny finds the shelter a bit overwhelming and is a little shut down. With a little attention and patience, he warmed up to United Hope for Animals volunteers, and his many fans see this boy a great dog ready to blossom with some tender loving care. Benny will be a grateful, loving, indoor pet for anyone willing to give him the chance he richly deserves. To watch a video of volunteers interacting with Benny, please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3Wrjw06RQ0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3Wrjw06RQ0)

To meet Benny, please visit him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). His adoption fee is \$100 and he is currently available now. For any inquiries about Benny, please reference his animal ID number: A4316365. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information



about Benny or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto: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/>.

### Board of Forestry & Fire Protection Moves Forward with State Responsibility Area Fee Regulation

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) today directed staff to move forward with the drafting of emergency regulations in accordance with Assembly Bill AB X 1 29, State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fees, for the full board to consider at a special public meeting to be held in Sacramento on August 22, 2011.

Executive Officer George Gentry presented the Board with a comprehensive overview of the new law that requires the Board to adopt emergency regulations to establish a fire prevention fee of up to \$150 to be charged on each "habitable" structure within the over 31 million acres of SRA on or before September 1, 2011.

Among the items the regulations need to address are refining the definition of "habitable structure" as it relates to the law and a determination of the scalability of the fee based on prevention measures already in place.

Board Chairman, Stan Dixon expressed his appreciation for the thorough report provided by Mr. Gentry and noted that, "the law requires the Board to act and we will continue to move ahead with this task."

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, August 22, 2011 in the first floor auditorium of the Resources Building located at 1416 9th Street in downtown Sacramento.

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## Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 552 service events, resulting in 80 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

### Battery Thefts

On July 29, two curbside box battery thefts were reported in the early morning hours. The boxes were pried open and the batteries stolen. The thefts occurred on Duarte at Magnolia and the 400 block of East Cherry. The investigation is continuing.

### Battery

On July 29 at 9:29 p.m., officers were flagged down by a male subject who was bleeding from the mouth. He told officers he was jumped by two to three male juveniles. No suspects were located. Investigation continuing.

### Wanted Robbery Suspect Arrested

On July 30 at 11:09 a.m., officers located a named robbery suspect they had been searching for extensively. The suspect was wanted for the robbery of a business in the 300 block of West Huntington that occurred on July 12. The suspect had approached a cashier with his hand in his jacket pocket and threatened to shoot her if she didn't give him money from the register. After obtaining the cash, he fled the location. Officers had identified the suspect and had been watching several locations he was known to frequent. He was located working on a vehicle in the city of Duarte and was arrested without incident.

### Domestic Violence / Child Abuse - Suspect Arrested

On August 1 at 3:49 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of East Los Angeles Avenue regarding a male subject hitting another subject with a bat. When officers arrived, they located

a male subject that was bleeding from a head injury. The two suspects with the bat had left the location. The investigation revealed that the subject with the head injury had physically abused his girlfriend, with whom he has two children. He had also physically abused one of the children. This subject was taken to a hospital for treatment. The identity of the two suspects that assaulted the domestic violence suspect is unknown at this time. The injured suspect was arrested after he was treated and released from the hospital. Investigation continuing.

### Hit and Run Traffic Collision

On August 2 at 12:06 a.m., police received the report of a vehicle striking the Acapulco Restaurant building. The occupants of the vehicle fled the scene. Officers arrived and determined there were no injured patrons in the restaurant and no occupants of the car remained at the scene. A driver's license and an employee badge belonging to a female subject were found at the scene, along with an identification card for another female subject. Further investigation revealed that the driver at the time of the accident was probably the female with the identification card. A location check of her residence was made, but she was not located. The investigation is ongoing and charges for driving without a license and hit and run will be pursued. Investigation continuing.

### Felony Vandalism

On August 3 at 7:25 a.m., a resident in the 400 block of East Olive reported her vehicle had been vandalized. The vehicle was parked on the street and had been keyed during the night. At about 12:01 p.m., officers returned to the location, as two other vehicles belonging to the same victim had also been keyed. All of the vehicles had been vandalized sometime between midnight and 7:25 a.m.

## Foothill Unity Center announces 2011 Neighbors Helping Neighbors honorees



Southern California Edison Region Manager Elisa Clifford, center, joins other SCE volunteers at last year's Foothill Unity Center Back to School Fair.

Volunteers Henry and Lou Thedinga, Southern California Edison and The Monrovia Family Restaurant will be honored at 13th Annual Golden Plate Awards September 22

August 10, 2011 — Dedicated volunteers Henry and Lou Thedinga, longtime corporate champion Southern California Edison, and business supporter The Monrovia Family Restaurant will receive Neighbors Helping Neighbors Awards at Foothill Unity Center's 13th Annual Golden Plate Awards dinner on Thursday evening, September 22 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia. The

Henry, a very young 93-year-old and a Pearl Harbor survivor, and his wife, Lou, who turns 90 this year, have been Center volunteers for twelve years. Over that time, they've worked in just about all areas. Currently, Henry registers arriving clients and Lou works the Choice Pantry, where clients can select special items. The couple also pitches in at all special events, including Thanksgiving and Holiday Distributions. They're regular donors as well. The Center is proud to be one of several organizations that benefit from their time and energy.

### Corporate Award: Southern California Edison

With the help of Region Manager Elisa Clifford, who sits on the Center's board, SCE has been a key supporter for many years in many ways. Every year, the company has sponsored the Golden Plate Awards and participated in the Back to School Fair, awarding it major grants for the past two years. SCE has also sponsored the organization's annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and raised money at their annual employee event for Center programs. It's not unusual for SCE to bring nearly 70 volunteers to help out at the food warehouse.

### Business Award: The Monrovia Family Restaurant

Owner Sia Soris and her team are among the Center's most devoted and steadfast fans. The Monrovia has donated the food and provided the location for the organization's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for the past three years, and supplied food for 400+ volunteers working our Back to School Fair for the last five years. They are always ready and willing to help with whatever is needed, from soup to turkeys. The Monrovia also prominently displays the Center's Auxiliary donation bank at their register, generating regular support funds.



Longtime Volunteers Henry and Lou Thedinga have been donating their time to the center for over a decade.

Center presents these honors each year to local businesses, organizations and individuals who have offered extraordinary support.

Longtime Monrovia mayor Bob Bartlett and community hunger fighter Robin Salzer, owner of Robin's WoodFire BBQ in Pasadena, will also be honored at the event with the Center's Heart in Hand Humanitarian award, presented annually to local people who have made an outstanding impact on the quality of life in their communities and beyond.

Reservations to the event, the Center's only major fundraiser of the year, are \$75 per person. They may be ordered online at [www.foothillunitycenter.org](http://www.foothillunitycenter.org), or by mailing a check to Golden Plate Awards, Foothill Unity Center, 415 West Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia CA 91016.

Sponsorship packages begin at \$1,000. Each comes with a number of special recognitions including ads in the Tribute Journal. The Center is also seeking items for the evening's silent and live auctions. Those valued at \$50 or more received by August 26 will be acknowledged in the Tribute Journal. For more information, visit [www.foothillunitycenter.org](http://www.foothillunitycenter.org) or contact Gerald at the Center, (626) 358-3486.

### 2011 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Awards

Volunteer Award: Henry & Lou Thedinga

The Library Brings the Summer Reading Club to the Summer Extravaganza Program

The Youth Services staff held their annual Summer Reading Club on the road for the Summer Extravaganza Program for five weeks this summer. The 268 youth, ages six to 16, participated in the reading incentive program. Staff met under the trees to discuss books, passed out reading incentives and presented book-related games and other activities. A visit to the Library

for the teen Summer Extravaganza participants was held on Monday, August 1. The teens played a Library version of The Amazing Race, talked about books and watched a short film.

### Library Storytime Hiatus

All storytimes and additional Library youth programming will take a short break beginning the week of August 8. Baby Time, Time for Twos and Munchkin Storytime will resume on Tuesday, September 6.

### Senior Trip to the Los Angeles Farmer's Market

A senior day trip to the Los Angeles Farmer's Market will be held on Friday, August 19. The participants will meet at the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and are scheduled to return at 4 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$17 at the Community Center and will include transportation. The participants will be

responsible for their lunch. Spend the day in L.A. and receive a free gift bag of goodies. Space is limited and reservations are required.

For additional information and reservations, please contact the Department of Community Services, at (626) 256-8246.

### Monrovia Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has a New Book Club

Check out the Teen Advisory Board's (TAB) new book club Popular Paperbacks for Monrovia Teens, created by teens, for teens. Read thrilling adventures, or books, about evil bullies and complete a short survey, telling Librarians across the country what you think. The teen feedback will help facilitate the creation of book selections, by the group; Popular Paperbacks for Young

Adults, a national committee of librarians, sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Stop by a TAB meeting, held on the first Monday of the month, to be a part of the book club.

For additional information, please contact the Monrovia Public Library, at (626) 256-8274.

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## Father Gregory Boyle

Father Greg Boyle discusses his work with the largest gang intervention program in the country and his recent best-selling book: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*.

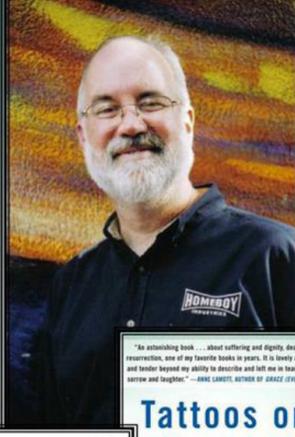
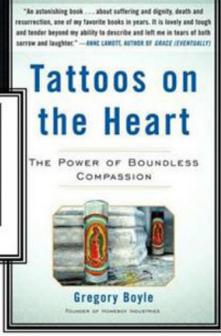
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## DOES GOING BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS YOUR CHILD?

*Returning to school after summer break or starting school for the first time can be very stressful for children.*

Renaye Thornborrow, author of *Adventures in Wisdom™*, a breakthrough life-coaching program for empowering kids, recommends three steps that parents can take to help smooth the transition if their children are uneasy about the upcoming school year.

### Step 1: Discuss and Manage Concerns

Give kids the opportunity to voice their fears about going back to school. Once they've shared their concerns, work with them to brainstorm solutions. For example, if a child is worried about how they will perform in math class, create a plan to review concepts before school starts or hire a tutor if extra help is needed. If a child is nervous about making friends at a new school, invite some



kids over for a play-date who already attend the new school. Knowing that their concerns can be alleviated will empower kids to face change with more confidence.

### Step 2: Discuss and Visualize the Positive Aspects of the Change

Have kids visualize positive aspects of

going back to school such as seeing old friends, learning new subjects, and taking special field trips. Just like kids can use visualization to practice hitting a baseball, they can also use visualization to practice creating happiness and success in the classroom.

### Step 3: Celebrate and Honor the Change

Parents can schedule a fun event to mark the change. Honoring the change with a celebration will mentally prepare kids for the transition. Hosting a "back to school party" with friends, shopping for a special backpack, or going out for a meaningful family dinner can prepare kids to embrace the new school year.

For more tips on empowering kids, parents and mentors can visit <http://adventuresinwisdom.com/sign-up-weekly-wisdom/#> and sign up to receive weekly wisdom.



## FOREVER YOUNG

There is something magical about the summer sun, selling fresh lemonade on the corner and Nesquik Chocolate Milk paired with mac'n'cheese. Something that brings out the young and carefree child in me. Something that I hadn't realized I'd lost until this past weekend.

Being only in high school, I thought that I was still a member of the younger generation, where hopscotch and jump rope are the things to do and nothing is boring because I have the ability to make them magical and fun. But the more I look, the more I realize that I am closer to being a young adult (5 months until I'm 18) than I am to being a little kid. It's sad to realize that one day I woke up and subconsciously decided that selling lemonade and cookies wasn't what I wanted

to do with my day. Instead, I now sleep until practically the afternoon and pass my time relaxing and reading, watching the next generation of kids do the things that are only memories to me now. But this weekend, it was nice to physically revisit my childhood as I kicked back with some family friends and sold lemonade, cookies, and drank lots of delicious chocolate milk and felt as though nothing really mattered too much. I felt invincible, stretching out on the lawn with the taste of snickerdoodle on my lips. But you can only run from reality for so long, and after a few hours I felt the clock strike twelve and the present come running up to whap me on the head and remind me of all my applications, people I need to contact, blah, blah, blah. But for those few hours I was living it up, and man did it feel great.

## TEENS PLAY THE GAME OF LIFE

Together with our community partners, Day One Youth Advocates will host a Youth Summit for their peers on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from 8:30am to 3pm at All Saints Church. This For Teens by Teens (4tbt) event will feature entertainment, a resource fair, giveaways, and powerful guest speakers all who are using their gifts and talents to change their communities and make a difference.

This year's theme is the Game of Life. The Youth Summit will provide an opportunity for teens ages 12 to 18 to better understand how to use their natural gifts and passions to lead the lifestyles of their choice.

Developed by Harvard University, youth will begin their day by taking a strengths assessment which will categorize their strengths based on their learning styles. Building upon those results, youth will attend workshops designed to introduce them to an array of careers - both conventional and unconventional. The workshop "Reality Check" will then take them through exercises to help them gain a better understanding of what kind of expenses they will be faced with when they graduate, and, finally, youth will set their own goals - a roadmap for their future leaving them feeling empowered to

make better decisions today to help them achieve their goals of tomorrow.

For the second year, Day One will award the Teen Legacy Award to four teens. Day One Youth Advocates decided to answer the need for positive role models by recognizing outstanding teens in the cities of Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre. The Teen Legacy Award was created by teens for teens to highlight the contributions that youth make throughout their communities. This award will be presented to four youth during the Youth Summit.

This year's keynote speakers include Tito, Mitchell, and Ingwell - on-air personalities from Power 106FM who will inspire youth to follow their passions and persevere when faced with challenges by telling the stories of their journeys.

To register visit [dayonepasadena.com](http://dayonepasadena.com) or call Day One (626)229-9750

Direct link : <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e4fnt47s800e4341&oseq=>

Now in its 17th year, Youth Month seeks to provide safe and healthy activities for youth. A wide range of activities for all ages are offered during Youth Month throughout the community including pool parties, movie days, family picnics, beach trips, visits to museums, trips to Magic Mountain, and Ragging Waters, as well as tours to local private and public colleges.

For more information, Please call Day One at (626)229-9750

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## Foothill Unity Center's 2011

# Back-to-School

We need your help to prepare an estimated 2,000 local students (K-12) for Back to School with uniforms, backpacks, shoes, socks, underwear, school supplies, haircuts and even manicures. Only children of our low-income families are registered for this event.

Being ready for the important 1st day of school, gives a child a good start and maybe a better year. Funds are needed to buy uniforms, backpacks, etc. (estimated @ only \$60 per child).

Volunteers are needed to help . . .

- ◆ 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.**  
Shifts are: Adults Only (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) (12:30 to 5 p.m.)  
Youth & Adults (5 to 9 p.m.) to help pack-up & clean-up

### NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

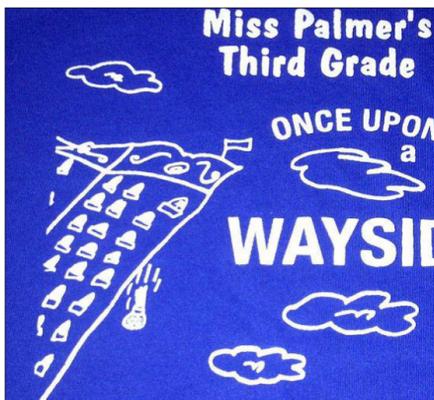
- ◆ New Backpacks
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- ◆ Crayons (24 ct.)
- ◆ Single - spiral notebooks
- ◆ Glue sticks/Glue
- ◆ Erasers (large pink)
- ◆ Pencil sharpeners
- ◆ Filler paper 3-hole (College & Wide-ruled)
- Mechanical pencils
- Colored pencils (24 ct)
- 12" Rulers
- Calculators (Regular & Scientific)
- Highlighters
- Color markers (8 ct)
- Scissors (Round tip & Pointed)
- Blue & Black ballpoint pens

Clothing needed: Boys & Girls Socks; Girls underwear and boys boxer shorts.

Items are needed by Aug. 1st, however, late donations are gladly accepted.

Contact: Betty or Raina at (626) 358-3486  
Or  
Donated Items can be dropped off at  
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191 N. Oak, Pasadena  
Website: [foothillunitycenter.org](http://foothillunitycenter.org)

# 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!

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**SOCKS** by Maila Thomas

One day it was Sock Day at Wayside School. All of the kids wore their craziest socks, but without shoes. Rondi was so excited, she ran up 30 flights of stairs. As she walked into the classroom, she tripped on a rock and her socks flew off her feet. "Hey! Who put that stupid rock in the way?" asked Rondi.

Then Kathy came in and tripped on Rondi and her socks flew off. One by one, all of the children tripped on each other and lost their socks. Then Mrs. Jewels came in and tripped on all of the kids.

When they all got up, they realized the room was full of socks.

Eric Bacon and Jason yelled, "OMG!" together.

Jason said, "Jinks."

Mrs. Jewels said, "What are we going to do?"

Then Rondi said, "I have an idea. When my mom puts way things, she sorts them. Maybe we can sort our socks?"

"That's a great idea," said Mrs. Jewels.

So they got to work. Rondi matched the socks, Mrs. Jewels folded the socks, and Allison gave them to her classmates. When all of them were done, they all cheered for Rondi.

The End.

## THE THING IN THE BASEMENT

by Dustin Wagner

One day Calvin and D.J. went down to the basement to play a prank on Mrs. Jewels. They wanted to get a dead rat and put it in her drawer.

While they were down there, someone locked the door behind them. Then they heard a strange laugh. It sounded like Mrs. Goff's laugh. Then they heard footsteps.

A small blinking light turned on and Calvin and D.J. saw a man in there wearing a giant diaper. He said, "Could you guys help me get out of here?"

Calvin and D.J. said, "We're stuck too, the goozack is locked."

Then they heard the door lock open.

Calvin said, "It's Dameon!"

"Thank goodness you came," said D.J!

"Let's go to lunch," said Dameon. *To be continued...*

## THAT'S WHY

by Camille Kennedy

"Hey Maurecia," said Joy. "Why did Paul lick Leslie's ear?"

"I don't know," Maurecia said.

"That's it," thought Joy. "I must find out why Paul keeps licking Leslie's ear."

She ran down the stairs to the first story and went back up asking every kid at Wayside School.

No one knew. She trudged back up to the 30th story where Leslie dropped her pencil.

"My pencil," Leslie said. Paul licked her ear.

"Eeww....," shouted Terrance. "Paul licked Leslie's ear!"

The classroom buzzed with laughter. Joy finally understood EVERYTHING.

"Hey Leslie, can you go get DeeDee, Alison, and Maurecia?", asked Joy.

"Sure," said Leslie. "Do you need me too?"

"Yes," said Joy.

The all came over to Joy.

"So what's the problem?" asked DeeDee.

"I know why Paul licked your ear Leslie," said Joy. Maurecia started to ask why, but Joy didn't wait for her.

"Remember when Paul went to the counselor's office? Well, I heard that the counselor likes to hypnotize people!"

Right then they all knew who they needed to see, Miss Mush. They darted down the stairs. When they got to the kitchen, Miss Mush was making tuna surprise. The kitchen stank.

"Miss Mush," they all said together, "Do you have any peppercream x 2?"

"Does Miss Mush have peppercream x2? Of course!" said Miss Mush.

Miss Mush was all over the place. "Where did it go? I don't know," sang Miss Mush. Joy was getting impatient. After five hours, Miss Mush found it. Joy took it, and they all ran to the counselor's office.

"Hello girls, what seems to be the problem?" asked Dr. Pickle.

"You know very well why we're here you no good psychiatrist," said Joy and DeeDee. And with that, they threw some peppercream x2 on him, and he de-hypnotized everyone that he hypnotized!

Wait! You don't know what happened to Dr. Pickle next.

Well, the girls hypnotized him to walk out of his window. When he did, he was so shocked he walked off and was never seen again!

## JOE

by Jaden

One day in class Joe asked, "Mrs. Jewels, can I go to recess now?"

"No," replied Mrs. Jewels.

"But it's 9:30 am," said Joe.

"Not until you spell the word **the**," said Mrs. Jewels.

"Y-m-e", Joe answered.

"No!", said Mrs. Jewels.

Joe sat at his desk puzzled. Finally he said, "But it's 9:35 am and I spelled it right now let me go."

"You didn't spell it right Joe. Do it again," replied Mrs. Jewels.

"Fine! F-e-e-. Now can I go? Come on. Let me go please can I go Mrs. Jewels?" whined Joe.

"Here's a paper," said Mrs. Jewels. On the paper was the word **the**."

"Okay, I'll study it," said Joe. He went back to his desk and ate the paper. Then he went to Mrs. Jewels and said, "I accidentally ate my paper."

Mrs. Jewels asked, "Why did you eat the paper? Here's another paper Joe," said Mrs. Jewels. "Now don't eat it, okay?"

So Joe went back to his desk to study. While Joe was reading, Joe coughed and out came the paper. Joe went to Mrs. Jewels and said, "Mrs. Jewels, I know how to spell now."

Mrs. Jewels replied, "Let me see. Spell the word **the**."

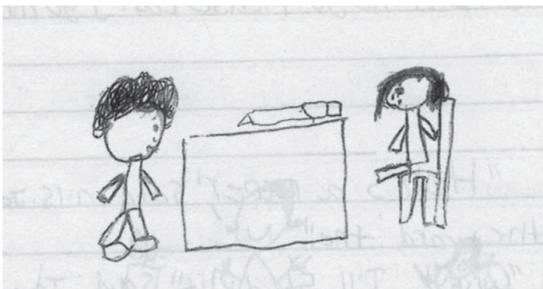
Joe spelled t-h-e.

"Great, now spell **fine**."

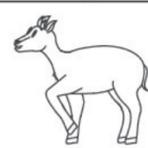
F-I-N-E spelled Joe.

"Fantastic! You may go to recess."

So Joe jumped up and ran down 30 stories down to the playground.



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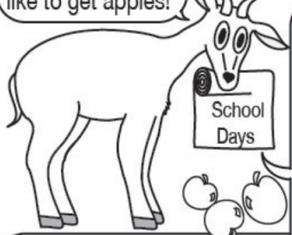
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Teachers used to like to get apples!



Why do we have to go to school? Some kids just don't get it! One new student in a kindergarten class thought that he was only going to attend school for one day. He didn't understand why he had to go back to school every day!

Well, you and I know it takes many lessons and a lot of work to learn to read and write. Teachers try to bring out the best of their students' talents and to encourage their love of learning. Lessons are planned to give us the skills we will need to run a household and to help run our communities. A good education for all of our people can keep our nation strong.

### Did you know that many years ago:

- housewives taught young children ABCs and some religion in their kitchens for a small fee? These were called "\_\_\_\_\_ Schools."
- teachers in schoolhouses were almost always men and were called \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_ working hard just to survive had to teach their children at home?
- \_\_\_\_\_ was very expensive and scarce?
- students used a flat, wooden board with a handle called a \_\_\_\_\_? A paper with a lesson was placed on it.

## School Then and Now!

Many years ago it was hard to get a good education. People had to work long days just to survive. Rich people could hire tutors for their children at home or send them to craftsmen to learn a skill and be educated.

Soon, people realized that the country was changing and that it needed people who could lead and do many kinds of jobs. Laws were passed that required all children to go to school so they would have the chance for a good education.

- rich families hired \_\_\_\_\_ to teach in their homes?
- some students had to \_\_\_\_\_ many miles in all kinds of weather to get to school?
- \_\_\_\_\_ often stayed home to learn skills for running a household: sewing, cooking, the alphabet, etc?
- students were lucky to have charcoal or \_\_\_\_\_ pens to write with?
- one way to teach reading was by using pictures in stories, called \_\_\_\_\_?

I love it when school begins. Kids are always losing things like this boot.

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## NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

### ON BEING PODDED

#### The Technological Invasion of the Body Snatchers

By Christopher Nyerges

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When you mention movies that refer to Sierra Madre, folks will commonly bring up Humphrey Bogart's "Treasure of Sierra Madre." Of course, that had nothing to do with our Sierra Madre, but rather the Sierra Madre mountains in northern Mexico. It's a good movie about human nature, and well-worth your viewing.

The other movie that took place in Sierra Madre was the original "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," where the pods were being unloaded at the triangle at Baldwin and Sierra Madre Ave. It's an insightful movie into human nature, and some have called it an analogy to alcoholism. Really! Watch the movie sometime and see if you agree. But you could also argue that the movie presented an analogy to any sort of addiction, or cult-thinking, where we are no longer in full control of our destiny.

A few recent experiences have made me realize that most of us are already fully "poddled."

Not long ago on a hot night, I went to a local coffee shop to drink iced tea. I thought I would meet someone and engage them in good old-fashioned conversation. I purchased my iced

tea and then found a comfortable chair and read the latest issue of Mountain Views. I hadn't paid attention to the other patrons but I noted it was very quiet.

Finally looking up from my cool beverage and the rantings of my favorite Mountain Views columnist Stuart Tolchin, I saw that there was only one person per table, each wholly engaged in their laptop world. There was some light jazz playing in the room, but I seemed to be the only one tapping my foot to the music of Dave Brubeck. Everyone had wires in their ears extending to some hidden source. Everyone was tuned into something else, somewhere else, and no one was tuned into the here and now. A full room of lonely, separated, non-communicating people. No conversation would be possible.

I went outside to enjoy the cool evening breeze and maybe make conversation with my fellow sojourners. One man sat alone outside but spoke in hushed tones as he waved his arms. No, not a crazy man, but a man who was also elsewhere on his cell phone. The other person outside was a woman, also alone and yelling into the abyss of her phone. I would be making no conversation out here, I realized. Everyone was somewhere else. I felt disoriented, like a stranger in strange land of techno-toys. I got in my vehicle and drove away.

I went to a local market, did my shopping, and noted that nearly half the shoppers were not here now, but chatted away on their cell phones and other devices to people somewhere else. Some had wires extending from their ears.

One man entered with a silver device wrapped around his ear, Star Trek-like, and

he was obviously elsewhere as he talked to unseen recipients. I hailed him with my hand, and inquired about the object.

"It's my I-pod," he said enthusiastically. "I couldn't live without it," as he walked on and continued his very important conversation.

A friend who plays on a sports team at a local college told me that she takes a school bus to the other school for the soccer meets, plays the game, and then all her fellow students sit in their own private I-podded musical worlds as they bus home.

"Don't you all talk about the game?" I asked. "We don't do that," was her reply.

What a depressing world we've devolved into. I can recall bussing home from high school track meets, listening to "Papa Was A Rolling Stone" and all us boys loudly sang along in camaraderie, whether we lost or won. How have we descended to the point where it is regarded as better to reside in a safe little podded world.

It would be instructive for today's over-teched youth to go watch the original Invasion of the Body Snatchers, and replace "pod" with "I-pod." We are all being podded, and without a fight.

Later that night, there was a localized blackout in my neighborhood for five hours

or so. I sat outside in the cool darkness of the evening with no cell phone, no lights, no TV, no telephone, no e-mail, no electronic gadget which would pod my mind and rob my time. It was a deep pleasure to be alone with myself, to think about life, and life's important questions, with no chance for google or wikipedia to presume to know my inner answers. Though I marvel at our technological advances, I cringe with sadness to realize what all of us have lost.

### SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: THE CHANGE UP



As the race continues for the best comedy of the summer, The Change-Up may just

be the one to hold the throne. While this illustrious status might appear to be grand in nature, one must bear in mind that it's not like it was going up against stiff competition.

Any specific elements that seemed to be lacking in 'The Hangover: Part II, Horrible Bosses and Bad Teacher (nothing in that film worked at all), is touched upon (at times half-heartedly) in The Change-Up. It went for more crudeness than Horrible Bosses, it provided more consistent laughs than The Hangover: Part II and did everything better than the ill-conceived Bad Teacher.

The plot of the movie is far from original. It's about two best friends that live entirely different lifestyles and magically switch bodies after announcing to one another that they wish they had the other's life. Jason Bateman plays Dave Lockwood, a straight-laced, successful lawyer and father of three. He doesn't spend all that much time with his wife these days and it has a put a bit of strain on their marriage. Ryan Reynolds portrays Mitch Planko, a single, sort of loser-ish ladies man. It's briefly shown that he has a stressed relationship with his father, played by Alan Arkin. It is due to the fact that Mitch never grew up and lacks any true responsibilities or motivation. In any event, after a night of drinking (never entering "Hangover" status-like), Dave and Mitch decide to urinate in a fountain. Once they recite the same lines about wanting the other's life simultaneously, the whole city has a rolling black out. The following morning, they wake up in the other's body. This occurs within the initial fifteen minutes and after that, the energetic pace of the movie dives into outrageous, ridiculous, and absurd terrain. However, it's sort of endearing and sentimental too. It's a wildly uneven ride, but that's why it kind of works.

The electrifying comedic performances of Bateman and Reynolds are what make the movie become lifted from pure mediocrity. It's fun to watch these guys playing the type of character the other one usually plays. We're so accustomed to Jason Bateman playing the same, straight-laced character, such as the one from his beloved TV series, Arrested Development. Reynolds is usually the fratboy, too cool for school sort of guy, but plays the reserved and more responsible type. It's actually refreshing to see if you're a fan of these two actors (such as I am). Surprisingly so, the supporting women

characters were written quite well. Leslie Mann and Olivia Wilde don't feel like stock women characters for the men to merely just play off of. They are independent, believable and have real personalities. Director David Dobkin, best known for Wedding Crashers, is able to get everyone on their A-game. He keeps things wild and unrestrained, but knows (majority of the time) not to go too overboard. However, he probably used a little more CGI than necessary. I guess the new thing for nude scenes is CGI nipples. Hey guys, kind of shame, isn't it? As I digress, Jon Lucas and Scott Moore, the team behind the first Hangover, wrote the screenplay. They certainly know how keep things fun and vibrant. The script's pace is swift and generally funny, but not everything here is a success. Sometimes the jokes go a little too far for a laugh and the gross out humor in the beginning may be a turn off for some. There are a lot of F-bombs and while most seem appropriate, the overwhelmingly amount could have certain individuals turned off by it. In the third act, the movie wanders into the obligatory life lesson segment. While we

#### THE CHANGE-UP

Release Date: August 5, 2011

Directed by: David Dobkin

Screenplay by: Jon Lucas and Scott Moore

Rated: R for pervasive strong crude sexual content and language, some graphic nudity and drug use.

Grade: 3.5 out of 5

perceptively know where it's heading, it does however, genuinely feel valid getting there. Needless to say, it does it a hell of a better than the atrocious Bad Teacher set out to accomplish.

It's possible to write off The Change-Up as a Hollywood manufactured movie. The premise is as old as dirt and certain plot points seems to be sugarcoded. Strangely enough, the movie is far better than what it is on paper and simply based on the trailer alone. It's a traditional story kicked up a few notches with its ribald dialect, raunchiness, and distasteful humor, but it actually comes together relatively well. The performances are spot on and that's credited to Bateman and Reynolds' ultra strong comedic sensibilities.

The Change-Up easily provides the most laughs of any of the R-rated comedies this summer. It's risky and takes chances the other films seem to avoid on doing. While it's far from perfect and has its share of problems, it's ultimately satisfying in the way a summer comedy should be.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"When somebody says, 'We don't have enough money for this space program,' I'm asking, no, it's not that you don't have enough money, it's that the distribution of the money you're spending is warped in some way that you are removing the only thing that gives people something to dream about tomorrow.

"You remember the '60s and '70s? You didn't have to go more than a week before there's an article in LIFE Magazine; 'The Home of Tomorrow,' 'The City of Tomorrow,' 'Transportation of Tomorrow.' All that ended in the 1970s; after we stopped going to the moon, it all ended. We stopped dreaming.

"And so I worry the decisions Congress makes don't factor in the consequences of those decisions on tomorrow. Tomorrow's gone . . . They're playing for the quarterly report, they're playing for the next election cycle, and that is mortgaging the actual future of this nation. The rest of the world's passing us by."

- Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

Dr. Tyson, astrophysicist and Director of the Hayden Planetarium, made those remarks last week on Bill Maher's HBO show. Maher had asked Dr. Tyson for his reaction to Congress's attempts to defund the James Webb Space Telescope, successor to the Hubble, which promises to show the very birth of our universe.

Maher pointed out the \$6.8 billion cost of the Webb telescope is what we pay for a month's involvement in Afghanistan. Dr. Tyson mentioned the \$850 billion bank bailout from Fall 2008, and observed it's an amount equal to the cost of our NASA space program - over its entire fifty-year history.

NASA was formed under Republican President Eisenhower, we embarked to the moon under Democratic Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, and the plaque astronauts left at Tranquility Base bore the signature of Republican President Nixon. This was not a triumph of a particular party or president, but of all Americans.

The flash cabin fire at the launch pad of Apollo 1 under President Johnson and the Challenger explosion under President Reagan were not failures of a particular party or president, but were occasions of mourning and rededication for all Americans.

Whether regarding scientific challenges, wars, or economic calamities, robust political debate over goals, methods and priorities are part of our American tradition. Whatever side is taken, we've been united in hoping for the success of our country and the prosperity of our people.

There have been times when we've been called to sacrifice, but that sacrifice would be shared among us all, as we'd all share in the benefits to follow. We remained "one nation, indivisible".

That was then.

A decade ago, tens of thousands of the finest Americans were prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. The rest of us got a tax cut.

As the wars dragged on, our soldiers complained of lack of armor in the field and lack of care once they got home. Patients at Walter Reed who spoke with the media were punished. The rest of us got another tax cut.

Americans went further in debt so those with incomes over a million a year could average an extra \$2,700 a week in tax cuts. Our soldiers scrounged Iraqi dumps for scrap metal to protect their vehicles from I.E.D.s.

Questions of such priorities should be the subject of vigorous debate. President Bush circumvented such questioning by keeping \$150 billion a year in war expenses off budget as "emergency appropriations". Arrangements were made so that the nearly-a-trillion spent bailing out the banksters who tanked our economy would show up on the budget later for the next guy to deal with.

The concern was not with the damage off-budget war expenses, bank bailouts and unfunded tax cuts could inflict on the nation's economy, but that whatever such damage and deficits might be, they could be blamed on the successor administration of President Obama (as Greg Welborn did in his column last week).

An event such as Standard and Poor's downgrading of America's credit rating would normally be a universal embarrassment. When Republicans were accused of being at fault, they responded by noting that President Obama presided over the first downgrade in our history. When Democrats were accused, they pointed out that S&P specifically castigated Republicans for their refusal to consider revenue increases. When the Tea Party was accused, they cheered (as at a recent rally in Wisconsin).

It used to be that Americans realized the strength of our economy depended not on tax rates, but on how many of us were able to have jobs offering a middle-class income - providing spending money to pump back into the economy through local merchants. It wasn't how much an individual paid, but how many individuals there were who through employment could join the tax base.

It used to be we honored our teachers, cops, firefighters and other civil servants. Now, we resent them - adamant that if we in the private sector can no longer enjoy the decent income, benefits and retirement security that used to be the norm, then neither should they.

It used to be we had a government of We the People. Now, thanks to recent Supreme Court decisions, we have a government of corporate interests. Unlike individuals, corporations purchase government influence in the interest of profit, not patriotism.

American corporations are shifting operations to take advantage of expanding middle-class markets in China, India and Brazil. At the same time, they're making record profits by devolving America into a third-world supplier of cheap labor - and investing in politicians who'll facilitate that change.

At the same time, many of those politicians along with corporate media voices are rooting for America to fail.

By contrast, Dr. Tyson looked back on the time before we stopped dreaming, and reflected, "This is the America I grew up in, and it's the America I want to hand to my kids".

Curbing Bad Behavior/ Enough With The Profanity



Ron Carter

As a public relations consultant, I pride myself on knowing a little bit about the concept of image. I attend workshops, read blogs, books, newspapers and magazines, participate on webinars, engage

with my colleagues and attend professional development conferences all with the intention of becoming a knowledgeable and skilled public relations practitioner. So this past weekend, when I learned from several high-placed sources that an Academy Award winning actor and his colleague, a popular TV actor, disgraced themselves by using profanity at an awards celebration filled with hundreds of journalists, I asked myself where was their media training? Or are these gentlemen so full of themselves to believe they can address a "certain" audience with a disrespectfully tone? As they were using profane language in the presence of the stunned audience, several tweets, Facebook posts and

texts were being shared with hundreds of social media participants. Their bad behavior became a hot topic during the evening's festivities.

Is it ever appropriate to use profanity? I say no, especially, public figures should refrain from this behavior. Didn't these gentlemen realized their ill-considered act was going to be reported to millions of individuals over the worldwide web? Where was their public relations representative? Someone should have told these gentlemen they were addressing hundreds of "reporters." This is so regretful, I can't even make sense of it. Hopefully, someone had a private conversation with these two talented gentlemen and imparted to them an apology to the prestigious journalists organization is in order. It's not too late to say, "we're sorry."

Here is my tip for the day: please know your audience, it's the first rule of communications. And, by the way, "Enough with the profanity." It is not cool.

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ORDINANCE NO. 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 creation 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 of 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. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from its adoption.

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 August 9, 2011, by the following vote:  
 AYES: Buchanan, Moran, MacGillivray, Mosca, Walsh NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

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The workshops are hosted by the Pasadena-

based nonprofit, Women At Work and sponsored by Mountain Views Newspaper. The instructor is La Quetta M. Shamblee, a professional grant writer and consultant with a focus on small business development and nonprofit organizations. The workshops are scheduled for three consecutive Wednesday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Seating is limited. To receive information on how to register and other details for this free workshop series, e-mail your name and contact information to [lshamblee@womenatwork.org](mailto:lshamblee@womenatwork.org) no later than August 27<sup>th</sup>. Note: No initial information regarding workshop details will be available or provided via phone - e-mail only.

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The traditions of the community newspaper and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.

## HAIL Hamilton **My Turn**



### Keeping the Faith in the Face of Insurrection Politics

I didn't expect the angry email I received from a reader about last week's "Thrown under the bus... AGAIN!" Moreover, this particular reader is a friend of mine who is not easily angered. Nevertheless, she was incensed by my use of the word "black" in my editorial.

I just read your article and while I disagree with it the only part that pisses me off is in the last paragraph. What the hell does Obama being black have to do with anything? Anyone who voted for the president because he was black should have kept their vote. He has always been a centrist but does have a deep commitment to most of the issues of the far left. You should have voted for him because he was the best candidate for the job. Your disappointments should be based on what he is capable of doing not on some ridiculous notion that because he is black he can perform miracles. In addition references to the President's race only invite comments like the recent Tar Baby remark.

Most hurtful is the allegation that my

"references to the president's race only invite comments like the recent Tar Baby remark." This, of course, refers to a remark made by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) in the heat of last week's debt-ceiling debate. He said that being associated with President Obama would be similar to touching a "tar baby".

(The term "tar baby" is a reference to 19th-century Uncle Remus stories about Br'er Rabbit but has taken on a negative connotation towards African-Americans.)

A Lamborn spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen says the comments were a misunderstanding and he apologizes.

The fact is I only used the word black twice in the entire article: first, when I identified Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri) as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus; and second, when I described Obama as our first black president.

I particularly resent the implication that I voted for Obama for any other reason than I thought, at the time, that he was the best man for the job. His race, or more correctly his mixed ancestry, had absolutely nothing to do with my choice to vote for him.

But I do understand my friend's

frustration and anger. Obama has gotten a raw deal since the earliest days of his term. His character has been defamed, his patriotism questioned, even his place of birth and right to be president has been disputed. The far right has likened him viscerally to Hitler and disparagingly depicted him as a monkey. All the while Obama has reached out to Republicans time and again, only to be rebuffed and humiliated. But this was--or should have been--expected.

Demonizing Democratic presidents didn't start with Obama. Racism makes the Obama attacks uglier, but the attacks on President Clinton were plenty ugly, too. Leaving aside the sex scandals, Clinton's civil rights history earned him the animus of Arkansas right-wingers while he was governor.

When Clinton became president, Jerry Falwell and friends promoted "The Clinton Chronicles," a "documentary" claiming he'd run an Arkansas racketeering operation responsible for cocaine smuggling, bank fraud and murder. He was accused of having a hand in the suicide of his friend Vince Foster; the Wall Street Journal demanded an investigation into whether it was actually murder. Sen. Jesse Helms warned him

that if he visited military bases in the South, "He better have a bodyguard."

All that on top of \$100 million spent on fruitless investigations into Whitewater, "travelgate" and allegations of improper Chinese fundraising -- and then impeachment for lying about having sex with a White House intern.

Over the last four decades, the Republican Party has transformed from a loyal opposition into an insurrectionary party that flouts the law when it is in the majority and threatens disorder when it is the minority. Obama is just the latest victim of this sort of right wing insurrection politics.

Republican operative Grover Norquist said it best. He was once quoted as telling his friend Deval Patrick at a Harvard reunion during the Bush administration that on the off chance another Democrat ever became president, "We'll make it impossible for him to govern like a Democrat." Norquest and friends did their best with Clinton; they've succeeded with Obama, with terrible consequences for the country.

Keeping the faith in the face of insurrection politics is not easy. But when has change--even incremental change--ever been easy?

## RICH Johnson



### The Wistaria Restaurant

Had dinner at the new Wistaria Restaurant and Bar the other night. You know, the location we used to know as Lozanos. The food there was terrific. My friend and I had the corn chowder which is a cream based slice of heaven. It even had little bacon bits sprinkled on top. Then we split a pork chop which was great. And the butterscotch pudding was the Piece de resistance accompanied by two homemade pecan shortbread cookies. Oh, and don't have too much of the pudding as the scotch part is real.

A note on sticker shock. The prices are a little higher than most in town. But the food is worth it. The ambience is classy. The server, Chris was the consummate professional and manager Erin made it spin like a top. Now, if only we can get them to make us banana cream pie. What a way to go!!!

I recently heard what may be the first fairy tale ever told aimed at little boys and not little girls. It involves a fighter pilot and a beautiful princess.

"Once upon a time, a Fighter Pilot asked a beautiful Princess, "Will you marry me?" The Princess said, "No!!"

...and the Fighter Pilot lived happily ever after. He rode motorcycles, flew many combat missions, got good promotions and was deployed at exotic locations all around the world. He hunted and fished, and raced cars. He never heard ceaseless complaining, never paid child support or alimony. He never had to leave a party just when it was getting fun, could sleep on top of the bed spread. He was never cheated on. His family and friends thought he was too cool. Finally, he had tons of money in the bank and left the toilet seat up.

The end.

Finally in this mish-mash of information I will end with a glance of how spell checkers on computers may not always be reliable:

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Weather eye am wrong oar write, it shows me straight a weigh.

Have a good week all.



## OUT TO PASTOR *A Weekly Religion Column*

The secret to a great marriage

Rev. James L. Snyder

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly, celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. This week as I pondered our life

together it occurred to me, I might be taking some things for granted. Doing this, especially when it involves another person, is dangerous. I decided to take a little stock of myself and my relationship with the Mistress of the parsonage. What makes our marriage so great?

The first thing I had to do was check with her to make sure our marriage was indeed great. Much to my relief, she too agreed with my conclusion. This borders on the miraculous. Whenever we agree 100 percent on anything, watch out!

A recent Hollywood wedding got me thinking. According to the reports I have seen, that wedding cost more than one million dollars! Only in Hollywood! Given the way such things go in the west coast marital Mecca, it amounts to about \$100,000 a month of married life.

Our wedding, 40 years ago, cost \$97.73. It took us all summer to scrape and save for our nuptial extravaganza.

So far, our marriage has cost us 20 cents per month. The best 20 cents we ever invested. The amazing thing about this is, each month the cost goes down but the value goes up.

The question I wanted to answer, at least in my own mind was what made our marriage so great? What is the secret of our marriage?

As far as I can assess, there are four things about our marriage that has made it the great success it is today.

The first is FORGIVE AND FORGET. She forgives me my mistakes and I never forget to thank her for it.

Some couples carry grudges for years. Thanks to my memory-challenged mind, I cannot remember what I had for lunch yesterday much less a disagreement several years old. It takes an enormous amount of energy to REMEMBER things that happened years ago. I prefer spending that energy creating new memories.

Another key to our marital bliss is TOSS AND TURN. She tosses everything out and I turn the house upside down trying to find it. This has been the most difficult for me.

I would not admit being a pack-rat, but each year they invite me to be their keynote speaker at their convention. I would go but each year my good wife tosses the letter out before I can respond.

My wife believes that tossing away yesterday's baggage and turning over a new leaf each day is crucial. As my wife is fond of saying, "Today it the first day of the rest of your life." Sometimes she says it with a twinkle of menace in her left eye.

There is also, GIVE AND TAKE. This has proven beneficial over the years. She gives me a piece of her mind and I usually take it. My concern is, of all the pieces of her mind she has given me throughout the years, how can she have anything left?

Decision-making is not a one-way street in a marriage relationship. Thank God it isn't. In every dilemma at least two sides need considering. When you find yourself in a dilemma, do what my wife does, go for de lemonade.

When only one person makes the decision in the marriage, the whole relationship takes on a lopsided demeanor. There is nothing meaner than a one-sided decision.

One last thing that makes our marriage great is PROFIT AND LOSS. This has taken a little more time to take root in my mind. Taking root in a vacuum is hard for anything.

I have discovered that a marriage runs in decades. For instance, the first 10-year period focuses on establishing the relationship. This is discovering who you are as a couple, but by the time this happens, tiny footsteps are heard in the hallway at night coming toward your bedroom.

The second decade centers on trying to raise those children and keep from going insane in the process. If I have any insanity, it is because I have inherited it from my children.

The third decade is the most important. Not many couples get this far. The third decade is devoted to rediscovering who you are as a couple.

No longer are we Rachael's mom or Jason's dad or Sarah's parents. We are discovering our own identity as a couple. And let me say, it sure is the best part of the wedding cake and we are eating it up.

The fourth decade, where we are right now, is relishing all those memories made in the first three decades.

In this PROFIT AND LOSS stage, I have discovered that I profit greatly if I cause my significant other no loss of face. It is amazing how many single people are married and even live in the same house but go in separate directions and lead separate lives. Becoming a couple is a marvelous process taking years to mature.

My wife and I have found the key to all of this. It is simply SUBMISSION. The Bible plainly states, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21 KJV).

We can do this because we independently anchor our lives to that "rock that is higher than I" (Psalms 61:2 KJV). As a couple, we build our lives upon a common foundation -- Jesus Christ.

To my wife: A happy anniversary to the best Mistress to adorn my parsonage.

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### PHYSICS ANYONE!

As I have mentioned several times in earlier articles, one of the main objectives of my college career was remaining alive and avoiding the Draft related to the Viet Nam War. In order to successfully achieve this desired ends, it was necessary that I obtain acceptable grades as an Undergraduate so that I would be eligible for admission to a reasonably priced Graduate School. Consequently, I, like so many males of my generation, studiously avoided taking any classes that seemed to promise the possibility of a below average grade. Yes, I am talking about Science Courses. We all know these are hard, require something called Lab Work and are generally full of weird words that cannot be learned in the two days before the test, which I generally set aside for study.

I tend to make fun of my Undergraduate days at Berkeley, but honestly the academic classes were the smallest part of my overall Undergraduate experience. You know the era, Free Speech Movement, girls, music, football, ushering in San Francisco on weekends, Haight-Ashbury. Honestly, forty-six years later I remember more about incidents which occurred at my Work-Study dishwashing jobs than I remember about my classes. An exception to this was a Statistics class that I mistakenly thought I could breeze through. The class, like many Berkeley classes, was taught by a teaching Assistant, which was fine except for the fact that he spoke a kind of heavily accented English that could not be understood (at least by me). I have memories of the Teaching Assistant speaking and the entire class kind of looking around at one another and chuckling because clearly no one understood anything. The subject matter of the class was difficult and I worked very hard and actually purchased the books and kept up with the assignments, trying to prepare for the classes in which I understood almost nothing that was said. There was a lot of writing on a board but I seldom got to class early enough to be close enough to the front of the class to be able to read the Blackboard. (I think that year I was in the process of going through Student Health to obtain a pair of glasses to help with my nearsightedness which I didn't believe I had). Anyhow, the class was graded on a curve. I received a 35% on the final, or something like that, and it was a B plus. Really, no one understood anything.

There was a Physics 10 class which was Physics for Liberal Arts majors like me, who were given this one-time chance to learn some science. Unfortunately, this gigantic Survey class was taught by Edward Teller, the father of the Hydrogen Bomb, who at that time I thought was the most evil man on Earth and I avoided the class. Of course, I am now limited by my lack of any scientific background and know that I am not alone in the possession of this glaring educational weakness. Really there are many so-called educated people with a similar weakness. LET US NOT GIVE UP HOPE!

At a party this week-end I met this retired Physics Professor, Keith Miller. We talked a little about physics and quantum mechanics, enough for him to realize probably that I had read many books but understood just a little about what we were talking about. We talked about him teaching some sort of Physics Class for seniors in which the students could learn some basics and have an expert available to answer any questions we might have.

For example, I have a great deal of trouble with the idea of randomness. I want things to make some sense, to have some clue as to the direction a life should lead. I just watched the Television show that attempts to explain how something (this universe) could be created from nothing, and I read Hawking's book about it and I went to a lecture at Cal Tech by Hawking's co-author, and I still don't get it. Maybe it shouldn't be such a big deal, but I'm up in the middle of the night wondering how a proton can suddenly appear from nothing and become hydrogen then helium, then Cleveland. It's all too weird. I don't want life to be the Creation of meaning, but desire that there be a meaning, a purpose out there that can be and should be discovered.

If there is a meaning out there for now, it probably can best be understood in the language of mathematics and Physics; I want to learn more of that language. If you are at all interested in this attempt or have some ideas of your own that you would like to share, please contact me at my e-mail address [noeltraust@earthlink.net](mailto:noeltraust@earthlink.net). I will then try and put something together with Professor Miller and we will be on our way.

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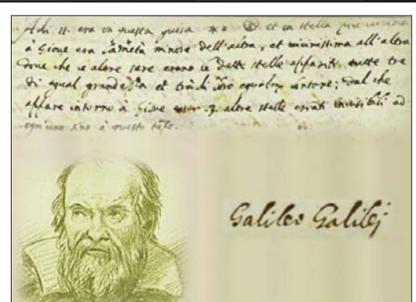
Looking Up with Bob Eklund

NASA's Juno Spacecraft Launches to Jupiter



NASA's solar-powered Juno spacecraft lifted off from Cape Canaveral Friday, August 5, to begin a five-year journey to Jupiter. Juno's detailed study of the largest planet in our solar system will help reveal Jupiter's origin and evolution. As the archetype of giant gas planets, Jupiter can help scientists understand the origin of our solar system and learn more about planetary systems around other stars. "Today, with the launch of the Juno spacecraft, NASA began a journey to yet another new frontier," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said. "The future of exploration includes cutting-edge science like this to help us better understand our solar system and an ever-increasing array of challenging destinations." Juno covered the distance from Earth to the Moon (about 250,000 miles) in less than one day's time. It will take another five years (and 1,740,000,000 miles) to complete the journey to Jupiter. After arrival, the spacecraft will

orbit the planet's poles 33 times, using its collection of eight science instruments to probe beneath the gas giant's obscuring cloud cover and learn more about its origins, structure, atmosphere, and magnetosphere—as well as looking for a potential solid planetary core. With four large moons and many smaller moons, Jupiter forms its own miniature solar system. Its composition resembles a star's, and if it had been about 80 times more massive, the planet could have become a star instead. "Jupiter is the Rosetta Stone of our solar system," said Scott Bolton, Juno's principal investigator from the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio. "It is by far the oldest planet, contains more material than all the other planets, asteroids and comets combined and carries deep inside it the story of not only the solar system but of us. Juno is going there as our emissary—to interpret what Jupiter has to say."



Juno's name comes from Greek and Roman mythology. The god Jupiter drew a veil of clouds around himself to hide his mischief, and his wife, the goddess Juno, was able to peer through the clouds and reveal Jupiter's true nature.

SPACECRAFT CARRIES PLAQUE HONORING GALILEO A plaque dedicated to the famous

astronomer Galileo Galilei will be carried to Jupiter aboard the Juno spacecraft. Among his many achievements, Galileo Galilei discovered four moons orbiting Jupiter, when he turned his newly built telescope to the sky in 1610. These moons—Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto—are also known as the Galilean satellites. The plaque, which was provided by the Italian Space Agency, measures 2.8 by 2 inches, is made of flight-grade aluminum, and weighs six grams (0.2 ounces). It was bonded to Juno's propulsion bay with a spacecraft-grade epoxy. The graphic on the plaque depicts a self-portrait of Galileo. It also includes—in Galileo's own hand—a passage from notes he made in 1610 of his observations of Jupiter, archived in the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale in Florence, Italy.

More information about the Juno mission: http://www.nasa.gov/juno You can contact Bob Eklund at: b eklund@ MtnViewsNews.com.



Ask jai.....

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

Ask jai

In addition to submitting my resume and cover letter to employers on-line and in person, I am being asked to complete an application form. It seems like I have to do this for almost every position and employer. Why do I have to complete an application when I have submitted a resume? Is it absolutely necessary that I answer every question and completely fill out every line? Janice

Dear Janice The job application form is a document that employers use to assess and screen candidates. This is a very important document that you should take seriously. Print out a copy of a blank job application form and practice completing it. This will prepare you when you apply for jobs on-line and in-person. The job application is essentially for employers to review and identify the accuracy or inaccuracies regarding your work history. Completing the application form demonstrates to an employer that you can follow instructions and possibly what kind of employee you might be. Some job applications will ask for personal information. This is legal as long as it relates to the position that you are applying for. There is usually an Equal Employment optional section that will ask for your gender and race. Contact your State Department of Labor with any questions that you feel are inappropriate. However, only you can make the decision as to which questions and lines you are comfortable about completing. You will be asked to sign the application form which declares that everything you have written is, to the best of your ability, true and accurate. The employment application is the employer's confirmation that you are "telling the truth" about your work history and that you can be trusted. Employers frequently use this document to conduct background checks. Be aware that if you are hired, you can be terminated immediately at anytime if the employer eventually discovers any misrepresentations or omissions in your application. Review and use your resume when completing the application form. Always use a pen, and print neatly when completing a job application in person or mailing it to the employer. Practice printing and be neat. Try to answer every question. Make sure that the work history section consistently mirrors your resume and is in chronological order. Be sure that you spell all names, cities and companies correctly. Completing the work history section will help the employer find out the reason why you left previous employers, why you are currently seeking employment and job responsibilities. Tell the truth, even if you left an employer unfavorably, because they will eventually find out. The best response that I've seen on an application if you were fired or have a criminal record was "Please see me". This response leaves it open for the employer to ask questions and for you to explain. You will be asked about your salary expectation and to list your previous salary history. You must put in your previous salaries. Employers do have the right to contact your former employers and ask questions about your salary. You will need to include at least three references. They will request information about you educational background, years attended, program and addresses. Last read, review and sign the application agreement or check the appropriate acknowledgment on-line.

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Science for Social Survival

It just me, or has the study of life sciences become increasingly more interesting and intriguing over time? It could be related to the swift forward-motion of information technology allowing access to fascinating scientific facts that, just 10 years ago would have required a trip to the library or a consultation with someone who "knew". Or perhaps the social metamorphosis that is taking place in this age, apparently prompting people to gain a higher level of self importance, is driving me to gain a higher level of understanding about nature and science. I must admit, I always have been one to "go against the flow". Whatever the reason, I feel more inspired than ever to recall what I learned in my high school and college biology classes, research the interesting facts that I do not recall, and apply that knowledge to my daily walk of life. I guess you could say it is my means of social survival, via science. I can't think of anything more important than having a good understanding of who and what we are, where we came from, and how we can better relate to the creatures that surround us and the planet that sustains us. With so many radical changes occurring in our society over the past several decades, and amazing new technological concepts constantly appearing on the horizon, "simple" scientific truths such as the origin of life, the study of living organisms and how they thrive through symbiotic relationships, may, to some, seem like rather boring or mundane subjects to be pondered. It's old news, so who cares anymore, right? For me, not so much. In fact, I feel more inspired now than ever to understand how my existence fits into the "big picture" on this magnificent planet and I hope to learn more about how I can have a positive impact. To be completely honest, my perspective as an adult differs greatly from that of when I was a young child. Back then, I harbored frightful fears of wild animals that lived in the woods behind my house, and I did my best to avoid contact with the creepy crawling insects and spiders that lived in the basement. These days, I view all living creatures as an interesting and very important component of the universe that I live in, and that universe requires

an environment of mutual appreciation and respect to maintain a healthy balance. It all boils down to the fact that I am no more than an integral part of an immense universe, and that, my friends, is indeed the "big picture". When I started to look at life from this perspective, I soon found myself free of the childhood fears, and the fears were replaced with curiosity and a craving to learn more about the organisms that surround me. Another result of my perspective adjustment was a realization that regardless of what we humans like to think in terms of property ownership, and our own personal rights on this earth, the bottom line is that we are here for a very short time, and the earth cannot be owned. We can borrow it for a while, and we can mark our territory just as other animals do, but we will never really own any part of this globe. What we humans need to be doing is appreciating every single element of the dirt that we "camp" on, and be careful to tend to it like a garden that we depend on to feed us. For now, we may have a grocery store just down the street where we can choose from a numerous plethora of edible products, and for now we may have fuel for our vehicles that take us from point A to point B within moments, but let us not forget that we are most definitely dependant on the earth, and the resources are limited. By learning more about the living organisms that surround me, I have inherently become more aware of my responsibility as an important component, to take good care and to not exploit the treasures that earth has to offer, because no one is an island unto himself. I believe in creation, and I believe that God gave the human a very tall order of obedience to respect the earth and the other animals that He created. This is no small command, and I take it very seriously. All living things were made by Him, and we humans have a tendency to forget that we are responsible for our position in the system. So, before I come down from my "soap box", I will end with a reminder to all of us to keep good thoughts about our surroundings, and learn to appreciate other life forms as an integral part of ourselves. Love and let live!

On Line By PJ Carpenter ONE DAY SOON

What if nearly everything you usually keep on your computer was stored online? Your machine would be much speedier and perhaps needed a lot less because you could simply use another machine to access your data should you lose your laptop. This liberating premise is behind Google's upcoming Chrome OS, which will make notebook computers more like netbooks than most actual notebooks. The software powering Chrome OS, which is based on Google's Chrome browser, serves mainly as a tool for connecting your computer to the Web. Since much of what many people currently use is housed, the day when true cloud computing is the norm is getting closer and closer. In Google's Chrome OS, users would have to login into a Google account (if you already have a Gmail account those credentials would suffice) leading to a homepage that would show the apps the user had previously purchased and "installed" from the Google Web Store (http://chrome.google.com). There appears to be a healthy market already for these apps and the introduction of the Chrome compatible computers will probably boost public demand for more in the near future. Many of these apps work independent of the Chrome OS but analysts expect that number to decrease in the future as Google promotes the widespread use of its new OS. As to be expected some industry critics and analysts are not exactly gushing with high expectations for what this new mode of computing is attempting to do to business as usual. While fans of cloud computing will point to the speed, simplicity and security that appear to be built into Chrome OS, naysayers point out the fact that not everybody wants to be online all the time. For all of its speed and new-fangled slickness, Chrome OS is absolutely nothing without an active connection to the internet. When Chrome OS is not connected to the internet the entire concept of cloud computing is hobbled. And then there's the whole issue of just who the target market for this new OS is in reality. A large percentage of the market is comprised of the very young and the very geeky. These groups would probably have very little difficulty adjusting to a totally-plugged-in lifestyle and in many ways are already living and working as such now. These people would probably enjoy testing the bells and whistles of this new mode of computing. Then you have the "Will-This-Thing-Help-Me-Do-My-Job-Better" group. These people may or may not personally be interested in a new toy but if the new toy offers the real promise of being a better work platform than what they currently may be using, this group will not be shy about voting with their dollars and desktops for the new system. At this early stage of the game even the best release of the new OS will not be able to win over a significant share of this crowd for the simple fact that it won't be ready to do what so far the iPad and other platforms of great promise have been unable to do and that is replace the traditional workplace desktop.

KATIE Tse.....This and That ONE YEAR!



Yay! "This & That" turns one year old today! Phew! Never thought I'd make it! And I couldn't have made it without the help of some very special people I'd like to take this opportunity to thank! First, God, because I thank Him for everything. Second, Stephanie Vitale, my unofficial literary mentor who first encouraged me to submit a story I wrote about "Scary Dreams." Next, my wonderful editor, Susan Henderson, who graciously allowed me to join the Mountain Views News team. (And she throws a great New Years party! I'm sad that I had to miss her famous 7/4 BBQ. Next year I hope to be there!). Susan was the one who dubbed my column "This & That," which has proven to be a very appropriate title for my weekly digressions. It always helps to have an extra pair of eyes look over a piece before it gets sent off to the press, so I have three people to thank for that. The first is my husband, my most scrupulously honest critic (that I know of), who has saved you from reading some very dull material. I also send out a special thanks to my parents! They don't always get around to looking at my stories before they're printed, but they put forth a good effort, and have saved me from some embarrassing mistakes (e.g., casadilla, Crispy Cream doughnuts, vermin coat, and voi-la!). Of course my biggest fan has, and always will be, my mom, who has chronicled all my articles in a file and mailed clippings to my relatives in Michigan and the Netherlands (this isn't to say that they actually requested them, but it was still supportive of her). Special thanks also go out to James Carlson, Management Analyst at City Hall and my trusty informant for all my questions regarding happenings in Sierra Madre. James' emails are so vivid that they could be articles themselves! I look forward to his updates on the restoration of the fire horn. I'd also like to thank Rich Johnson, whose articles make me laugh, and who's always been encouraging when we've run

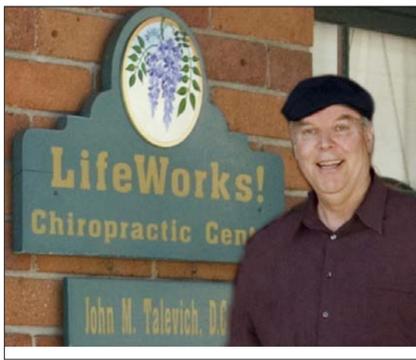
into each other around town. Howard



Hayes has also been friendly to me at the newspaper events I've attended, and he politely overlooks my total lack of political knowledge in regards his column. Special thanks also go out to Stuart Tolchin. We've never met, but I was so excited when he quoted my article about the little-publicized film, "Forks Over Knives," and actually went to see it! This deeply inspirational documentary exposes the medical and pharmaceutical industry's interest in keeping us dependant on drugs and costly surgeries, and details the power of a vegan diet to control or REVERSE heart disease, breast cancer, diabetes, and a host of other "degenerative" diseases. If only one person saw this paradigm-shattering film as a result of my column, all my efforts have been worth it. That said, see the film if you haven't already! (Okay, I'm stepping off my soap box now.) Finally, I'd like to thank you for reading this! Some of my stories have definitely been better than others: "Oktoberfest" -yes, "Exploding Fish" -not so much. Nonetheless, I hope you've had as much fun as I have with this column. At least you'll be able to feel better about yourself by comparison to my shortcomings in technology, fashion, math, and the modern world in general. (If this is your first time, please come again next week and I'll have something more gripping for your perusal). Well, it's been a great year. I can't say I'm healthier, wealthier, or wiser, but there's still plenty to be thankful for!

## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

### Today's Subject: ALTERNATIVES



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.

September's "Consumer Reports" has an article on the treatment of several common health problems using acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, breathing, meditation, and nutrition, among others. The conditions that were evaluated were osteoarthritis, back pain, irritable bowel syndrome, digestive problems, depression, anxiety, headache and migraine, insomnia, cold and flu, allergy, and neck pain. Since 38 million adults log over 300 million visits to alternative practitioners yearly, these surveys are significant. Of the 45,601 CR subscribers that responded on line, three out of four used some form of alternative care. The upshot? The gold standard for all but three of the conditions was prescription meds. Low back pain and neck pain were treated more effectively with chiropractic, and fibromyalgia with deep tissue massage.

#### Some Thoughts from the Trenches

The most important factor regarding this article is personal belief. We believe in our practitioners and the approach they offer. It's no surprise that the majority of people in the study were helped by prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications. An enormous amount of time, energy and money go into the development and marketing of these drugs. Medicine is the preferred approach for most people. What these studies reveal, however, is the movement toward a new level of self-care supported by alternative therapies. Meditation, yoga, nutrition and body therapies invite partnership toward wellness. Compare this to the use of short and long-term pharmaceuticals requiring less effort from the patient. Additionally, we see the problems of severe side effects with both OTC and prescription drugs. In a nutshell, the alternative therapies should be thought of more as "essential therapies." We do as much as we can to master our own health and use body-friendly approaches to further ensure this.

#### In Closing

It's great to see an article like this one in a major publication, but it can be misleading. If we follow the intelligent dictum of good self-care first, low impact and non-invasive therapies second, with drugs and surgery third, we can see that this article, while headed in the right direction, has a way to go toward embracing long-term strategies for a healthy society.

To your healthy week! Dr. John

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## HOW TO PREVENT FALLS

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can you write a column on fall prevention tips for elderly seniors? My 81-year-old father, who lives alone, has fallen several times over the past year. What can you tell us?  
Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,  
Falls are a big concern for millions of elderly Americans and their families. In the United States, roughly one-third of the 65-and-older population will suffer a fall this year, often with dire consequences. But many falls can be prevented. Here are some steps you can take to help keep your dad up on his feet and reduce his risk of falling.

Check his meds: Does your dad take any medicine or combination of medicines that make him dizzy, sleepy or lightheaded? If so, gather up all the drugs he takes - prescriptions and over-the-counter - and take them to his doctor or pharmacist for a drug review.

Schedule an eye exam: Poor vision can be another contributor to falls. If your dad wears glasses, check to see if he's wearing the correct prescription and beware of bifocals. Multifocal glasses can impair vision needed for detecting obstacles and judging depth.

Check his balance: Balance disorders - which can be brought on by a variety of conditions like inner ear problems, allergies, a head injury or problems with blood circulation - are also a common cause of falls. If your dad is having some balance issues, make an appointment with his doctor to get it checked and treated.

Start exercising: Improving

balance through exercise is one of the best ways to prevent falls. Strength training, stretching, yoga, tai chi are all great for building better balance. Some simple exercises that he can do anytime are walking heel-to-toe across the room, standing on one foot for 30 seconds or longer, or getting up from a chair and sitting back down 10 to 20 times. For more balance exercise tips, call the National Institute on Aging at 800-222-2225 and order their free exercise DVD and free exercise book or you can see it online at [go4life.niapublications.org](http://go4life.niapublications.org).

Modify his home: Because about half of all falls happen around the home, some simple modifications can go a long way in making your dad's living area safer. Start by picking up items on the floor that could cause him to trip like newspapers, books, shoes, cloths, electrical or phone cords. If he has throw rugs, remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them. In the bathroom put a non-slip rubber mat or self-stick strips on the floor of the tub or shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars inside the tub and next to the toilet. Also, make sure the lighting throughout the house is good, purchase some inexpensive plug-in nightlights for the bathrooms and hallways, and if he has stairs, consider putting hand rails on both sides. And in the kitchen, organize his cabinets so the things he uses most often are within easy reach without using a step stool. For more tips, call the Eldercare Locator at

800-677-1116 and order a free copy of their "Preventing Falls at Home" brochure.

Other pitfalls: Believe it or not, the improper use of canes and walkers sends around 47,000 seniors to the emer-

gency room each year. If your dad uses a cane or walker, be sure it's adequately adjusted to his height and that he's using it properly. A physical therapist can help with this, or see the Mayo Clinic slide show on how to choose and use a cane ([mayoclinic.com/health/canes/HA00064](http://mayoclinic.com/health/canes/HA00064)) and a walker ([mayoclinic.com/health/walker/HA00060](http://mayoclinic.com/health/walker/HA00060)). Another possible hazard is pets. If your dad has a dog or cat, he needs to be aware that - because they can get under foot - pets cause a lot of falls. Shoes are another issue to be aware of. Rubber-soled, low-heeled shoes are the best slip/trip proof shoes for seniors.

Savvy Tip: Consider getting your dad a home monitoring system which is a small pendant-style "SOS button" that he wears that would allow him to call for help if he fell. Available through companies like [lifelinesys.com](http://lifelinesys.com) and [life-alert.com](http://life-alert.com) these systems cost around \$1 per day.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://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 W/ 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](http://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

#### Salmon With Warm Tomato-Olive Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Kosher salt
- 4 6-ounce salmon fillets (about 1 1/4 inches thick)
- 1 clove garlic, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pitted kalamata olives
- 2 medium beefsteak tomatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup sliced celery (inner stalks with leaves)
- 1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh mint

#### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the broiler. Line a broiler pan with foil and lightly brush with olive oil. Whisk 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1 teaspoon vinegar, the honey, red pepper flakes and 1 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Put the salmon, skin-side down, on the prepared pan and brush the tops and sides with the honey glaze. Broil until golden brown and just cooked through, 4 to 6 minutes.

Meanwhile, put the garlic on a cutting board and sprinkle with a generous pinch of salt, then mash into a paste with the flat side of a large knife. Heat the remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil and 1 tablespoon vinegar, the olives and garlic paste in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until bubbling, about 3 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and add the tomatoes, celery and mint. Season with salt and toss to combine. Serve with the salmon.

#### 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.)

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**JUST LISTED: HISTORIC SIERRA MADRE HOME OF "THE MISSES CLIMIE"**

Nestled against the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains just east of Pasadena, the quaint village of Sierra Madre leaves the hustle and bustle of Los Angeles behind. It's a town where neighbors meet in town for summer lawn concerts or impromptu dinners at the many alfresco restaurants. Where pretension is left behind, but charm prevails. It's a town without stoplights...where miles of mountain hiking trails toward Mt. Wilson abound, drawing nature lovers the same way they did when this historic home was built over a century ago.

Four sisters, "The Misses Climie" as they were known in the Sierra Madre city directory of 1910, are said to be the original owners of this beautiful Grand View Avenue home. The Canadian women, in their thirties and forties, had the home built before the city was even incorporated, completed by 1907, according to the assessor.

The gabled home on a deep .45 acre lot has provided grace, charm and permanence to the neighborhood, just a few blocks northeast of the delightful downtown Sierra Madre. Sierra Madre proudly holds on to its history and its past, a town tucked up against the foothills of the San Gabriels, it's a place that's happy to leave LA behind, and function without the "busy-ness" of surrounding communities.

One of only forty-eight designated historic homes within the city, the property also has been designated a Mills Act property in Sierra Madre in 2005, according to the city development office. The Mills Act, renewable every ten years, provides significant 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.

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A step onto the porch 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, seeming to remind us that taking a moment can restore the soul.

Inside, the peaceful ambiance draws one in. The "wavy" glass windows, the cut glass foyer lighting, the beautifully preserved hardwood floors, the intricate millwork and built-ins, the window seats, the fireplaces, all bring a sense of history and permanence... and peacefulness.

Often, homes have a fireplace in the living room, as this one does, but it's unusual and

romantic to have a fireplace in the dining room. Can't you envision a cozy winter meal with friends and family, warmed by a crackling fire?

All the main floor rooms open through French doors on to the huge deck overlooking the gardens, pool and spa and the guest house. From here, one can enjoy shaded or sunny respite, the reflecting pond qualities of a still pool and the mature trees, or children at play in the yard and pool. At the far end of the property, mostly hidden from view are the vegetable garden from which the current owners dine daily, a potting shed (or artist's studio?) and... another feature bridging the past to the present, a chicken coop. Fresh eggs anyone?

Somewhere along the line, probably in the 1930's, according to Tim Gregory, the Building Biographer, some additions were made to the original structure, which accommodates today's lifestyle of an open kitchen and family room area, while retaining the century of charm. Recent millwork was carefully matched around doorways and closets.

The kitchen and family room enjoys beautiful front lawn and peaks of mountain views in one direction and back yard vistas from the other. The remodeled kitchen offers mahogany cabinetry, a six burner gas cooktop, double ovens, built-in Sub Zero® refrigerator/freezer and breakfast bar seating. Glass front cabinetry in one corner allows for display as well as storage.

A trip up the stairs requires a moment at the landing to enjoy the huge paned window overlooking the yard, which also brings natural light into the main floor. On the second floor, the master bedroom feels like a treehouse, with verdant leafy views of mature oaks all year long. In winter, the deciduous leaves fall, affording nighttime city lights views. Three other upstairs rooms plus a hall bath with a tub-shower combination are suitable for flexible used as bedroom or office space.

Many have postulated that this was one of the popular kit or pattern-book homes, popular a century ago, though no records are available to confirm this. The owner recalls that a visitor walked in, saying that they'd been in another historic home "just like this one" They also remember that some millwork, since replaced, was marked in a way suggesting the pre-cut, marked and numbered and rail car delivery process of that era.

Important to know for older homes, especially those built over a century ago... the main home systems were updated with 200 amp electrical service, dual zone forced air heat and air conditioning, kitchen cabinetry and appliances, bathroom updates, recessed lighting and roof by previous owners. Sellers indicate that seismic retrofitting of the foundation and chimney reconstruction were also completed. Under the home, a walk-in basement, with exterior access and a recently poured concrete floor, provides ample storage.

The 660 square foot guest house, perfect for a home office, extended family or as extended living space, was extensively updated since



2006, with marble counters and floors, a separate bedroom, bath and a kitchenette.

This is not just a home, it's a state of mind... blending a century of history with comfortable contemporary living!

Some information in this article was obtained from The Building Biographer, Tim Gregory. More information on this service is available at [TimothyGregory@Earthlink.net](mailto:TimothyGregory@Earthlink.net). Contact the development office at the City of

Sierra Madre for more information about the home's historic and Mills Act status, 626-355-7135.

Offered at \$1,275,000, 252 E. Grand View Avenue, Sierra Madre is listed by Eileen Benson of Dilbeck Real Estate in Arcadia. For more information, contact Benson at 626-278-0187 or view the property website, [www.252-GrandView.Dilbeck.com](http://www.252-GrandView.Dilbeck.com).



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- 2471 s.f. main home built about 1907
- 660 s.f. guest cottage with living area, separate bedroom, kitchenette and a full bath with claw foot tub
- 0.45 acre, lush and gorgeous grounds
- Beautiful two level, gated pool & spa
- Updated home systems: 220 electrical, irrigation, plumbing
- Seismic retrofit and chimneys rebuilt
- Sierra Madre School attendance area
- Mills Act home qualifies for property tax relief

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