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HEAT ALERT DECLARED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

TOO HOT TO HANDLE

Temperatures Soar And Residents Try To Beat The Heat

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Weather Service has forecast very high temperatures for the San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys from today through Sunday, August 28. To provide relief from the heat for the elderly and others who face heat-related health difficulties and stress, cooling centers are open throughout the County, announced County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich.

The Department of Public Health recommends several ways to prevent heat-related problems:

Never leave children, elderly people, or pets alone in a parked vehicle.
Wear light, loose fitting clothing to stay cool.
Drink water often. Avoid drinking alcohol. (cont. on pg. 3)

The last few days of summer vacation were just too hot for children to play outside as evidenced by the empty park on Friday afternoon (above right). There were other ways to keep cool and have fun however, including (bottom right to left), playing inside at the Recreation Center, swimming at the Sierra Madre pool or enjoying frozen yogurt in Kersting Court.

Photos by S. Henderson/MVNews



JUST IN CASE:

Sierra Madre Community Redevelopment Agency Takes Proactive Steps In The Midst Of The State's CRA Battle

by Susan Henderson

In an effort to protect Community Redevelopment Agency funds for Sierra Madre, the city's CRA, which consists of the five city council members, decided to cover all bases and adopted an "Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule (EOPS)" on Thursday evening. By doing so, the agency will be able to continue paying its obligations while the California Supreme Court decides whether Governor Jerry Brown's actions to abolish CRA's throughout the state are constitutional. The Sierra Madre agency, in a 3-0-2 vote, (Council members Walsh and Moran were absent), approved a proposed payment schedule that will now go to the state's Finance Department for final approval. This action could be considered a 'safety net' should the state prevail in the lawsuit to dismantle CRA's statewide. Governor Brown had been advocating for some time the abolishment of local redevelopment agencies and in June, successfully got the California Legislature to pass two bills, AB X1 26 which would demolish local agencies and AB 1X 27 which would allow local governments to 'opt in' by making lump sum payments to the state. Brown's goal is to generate additional revenue from local governments to alleviate some of the state's budget problems. Agencies were given an option to not dissolve and to continue operations if it adopted an ordinance committing certain Agency funds to the State. The City of Sierra Madre chose to continue its agency operations and adopted Ordinance 1320. The 'opting in' has become known as the CRA "ransom" and varies according to the size of the city. For instance, Los Angeles has voted to 'opt in' at a cost in excess of \$96 million dollars. The city of Sierra Madre voted to 'opt in' with an initial

payment of \$670,000. However, before the payments were made to the state, a lawsuit was brought by the California Redevelopment Association and the League of California Cities challenging the constitutionality of the two laws. The lawsuit was granted a modified stay of execution on enforcement of most aspects of the bills. Cities do not have to submit payments (which were due Jan. 1), for opting in as long as the stay of execution remains in effect. However, the court did require that cities identify all existing CRA obligations and submit a proposed payment schedule in order to continue making payments while the lawsuits are pending. Agencies may not, however, enter into any new CRA obligations as of July 1, 2011. In the event the lawsuit is settled in favor of Governor Brown, CRA funds will be turned over to a 'successor agency'. In the meantime, according to Mayor John Buchanan, "we did it [submit the EOPS], in case the CRA is eliminated". Currently, Sierra Madre's CRA has a total indebtedness of \$8.9 million dollars, of which \$3.29 million is due within the next fiscal year. This includes payments (partial listing) on the city's 1998 Tax Increment Bond, the LA County/PUSD Pass Through (AB1389), The Memorial Park Playground, The Hart Park Renovation and the General Plan Downtown Retail Market Demand Study. Mayor Buchanan noted that in the worse case scenario, the city is prepared to pay to the state the payments required to 'opt in' and continue to operate the local CRA if necessary without an adverse impact on the city's operations. He also noted that Sierra Madre's agency agreement with the state expires in 2015, but it is "better to be safe than sorry".

SIERRA MADRE HONORS

City Announces 2011 Sierra Madre Honors Awardees

This is an exciting event and the City's opportunity to recognize and honor the true treasures of Sierra Madre, its volunteers, City Commissioners and employees. Sierra Madre Honors... Recognition and Appreciation Dinner recognizes all out-going City Commissioners as well as extraordinary community members, organizations and employees who were selected from nominations submitted to the Mayor's Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of past recipients. The following are the awardees for 2011:

George Maurer Lifetime Service Award – Gordon Caldwell
Presented to a person/entity that most strongly represents a commitment to serving and volunteering, which is the true spirit of Sierra Madre.

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

Police Chief's Special Award – Jeannette Dabney
Presented by the Sierra Madre Chief of Police to an individual who has demonstrated

outstanding dedication to duty (employee) or service (community) in resolving a community law enforcement-related issue.

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

Public Service Award – Toni Buckner Employee of the Year – presented by the Mayor upon

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

Community Youth Service Award – Lydia Kerns
Presented to a young adult in the community who demonstrates dedication and outstanding service to the community.

This year's Sierra Madre Honors... Recognition and Appreciation Dinner will be held in late September.



Former Mayor George Maurer, left, and 2011 Maurer Lifetime Service Award Recipient, Gordon Caldwell

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at
City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
626-355-7135

City Hall Hours:

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

CITY HALL CLOSED ON August 12th and 26th

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.

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 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.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ICONTACT?

The City of Sierra Madre email notifications, or eBlasts, are sent out weekly. eBlasts are filled with information regarding the City's upcoming public meetings, events, programs and much more. To sign up for the City's eBlasts, visit www.cityofsierramadre.com, from the drop down tab menu choose "Online Services", click on "City Eblasts Signup", enter your information, select from the list of communication, and submit. For additional information, please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

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FALL AQUATICS PROGRAMS

Season passes for the Fall Lap Swim Program are now on sale! This is a great opportunity for low impact exercise in a heated outdoor pool. **A minimum of 50 fall season passes must be sold by Friday, September 16 for the program to continue.** Registration may be done online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration or at the Community Services Office at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. During the fall season, there will be no daily admissions; however, this year the fall pass will also grant swimmers access to water aerobics for no additional charge! For more information call 626-355-5278.

Dates: September 6 through November 23, 2011

Hours: 12:00 - 2:00 pm (Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat) and 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Tues & Thurs)

Fee: \$101 per participant (includes entry to water aerobics)

Location: Sierra Madre Pool, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Water Aerobics

Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is continuing water aerobics into the fall season! The benefits of water exercise include low impact, resistance, and cardiovascular training in a fun environment. Water Aerobics can be taken by people of all ages, and is especially beneficial for those seeking a low to no impact workout. Exercising in water also reduces overheating from continuous training and since we conduct the class in the shallow end you do not need to be a strong swimmer. For more information, please call 626-355-5278.

Dates: September 13 through October 27

Days: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 10:00 am - 11am

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Location: Sierra Madre Pool,
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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 19th amendment, the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is throwing an ice cream social for the whole family on Sunday, Aug. 28, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the historic Hillmont House, 939 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena.

Ragtime music by Dad's Band Plus One, games and activities for children and plenty of Carmela's ice cream on the lawn of a Victorian landmark promise and old-fashioned good time. Children under 13 are free. Everyone else pays only \$5.

Reservations and further information about the League are available by calling 626-798-0965. Reservations and tickets also are available online: <http://www.lwvpasadenaarea.org/donate.html>.

WELLNESS IN THE PARK

A Senior Information & Health Screen Fair will be hosted by the Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department and Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission, St. Rita Senior Ministry, and be.royal oaks retirement community. The event takes place on Saturday, September 24th in Memorial Park. The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will run concurrently from 7am to 11am, \$5.00 per participant. At 9am to 12pm, the **FREE** Health Screenings for Seniors, which include osteoporosis, hearing, body fat, dental, **FREE** flu shots (for those whose primary insurance is Medicare, all others \$25), healthy eating & downsizing tips, and so much more...

Please join our community leaders, participating vendors, and your neighbors for a morning filled with valuable information. For additional information, please contact Susan Clifton at 626-355-5278.

Bargain Book Table Sale

A windfall of wonderful donations has prompted the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library to share the bounty at yet another Bargain Book Table Sale. The next one is coming right on the heels of the late August sale, and will be held from Tuesday, September 6, through Saturday, September 10, during the Library's open hours. Fiction, Mysteries, Current Affairs, Young Adult and Children's Books will be the featured topics. The table is replenished daily, and books are always \$1.00 each.

We welcome books and DVD donations in good condition. Magazines may be placed on the "Free Bench" at the back of the Library, or, if the issues have been published within the last 6 months, they can be brought to the Service Desk for the Library's magazine takeaway section. Please call the number below if you would like directions to the Library or more information on the donation guidelines.

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



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Tennis Tournament: All ages and skill levels are welcome to play! Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts. Participants start out the tournament by trying their luck in a serving contest (prizes for winners). The tournament first, second, and third place winners each receive a trophy and the first place winner will have their name engraved on the Oktoberfest Tennis Tournament perpetual trophy.

Golf Tournament: Played on a nine-hole course as a foursome, best-ball format at Eaton Canyon (tee times assigned). All skill levels welcome and the best-ball format is perfect for beginners! Golfers can sign up as a team or individual and the top team receives individual trophies and immortality on the Oktoberfest Golf Tournament perpetual trophy. Want some additional fun! Take a chance in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Putting contests. For those concerned with their swing, Mulligans are available to ensure a better score.

Lunch Reception: Following the tournaments join us at the Community Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. for an Oktoberfest-style lunch, including beer, brats, and German chocolate cake. During this time bid on various silent auction packages, purchase tickets for the raffle, and watch the awards ceremony.

Register online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration or in person at the Community Recreation Center no later than Friday, September 30, 2011.

Tennis start time 8:00 am
Location: Arcadia-Orange Grove Tennis Courts
Cost: \$50 (including lunch)

Golf start time 8:00 am
Location: Eaton Canyon Golf Course
Cost: \$70 individual (includes lunch)
Team Reg: \$250 (for 4 includes lunch)

Lunch Reception 12:00 pm **Location:** Community Recreation Center **Cost:** \$25

Tax-deductible opportunities may exist with this event! Please contact Kyle Schnurr at kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com if you would like to contribute.

**FOR MORE INFO
CALL 626-355-5278**

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RECEPTION TO HONOR TONI BUCKNER

Celebrating 34 Years of Service to Sierra Madre

On Friday, September 16, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., the City of Sierra Madre and the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will host a reception to honor Toni Buckner, Director of Library Services for the City of Sierra Madre, who is retiring at the end of September after 34 years of dedicated service to the City. All are invited to attend this community-wide event, which will take place in the Sierra Madre Room at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre.

Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:00 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. by presentations and a Recognition of Service; dessert will be served from 8:00-9:00 p.m. During the presentation hour, members of the community who wish to express their well-wishes to Toni will have an opportunity to say a few words from the podium.

In 1977, Toni Gollands Buckner began working for Sierra Madre as a Library Assistant, under the tutelage of then Library Director Mary Tumilty. After acquiring a Masters in Library Science from USC in 1980, she was promoted to Associate Librarian of Children's Services. Upon Mary Tumilty's retirement in 1985, Toni moved to the directorship, a position she held for the next 26 years.

Her many accomplishments during her tenure as Director of Library Services include shepherding the Library from the era of the card catalog to the age of the worldwide web and online databases, tireless grant and fundraising to ensure the Library acquired much-needed building improvements and kept pace technologically; co-chairing the City's 2007 year-long Centennial celebrations; and heading the project of which she is admittedly most proud, The Friends Garden, a beautiful and welcoming native-plant "oasis" fronting the Library, where members of the community can read, socialize, eat lunch, use the Library's free Wi-Fi, or just

relax and enjoy the mountain views.

For her outstanding work on the Library's 1987 Centennial Celebration, Toni received the prestigious John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award from the American Library Association, for distinguished achievement in public relations and education.

Under her guidance the Library is now a nationally-recognized Family Place Library, dedicated, through programs, services and resources, to empowering parents to take an active role in their young children's growth and development.

The capstone of Toni's achievements has been her tireless commitment to the redesign and development of the City of Sierra Madre's new user-friendly website which was launched in July 2011. She was recently named recipient of the City of Sierra Madre's 2011 Public Service Award, otherwise known as Employee of the Year, which is presented to a City employee for exceptional customer and public service, as well as dedication to the

citizens of Sierra Madre over the course of a year.

Through Toni's inspirational leadership and personal example, the Sierra Madre Library has become well known for its "people come first" philosophy, and personable, can-do staff. As a result, the Library's usage has steadily increased, despite the current economic downturn.

Toni will round out her "official" efforts to promote literacy and lifetime learning this fall by appearing on Sierra Madre's final READ campaign poster for 2011, which will be displayed October through December at the Library.

In addition to the reception on September 16, an Open House will be held at the Library on Thursday, September 22, from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to drop in and sign a keepsake book and express their best wishes to Toni, whose last day as Director of Library Services will be Friday, September 23.

For more information on either event, please call 626-355-7186.



Toni Buckner, Sierra Madre Director of Library Services Photo by: Gerard Brane

ADVENTURE IN HISTORY THROUGH FASHION

by Phyllis Chapman

Presenting history at its best, the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society invites you to "The Way We Wore", a vintage fashion show on Saturday, October 15, 2011, 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church Hartzell Hall, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. There is ample free parking behind the hall. Enter from Michillinda Avenue.

Tickets are \$40 each, support Society projects and are available by calling (626) 355-1389 or on the website, www.smhps.org.

Costumes from the show are from the collection of famed costume designer Shon LeBlanc of Valentino's Costumes in Hollywood, who will be the show commentator. He has designed hundreds of costumes for movies, TV, Theatre, etc. and teaches costume design at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

Forty models, all ages, will model the fashions. To enhance the experience, the clothes will be featured with photographs published in the Society's award winning book, "Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre." Guests will also be treated to fabulous tea refreshments.

The year the Society celebrates its 80th birthday, with this event taking center stage. Proceeds will help the Society continue its support of preservation and collecting Sierra Madre's historical archives housed at Sierra Madre Public Library, the Oral History Project, Youth Education and the restoration and maintenance of the town's two museum's, Lizzie's Trail Inn and the Richardson House located at the start of the historic Mt. Wilson Trail.



Author Phyllis Chapman in 2007 wearing turn of the century apparel during the Sierra Madre Centennial. MVNews Archives

Hometown Hero John Shear Honored By Kiwanis

There really aren't enough ways to thank and honor John Shears for his remarkable act of courage and kindness when he threw himself in front of a runaway horse in March in order to save a child. His actions have been honored all over the country and most recently, Shear was awarded the prestigious Nathan Hale Award For Heroism by Kiwanis International's California-Nevada-Hawaii Foundation at their recent convention in San Diego. John was nominated by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club with the help of his co-worker and San Pedro Kiwanis Member Tim McDannold.



Michael Shear, left, accepts the award for his father at the Kiwanis District Convention in San Diego. Photo by Tim McDannold

The award was presented to Michael Shear, John's son, as the elder Shear was unable to make the trip to San Diego. He is focusing his efforts on getting his health in shape to return to Santa Anita for opening day at the end of September.

The Nathan Hale Award for Heroism is presented annually by the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation and is

awarded to men and women of all ages who have demonstrated, by actions and conduct, exceptional courage toward another human being and/or personal involvement and dedication beyond the ordinary call of citizenship responsibility. The criteria for the award are based upon personal involvement and sacrifice above and beyond the normal call of bravery.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE SIERRA MADRE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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

You can sign up by doing any of the following:
Call De Alcorn at (626) 355-4793
Call Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135
Email GeneralPlan@CityofSierraMadre.com

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

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING REGARDING A PROPOSED SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

A neighborhood meeting to receive public input for a proposed senior assisted living facility will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center (Sierra Madre Room) located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The proposed project site is a 1.84 acre property located 245 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., at northwest corner of Sierra Madre Boulevard and Hermosa Avenue (across the street from City Hall). The new facility will include a 58,000 square foot, two-story building that can accommodate up to 96 residents.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. at which time members of the public are invited to view the proposed plans and talk with representatives of the developer and city staff. A presentation on the proposed project will begin at 7:15 p.m. when an overview and description of the project will be provided. City staff will also outline the public hearing and environmental review processes for future additional public input.

HEAT

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Check on those in your neighborhood who have limited mobility.

Stay in an air-conditioned area (a mall, park, or library) during peak heat hours.

Avoid unnecessary exposure.

When in the sun, wear a hat with a wide brim.

Don't exercise vigorously outside during the hottest hours of the day.

Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps, and increased thirst.

For a list of cooling centers and additional information on heat-related illnesses and prevention, please visit the Public Health website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov>, or call the LA County Information line at 2-1-1.

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Metro Gold Line Fist Fight Leads to Stabbing

Police say a fist fight on a Metro Gold Line light rail train Friday night resulted in one man stabbing another man.

According to Pasadena Police they received several 9-1-1 calls at 6:38PM reporting that there had been a stabbing on a northbound Metro Gold Line train that was approaching the Memorial Park passenger station, 125 E. Holly St., Pasadena.

"Passengers called 9-1-1, rendered aid to the victim, and pointed out the suspect to Pasadena Police officers who were already waiting when the train arrived," said Captain Mike Parker, Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau. "The passengers and police working together are what kept the suspect from escaping the scene and ensured the quickest medical care possible for the victim."

Police officers immediately arrested the suspect.

Firefighters provided emergency medical attention to the 33-year old Hispanic male victim and transported him to a nearby hospital. Officials said he is listed in critical but stable condition and is undergoing surgery.

A knife with blood on it was recovered from the suspect's pants pocket. The 36-year old suspect Jose Paul Vasquez Flores is being treated for injuries sustained during his arrest. He will be booked for assault with a deadly weapon. His bail is set at \$1 million.

No other suspects or victims are believed to be involved.

Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau detectives are investigating this incident. The trains and buses of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority are policed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The train involved in the incident is being held temporarily for a search for other possible evidence. Metro Gold train service is continuing to operate via single-tracking.

Pet of the Week



Frida, an adorable Husky mix is about five years old and such a fun girl! She loves going for walks in the park and is very affectionate with all the people she meets. Frida knows some basic commands and would love to learn more. She needs a home with someone who will give her lots of love and attention. Come visit Frida today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet. Frida qualifies for the Senior for Senior program where people over age 60 can adopt a pet over age 5 for just \$20!

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A292998 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



Temporary Art Goes on Display

The city of Pasadena is taking some of its artistic vision to the streets by installing temporary works of local, regional and national artists in Pasadena's great outdoors. From August 24 to September 1, the four colorful, vibrant and unique works of art will be installed at various locations around the city as part of its new Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program.

Residents may notice "Convergence," (pictured above) a gleaming red, bronze geometric sculpture; or "Timeless Joy," a

hummingbird made of Harley Davidson and bicycle parts. Or, depending on your route to work, residents might walk by "Diversity," profiles of three ethnically diverse women who share the same colors to indicate their connection to each other and the human race, or marvel at "Handstand," a larger-than-life male figure mounted atop a nine-foot pole, upside down!

The exhibitions activate unusual locations such as traffic islands and medians, transforming small, often unnoticed areas into exciting

and stimulating destinations for visitors and residents.

The first four locations and artworks include: "Convergence" by Jon Seeman at the traffic island of Washington Boulevard and Glen Avenue; "Timeless Joy" by LT Mustardseed at the southwest corner of Washington Boulevard and Marengo Avenue; "Diversity" by Cecilia Lueza at the traffic median east of intersection of Sierra Madre Boulevard and New York Drive and "Handstand" by Daniel Stern at the northwest corner of Sunset Avenue and Mountain Street.

Banners to Help Promote Northwest Pasadena



Featuring a grid design of its main streets and an emphasis on culture, recreation, shopping and dining, recently installed street pole banners are touting Northwest Pasadena as the heart and soul of Pasadena.

The bright orange and blue banners feature the city's new rose logo, the Rose Bowl Stadium and people engaged in various activities. They are on display along Lincoln, Fair Oaks and Lake avenues, Villa Street and Orange Grove Boulevard.

Designed by an ad hoc committee of Northwest Pasadena leaders, city staff and a local advertising agency, and with input from residents and the business and faith communities, the banners are the first phase of a marketing

campaign to promote the amenities and diversity of this area of the city. The campaign was initiated by the Northwest Commission.

"Our first target audience in this community-driven marketing campaign is the Northwest community itself, which may not be aware of the assets here in our own backyard, such as libraries, parks, community centers, the Rose Bowl recreation loop, landmark districts, mom-and-pop shops, and an impressive number of unique and talented residents," said Lola Osborne, Northwest Programs manager. "The banner design provides the blueprint for all communication efforts moving forward."

Northwest Programs focuses on maintaining a healthy business environment, facilitating redevelopment and promoting youth programs for the area that extends from Rose Bowl Drive to Lake Avenue and from the 210 Freeway to Woodbury Street.

The slogan "heart and soul of Pasadena" refers to the area's historic landmark districts, diverse population, arts and culture, strong neighborhoods and local businesses. Future marketing plans include an expanded website and more.

For more information call 626-744-6879.

Chamber of Commerce to Host Business Showcase

The annual Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase and Mini-Taste of Pasadena will be held at Paseo Colorado on Thursday, September 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Vendors and exhibitors will set up in the public area of the outdoor mall. New Chamber member restaurants are invited to provide free food samples to visitors.

The annual showcase and expo is an inexpensive way for businesses to promote their products and services to the Pasadena community. The showcase is also a great business-to-business networking event. The Foothill Workforce Investment Board is a major sponsor of the event.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase, and Mini-Taste of Pasadena will be held at the Paseo Colorado at 260 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. This year's event will feature exhibits by a wide variety of Pasadena area businesses. Exhibitor parking will be validated,

visitors get 90 minutes of free parking.

Participation is open to anyone and Pasadena Chamber membership is not required, though Chamber membership means discounted fees for Showcase participation. To promote their distinctive menus, several new member restaurants will provide samples of their fare for those in attendance. Businesses pay for exhibition space, but the public is invited to attend for free.

In conjunction with the event, El Cholo and Noor Restaurant and Ballroom will host happy hours for those attending the event at their restaurants on the second floor at Paseo Colorado.

Those who would like to be exhibitors or who would like more information about the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase can call the Chamber office at (626) 795-3355 or visit the web site at www.pasadena-chamber.org or email leanne@pasadena-chamber.org.

Free Library Cards During September

As students head back to school this year, Pasadena Public Library wants to make sure that they have the most important school supply of all – a library card. This key resource provides students with free access to books, e-books, databases, encyclopedias, test preparation materials, homework help, Wi-Fi, internet access, and much more.

Your first library card is free. During the month of September lost or damaged library cards may be replaced free of charge at any Pasadena Public library site.

For information on how to sign up for a library card, visit any one of our ten library sites in person or go to http://cityofpasadena.net/library/library_cards_my_account/library_cards.

City Humane Society to Host Vaccine Clinic

The Pasadena Humane Society will host a public low cost vaccination clinic Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 8 pm. Veterinarians will be on hand to administer rabies shots and other vaccines to cats and dogs. Dog licenses for Arcadia, LaCañada Flintridge and San Marino will be available for purchase as well. You can have your dog or cat microchipped during the clinic for a charge of \$20, which includes registration. All dogs four months of age and older are required by state, county and city ordinances to be vaccinated against rabies. The rabies vaccine provides three years of protection for dogs 12 months and older, one year protection for dogs four to 11 months and for cats from 3 months of age. Also available are DHLPP and bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines for dogs and FVRCP vaccines for cats; these may be given to pets eight weeks and older and provide protection for one year.

All dogs should be on leash, and cats should be in carriers. Arrive early to avoid long lines and crowds! For more information please call the Pasadena Humane Society at 626.792.7151 ext 115.

Murder Sparks Outcry from the Community



Police Chief Phillip Sanchez talks with residents about a recent homicide during a public meeting at Fire Station 33 Thursday night. The meeting packed over 100 residents from the local area.

Friends of an 18-year-old Alhambra man shot and killed Monday night accused the city's fire department of taking too long to respond to the incident on North Mar Vista Avenue — implying the department could have saved his life.

Holding back tears, Marvin Laguan's, girlfriend listened as friends said, during a community meeting Thursday, they waited 10 full minutes for paramedics to arrive something the local neighbors refuted.

"We want to know why it took 10 minutes if it was just two blocks away?" an unidentified friend of Laguan said. "Maybe if the ambulance got there on time he could have been saved."

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez immediately said he did not have the answer but would look into it. One resident said, "It would be unfortunate if anybody went away from here thinking that the fire department takes 10 minutes to get anyplace, if it was 10 minutes, I'm sure it extraordinary circumstance."

Robin Salazar, well know

city activist and owner of Robin's Wood Fire BBQ & Grill, asked if the city could install a "shoots fired," early acoustics warning system, something he said was being done in L.A.

The meeting's focus was on crime prevention, including Neighborhood Watch as well as an update surrounding Monday's shooting.

Police Lt. Tracey Ibarra said two male suspects were last seen walking southbound on N. Mar Vista Avenue from the scene. Both suspects were described as wearing dark color clothing.

She said Laguan was shot while walking with his girlfriend after a get together with friends. Two men quarreled with Laguan and then he was shot in the neck shortly after 10 p.m. Police believe he was associated with a gang.

Sanchez said anyone who has information regarding this crime is asked to call the Pasadena Police Department at (626)744-4241. He assured everyone they could stay anonymous, "we just want the information."

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

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Moon Mission in Final Preparations

NASA's Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory (GRAIL) mission to study the moon is in final launch preparations for a scheduled Sept. 8 launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

GRAIL's twin spacecraft are tasked for a nine-month mission to explore Earth's nearest neighbor in unprecedented detail. They will determine the structure of the lunar interior from crust to core and advance our understanding of the thermal evolution of the moon.

"Yesterday's final encapsulation of the spacecraft is an important mission milestone," said David Lehman, GRAIL project manager for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Our two spacecraft are now sitting comfortably inside the payload fairing which will protect them during ascent. Next time the GRAIL twins will see the light of day, they will be about 95 miles up and accelerating."

The spacecraft twins, GRAIL-A and GRAIL-B, will fly aboard a Delta II rocket launched from Florida. The twins'



circuitous route to lunar orbit will take 3.5 months and cover approximately 2.6 million miles (4.2 million kilometers) for GRAIL-A, and 2.7 million miles (4.3 million kilometers) for GRAIL-B.

In lunar orbit, the spacecraft will transmit radio signals precisely defining the distance between them. Regional gravitational differences on the moon are expected to expand and contract that distance.

GRAIL scientists will use these accurate measurements to define the moon's gravity field. The data will allow mission scientists to understand what goes on below the surface of our natural satellite.

To view the webcast and the blog or to learn more about the GRAIL mission, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/grail> and <http://grail.nasa.gov>.

The launch will also be streamed live, with a chat available, on <http://www.ustream.tv/nasajpl2>.

“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt Clayton



On November 8th of this year there will be local elections in the cities of Duarte and Monrovia. Both cities will hold school board elections. Only Duarte will hold City Council elections. (Monrovia holds its City Council Elections in April, and Arcadia holds both its City Council and School Board elections in April.)

In Duarte, there will be two open council seats on the Duarte City Council. Seeking re-election are Lois Gaston, a retired human resources district manager for AT &T, and John Fasana, a project manager for Southern California Edison. I have known both these fine people for twenty years. Any time any volunteer is needed, there is Lois. She’s an excellent “Take Charge” person and accomplishes anything she sets out to do. John Fasana is very competent also. Duarte City Council took the newly-formed MAD Town Council under its wings when we first began and helped and supported us too.

The three challengers vying for the positions on the Duarte City Council are Liz Reilly, a special educational aide at Valley View Elementary School; Anil Gunaratne, an auditor; and Henry Baltazar, Jr., a landscape contractor. At this point, I am not acquainted with the challengers. However, as the election comes closer, I will relate more info about them, statements they issue, and attend any forums when possible..

DUARTE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: Go to the source and Get the REAL facts!

Duarte’s upcoming School Board elections will have three incumbents seeking re-election. They are Rose Brooks-Mitchell, Francisco Figueroa, and Pamela S. Kawaski. Challengers include David Hall, architectural designer; Dolores Ortiz, production manager; and Tom Reyes, small business owner.

Recently, one of the challengers running for school board is making statements that seem unbelievable.. Just because a person

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is a respected member of the community, and has helped a community doesn’t make them infallible. Challengers have stated that “Duarte High School is going downhill. A few years ago, ONLY 14% of its graduates were prepared for college, now 7%.” That REALLY seemed farfetched to me! A newspaper printed that 88.5% of Duarte students who began high school graduated! That’s first good statistic. Secondly I called the principal of Duarte High School and he looked up the statistics! 75% of its 2011 graduates went to college. I am entreating all voters, “You have a moral obligation to your community to delve into ALL THE FACTS! Do not vote for someone for their past work or because they’re your friend. Vote for the person who WILL HELP your community and schools.”

MONROVIA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The City of Monrovia’s School Board Elections look to be exciting. Former Mayor Rob Hammond is vying for one of three open seats. He has been quoted, “For all the different needs that are out there, is the school district providing the service it intended to provide.” Hammond wants to know why several families have gone out the district for their children’s education. School Board President Ed Gilliland says the district runs a parent survey every year. As a grandparent whose child attended Plymouth one year, I can tell you it was HORRIBLE having one child in a year-round school and your other children in traditional schools. Ridiculous! That’s why my neighbor moved to Claremont several years back.

Monrovia School Board member Clare Chesley resigned because she moved out of state. Ed.Gilliland and Board Member Bryan Wong have pulled papers to run. Besides Rob Hammond, other challengers include Janeane Lechuga Covarrubias, an escrow officer; Terrance Williams, self-employed sales and marketing representative for a transportation company; and Ed McCarthy, a business owner; David Dale Crabtree; and Erik Nordahl.

Pet of the Week

Georgie: Animal ID # A4312033

Meet Georgie, a marvelous, eager-to-please puppy. Georgie is a ten-month old, brown and white, male Pit Bull Terrier who was found in Azusa on July 16th and brought to the Baldwin Park shelter. This dog is forty pounds of pure unadulterated love. Described by volunteers as “wonderful”, this delightful boy walks well on the leash and has clearly had some training. He also appears to be housebroken. He is very well socialized and equally fond of people and other dogs. Georgie will be a spectacular indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home. To watch a video of volunteers interacting with Georgie, please visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKIYzy3F82k>.

To meet Georgie, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Georgie, please reference his animal ID number: A4312033. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursdays and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Georgie or the adoption



process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674.

To learn more about United Hope for Animals’ partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

Azusa Eagles to Host Fourth Annual Charity Poker Run August 27

Proceeds benefit Loma Linda Children’s Hospital

Azusa, Calif. – The Fraternal Order of Eagles #2810 of Azusa, Calif., will hold their Fourth Annual Charity Poker Run Saturday, Aug. 27, to benefit the Loma Linda Children’s Hospital. The event begins at 8 a.m. at the Azusa Aerie, located at 1603 N. San Gabriel Canyon Rd.The poker run is open to the public with a registration cost

of \$20 per person. Ride length is 100 miles and events include a 50/50, door prizes, arts & crafts, raffles, a bike show and more. Crossroads Band will perform live for guests.The Azusa Eagles has maintained a presence in the community since 1948 and currently host more than 290 Aerie and 180 Auxiliary members.For information contact Beth at eaglepokerrun@aol.com or by phone at 626-252-7138.

U.S. EPA SETTLEMENTS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN \$4 MILLION FOR DRINKING WATER AT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUPERFUND CLEANUP

San Francisco - The U.S Environmental Protection Agency has entered into two settlements totaling \$4,407,000 to help pay for cleanup costs at the South El Monte section of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site in Los Angeles, Calif.

The first decree settles claims brought by EPA and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control against Aerojet-General Corporation. The second decree settles claims brought by EPA against Mammoet Western, Inc., Time Realty Investments and Tonks Properties.

“EPA has now recovered over \$13 million to pay for the cleanup of contaminated groundwater and provide drinking water for thousands of families living in surrounding communities,” said Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator of EPA’s Pacific Southwest Region. “These settlements reinforce EPA’s commitment to having the cleanups paid for by those responsible for the environmental damage.”

“This settlement has been long overdue, and is a crucial step towards cleaning up the pollution from responsible parties in South El Monte,” said Congresswoman Judy Chu, Democrat, 32nd District, El Monte. “I commend the EPA for

their continued work to make sure the residents of the San Gabriel Valley have a reliable and safe drinking water supply for future generations to come.”

The Consent Decrees were entered in federal District Court on August 19, 2011 and resolve liabilities for contamination from industrial solvents including PCE and TCE, as well as other chemicals, including perchlorate in the groundwater.

The South El Monte Operable Unit was listed on the National Priorities List in 1984, and overlies approximately 8 square miles of groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds. The funds paid through these settlements will be used to implement the cleanup at the site.

EPA signed an interim Record of Decision with the goal of containing contaminated groundwater in 2000, and issued an Explanation of Significant Differences to address emerging contaminants in 2005. EPA has a Cooperative Agreement with the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to implement the remedy, by funding groundwater extraction and treatment systems operated by the City of Monterey Park, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, and Golden State Water Company.

CELEBRATING WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY AUGUST 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HAVING A GOOD TIME ON A SMALL BUDGET

Today, in these difficult times, people of all ages are looking for entertainment that won’t break the bank! Years ago, when our Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council was first formed, there was danger of several libraries closing. There was a “Funeral” for the Duarte Library and a mock “Board-up” of the Live Oak Library. Duarte City Council member, Margaret Finlay, clued me in about borrowing videos from the library. The price was great-FREE! And besides borrowing SO many movies over the years for family entertainment, I also utilized the library for my class. We read selections from “Phantom Tollbooth” and “Watership Down”, and then saw the videos! Often, we read an interesting selection from a novel, and students then went to the library, borrowed the book and read it in its entirety. Don’t forget your libraries! Several years ago, my Mom came from Jersey every summer to visit for two weeks. She was in her 80’s when I wanted to plan outings that would be interesting, but not too much walking or crowds. Disneyland was OUT of the question. I first took her to Norton Simon in Pasadena and that was awesome. (That’s another story.) Then I went to the phone book and looked up local museums. Her VERY FAVORITE was El Monte Historical Museum. (Mom liked it so well I ended up taking my sixth grade each year!) So I will begin my museum series with El Monte. Before one goes into the museum, it’s interesting to look at its history. El Monte was literally an oasis or island in the middle of the arid San Gabriel Valley. Between 1770 and 1830, Spanish missionaries and soldiers stopped there for respite. That’s how the name came about! They called the area, “El Monte” which in Spanish means “meadow” or “marsh”. I, like most people, thought it meant “mountain”, but the word is an archaic Spanish translation of that era.

Nearby cities such as Arcadia, Lucky Baldwin; Duarte, Andres Duarte, Monrovia, William Monroe; all seem to owe their beginnings to a single man. El Monte had several families. Their journey began in Independence, Missouri and headed out toward California. The leader was Royce Oatman and he commanded a company of 45-50 wagons. These wagons were led by oxen teams and there were five or six people per wagon. Somewhere along the journey, several of the Oatman families went ahead and were separated from the main group. Their fate was tragic; they were murdered by Indians. The surviving travelers did not want to turn back. Somehow they kept going and settled at the first place where water was plentiful. The site was beside the San Gabriel River and at the end of the Santa Fe Trails. Some went on to look for gold, but others remained. Ira Thompson was one of those who remained. He directed the first camp site and became a pillar of the founding organization. Along the rich fruitful lands, settlers who remained built homesteads and El Monte became a very successful agricultural community. Some highlights in its history are a train depot built in 1873 and El Monte being incorporated in 1912. Of special interest is Gay’s Lion Farm, a popular tourist attraction from 1925-1942, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gay, two retired circus stars. It was called the Disneyland of the 1920’s and 1930’s. The Gays raised animals for the motion picture industry and housed over 200 African lions. Some were used in the Tarzan movies and one was MGM’s Lion at the beginning of movies.

When you walk into the museum, you see an old “Stanley Steamer”. To the left are the little sections that represent different trades and rooms in a house, complete with antique furniture. There’s a section representing a school room and also a store. Ladies will enjoy the dress and hat shops.

When you first entered the museum, if you turned right instead, you would find many interesting display cases with memorabilia from wars, a section about Gay’s Lion farm, the fire and police departments. There is also a Rolls Royce that Winston Churchill rode in and a section that has display cases with fine china and one with a wedding dress, gloves, satin shoes and a purse. There are an antique piano and two beautiful cabinets that look like they came from Asia.



Come on down! There is so much to see and enjoy. Also there’s a great park right across the street! My students and I took a tour and then picnicked at the Park! It was a blast!

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 P.m.

Phone: (626) 444-3813 + (626) 580-2232 3150 North Tyler Ave. El Monte, CA 91732

SCOTT HETRICK TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Scott Hettrick has been named the recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award/Citizen Planner for the state of California Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA).

The award follows Hettrick's presentation in June of the same award by the Los Angeles Chapter of the APA. That award, along with recognition of Arcadia's General Plan, was presented in Hollywood during a ceremony at the Egyptian Theatre.

Hettrick will be presented the state award at a luncheon ceremony in Santa Barbara on Sept. 12. The next phase of the APA Award Program is the national competition, with winners to be announced in December.

"On the Arcadia High Constitution Team we study a man named Cincinnatus. And like that famous public servant of ancient Rome, Scott is an outstanding example of civic virtue and service to the greater good. He epitomizes the volunteer spirit that makes Arcadia such a unique community," said Mayor Gary Kovacic when informed of Mr. Hettrick's recent accomplishment.

Mr. Hettrick received this recognition for his volunteer efforts and dedication to promoting civic engagement. He has been instrumental in the Arcadia Historical Society's "History Lives Here" program, which recognizes historical landmarks and buildings in Arcadia with unique and descriptive historical markers. He was also an active member of the City's General Plan Advisory



Committee and is founder of the Arcadia's Best website that serves as a resource and promotional service for local organizations and businesses as well as showcases the people, places, and activities in Arcadia. As an offshoot of the Arcadia's Best website and companion e-mail newsletter, Scott also partnered with two other Arcadians to start the non-profit Arcadia's Best Foundation, which organize special events such as the July 2 Patriotic Festival and the upcoming second annual One Community, One Book program on Oct. 2, and to encourage the continuation of a vibrant, unified and involved community.

Arcadia Remembers 9/11

The Arcadia Firefighters' Association will mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 by conducting a memorial service at 6:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at the flag poles of

Arcadia Fire Station 106 on the corner of Huntington Drive and Baldwin Avenue. A traditional bell ceremony, musical tributes, wreath laying, and additional activities will serve to commemorate

the 343 New York firefighters killed during rescue operations following the attacks, and the strength, resilience and unity of the American people.

Meet the New Chief at Government Affairs Forum

Arcadia Police Chief Robert Guthrie guest speaker

New Police Chief Robert Guthrie will be the guest speaker at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at the The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's monthly Government Affairs Forum in the Chamber conference room, 388 W. Huntington Drive.

Also speaking at the Forum, in addition to the regular monthly reports from City, County, and State government officials and the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, will be Archie Davenport, who will provide information about The Better Coalition, representing businesses and cities that oppose the banning of Styrofoam at the county, state, and federal level.

Chief Guthrie, who was appointed Police Chief in July and sworn in earlier this month,

was born and raised in the San Gabriel Valley and began work for the Arcadia Police Department as a Police Cadet in 1989 before attending Rio Hondo Police Academy in 1991-92 and become an Arcadia Police Officer in January 1992. He rose through the rank and was promoted to Police Lieutenant in 2004 and during the next six years was Patrol Watch Commander, Detective Bureau Commander, SWAT Team Commander, Force Training Unit Commander, Field Training Officer Program Commander, and Administrative Lieutenant before being promoted to Captain in January 2011 as Operations Division Commander.

Among his many notable achievements and recognitions relating to the community of Arcadia, Chief Guthrie received the Department's Community Services Award in 2009 and the Officer of the Year Award

from both the Arcadia Rotary Club and the Arcadia Police Officers' Association in 1998. He was President of the APOA in 1997-98 and 2001-02, and was Tactical Commander in charge of Planning and Operations for the Breeders' Cup events in 2008 and 2009.

He is married and has a six-year-old son.

Chief Guthrie is the latest high-profile and important speaker to make a presentation at the monthly Government Affairs Forums led by co-chairmen Pete Ulrich, former Arcadia City Councilman, and Mary Dougherty, former President of the Arcadia School District Board of Education.

The Forum, held the first Thursday of each month, is free and open to the public. RSVPs are appreciated to the Chamber office: 626-447-2159 or info@ArcadiaCaChamber.org.

OPENING DAY IS 'ARCADIA DAY' AT SANTA ANITA, ALL CITY RESIDENTS TO BE ADMITTED FREE SEPT. 30

Santa Anita's Autumn Meet figures to get off to a fast start as opening day, Friday, Sept. 30, has also been proclaimed "Arcadia Day" at the Great Race Place. All Arcadians attending will be granted free Club House admission with proof of residency throughout the afternoon. An "Arcadia Day" booth will be available to welcome and facilitate Arcadia residents and will be located just outside the Club House Admission Gate. "We look forward to having live racing back here on Sept. 30," said Santa Anita President George Haines. "Our neighbors are very important to us. We hope to renew acquaintances and make some new friends as well.

"A number of city officials are expected to join us and they too are excited about the prospect of seeing a great many of their constituents at the races on opening day," Haines added.

"We sincerely thank Santa Anita for welcoming all of our residents back to the track in such a generous way on opening day," said Arcadia Mayor, Gary Kovacic. "Going back to 1934, Santa

Anita Park has been a cornerstone of our city and we can't overstate the benefits it brings to the community at large. The economic impact of having live racing here is tremendous, from the business generated by those attending the races to the jobs that they help to create. On behalf of everyone here in Arcadia, we can't wait for the Autumn Meet to begin."

Santa Anita's Autumn Meet will follow four dark days on the Southern California racing calendar, as the Los Angeles County Fair Meet at Fairplex Park will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 25.

"The Thoroughbred industry is experiencing many changes in California and we want our fans to know that we intend to provide them with a world-class product and that we intend to be more competitive than ever," said Haines. "We also want our



fans to know that we look forward to welcoming them back and that we intend to make their visits to Santa Anita more enjoyable than ever. 'Arcadia Day' is a good step in that direction."

Santa Anita will also be offering fans and horsemen a brand new state-of-the-art natural dirt main track, which was completed on July 26.

Gates will open on Sept. 30 at 11 a.m., and first race post time is 1 p.m. For more information on opening day and the 2011 Santa Anita Autumn Meet, fans are encouraged to visit www.santaanita.com or to call (626) 574-RACE.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

Brief Talk on the Early History of the Arcadia Unified School District

The next Brown Bag Lunch Talk is scheduled for September 15 from noon until 12:30 p.m. featuring former Arcadia High School Principal and Superintendent of Arcadia School District Elbert Souders, and former Arcadia High School Principal Richard Cordano. They will

give a short talk on the History of the early stages of the Arcadia Unified School District.

Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about local history, people, places and events. The Brown Bag Lunch talks take place the third Thursday of the month on the Museum's outdoor patio. Please dress appropriately according to weather

conditions. For more information, please call (626) 574-5440, visit our website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or follow us on Facebook.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

KONNICHIIWA JAPAN!

Families are invited to explore the beauty of Japanese history and culture at the Arcadia Historical Museum on Saturday, September 24 at 12:30 p.m. There will be hands-on activities that include making a miniature kokeshi doll, exploring bento

culture by creating food art, dying a handkerchief or bandanna using the Shibori technique and other fun activities.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Mu-

seum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free. For more information, please call (626) 574-5440, visit our website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or follow us on Facebook.

The Fall Buzz is Now Available!

The Recreation and Community Services Department, Library and Museum Departments are pleased to announce that the fall 2011 edition of the "The Peacock Buzz" is available. Copies are available at the City of Arcadia Recreation Office, Library and City Hall or by going to the city's website at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us under the Recreation and Community Services Department. Registration is available to residents only this week. Starting August 29th registration is available to everyone by mail,

walk-in and fax-in. The "Buzz" displays all programs and classes for the 2011 fall season. On the cover look for pictures of children dressed in their finest Halloween costumes from the Haunted Halloween Happenings Program, with more great programs and activities inside! Do you want to know what the "Buzz" is about in Arcadia? Pick up the latest copy of "The Peacock Buzz" to find out!

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

Family Fun Night

Family storytime on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of stories, crafts, games and surprises for the whole family. No registration is required but space is limited so come a little early!

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. For more information, please call (626) 821-5566, visit the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or follow us on Facebook.

Pirate Party!

Arrrr! Wear your favorite pirate or princess outfit and join us for a Pirate Party on Saturday, September 17 at 2:30 p.m. There will be stories, songs and fun pirate games too! The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W.

Duarte Rd. Arcadia.]

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Jungle Fun

Families are invited on a jungle safari at the Arcadia Public Library on Saturday, September 24 at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy jungle themed stories, games, a short movie and a fun craft. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W.

Duarte Rd. Arcadia.

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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 14, through Saturday, August 20, the Police Department responded to 953 calls for service of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 14:

Between August 11th at 5:00 p.m. and August 12th at 10:00 a.m., suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of South Old Ranch Road and stole a wallet and cash.

At about 2:10 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy's at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained a male 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 commercial burglary after it was determined he came into the store with the intent to steal.

Monday, August 15:

Between August 14th at 10:00 p.m. and August 15th at 7:00 a.m., an auto theft occurred in the 200 block of South Baldwin Avenue. Suspect(s) stole a 1992 Honda Accord, white, 4-door that was parked at the location.

4. Between 12:00 p.m. and 1:10 p.m., a theft occurred in the 600 block of West Naomi Avenue. Suspect(s) stole the tailgate of a 2007 Chevy Pickup that was parked on the street to the front of the location.

Tuesday, August 16:

5. Between August 15th at 12:30 p.m. and August 16th at 9:30 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 300 block of Laurel Avenue. Suspect(s) smashed the rear driver's side window and stole a laptop and accessories.

6. At about 10:46 p.m., officers responded to Denny's, 7 East Huntington Drive, regarding a male subject asking for help. The 31-year-old Black male was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was placed under arrest for being drunk in public. Due to medical problems, he was later transported to a local area hospital for treatment.

Wednesday, August 17:

7. A traffic stop was conducted at approximately 3:07 a.m. on Baldwin Avenue north of Foothill

Boulevard for failure to stop at a posted stop sign. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed the odor of an alcoholic beverage. A field sobriety test was conducted and the 34-year-old Hispanic female was arrested for D.U.I.

8. Between August 17th at 6:00 p.m. and August 18th at 7:00 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 1100 block of South First Avenue. Suspect(s) removed the front gate of a property under construction by taking it off the hinges. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole several tools.

Thursday, August 18:

9. At about 3:45 p.m., units were dispatched to the 200 block of Longley Way regarding graffiti. The east wall of the property, as well as two other nearby locations, was spray painted with the word "One".

10. Between 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., an auto theft occurred at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. Suspect(s) stole a 1994 Honda Civic, black, 2-door that was parked at the location.

Friday, August 19:

11. At approximately 10:00 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Peck Road and Rio Hondo Parkway for a broken brake light. A consensual search of the vehicle revealed an illegal switch blade knife for which the 19-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest.

12. Between August 18th at 6:00 p.m. and August 19th at 7:10 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 200 block of Longley Way. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by unknown means and stole a laptop and tote bag.

Saturday, August 20:

13. At approximately 3:38 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Baldwin Avenue and Longden Avenue. The driver was observed swerving in the roadway. The 41-year-old Hispanic male was found to be intoxicated and placed under arrest for D.U.I.

14. At about 12:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney's at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained a female for theft. The suspect took merchandise, concealed it, and walked out of the store without paying. The 67-year-old Hispanic female was arrested for theft.

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Do you want to start leading a Healthy Living for LIFE?

Monrovia- On Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 11:00am – 3:00pm, families in the Monrovia/Duarte and surrounding communities of the San Gabriel Valley will have access to FREE Screenings during the 7th Annual SET for LIFE “Healthy Living for LIFE” Expo. The event will be held at the Fannie M. Goodwin Educational Center, 925 South Shamrock Avenue in Monrovia and is sponsored by the City of Hope, Foothill Dental Center and Wells Fargo. Seniors and families will have access to FREE screenings for breast cancer, oral cancer, bone density, low vision, hearing, cholesterol, blood pressure, stroke and more.

With the rise of diabetes, cancer and other life threatening diseases affecting African Americans and Latinos, and the rising cost of healthcare, SET for LIFE is providing an opportunity for families to receive these health screenings during the Expo. The Healthy Living for LIFE campaign launched

earlier this year during the kickoff of Zumba Fitness classes. During the Zumba classes, seniors, adults and even children come together and learn how to lead and active lifestyle through dance. To date, over 400 families have participated in the fitness classes. To help continue its Healthy Living for LIFE campaign, the organization was recently

awarded a smoking cessation grant from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, “Pioneers in Tobacco Control,” in partnership with Second Baptist Church. The grant will help the organization increase the communities knowledge about the negative effects of smoking and designate the church campus as a “Smoke-Free” zone.

In addition to the health screenings, the event will also bring together dozens of regional and national vendors to provide healthy living resources and workshops to families. There will also be raffles, live entertainment, face painting and a bouncer for the children. The entire event is FREE and open to the public. If you are interested in receiving a FREE screening or attend a workshop must register online at www.setforlifeneeds.org. While supplies last, individuals who register and complete a screening or attend a workshop will receive a FREE lunch ticket for a delicious hot healthy meal served by Skewers of Duarte. Bring your entire family and spend a fun-filled day getting a head start on leading a Healthy Living for LIFE. There will be something for everyone who wants to start leading a Healthy Living for LIFE! Translators will be available in Spanish and Chinese. For additional information visit SET for LIFE, www.setforlifeneeds.org or call (626) 644-7672.

City of Duarte to Honor the 10th Anniversary of 9-11 With “Honor Among Ashes – A Memorial Tribute”

DUARTE, CA, August 25, 2011 – The City of Duarte will join the nation in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks with a memorial ceremony Friday, Sept. 9 at 8:15 a.m. at Andres Duarte School, 1433 Crestfield.

“Honor Among Ashes – A Memorial Tribute to the Victims of 9-11,” will include a tree planting ceremony in honor of those who lost their lives in the attacks. The public is invited to share in a time of inspiration and reflection that will include representatives from the City, School District, County, State, and members of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s and Fire Department. Students from Andres Duarte School and State preschool will sing, conduct a memorial flower ceremony and perform reflective readings. Dignitaries in attendance will also participate in the annual oak tree planting ceremony that will serve as a living memorial to all who perished on that tragic day

in 2001. Andres Duarte school children will also present to the Duarte Community Services Council canned food collected as part of a campus wide food drive.

Duarte will commemorate 9-11 in other ways as well. The community is also invited to take part in a national “Stop and Remember” observance. At the same time across the county on September 11th, 10 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time, the public is asked to take one minute to cease all regular activity and “Stop and Remember” the victims of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Locally, churches and Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriffs, and others are called on to ring bells and sound sirens as the nation offers a Moment of Remembrance.

For more information, call Duarte’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth, (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

CPUC Responds to Sen. Hernandez Letter on Duarte Concerns Over Construction of Massive Transmission Towers Near Homes

DUARTE, CA, August 25, 2011 – While the City of Duarte continues to pursue every avenue to secure relief and mitigation in regard to the impact on the community over Southern California Edison’s Tehachapi Transmission Project, the California Public Utilities Commission has once again dismissed Duarte concerns, this time in a response letter to State Senator Ed Hernandez (24th Senate District).

Senator Hernandez met with a group of concerned residents at the site of one of the towers on June 23, after having received numerous complaints from residents in Duarte concerning construction of the massive towers in close proximity to homes. The project was approved for construction by the CPUC. A portion of the project runs through a two-mile corridor in the City of Duarte. Towers over 200-feet have been erected between Tocino Dr. and Greenbank Ave., and at Hacienda Park. Another is under construction on east Sunnydale Dr., west of Brookridge. After meeting with the residents, Senator Hernandez sent a letter to request the CPUC send an official to inspect the tower placements and meet with residents.

Michael R. Peevey, president of the CPUC, in his response to Senator Hernandez, defended the CPUC approval of the SCE project, noting that approval was granted “following two and a half years of intensive review.”

Peevey wrote: “This review, which received considerable public scrutiny, included a thorough environmental analysis as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) where engineers and environmental specialists reviewed the project and its effects on the environment.” Peevey further stated in his response to Senator Hernandez:

“Included in this analysis was a robust public participation process with over 15 public meetings and/or open houses throughout the project area, including two in the city of Duarte. Public comments were received and given serious consideration in the decision-making process, when the project was approved.”

Duarte residents told Senator Hernandez that they felt misled by initial renderings of the project. Many were under the impression that Edison workers would only be adding height to the old towers at the original location, and were

shocked to see them moved closer to their homes. In one case, Edison erected a 200 foot high tower seven feet from a resident’s property line. There have been additional concerns expressed by homeowners, including the overall effect of the project of their property values and physical safety. After the project was re-designed, the closer proximity of the towers to homes has prompted objections to the towers as eyesores. Those homeowners closest to the towers have also voiced their fears over the potential risk of injury/and or property damage given that a known earthquake fault line runs underneath the new tower locations.

Regarding safety, Peevey responded: “both lattice structures and tubular steel poles are built to strict engineering standards and government codes and are designed to withstand severe ground movements. The transmission line does cross an earthquake fault line near Duarte, similar to many transmission lines in California. However, it crosses the fault line in a perpendicular fashion, rather than running along the fault line. This is the preferred engineering solution.”

To the request for a CPUC representative to visit the project area and meet with residents, Peevey responded:

“CPUC staff is quite familiar with the project. As part of the CEQA process, CPUC staff toured the project area many times and CPUC staff and its field monitors continue to visit the project area during construction. SCE has agreed to hold a meeting in Duarte to meet with residents and hear their concerns.” Peevey said the CPUC will send a representative to the meeting.

“Although the CPUC’s response is not what we hoped for, we are somewhat encouraged that they will participate in a meeting led by SCE with the residents. It will give our residents another opportunity to voice their very valid concerns over the size and placement of the towers. It is the CPUC’s job to listen and respond fully and respectfully to the public,” said Duarte City Manager, Darrell George.

For more information, contact the office of Senator Hernandez at (626) 430-2499, the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext 223, and for more information about the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), call (877) 795-8787 or visit www.sce.com/tehachapi.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 659 service events, resulting in 103 investigations. Following are the last week’s highlighted issues and events:

Driving Under the Influence Traffic Collision - Suspect Arrested

On August 13 at 12:46 a.m., a female driver in an SUV was traveling south on Mayflower when another female driver in a sedan pulled out in front of her in the 1300 block of South Mayflower. The driver of the SUV was unable to stop and struck the sedan. Her SUV drove over the front end of the sedan, she overcorrected, and then struck a wall under the freeway overpass. The SUV was occupied by a 12-year-old female and her mother. The child sustained a broken femur and the mother sustained a broken left foot; both were taken to a hospital for treatment. The driver of the sedan was determined to be under the influence and was arrested. She was also taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Residential Trespassing

On August 14 at 12:15 p.m., the owner of an apartment complex located in the 100 block of Montana discovered that one of the empty units at the complex is being used by what appears to be transients. The transients left evidence of possible identity and the investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery

On August 14 at 7:45 p.m., a stolen 1993 Nissan Altima was located at a hotel in the 700 block of West Huntington. The vehicle had been stolen out of Azusa on July 28. No suspect information is known. The owner responded and recovered the vehicle. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto

On August 14 at 8:25 p.m., a green, 1997 Honda was stolen from a carport area in the 400 block of West Duarte Road. The victim last saw the vehicle at 9:30 p.m. the previous night. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery

On August 15 at 8:20 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1600 block of Radford Place regarding a suspicious vehicle. The officer located the vehicle parked on the street. It was a reported stolen vehicle and it was unlocked and intact. The victim was notified and responded to recover the vehicle. The victim did not find anything missing from the vehicle. A witness reported seeing a male Hispanic, 25-30 years old, 5’10”, 200 pounds, with short hair and clean shaven. The subject drove the vehicle to the location and parked it. He then left the location in a Chevy Tahoe that had followed the stolen vehicle and was being driven by a female Hispanic, approximately 25-30 years old. The vehicle was returned to the victim and the investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On August 15 at 1:54 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of South California on the report of a vehicle burglary. The victim reported that her locked vehicle was broken into and her property was stolen.

Vehicle Versus Pedestrian Traffic Accident

On August 15 at 4:07 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of North Mayflower Avenue regarding a traffic accident. The incident involved a vehicle that struck a 77-year-old female pedestrian. The Monrovia Fire Department paramedics were on scene and readying the victim to be taken to a hospital. The driver of the vehicle was apparently backing up his van, using only his mirrors, and did not see the female victim and struck her. The female subject fell backward onto the roadway and hit her head on the street. The victim was taken to the hospital and was in critical care overnight. She passed away the next day.

Criminal Threats - Suspect Arrested

On August 15 at 8:09 p.m., police received a call reporting a disturbing subject at the skate park in the 800 block of East Olive. The caller reported that a male subject was threatening people and said he had a gun, which was not seen, but he repeatedly reached into his waistband. The subject left the area prior to the arrival of officers. The suspect was claiming that the subjects at the skate park had taken his wallet, which he believed he had lost there. A short time after the officers left the area, the subject returned and confronted three people

at the skate park. He pointed at them and threatened to shoot them. Officers responded and the suspect was positively identified by the victims, arrested, and charged for criminal threats. The suspect did not have a gun.

Attempt Burglary

On August 17 at 10:00 p.m., a resident in the 400 block of South Mayflower reported an attempted burglary. Sometime between August 16 and 17 an unknown suspect attempted to pry open the front door of the residence. There was no loss and the investigation is continuing.

No-Bail Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On August 17 at 1:04 p.m., an officer on patrol observed two suspicious subjects standing next to a vehicle in a parking lot in the 800 block of West Huntington and a third subject was crouching next to the vehicle. One of the standing subjects nudged the subject who was crouching down as if to alert him of police presence. The officer continued driving, but then went back to watch the three subjects. The officer believed the subjects were tampering with parked vehicles and detained them. Warrant checks revealed one of the subjects had two no-bail warrants for grand theft auto. He was arrested for the warrants. The other two subjects were identified and released.

Detective Bureau Case Follow-up: Identity Theft

On Tuesday, August 16, Monrovia detectives served a search warrant in the 200 block of West Palm on an identity theft suspect’s apartment. Detectives found evidence linking the suspect to the crime. Monrovia detectives also found evidence of three additional identity theft victims. The suspect was arrested and the handling detective is continuing his investigation by contacting the three additional victims. This case will be presented to the District Attorney’s office for filing considerations. The suspect will be facing a minimum of 10 identity theft allegations/charges. The investigation into the additional victims may produce even more allegations/charges of identity theft.

Residential Burglaries Committed While the Residents Were Tenting/Being Treated for Termites

On Thursday, August 18, Monrovia detectives served a search warrant at a public storage facility in Arcadia in connection with two burglaries. The investigation led the handling detective to believe that one of the suspected burglars had a storage space at this storage facility. The search warrant allows the detectives to enter the storage space and to obtain information and records from the office regarding this space. This investigation is still ongoing.

CHILD MOLESTATION SUSPECT CONVICTED

The suspect was arrested on December 15, 2009, for child molestation. The suspect, a registered sex offender, had allegedly molested his live-in stepdaughter repeatedly over an eight-year period, beginning when she was only 4 years of age. The case was assigned to a detective for further investigation and the District Attorney’s review. During the course of the detective’s investigation, he was able to locate a previous victim of the suspect, an ex-girlfriend’s daughter. She, too, was the victim of repeated sexual molestation by the suspect, which began when she was 6 years old. This case occurred in West Covina in 1995, while the suspect lived with the victim’s mother. Three felony charges were filed against the suspect for the Monrovia case by the Pasadena Superior Court and a jury trial began on August 10. On August 16, the case went to the jury, and in a short 60 minutes, they returned with a verdict: guilty on all counts. Each of the three counts holds a 25-year-to-life sentence, due to his prior felony sexual assault conviction.



PRESENTS

7th Annual Expo 50+ Living Healthy for LIFE

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Fannie M. Goodwin Educational Bldg.
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PUSD PREPARES FOR THE START OF THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

First Day of School is Wednesday, August 31

Pasadena, CA --- In anticipation of the arrival of students on Wednesday, August 31, administrators, teachers, facilities and clerical employees of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) are readying campuses, attendance and data systems, and instructional materials for the first day of the new school year. An estimated 18,690 students are expected to head to PUSD schools for the start of the 2011-2012 academic year. "I am pleased to welcome students, families and employees back to school, and look forward to working with them to prepare our students for the 21st century," said Superintendent Jon R. Gundry, who joined PUSD this summer. "In the year ahead, our focus will be on working together to raise student achievement consistently across the district."

According to the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), 82 percent of students passed both the English language arts and the mathematics portions of the test, up from 72 percent in 2007. The district's overall student dropout rate plummeted by 50 percent since 2007, according to the latest data from the state.

PUSD's overall student achievement rose at the secondary level and held steady at the elementary level, according to results of the 2011 STAR test released by the California Department of Education earlier this month. However, growth was inconsistent as some schools registered gains, others held steady, and some lost ground. District and school officials are now examining closely the factors that led to a decline in test scores as well as those that contributed to an increase in achievement.

The effects of sustained budget cuts to public schools will be more evident this year, as another \$6.69 million reduction is implemented. Some examples:

For the second consecutive year, PUSD's school year is shortened by two days. Students from Burbank and Loma Alta

Elementary will attend new schools this year because the campuses closed due to declining enrollment. Reduced custodian hours will impact daily maintenance of classrooms, schools and offices.

Administrative support for teachers new to the district, school or grade level as a result of layoffs and reassignments is cut. Clerical support at schools and district offices is reduced. Professional development for teachers and other staff is reduced. PUSD's summer school for students struggling in core academic areas was cancelled once again.

All employees are furloughed again this year. Among the programs and initiatives that will continue or are new this year:

The Energy Education program continues to decrease utility costs by promoting energy conservation in classrooms, schools, and offices.

Modifications to the district's food service program to improve nutrition and promote healthy habits include enhanced salad bars at all schools, the elimination of chocolate milk from school cafeterias, replacement of beef with ground turkey once the current inventory is depleted, and a revision of the district's wellness policy to ensure that on-campus fundraising sales of snacks and beverages meet the federal HealthierUS Schools Challenge. College & Career Pathways at high schools that connect classroom learning with real-world, project-based experience continues to prepare PUSD students for college and careers.

The therapeutic program for older special needs student at Focus Point/PALs continues to expand.

Attendance, dropout prevention and other grant-funded early intervention programs that have cut the student dropout rate by 50 percent continue.

The Response to Intervention (RtI) system of early, data-based, and progressively

intensive interventions for students who are at risk of failure is in initial stages in PUSD, with training in the behavior component of the system underway for school teams this year. The system addresses the needs of general and special education students to reduce suspension and discipline referral rates.

Grant-funded health programs continue to offer health services. As part of a city-wide public health program, PUSD's Health Clinic will offer free immunizations, including the Tdap or whooping cough booster now required for all incoming 7-12th grade students, on August 29-30.

To prepare students for the start of school, PUSD officials urge families to:

Update student immunizations with the student's regular medical provider. PUSD's Health Clinic, located at the Ed Center, will offer free immunizations on August 29 and 30. Read the school immunization requirements here.

By state law, all incoming 7-12th grade students must now show proof of having received the Tdap or whooping cough booster within 30 days of the start of school. Learn more about the Tdap requirement. Complete free and reduced price meal applications in advance. Contact PUSD's Food Services Department at (626) 396-5850 or click on the Parent Resources tab at www.pusd.us. Sign up for after school programs that offer academic support, enrichment and fun activities. Contact schools or the District's LEARNs office at (626) 396-3614 for more information.

Plan safe driving or walking routes to school. Check school drop off and pick-up rules.

Prepare comfortable school-appropriate clothing, including closed-toe shoes for play yard safety. Check with schools about uniforms since these can be a cost-effective option.

For more information about PUSD and its schools, visit www.pusd.us.



Come Sail Away

Being a senior is strange. Walking down the halls surrounded by mobs of freshman, I expect to see seniors from last year around every corner, talking to a teacher about college applications or graduation. But they are no longer there. I am the senior now, it is my turn to question teachers about essays and applications and graduation. It still hasn't hit me. Even as I see continuous Facebook postings about seniors going to college, pictures of their dorms, and new addresses I still feel like they are supposed to be here and complain to me. But weirdest of all is saying goodbye to friends for possibly the last time. Ever.

It happens. People come in and out of our lives daily, but saying goodbye to people because they are off to college is almost surreal. They have been here for so long, there for all types of memories and experiences, and then they leave and explore new horizons without you. I am happy for them, and I cannot wait until I will be leaving next year, but I feel like I should almost be going with them or them with me because we have been together for so long. But they have gone through their four years of high school and survived the entire headache that is the application process; the stress and nausea of choosing where to go and how, they deserve it.

So to all the teens heading off to college I wish you good luck and happy adventures, enjoy the time you have there, and keep this year's seniors in your prayers, for hopefully next year we will come and sail away with you.

BACKPACKS AND HOMEWORK AND FAIRLY TRADED LUNCHES

By Jan Gratton Wright

With the exception of Christmas, no season compels people to do quite as much shopping and planning as Back-to-School. By mid-August, most experienced parents have compared the sales at all the office and convenience stores and stocked up on folders, number 2 pencils and...is it wide ruled or college ruled notebook paper? Come the first day of school, there's a rush for the leftovers as all the newest school-aged parents are handed the classroom supply list from the teachers, which much to their surprise, includes facial tissue, copy paper, and antibacterial wipes.

Parents have so many things to think about at Back-to-School time: not only securing the school supplies but also filling out all the paper work for the school including Emergency forms, Release and Authorization to Use Student Image forms, and PTA Membership forms, to name a few. Why should sending a child to school be so complicated?

What if schools could streamline all of these lists and paperwork and could even offer a user-friendly website where forms could be filled out and submitted on-line? Some tech-savvy schools already have such a dreamy process in place, but if yours isn't one of them, you need an action plan so you can have some sense of order.

Elementary School Action Plan

If you are new to this stage in life and don't yet know your school's system, try to think of the Back-to-School season as "Back-to-Basics:" a backpack, a lunch box, a folder for homework, a wide-ruled notebook, one with perforated pages would be a plus, and a pencil pouch with pencils, eraser, and an erasable pen, should get you through the first few days.

Once you've got the student gear, you need to get the school communication organized. Start with the school calendar, transferring all of the important dates such as Open House, Conference Days, and "no school" days to your family or personal calendar. Have all school related phone numbers and emails handy in case of an emergency. Join the PTA and attend at least a few of the meetings. This is not only important for you to be connected, it's important for the school to have a high PTA membership rate, as this affects the school's rating in the district. Finally, meet with the teacher early in the year to establish a healthy collaborative relationship.

When you meet with the teacher, share about your family's routine, activities or commitments, and any health or learning issues previously identified. Next, if there are any unanswered questions regarding the grade level expectations or assignments, this is the time to ask for clarity. Also, if the topic of school-to-home communication

hasn't already been discussed, find out if you need to sign up to receive emails or automated phone calls so you will not miss any news of upcoming events or deadlines. The conference shouldn't take more than 15 minutes but will establish a strong collaboration between you and the teacher.

Middle and High School Action Plan

By now you have mastered the elementary school system, but even experienced parents can have that deer in the headlights look once they enter the world of middle school and high school complete with class periods, color coded gym clothes, and the switch to college-ruled notebooks. The basic supply list is a bit more elaborate than the before: backpack, lunch bag, gym clothes, locker shelf, notebooks, pencil pouch with pencils, erasers, pens, a highlighter, and probably a calculator. Binders can be tricky. Some teachers allow one binder with dividers to separate the subjects while others want a separate binder for each class. Best to check the official supply list before you make that purchase. Be sure to be choosy about the style of backpack. Make it one that will hold whatever your child will be carrying on a regular basis, such as a computer, band music, art supplies, or athletic gear-which most likely will require its own duffle bag.

Communication is still essential, even though the student is becoming more responsible for meeting his or her own requirements. Instead of having a conference with all six of your student's teachers set up a meeting with their counselor at least once a year. Ask questions about graduation requirements, scholarship opportunities, and advice on programs offered by the school or district that may be a good match for your child. Attend Back-to-School Night in order to meet the teachers and hear about their class's structure and requirements. Ask if the school has homework, grades, attendance information, and textbooks available on-line. Inquire about the school-to-home communication. It will probably be a daily email or a weekly-automated phone message that you will need to sign up for. And join the PTA, especially in these older grades. There are fewer bake sale and classroom grading or filing opportunities, but the schools need parent involvement in so many ways from fund raising to supporting clubs and athletics.

As New Years is a time of resolutions, Back-to-School is also a season of new beginnings, goals, and experiences. With a little planning and organization, it can be, as that classic Staples ad says, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," or at least accomplished without too many tears or "stomach aches."

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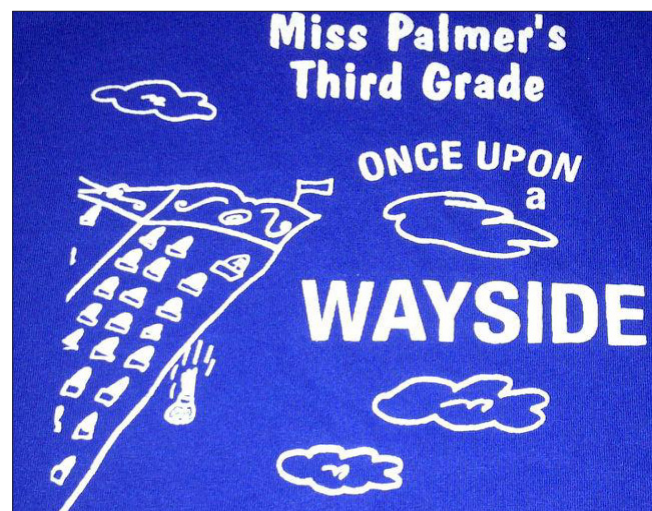
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Miss Palmer's 3rd Grade Class, 31 talented and creative students, have published a book! It is called, "Miss Palmer's Third Grade: Once Upon A Wayside" and it includes the work of each of the students in her class. We will publish the book in its entirety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

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

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

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

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

STUCK

by Annalee Longhurst

One day Allison was late for school. She hurried up the stairs and ran in the classroom.

"I'm here! I made it!", she said. Right as she entered the door, all of the kids were walking out. "Where are you going?", she asked.

"It is recess," said Rondi.

"I am not going down there again!", shouted Allison who was tired from running.

"Why?" asked Mrs. Jewels.

"I just rant up the stairs! Do you think I am going to do it again?"

"yes," said Mrs. Jewels.

"Well, I'm not!" replied Allison.

All of a sudden, Mr. Kidswater came on the loud speaker and announced that he had fixed the elevator to go up and down.

Allison screamed, "Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes! I don't know about you, but I'm going down the elevator!"

So Allison, Rondi, Leslie and DeeDee went on the elevator.

They got in the elevator and the doors shut. But nothing happened. The elevator just stood there.

"AAAAA! The elevator is not moving," said Rondi.

"I need to get out," shouted Allison.

"What are we going to do?" asked Leslie.

"I don't know," replied Allison.

The girls started to get worried. Then Louis came down to use the elevator to go to lunch. The door opened and all of the girls shouted, "Thank you."

Louis said, "You're ----but



the girls ran back to the classroom before he could finish.

Mrs. Jewels asked, "Where have you been?"

They all said that they were STUCK!

MYRON'S DAY

by Jeremiah Nealy

One day at lunch at Wayside School, Myron was in the cafeteria and was going to eat Mrs. Mush's food because he forgot his lunch at home. Unlike the other students, Myron liked Mrs. Mush's food. That's why he went straight to the cafeteria. Myron got some nasty pudding that looked like vomit.

Myron was sitting with Stephen and Calvin when he took his first bite of the pudding. Right away he vomited right back into his dish. The pudding already looked like vomit so Myron did not notice. When he went back for his sec-

ond bite, it tasted really bad but Myron didn't understand why. Stephen and Calvin were laughing so much they started to choke. After that, Myron never ate Mrs. Mush's food ever again.

RON

by Jahstus Travis II

One morning Ron wanted to play kickball with Paul and Mac. They said to kick the ball to us, so Ron kicked the ball. He got out.

When Ron got home that day he said, "I have to practice kicking higher."

So Ron went 3 miles and tried kicking the ball. Nothing changed. He looked at his feet and saw that they were not big. So he tried to stretch them out but he couldn't.

After Ron exercised more he went to school. At recess he played kickball and the first time he the ball in the air!!

THE NO BULLYING ZONE

by Elsj

What do I do if I am being bullied?

Elsje, I don't want to be bullied anymore. What do I do? Chris

Chris, **Everyone has a right to not be bullied!**

You **must** speak up for yourself if violence, bullying, or abuse is happening to you or if you see it happening to someone else. Wouldn't you hope someone would do the same for you?

For students, one way to stay shield yourself from bullies is to stay in groups with your friends when walking to and from school. If someone is trying to hurt you, say "No!" and try to get away. Always try to go where there are other people around. Bullies tend to be less likely to act out with a lot of people around.

If you are bullied you must tell someone. This may take a few tries, but do not give up until you find someone to help you. When abuse occurs, keep all evidence like text messages and emails as well as details such as dates, times, places, pictures, names, and etc. of each incidence.

People you can ask for help include parents, family members, teachers, school counselors, the principal, or the police. If you are unable to resolve the problem through school channels it is time to notify the police.



with the situation. Listen and support your child by getting the necessary help. And most importantly, do not give up.

Bullying, abuse, and violence are not ok at any age. Bullied adults can turn to family, clergy, counselors, and even the police for help. Bullying, violence, or abuse can become very serious and accelerate out of control incredibly quickly, and then can intensify even further with the presence of drugs or alcohol. Once again, do not give up, as you have a right to be safe and happy.

Do your part to stop the cycle of bullying and abuse.

Elsje is the founder of Tolerant Acts of Peace and Service, (T.A.P.S.) www.TAPSEdu.com an organization that addresses the multi-faceted problems and solutions to bullying in the school, workplace, and home through education and awareness. Email comments or questions to NBZ@mytaps.org

Once you have help, the bully can no longer hurt you or anyone else. This is not being a tattletale. This is doing something very important to make everyone safe. Never be afraid to tell or ask for help.

Parents, look for signs of depression or aggression as your child attempts to deal



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- all music and sound effects used in a film
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- _____ designer chooses actors' clothing
- writes the scripts - dialogue and movements
- used to film scenes from very high in the air
- raises funds, hires staff, and makes sure things run smoothly
- combination of a script and shooting directions
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Fest hours are from 5 PM to 1 AM on Friday,

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

September 16, 2011; noon to 1 AM on Saturday, September 17, 2011; and on Sunday. September 2011 from noon to 10 PM

The event, one of the oldest and largest of its kind in Los Angeles, costs \$5 and children under 12 years get in for free. Parking is \$4 per car at the main entrance of Holly and Huntington Drive at Santa Anita Park.

I spoke to Charlie Christodoulelis he told me "This event has always has been a draw for residents and visitors seeking a culturally diverse and fun event with a myriad of activities for the entire family. Come visit us and we will wine, dine and spoil you the Greek way!" Highlights of the weekend



will include live Greek entertainment from the Olympians including Milto Kranias from Athens and Kostas Skrepetos from NYC , authentic Greek cuisine and pastries, live cooking demonstrations, the Olympic Taverna Sports Bar & Cigar Lounge, Greek folk dancing, lectures about Greek history and religion, including a live wine chat with Yiannis Sfakianakis of Pavlidis Winery from Drama Greece, and a Kid's Fun Zone with carnival games, rides and prizes.

The Pasadena Greek Fest is an annual event which brings together thousands of visitors from the Greater Los Angeles area to a weekend pageantry celebrating all things Greek. Proceeds from the event benefit cultural, educational, athletic and community outreach programs run by Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church in Pasadena, CA. Event sponsors include Methodist Hospital and Santa Anita Park.

For ticket information or to obtain additional information regarding the event, call 626-600-10PA/ 626-600-1672 or visit the official website of the festival at www.pasadenagreekfest.org. Sounds good to me !! Please listen to my radio show on KABC Talk Radio every Sunday afternoon at 12 noon, plus tune in to Dining with Dills on Charter 101 at 7 PM

PACK A HEALTHIER LUNCH FOR SCHOOL

(NAPSI)—With children back at school, it's time to think about packing a healthy, nutritious lunchbox. Following the USDA's new "MyPlate" guide to healthier eating, ideally, half of the lunchbox should be fruits and vegetables, with the other half split between protein and whole grains.

Here are some tips to help pack a nutrient-dense lunchbox from culinary and nutrition experts at Whole Foods Market, the natural and organic grocer that has launched its Health Starts Here" program to help families find healthy food choices.

- Use fresh-sliced or dried pureed fruits instead of sweetened jelly—sliced apples, bananas and strawberries offer great nutrition and taste great paired with nut butters.
- Substitute avocado or hummus for mayo—avocado offers healthy fats naturally plus provides a creamy spread for sandwiches. Hummus provides protein.
- Add lots of fresh veggies—they pack more nutrients per calorie. The more color, the better.
- Use almond butter instead of peanut butter—it adds more protein with a twist to your sandwich.
- Always use whole grain breads or tortillas—wraps are a fun change of pace, especially when packed with veggies.
- Replace iceberg lettuce with dark, leafy greens like spinach or arugula as they pack more nutrients per bite.
- For crunch, add a homemade trail mix with dried fruits and raw nuts—a fun snack the kids will love.

Take a look at Whole Foods Market's "lunchbox



makeovers" and snacks that fuel the body and brain.

Nutrient-Dense Lunch Ideas:• Instead of a PB&J sandwich, chips, cookies and chocolate milk...

• Try a whole wheat tortilla wrap with almond or peanut butter, sliced strawberries and fruit-sweetened jelly, carrot sticks or sugar snap peas, homemade trail mix, and a bottle of water.

• Instead of mac & cheese, cheese puffs, applesauce and soda...

• Try hummus served with veggies and whole wheat pita, unsweetened applesauce or in-season fresh-cut fruit, and almond or soy milk.

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Opinion

SMOKING MARIJUANA IS A SURVIVAL ISSUE

It affects your mental and physical survival, and the integrity of your society

Christopher Nyerges

I was talking to a friend recently who told me that he was distressed about his children smoking marijuana. We got into a big discussion about life in the 60s and early 70s, and our own marijuana use. Marijuana today is not the same creature as back in the 60s.

Today it's stronger and more potent. I was shocked to hear that maybe 2/3 of today's high school students regularly smoke marijuana.

We had a long talk about the many issues surrounding marijuana: uses of hemp, so-called medical uses of marijuana, negative health effects of smoking marijuana, the Mexican drug cartels, etc. I have not written about this for a very long time, but I've wanted to because it disturbs me that people still think I smoke marijuana, and I don't. I still maintain: If you smoke marijuana, you're choosing to be an idiot.

What about "medical use" of marijuana? What a joke! I maintain that there is maybe one in a thousand "medical marijuana" users who have a legitimate need for the drug. I learned that the threshold is very weak to get a medical marijuana card. I can get one by claiming to be depressed and anxious about life, worried about the future, and feeling stressed that I don't make enough money. But so what? Who doesn't feel that way? I deal with my anxiety and stress with very hot baths, exercise, and meaningful social activities. Not with drugs. If marijuana were such a great medical drug, why aren't all the legitimate pharmacies carrying it? Why is it still restricted to the equivalent of medical head shops which experience a high rate of robberies and shootings?

I was told by a marijuana user "Alcohol is worse than marijuana and it's legal!" I agree that alcohol is worse. Alcohol damages nearly every organ of the body, affects the small intestines' ability to transport and absorb nutrients, disrupts the neural networks of the brain, etc. etc. And so what? That's not a reason to justify smoking marijuana.

Then I was told about all the great things that can be done with hemp, like making cloth shopping bags and baseball hats and shirts. OK, so go make your bags and shirts. Those who bring this up are merely bringing it up as a diversion. These are nearly always the folks who just want to get high, and want another justification. I doubt that even one of these pro-hemp fabric folks ever grows their own hemp, extracts the fibre, and creates anything useful.

I have often been reminded about what a great cash crop is marijuana. "It's good for the economy." It is sad that we have reduced *everything* to money. We should work towards the type of society that we want, and we should not seductively allow the

"need for money" to dominate our thinking and to override all other considerations.

I smoked marijuana for about a year a very long time ago in a previous lifetime. I wanted a sense of belonging to something special, and I wanted to meet girls. Yes, I did end up belonging to the losers' club while I was being very cool. I was so cool that I was constantly forgetful, always late, did poor in school, had constant coughing and breathing problems, and was never able to talk to girls when they were around. It made me anti-social. Yes, but I was so cool!

No one likes it when I bring this up, but if you're a marijuana smoker, chances are that you are directly or indirectly supporting all the killing and beheading that's going on in Mexico. The Americans' lust for drugs helps to drive the Mexican drug cartels' lust for money. Unless, of course, you grow your own.

I suppose I worry too much, but as I have gotten older, I want to be in full control of my faculties, as much as possible. "But," I was challenged, "you don't always want to be in control, do you? Don't you ever relax?"

Yes, I find many ways to relax without drugs, and yes, I do want to be in control, all the time. If I am not in control, something or someone else is. Marijuana, like alcohol-use and many other addictions, makes us like the podded people in "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

Yes, I know I am speaking for myself, but I feel I am already too retarded, too slow, too stupid. I don't need marijuana to make me even more slow and stupid.

When I realized that marijuana offers only a false promise of "coolness," I just quit and never smoked it again. I was accused by my friends at that time of not being cool, or being square, but I never let it bother me. So what if I'm not cool? Isn't it better to be able to think and to be able to breathe? So, besides quitting, I also had to find a new social family, which I did, eventually.

I lost nothing by rejecting the use of marijuana. The benefits of clear thinking and a healthy body have far outweighed any of the supposed "benefits" (intellectual or otherwise) that I might have had while smoking marijuana. Besides, after an hour or so, I quickly forgot all of my great marijuana insights anyway.

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As a result of this business expansion, Sally Morrison and Jeffrey Ingwolson, owners of Sierra Madre Books, will be **closing the bookstore in June 2011**. "We appreciate all the support we've received from our customers over the past few years, but are excited about our new venture. We look forward to continuing to be part of this community."

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: THE CHANGE UP

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 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

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

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 sugarcoted. 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.

Angel City Jazz Festival Young Artist Competition Winner, Larry Ka- rush Quintet Play at Jazz at LACMA September 23

Los Angeles, CA – August 24, 2011 – The acclaimed Angel City Jazz Festival continues its 2011 run with a FREE event at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art as part of their Jazz at LACMA Friday night series. The event will take place on Friday September 23 at 6:00pm and feature a set by the winner of the Angel City Jazz Festival Young Artist Competition and a set by the noted Larry Karush Quintet.

2011 is the debut year of the Angel City Jazz Young Artist Competition. All entered ensembles were composed of musicians between the ages of 15 and 24 years old, have at least one member currently enrolled in a high school, college, music academy or university in the greater Los Angeles area, consist of between 3 and 10 members, and compose, arrange and perform original music which features improvisation. The selected finalists River Keefer, the Connor McElwain Group, Shutz Vtet, and the Sears - Gurrola - Yokota Trio will perform before a panel of judges Thursday September 15 at Blue Whale jazz club in Little Tokyo at 123 Astronaut E S Onizuka Street starting at 8pm. The judges for the competition will be festival artists Dwight Trible & Larry Karush, festival producer and Cryptogramophone Label owner Jeff Gauthier, and club owner Joon Lee. This performance is open to the public and the cover is just \$5. The winning ensemble will receive a \$1000 prize, and perform at LACMA on September 23 as part of the Angel City Jazz Festival.

The Larry Karush Quintet, featuring two percussionists, drums and bass, performs Larry's jazz/world/new music improvisations. This program will feature his "Songs for the New City" and the L.A. premiere of the revised version of "The Wheel", originally commissioned by the City of Los Angeles through the LA Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information see <http://www.angel-cityjazz.com>. For press information please contact Susan von Seggern on susan@susansonseggern.com or 213-840-0077.



ABOUT THE ANGEL CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Angel City Arts proudly announces the lineup for the 2011 ANGEL CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL September 22 - October 2, 2011. The theme for the fourth annual festival is Global Jam, with artists representing eight countries at seven events in six venues throughout Los Angeles.

The festival venues include LACMA, RED-CAT (Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater), The John Anson Ford Amphitheatre, Zipper Hall, The Echoplex, and The Blue Whale. Some of the artists performing at the festival include Armenian pianist and Thelonius Monk competition winner Tigran Hamasyan, Indian saxophonist Rudresh Mahanthappa, the African ensemble Burkina Electric with percussionist Lukas Ligeti and special guest D.J. Spooky, Colombian harpist Edmar Castaneda, German vocalist Theo Bleckmann, French artists The Kandinsky Effect, the Australian trio The Necks, and a tribute to Art Ensemble of Chicago legend Roscoe Mitchell and a performance by his trio in celebration of his 71st birthday.

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"The end of the Gaddafi regime in Libya is a victory for the Libyan people and for the broader cause of freedom . . . but we regret that this success was so long in coming due to the failure of the United States to employ the full weight of our airpower."

- Statement from Sens. John McCain (R-AZ) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

"It's like, if anything good happens, I had nothing to do with it. But if anything bad happens, I must have stayed up all night planning it."

- President Bill Clinton

Blogger Steve Benen of the Washington Monthly observes that those accusing others of a "blame America first" propensity have themselves become part of a "thank America last" crowd.

Benen linked to a recent NY Times article which describes the 24/7 American surveillance on behalf of Libyan rebel and NATO forces, specifically the use of Predator drones to "detect, track, and occasionally fire at" government forces in advance of the assault on Tripoli.

For the past six months, the U.S. and NATO have flown 7,459 strike missions against thousands of Libyan targets. Using supplied technology, Libyan rebels identified targets and transmitted locations to the NATO targeting center in Italy.

For the past three months, the U.S. together with NATO and Libyan rebels have been preparing for this final assault by securing the defection of officers from the Libyan military and Gaddafi's personal guard, strategizing pincer attacks by forces to the West, and smuggling arms to civilians inside Tripoli.

Even as the assault began, U.S. Asst Secretary of State Jeff Feltman was in Benghazi, making arrangements for government transition and the delivery of medical and other humanitarian supplies. President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton have spoken with officials of the Transitional National Council.

As of this writing, there's still gunfire in Tripoli and Gaddafi remains in hiding, but over six million Libyans are celebrating the end of forty-plus years of dictatorship and the onset of freedom. And Sens. McCain and Graham are saying we should've bombed them more.

While others were pursuing a "long form" birth certificate in early May, President Obama was engaged in a pursuit of his own. He'd barely announced the killing of Osama bin Laden, though, when we were inundated by claims we owed that success not to presidential leadership and Seal Team Six, but to torture committed under President Bush. As Steve Benen put it in his recent blog, "When the fear of Obama getting some credit for success is stronger than the satisfaction that comes with a tyrant's fall, there's a problem."

Last March, Republican candidate Mitt Romney accused Obama of being "weak" for addressing Libya through the Arab League and the United Nations. At a debate in June, Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) expressed concern over "some reports" and asked, "What possible vital American interests could we have to empower Al Qaeda of North Africa and Libya?"

Former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) flatly declares, "this indecisive president had little to do with this triumph."

Among those who might disagree are the thousands who crowded the streets of Benghazi when word spread the rebels had entered Tripoli. Captured by an A.P. photographer, a large sign in the middle of the throng at the central square was headed "FANTASTIC 4", at the bottom the phrases (in English), "GOD BLESS YOU ALL" and "THANKS FOR ALL", across the middle portraits of Susan Rice, David Cameron, Nicolas Sarkozy and Barack Obama, and at the four corners the flags of Libya, Great Britain, France and the United States.

Susan Rice, our ambassador to the United Nations, early on pushed through Security Council sanctions imposing a no-fly zone, arms embargo and the freezing of Libyan assets. She made clear, "The message for Gaddafi and those closest to him is that history is not on their side. Time is not on their side. The pressure is mounting."

Sens. McCain and Graham predicted stalemate. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said NATO "won't bring much to the fight." Gingrich joined Rep. Bachmann in parroting Gaddafi's line that it's all about Al Qaeda. Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton warned we were setting ourselves up for "massive strategic failure."

As for ousting Gaddafi, former V.P. Dick Cheney worried, "It's not clear to me that this administration is up to the task." Sarah Palin wondered on Facebook, "Simply put, what are we doing there?"

President Obama made our goal clear from the outset; in addition to humanitarian aid and protecting civilians, it's to see "a Libya that allows its citizens to determine their own destiny."

That's a concept difficult for those on the other side to grasp; those for whom "regime change" is a matter of a superior military force imposing its will on a people we expect to be grateful, and out tossing flower petals as foreign tanks roll into their neighborhoods.

After nearly a decade of incalculable cost to our nation and our standing in the world, conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan remain unresolved with no foreseeable end. The architects and supporters of those disasters, though, have no hesitation in passing judgment on President Obama's leadership during the six-month conflict in Libya.

They won't accept that the gratitude and affection shown our president and European partners by the crowds in Benghazi was real; not a staged event like the toppling of the Saddam Hussein statue in Baghdad.

In Tunisia, Egypt and now Libya, we're witnessing an emerging confirmation of the words President Obama spoke in Cairo in June, 2009, that we "share common principles - principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings".

Two months after that speech, Sens. McCain and Graham made their own trip to North Africa, to meet with a foreign leader in his compound. Check out the handshaking and even a little bowing in the YouTube video, "Lieberman McCain Graham Meet With Gaddafi To Discuss Terrorist Release, BP Oil, And Weapons".

growth applies equally to other projects crucial for the public and funded by their tax dollars." In his motion, Antonovich said that rather than passing laws for special developer interests, the legislature should eliminate the State's cumbersome rules and regulations that create barriers to all economic development for public and non-profit facilities. "The environmental review process adds over a year to government construction projects that provide vital public services such as hospitals, libraries and schools," he said. "The construction of critical projects such as the High Desert Multispecialty Ambulatory Care Center (MACC) and the Martin Luther King Jr. MACC are routinely delayed due to state bureaucratic red tape."

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GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF JOBLESSNESS

There are 25 million Americans unemployed, and we've lost 900,000 full time jobs just in the last four months. Long-term unemployment is at a post-World War II high, and the president now says that the focus has to be on jobs and that he has a plan for creating lots of green jobs as part of his solution. But what if the president's environmental policies are actually part of the problem? What if the creation of every "green" job destroys a greater number of other jobs? That's exactly the conclusion that's being reached by serious analysts.

Europe has actually been ahead of the U.S. in the pursuit of a greener environment and thus more green jobs. The good news is that there is now enough data from those projects for us Americans to avoid the devastation that Europe's policies have caused. The most detailed study on this issue comes from the Verso Economics consulting firm. Their report, entitled "Worth The Candle?," demonstrates that Scotland's efforts to create renewable energy resulted in the loss of 4 jobs elsewhere in the economy for every 1 job that was created in the green economy. These results are not unique or isolated. The report's conclusions are similar to studies in Spain and other European countries which documented losses of 2 to 3 regular jobs for every green job created.

The Verso study points out that the economics of renewable energy just aren't favorable. The bottom line is that the cost of creating a unit of energy from renewable sources (wind and solar, primarily) are so high as to be unaffordable for industry and consumers. Let's look at a simple example. If it costs you \$1 to buy a unit of electricity generated by a traditional coal or oil energy facility but it costs you \$3 to buy it from a green source, you will have \$2 less in your pocket if you buy the green energy. That means you'll have \$2 less to spend on anything else. While your purchase of green energy will give a job to a worker in the green production facility, it will take away several jobs at the restaurant, grocery store, or clothing store that you would have visited if you hadn't spent the money on green energy.

The problem with diagnosing this is one of visibility. It's easy for the press to show up at the unveiling of a new green energy facility for obvious reasons. It's in one location, and the press will have received an invitation to the ceremony as part of the P.R. campaign. In no time at all, the "triumph" of green energy is splashed on our T.V. screens and across our newspapers.

What's harder to detect is the fact that the consumers of the green energy (the ones who lose the extra \$2) won't go to a store they would have visited. How can the press possibly show us what doesn't occur? There is a built in bias to seeing the job creation and missing the job destruction. But it exists nonetheless, and it typically takes

GREG Welborn



an economic analysis, like the Verso study, to document the devastating affects of so many environmental policies.

If the numbers in the Verso report, which covered the relatively small land mass of England/Scotland, are extrapolated to the overwhelmingly larger U.S., the president's promised 3 million new jobs from alternative energy will result in a loss of another 6.6 million jobs elsewhere. The net effect will be 3.6 fewer jobs. That's an awful lot of job losses for an economy that's already teetering with 25 million people looking for work.

Beyond those direct affects, though, lie the even more insidious and longer-term affects. If we're really going to adopt environmental policies that raise the cost of energy beyond the cost of what's available from traditional sources, and thus available in other countries not following our lead down the rabbit hole, you would naturally expect that businesses will decide to move their facilities out of the U.S. to these other countries. There will also be untold numbers of businesses that will decide not to open a new facility here, but will do so elsewhere.

The job losses from these decisions aren't easy to get back. Once a company moves a facility to another country, or builds one there, you can't convince them to return to the U.S. simply by voiding the renewable energy mandates. The investment in a new facility demands that the new facility be used for periods of 10, 15 or even 25+ years. The job losses associated with relocation are long-term losses that almost never come back.

The results in Europe have been so devastatingly clear that several countries in the EU have publicly indicated that they are abandoning the EU renewable energy targets. The Daily Mail summed up the situation by declaring the pursuit of renewable energy the "greatest scam of our age."

Despite the clear cut evidence of the stupidity of this pursuit, our Energy Secretary and Interior Secretary announced the fast tracking of offshore wind farms along the Northeast coast. I guess we'll soon be reading about the results of Obama's new focus on jobs.

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ENTREPRENEURS & INTRAPRENEURS COMMON PERSEVERANCE

by La Quetta M. Shamblee

A friend once asked me, "Do you know the difference between a bit shot and a little shot?" "A big shot is simply a little shot who wouldn't stop shooting. He was speaking about the tenacity that is common among those who aspire to be successful entrepreneurs. Every entrepreneur who has attained success has gone through a series of challenges, and in some instances, what others would consider failure. What distinguishes the entrepreneur is "how" they perceive and respond to these challenges.

They're always focused on solutions, not constantly focused on or rehashing the problem in front of them. For entrepreneurs, it's all about doing what's needed to make progress, how to get beyond, around or climb over the obstacle in order to reach the desired goal. Usually, it is the entrepreneur

who has assumed all or most of the risk, which translates into clear-cut accountability for everything that happens. Entrepreneurs don't have time for finger pointing, because they know that in the end, all fingers will point back to them. It is this perspective that results in resiliency and the ability to persevere and eventually *make it to the finish line* in the most trying of circumstances.

A lot has been written about "internal entrepreneurs" who apply their innovative approaches in their roles as employees, usually working for large corporations. Also referred to as "intrapreneurs," they are known for creating new opportunities within existing companies while having a simultaneous impact on the organization's culture.

Corporate icons like Lee Iacocca who introduced the Mustang to the market while working at Ford Motor Company, seem to share the same perspective as self-employed entrepreneurs who have started and build successful businesses from scratch. Iacocca stated, I have always found that if

I move with seventy-five percent or more of the facts that I usually never regret it. It's the guys who want to have everything perfect that drive you crazy." Welsh of General Electric who has been called "one of the greatest corporate leaders of this century." One of his quotes demonstrates a commonality among all true entrepreneurs, "I've learned that mistakes can often be as good a teacher as success."

Millions of pages have been written about the characteristics and traits common to successful entrepreneurs, but some of the most inspiring lessons can be learned from their personal expressions. Oil magnate and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937) was the country's first billionaire. His words mirror the sentiments that you will hear repeated in variations by modern day entrepreneurs. He said, "I do not think there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature."

ANTONOVICH MOVES TO BLOCK SPECIAL INTEREST LEGISLATION FOR DOWNTOWN STADIUM

County Mayor Says Similar Relief from Restrictive Environmental Regulations Should Be Extended to Hospitals, Libraries, Schools and Transportation Projects

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – A motion by County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich would oppose state legislation providing legal protections for a proposed football stadium in downtown Los Angeles, unless provisions are made to provide similar protection for critical public and non-profit facilities including hospitals, libraries, schools and transportation projects.

"State legislators should put vital projects like hospitals, libraries, schools and transportation projects on equal footing with football stadiums giving them the same protection from legal exposure," said Antonovich in a letter to state legislators. "The argument that a stadium needs special treatment because it will create jobs and spur local economic

CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR



Ron Carter

This is the first in a series of posts I plan on writing about Childhood Obesity. The epidemic, Childhood Obesity, is hindering the healthy lives of millions of American children. The First Lady, Michelle Obama, has launched a campaign to combat the epidemic. Mrs. Obama hopes one of her legacies will be her work in reducing childhood obesity, an effort she already has begun by planting the White House garden and joining in physical activities with children.

The issue – who decides what our children eat – with its rancor political tone has created a predicament for health officials, because of the powerful corporations and lawmakers who are involved in debating what's healthy for American children. "Government statistics showed about 32% of children and adolescents are obese or overweight. Almost 20% of children ages 6 to 11 and 18% of those ages 12 to 19 are obese. Such children are at a greater risk for weight-related

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

health problems such as high cholesterol and diabetes, and they have an increased chance of becoming obese adults."

If we don't arrest the Childhood Obesity epidemic in America, who is going to become the country's future soldiers, police officers, construction workers and firemen? These careers require the individuals who are accepted to work in them to be physically fit and healthy. The vigorous campaign must begin with parents preparing healthy meals for their children; encouraging the children to exercise (take a break from sitting at their computers for long hours) and knowing the obesity facts. Elementary and high schools administrators must also do their part to provide more nutritious food in their cafeterias and vending machines.

We must train our children and ourselves to eat healthy. High schools such as Hollywood High School in Los Angeles, California is leading the way by banning all junk foods out of the school's vending machines. In the meanwhile, the debate for our children's health continues.

PORTANTINO REQUEST STATE AUDIT OF CALTRANS PROPERTIES ALONG THE 710 FREEWAY CORRIDOR

Sacramento - The Joint Legislative Audit Committee today agreed to investigate Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's request for an audit on serious charges of overcharging and repair work in state-owned properties along the 710 Freeway corridor. Portantino requested the audit into how Caltrans has managed state properties along the 710 Freeway right-of-way in the Pasadena area, after a newspaper reported finding roof repairs costing "four to five times what most homeowners

could expect to pay for a new roof".

"We're going to get to the bottom of this," stated Assemblymember Portantino. "I asked for this audit to see if there are overcharges or even fraud in how the State is handling the hundreds of properties they control along the 710 corridor. We need to identify the problem and solve it. This is taxpayer money we're talking about. I was very alarmed when the LA Times reported that the state Department of Trans

portation was paying outrageous amounts of money for repairs and maintenance, especially since many of these homes have been empty for years and may be torn down in the future. The State Auditor has laid out a comprehensive audit which would shed sunshine on how these properties are managed and whether or not the expenditures and repairs are appropriate."

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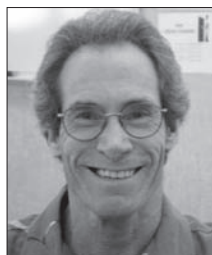
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



What does it mean to be a progressive?

A friend sent this and I thought I'd share it with you. It's beautifully written and is the best explanation I've ever read of just what it means to be a progressive.

"Being a Progressive means that I believe on social progress, I think we the people should recognize a goal and work towards achieving it, and I think that goal should be first the survival, and then the prosperity of the largest percentage of the human population possible.

"We believe we have a moral responsibility to humanity as a whole. It's basically the same thing most religions teach, we are our brother's keepers. But we believe that government as the primary institution of human organization should actively promote that ideal. We believe in using human genius and human industry to ensure human survival. Where conservatives seek prosperity for the individual, we would prefer less personal gain and more prosperity for all.

"Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt and FDR are the most successful progressives most people are familiar with: Lincoln ended the inhumanity to man we committed with slavery, TR saw economic inhumanity in the corporations and trusts he broke up, and FDR battled it in the form of poverty. LBJ was also a successful progressive, that is, until he lost his way in Vietnam.

"Henry Ford was a progressive in his business practices, probably the most successful progressive capitalist in history. When Henry began to succeed, rather than pocketing the profits of his success he shared it with his employees. He paid them two and sometimes three times what other auto companies were paying, and by doing so he created a successful middle class that could afford to be his customers. He also created in the process a workforce that was committed to the success of the company, because they knew its success would ensure theirs. From a progressive point of view, that's the major flaw in today's industry. When employees know they are considered a disposable commodity, they have little incentive to give their all, the company makes no commitment to them, so they make none to it.

"A purely progressive company would not pay hourly wages, it would instead base its pay on

company performance. Profit sharing. It would recognize that a corporation is a machine, with each part necessary for success.

"All western powers used a similar ideal of mutual commitment to become the economic powerhouses we are. The rule in our economies was that you would work for the same company for your entire career and because of that the success of the company was the focus of the worker. We did it after WWII, and we kicked some serious economic ass. War torn Japan adopted the idea, and after a few decades of rebuilding the damage to their infrastructure from the war they exploded into the world economy as we shifted our focus to personal success and began to decline.

"Mutual commitment and a common goal of success are the pillars of industrial progress, but in an economy where employees have become disposable and live in constant fear of being downsized or outsourced for a few dollars of corporate profit, corporations make themselves irrelevant to personal success. When that happens, you get workers who are there to spend the hours on the clock instead of to do the job, because their success is irrelevant to the company, the company's success becomes irrelevant to them.

"Our founders spoke a lot about human dignity, which is the ability to look in the mirror and see something of decency and value. That becomes harder and harder to do when the reality of the world is that your future, regardless of how hard you work or how many ideas you come up with, can be destroyed when some corporate raider buys in, fires you and your co-workers, and walks away with the value you, and in some cases generations of workers, have created for that company.

"Such a system makes the ability to be unfair to large groups of people a successful strategy, and successful strategies will be repeated whether it is the perceived success of pimps and drug dealers in the "hood" being repeated by the kids who see them or the more destructive perceived success of the corporate raider in the boardroom. I say "perceived" success, because both have become wealthy, but both have done so by the work and honest effort of others, both are in reality parasites. One of them is just easier to recognize for what they are than the other."

Right on!



OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column

Finding a cure for textaholics

Rev. James L. Snyder

Recently, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly upgraded our lives with cell phones. Up to this time, I just assumed the cell phone

was what a prisoner used..

My wife and I drug our feet for a long time until we finally took the plunge. Both of us finally went to the cell phone store and signed up for cell phone service. She picked out a phone for her and then picked up another phone and turned to me and said, "I think this will suit you."

I learned long ago that when my wife is "thinking," I should not interrupt the phenomenon.

I must say she did not hog the whole experience of purchasing cell phones. She rather graciously allowed me to pull out my checkbook and write a check for our cell phone service. I wrote that check and signed it with a smile not knowing what I was really doing.

I have found not knowing what I am doing really is a very peaceful part of my life. There is no stress when you do not know what you are doing. However, when you have some idea what you are doing, then comes the stress. I must admit, most of my life is stress free.

Now, that we have upgraded our lifestyle, life has become rather easy for us.

I really did not know how the simple act of signing up for cell phone service would so drastically change our life. There is something with our service called texting. I have heard of this of course, but I had no idea what it was all about. But I was shortly to discover the bliss of the world of texting.

Not long after we purchased our cell phone service we were at a restaurant celebrating our wedding anniversary. Yes sir, 40 years ago we tied the knot and we have had a wonderful time together. Oh sure, there have been those "knotty" situations, but overall everything has held together. That sure was a tight knot we tied back in the day.

We were celebrating at a certain restaurant and my wife needed to go to the lady's room for whatever ladies do in the lady's room. While she was gone, the waitress came to take our drink order. Even though I have been blissfully married for 40 years, I never take it on my own to make decisions for my better half. I have not had enough practice making decisions for my half. So, when the waitress asked for her drink order I did not quite know what she wanted.

Then it dawned on me. I will text her. After all, isn't that why we got this cell phone service in the first place? So I text her and ask her what she wanted me to order her for her drink.

Within a very short time, my cell phone buzzed and I looked at her text. "Coffee."

I looked at the waitress who was looking rather strangely at me, and said to her, "My wife will have coffee."

This was just the beginning of the textualization of our formal blissful relationship. We really do not have to talk anymore; we can just text each other, which cuts down on the shouting.

Just the other night I was sitting in my easy chair reading a book and a text message came on my cell phone. I picked it up and looked at the text message and it said, "Can you come to the bedroom immediately." Not knowing what opportunities awaited I rushed into the bedroom.

There my wife was on one side of the bed and said to me, "Help me turn this mattress over."

We were at the mall together and we usually go to different stores. My cell phone rang and a text message came, "Where are you?"

I immediately text back, "Right behind you."

A text message returned quickly saying, "Oh, I thought you were lost."

"No," I fast text back to her, "but it can be arranged."

I am neither a psychiatrist nor a psychologist but I think my wife has become intoxicated by this new technology.

I said to her once, "Lay down the cell phone and nobody will get hurt."

She quickly text me and said, "Touch my cell phone and you die."

I'm not sure if there is a rehab center for textaholics yet, but I know someone who should go there. Wait a minute... I have a text coming in.

"What do you want for supper? Meatloaf or fried chicken?"

"Fried chicken is fine with me," I text back.

Now, where was I? Ah yes, a rehab center for textaholics. Wait a minute... I have another text coming in.

"Can you pick up a quart of milk at the store?"

"Okay."

Yes, a rehab center for textaholics. If anybody knows one you can text me with the information.

But then again, maybe being addicted to texting isn't all that bad. After all, it facilitates keeping in touch with someone without actually having to talk to them. That can't be all bad.

It still does not trump God's ability to keep in touch with us. I like what the prophet says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24 KJV).

I think God has texting beat, thumbs down.

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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



THE UNCAUSED CAUSER WHO IS TO BLAME?

The debate continues to rage. Who is to blame for all this? For all what?—

for all this. There is a segment of the population that believes, more than believes - is certain that this whole world, this whole Universe or even Universes, was created by somebody or something outside of the Universe. Another segment of the population is equally adamant in proclaiming that everything - and they mean everything - is explainable in terms of natural laws, some of which have been discovered while other laws are still lurking out there operating independent of discovery. Neither of these positions is provable at this time. In fact, as far as I can tell, neither position is ultimately provable, because no matter what laws science uncovers, the other side, (let's call them Creationists) will counter by asking "Right, and who do you think created these laws?"

This debate is not just dismissible, it's just as unimportant as undergraduate questioning which takes place as roommates chatter about free will while waiting for the pizza to be delivered. Is it really helpful for me, fifty years later, obsessively to study (or attempt to study) these questions?. Does this attempt at study make me a better person, whatever 'better' means? Maybe it follows that individuals who understand the mechanics of an automobile are better drivers than people like me, who understand little of auto maintenance beyond putting gas in the tank and taking the car to the repair shop when dashboard lights flash or steam starts to rise. Unfortunately, this rather mundane awareness connects to my realization that if I am unable to understand how a car functions, how can I expect myself to understand the laws of the Universe or the possible existence of the Great Designer beyond these laws?

If you're still with me, the next couple of questions are obvious. Do I have a choice in the matter? And, next, who is this "I" character anyway? First things first. FREE WILL- Am I free to choose? Can I make any decision independent of my own particular biology that compels me to do whatever it is that I do?

I know this is kind of fuzzy and vague but for me questions about the nature of the "I" are part and parcel of questions

about the existence of God. I certainly experience the existence of the "I". I think I exist, I think I make decisions and am the driver of my own vehicle of life. Unfortunately, my experience is that this "I" character, my own conscious awareness has little to do with what I actually notice myself doing. My actual experience is that my conscious awareness is often last to understand my own motivation and to be able to predict what I am going to do. This whole question is discussed in David Eagleman's book, INCOGNITO, The Secret Lives of the Brain.

Eagleman disturbingly explains with appropriate scientific foundation, that what is taken to be conscious awareness is in actuality the end results of conflicts between rival physical locations existing within our brains. Eventually a point of agreement is reached and only at that point does the result reach our conscious awareness. Generally we are already doing what we are doing before we are even aware of it. As unsatisfying as this explanation is, that is the present up to date scientific explanation of individual experience of the "I". No ghost in the machine; it is all a vastly complex, interconnected neural network that is not, in itself, driven by other parts of the network. Contrary to our own experience of a kind of unified and separate "I", there really is nothing else there.

I know this is an unsatisfying explanation but now let's take it to the next step. If there is nothing within a physical human being but actual physical interconnectedness I'm afraid that it follows, at least for me, that it is highly probable that there is nothing more or less to the Universe than a complex physical interconnectedness. In their book, The Grand Design, Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodonow speculate upon how something can come from nothing. Included in the book is Einstein's playful question Did God have any choice when he created the Universe?

Oh, that Einstein! One is left with the realization that there is nothing more or less than the Universe or multi-verse which is (or are) self-created.. So if that's true then who is to blame—the universe(s) is (are) to blame for itself, obviously.... AND if you find that answer unsatisfying then.....ASK GOD (or Gods)

You see it is all connected in a very disconnected way. Just do your best, which is what "I" am attempting to do.

RICH Johnson GOOD FIRST IMPRESSIONS



Good impressions are a marvelous thing. Rich Little does good impressions, but those aren't the kind I'm talking about. I'm talking about those little special pluses you can do to make people associate you with pleasant thoughts or memories. Take "yummy" for example. If you have been invited to a party involving food and are expected to bring something, here are a couple of suggestions to

knock people's socks off.

If you are planning to bring something sweet like cookies, cupcakes, or cakes, let Connie at Oven Lovin' do the baking. I received a coffee cake that had been prepared by her and, well let's just say if she weren't happily married... Call Connie at (626) 676-0276. P. S. I met Connie at Mary's Market, who happens to serve the best tuna sandwich I have ever had.

If you are looking for savory appetizers and want to be remembered in a positive light, I have three suggestions from two restaurants. First, bacon wrapped shrimp and/or mini chimichangas from Fresco's. Call Oscar at (626) 351-0388.

Cheese boureg is a slice of heaven made of two kinds of cheeses, parsley, and green onions fried in a philo dough. Also, if you want yummy and healthy, order the hummus dip. It's made of garbanzo beans, garlic salt, lemon, and tahini sauce (from sesame seeds). Add a drop of olive oil on top and you are styling. Call Corfu at (626) 355-5993.

Good impressions are really important in hospital settings. And my Scottish friend, Bob Matheson forwarded me actual secretarial medical record entries from a hospital in Glasgow, Scotland that don't leave a good first impression. Here we go:

1. The patient has no previous history of suicide.
2. Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
3. Patients medical history has been remarkable insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
4. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
5. On the 2nd day the knee was better - the 3rd day it disappeared.
6. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
7. Patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
8. Discharge status: Alive, but without my permission.
9. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
10. She is numb from her toes down.
11. While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
12. The skin was moist and dry.
13. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
14. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
15. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
16. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
17. Skin: somewhat pale, but present.
18. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
19. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
20. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
21. By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.
22. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.

Possibly not a good first impression of medical care in Scotland. Have a good week my friends. It will be particularly good to parents who, if not already, will be shuffling their student children off to school. Vacation will then really begin for the parents. Yay!

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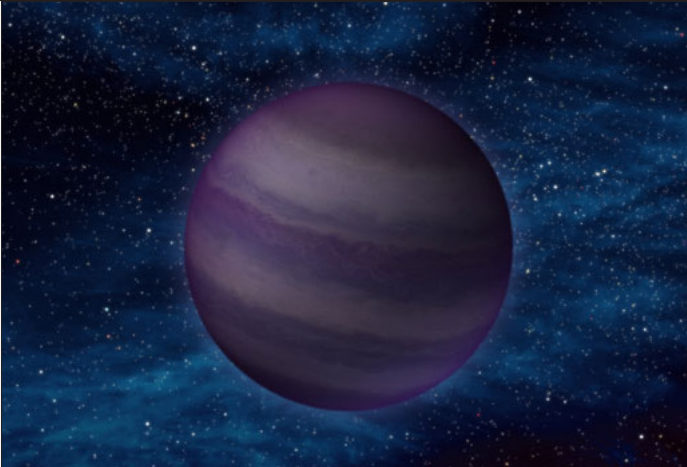
Scientists using data from NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) space telescope have discovered the coldest class of star-like bodies, with temperatures as cool as the human body.

Astronomers hunted these dark orbs, termed Y dwarfs, for more than a decade without success. When viewed with a visible-light telescope, they are nearly impossible to see. WISE's infrared vision allowed the telescope to finally spot the faint glow of six Y dwarfs relatively close to our Sun, within a distance of about 40 light-years.

"WISE scanned the entire sky for these and other objects, and was able to spot their feeble light with its highly sensitive infrared vision," said Jon Morse, Astrophysics Division director at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "They are 5,000 times brighter at the longer infrared wavelengths WISE observed from space than those observable from the ground."

The Y's are the coldest members of the brown dwarf family. Brown dwarfs are sometimes referred to as "failed" stars. They are too low in mass to fuse atoms at their cores and thus don't burn with the fires that keep stars like our Sun shining steadily for billions of years. Instead, these objects cool and fade with time, until what little light they do emit is at infrared wavelengths.

Astronomers study brown dwarfs to better understand how stars form and understand the atmospheres of planets beyond our solar system. The atmospheres of brown dwarfs are similar to those of gas giant planets like Jupiter, but they are easier to observe because they are alone in space, away from the blinding



This artist's conception illustrates what a "Y dwarf" might look like. Y dwarfs are the coldest star-like bodies known, with temperatures that can be even cooler than the human body. NASA/JPL-Caltech

light of a parent star.

So far, WISE data has revealed 100 new brown dwarfs. More discoveries are expected as scientists continue to examine the enormous quantity of data from WISE. The telescope performed the most advanced survey of the sky at infrared wavelengths to date, from Jan. 2010 to Feb. 2011, scanning the entire sky about

1.5 times.

Of the 100 brown dwarfs, six are classified as cool Y's. One of the Y dwarfs, called WISE 1828+2650, is the record holder for the coldest brown dwarf—with an estimated atmospheric temperature cooler than room temperature, or less than 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

"The brown dwarfs we were turning up before this discovery were more like the temperature of your oven," said Davy Kirkpatrick, a WISE science team member at Caltech's Infrared Processing and Analysis Center. "With the discovery of Y dwarfs, we've moved out of the kitchen and into the cooler parts of the house."

Kirkpatrick is lead author of a paper appearing in the *Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*, describing the 100 confirmed brown dwarfs. Michael Cushing, a WISE team member at JPL, is lead author of a paper describing the Y dwarfs in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

The Y dwarfs are in our Sun's neighborhood, from about nine to 40 light-years away. The Y dwarf nine light-years away, WISE 1541-2250, may become the seventh closest star system, bumping Ross 154 back to eighth. By comparison, the star closest to our solar system, Proxima Centauri, is about four light-years away.

"Finding brown dwarfs near our Sun is like discovering there's a hidden house on your block that you didn't know about," Cushing said. "It's thrilling to me to know we've got neighbors out there yet to be discovered. With WISE, we may even find a brown dwarf closer to us than our closest known star."

JPL manages WISE for NASA's Science Mission Directorate. The principal investigator is Edward Wright of UCLA.

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Ask jai.....

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

Q: I think I have posted my resume on every career board and job site that exists over the past year and have not received any good responses. People are telling me that the jobs listed on these sites are usually filled or non-existent. Where are the jobs and how do I get one? Peter

Dear Peter:

Only a small percentage of businesses list or advertise their positions on the internet or job boards. However, there is an alternative source for you to seek employment or a "bridge" until you find your ideal position. Register with staffing and temporary agencies. Most companies, especially small businesses do not advertise their positions, this is because they do not have the staff or budget to search, screen and review candidates. These companies totally depend on word of mouth, employee referrals, or contract with a staffing agency to find them employees. A staffing agency provides a pool of candidates and works on behalf of the employer to fill temporary and occasionally full-time positions. They will search and resource companies for positions that will never be publicly advertised. The agency will assist the

company in screening, interviewing, recommending and usually placing candidates directly in their open positions. These types of positions could last 3-6 weeks or 3-6 months and sometimes longer. Employers occasionally use agencies to "test" out a candidate for their positions. I like to call this the "courtship period". The candidate and employer have a period of time to find out if they "like" each other. During this "courtship" time the candidate can learn and decide if they like the job and the employer. The employer will also evaluate and assess if the candidate is a good fit for them. This also allows for a "clean break" for the employer and candidate at the end of a project or if a decision has been made that it is not working out. The agency will then search for another position for you, the job seeker. Working with an agency is great for people who want the opportunity to work at different companies, meet people, like a challenge, and a change in responsibilities and duties. It is relatively easy to find and register with a staffing or temporary agency. As always, do your research. Search on-line and register. Or check them out by visiting their offices and

meeting with a representative before your register. Look for agencies in your local and regional area. Register with agencies that focus on your area of expertise, skills and industry. Find and register only with agencies that have been in business for many years. Contact employers and ask them which agencies they use for staffing. Sign-up with more than 10 agencies to increase and broaden your chances, options and opportunities to find employment. Do not register with an agency that charges you a fee for their services. A reputable staffing agency will always be compensated by the employer. Working with a staffing or temporary agency is a great alternative if you are not having any success at finding the job you want. It is a good alternative and opportunity to bridge your economic and unemployment situation until you find that ideal position.

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CLASSICAL FOR THE CANINE

Happy Tails

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It is a well-known fact that music can play a major part in altering the mood of the human being. When I am feeling a little low on the energy level and I need a boost, all I have to do is tune in to one of my favorite rock and roll or bluegrass channels on Pandora, let it play away, and before I know it I am up and about, dancing in my living room and cleaning my house like a white tornado! On the other hand, if I am feeling a little stressed or edgy after a hard day of walking dogs in the heat, I turn to my best baroque buddies, Chopin and Mozart to calm my nerves and settle my soul by serenading me with beautiful sonnets on the piano, clarinet and violin. Music inspires me in so many ways, but what does music do, if anything, for a dog?

Numerous research studies have been conducted over the years, to determine how sounds might effect the behavior of the canine. Among the more scientifically important research studies is one that was performed by Belfast-based psychologist and animal behaviorist, Dr. Deborah Wells, in 2002. Dr. Wells undertook a research program to determine the influence of five types of auditory stimulation on the dog: human conversation, classical music, heavy metal music, pop music, and a silent control (no music at all). The results of Dr. Wells' study clearly indicated that classical music had a marked soothing effect on dogs in animal shelters when compared to the other types of auditory stimulation. In the discussion section of her published research, Dr. Wells stated, "Classical music resulted in dogs spending more of their time resting than any of the other experimental conditions of auditory stimulation. This type of music also resulted in a significantly lower level of barking. Research suggests that calming music may

have a beneficial effect on humans, resulting in diminished agitation, improved mood and lower levels of stress. Although the specific effect of classical music on dogs remains unknown, the findings from this study suggests that it may, as in humans, have a calming influence."

She also observed that heavy metal music tended to agitate the dogs, which was mainly manifested by increased frequencies of standing, fretting and barking. Upon completion of the project, Dr. Wells stated, "Further work is still required to unravel the specific acoustic elements that dogs respond to."

Dr. Wells' research results inspired a small group of American scientists & musicians to embark on a subsequent study of their own. Their mission was to take bioacoustics research to a higher level, where no man had gone before. In 2005, neurologist Susan Wagner initiated and directed the Bioacoustics Research & Development (BARD) project, and working closely with her associates Joshua Leeds (sound researcher) and Lisa Spector (concert pianist), she came up with some very interesting and enlightening results which she and Lisa Spector later documented in a book entitled *Through a Dog's Ear*.

Sound is a complex phenomenon, consisting of energy waves, the speed of which are measured in units called hertz (one wave cycle per second). The normal range of sound heard by the human is about 20-20,000 Hz. Although audible frequencies varies from one species to another, we know that most animals have a much higher range of perception than that of the human, and dogs can receive up to at least 50,000 Hz. Volume or loudness of sound is measured in decibels (dB). A whisper is measured at a range of about 30 dB's and a normal conversation occurs at about 50 dB's, while the average rock concert

is measured in at around 130.

Perception of sound is what we call hearing. Dr. Wagner refers to the hearing side of sound as the science of psychoacoustics, which involves an individual's psychological and physical orienting response to incoming Hz frequencies. In lay terms, it is the way one perceives what one hears, both biologically and mentally (and perhaps even spiritually). Although I prefer to refrain from using technical terminology in this "light-reading" weekly column, I describe these terms to help explain the overall point I wish to emphasize, which is the positive impact that calming, classical music can have on animals - particularly dogs.

Interestingly enough, the final outcome and end results of Dr. Wagner's 2005 study on how sounds affect the behavior of the dog, re-confirmed the findings of Dr. Wells' research project back in 2002. In short, because of physical sound receptors and ability to interpret what is heard, a dog's response to sound is much like that of a human, but perhaps more intense. Therefore, because of the way a dog hears and responds to sound, it is safe to assume that classical music is an excellent choice to bring relaxation and rest to our canine companions.

Not that it took a scientific study to prove that point to me. I see the results in my own home on a regular basis when Tater goes from baying at the leaf blowing landscaper across the wash, to laying still on her pillow on the porch in a moment's time, when I tune in to Bach or Beethoven on Pandora. Still, it is nice to know that even scientists will agree that canines do love their classical music, and I think it says a lot for those early European music-making maniacs as well! Who doesn't want to be loved by a dog?

On Line By PJ Carpenter 'TWO' MANY GOOD-BYES

This week online news saw the resignation of two prominent figures in the world of all-things-computer. Steve Jobs made headlines around the world when he announced that he was stepping down as the CEO of Apple due to his continuing battles with health issues. It's been reported that he will continue to be involved with the company as Chairman of the Board but the day-to-day operations of the company will be handled by newly-named CEO Tim Cook, who has manned the helm several times during leaves of absences taken by Steve Jobs.

It should be beyond argument the significant impact that Apple has had on the world of computing, and more specifically, the world of personal computing. Steve Jobs directed the show at Apple during some of the company's most dynamic periods of growth and innovation and he was also responsible for some of the company's worst product releases – see Apple Lisa, the Cube and Apple TV – but that's par

for the course when your mission is to push the envelope. Although this will be the second time that Jobs has left Apple, in light of health issues that probably played a role in the decision to step down, the announcement has a ring of finality to it. Friend and Foe alike will miss what Steve brought to the table.

The other prominent figure to call it a day doesn't have the name recognition that Jobs does, and in truth I only found out his real name while reading of the announcement myself, but the news of his moving on shook the online tech world nonetheless. The person I'm speaking of is Rob Malda, better known as "CmdrTaco", Founder and Editor of Slashdot (<http://slashdot.org>). The banner for the site reads "News for Nerds. Stuff that Matters". A fitting welcome message, indeed.

Slashdot is a discussion site, meeting place and information site for cutting edge technical issues and other topics of discussion from a nerd's perspective. From CmdrTaco's own words – "Slashdot has

been read by kernel engineers and billionaires; By sys-admins and CEOs; by high school kids and government bureaucrats. But what brings so many of them together is that we are nerds."

Founded in 1997, Slashdot filled a niche that no one knew existed - until Slashdot filled it. I've visited the site daily since I found out about it in 1998 and I'm hardly alone in my devotion. In fact, the upsurge in web traffic to a site after having a story about that site appear has come to be known as being "slashdotted", meaning the site has become slow or unresponsive from the excessive linking to the story from Slashdot. In the days of the late 90's/early 2000's internet, getting "slashdotted" meant having your site crash from the overwhelming traffic load and new-found attention from the nerd crowd. Slashdot is the fruit of a simple idea that has served a finicky demographic and served it well.

Thanks, CmdrTaco. You will be missed.

KATIE Tse.....This and That KATHY & BONITO, PART I



I was strolling down Baldwin the other day when I saw a

"Found parrot" sign. While it's always cheerier posting a found pet sign than lost one, acquiring animals doesn't come without its own challenges. A good illustration of this is the account of Bonito, a parrot my mom's friend (we'll call her Kathy) discovered in Montebello several years ago. To do her justice, any story involving Kathy must include a description of her. Kathy isn't an "odd" person, she is just a person to whom odd things happen. Similar to being lucky, accident-prone, or handy, Kathy attracts oddness. So rich are Kathy's stories that I might do a whole series of her tales. But I digress.

One day Kathy was driving in Montebello with her sick puppy in the back seat (see, a Kathy story can't even start normal). Suddenly a parrot flew in front of her car, narrowly missing it, and landed on the sidewalk. The magnetism emitted by a victim of oddness must've attracted him. As she tried to pick up the bird, obviously an escaped pet, it clamped onto her hand in that soft part between the thumb and first finger and wouldn't let go. (She had two V-shaped welts for a while.) With nothing in the car except the LA Times and a sick puppy, she wrapped up the parrot in newspaper like

a thrashing burrito. Back in the car, she stuck the bird under her left arm, where he continued to tear through the newspaper while she drove (aren't there some major arteries in your armpit?).

Back in placid Sierra Madre, my mom gets a frantic call from Kathy asking her to meet her somewhere to take this bird. My parents and I are "bird people", in the sense that we've nursed along starlings, sparrows, and crows, in addition to our permanent parrots and "killer" finch. "Sure," my mom said, and then asked, "What's that sound?" "That's the bird, he's almost chewed out of the newspaper, so I had to cover him with the puppy's blanket." Hmm... A vicious hook-bill. That's okay, we love a challenge! They decided to meet in half an hour at the parking lot at Michillinda and Foothill, since it's close to the freeway. After finding an empty birdcage in the garage (which is a challenge in itself!), my mom and I waited outside the shoe repair shop in the Marshall's strip mall. Forty five minutes passed and, being mid-December, it was starting to get dark. Tired of standing, we moved to a bench in front of a store that carries plus-sized women's clothing. Shoppers hurried by, eyeing us suspiciously. Smiling at them made it even worse, so we tried act casual and ignore them. But it is strange to see two ladies sitting in front of the Big Dress store with an empty bird cage at night. Finally we get a call



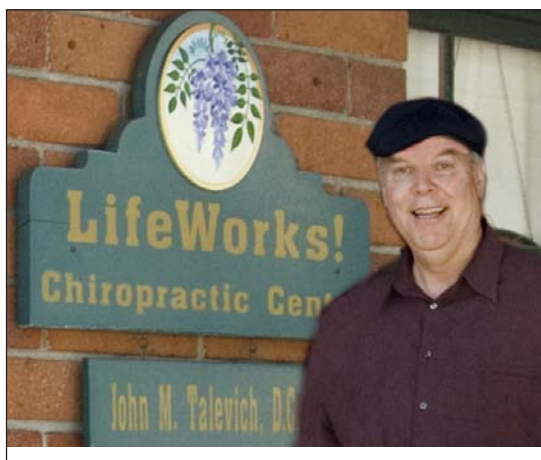
from Kathy. She's lost, the bird has gnawed through the towel and bitten her a few times. She asked if we could meet her. "I'm at a Ralph's, and there's a bank. It's a big street, I think it's Hutchins or something." Through our stellar process of elimination we concluded it was the Ralph's at Baldwin and Huntington. Glad to leave our lonely post, we sped to Huntington, figuring that Kathy might've lost a finger or two by now.

Kathy called to us from her parked SUV. The towel was now bloody from Kathy's wound, and much of the newspaper had been shredded to confetti. A foul smell emanated from the back seat, and Kathy explained the puppy had vomited and experienced a small episode of diarrhea. With the finesse of someone used to handling noncompliant birds, my mom thrust the parrot in its remaining newspaper wrapping into the empty cage. He quickly devoured the remaining Times. We parted, and Kathy drove home in a smelly car, but at least she didn't have to fend off a feathered beast trying to kill her by way of the armpit. *Tune in next week for Part 2!

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

HIIGH TIME



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.

In my first year of practice here in Sierra Madre, I was visited by a ninety-year-old man with severe low back pain. He said that he'd been to a couple of doctors and that they'd told him he would just have to live with it. The x-rays revealed that the disc between the bottom vertebra and the sacrum had virtually disappeared. His difficulty was not mystery!

"You must have been in pain a long time," I offered.

"No," he said. "I was okay until about six months ago."

"You never had low back pain before?"

"No, I was doing some work on my roof and a bundle of shingles started to slide off and I caught 'em."

Along with his low back pain, he had lost two of his brothers in the past year and was grieving. I told him, "Look, you've been pain free all you life. Let's work at getting you back there." And we did.

Fast forward thirty-some years, as a twenty-one-year-old college tennis player shows up. Severe back pain ended his tennis career two years ago. Tried everything, finally gave up, walked the plank, and went to see a chiropractor (me). He said he was going to the East Coast in a couple of days but wanted to see if I could help him.

Two weeks later, he called from Boston asking to reschedule on his return. He was pain free, and couldn't believe it. When he showed up at the office, he still couldn't believe it, although he had returned to playing flag football at his workplace, basketball with friends, and a full workout at the gym! I'm still seeing him as he prepares to go to law school, and when I look into his eyes, it's clear that he just might be believing it.

In Closing

There isn't a doctor alive who wants to see a low back pain patient come through the door. These cases are often complex and resistant to care. That said, it's important not to do more harm than good. If there wasn't some sort of public trance regarding chiropractic care, these two patients (thirty years apart) would have automatically known where to go first. It's high time we realized it and acted accordingly. The smart money and the research point the way.

To your healthy week,
Dr. John

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Downsizing Solutions

Dear Savvy Senior

What tips can you recommend to help seniors with downsizing? I have been thinking about moving to a retirement community, but in order to move I need to get rid of a lot of my stuff. I have a four bedroom house as well as an attic and basement that are full. Any tips would be appreciated. Overwhelmed Senior

Dear Overwhelmed,

The process of weeding through a house full of stuff and parting with old possessions can be difficult and overwhelming for many seniors. Most people in your situation start the downsizing process by giving their unused possessions to their kids or grandkids, which you can do up to \$13,000 per person per year before you're required to file a federal gift tax return, using IRS Form 709. Beyond that, here are a few extra tips and services that may help you.

Downsizing for Dollars Selling your stuff is one way you can downsize and pad your pocketbook at the same time. If you're willing, have the time and access to the Internet, online selling at sites like Craigslist and eBay is the best way to make top dollar. Craigslist.org is a huge classified ads site that lets you sell your stuff for free. And eBay.com lets you conduct your own online auction for a small listing fee, and if it sells, 9 percent of the sale price, up to \$100. Or, if you don't want to do the selling yourself you can get help from an eBay trading assistant who will do everything for you. They typically charge between 33 and 40 percent of the selling price. Go to ebaytradingassistant.com to search for trading assistants in your area.

Some other popular selling options are consignment shops, garage sales and estate sales. Consignment shops are good for selling old clothing, household furnishings and decorative items. You typically get half of the final sale price. Garage sales are another option, or you could hire an estate sale company to come in and sell your items. Some companies will even pick up your stuff and sell them at their own location - they usually take around 50 percent of the profits.

Donate It! If you itemize on your tax returns, donating your belongings is another way to downsize and get a tax deduction. Goodwill (goodwill.org, 800-741-0186) and the Salvation

Army (satruck.org, 800-728-7825) are two big charitable organizations that will come to your house and pick up your donations. If your deduction exceeds \$500, you'll need to file Form 8283, "Noncash Charitable Contributions." You'll also need a receipt from the organization for every batch of items you donate. And be sure you



keep an itemized list of donated items. See IRS Publication 526 (www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p526.pdf) for more information.

Disposal Services If you have a lot of junk you want to get rid of, contact your municipal trash service to see if they provide bulk curbside pickup services. Or, depending on where you live, you could hire a company like 1-800-Got-Junk (1800gotjunk.com, 800-468-5865) or Junk-King (junk-king.com, 800-995-5865) to come in and haul it off for a moderate fee. Another good option is Bagster by Waste Management (thebagster.com, 877-789-2247). With this service, you buy the bag (it measures 8 feet by 4 feet by 2.5 feet) at your local home-improvement store like Lowes or Home Depot for around \$30. Fill it to a limit of 3,300 pounds and schedule a pickup which costs between \$80 up to \$205 depending on your location.

Get Help You can also hire a professional "senior move manager" to do the entire job for you. These are organizers who will sort through your stuff and arrange for the disposal through an estate sale, donations or consignment. Costs for these services usually range between \$1,000 and \$5,000. See nasmm.com or call 877-606-2766 to search for a senior move manager in your area. Or, you can hire a professional organizer through the National Association of Professional Organizers at napo.net.

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

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AUGUST 2011 - MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Monday: Closed July 4th 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.
Tuesday: 2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play 5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

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

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

Friday: City Hall Closed on June 17, July 1, 15 & 29
12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm. Starting July 16 the Senior Club will meet at the Senior Apartments - 70 Esperanza Ave., Sierra Madre

EXCURSIONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH

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

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

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

[www.cityofsierramadre.com/
onlineregistration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration)

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

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

RANCH CHICKEN & BACON PASTA SALAD - A GREAT HOT WEATHER RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 c. mayonnaise (lowfat or fat-free work just fine for this)
- 1 c. Ranch salad dressing
- 2 c. veggies of choice (I used peas this time. Tomatoes, peppers, olives, green onions and cucumbers, or any combination thereof, are also great options.)
- 1/2 lb. shredded or diced fully cooked chicken
- 1/2 lb. diced and cooked bacon
- 1 lb. pasta of your choice, cooked and rinsed with cold water
- 1 c. shredded cheese
- Salt and pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the mayonnaise and Ranch dressing. Add the veggies, chicken and bacon. Stir to combine.

2. Add the chilled pasta and toss to coat. Stir in the shredded cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

It's really as simple as that. The mayo/ranch combo mixed with the chicken and bacon is a surefire winner no matter what else you put with it. Experiment and have fun!

HYDRATING FRUIT PUNCH

INGREDIENTS

- 2 finger lengths of lemongrass
- 1 thumbnail-sized piece of skinned ginger
- Juice from 2 limes or lemons
- 1 cup of in-season fruit (Cherries, melon, strawberries, blueberries, tart cherries, goji, prickly pear fruit, and watermelon are all excellent)
- 3 cups of water, a pinch of salt
- 4 mint leaves (optional)
- 4 - 8 tablespoons sweetener (optional/to taste)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Combine all ingredients except the sweetener in a blender. Blend on high speed for about a minute.

Step 2: Strain through a hand held strainer (the finer the better) or cheesecloth. If adding a sweetener try choosing one that is local (about 4 tablespoons). Alternatively, sugar or honey work well when pre-blended/dissolved in 1/4 cup of warm water and then added to the punch.

Step 3: Pour over ice.

August Birthdays



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



Meals-On-Wheels

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

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

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URBANE SOPHISTICATION IN MID-CENTURY SOUTH PASADENA HOME!



Elegant yet eminently comfortable and livable! This home was just listed in the Marengo estate area of South Pasadena. In a neighborhood known for its expansive century old manor homes, this architectural style if often hard to find here... contemporary, single level

living with every modern convenience... wrapped in Mid Century elegance. When only the finest will do...this home is sure to delight the most discerning buyer. The owners have carefully reconfigured, refurbished and remodeled nearly every system, surface, material and component of this 1952 home to create a truly turnkey residence.

Under the careful supervision of highly respected Pasadena designer, Ann Fletcher, Mark Lockwood Construction, Sierra Custom Kitchens and other exemplary local artisans and suppliers reconstructed this property from the inside out, top to bottom, foundation to rooftop... and soup to nuts!

When the owners started the remodel a few years back, the home needed lots of TLC, according to listing agent, Carol Majors. Inspiration and vision has polished this home into a beautiful jewel. Walls were moved; rooms were relocated; the foundation reinforced to deliver an open great room across the back. Every light fixture, cabinet door and faucet was carefully planned and place for its highest and best use.

Nearly every imaginable current technology was then seamlessly embedded throughout, including a room controlled speaker system, then a central control access was created in the laundry room to offer easy access for repairs and future upgrades.

I always love a red front door. There's always something so welcoming about one. Once inside, the formal living room sets the tone for the entire home, highlighting its sleek sophistication with high quality materials and a subtle coordinated color palette complementing the expansive use of hardwood flooring. Special art lighting provides just the right illumination to show off treasured pieces.

The new great room incorporates casual living at its best, with the breathtaking Brookhaven maple and cherry kitchen at its center, from Sierra Kitchens, which also provided the bath cabinetry. Top of the line appliances include a Viking six-burner, dual fuel stove with stainless steel exhaust, plus a built-in, cabinet front Thermador refrigerator-freezer, Fisher & Paykel two drawer dishwasher, Subzero beverage chiller and Dacor convection/microwave. Exquisite CaesarStone Quartz counters in a soft grey-green, are complemented by green, Italian glass tile backsplashes.

On one side of the kitchen, a family room invites comfortable, casual gathering, while on the other side of the kitchen, a fabulous dining room with backlit glass front cabinetry provides chic display and storage. The entire great room looks out to the back yard and two sets of sliding doors open to the yard, for easy, California Style, indoor to outdoor living and entertaining.

Not one but two bedroom wings provide consummate privacy and separation. The main bedroom wing includes the master and two other



bedrooms plus two full baths. The master suite includes a dressing and mirrored, triple closet area, a generous bedroom with closet, plus a large bath with separate tub and walk-in shower. An additional door conveniently connects to the second bedroom, while the third bedroom offers an en suite bath.

With access from both the living and great rooms, a second wing, with a generous bedroom and bath, is perfect for a private home office, den, guest or extended family quarters. Both wings offer privacy doors, so sleeping children or family members with conflicting schedules remain undisturbed by activities in the living spaces.

Downstairs, the deep basement offers a great opportunity for the oenophile to create a wine cellar.

The home is walking distance to all three levels of public schools in the highly rated South Pasadena Unified School District. Just blocks to neighborhood shopping, restaurants and parks, South Pasadena is a vibrant community with easy commuting access to the Gold Line train to LA and bus lines, as well as the 110 freeway.

In a neighborhood steeped in tradition and quality, this home offers extraordinary, sophisticated living, yet is consummately and eminently comfortable and livable!

1961 Oak is offered at \$1,395,000 by Carol Majors of Coldwell Banker, San Marino. The home will be open on Sunday, August 28th from 2-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.MajorsMarketPlace.com or call 626-399-9665.

Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them that might interest our readers? Send the contact information to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

PRICING UNDER PRESSURE

Deciding on an asking price for your home is challenging enough these days, but you need specific pricing strategies for particular scenarios, especially if you're under pressure to move quickly or your home isn't selling after being on the market for several months. Here are suggestions for both situations.

If you're facing a deadline due to job relocation or other reasons, then you need to price competitively, even more competitively than expected in today's market. You'll need to list at significantly less than your competition. Think 15% less. That may seem tough to stomach, but it's better than continuing your monthly loan payments or the hassle of trying to find tenants

to rent your home. If your home has been listed for some time, but not generating interest, you'll need to lower your price. Of the three elements that sell a home - price, location, and condition - price is the one you'll have the most control over. If home values have declined in your neighborhood, the price you originally listed at a few months ago may now be too high and out of line with comparable listings. Now would be the time to have your real estate agent prepare a new Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) and reevaluate your pricing strategy. If you've got to sell, and sell now, price it like you mean it.

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END OF THE LANE

Life begins at the end of the lane. Nestled against the hillside, this terraced lot provides tree top views from most rooms. The original house was a Craftsman Style home. Most of the floors are hardwood. The bathrooms have teak floors. Three of the four bedrooms overlook the patio terrace with dining under the umbrella of shade provided by a tree. A few steps below is a large, level grass area with room for a pool. Beyond the grass area sits an over-sized garage with ample room for a workshop or hobby area. For a pastoral surrounding, and a house with history, do not miss this unique property.

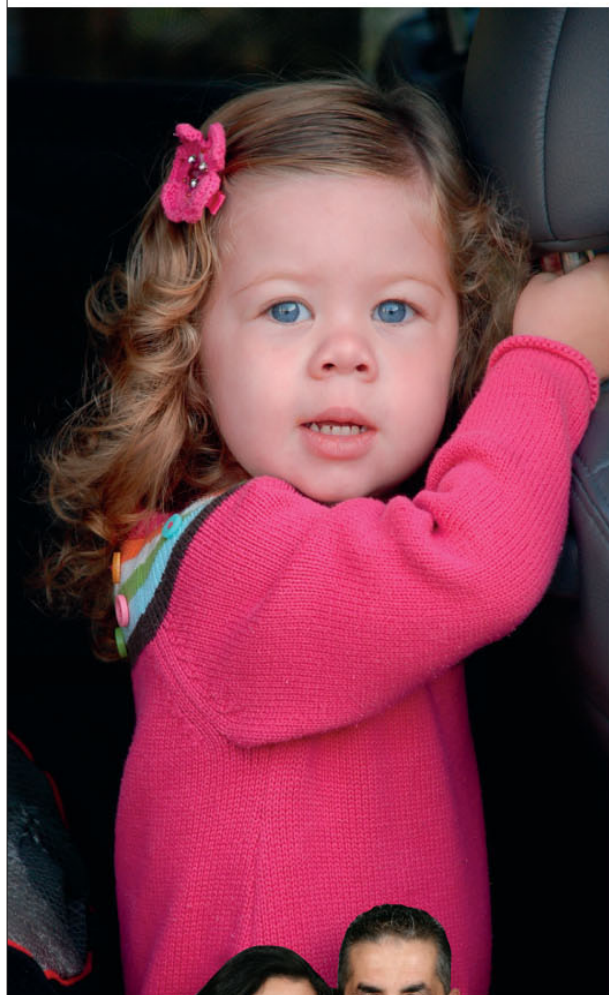


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A step onto the porch of the "Misses Climie Home" is a step back in time. Wicker chairs seem to invite a cool beverage to sit, take in the mountain views and chat with the neighbors who regularly amble by, reminding us that taking a moment can restore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

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

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

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

- 2471 s.f. main home built about 1907
- 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
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- Sierra Madre School attendance area
- Mills Act home qualifies for property tax relief

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Alverno Neighbors Remain Concerned Over Master Plan

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