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## WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

Communities Prepare For 10th Anniversary of 9/11



Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments at 2008 Ceremony.

Photo by Bill Coburn

### Sierra Madre's Police and Fire Departments To Hold Special Service on 9/11

"Good morning. On Sept. 11, 2001, an attack was launched on American soil..." With these words, or similar, the Verdugo Fire Communications Center each year begins its 7am region-wide bulletin on 9/11, remembering the horrific events of 9/11/2001, and taking a moment to honor the fallen first responders that died that morning.

One year after the attacks, New York Magazine reported that fewer than 300 of the victims' bodies were found "intact" and that more than 1,700 families received no remains at all. It estimated that more than 1,600 people lost a spouse, and more than 3,000 children lost a parent in the attacks. More than 1.5 million tons of debris were removed from the WTC site, at which fires continued to burn for 99 days after the attacks. And according to the Magazine, nearly 150,000 New York jobs were lost as a result of the attacks, and the economic impact on the City in the month following the attacks was a loss of more than \$100 billion. The magazine also reported that twenty percent of Americans knew someone that was hurt or killed in the attacks.

In front of the Sierra Madre fire station on Sunday, 9/11, members of the Sierra Madre Fire Dept. and the Sierra Madre Police Dept. will stand at attention as Verdugo makes its

annual announcement, as they have each year since 2001.

"It's been seven years, and I wonder are we starting to forget? I remember how horrified I was when the towers fell, only guessing on how many people died," said Sierra Madre Fire Chief Stephen Heydorff after the 2008 service. "When you remember that the first couple years after the attacks, there were 100 people at these services with us, and today you look around and it was just a few family members...We'll continue to do this each year, and hope that we can remind people that this is something that needs to be remembered every year, not just on the more recognized five and ten year incremental anniversaries," he added.

This year is one of those incremental anniversaries, the tenth. In recognition of the date, SMFD and SMPD are expanding the ceremony, adding to the service the laying of a memorial wreath by the stations monument in honor of the 9/11 fallen, as well as the ringing of the bells in honor of the fallen, a firefighter tradition that goes back more than 150 years.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will take place at 7am, Sunday, September 11th. Bean Town Coffee House will be providing continental breakfast and Leonora Moss is donating the wreath to be laid at the Firefighter's 9/11 memorial.

### Pasadena to Commemorate 10th Anniversary of 9-11-01

New York Drive to serve as memorial to World Trade Center victims

On September 11 a group of community patriots will commemorate the 10- year anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on American soil. At 11 a.m., many local groups, citizens and civic and community leaders will come together to honor the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives on the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. The event will be held at the intersection of New York Drive and Bradley Street in Pasadena. This location will be where the memorial ceremony will be held and signage will be unveiled for the public's view.

Led by the Pasadena 911 committee and local air force veteran John McDannel, event supporters include local service clubs, airline crews, veterans groups, businesses, schools and cities.

Since the 9-11 attacks, McDannel has worked tirelessly for the last decade towards a Pasadena memorial. "I couldn't do anything to retaliate, so I planted trees," said McDannel. Since then, he has solicited and received tree donations, and has personally planted 140 native oak trees along New York Drive. This beautiful effort now serves as a living memorial to the victims of 9-11. The temporary road signs noting New York Drive as a memorial to 9-11-01 victims will be placed

along the boulevard's medians.

McDannel has a larger goal for the on-going tribute. He wants to create a park to commemorate and honor the victims of 9-11. The Port Authority of New York has been asked to release two I-Beams from the World Trade Center to be shipped to Pasadena with the hope that city leaders will incorporate these remnants into a new memorial park.

The ceremony will include special guests such as Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Pasadena), an MCAS 4 F-18 fly-over, Pasadena City College - Tournament of Roses band, and begin at 11 a.m. at 3100 New York Drive. Seats and free parking will be available.

"We are looking forward to an important kick-off to the permanent memorial to 9-11 in Pasadena," said McDannel. "As an American, I think it's important for all of us to never forget the events of that fateful day." All fire fighters, police, EMTs, military in uniform, schools, civic clubs and individuals are welcome to attend.

In order to donate to the permanent memorial, please contact John McDannel. For donations and support, please see [www.Pasadena911Memorial.org](http://www.Pasadena911Memorial.org).

## BACK TO SCHOOL



Students at Sierra Madre Elementary School completed their first week of school Friday. The week brought them a mixture of good news and bad. The bad news, summer vacation was over. The good news, Sierra Madre earned the highest API score of any PUSD school (908), well above the state's average. See full story on page 8.

Photos by S. Henderson/MVNews

### Refurbished Masonic Lodge Opens for Business as "The Lodge at Sierra Madre"

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### REDISTRICTING PERSPECTIVE

Key players explore current and future actions  
Free program Sept. 8

A birds-eye view of the hot-button topic of redistricting will be presented by a panel of key players at a special program sponsored by the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area Sept. 8 at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave. Part of Lunch with the League, the free public program begins at noon. Lunch is at 11:30. Free parking is available on North Madison Avenue in the lot behind the Women's City Club.

Panelists are Kathy Feng, executive director of Common Cause; Dr. Lori Glasgow, assistant chief deputy for county Supervisor Mike Antonovich; and Tara Schultz, director of administrative services of Alhambra.

Feng will bring a perspective on developments in drawing boundaries for new Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts. Glasgow will discuss challenges to modest changes proposed by a county commission for the five supervisorial districts. Schultz will describe how Alhambra has proceeded with its redistricting process.

The lunch is \$25, the program is free. For luncheon reservations and further information, call 626-798-0965. No reservations needed to attend the program only.

### KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS BREAKFAST MEETING ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Captain Larry Giannone, SMPD  
Guest Speaker  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011  
7:30 am - The Lodge  
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Breakfast: \$5 Program: Free

### CREATIVE ARTS GROUP FACULTY SHOW & RECEPTION FLEA MARKET

Friday, September 9, 7-9 pm  
Saturday, September 10, 9-2 am  
108 N. Baldwin Ave.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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Niko's Will Be Closed For Vacation From August 27th - September 11th

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## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast

#### Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi 100s	Lows 70s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

#### City Hall Hours:

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

Tuesday, September 06, 2011, 06:00pm  
General Plan Steering Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 07, 2011, 07:30am  
SMTV3 Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 07, 2011, 06:30pm  
A scoping meeting to receive public input for a proposed senior assisted living facility at 6:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre Room of the Sierra Madre Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
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.

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

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

### 1630 AM

#### Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

## 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](http://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

**Fee:** \$20 / 4 class punch pass or free with a Fall Pool Pass

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

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## 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.siermadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.siermadre.lib.ca.us).

## YAC Fridays in Kersting Court

Please join the Youth Activity Center every Friday this fall in Kersting Court. The YAC staff will be hosting games and activities every Friday from 3:00pm-6:00pm. All activities and games are free and all ages are welcome to participate. There is no need to pre-register, just show up in Kersting Court every Friday afternoon for a new activity or game! Kersting Court is located at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Baldwin Ave.

Please call the Community Services Office at 626-355-5278 for more information.

9/2	Ice Cream Party
9/9	Card Games (spoons)
9/16	Duct Tape wallets
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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](http://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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Saturday, October 15, 2011

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

OKTOBERFEST  
GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

benefiting Sierra Madre Youth Programs

**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](http://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](mailto:kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com) if you would like to contribute.

FOR MORE INFO  
CALL 626-355-5278



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## Remembrances

### SERVICES FOR THOMAS F. McGUIRE

Longtime Sierra Madre resident, Thomas "Tom" McGuire, 89, passed away on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, after a long battle with his health. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Pat and was father of seven children.

Prior to his illness, he was very active in the community, especially volunteering countless hours at the Monastery in Sierra Madre.

A Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, Sept. 6 will be held at St. Rita Catholic Church in Sierra Madre with



interment at Sierra Madre Cemetery.

### JOAN MILAZZO



The decedent was struck and fell to the ground. Bystanders called 911 and assisted with CPR. Medics transported the decedent to Scripps La Jolla Hospital with blunt force trauma and she was pronounced dead when resuscitative efforts were to no avail. San Diego Police Traffic Division is handling the accident investigation and charges are pending.

Milazzo and her husband had just moved there to join family only a few months prior, after retiring from a long career at AstraZeneca. Milazzo grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, and graduated from Alverno High School in Sierra Madre. She was previously a member of St. Rita Catholic Parish in Sierra Madre.

According to a Press Release from the San Diego County Medical Examiner's office, "They were crossing Camino Del Sur Road when a vehicle traveling on the southbound lane at a high rate of speed lost control and skidded into the decedent as she stepped onto the curb.

All services will take place, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, followed by burial nearby. The funeral will be held at Church of the Nativity, 6309 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067. Phone: 858 756-1911

### Ascension Welcomes Joanna Harrell



August 15<sup>th</sup> marked the first day at Ascension Church for Joanna Harrell, aka Jobi, the church's new Minister of Young People. Born and raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan; a small community, Sierra Madre feels like home to her. She earned a B.M. in oboe performance from the Hartt School, and in 2001 moved with her fiancé Lucas Marquardt to California.

It was here in California, as Director of Christian Education at St. Andrew's Church where she served as co-directress and re-founder of the Julien-Juliet Chapter of the Junior Daughter's of the King. During this time she was able to articulate her bi-vocational call as a music instructor and lay minister with a focus on the future of the Episcopal Church.

In 2008, she became the Children's Minister for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade at All Saints Church, Pasadena. She comes to Ascension ready to work with the High School and College programs as Minister to Young Persons. Jobi is an appointed member to the Los Angeles Commission on Ministry, a member of NAECED (National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors) and the very proud mother of Anne Elizabeth who will turn 5 this October. Jobi looks forward to serving with the outstanding ministry team at the Church of Ascension.

*If you are interested in becoming part of the Ascension community check out a wonderful community church at [www.ascension-sierramadre.com](http://www.ascension-sierramadre.com) or for more information, please call (626) 355-1133.*



City of Sierra Madre

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**To:** Citywide  
**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** **TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 11-01 (TTM 11-01) and CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 11-06 (CUP 11-06)**  
**Applicant:** Bowden Development, Inc.

**Project Location:** Southwest corner of East Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sierra Place, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Tentative Tract Map, Conditional Use Permit and Density Bonus to allow construction of a 6 (six)-unit, 2(two)-story, 30-foot-high condominium project with 14 on-site parking spaces on the vacant property located at the **southwest corner of East Sierra Madre Boulevard and Sierra Place**. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 66426, a tract map shall be required for all subdivisions creating five or more condominiums. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.76.030, all R-3 developments require approval of a Conditional Use Permit. A Density Bonus to allow one additional unit (for a total of 6 units) may be permitted if the required criteria can be met pursuant to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.28.060(B)(2).

#### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
 Planning Commission meeting  
**Thursday, September 15, 2011**  
 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

#### PLACE OF HEARING

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

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto. **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the proposed project involves construction of 6 new condominium units in an urbanized area.

**APPEAL:** The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-business-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

Danny Castro,  
 Director of Development Services

## Sierra Madre Search & Rescue

*Submitted by Chuck Stoughton*

August was a busy month for the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, with 17 calls for assistance.

Stranded Hikers, Chantry Flat: SMSR was notified of three hikers stranded on a cliff near Chantry Flat. Responding Team members found the hikers in a precarious off-trail location and determined that one was injured. The uninjured hikers were lowered to the ground using the Team's stranded-hiker rescue procedure. The injured party was stabilized and placed in a litter, then lowered to the ground and wheeled out to the road. From there the patient was transported to an L.A. County Fire Department helicopter waiting at Chantry Flat and flown to the hospital.

Missing Hikers, Chilao Flats: SMSR's help was requested by Montrose Search and Rescue on a search for missing hikers in the Chilao Flats area of the Angeles National Forest. Teams searched throughout the night, until the hikers were located by an SMSR crew after sunrise. SMSR team members walked the hikers several miles to safety.

Injured Swimmer, Chantry Flat: The Team responded to a report of an injured cliff-diver at a waterfall near Chantry Flat. SMSR EMT's, along with paramedics from the Sierra Madre Fire Department, L.A. County Fire Department, and U.S. Forest Service personnel, stabilized the injured party at the scene. Due to the nature of the injuries the subject was airlifted out of the canyon via helicopter and flown to the hospital.

Missing Hiker, Big Santa Anita Canyon: The Team was called out on a night search for a critical missing party in the local mountains. SMSR sent several crews into the field and the subject was located safely. Team members escorted the subject to Chantry Flat.

In addition to responding to callouts, the Team participated in the multi-agency Mass Casualty Incident drill with the Sierra Madre Fire and Sierra Madre Police departments. Dealing with over 30 victims, Team members exercised their triage and evacuation skills as part of the EMS branch of the simulated incident. The L.A. County Sheriff's Air-5 helicopter was incorporated

as a treatment and transport element of the drill. Team members also practiced their incident management skills as part of the unified command structure that was established to manage the mock disaster.

SMSR team members provided medical support for the 2011 Mt. Disappointment Endurance Run on August 13, with crews staged along the 33.1-mile course and at the start/finish area on the summit of Mt. Wilson. High temperatures and 6,195 feet of elevation gain and loss added to the challenge but no serious injuries were reported.

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

For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit [www.smsr.org](http://www.smsr.org).

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, August 21st, to Saturday August 27th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 239 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for up-dated information.*

Sunday, August 21st:

3:57 AM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, 100 blk. N. Hermosa Ave. Officers arrested a 26-year old man for public intoxication and took him to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

5:06 PM- Petty Theft, 300 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A suspect stole a locked blue/purple Trek Single Track 930 mountain bike from the sidewalk area between the morning of Saturday August 20th and the evening of Sunday August 21st.

Tuesday, August 23rd:

8:28 AM- Petty Theft , 100 blk. E. Mira Monte Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked parked car between the evening of August 22nd and the morning of August 23rd and removed a Garmin GPS, 12 assorted gift cards, and \$230.00 in cash.

1:29 PM- Information Report No Crime, Rancho Rd and Orange Grove Ave. This incident involves a passenger pointing a handgun at another car. Officer stopped the car and later determined that no gun was involved but a video camera was used.

1:54 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves an unknown suspect(s) making six fraudulent charges to the victim's debit card. Total loss value is \$1,418.

Wednesday, August 24th:

10:53 AM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 300 blk. Auburn Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked car between the evening of Monday August 21st and the morning of Tuesday August 22nd and removed a black gym bag that contained 100 music compact discs, an expired California Driver's License and two yoga bands.

Thursday, August 25th:

1:25 PM- Counterfeit/Forged Handwriting of Another, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A 50-60 year old black male subject attempted to withdraw money, without permission, from another person's Chase Bank account using a fraudulent California Driver's license. The driver's license had the personal information of another person. The suspect left the bank prior to the officer's arrival.

3:22 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc, 400 blk. Mount Wilson TL. This incident involves an unknown suspect(s) trying to use a fraudulent check.

6:32 PM- Residential Burglary, 100 blk. Grove LN. Unknown subject(s) entered a locked residence from the west bedroom window and ransacked the house. The subject(s) entered the master bedroom and removed \$11.00 from a Coach pouch. The suspect(s) left in an unknown direction.

Saturday, August 27th:

1:28 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Michillinda Ave and Sears Way. An officer stopped a 45-year old South Pasadena motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

### Canyon Canine

Dog Walking & Sitting Services  
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## Portantino Calls for State Transparency



In his continuing efforts to provide sunshine and accountability in state government, Assembly Member Anthony Portantino last week introduced legislation to force the Legislature to comply with the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Currently, Portantino said in a statement, the State Legislature is the only government agency in California that exempts itself from compliance with this important "good government" standard. In 2004, voters passed Prop 59 to strengthen public access to information with 83% of the voters in support.

Under AB 1129, Portantino calls for elimination of the self-serving exemptions to transparency that the legislature follows. In place of the same transparency the legislature expects local governments to operate in, the Legislature established its own watered down version of the CPRA called LORA - the Legislative Open Records Act. This action created loopholes and exemptions which have allowed Assembly leaders to hide budget records and expenditures from public review for years.

"Assembly leaders have hidden documents and expenditures from the public long enough. No more gimmicks, no more tricks and no more incomplete and misleading financial documents can be circulated or tolerated," commented Assembly Member Portantino.

The Los Angeles Times and the Sacramento Bee, as a result, joined forces in a lawsuit to compel the release of accurate and comprehensive financial information from the Assembly.

"A secret budget is by its very nature a corrupt budget, Portantino said. "I join with the Sacramento Bee which last week called for the Assembly to simply comply with CPRA."

AB 1129 repeals the LORA exemptions and brings the Legislature into complete compliance with the California Public Records Act. The Governor, other constitutional offices, and local governments all comply with CPRA.

Under the current system, the State Assembly spends \$146 million a year in tax money to operate its offices and committees with no accountability or sunshine.

## Pet of the Week



Zelda, a seven month old kitten, has the prettiest "black smoke" coat. She is very outgoing, talkative, and would make a great addition to any home. Come visit her today!

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

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A293816 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave , Pasadena CA , 91105 . Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)



## RBOC Approves Tailgating Guidelines

By Dean Lee

Football fans of the upcoming season will now have less time to hang out in the Rose Bowl parking lot prior to a game after the Rose Bowl Operating Company approved, last month, tailgating guidelines that include restricting alcohol consumption and limiting tailgating to six hours prior to a game.

UCLA is set to play San Jose State University Sept. 10, as the first game of the season. The new rules come less than one year after a brawl in the parking lot left two men stabbed, one in the cheek and another in the back and another fan sentenced to 15 years in jail for attempted murder. Two other people were also charged in the Dec 4, 2010 fight before a USC-UCLA football game. The fight started when a football hit a parked Mercedes-Benz.

Recommendations were put

together by a working group consisting of Rose Bowl staff, UCLA staff, Tournament of Roses staff, and representatives from Police, Fire and Parking, as well as a consultant, Jim Steeg. He was the former Vice President of Special Events of the National Football League, and was the lead person for putting on Super Bowls for 26 years.

"The stated purposes of these guidelines are to provide a safe, family friendly and clean environment for fans to enjoy pre-game tailgating." Along with new guidelines that prohibited alcohol consumption entirely after kick off, and that require excessively boisterous fans be reported to security. The RBOC said the Rose Bowl is also working on ways to better utilize technology in order to promote public safety and will set up additional customer

service locations throughout the parking lots.

The tailgating guidelines will be set for all events held at the Rose Bowl. Anthony Richard Cisneros pleaded no contest to the stabbings. He was sentenced Monday to 15 years in jail. Earlier this year his brother Arthur Cisneros also pleaded no contest to assault. He was sentenced to one year in county jail. The sister, Akira Cisneros was also charged with battery and placed on probation.

## PCC Child Center Plays Roll in Food for Needy

The Pasadena City College Child Development Center (1324 Green Street, Pasadena, CA, 91106) has received a grant to administer the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for many low-income families. Additionally, 2.9 million children nationwide receive nutritious meals and snacks through the program each day.

The PCC Child Development Center does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. For more information, contact the PCC Child Development Center at (626) 585-3180.

## Schiff Selects Angels in Adoption

Adam Schiff announced earlier this month he has selected Sandra Carrasco and Tamara Brown to be this year's recipients of the 29th Congressional District "Angels in Adoption" award, an annual award sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI).

"Sandra and Tamara have demonstrated such great compassion throughout the foster care and adoption process, and their dedication to, and love for Isaiah and Ciara make them an ideal choice for recognition as Angels in Adoption," Rep. Schiff said.

Sandra, a pre-school teacher, and Tamara, a field analyst at a charter school who conducts developmental observations, were certified as foster/adoptive parents by the Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency in August 2009, with the intention of providing a loving and stable home for children in foster care, eventually adopting children if they did not return to their birth families.

Schiff also commended Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) for nominating 29th Congressional District resident, unsung hero, and social worker William Wong for the prestigious "Angels in Adoption" award. Wong has been coordinator of Los Angeles County's successful Wednesday's Child program for 10 years. Under his leadership, the program became a household name and has resulted in more than 400 adoptions.

## Police Arrest Father in Child's Death

Police announced last week the arrest of a local man in connection with the suspicious death of his one year old daughter earlier this year.

On May 20, shortly after 8:00 p.m., Pasadena Police Officers and Fire Fighters responded to a call of a one year old female child not breathing in the 100 block of west Del Mar Blvd. The Pasadena Fire Department attempted to resuscitate the child without success. Police Detectives and the Los Angeles County Coroner responded and classified the death as suspicious.

Pasadena Police Detectives pursued leads and as a

result identified the child's father, Marquise Jackson, 21 of Pasadena as the suspect responsible for the death of his one year old daughter.

"Crimes involving innocent children are especially horrific. Police officers take these types of crimes to heart and it is satisfying knowing that the person responsible for murdering this little girl is in custody," stated Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez.

Jackson was booked on murder and remains in custody on \$1,000,000 bail. Anyone who may have additional information regarding this crime is asked to call the Pasadena Police Department at

## Police Investigate Suspicious Package

On Monday Pasadena police officers responded to the 300 block of North Lake Avenue around 5:00 p.m. regarding a report of a suspicious black case left in the subterranean parking structure. According to police, officers were unable to identify the owner of the case and as a precaution the building was evacuated and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad responded. Officers assisted building management with evacuating 60-100 persons from the 14 story office building.

The Sheriff's Bomb Squad determined the case contained beakers and testing equipment.

Pasadena Fire Department summoned a Hazardous Materials Team to examine the contents, which were determined not to pose a public hazard.

The incident was well managed and a good example of cooperation between the involved public safety agencies and property management.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Pasadena Police Department at (626)744-4241.

An informational Nixle advisory was disseminated. If you are not a subscriber and would like to receive information from the Pasadena Police register at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

## Free Lecture, Getting Curiosity to the Launch Pad



JPL will host a free lecture on robotic exploration of Mars Sept. 16, at The Vosloh Forum at Pasadena City College. Richard Cook, Deputy Project Manager, Mars Science Laboratory, JPL will explain the newest rover, Curiosity's, and its roll in studying the red planet.

The Mars Science Laboratory, "Curiosity", is the latest project in NASA's Mars Exploration Program, a long-term program of robotic exploration of the Red Planet. Scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral, Fla., in late 2011, and arrive at Mars in August 2012, this rolling laboratory will assess whether

Mars ever had an environment capable of supporting microbial life and conditions favorable for preserving clues about life, if it existed. The sky-crane landing system is remarkable, and the massive science suite is the most advanced ever used on a planetary surface. Tonight's talk will cover some of the trials and tribulations the project members encountered while creating one of the most ambitious missions in history.

Free lectures on September 15 at JPL; September 16 at Pasadena City College; both at 7 p.m.

For more info contact: Guy Webster 818-354-6278.

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

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit [pasadenan.com](http://pasadenan.com).

## PCC Extension Now Open

This year's fall lineup of classes is bigger than ever. Within the pages of the Pasadena City College Extension catalog, which is now available to peruse or download at [www.pcclearn.org](http://www.pcclearn.org), are classes to meet the needs of members of our greater community who turn to PCC Extension for traditional and online classes. New offerings include working with waxed Irish linen, tie-dyeing (the 60's meet the 21st century), hand drumming, fitness for self and babies, and English grammar review - a must for resume building and professional

correspondence.

Several opportunities exist to take courses leading to certificates of completion. Examples include: Medical Insurance Billing Program, Pharmacy Technician, and Veterinary Assistant. The ARRT course series designed for working professionals in the field of radiology carries continuing education credits, and various CPR courses conclude with American Red Cross certification.

PCC Extension website at [www.pcclearn.org](http://www.pcclearn.org), or call (626) 585-7608 for information.

## Tournament House Closes For the Season



### House to re-open to the public in February 2012

The Tournament House, operating headquarters of the annual Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game, closed to the public starting Monday for the commencement of the 2011-2012 season. The final public house tours took place on Thursday, August 25.

Beginning in February, 2012, the general public will once again be invited to tour the one-time home of famous chewing

gum manufacturer William Wrigley Jr., as well as the Wrigley Gardens. Free public tours of Tournament House, located at 391 S. Orange Grove Boulevard, will be offered every Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m. between the months of February and August.

Tournament House serves as the permanent headquarters of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, a non-profit, 935-member volunteer organization that is dedicated to bringing America's New Year Celebration" -- the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game -- to the world.

NASA Invites 150 Twitter Followers to Lunar Launch

NASA has invited 150 followers of the agency's Twitter accounts to a two-day launch Tweetup Sept. 7-8. The Tweetup is expected to culminate in the launch of the twin moon-bound GRAIL spacecraft aboard a Delta II rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

The launch is targeted for 5:37 a.m. PDT (8:37 a.m. EDT) on Sept. 8. The two GRAIL spacecraft will fly in tandem orbits around the moon for several months to measure its gravity field in unprecedented detail from crust to core. The mission also will answer longstanding questions about the moon and provide scientists with a better understanding of how Earth and other rocky planets in the solar system formed.

Tweetup participants were selected from more than 800 people who registered online. They will share their Tweetup experiences with their followers through the social networking site Twitter.

Participants represent the United States, Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Indonesia, Spain and the



**"What's Going On?"***News and Views from Joan Schmidt***HONORING A FALLEN COMRADE**

August 31, 2011 marked the 10th Anniversary of the tragic death of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy, Hagop, "Jake" Kuredjian. Today many came to honor the life of a special man, whose daily job, at the time of his death, was protecting

the Santa Clarita area. He was a true hero and he died-doing what he loved most. It is only fitting that on the 10th anniversary of his untimely death, special services were planned. Lt. Lewis of Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station played an integral part in the planning. The first part of the memorial to honor this hero was the memorial

this.) Chief Tyler felt, "gypped", he personally had not met Jake, but over the years had heard so many great stories. Jake was called a "hero". He was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal by the late Sheriff, Sherman Block for saving the life of a woman clinging to a small branch atop a cliff. Something Chief Tyler didn't realize was that Jake played soccer on the Sheriff's teams many years with Chief Richard Barrantes. Jake was an incredibly funny, fun man. Retired Commander Don Rodriguez attended and Chief Tyler commended Rodriguez in his actions as Commander of Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station at the time of Jake's death. Tyler said Rodriguez had to "suffer the hardest thing any commander does-the loss of a deputy", and that "Rodriguez



acted with class, dignity and love at that time."

One of Jake's dear friends and a fellow member (Now retired) from LASD told how they met at the Malibu fires. They became good friends, loved motorcycles and joined the "Iron Warriors", a Harley chapter of law enforcement and firefighters. (Harley members attended the event and told me that Jake founded their chapter in 1998.)

The last speaker was Jake's brother, Garo, who thanked all present for "keeping my brother alive."...Jake loved the Santa Clarita Station, loved the Sheriff's Department. He loved his work and felt guilty being paid for doing something he loved." Garo thanked everyone for the kind words and the memorials in his brother's name.

On November 1, 2001, a beautifully engraved monument dedicated to Jake was unveiled at the corner of Stevenson Ranch Parkway and Poe Parkway. (See photo) On August 30, 2002, then Station Captain Don Rodriguez proudly dedicated the Jake Kuredjian Memorial Rose Garden at the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station courtyard in remembrance of Jake and Deputy Arthur Pelino, the first Santa Clarita Valley Deputy killed in the line of duty on March 19, 1978. The garden with its serene waterfall and pond is a place where all station personnel can visit and relax or reflect on Jake. Commemorative plaques with both deputies' pictures also overlook the garden.

Garo also gratefully acknowledged the many donations made in Jake's memory and how they have been used. There have been law enforcement scholarships to different groups; all students pursuing a career in law enforcement and to members of the Armenian community seeking a law enforcement career. Close to my heart is the Jake Kuredjian Library- a small library in a small village in Armenia.

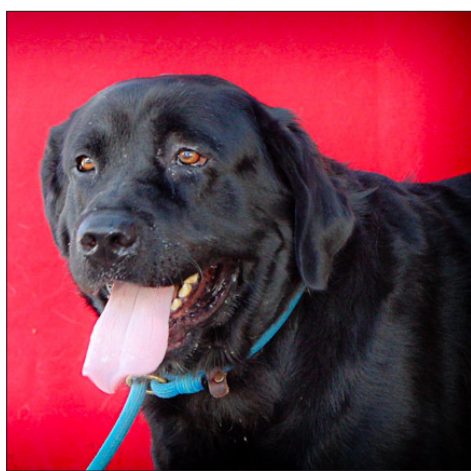
I was able to attend the memorial service because of the kindness of Temple Station's Commander, Captain Fennel. I rode with Sgt. Sidra Strong and Deputies April Nelsen and Deanna Ballesteros. Also attending were Deputies Miguel Ramirez, Godin Gonzalez and Ulysses Urbina.

All in attendance were also invited to go to Santa Clarita Station to the Memorial Rose Garden. Sgt. Strong and the deputies had to return to the station. I was grateful to be there for the Memorial Service and meet Jake's awesome brothers and his brave Mom. Any parent NEVER gets over the loss of a child. Many old friends from the Sheriff's Department attended and it was good to see them. Chief Tyler was the Captain-Commander of Temple Station several years. Chief Barrantes was a lieutenant at Temple Station, supported our M.A.D. Town Council and assisted us in many situations. Retired Commander Don Rodriguez was my partner at the Sheriff's City Council Academy. However, it was very sad to remember how Jake died. But the impact he had on the community is immeasurable and was evident by the great turnout for the 10th anniversary of his death.

**Pet of the Week****TIO**

Animal ID #4325466

Meet the ever so cordial Tio (A4325466). Tio is a five-year-old black male Labrador Retriever that was dumped at the Baldwin Park shelter on August 15th because he was suffering from dermatitis. Weighing seventy-eight pounds, this big teddy bear walks well on the leash and is very friendly and obedient. He is affectionate and good-natured with children and other dogs of all sizes, and is just one big, goofy ball of love. Tio will be the perfect indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home. To watch a video of a volunteer interacting with Tio, please visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxGeG-zsWNM>.



He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Tio, please reference his animal ID number: A4325466.

The shelter is open seven

To meet Tio in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378).

days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about

Tio or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674.

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

**Foothill Extension Progress:**

Equipment is being mobilized this week for the upcoming foundation work on the I-210 Bridge. As you can see from the images below, a large drill rig and crane have been trucked in and are being assembled on the south side of the eastbound I-210 Freeway. This is the location of the first of three 110 foot deep, 11 foot in diameter foundations to be drilled over the next four weeks. The other two are located in the center median of the freeway.

Each foundation will take approximately six days to drill and cast. We anticipate drilling the first foundation next week, followed by the installation of the reinforcing steel cage, concrete placement and testing the following week. This schedule is dependent on receiving final approval from Caltrans this week. During these activities, partial and full eastbound lane closures are planned (full closures occur late at night to minimize traffic delays).

**A FUN, INFORMATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL**

Recently, I attended a "Neighborhood Watch Meeting/ Social in the Unincorporated Monrovia Area hosted by the Diaz family with assistance from other Neighborhood Watch captains. Many residents attended, even a group from an Arcadia area. It was a fantastic meeting. There was plenty of seating for everyone; an info table with all kinds of flyers from upcoming event, and plenty of refreshments.

I handed out flyers about the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council because there are STILL people who are unaware of the Town Council's existence. Some of the area captains included Therese V. Burch, Deanna Franco, and Gina Luttenabcher. Representing the Town Council were Chairman David Hall of Duarte and Linda Sells of Arcadia. Brian Mejia, Field Deputy for Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Glendora office also attended. From Temple Sheriff's Station were Sgt. Sidra Strong, Deputy April Nelsen, Deputy Deanna Ballesteros, Deputy Miguel Ramirez, Deputy Godin Gonzalez and Deputy Ulysses Urbina. Sgt. Strong and Deputy Nelsen were the main speakers. Crime reports included a Water Company Scam, Break-ins in Mayflower Village and

petty theft in vehicles. If one wants exact stats, they can go to [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com).

Assaults have gone up in the area but are mostly domestic violence incidents, including "father-son", "mother-daughter" for example. If there are any sex offenders in the area, the deputies are checking up on them. Mention was also made about people going away on short trips. Neighbors may get your mail/newspapers, but please call Temple Station.(626) 285-7171. Let them know this, and the patrol call will drive by and check your home on a daily basis. Deputy Nelsen also mentioned 9000 inmates will be released.

These low class felons must be monitored by the SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, not the state parole. I, for I am glad. The state parole officers knock on the door and ask if everything's okay. The parole officers just make sure the parolees are there. The deputies will go inside or look around the house or backyard.

In attendance at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting Social was Tom Reyes who is running for a position on the Duarte Unified School District Board with Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Coun-

cil Chair, David Hall. Both gentlemen mentioned they are running for office and have had children in the Duarte Schools. I am relating this info to my readers because this morning's Star News headlines included, "API test scores up in area district." However, a smaller headline stated, "Duarte Unified is the only system to show drop from last year." I was at first surprised. However Wendy Wright, Duarte's assistant superintendent for education was quoted, "I think it's a little hiccup. We improved 38 points last year, which was the largest in the San Gabriel Valley. It's hard to maintain that." Voters must try to get all the information they can on a subject. If one just read the headlines, they could think the quality of education is going down.

I hope anyone who doesn't have a Neighborhood Watch Program should look into it. County residents call Temple Station.(626) 285-7171. Those in either the City of Arcadia (626) 574-5150 or the City of Monrovia (626) 256-8000 should call their local police station. This wonderful group brings neighbors together and helps make their area safer

*J. Schmidt/MVNews*

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Hear details about the upcoming new Santa Anita horse racing Autumn Meet and hundreds of non-racing events hosted each year at Santa Anita Park from Director of Events and Chamber President-elect Pete Siberell at the next monthly Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Sunset Room of Santa Anita Golf Course. Also speaking will be Santa Anita Park director of publicity and radio show host Mike Willman. Networking Breakfasts, held on the third Thursday of each month, feature distinguished business leaders of the community each month. Attendees are invited at the beginning of each program to introduce themselves and say a few

words about their business or organization. Recent guest speakers have included the owner of Matt Denny’s discussing developing plans in the Downtown Business Association and the CEO of Vista Cove discussing senior living in California. Upcoming speakers include Chamber President Bob Hoffman of Merrill Lynch-Bank of America on Oct. 20 and Chamber Secretary-Treasurer Denise Weaver of Weaver and Associates on Nov. 17. Tickets are \$15 for members who RSVP in advance and \$20 for non-members. To make a reservation, contact the Chamber office: 626-447-2159 or by e-mail: info@ArcadiaCaChamber.org.

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.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 21, through Saturday, August 27, the Police Department responded to 885 calls for service of which 117 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

**Sunday, August 21:**  
At about 1:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of El Monte Avenue and Woodruff Avenue regarding a vandalism report. Suspect(s) spray painted multiple locations, including a utility box and several walls in the area with black spray paint. Shortly before 10:30 p.m., officers observed a suspicious Chevrolet Suburban with an attached trailer leaving the parking lot of Hometown Rentals, 102 West Las Tunas Drive. A check of the business revealed an open and unsecured gate. The vehicle and its three occupants, including a 33-year-old Hispanic female, a 37-year-old Hispanic male, and a 16-year-old Hispanic male were detained, and a record check of the suspects revealed an outstanding warrant for one of the passengers. The trailer also contained a large, gas-driven trenching machine, which had been stolen from the premises. Arrests were made for commercial burglary, grand theft, and the outstanding warrant.

**Monday, August 22:**  
3. At approximately 3:00 p.m., a grand theft occurred at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. While the victims were shopping, their grey, black and red Quasar Mountain bicycle and blue Cannondale F-4 Mountain bicycle were stolen from the parking lot.

4. Shortly before 6:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy’s at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained two females for theft. The suspects removed shoes from their boxes to make fraudulent returns and concealed additional merchandise underneath their clothing. Both females of unknown race, ages 54 and 38, were arrested for commercial burglary. Officers determined the suspects entered the store with the intent to steal.

**Tuesday, August 23:**  
5. At about 11:11 p.m., officers responded to the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Morlan Place regarding an attempted robbery. The suspect was described as a Black male, with grey dread locks, wearing a painter’s outfit, and armed with a knife and hammer. A subject that matched the description was located and detained. An investigation revealed the reporting party and suspect, who were both transients, had a disagreement over a place to sleep. The reporting party, a 38-year-old Black male, was arrested for falsely reporting an emergency. At approximately 6:25 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Sephora at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained a female for theft. The suspect took merchandise, concealed it in a red bag, and walked out of the store without paying. Merchandise from four additional stores was also located in the bag. The 39-year-old Hispanic female was arrested for commercial burglary.

**Wednesday, August 24:**  
7. At about 6:23 p.m., units were dispatched to the Arcadia Retirement Hotel, 753 W. Duarte Road, regarding a suicidal adult male. It was determined the 66-year-old male of unknown race was suffering from depression and was a danger to himself. He was transported to a local area hospital for psychiatric evaluation and treatment.

8. Between 9:15 p.m. and 11:28 p.m., an auto theft occurred in the 100 block of North First Avenue.

Suspect(s) stole a green, 2000 Dodge Durango SUV from the parking lot of the location.

Thursday, August 25:  
9. Shortly before 6:00 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Volante Drive regarding a suspicious circumstance. The reporting party had heard a loud “bang” and thought someone had entered his home. An area check revealed several unlocked vehicles had been entered into and ransacked, however no loss was reported.

10. At about 3:19 p.m., units were dispatched to the Tierra Verde Park located at Camino Real Avenue and Second Avenue, regarding a suspicious Black male subject who was seen climbing trees. Officers located and detained the suspect. The 26-year-old Black male was placed under arrest for being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia.

**Friday, August 26:**  
11. Shortly after 2:00 p.m. in the 1200 block of Short Street, a resident observed a heavy-set adult male in a brown, possibly a Dodge Caravan, stop in front of the mail boxes near her home. A female subject exited the vehicle and opened each mail box. A short time later, the resident observed the same vehicle stop in front of her residence, at which time the female subject exited the vehicle and removed the mail from her mail box, and the neighbor’s mail box.

12. Around 1:10 p.m., officers responded to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary at Victoria’s Secret. The loss prevention manager noticed a significant quantity of bras missing from the display table. After verifying the merchandise had not been sold, he viewed the store’s surveillance video which revealed two suspects quickly concealing bras inside a plastic bag. Both suspects exited the store with a total of 61 bras.

**Saturday, August 27:**  
13. Officers responded to the area of westbound Huntington Drive and Sunset Boulevard around 6:16 a.m. regarding a solo vehicle hit and run traffic collision. Officers observed a male subject running in and out of traffic lanes in the area of Huntington Drive and Old Ranch Road. Officers followed the subject on foot and detained him after he slipped and fell in the center median. The 27 year-old Asian male was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and hit and run. He was cited and released for both violations.

14. At about 9:30 p.m., units were dispatched to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin, regarding a sexual battery report that had just occurred in the Macy’s parking lot. While the victim was entering her vehicle, an adult Hispanic male grabbed her buttocks and proceeded to run south through the parking lot towards Huntington Drive. Officers quickly located and detained the suspect, whom the victim positively identified. Meanwhile, officers responded to the mall regarding a second battery report, possibly committed by the detained suspect. The second victim advised that at approximately 9:30 p.m., she was placing items into her car trunk in the Macy’s parking lot, when she felt an unknown subject approach her from behind and grab her around the waist. The subject grabbed and squeezed her buttocks while making a derogatory statement, and fled on foot through the parking lot. This victim was unable to make a positive identification. A private person’s arrest was made, and the 45-year-old Hispanic male was taken into custody for sexual battery.

COME TO ARCADIA, LEARNING CAN BE FUN!

THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

While in Arcadia, our first stop will be the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum. The mission of this museum is to collect, preserve and recognize Arcadia’s heritage; to create a shared identity for a diverse community and to celebrate the City’s rich history with exhibits and educational programs that encourage community involvement. The Arcadia museum has fulfilled its mission. Museum staff and docents work with students of all grades- especially third and fourth whose curriculum includes California history. There are several programs at the museum



the Tongva Period through the 1950’s. This chronicles various cultures through the years and the influences on the City and is so interesting.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS/EVENTS

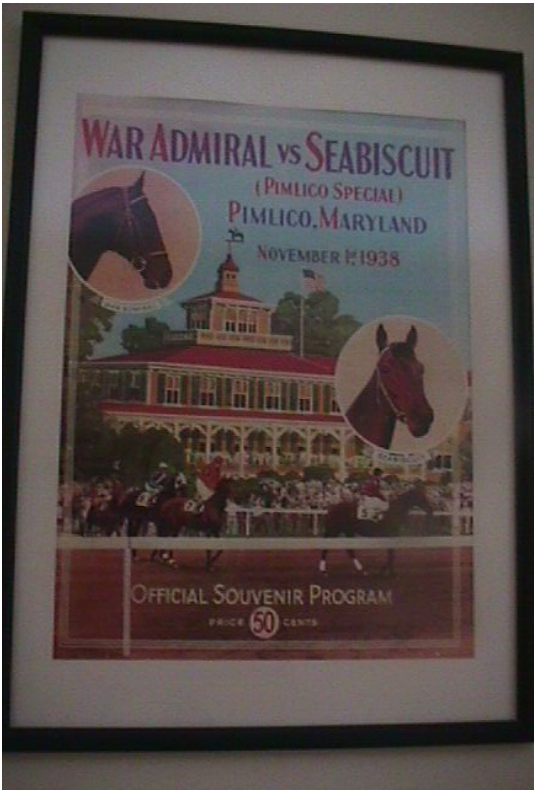
The 3rd Annual Juried Contest and Exhibition. Now-September 24th  
Ten Years and Counting: The Legacy of the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum, October 1-19. Opening Reception: October 1, 2011, 10:00 am.  
‘And They’re Off! Ephemera and Images of Santa Anita Park, November 12-January 21. Opening Reception: November 11, 2011, 10:00 am.  
Rose Parade Memories: The Gift from the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce .December 17-January 28. Opening Reception: December 16, 2011, 1:00pm.  
Location: 355 Campus Drive, Arcadia  
Phone: (626) 446-8512



to help fulfill badge requirements for Tiger Scouts, and for Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes to earn their Try-its and Badges! “Hands on History for Families” is a unique program on certain Saturdays during the year. Each session focuses on a certain country and its culture. On September 24th will be Konnichiwa Japan beginning at 12:30pm and it’s free! Explore the beauty of Japanese history and culture while participating in neat activities-Shibori drying, making a miniature Kokeshi doll, creating food art and much more! November 5th will be Meet Me in Mexico! Lastly December 10th will be End of the Year Celebration.

There are many varied displays. When I went a few years back, there was the Seabiscuit display. Currently there is the Arcadia Veterans Local History Room. This is a permanent exhibit space dedicated to all veterans of the City of Arcadia. Every three months a new veteran is presented with their own personal story of their experience as a veteran. An oral history is recorded and permanently archived in the Arcadia Veterans Oral History Collection there.

There is a permanent section which follows the chronological history of Arcadia from



CHAMBER’S TASTE OF ARCADIA RETURNS TO ARBORETUM  
Brazilian dancers, Martini Bar, Cold Duck, AHS Drum Line, Food Galore



The Taste of Arcadia returns to the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19.

While gourmet food trucks from all over Los Angeles and mostly outside Arcadia and neighboring cities have dominated many recent local events, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce’s Taste of Arcadia offers a showcase of more than three dozen of the local area’s best restaurants, caterers, and wine and beer vendors. No money changes hands at the more personalized food booths lined up in the idyllic lush Arboretum setting nestled on the soft green grass between beautiful water fountains with the majestic San Gabriel Mountains providing a picturesque backdrop.

The community’s annual signature event that draws more than 1,000 guests who buy a ticket to enjoy as much different food as they want and tastes of various drinks, will

once again feature a martini bar and entertainment by Cold Duck, one of the area’s most popular oldies rock bands, and the exotic, brightly and lightly dressed Brazilian dancers who immediately raise the after-dark energy to a party level. Also returning this year is an expanded version of The Roost, a secluded area introduced last year by volunteer Taste of Arcadia Committee chairperson Verena Somer that is adjacent to the main venue and features fine wine tasting in a quieter atmosphere.

The beat of entertainment begins upon entry as the Arcadia High School Drum Line entertains guests. Tickets are \$43 in advance online, plus a \$2.50 service fee ([www.arcadiachamber.org](http://www.arcadiachamber.org)), \$45 at the Chamber office (388 W. Huntington Drive) or by phone: 626-447-2159; and \$60 at the gate.

As always, a percentage of proceeds from Taste of Arcadia

are donated to three local non-profit beneficiaries, this year the Assistance League of Arcadia, the Boy Scouts of America/ Lucky Baldwin District, and the Arboretum Foundation.

Taste of Arcadia would not be possible without the dozens of dedicated volunteers and this year’s Gold Sponsor, Westfield Santa Anita, and Silver Sponsor, Methodist Hospital. Westfield is the Chamber’s first-ever year-round Community Builder sponsor for 2011-12.

Taste of Arcadia began as a much smaller event nearly 40 years ago to raise money for the Arcadia Tournament of Roses float. The Wineshed Mixer, as it was known at the time, was held on the infield at Santa Anita Park for a period of time. When the ATor dissolved in 1999, all assets, including the annual fund-raiser, were transferred to the Chamber.



# MONROVIA - DUARTE

Sierra Madre

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## "Get Your Groove on Route 66" on Sept. 24 with Duarte's 16th Annual Route 66 Parade NBC-4

*News Co-Ancor, Chuck Henry to Serve as Parade Grand Marshal*

*Dorothy Smith and Frank Haynes to be Honored as Community Grand Marshals*

DUARTE, CA, August 29, 2011 – Award-winning NBC4 News co-anchor and native Los Angelino Chuck Henry will serve as Grand Marshal of Duarte's 16th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade on Saturday, Sept. 24. The parade will step off at 10 a.m., followed by the Duarte City Picnic and Classic Car Show at Royal Oaks Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Known for his versatility, Henry has been lauded for both his hard news reports and for his lighter stories. In addition to his work in local news, Henry is the executive producer and host of the Emmy award-winning "Travel Café," a half-hour program that examines interesting places, cultures and cuisines.

Henry has won dozens of awards and honors for his work as an anchor, host, reporter, director and producer. These include Los Angeles Area Emmys, Golden Mike's, Los Angeles Press Club Awards and a national Cable Ace Award for Best Host of a Series. Henry will meet the community and sign autographs at the Car Show from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Themed "Get Your Groove on Route 66" the parade will travel along a one-mile segment of Duarte's historic Route 66, Huntington Dr., from Cotter St. east to Mt. Olive Ave. The colorful cavalcade, co-sponsored by the City of Duarte and Duarte Community Coordinating Council, will feature some 100 parade entries including antique and classic cars, bands, equestrian units, floats, and marching groups. Some 1,400 participants in all will take part in



NBC-4 News Co-Ancor, Chuck Henry, will serve as Grand Marshal of Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 24, celebrating the 85th anniversary of the Mother Road.

The parade will bestow special honors on two longtime, dedicated Duarte volunteers. Frank Haynes and Dorothy Smith will be honored as Community Grand Marshals for their outstanding leadership of the nonprofit Duarte Community Service Council which provides emergency support and welfare services for needy Duarte families. Smith, a 52-year Duarte resident has been a volunteer with the Duarte Community Service Council since 1993 and has served as president since 2000. She also volunteers her time with the Duarte Senior Center monthly County food program and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Healthy Cities program. Haynes, an 18-year resident of Duarte, is treasurer of the Duarte Community Services Council and has volunteered with the organization since 2004. He also serves on the Duarte Public Services Commission, and is the current president of the Duarte Community Coordinating Committee.

The City Picnic, celebrating the 54th anniversary of Duarte's incorporation, will offer a variety of food, craft and game booths sponsored by community nonprofit groups, and music presented by two live bands. Many of the vintage and classic cars from the parade will be on display at the car show.

Business sponsors for this year's parade are: City of Hope, Burrtec Waste, California-Rancheros Restaurant, Home Depot, Frontier Hardware, Stor America, Grover Manufacturing, 7-11, Simon Rental, Jan's Towing, Bowden Development, Quality Inn, DCTV, Duarte Elks Lodge, The Leven Oaks Assisted Living, and Royal Oaks Manor.

Opened in 1926, Route 66 was the first highway to connect Chicago to Los Angeles. It was nicknamed the Main Street of America because it passed through the heart of communities, including Duarte, for more than 2,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean. Route 66 was decommissioned in 1973 when the interstate highway was completed, but the love and lore of Route 66 lives on.

For more information about Duarte's Route 66 Parade and Classic Car Show, visit the event website, [www.duarteroute66parade.com](http://www.duarteroute66parade.com). For additional informational on the City Picnic contact Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



Dedicated community volunteers Dorothy Smith and Frank Haynes will be honored as Community Grand Marshals in Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 24.

the event. In addition to the many local school, church and community groups, the parade also attracts participants from throughout Southern California eager to share a role in the nation's only annual parade to celebrate Route 66, the Mother Road.

## LEARN TO LIVE WITH BEARS AND OTHER WILDLIFE

The Monrovia Police Department is hosting a community meeting about bears at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W Palm Avenue. Speaking and answering questions will be Dept. of Fish and Game biologist Rebecca Rebossa.

A bear-resistant trash can will be available for inspection, along with information on how to obtain one. Animal Control Officer David Andrew will also be on hand to answer questions about other animal related issues. Call (626) 256-8000 for information.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 579 service events, resulting in 99 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:*

### Driving Under the Influence / Hit and Run Traffic Collision With Injury - Two Suspects Arrested

On August 21 at 1:56 a.m., a male and two female subjects were riding in a Toyota truck in the 700 block of Ridgeside Drive, returning home from a party. The male driver and female front passenger began to argue, and the female grabbed the steering wheel from the driver, causing him to crash into a parked car. The driver fled the area, but was located by an officer. The driver and female passenger were intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and felony hit and run with injury. The front female passenger was arrested for public intoxication and for interfering with the driver of the vehicle. The second female passenger was taken to a hospital for back pain.

### Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On August 21 at 12:06 a.m., an officer on patrol came across a vehicle parked partially in the street at Walker and El Norte with its engine running and the driver sleeping behind the wheel. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence and was arrested.

### Commercial Burglary

On August 22 at 4:11 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 900 block of West Huntington on an alarm activation. Upon arrival, they discovered a smashed window. A responsible party arrived and reported that several cell phones and one computer monitor were taken. Investigation continuing.

### Commercial Burglary

On August 22 at 11:39 a.m., an officer responded to a business in the 1500 block of South California

regarding a burglary. Unknown suspect(s) cut the chain link fence around an outside yard and made entry into a secured area where merchandise is kept. Investigation continuing.

### Grand Theft Auto

On August 23 at 2:49 p.m., a resident in the 900 block of South Ivy reported his vehicle had been stolen. He reported he had brought a male subject to his house to put some music together. The suspect told the victim he had left his wallet in the victim's vehicle. The victim handed the subject the keys to his vehicle. The suspect entered the vehicle and drove away, heading west on Huntington toward the freeway. The victim's vehicle is a silver, 2000 BMW 740i. Investigation continuing.

### Brandishing a Weapon

On August 23 at 4:40 p.m., a subject/victim was sitting in his vehicle in a business parking lot in the 500 block of West Huntington. Another subject in a vehicle parked next to his displayed an offensive hand gesture after the victim asked him what was wrong. A female passenger in the vehicle brandished a gun and the suspects drove off. The victim followed the suspect vehicle and last saw it heading eastbound on Duarte at Myrtle. The suspect vehicle is described as an older model Isuzu Rodeo. The investigation is continuing.

### Residential Burglary

On August 24 at 4:52 a.m., an officer on patrol noticed a large hole in a fumigation tent on a residence in the 100 block of Stedman Place. The hole was directly outside a window; the window was wide open and a light was on. An officer watched the location for some time, but no one was located in or around the house. The location was checked for loss after it was safe to enter and it was discovered that a 42-inch television had been stolen from the residence. Investigation continuing.



Monrovia City Council  
invites you to attend the

## SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Sunday, September 11, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

Monrovia Fire Station 101  
141 East Lemon Avenue

*We honor those who gave their lives,  
so we may live ours in freedom*

*We will never forget . . .*  
**9-11-01**



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## 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.  
925 S. Shamrock Ave.  
Monrovia, CA 91016



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## SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL BREAKS 900

*Highest Academic Performance Index Ever For PUSD School!*

Sierra Madre School became the district's first school to score above 900 on the Academic Performance Index (API), according to the 2011 Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) released this week by the California Department of Education. More than half of the remaining PUSD Schools scored 800 or better.

However, the results of the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), also released today, placed schools that scored above the 800 API benchmark into federal Program Improvement for failing to meet growth targets.

Together, the API and the AYP are the two main indicators of school performance and both systems are based upon the results from STAR and the California High School Exit Exam. California's definition of proficiency in English language arts and math is widely considered among the most rigorous in the country.

"I am pleased that schools demonstrated improvement, especially those that made substantial gains this year, and I am deeply committed to working with the schools with scores that dropped or remained low," said Superintendent Jon R. Gundry. "I have set an immediate course of action to examine the reasons for the inconsistencies in school performance and to make adjustments tailored to each school. Administrator and school teams began this work earlier this month and will continue throughout the year."

On the API, the score most commonly used as a measurement of academic performance, Sierra Madre scored 908 this year and became the first school in PUSD to score above 900. Ten other schools scored above the 800 benchmark on the API and two schools moved above 800 for the first time: Altadena Elementary scored 818 and Field Elementary scored 813. While 1,000 is the highest API score possible, the state sets its goal at 800 points. Schools with scores below 800 are assigned a growth target each year until they meet or surpass the state's goal.

In terms of improvement, Altadena Elementary grew the most this year, jumping 63 points. Among secondary schools, John Muir High School improved the most, doubling its growth target to gain 19 points this year. Marshall Fundamental tripled its growth target for a 15-point gain and Washington Middle School gained 14 points. Nine PUSD schools met their API growth target this year. Overall, PUSD improved by 53 points over the last five years.

However, the number of schools whose scores dropped significantly were in



PUSD Jon Gundry and Sierra Madre School Principal Esther Salinas

almost equal proportion to those that grew. Already, school teams and administrators have worked together with parents to closely examine data and determine the factors that lead to decreases in scores. The ongoing work is paired with an examination of the significant increases at other schools to determine which practices can be shared to propel improvement.

On the AYP, the federal school performance system established under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, nine PUSD schools met proficiency targets and in math and four met the English language arts target.

The AYP sets progressively higher performance targets each year with the goal of reaching 100 percent proficiency by 2013-2014. Schools must meet up to 42 objectives every year, including growth among subgroups of students, and can be labeled as failing AYP if they do not meet targets for two consecutive years. Once labeled, schools enter the federal Program Improvement, which mandates sanctions.

The federal growth target increased by 11 percent this year alone. In California, 913 schools were newly identified as "failing"

this year, despite meeting or surpassing the state API target of 800.

Three PUSD schools with API scores above 800 were placed on program improvement for the first time because of the federal AYP mandates.

Hamilton Elementary School, which scored 863 on the API this year, has consistently scored above 800 for the last several years, was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2009, and scored a 10 of 10 when compared with similar schools in California, entered program improvement despite having more of its students test advanced or proficient than ever before. Hamilton was placed on program improvement because the school did not meet one its subgroup AYP goals for two consecutive years.

This week, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson issued a letter to the federal Department of Education proposing that California be allowed to freeze the imposition of sanctions and mandatory identifications for the coming school year at last year's levels.

## Alverno Makes News!

*Class of 2015 Goes Beyond Borders at Alverno*

Alexis Estrada and Ali Peterson at their new lockers

New freshmen at Alverno High School began class confident, comfortable, and ready to go. This is because of a new program at the college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre that aims to calm those freshman jitters and get a new school



Crystel Maloof in Alverno uniform on the first day of high school

experience off on smooth start.

"The entire class attended our Positive Skills for a Successful Alverno Experience workshop over the summer," says Dean of Students Cam Gonzales. "We want the new girls to start school acclimated to the Alverno culture and to feel more self-confident in a new situation."

The girls discussed Alverno's mission, which is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. The girls each made a video expressing how she will embody the school's mission. Lead by a



Helena Enciso, Izaura Avitia, and Alexia Palomino

team of sophomores, the girls learned about the school's founders, its extensive activities program, and how to become involved in school government, which is modeled on the U.S. government. There were sections on study skills and building healthy friendships. The week-long class closed with the girls creating a time capsule to be opened in their senior year.

Cam Gonzales was very happy with the Positive Skills class. "We have the largest number of freshmen ever running for office," she says. "Because they know more



LeAnn Zuniga, Amanda Tamayo and Gabriela Prado at orientation

about our government system, they will have a very effective and fun freshman year."

"We have a tradition of choosing a theme for each year," says Ann Gillick, Head of School. "The theme for this year is Beyond Borders. It fit in beautifully with freshman orientation," she observed, as groups of freshmen rushed about getting mock passports stamped to show that they could find important places on campus.

Frosh Shannon Marks found the study skills part of Positive Skills especially helpful. "I was worried about how to get organized for block schedule and high school classes," she says. "We learned the best way to set up our binders and got some useful note taking tips."

Ariana Vasquez says Positive Skills and Orientation helped settle her nerves for the first day of high school. "I knew everybody in my class before school even started. I'd met some teachers and I know where things are--and my binders are already all set up." Arianna calls herself shy, adding, "I feel a lot more confident and I'm ready to come out of my shell!"

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## FIRST

People always say that there is a first for everything: a heartbreak, skinny dipping, failing an exam, etc. This week I experienced my first job interview at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. Preparing for college, I have been attacking the job scene like crazy, trying to find a place that I like and is also flexible with my school schedule and hours so that I can save up a few dollars, so when I leave next year I am not completely broke.

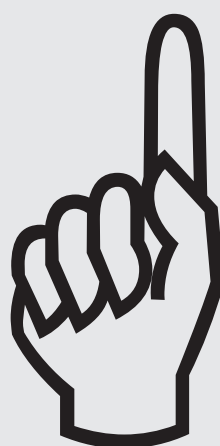
Barnes and Noble seemed like the perfect place to look into: the books, coffee, and people make a perfect atmosphere of leisure and work, not to mention the location and customer discounts as well. So I decided to apply and was told to come to the group interview on Monday.

I woke up feeling ready to excel and when I put on my business attire was ready to show them who was boss. I walked into the store and saw the sign-up clipboard, filled out my name (number 3), and relaxed knowing that I had made the list and could therefore pass the next two hours before the interview in Starbucks next-door. The time moved slowly, and the last five minutes before the interview my heart began to race manically. When they told us all to enter the back room I chose a seat towards the middle and tried to act calm. The overall process was simple, only two questions were asked, one of which was choosing an item off the floor. I chose The Hobbit on CD because I think it is the perfect combination of carefree entertainment while being educational at the same time.

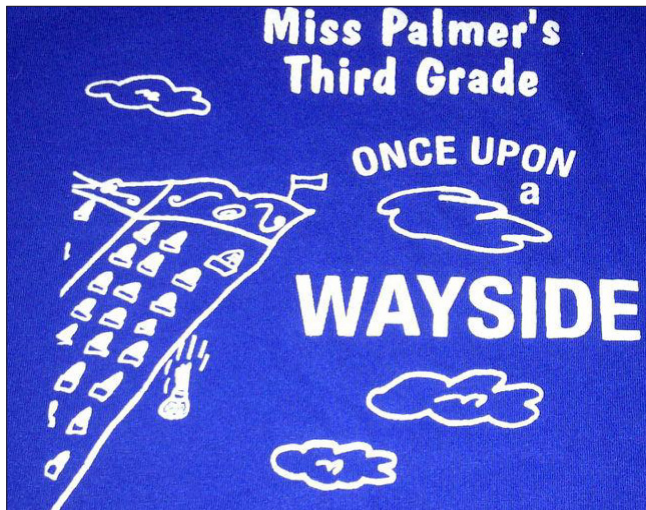
Little did I know I was competing against professional salesmen who could sell me a spork if necessary. Despite this, it was a great learning experience, especially being my first interview.

# Tween/Teen Book Group Forming

Pasadena Public Library's Allendale Branch is forming a Tween/Teen Book Group. If you love to read, discuss books and make new friends call (626) 744-7260 for more information. Allendale Branch Library is located at 1130 S. Marengo Ave.







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 the last of the series of stories that will enlighten, inspire and keep you laughing all summer long!

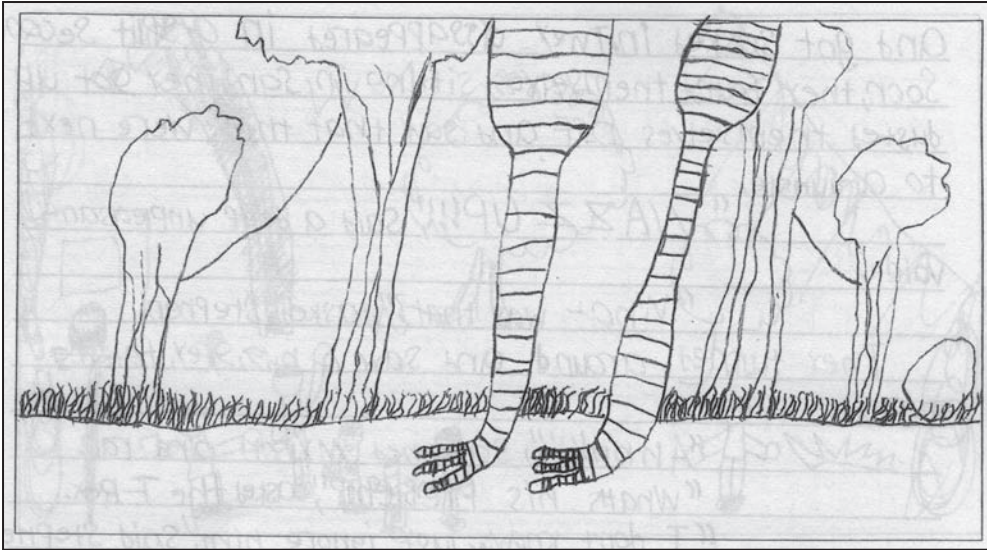
If you want to read the previous week's stories, go to: [www.mtn-viewsnews.com](http://www.mtn-viewsnews.com).

S. Henderson/MVNews

## CHILLIN' WITH DINOSAURS

by Aaden Corona

One Monday afternoon, Stephen and Myron excused themselves to use the restroom. On their way there, they noticed that the custodian's closet door was barely open. They peeked inside and saw a huge, shiny, metal machine. The machine had a big red button that said, "Start time travel."



"What the heck is that?", asked Myron.

"I don't know!", replied Stephen.

Stephen pushed the red button and said, "Start time travel?"

Stephen and Myron saw a blue light appear and got sucked in. They disappeared in a split second. Soon, they found themselves sitting in the sand. They got up, dusted themselves off and saw that they were next to a jungle.

"WAZZ UP!!!", said a deep, unpleasant voice. "What was that?", asked Stephen.

They turned around and saw a huge, grey, talking T-Rex.

"Ahhhh!!!!", screamed Myron and ran. "What's his problem?", asked the T-Rex. "I don't know...just ignore him." said Stephen. "Myron!!! Get over here, the T-Rex is friendly." said Stephen. "Fine!!", shouted Myron.

Myron walked toward the dinosaur and said, "This dinosaur is dumb."

"You put the D in dumb," said the T-Rex.

"OOO!!! A pile of sand", said Myron.

He jumped on it. Then it started to sink into the ground. The blue appeared again and Stephen jumped in it and they appeared back in Wayside School. They returned to class and never spoke to anyone of their trip. THE END

## ERIK OVEN CAN'T TALK!

by Nolan Blakely

One day in Wayside School, Erik Oven was playing basketball with Erik Fry and Erik Bacon. Three

people wanted to play basketball. Erik Oven said, "Sure." The three people lost the game and Erik Fry, Erik Oven and Erik Bacon won the game.

After the game, Erik Oven was walking. He saw a purple glowing rock. He picked up that rock and he tried to say, "Wow, look at this purple glowing rock," but all that came out was "abapriepvlma." The bell

rang and the class ran to Mrs. Jewels on the 30th story. Todd was scratching his bottom when Mrs. Jewels said to Erik Oven, "What is 5 x 5?" Erik Oven said, "Goadocqxxzxr." The class laughed. Mrs. Jewels said, "correct." Then someone said, "How are you doing?" Erik Oven said, "gocdoocsoryorw." The class laughed again. Erik Oven ran out of Mrs. Jewel's room, went down the stairs and into the basement!

Then he saw Erik Fry in the basement looking for something. Erik Oven ran to Erik Fry then wrote, "I can't talk and what are you looking for?"

Erik Fry said, "I don't care that you can't talk and I'm looking for my lunch bag."

Erik wrote, "Is that it?", he pointed to his lunch bag. Erik Fry said, "Thank you".

Erik Fry went out of the basement. Then Erik Oven saw a man. The man said, "I can help you." Erik Oven wrote, "I can't talk and how can you help me?"

The man said, "My name is Limeomlie God and I can help you so you can talk again."

Limeomlie God gave Erik Oven a red and blue flower and said, "Eat this flower."

Erik Oven ate the flower. Lemeomline God said, "Can you talk?"

Erik Oven said, "Yes and thank you", and returned to class.

Mrs. Jewels said, "Stop talking to yourself" and Mrs. Jewels wrote Erik Oven's name on the blackboard.

## THE NO BULLYING ZONE

by Elsje

### BACK TO SCHOOL AND BEING BULLIED

Question: Elsje, I've been dreading this day since the first day of summer vacation. I don't want to go back to school and back to being bullied. What do I do? Maria

Answer: Maria, Don't let bullies stop you from your future. Plan on having a great year at school! This is the day you are no longer a victim. Stand tall. At the first incidence, notify your parents and counselor at school. If you get no relief, it is time to call the police. Do not hesitate. You have a right to a safe education.

Try to avoid the bullies by always being in groups and well lit areas. Plan your day and destinations. If you are having trouble getting from class to class or from home to school, let your school counselor know the first time it happens. Repeat EVERY time this happens. This is not an easy position for you to be in, but it is a step you can and must take. You have the ability to take their power away.

Find a group of friends to hang out with. Join a new club or sport. Busy yourself with your homework and



your dreams. Pick up a new hobby. Help someone else.

There are so many ways for you to be productive. This can raise your self-esteem and give you strength. These choices will make you happy! Good luck with school and make it a great year!

Elsje is the founder of Tolerant Acts of Peace and Service, (T.A.P.S.) [www.TAPSeu.com](http://www.TAPSeu.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](mailto:NBZ@mytaps.org)

### MRS. ZARVES' CLASS

by Sameh Duplessis

During the day at Wayside School, Mrs. Jewels asked her students, "Do you guys have anything to do?" Paul didn't have anything to do so he decided to go to the playground.

Paul asked Allison, Joy and Jason if they wanted to go outside for a little bit, but he was very quiet so Mrs. Jewels couldn't hear him. Then, they all asked if they could go to the bathroom, but instead they went outside.

Outside they saw a dog who started chasing them. They all climbed up the outside of the building and guess what class they ended up in? The 19th Story! When they got on the 19th story they were all worried they would be stuck there forever. They thought they were going to die because they couldn't drink or eat, not even water.

But they didn't die. The first couple of days were good but when they heard they weren't going to have recess or a break, they decided to leave. They created an escape plan.

They jumped out of the window, and ran back up to the 30th story. When they got there Paul said, "Mrs. Jewels, Mrs. Jewels, we got stuck on the 19th story." Everybody laughed and DeeDee asked, "How can you get stuck on the 19th Story if there isn't a 19th Story?"

"It's tru," Paul, Allison, Jay and Jason all said. Calvin agreed with them because he had gotten stuck on the 19th Story before. In fact, they had all been stuck on the 19th Story before. But, for some reason, nobody remembered.

The next day Paul asked the class why they didn't remember.

Everybody was quiet.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

## DAY TRIPPING' IN ANAHEIM



As a boy I couldn't sleep at night in the anticipation of going to Disneyland in the morning. But I have discovered there is so much more to the city famous for Moose ears than that. Anaheim, now the tenth largest city in California, began in 1857 as a colony of German farmers and vintners. Founding member George Hansen surveyed the original 200 acres which now comprises the city's downtown area, bounded by North, South, East and West streets. The city's name is a composition of "Ana" from the nearby Santa Ana river and "heim," German for home. Those early pioneers considered this location their "home by the river."

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## Nature & The Environment

### SHOWDOWN AT THE BEANTOWN CORRAL

A followup to his Marijuana column of August 27 - by Christopher Nyerges

OK, folks, it looks like an explanation is in order about my marijuana article from the August 27 issue. A few of you contacted me personally, and I got a few emails. But the big showdown came when I was cornered at Beantown with the Steve the resident artist on one side, and Urban Nature Girl Helen on the other side, giving me a piece of their minds.

They weren't challenging me about my facts, exactly, but mostly about the way I said it. They know me well, and they felt I would be misunderstood from the way the article was written.

I wrote that if you smoke marijuana, you're choosing to be an idiot. OK, that was a bit over the top, and it never helps to clarify issues by using anything that seems to be a personal attack. So I apologize for that one.

My column was inspired by my conversation with a mother who was exasperated by her two teens' use of marijuana, and their defiance in using it at the home. Thus, my opinion piece was liberally spiked with my random bursts of subjectivity, the likes of which brings few people to my point of view, and allows most readers to assume I am a frothing-at-the-mouth, ranting lunatic, or a judgmental fool.

So here are a few clarifications on what I wrote.

Regarding "medical marijuana," I did not intend to imply that the "medical use" is a joke and that there is no valid medical use. It's the phony claims for medical need that I perceive as a deception.

It seems there are probably more legitimate users of marijuana for medical uses than I believe. Granted, I am an advocate of using little or no medicines (legal or illegal), since the body is designed to heal itself. And though there may be other medical alternatives to marijuana, the fact that some people gain relief from their symptoms would justify its use.

So what percentage of folks who buy marijuana from the pharmacies are "legitimate users." This is not an easy figure to ascertain. I spoke to several folks who run medical marijuana pharmacies, I received estimates in the range of "under 5%" to "around 20%" to "50%" of those who have a legitimate medical need. It is so easy to get the medical marijuana card that it is hard to quantify "legitimate." But after talking to several people, my sense is that the legitimate users are about 25% of the buyers. That estimate is a lot higher than my estimated one in a thousand (from last week's column). Still, even by the proponents' best estimates, that means there are a lot of users out there who simply want to get high.

However, my comment on why the larger legitimate pharmacies don't carry marijuana was incomplete. The simple answer is that the larger pharmacies are following federal

law, not the state's voted legality of marijuana. Federal law typically trumps local laws.

Is there more crime at the medical marijuana shops, as I inferred? Police records suggest that 7-11s get robbed more often than the medical marijuana shops, and criminals go where there's cash. The medical marijuana shops also deal in cash, so they're targets. It's about cash, not marijuana.

Due to the prevalence of alcohol in our society, and its legality, I would agree that legalizing marijuana would also decrease the criminal aspects of marijuana trade, and possibly reduce the power of the cartels which kill so many. But the flip-side is that some fear legality would encourage more "recreational" marijuana use.

Re: hemp. It's a great fibre with many good uses, and farmers should be allowed to grow it for fibre. But I wasn't talking about legitimate hemp-for-fibre farmers or hemp-for-fibre promoters. What I dislike is that some marijuana smokers hide behind the many good uses of hemp, when in fact, what they really want to do is get high. (By the way, many people don't realize that both "hemp" and "marijuana" are just common names for the same plant, Cannabis sativa. The key difference is that marijuana has been cultivated to get an increased THC content).

With all this in mind, my point that I was trying to convey was that it is good and desirable to be clear-thinking, and to always be fully in charge of your mental and physical faculties. This basic principle is a good survival tactic in all situations.

I am content to leave the legal and medical issues to others. Free individuals should always choose to be free of anything that might curtail their full ability to function in all realms of "survival."

I see that my reactive state of mind when I wrote the original article didn't fully convey what I intended.

Please accept my apologies if I had inadvertently offended any of you. And thank you Steve and Helen for caring enough about me to encourage me to write this clarification.

Christopher Nyerges

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## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: THE RAPTURE

I must confess that prior to "In The Grace Of Your Love" I wasn't at all familiar with The Rapture's

repertoire of songs. My only prior knowledge of the band's existence was seeing their name on an array of music festivals posters from the last few years. Even with my former lack of familiarity of the band's sound, I'm now aware that this record marks the restoration of The Rapture's dance-punk resonance. Despite an unreleased song specifically recorded a few years ago for the soundtrack to Grand Theft Auto IV, "In The Grace Of Your Love" marks The Rapture's first record in five years. Now I fully understand the allure the band has had for over a decade. The sweet and soulful sound of the band's latest resurgence is undeniably apparent with their forth album.

Chill beats, saxophones, stylish and polished to a tee, "I.T.G.O.Y.L." will have you dancing on the beach in no time. The vibe is electrifying and pure ecstasy. Seriously, the fun rarely eases up and the ride is well worth the price of admission. Earlier this summer, I would have bet everything that Friendly Fire's electro-pop opus, "Pala" was the top prizefighter for the best danceable rock album. Now it seems a real heavyweight contender has just entered the ring. The track "Come Back To Me" is slick and chilled, but half way into it, it takes an ominous turn. The thick baseline will elevate you from the dance floor. Raw, funky, moody and turbo-charged, The

Rapture hits you with everything it's got in its plentiful arsenal of tricks. Clearly fans of the band shouldn't be disappointed with "I.T.G.O.Y.L." and newcomers, like myself, evidently don't have a reason not to check out their previous material now.

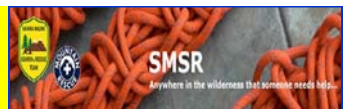
"Sail Away", "Blue Bird" and the closer, "It Takes Time To Be A Man" are without question the superior songs off the album. However, make no mistake, the rest of the album does a pretty bang up job delivering utter bliss to your ears. As the summer season twiddles down, "I.T.G.O.Y.L." will lift your spirit up as the fall season becomes underway. It's a terrific album

### THE RAPTURE

Artist: The Rapture  
 Album: In The Grace Of Your Love  
 Label: DFA Records  
 Release Date: September 6, 2011  
 Grade: 8.2 out of 10  
 Key Tracks: "Sail Away", "Blue Bird", "Children" and "It Takes Time To Be A Man"

to close out the summer, but not even for that reason alone. The Rapture has proved that great things happen with a little patience. Although it took a solid five years for the album to come into fruition, it should be duly noted that their efforts are greatly appreciated. Instead of phoning in an underdeveloped album (what bands seem to do these days for their grand arrival back to the music scene), The Rapture appear to be on the right track with what distinctly can be deemed an unexpected, yet tremendous new endeavor.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"If you think this job pays too much ... I'll just tell you: this job don't mean that much to me."*

- Rep. Steve Southerland (R-FL), on his \$174,000 congressional salary during a town hall at a retirement home in Tallahassee

That remark from the class-of-2010 tea-bagger reminded me of the 1991 confirmation hearing of Justice Clarence Thomas, when he questioned whether a lifetime appointment to the nation's highest court was worth having to endure a "high-tech lynching"; i.e., having to answer allegations of sexual harassment. I remember almost shouting at the T.V., "If it doesn't mean that much to you, then step aside for somebody else!"

Many would give anything for the privilege of serving their country in congress, even if it meant having to somehow scrape by on \$174,000 a year. I think of retirees in Tallahassee who never saw a salary half that much in their lifetimes, let alone the pension and healthcare benefits.

Last Spring, the Polk County Republican Party tried to squelch video postings on freshman Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI), who dutifully supported Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's slashing salaries and benefits for those public employees not already fired. Responding to town hall questions about his own public salary, Rep. Duffy explained, "I still pay off my student loans. I still pay my mortgage. I drive a used minivan ... I struggle to meet my bills right now." He couldn't understand why anyone would begrudge him his \$174,000 plus benefits (more than three times the Polk County average).

Republicans faced embarrassing confrontations at previous town halls, but appear to have concluded the problem lies not in having to justify their salaries to those who pay it, but in town halls themselves.

About half of all members did away with town halls altogether. Among Republicans, many decided to limit attendance to those who'd pay for the privilege of being in the room with them. Price of admission varied; Rep. Chip Cravaack (R-MN) - \$10, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) - \$15, Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA) - \$30 (protesters and reporters not admitted), Rep. Ben Quayle (R-AZ) - \$35 (lunch included).

The Carver County, Minnesota, Republican Party abandoned all pretense and (briefly) posted an eBay-like site auctioning off opportunities to "get up close and personal" with lawmakers at a closed event (bidding starts at \$250).

Blogger Jed Lewison at Daily Kos offered this rationale: "It's hard to blame them. If you'd just spent the last seven months trying to end Medicare, causing the first debt downgrade in American history, and failing to pass a single piece of jobs legislation, would you want to face the public?"

Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) had previously required town hall attendees to sign in and submit questions in writing, with staffers selecting the ones to be passed on to the congressman. He took it up a notch, though, when last week a staffer directed Cincinnati police to confiscate the cell

phones and video cameras of attendees.

An Ohio Tea Party activist wrote, "... at a public town hall event, in a public venue (high school gym), hosted by a public official and coordinated by public staffers, personal/private cameras and cell phones are now being forcefully removed to keep video footage from hitting YouTube." (Video hit YouTube anyway.)

Some later relented and opened up their town halls. Tea-bagger Rep. Cravaack watched his audience cheer a recent college grad after she confronted him on his remark that a problem with Pell Grants is they raise tuition costs for "normal people". Rep. Chris Gibson (R-NY) was slammed at a town hall in Millerton for having signed the no-tax pledge; "We are your constituents, not Grover Norquist!" Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA) threatened to walk out of a forum outside Sacramento when a woman raised the same issue, reminding him the only "pledge" he need make is to the Constitution, and a man complained, "You use the debt ceiling as blackmail!"

As a means of combating such embarrassments, freshmen Reps. Dan Webster (R-FL) and Tim Griffin (R-AR) have taken to investigating those who ask the "wrong" questions at town halls, grabbing photos and personal information off Facebook, then distributing ominous information sheets on the troublemakers to the media. One of those sheets suggested the media question the military service of a 66-year-old Vietnam vet, who later commented to the Orlando Sentinel, "I think it's pretty weird. Someone asks a legitimate question, and all of a sudden somebody's got a dossier on you."

If there's such disdain for those paying their \$174,000 salaries, then who do freshmen tea-baggers think they're working for?

Rep. Stephen Fincher (R-TN) took in \$87,700 from agribusiness over his first six months, then introduced legislation weakening oversight in rushing genetically-altered crops to market. The aforementioned Rep. Duffy raised 40% of his funds from insurance and financial services PACs, and is pushing to gut the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) got \$176,000 from mining interests and is working to strip powers from the EPA, which earlier this year vetoed a mountaintop coal removal permit.

The FEC reports House freshmen received \$37.2 million in campaign cash their first six months in office, a 34.3% jump over two years ago.

Having to represent the interests of constituents, rather than corporate benefactors, while getting by on \$174,000 a year might be a job that "don't mean that much" for some freshmen tea-baggers, but they'll be relieved of the burden none too soon - about fourteen months from now.

It's not really a town hall, but a couple ladies at the Monrovia Farmers' Market told me of an upcoming gathering Saturday, September 10 from 4-7 PM at the Montevista Unitarian Congregation in Montclair - where the subject will be universal healthcare, discussion featuring Dr. Bill Honigman and Dr. Jo Olson - specifically SB 810 - to bring single-payer healthcare to California. Call (626) 824-9055 for info.

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## GREG Welborn



## Obama's &amp; Reagan's Transformative Visions

When he took office, it is reported that President Obama sought out a lengthy biography of Ronald Reagan. Obama saw in Reagan the same sort of transformative accomplishment that he hoped he would have during his term in office. Unfortunately, at the 3 year mark of his tenure, the comparison between these two presidents is not that flattering to President Obama. In fact, it may well prove to offer some insight into a resounding defeat next November.

Both new presidents came into office with a troubled, if not collapsing, economy. Both of them, in the same vein of aggressiveness and commitment to change what they inherited and what ailed the country pursued radical solutions. President Reagan passed the largest tax reduction in this country's history, deregulated a host of industries and applied a firm-footed brake to the easy money policy of the day, which risked driving the economy further into recession. President Obama pushed forward with the largest spending increase in this country's history, instructed his various department heads to increase the regulatory burden in their respective spheres and encouraged the Fed in its attempt to float us out of the recession on a sea of newly printed greenbacks.

It's hard to argue that three years in office is not a sufficient waypoint at which to measure the progress and success of these diametrically opposed solutions. At Reagan's third year, GDP growth had returned to a whopping 5% on its way upward (it finally peaked at about 7%). As we stand now at Obama's third year, we have an anemic, if even measurable, 1% growth rate with some concerns that it could slip into negative numbers, signaling a double dip recession.

I bring this up not to argue that's where we're heading, but to make the secondary point about confidence. Every measure of American confidence was hitting high marks at the end of Reagan's third year, while today every measure of American confidence in Obama, the economy, the country, fill in the blank, is dour and getting worse. With Reagan, America was back; with Obama, there is concern America may be slipping away.

An honest observer - liberal or conservative - has to admit that one radical program worked and the other has not. I'd go even further to say that Obama's is hurting the economy, but we don't have to agree on that point per se to at least acknowledge that Obama's massive spending, regulatory meddling and monetary profligacy has failed to accomplish what he promised his program would and what clearly Reagan's opposite program did accomplish.

The difference of course lies in the difference between the basic philosophies which undergird both men's programs. Obama clearly believes that

the federal government is the solution. The larger the government as a share of the overall economy and the more regulations that are promulgated, the more control Washington exercises over the conduct of our lives and our economy. This isn't an insult or an accusation. It is a truth born of both observation and the current President's own words.

Reagan's philosophy was rooted in his trust in both the goodness and the industriousness of the individual. Free up the individual to pursue his dream, to build the castles he saw in those visions, and, Reagan was confident, the rest of the country would bloom and prosper. Reagan unleashed a miracle of productivity and growth by giving back to the average American the economic incentives that would reward such effort. Reagan reduced marginal taxes to allow Americans to keep more of what they produced by the sweat of their brows. He removed the hurdles which prevented America's great companies (large and small) from the innovative genius that seems to be in our DNA. He removed the destructive risk that inflation posed on anyone who wished to invest in the future.

Interestingly enough, both presidents faced mountains of criticism and dire warnings that their policies were doomed to fail. These weren't easy agendas to implement. The healthcare and budget battles of the current president are still fresh in our minds, but the opposition to Reagan may be a lost historical point. Today it seems so obvious what he did, but at the time economists staked their reputations on the "fact" that A) the economy could not grow without inflation increasing, and B) it would take almost a decade for the economy to recover. They were wrong. The dire predictions leveled against Obama's program have sadly for our nation proved to be prophetically true. We are more in debt, less confident and more exposed to a coming tidal wave of inflation than we have ever been before.

There is still hope. President Obama can become a transformative president in a way that will mark his spot in history with accolades rather than derision. To do so however, he may have to return to his readings of his first months in office. To emulate Reagan wouldn't be a bad strategy right about now.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques



## PROMOTING ONLINE

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

Businesses and self-employed individuals can use a variety of creative and low-cost methods to promote the goods and services they sell. The internet is driving an advertising evolution that has changed the landscape of traditional advertising right before our eyes. Major newspapers and "5th Avenue" advertising firms have been scrambling to find their new niches as many time-tested rules have become irrelevant. Huge advertising budgets are no longer a prerequisite for reaching customers. Some community media outlets, including newspapers, public access television and radio stations are generating broad exposure for local businesses as articles, interviews and videos go viral on the internet.

Many people refer to some of this activity as "free" advertising, but in reality it not actually free since there is always a dollar value for the time and other resources that have to be invested to create the free advertising. Websites, Facebook, Twitter and other digital tools have made promotional activities and campaigns easier than ever. Business Dictionary.com defines promotion as "Marketing: The advancement of a product, idea, or point of view through publicity and/or advertising."

Although there are different definitions for marketing, advertising, promotion and publicity, the lines between them are sometimes blurred when taken online. E-blasts can be sent out to a list of thousands of contacts with one click, or at a time, or a more detailed and customized message can be transmitted to a more targeted list. It no longer takes a large department to implement a multi-faceted promotional campaign. Tools like Constant Contact provide numerous options for marketing and communicating with new and potential customers using templates that can be customized with logos and other unique features that make a business or service unique.

The price to put basic technology in place has fallen to a level that is within the grasp of virtually any entrepreneur. With the recommended basic platform of a website or blog, mobi technology like Smartphones and iPads' creates a virtual, portable business office. When it comes to marketing and promotional activities, having the ability to initiate and maintain communication with customers will have an impact on the bottom line.

## PORTANTINO'S STUDENT FINANCIAL AID BILL HEADS TO GOVERNOR

Sacramento - Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's (D- La Cañada Flintridge) legislation (AB 91) aimed at simplifying the financial aid process for California's Community College students has been approved by the State Legislature and is now on its way to the Governor's desk for signature.

"I've been working on this bill for several years because I think it's important to make these cumbersome processes simple so eligible students get all the financial help they can. Our children deserve the opportunity for a good education and our economy demands a well trained workforce," explained Portantino.

"The goal of this measure is to end a needlessly duplicative process and get more students to participate in state and federal aid programs. We are losing \$500 million dollars in federal aid that will help students and our struggling economy."

AB 91 establishes a three-year pilot program at ten community college campuses where the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) would be used as the primary application for financial aid. Community College students currently apply for either a BOG fee waiver or



the FAFSA or both. When students don't file the FAFSA form, they miss out on Pell Grants and other federal opportunities. Currently, only about a third of eligible students apply for federal aid.

The bill was overwhelmingly approved in the state legislature last fall, but was vetoed by then Governor Schwarzenegger.

The ten campuses in the pilot program will be selected by the Community College Chancellor's office which will report the results at the end of the 3-year term and make recommendations for a statewide expansion of the program.

Equipment is being mobilized this week for the upcoming foundation work on the I-210 Bridge. As you can see from the images below, a large drill rig and crane have been trucked in and are being assembled on the south side of the eastbound I-210 Freeway. This is the location of the first of three 110 foot deep, 11 foot in diameter foundations to be drilled over the next four weeks. The other two are located in the center median of the freeway.

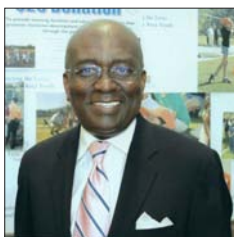
## SAVE THE CHILDREN

are mostly likely to be obese. Obese youth are more likely to have risk factors for cardiovascular disease, such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure.

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth study revealed that obese children with decreasing levels of self-esteem demonstrated significantly higher rates of sadness, loneliness, nervousness and are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors such as smoking or consuming alcohol. As you can discerned, there is nothing but bad news associated with childhood obesity. We must save our children from this epidemic. Everyone can help by encouraging children to eat healthy, nutritious foods and avoid a sedentary lifestyle. Enlist them in sporting activities and monitor the time they sit at home computers or laptops.

The time has come for us to be honest and courageous by arresting the childhood obesity epidemic. Ignoring this mostly curable epidemic is killing our children and adding astronomical costs to families healthcare expenses. We must save our children from a life of lack of self-esteem - the potential result of childhood obesity.

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Ron Carter

Too many individuals who are affected by the Childhood Obesity epidemic are refusing to discuss it. Thus, the epidemic continues to grow at a feverish pace in American society. Over the past 30 years Childhood Obesity has more than tripled. The spread of obesity among children aged 6 to 11 years increased from 6.5% in 1980 to 19.6% in 2008. In addition, adolescents aged 12 to 19 years increased from 5.0% to 18.1%. If this is not an alarm for a call to action, then I don't know what else will galvanize us to act on safeguarding our children's health.

Obesity is the result of caloric imbalance (too few calories expended for the amount of calories consumed) and is mediated by genetic, behavioral and environmental factors. The main factors being Genetics, Perinatal ( obese mothers giving birth, maternal smoking between 28-32 weeks' gestation), Early Life Factors ( infant birth weight, sleep duration), Diet and Physical Activity. Children stricken with the above factors



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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### IT'S TIME TO END THE ERA OF FEAR POLITICS

If you thought President Obama was ending the war in Afghanistan, think again. Your children will be fighting it in 2024 if the Pentagon has its way. Whatever you thought, it turns out that you were wrong, and it's time to recalibrate.

According to an Aug. 23 story by Ben Farmer in the British Telegraph, the Obama administration is now negotiating a "pact" with the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai that could leave American military "trainers" -- thousands of them -- as well as special operations forces and the U.S. Air Force, settled into some of the enormous Afghan bases the Pentagon has built there until... 2024!

Does this mean we are obliged to continue being the world's policeman? Absolutely not!

There is no reason why the United States should send its soldiers into wars they cannot win. We are told that we are in Afghanistan to protect the Afghanis from other Afghanis called the Taliban. We call them Islamic terrorists; they call themselves Jihadist freedom fighters. This - despite the fact that the Taliban had nothing to do with the 9/11 attacks. In fact, they were in the process of giving Al Qaida the boot when the attacks happened.

Our goal instead should be to minimize our battle casualties by not fighting where we know our influence will end the moment we leave the scene. I suppose we could continue to build and train the armed forces of Afghanistan to shore up the corrupt Karzai regime in the delusional hope that it will expand its rule beyond the city limits of Kabul. But do we need American ground forces to do the job Afghanis should be doing?

To date the U.S. has squandered nearly \$500 billion on its adventure in Afghanistan. How much more blood, sweat, and tears - and national treasure - must be spent on a war without end and without any attainable goal? We are told that we are in Afghanistan to bring western-style democracy to that troubled land.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Viewed in a different way, these wars are a continuation of the politics of fear that began under George Bush and have gone on under Barak Obama. These wars do nothing but keep the rest of us looking over our shoulders rather than keeping an eye on what's really happening. Who among us was paying attention to the economy before it tanked in October 2008? We were told that the Wall Street debacle and the Great Recession that followed was the result of a bunch of poor people getting home loans they couldn't afford to pay back from a bunch of predatory lenders enticing these high-risk home buyers with subprime adjustable-rate mortgages.

We also were told that AIG and Goldman Sachs were too big to fail. We were told that bailing out the large banks and investment firms would loosen credit, help homeowners, and stimulate the economy. In the meantime, millions of homes went into foreclosure and millions of Americans lost their jobs.

Heck, Anybody with a scintilla of intelligence could see it was home owners who needed help - and that only creating jobs, not giving trillions to Wall Street, would stimulate the economy.

Sure, our attention was briefly caught by the Enron scandal and the mini recession of 2001-2003. Then caught again with the overnight collapse of Bear Sterns and Lehman Brothers in 2008. But for the most part we spent the decade confident in our spent 401Ks, buying more expensive homes, and charging everything else on our credit cards. It was enough just being flag-waving patriots supporting our troops fighting terrorism in distant lands we couldn't care less about.

Folks, wake up, get angry, and stop being afraid. It's time to cut our losses and bring our troops home. It's time to put end the era of "fear politics." It's time to rebuild our decaying infrastructure and our declining middle class. It's time to stand up and say to our elected officials: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"



## OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column MONEY, SEX, POLITICS AND THE AMERICAN WAY

### Rev. James L. Snyder

I cannot speak for anybody else; in fact, I have a hard enough time speaking for myself. Thankfully, I have those who have volunteered to speak on my behalf on a variety of issues. This has been good, relieving me the necessity of expressing myself. But, as people keep telling me, all things must end sometime.

As far as I am concerned, I have had enough. There is absolutely no use in trying to talk me out of it; I have had enough. My wife and I just finished supper and were relaxing while watching a bit of television. We were busy chatting and rehashing the day's events and not paying too much attention to what was on television. It finally dawned on us what the television program was all about. It was completely devoted to scandals that have happened recently. The program went through an almost endless list of people caught up in some kind of scandal. There were politicians, actors and actresses, musicians, businesspeople and, much to our chagrin, ministers. The slime of scandal seems to touch every level of human society. Recently, a well-known minister in our area was found dead in a New York City hotel. Even though he was from our area, I really did not know too much about him. The TV program brought me up to date on his far-reaching scandal. It seems he had been living in adultery, which led to the divorce of his wife and the demise of his family. The thing that bothered me is that his scandal did not cause him to lose his job. He was still the pastor of a mega-church and his weekly sermons were broadcast on television and the Internet. As long as people like him, according to the story, he was allowed to get away with anything and everything.

I absolutely object.

Recently, an actor from Hollywood, the center of all that is indecent and immoral, was caught in an adulterous affair, which led to the divorce of his wife. He then comes on TV and tries to convince me, an absolute skeptic, that he is really a good person, a wonderful father and just an all-around nice guy.

I absolutely object.

In order to be a good father you have to be a good husband and in order to be a good husband you have to be a good man. A good man does not cheat. A good man does not hurt his family. What happened to the idea of putting your family first? A politician can be caught in some scandalous affair and all he has to do is go on television and say how sorry he is and that he is going to go to some rehab for his problem. In the meantime, this ethically challenged person is drawing a paycheck from the taxpayers of this country.

I absolutely object.

If this politician were sorry for his act, he would resign office right away and return to the public every cent of his salary and

benefits that he has absconded while in office. Why do these people believe they can get away with everything and bear no consequence? If it started to touch their pocketbook, they might think a second time before doing some of these immoral cartwheels that has been happening lately. According to the TV program we were watching, these men in places of power cannot help what they are doing.

I absolutely object.

What I want to know is, how can some ethically challenged, immoral rascal make decisions for the rest of us that is going to be beneficial and helpful?

I guess I have had just about all I can take.

I am tired of hearing about sex scandals, money scandals and politicians who are involved in both. I'm tired of hearing about ministers who have been caught up in the same scandalous web of immorality and greed. Some people shrug their shoulder and say, "Well, I guess it's just the American way."

I absolutely object.

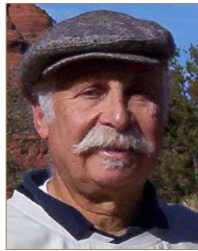
Where are the men and women who have integrity in this country? Where are those who have some semblance of a good conscience? Where are those who think of others rather than themselves? As the TV program was concluding my wife and I looked at each other and sighed rather deeply. We both knew what each other was thinking. After 40 years of marital bliss, we have come to know one another rather well. Actually, she knows me better than I even know myself. In spite of all the problems in our country the real problem is that we have too much of everything. The average person in America is bored to death and looking for ways to spice up their life. In this feverish, nervous condition, people are looking outward to be dazzled and thrilled. And the next thrill has to be bigger and better and more spectacular than the previous thrill.

I absolutely object.

I long for those peaceful days of contentment and inner satisfaction. Maybe it's my age, maybe it's because I have been married for a long time, but nothing really beats the quietness of a life contented with what I have. That was the advice that the apostle Paul gave. "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11 KJV).

To be content with what you have is to have all you need.

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## MONEY

### It Makes Us Crazy

I might as well write about money; everyone else is. After sweating out that weirdness about the debt ceiling the news last week involved the Angel's star pitcher, Jared Weaver. If you can believe it, the twenty-seven year-old pitcher voluntarily agreed to accept less money so that he could remain with the Angels. Of course he's still going to receive something like \$85,000,000 over four years so it doesn't really seem like that much of a sacrifice. As Mr Weaver attempted to explain to incredulous reporters, "Really, how much money do I need?" The reporters couldn't believe it. It was as if this young pitcher was challenging the entire American way of life. For many Americans, money is the way we keep score. The more money we make, the more valuable we are. Valuable to whom, you might ask, and I guess the answer is that money is the quantification of our value to society no matter how we feel about ourselves.

I believe that I am in complete disagreement with this way of thinking. I can remember my father saying to people that my sister and I were his two million dollars. This always seemed to me to be a feeble excuse to the world that he was not making much money and was trying to pretend to some satisfaction that he did not really experience. To my own young mind, I was worth more than money and I still think that way. To my father, however, money probably meant something else. He was born in the Ukraine, came to America with no money and never went beyond one year of middle school. He lived through the Depression and started several businesses and struggled his whole life to earn a living. As I have written before, he continued working even after going blind and managed to support his family.

For my dad money was not just something that just had value as currency. It was something more, a recognition of commitment, of strength and responsibility and character. It seems to me that money no longer means any of these things. As far as I can tell, money is thrown around irresponsibly to athletes and celebrities who earn more than they know what to do with or have any need for. Our own wealth seems dependent upon everything beside our own efforts. Really, I think the possession of wealth should be significant because it presents great opportunities to be helpful to other people, and the opportunity to be helpful to others is a chance to experience one of the great joys of the world. Still, I do not dispute that it is easy to become confused.

As I think about it, I note that my attitudes, just like my father's, are influenced by past experiences in ways that are no longer appropriate. For example, I hate paying for parking. I remember when parking was free, or almost free, and I will park a mile away in order to avoid a parking fee. It's crazy I know and, on top of it all, I don't save any money. Four times I have had my car towed away by the police because time to park had expired or I had overlooked some sign which restricted the area. Each tow-away is a costly catastrophe, not only in money but in the inconvenience of not being able to locate the car. I hope you never have to go through the experience. I wish I could say I was sure that it won't happen to me again; but it probably will, as I still can't allow myself to pay sixteen dollars to park at the Courthouse.

Speaking of Court, I am an attorney on this Panel that receives hourly payments for Court appointed representation. In order to get paid I need only to fill out these forms, send them in, and eventually money arrives. Why then do I have such trouble filling out the forms and sending them in? I have noticed that other lawyers have the same problem. Why? Because the money makes us crazy. What money? The paltry amount we receive as testimony to our own meager worth? Or perhaps the realization that we are earning money from the pain of others? Who knows? Maybe, just like when my father valued me in terms of dollar worth, there is something invariably degrading about allowing oneself to be valued in terms of money?

As usual I don't know the answer. I must admit that, just like the Country, I have problems surrounding money and I wish those problems would go away. I would like to have more control of my own behavior. Maybe if some nice man would offer me eighty-five million dollars I could act more rationally; probably not, though I would not refuse the opportunity. It would allow me to be so helpful to other people and still have enough left over to pay for parking.

## RICH Johnson



## Fairy Tales, Analogies and Metaphors

Before we get to the "meat" of my column (that's a metaphor btw), let me start by promoting my friend Derek, a very talented actor and a magician starring as Merlin in the latest Fairy Tale Theatre offering entitled, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice". I saw the first performance last Saturday and it is magic. "Merlin" meets the kids in the lobby before the performance and performs magic tricks. Each child receives a coin and a fluorescent magic wand and the play is completely interactive with the kids in the audience. Let me also add that Helen Frederick makes a terrific rabb...I mean hare. Performances are Saturday mornings at 11:00 am (approximately 45 minutes in length) through September 24th. Tickets are \$18.00 for adult and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. Call (626) 355-4318 for more information.

Now, where were we? Oh yeah, do you know what an analogy is? A metaphor? Doest thou knowest the difference between the two?

An analogy is defined as a similarity between like features of two things, like a heart and a pump for example.

A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable but rather suggest a resemblance. An example would be "I am frozen with fear when a bear comes near."

Get it...got it...good.

English teachers from around the globe have been collecting examples of funny analogies for years and many of these bear repeating (hopefully for your reading enjoyment).

1. He was as tall as a six-foot, three-inch tree.
2. Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
3. The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't
4. McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.
5. Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.
6. Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 6:36 pm traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 pm at a speed of 35 mph.
7. John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
8. He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River.
9. The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for a while.
10. He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame, maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.
11. The ballerina rose gracefully en Pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.
12. He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.
13. She walked into my office like a centipede with 98 missing legs.
14. The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.

Some examples of metaphors require you to look no further than your computer: Checking your desktop. Opening a new folder. Save the image to your clipboard. Paste the image into your file.

Also there are: Rug Rat, Couch Potato, Road Hog, Baby Grand, and Foggy Memory. Can you think of any?

Finally, the oldies band I have assembled has had three gigs so far and early word back is very positive. People say we sound good musically, and we are fun to watch. In fact, we have booked into Corfu Restaurant on September 30 for another dinner concert and all the people who were at our last performance have made reservations for the upcoming one. We perform mostly 1960s songs, Beatles, Van Morrison, Bob Dylan. Our name is JJ Jukebox and I will certainly use this forum to promote our activities. Now, if only I can get fellow columnist Stuart Tolchin to shamelessly plug the Jukebox. Have a good week.







# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

## NEWS FROM OUR GIANT PLANETS Jupiter-Bound Space Probe Captures Earth and Moon



On its way out to Jupiter, the biggest planet in the Solar System, NASA's Juno spacecraft took time to capture an image of its home planet and Earth's natural satellite—our own Moon.

"This is a remarkable sight people get to see all too rarely," said Scott Bolton, Juno principal investigator from the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio. "This view of our planet shows how Earth looks from the outside, illustrating a special perspective of our role and place in the universe. We see a humbling yet beautiful view of ourselves."

The image was taken by the spacecraft's camera, JunoCam, on Aug. 26 when the spacecraft was about 6 million miles away. The image was taken as part of the mission team's checkout of the Juno spacecraft. The team is conducting its initial detailed checks on the spacecraft's instruments and subsystems after its launch on Aug. 5.

Juno covered the distance from Earth to the Moon (about 250,000 miles) in less than one day's time. It will take the spacecraft another five years and 1 billion,740 million miles to complete the journey to Jupiter. The spacecraft will orbit Jupiter's poles 33 times, using its eight science instruments

to probe beneath the gas giant's obscuring cloud cover to learn more about its origins, structure, atmosphere and magnetosphere, and look for a potential solid planetary core.

The solar-powered Juno spacecraft lifted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida on Aug. 5 to begin its five-year journey to Jupiter.

Cassini Closes in on Saturn's Tumbling Moon Hyperion

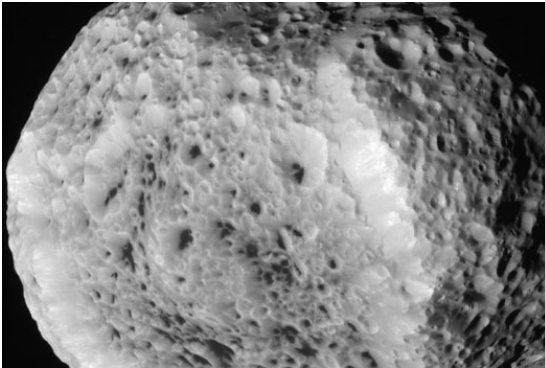
Meanwhile, much farther away and now orbiting our Solar System's second-largest planet, NASA's Cassini spacecraft captured new views of Saturn's oddly shaped moon Hyperion during its encounter with this cratered body on Thursday, Aug. 25. Images were acquired as the spacecraft flew past that moon at a distance of about 15,500 miles, making this Cassini's second closest encounter with Hyperion.

Hyperion (meaning "the high one" and named for one of the twelve Titan gods of ancient Greece) is a small moon, just 168 miles in diameter. It has an irregular shape and surface appearance, and it rotates chaotically as it tumbles along in orbit. This odd rotation prevented scientists from predicting exactly what terrain the spacecraft's



cameras would image during this flyby.

However, this flyby's closeness has likely allowed Cassini's cameras to map new territory. At the very least, it will help scientists improve color measurements of this moon. It will also help them determine how its brightness changes as lighting and viewing conditions change, which can provide insight into the texture of the surface. The color measurements provide additional information about different materials on Hyperion's deeply pitted surface.



Cassini's closest encounter with Hyperion was on Sept. 26, 2005, when the spacecraft flew approximately 310 miles above the moon's surface. Cassini's next flyby of Hyperion will be on Sept. 16, 2011, when it passes the tumbling moon at a distance of about 36,000 miles.

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## Ask jai.....

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

*I recently was laid-off after 7 years as an Office Manager with a financial company. The company just decided they had to cut staff by 75% in order to stay afloat. I started sending out my resume and applying for positions on-line within three months after being laid-off. I thought with my office, computer and management skills I would be able to find employment immediately. To my surprise, that is not the case. I have aggressively networked with former co-workers, family, friends, neighbors, and met new people at events, introduced myself to employers at job fairs. Nothing seems to be working. My mother suggested I start going from door-to-door knocking and asking employers if they have any openings. She said that is what she used to do in her day. I am not opposed to doing that if I have to. What is your opinion? Do you think that is a good idea or would it make me seem anxious? Are employers and businesses open to people going to their offices and asking if they have any openings? Norma Sue.*

Dear Norma Sue,

I say yes. It's a great idea! However, the 21<sup>st</sup> century version is somewhat different. It's called "cold calling", or telemarketing yourself. Yes, you pick up the telephone and start to call employers! This actually works! Employers who are open to this type of solicitation are the small to mid-size companies which employ 50-1,000 employees. These employers do not advertise or post their positions because of the enormous cost. They rely on word of mouth, employee referrals or someone like you making a telephone call and asking if they might have any openings. This process is going to take some time and a lot of hard work on your part to make it happen. First: know what type of position you are going after. Second: build a target list of small to mid-size companies you feel might need someone with your skills and work experience. Third: prepare a script with talking points; why you are calling, who you would like to speak to (this could be a title only), ask if could you fax or e-mail your resumé to them either for a position now or for future consideration. Or, better yet try to make an appointment to meet and speak with someone. You are going to have to be a little aggressive to get past the telephone "gate keepers". I suggest you ask whoever answers the phone for their assistance, treat them with respect and don't forget to thank them. You will find this treatment will usually get you to the right person. I have found a little bit of niceness goes a long way. However, also get ready for a lot of direct "in-your-face" rejection. It is going to happen. Don't take it personally. Keep on posting your resume on-line, e-mailing, mailing and now "cold calling". These efforts will eventually land you employment in a shorter period of time.

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



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## Pretentious, Powerful Plants of Prey

If you are like me, you probably think of plants as simply live, yet inanimate objects that help feed us, help keep our air clean and oxygenated, and add ornamental features to our environment that make the world around us far more beautiful than it would be without them. I am sure we all agree that these are all true facts about plants, but some varieties of that gorgeous green growing fauna we tend to take for granted, are way more active and animated than most. The plant species that prey on insects and small animals are the ones that fascinate me the most. Who isn't amazed by the beast-like behavior of the Venus fly-trap? I remember seeing "Rocky Horror Picture Show" for the first time as a kid, and thinking the screen-writer had invented the concept of a predator-like plant, until I learned that they really do exist! The following narrative, written by contributors to the Botanical Society of America ([www.botany.org](http://www.botany.org)) provides a very interesting and informative summary about the origin and development of several plants that prey on foods other than the nutrients found in water and soil. I hope you find it as fascinating as I do.

Carnivorous plants have the most bizarre adaptations to low-nutrient environments. These plants obtain some nutrients by trapping and digesting various invertebrates, and occasionally even small frogs and mammals. Because insects are one of the most common prey items for most carnivorous plants, they are sometimes called insectivorous plants. It is not surprising that the most common habitat for these plants is in bogs and fens, where nutrient concentrations are low but water and sunshine seasonally abundant. As many as thirteen species of carnivorous plants have been found in a single bog (Folkerts, 1982). Most plants absorb nitrogen from the soil through their roots. But carnivorous plants absorb nitrogen from their animal prey through their leaves

specially modified as traps.

Traps work in a variety of ways. Pitfall traps of pitcher plants are leaves folded into deep, slippery pools filled with digestive enzymes. Flypaper (or sticky or adhesive traps) of sundews and butterworts are leaves covered in stalked glands that exude sticky mucilage. Snap traps (or steel traps) of the Venus flytrap and waterwheel plant are hinged leaves that snap shut when trigger hairs are touched. Suction traps, unique to bladderworts, are highly modified leaves in the shape of a bladder with a hinged door lined with trigger hairs. Lobster-pot traps of corkscrew plants are twisted tubular channels lined with hairs and glands.

Carnivorous plants are fascinating because, even when they are not trapping insects, their unusual forms are intriguing. However, you should not collect plants in the wild because most of them are relatively rare. Habitat destruction and over collection are two of the greatest conservation threats to carnivorous plants. If you are interested in growing carnivorous plants in your home or classroom, purchase the plants from a reputable grower who uses tissue culture or vegetative means to grow the plant, or starts them from seeds.

We now know that the carnivorous habit evolved independently in many plant lineages (Albert et al., 1992; Ellison and Gotelli, 2001; Cameron et al., 2002; Muller et al., 2004). Pitfall traps evolved independently in four plant groups (the eudicot orders Caryophyllales, Oxalidales, Ericales, and the monocot family Bromeliaceae), and sticky traps, in at least three (the Caryophyllales, Ericales, and Lamiales). These are examples of convergent evolution. In contrast, the snap trap and lobster-pot traps evolved only once among carnivorous plants.

Carnivorous plants have features to attract, trap, kill, and digest prey, and absorb nutrients. A number of plants have only some of these characteristics. Glands that secrete sticky substances

are found in many plants. Pitcher-like tanks are common in bromeliads and in few other plants. While perhaps not fully fledged sticky traps or pitfall traps, these features hint of the potential for carnivory. The list of plants described as near carnivorous, protocarnivorous, or borderline carnivorous is quite diverse, including *Ibicella lutea* (Mameli, 1916), *Dipsacus* (Christy, 1923), *Passiflora foetida* (Radhamani et al., 1995), *Paepalanthus bromeloides* (Jolivet, 1998), and *Geranium viscosissimum* and *Potentilla arguta* (Spomer, 1999). No single definitive list exists. *Ibicella lutea*, which has not been studied since 1916 (Juniper et al., 1989), is sometimes listed as carnivorous, and *Catopsis berteroniana* is sometimes described as borderline. The ability to digest prey and absorb the amino acids is considered the real clincher.

Carnivory is more widespread than just the plant and animal kingdoms. The fungi kingdom has flesh eaters also (Pramer, 1964). Living in the soil are over 200 species of fungi (identified as zygomycetes, basidiomycetes, and hyphomycetes) that use special structures to trap nematodes. Like carnivorous plants, these fungi have the ability to trap prey and to absorb nutrients from the body of their prey. The traps of fungi come in two general types: constricting rings (active traps) and adhesive structures (passive traps). These trap types occur in separate fungi lineages (Ahren et al., 1998).

Exploring and learning more about the amazing world of carnivorous plant life somehow gave me a much wider perspective on how I view the greenery that surrounds me and makes this world such a gorgeous place to live. Recently, I even find myself talking out loud to the trees and flowers as I pass by while walking through the neighborhood. Perhaps I should start wearing a blue tooth during my walks, just to set my neighbors' minds at ease and keep the "men in white" at bay!



Experts-Exchange (<http://www.Experts-Exchange.com>) is a membership-based online "ask an expert" site for computer and IT related questions. Founded in 1996 the company has gone through a few re-orgs and has emerged as a profitable, premier IT expertise site in a very crowded field. At Experts-Exchange, users are awarded points for answering questions asked by other users or writing articles the general community values as resourceful. This results in a competition for obtaining more points to achieve various experts' certifications. The site offers a paid subscription service that offers full access to those who primarily use the website to get their IT and tech questions solved. By actively participating users can earn points in order to get a subscription by bartering expertise. Those who obtain 10,000 points are given access to all features of the web site known as premium services. Additionally they need to obtain at least 3,000 points each month to keep these privileges. "EE" also offers subscribers access to its extensive knowledgebase of answers they've accumulated over the years and this feature alone has proven very useful to many a weary system-admin looking for an online solution to a vexing technical issue. This knowledgebase is divided into sections covering such areas as Microsoft, Apple, Networking, Database, Security, Hardware, Software, Storage, Programming and Web Development. The site also features a Blog section and an Articles section for further search options for users who can't find what they're looking for in other areas of the site.

If a user seeking answers is unable to find a resolution to their problem he/she can post a question directly to the board and wait for answers from the community. When posting a question the user is directed to assign the question to a pre-selected category for easier classification. The wait time for responses to posted question tends to be short as the competition for points can be described as nothing short of intense but the quality of the answers tends to be right on the money. The user has the option of awarding points for accepted solutions or dividing awarded points between partial answers accepted.

## KATIE Tse.....This and That Kathy & Bonito, Part 2



In case you missed last week's article, we left off "on a dark and lonely December night," when my mom's friend, Kathy, entrusted a lost pet parrot she found to our care.

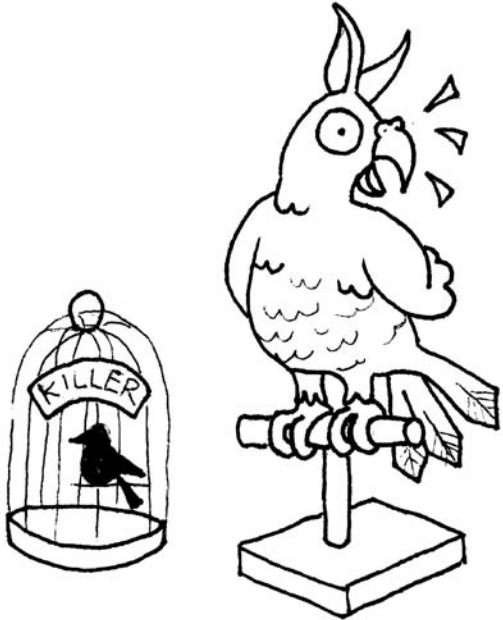
Once we got our visitor home, we transferred him into a larger cage. Being "bird people," we always have a couple extra cages buried somewhere in the garage. The LA Times Kathy wrapped the parrot in was now completely gnawed to newsprint pulp. It was late, so we carefully pushed food and water cups into the parrot's cage, covered it with a towel, and called it a night.

In the morning, we moved the new parrot next to our other two parrots and the "killer" finch. We gave the finch that moniker after his (or her) second cage-mate died unexpectedly. Anyway, our parrots weren't taking kindly to this newcomer, and scooted away to the far side of their perch. "Killer" was unfazed, probably relishing the challenge of taking on larger prey. The new bird was high strung like a chain smoker in withdrawal. He kept pacing, squawking "Bonito," and "pin pointing" his eyes. Pin pointing is when birds dilate their pupils in and out really fast, like a bird version of ogling. My mom and I could safely change his food and water, but "Bonito" made it clear, with vicious lunges, that he preferred us to my dad.

Acquiring a lost pet parrot (or any parrot for that matter) is not the same as finding an escaped turtle or abandoned kitten. Parrots are a hot commodity and even the "cheaper" ones sell for a high price. So, if you should find yourself in temporary care of a parrot, don't advertise that you've found a beautiful Double Yellow Head Amazon, because you'll have at least 10 people claiming it as their missing loved one.

With this in mind, my mom went casing the area in Montebello where Kathy originally encountered our guest. By sheer good fortune, she happened to spot a "Lost Parrot" sign for "Bonito." It had a mug shot, the promise of an unspecified reward, and was dated the same fateful day Kathy found him. From then it was a simple matter of calling Bonito's contact and arranging a bird transference.

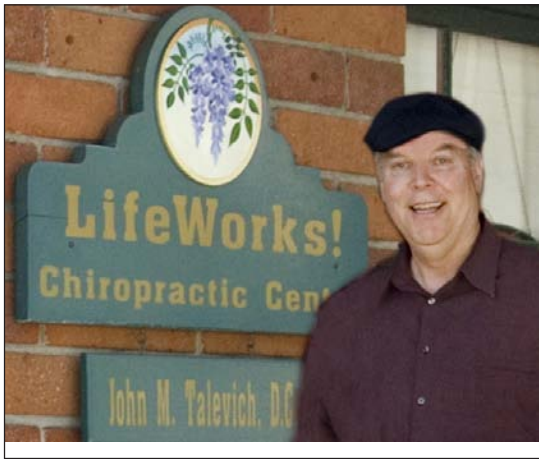
I don't recall the event, (I was probably busy checking groceries at Howie's), but my mom claims Bonito's owner was an intimidating, highly tattooed individual. (In defense of all highly tattooed people, one of the most sterling and devoted parents I know fits this same description. Best not to judge a book by its cover, or a person by his or her tattoos.) Bonito had lived in an outdoor aviary and apparently escaped from the opened door one day. Unfortunately, Bonito had the same negative sentiments towards his male owner as he did towards my dad. Bonito's "dad" gingerly moved him into a travel container, explaining that the bird liked his wife and daughter more than him. (Some parrots have been known to prefer one gender over the other, proving the old adage that blonds -and redheads, have more fun.) Bonito's owner offered my mom the "reward," of which sum she does not recall. She offered it to Kathy, to at least cover the cost of her Bonito-induced wounds, but she graciously declined. My mom periodically called Bonito's family, to see how he was fairing. She offered to call them again for the latest update, but I declined. With an average lifespan of 50+ years, Bonito will undoubtedly outlive us all.





## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

### Today's Subject: BODY MEMORY



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.

Whether we want to admit it or not, there's a good reason why doctors' offices are called "practices." Each patient presents a whole new opportunity to learn something that we may not have know before.

When Robert came in with a frozen shoulder twenty-five years ago, he taught me something that changed the way I practiced forever. He had recently retired as an upholsterer and had awakened with a stiff, sore right shoulder. It had never acted up before, and he could not remember doing anything that would have set it off. When he arrived, the shoulder was almost completely immobilized.

As I began working on the area, Robert talked about his retirement and how glad he was to take time off after so many years of running his business. He admitted that there was some concern about what he would do with himself.

After a couple of visits, there was very little progress, so I began to work a little deeper and more firmly on the muscles and connective tissue surrounding the joint. On one occasion, Robert began to talk about how his family had been taken to Manzanar at the start of World War II. As we finished up, he said, "Boy, I haven't talked about that for a long time!" Was there a connection between his shoulder problem and the long ago traumatic event? I would find out the following week in a surprising way.

Robert had gone home with the Manzanar experience fresh on his mind and began talking about it with his brother. While talking about things long past, his brother, who was a couple of years older than Robert, asked him if he remembered the car accident. Robert had no recollection of any car accident.

When Robert was two, he and his brother were riding in an open car driven by their father. This was in the mid-1920's. Robert was on his mother's lap and somehow they hit a high curb, flinging the passenger door open and throwing Robert and his mother from the car. Robert landed on the parking strip and dislocated his shoulder. His mother's hair was caught in the spokes of the car, and she was carried a way down the street. Surprisingly, no one was killed or seriously injured. Robert's father refused to ever drive again.

Over the next few weeks of treatment, the shoulder began to move more freely and eventually returned to normal. What struck me most was how Robert became more alive. He seemed more at peace, more connected.

There's a simple statement that touches on this kind of experience: Your biology is your biography. Robert introduced me to this possibility first hand.

Have a healthy week! Dr. John

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## How to Detect and Prevent Telemarketing Scams

Dear Savvy Senior,

*Can you recommend some tips to help protect seniors from telemarketing scams? My 80-year-old mother has been swindled out of several hundred dollars over the past year and keeps getting calls from scam artists.*

Worried Daughter

Dear Worried

Telemarketing fraud is a big problem in the United States, particularly among seniors who tend to be the most vulnerable and frequently targeted. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help protect your mom.

### Phone Fraud

According to FBI reports, there are around 14,000 illegal telemarketing operations that steal more than \$40 billion from unsuspecting citizens each year – most of whom are over the age of 60.

Telemarketing fraud happens when a con artist calls you up posing as a legitimate telemarketer and tries to cheat you out of your money by offering things like free prizes, vacation packages, sweepstakes or lottery winnings, discount medical or prescription drug plans, buying club memberships, credit and loan promises, investment and work-at-home opportunities and more. They also usually demand that you act right away and require some kind of up-front payment to participate or receive your winnings, which is always a red flag that the call is a scam.

Seniors also need to be careful of fake charity and fundraising phone scams, home improvement scams, fake checks (see fakechecks.org), grandparent scams, and invitations to free lunch seminars.

### What You Can Do

The first thing you should do to help your mom steer clear of phone scams is to alert her to the problem and how to recognize it. To help you with this, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers a consumer education website at [ftc.gov/phonefraud](http://ftc.gov/phonefraud) that provides a rundown on some of the most common phone scams making the rounds these days and what to watch for. They also offer some helpful publications you can get for her like "Putting Telephone Scams on Hold" and "Who's Calling? Recognize & Report Phone Fraud" that you can order for free by calling 877-382-4357.

The next step is to remind her to never give

out her personal information like her credit card number, checking or savings account numbers, Social Security number or mailing address to



telemarketers no matter what they promise or tell her. If she's getting calls from telemarketers requesting this information, she should simply hang up the phone because it's a scam.

If, however, your mom is having a hard time recognizing a scam or hanging up on pushy telemarketers, get her a caller ID and tell her not to pick up unless she recognizes the number of the caller. Or, ask her to let the calls go to voice mail. Telemarketers rarely leave messages.

Also, make sure her phone number is registered with the National Do Not Call Registry which will significantly cut down the number of telemarketing calls she receives. You can register your mom's phone number for free at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov), or by calling 888-382-1222 from the number you wish to register.

Unfortunately, being on the registry will not stop calls from political organizations, charities, pollsters and companies that your mom has an existing business relationship with. And, it won't stop telemarketing scams either. If your mom is getting a lot of calls, discuss the possibility of changing her phone number. Scam artists trade and sell what they call "suckers lists" of prior victims, and the only way to get her off these lists may be to change her number.

### Report It

It's also important that you or your mom report any suspicious telemarketing calls she gets to the FTC (see [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or call 877-382-4357) and to her State Attorney General. Reporting it helps law enforcement officials track down these scam artists and stop them. You'll need to provide the telemarketer's phone number, as well as the date and time of the call.

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.

## SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR CENTER MONTH

NCOA's National Institute of Senior Centers has designated September as Senior Center Month

"It Happens at My Senior Center"

Even though the Hart Park House Senior Center is under renovation, things are still "happening" at the center's temporary home in the Community Recreation Center (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.)so please join us:

September 2nd - The Senior Lunch Café is serving a special menu of Cheese Burgers with all the fixings & apple pie for dessert in celebration of Labor Day; Noon . \$2 donation- advance reservations required by calling 355-0256.

September 7th - Community meeting regarding the proposed assisted living facility being built in Sierra Madre. Come to the Recreation Center at 6:30 pm to hear more or to ask questions.

September 15th - Senior Excursion to the Historic Graber Olive House (see below for more details).

September 21th - Lunch & Learn; 12:20 pm. Join us for this special presentation by Lending a Paw, Therapy Dogs & meet some of their certified dogs. A special dry dog food collection will take place so please bring a bag to donate to families facing financial difficulties (donation not required to attend).

September 24th - Wellness in the Park; 9 am to 12 noon in Memorial Park. Free information including hearing & osteoporosis screenings and flu shots (Medicare participants - \$25 for others) plus the Senior Commission will be handing out the File of Life medical information packet to residents. Come early and enjoy the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 11 am at \$5 per person

September 30th - The Final Scoop - come build your own ice cream treat as we end our month of activities; 12:30 pm

For more information about the activities listed, please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394.

## EXCURSIONS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th** - Historic Graber Olive House in Ontario. Participants will get a short tour & history of the Graber Olive as well as learn more about how they are harvested. After the tour you will venture to a local restaurant to have lunch before heading back to Sierra Madre.

The bus will leave the Community Recreation Center at 10 am and return around 2 pm. Cost is \$8 per person (transportation & tour only) so please bring additional money for lunch.

### SAVE THE DATES

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND** - Big Bear Oktoberfest ; \$36 per person. Registration begins September 7th online or in person.

**\*THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH** - Historic Castle Tour & Lunch at the Mission Inn, Riverside.

**\*THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** - Candlelight Pavilion Christmas Show in Claremont. Reservation for this excursion will start on September 26th either by visiting the Recreation Center in person or going online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineeregistration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineeregistration)

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Sierra Madre Library



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## Summer Worship: 10@10!



Join the San Marino Community Church family as our summer worship at 10:00 am concludes. This week Rev. Jeffrey O'Grady preaches.

Communion will be celebrated.

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Church is in the process of significant facility renovations. However, worship continues as usual during construction.

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## RECIPES OF THE WEEK PEPPER STEAK

### INGREDIENTS:

3 tablespoons butter or oil  
1 1/2 pounds round or flank steak  
1 1/2 cups thinly sliced onion  
1 cup diced celery  
2 cups canned tomatoes, chopped  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon sugar  
2 bay leaves  
3 large green bell pepper  
1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch  
2 teaspoons soy sauce  
1/4 cup cold water

### DIRECTIONS:

Heat butter over medium high heat, brown meat, which has been cut into 1/4-inch wide strips. Brown the meat in 2 or 3 batches so that each batch just covers the bottom of the skillet without crowding. Remove meat and set aside. Reduce heat, saute onions for 5 minutes. Return meat to skillet, add remaining ingredients except peppers, cornstarch, soy sauce and water. Add peppers, which have been seeded and cut in 1/2-inch strips, simmer covered for 10 minutes. Blend cornstarch, soy sauce and water in small dish; stir into meat mixture. Cook until thick and clear, about 1 minute.

Pepper steaks serve 6.

### September Birthdays



Yvonne Osti, Edwina Garcia, Donna Anderson, Teresa Chaure, Cathy Gunther, Esther Macias, Sheila Pierce, Nancy Shollenberger



### Meals-On-Wheels

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

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



### Refurbished Masonic Lodge Opens for Business as “The Lodge at Sierra Madre”

*Meeting & Event Space Downstairs... Dental Practice Upstairs*

Refurbished Masonic Lodge Opens for Business as “The Lodge at Sierra Madre”  
Meeting & Event Space Downstairs... Dental Practice Upstairs  
The first time many in

Sierra Madre laid eyes on Dr. Roger Joe was as he, his family and staffers walked the yearly Independence Day parade this summer.

Dr. Joe, a USC trained dentist, practiced the last sixteen years in the 301 W. Huntington Drive Building across from Methodist Hospital. Just six months ago, he closed escrow on the former Masonic Lodge building at 33 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard, with intentions to upgrade the meeting/event space on the main level, and turn what was the Mason’s meeting hall into his offices.

He started on the remodel immediately. “My family, staff and I have been greatly blessed to be welcomed into this beautiful, quaint foothill community. We are excited to continue serving people with a friendly, hometown atmosphere coupled with the most comprehensive level of dental care available.”

Joe moved his dental practice and his staff of nine to the second floor of the Lodge building mid-August. After just a week to get mostly settled and functional, he proudly took me on a tour of the refurbished space. Prior to Joe’s ownership, I had been inside the building several times to attend Kiwanis luncheon meetings on Tuesdays, but I had no idea what to expect upstairs.

After I hiked the beautiful and original, but rather steep, curving staircase somewhat reminiscent of the grand Alverno villa stairs, my first surprise is that the building has an elevator, one of the few in Sierra Madre.

The newly crafted office space left the high ceilings, intricate and ornate ceiling molding and original pendant lighting fixtures visible and intact, after having them refreshed. Stunning peaked doors, definitely appropriate for a castle, were also preserved and refinished.

At floor level, the walls rise only part way to the very high ceiling, leaving the office space very airy and filled with natural light. At the top of the second floor, Joe preserved a small balcony with intricate wrought iron railings.

Several of the six patient stations offer the mesmerizing distraction of unobstructed San Gabriel Mountain Views from each chair. At eye level, Joe has installed movable monitors, from which patients can view x-rays, educational materials or live video of problem areas or dental work in progress. Though Joe brought some equipment from the previous office, he pointed out that the office is truly state of the art.

A large central office area is open to both the generous waiting room and the patient rooms. The sterilization room functions with foot control pedals, not requiring touching hands to open and close the autoclave trays and other instrument processing doors. In one corner, a family area allows waiting children to do homework or watch a video. A small niche is set up for patients to update their contact and insurance information directly onto the computer.

On the main level, the sad state of disrepair and stained window coverings is long gone. The last to



*The newly refurbished meeting room is available for public events.*

be done is hanging draperies and refinishing the floors. The main meeting/event space currently holds regular meetings for Sierra Madre Kiwanis, Shriners, California Dance Co-op and Crosslife Church. Ballet barres surround the perimeter of the room, for use of the Le Petite Dance Studio on the afternoons.

Saturdays and Sundays are currently available to rent for events. Round tables and chairs are stored onsite, for approximately 125 seated attendees, plus a stage and piano are located at the front.

A system was installed to show presentations on the front screen, as well as a sound and speaker system, a new HVAC system, and new bathrooms on both levels. The kitchen offers a commercial stove, refrigeration space, plus generous staging for catered meals.

An important piece of Sierra Madre history has been carefully preserved, while a new business and beautiful event space adds to the milieu of opportunities in this small foothill town.

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## Use Color To Revamp The Look Of Your Home

(NAPS)—Choosing a new look for your home can be a liberating, rejuvenating change that will pay off in the future. By choosing the right color, you can express yourself, freshen up an old look and increase the value of your home. According to a recent Cost vs. Value Report conducted by Hanley Wood, LLC, an exterior makeover —such as installing fiber cement siding—can be a great investment, returning more than 83 percent of the project cost upon resale.

Here are several tips to help you increase the value of your home while boosting curb appeal:

- Go Green. Color choice can affect the energy efficiency of your home. Darker colors absorb the sun and therefore warm the home, while lighter colors reflect the sun’s rays, keeping the home cooler. This is an important consideration depending on the amount of sunlight your home is exposed to on an average day.
- Get Back to Nature. Look to your natural surroundings for inspiration. For example, in a wooded area, vivid greens and browns can help blend the style of a home with its environment. In an urban setting, bright, eye-catching colors can help to offset the sometimes drab hues associated with city living.
- Go Back in History. If your home is from a certain historical period, play off that history. Find old pictures of your house or neighborhood to use a



historically accurate color scheme. Try to select shades that were used at the time your home was built. This will add character and a certain amount of authenticity to your own little historical treasure.

- Visualize the Finished Product. The ColorView free online tool at [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com) lets homeowners picture their home complete with new color. You can even mix and match colors of roofing, siding, trim, rail and deck to choose the perfect style and look.
- Make a Lasting Impression. The darker the hue, the more likely it is to fade over time, especially with homes exposed to direct sunlight. CertainTeed’s Monogram vinyl siding offers consistent quality and variety with over 40 colors and wood-tone blends.
- Look Up. The roof accounts for roughly 40 percent of the exterior appearance of the home, so it’s important to consider roofing shingles. CertainTeed’s Presidential Shake Shingles deliver the charm and character of hand-split wood shakes with the durability and strength that preside over wood in virtually every surrounding. From aged bark and charcoal black to weathered wood and chestnut, the shingles are available in a wide array of dynamic color options and textures to match your home’s unique style.

You can have a new home at the old address with paint and perhaps some shingles.



### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

*by Luther Tsinoglou*

## DON'T GIVE IT AWAY

While indicators show that housing is making a comeback, the glut of negative reporting is still making people skittish about buying a home. This has created a hot rental market, with few places available to lease and rising rent rates. Consider some reasons why it’s always better to own than to rent.

First, as owner, you are your own landlord. You won’t be kicked out for any reason other than not making your mortgage payments. You control

every other aspect of how you choose to live in your home.

Even more important, those monthly payments are a kind of forced savings, helping you to build equity. Although it’s possible that home values could fall further, the same could happen to your 401(k). But over the long term, both types of investment are more likely to see gains.

Right now, interest rates are still very low, which means that if you choose a fixed-rate

mortgage, that rate will never change, and you will build equity at an even quicker pace.

Another reason to opt for the ownership route is that you’ll find - particularly now with so few leases available - that the nicest homes in the safest neighborhoods with the best schools will be offered for sale and not for rent. Consult with an agent and turn that rent payment into savings and security instead.

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The dining area offers French doors that open onto the garden terrace, while the kitchen has beautiful granite countertops accented by a sparkling antique crackled white subway tile backsplash, and boasts a Rohl hand-crafted single basin sink, Alder wood cabinetry and stainless appliances. Completing the first level is a breakfast area with beautiful French doors that open onto a lovely veranda, and a guest powder room. The upper level includes two bedrooms, a full bath, and a master suite with walk-in closet, a beautifully designed master bath with spa tub, tumbled marble floor and stall shower with seamless glass door.

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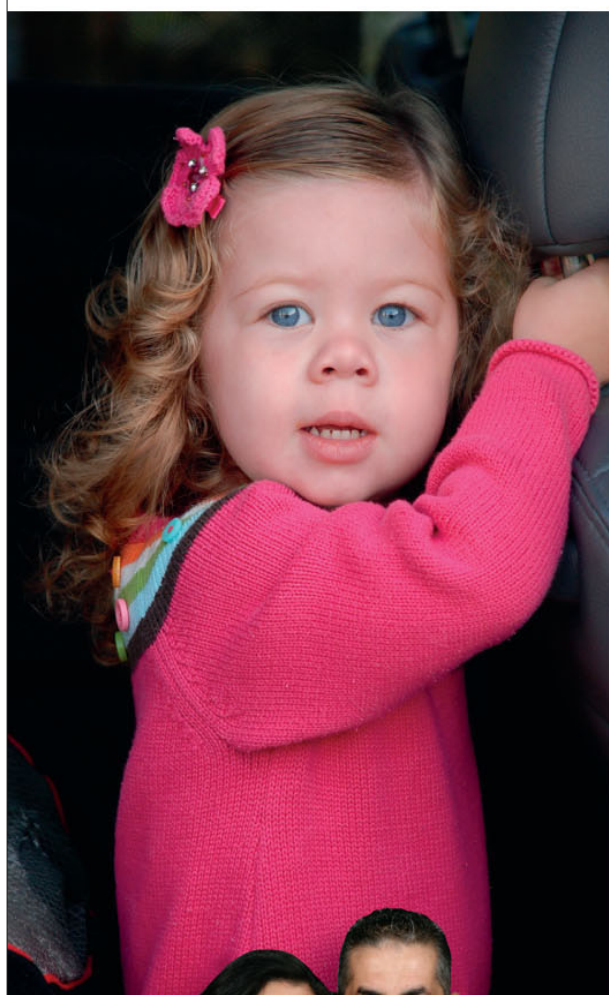
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