

SIERRA MADRE ARTIST CREATES ACCIDENTAL ART

By Dean Lee

Artist Richard Jackson traded in paint brushes Sunday, opting instead, to use a large model A-10 military aircraft with a 17-foot wingspan loaded with Christmas ornaments filled with paint, to create an abstract image by slamming the plane into a large canvas covered wall at the Rose Bowl!

The outcome of Jackson's "Accidents in Abstract Art" ended with a rainbow of splattered paint after Pilot Wyatt Sadler made a perfect bull's eye hit in the center of the large 20 foot canvas wall.

"It was exactly what I hoped for," Jackson said pictured with the Art (right).

Jackson built the large backboard in his Sierra Madre art studio on Mendocino Street.

He said the colorful collateral damage is part of a larger exhibit at the Armory Center for the Arts.

"All this gets picked up and taken down to the Armory," he explained. "So it's like military, military airplane, and then there is another piece called 'The War Room' that goes with it."

Communications Manager Calvin Phelps said of the War Room, "Jackson's ode to the second Iraq War and the George W. Bush regime; but in



this scenario ducks dressed as generals are running the show, dramatizing the absurdity of combat as well as the problems of climate change and depletion of natural resources — relevant issues in Jackson's work."

Event organizers confirmed reports of the projects cost, \$27,100 saying, part of the funds came from the Getty and part from the National Endowment for the Arts. Phelps also said that a publication documenting the event and the exhibition, with video documentation of the spectacle, would be published in spring with support from the Pasadena Art Alliance.

City officials, including Police Chief Phillip Sanchez and Interim Fire Chief Calvin Wells both said Thursday they

were unaware of the event Wells said the Fire Department should have been involved in the safety of crashing a plane near a crowd of people.

"When we don't know about it, it's hard to regulate," Wells said "There is a permit process but sometimes people don't always go through it."

Organizers said Sunday they had gotten permission for the event, although at press time it was unclear who that was. Sanchez suggested the issue be looked into by the city attorney.

Sunday's well attended show, with hundreds watching, was part of Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945-1980, a 10 day festival throughout Southern California.

NOMINATIONS FOR OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR SOUGHT

The City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department and the Senior Community Commission is seeking your assistance to find the 2012 Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year.

Nominations are now being accepted for this honor. Please note that although worthy, Senior Community Commissioners are not eligible. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the Community & Personnel Services Department, c/o Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 prior to Monday, February 20, 2012. The Commission will review nominations and select an honoree at their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 1st at 3 pm in the City Council Chambers.

The individual selected by you or your organization must demonstrate outstanding community service and be age 60 or older. The honoree will also be recognized at a reception held in their honor on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Previous Honorees: Pat Alcorn, Fran Garbaccio, Ken Anhalt, Eph Konigsberg, Russ Anderson, George Throop, Loyal Camacho, John Grijalva, Joylouse Harte-Smith, James Heasley, Midge Morash, James Tyler, Isbella Paegal, Bonnie Garner, Rose Fafach, Ed Wellman, Celeste McCleary, Dorothy Tillquist, Doris Webster, Elsie Dannmayer, George Mauer & Karl Teigler.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394.

YOURS? MINE? OURS? EXPLORING PRIVATIZATION

The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area will tackle the challenging and controversial topic of privatization at a free community forum Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Neighborhood Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena.

The forum title, "Yours? Mine? Ours? Exploring Privatization" captures the ambiguity of privatization. People who appreciate using public resources such as libraries, roads, parks and schools tend to resist privatization.

Cash-strapped communities and those opposed to taxes see privatization as a way to cut government costs. Few people, however, understand the full implications and complications of transferring public services, assets and functions to the private sector, what works and what doesn't work. What happens when a municipality or government privatizes services such as li-

braries, roads, park and other functions? What are the impacts? Are there savings to governments? Does it make sense for cash-strapped cities? Does it make sense for everyone in the community -- residents and businesses alike?

The emcee and panel moderator will be Jan Sanders, director of Libraries and Information Services for Pasadena.

Cynthia Kurtz, former city manager of Pasadena and currently president and chief executive officer of San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, will lead off the program with an overview of privatization.

Refreshments and a resource table with handouts on the issue of privatization will be available. The forum is free, but donations are welcome.

Reservations are requested by calling the League office, 626-798-0965, or e-mailing office@lwvpasadenaarea.org.

SIERRA MADRE ELECTION COVERAGE - REVISED



(This is a revision of the previously published schedule) On April 10, 2012, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of seven to sit on the City Council and elect a new City Treasurer and City Clerk. They will also vote on a local ballot measure on whether or not to extend the User Utility Tax and a related advisory measure.

The city council race will fill two seats for new four year terms and one seat for the unexpired two year term vacated by former Mayor Joe Mosca. The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with comprehensive coverage of this election. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates and give each of the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions: (All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions): 1. Why are you running for Office? and 2. What are your plans if elected?

The paper will also review the pros and cons of the User Utility Tax ballot measures. The schedule:

February 4th	The User Utility Tax Extension - The Pros and Cons AND Candidates Richard Mays for City Treasurer and Nancy Shollenberger (incumbent) for City Clerk		
February 11th	Incumbent Mary Ann MacGillivray for City Council - 4 year term	February 18th	Candidate John Capoccia for City Council - 4 year term
February 25th	Candidate Gene Goss for City Council - 4 year term	March 3rd	Candidate John Harabedian for City Council - 4 year term
March 10th	Candidate Bill Tice for City Council - 4 year term	March 17th	Candidate Colin Braudrick for City Council - 2 year term
March 24th	Candidate Chris Koerber for City Council - 2 year term		

It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with our readers. A separate letter has been sent to each candidate asking them to participate. In addition to the candidate spotlights, we will attempt to cover the various forums sponsored by local organizations. Where possible, the unedited video of these forums will be broadcast on the paper's website.

Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper. This is true in all things, not just this election.

We will also provide for you the calendar of important dates regarding the election. It is our goal to do whatever we can to help you make an informed decision on April 10, 2012.

Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor

Campaign Kickoffs:

John Harabedian Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., at O'Malley Hall, St. Rita Parish.

John Capoccia has announced February 19th at the campaign kick off date. Location TBA



City Council Candidates (l to r) Mary Ann MacGillivray, Chris Koerber, Colin Braudrick, John Harabedian and John Capoccia. Far right: Bill Tice (above) and Gene Goss.



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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 40s

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. 626-355-7135

Sat Jan 28	Bargain Book Table Sale, Mon thru Sat
Tue Jan 31	Parks & Facilities Master Plan Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
Wed Feb 01	One Book One City, Mystery Contest Drawing
Thu Feb 02	Senior Community Commission 3:00 pm
Thu Feb 02	One Book One City, Special Speaker 7:30pm
Thu Feb 09	One Book One City, Sherlock Holmes Panel Discussion 7:30 pm
Fri Feb 10	City Hall - Alternate Fridays CLOSED
Thu Feb 16	Third Thursday Book Club-One Book One City Discussion 11am to noon
Thu Feb 16	One Book One City, Sherlock Holmes' London 7:30 pm

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.

PRESERVATION ARCHITECT JOE CATALANO TO SPEAK ON HISTORIC RICHARDSON HOUSE RENOVATION

The Sierra Kiwanis Club will host well known preservation architect Joe Catalano on Tuesday, January 31st at their regular meeting. Catalano will discuss the upcoming plans by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society to renovate the Richardson House museum.

The meeting begins at noon at The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Lodge) and the program begins at approximately 12:30. The program presentation is free. Lunch is \$10.00.

If you would like to meet please call 355-0728 to reserve your space. We look forward to seeing you there.



Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.

Hart House Senior Center at Memorial Park
Hermosa at Sierra Madre Blvd.

As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

While all Rotary Club memberships are by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chairperson at RudyHayek@Gmail.com.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com


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THE FOURTH OF JULY
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The Sierra Madre Fourth of July Committee is looking for motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and friendly volunteers to serve on the committee as a member or a Co-Chair. The committee seeks volunteers to assist with various tasks to help with the parade and festivities. Join in the fun of hosting Sierra Madre's favorite hometown tradition!

If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member, Co-Chair or volunteering the day of at the 4th of July Festivities, please provide your name, phone number and email address to the following contacts:

Colleen McEvoy, Fourth of July Committee Co-Chair at 626-355-7801
Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278

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FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY
42ND ANNUAL WINE TASTING

The annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, February 12, from 2:00-5:00PM at Alverno Villa, 675 West Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA. More than two dozen vintners will be bringing their best wines to sample and Sierra Madre restaurants will be providing hors d'oeuvres that can be paired with the wines. Enjoy live music and Magic Castle magicians as you stroll about the lovely grounds of Alverno sampling the superb wines and appetizers. A silent auction will again be offering lovely artwork, services, tickets to special events, restaurant vouchers, and many other tempting items. In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle for a weekend wine tasting in Paso Robles, a prize valued at more than \$1,000 (raffle ticket holders need not be present to win).

Tickets to the Wine Tasting are \$60 and raffle tickets are \$5 each and go on sale December 15. Both can be purchased at the Sierra Madre Library, 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA (telephone 626 355-7186). The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is a non-profit orga Tickets are also available at Arnold's Frontier Hardware, Savor The Flavor and The Bottle Shop. Or by calling Jerry Carlton at 626-355-8342. nization and all proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Library.

THE 2012 SIERRA MADRE
LIBRARY READ™ CAMPAIGN

1985, the American Library Association (ALA) launched the READ™ campaign which has proven immensely effective in promoting literacy among all age groups. Comedian Bill Cosby was the first notable to appear on a poster; since then, more than 150 celebrities have donated their images for these posters, which convey the simple, but potent message—READ. Although endorsements by popular stars have certainly been effective, the ALA encourages libraries throughout the U.S. to use local community leaders—adults as well as youngsters—as “celebrity models.” The ongoing response to the program has been so consistently and overwhelmingly positive that READ™ has become one of the most successful grass roots literacy campaigns ever created. The Sierra Madre Library launched its READ™ campaign in January 2011, which featured Jeffrey L. Throop, the 2010 President of the Tournament of Roses®, who posed with Afghanistan/Iraq War veteran Marcus Luttrell's memoir, Lone Survivor. Every quarter throughout 2012, a new poster will feature one or more Sierra Madre residents who are active in the local community, usually

posing with a favorite book. Souvenir bookmarks bearing the same design as the poster are also made available for takeaway at the Library.

This winter our local READ campaign features Sierra Madre resident Barry Schwam as Sherlock Holmes. In case you're wondering, “Why Sherlock—?” the poster is dovetailing with Sierra Madre's One Book One City read for 2012, which is The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Barry is an actor who has played nearly 50 character roles on stage, television, and in films. He also works as a voiceover artist and can be heard as the voice of the automaton Col. Sanders at the Colonel Sanders Museum in Kentucky. Barry is an accomplished musician, and is well-known for his skill on the theremin, the only instrument in the world that is played without touching it. Barry's favorite Sherlock Holmes story is The Hound of the Baskervilles.

The Sierra Madre Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre. 626-355-7186. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

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If you've wanted to take computer classes, but have avoided them because you thought they'd be boring or full of incomprehensible “techno-babble, then the “MY PC” series is for you! Sierra Madre Library staff members Jill Schofield and Gerard Brane will be teaching this hands-on, fun, and user-friendly series of 10 one-hour classes on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., beginning January 25. These practical, jargon-free, and comfortably-paced classes will focus on how to make the most of your Windows 7 computer, and will include topics such as: “Start Here with Windows 7,” “Digital Camera Tips and Tricks,” “Share your Digital Photos,” and “Stay Safe with Windows 7.” There is no obligation to take the whole 10-part series; you can sign up for one, a few,

or all of the classes. Being intimidated by your computer will be a thing of the past once you've experienced “MY PC!”

In addition to the MY PC series, the Library will also be offering classes in Microsoft Word and Excel. A \$20.00 deposit per class is required, which is refundable upon attendance. The deposit may also be rolled over if you wish to take more than one class. A full listing of classes is available at the Library Service Desk and can also be viewed on the Library's website.

For more information, please come by the Library or call Jill Schofield or Gerard Brane at (626)355-7186. The Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

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your personal e-device. All you need to start checking out books on OverDrive is an active Sierra Madre Library card. Don't have a card yet? Signing up is easy—just bring a photo ID with your current address to the Library Service Desk, and the staff will be happy to issue you a card. If you've recently moved, and your ID has not yet been updated, a utility bill can be used as proof of address. Don't delay—“get in gear” and “E-read with OverDrive” today!

For more information, please call (626) 355-7186 or drop by the Library, which is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadrelibrary.lib.ca.us

BEST USED BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale is being held on Friday, February 3, from 3:00-7:00PM and Saturday, February 4, from 10:00AM-2:00PM in the library basement and on the back parking lot.

For youR nostalgia buffs, we're offering collectible sets of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books, some published in the 1940s and some newer. Other collectibles include a Childcraft collection from 1947 and other favorites from the past, including works by Tolstoy and deMaurier. Also in the basement will be an eclectic collection of newer fiction and non-fiction on nearly every subject including travel, home remodeling and history.

These items as well as children's books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs will be available to purchase for your reading and listening pleasure. Bargain Tables outside the library will feature hardback and trade fiction and non-fiction for \$1.00 each and paperbacks for twenty-five cents each (or five for \$1.00). All children's books outside are now only 25 cents. Bargain Table items are half price after 1:30PM on Saturday.

These sales offer high quality, slightly used books that are culled from our library shelves or donated, books that you'll be proud to place in your own library or to give to friends and family. So come early and come often to see what treasures you can find. Proceeds from the Best Used Book Sales will be donated to the Sierra Made Public Library to support program and equipment needs. The library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in the city of Sierra Madre and there is parking on the street and behind the library.

REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!

The Community Services Department is happy to announce that registration is now open for the winter/spring session for both youth and adults. Classes include Tennis, Ballet/Tap, Gymnastics, Soccer, Karate, Yoga (Tuesday & Thursday evenings plus a new Wednesday morning class) and Tai Chi.

The Spring Aquatic Center schedule includes a variety of programs ranging from Lap Swim & Water Aerobics to Swim Team and Lifeguard & Water Safety Instructor Training classes. Also open – Whale Watching and Senior excursions.

Registration is available online at www.cityofsierramadre.com or walk-in at the Community Recreation Center or Hart Park House Senior Center. For more information please call the Community & Personnel Services office at (626) 355-5278.

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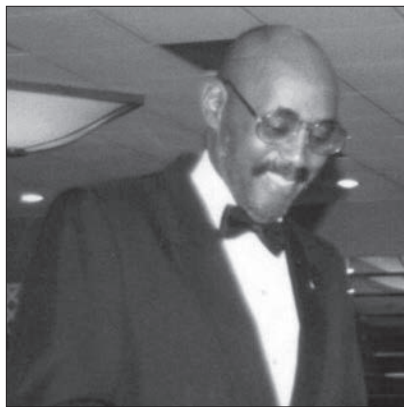
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REMEMBRANCES

WILLIAM R. HENDERSON



William R. "Billy" Henderson, 71, brother of Mountain Views News publisher, Susan Henderson passed away on January 13th after a 15 year battle with cancer.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he lived for most of his life, he joined the United States Army in 1958 and became a member of the elite 82nd Airborne Paratrooper Division.

After the waterfront as a member of Longshoreman's Local 1291 for more than 30 years. When he retired in the late 90's, he decided to take on a second career as an Operator of the Girard Avenue Trolley for SEPTA.

He was also a member of Lincoln Post 89 of the American Legion and Sheba Lodge No.7 of the Prince Hall Masons.

Known among friends and family as a man of strong will and determination, he never lost his sense of humor.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, William Henderson and Grace Carpenter and brothers Henry Carpenter and Donald Lewis. He is also survived by his children, William Henderson, Keith Reginald (Caron) Franks, Jerrell and Benjamin Henderson, and Regina Henderson Mayden; 8 grandchildren; Stepmother Catherine Henderson; Sisters Doris Lewis Austin, Grace Henderson Sanders, Darlene Henderson, Vanessa Henderson Taylor; Brother Tyrone Henderson.

He was laid to rest on Friday at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Pennsylvania with full military honors.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 15th, to Saturday January 21st, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 219 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, January 15th:

5 Separate Reports of Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

Monday, January 16th:

12:20 PM- Theft of Mail, 300 blk. Olive Tree Ln. Unknown suspect(s) removed mail from outside the victim's front door. The victim was notified about the package arrival by UPS delivery notice.

6:35 PM- Making Annoying Telephone Calls, 500 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This incident involves an ex-girlfriend making harassing phone calls to her ex-boyfriend after she was advised to stop contact.

Thursday, January 19th:

10:19 AM- Vandalism/Graffiti, 100 blk. Mariposa Ave. Unknown suspect(s) used spray paint to graffiti the curb side.

11:35 PM- Receiving/Concealing Stolen Property, Orange Grove Ave and Orlando Dr. An officer stopped a 26-year old Los Angeles motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver had three outstanding no-bail warrants; also, the 26-year old passenger was a parolee-at-large. After both individuals were arrested, an inventory of the car uncovered numerous items of property that had been stolen from the residents in Sierra Madre and other cities. The female driver was transported to the Pasadena Police Department jail for booking and the male passenger was transported to IRC for booking.

Friday, January 20th:

7:31 AM- Petty Theft, 100 blk. E. Mira Monte Ave. Suspect entered an unlocked parked car and stole a 2011 DMV vehicle registration, 2011 Honda owner's manual and a red and black blanket. Suspects were found in possession of the property.

7:58 AM- Theft of Mail, 200 blk. Old Rancho Rd. This incident involves two suspects found in possession of the stolen property. Suspects were found in possession of the property.

8:33 AM- Auto Burglary, 200 blk. Sturtevant Dr. Suspects entered a locked vehicle and stole a Garmin GPS, an iPod and an iPhone car charger. Suspects were found in possession of the property.

8:45 AM- Petty Theft, 10th blk. E. Mira Monte Ave. Suspects entered an unlocked car and stole a gray sleeping bag, a flannel jacket, a box of one dozen bibles, a knife with a blue handle and a flashlight. Suspects were found in possession of the property.

1:10 PM-Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, 31 N. Baldwin Ave. This incident involves an intoxicated male at Kersting Ct. arrested for public intoxication and transported to Pasadena Police Department jail for booking.

2:49 PM- Theft of Mail, 200 blk. Old Rancho Rd. This incident involves two suspects found in possession of the stolen property. Suspects were found in possession of the property.

11:15 PM- Disturbance, 200 blk. San Gabriel Ct. Officers responded to a disturbance call between a husband and wife. The victim was intoxicated and was uncooperative.

Saturday, January 21st:

12:29 PM- Petty Theft, 400 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) took a Southern California Edison Smart Connect Smart Meter from a storage room. 5:53 PM- Theft of Mail, 300 blk. Grove St. This incident involves two suspects found in possession of the stolen property. Suspects were found in possession of the property.

GET READY FOR THE 2012 MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE WITH TEAM CROSSFIT ACADEMY!

The 2012 race will be here before you know it: Saturday, May 26.

Coach Eric LeClair and Team CrossFit Academy will be returning for their seventh year to provide free Saturday morning training runs for this challenging event for any interested trail runner. The training is a 16-week program designed with three different ability groups.: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. The first training session will begin Saturday morning, February 4th at 7:00A in Kersting Court. It is recommended that all interested runners begin their training on this date; each Saturday morning will feature a different training run.

Coach LeClair has had hundreds of runners and racers within the ranks of the training team over the past six years. The training program has been so successful that it has resulted in over 20 Top 3 finisher medals!

From the beginning trail runner to the experienced veteran racer, all will be welcomed into this fun group and will be assisted in accomplishing his or her desired goal. To contact Coach Eric LeClair or Team CrossFit Academy directly, please call 626-437-8739 or search for either on Facebook.

Registration

Registration for the 2012 Mount Wilson Trail Race will begin on Monday, March 5 at 9:00am. Registration is available online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration or in person at the Community Services Office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Runners are encouraged to register as soon as possible as space is limited.

The MWTR sells out on an annual basis, be sure to reserve your spot for 2012! For more information please visit www.mountainwilsontrailrace.com or contact the Community Services Office at 626.355.5278.

SIERRA MADRE'S "ONE BOOK ONE CITY 2012" EVENTS

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, containing the first twelve short stories about the famous detective by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, will be honored during February at the Sierra Madre Public Library as the City of Sierra Madre's One Book One City selection for 2012. All events are free and open to the public.

One Book One City annually engages the community in reading the same notable book at the same time and encourages everyone to come together to explore the literature and join in public discourse. Doyle's tales, along with stage, screen, radio and television adaptations, have made Sherlock Holmes a permanent part of our culture, appealing to readers and audiences of all ages. Copies of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* are available in a variety of formats—print, CD audiobook, e-book, electronic book—from the Sierra Madre Public Library.

A "Mystery Contest" drawing will kick off the month-long program on February 1. Everyone who reads the stories and is able to answer three questions will be entered in a drawing to be held at the Library on Wednesday, February 1. The winner will receive the elegant two-volume set of *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Short Stories*, the most lavishly illustrated edition of the Holmes tales ever produced, edited by Leslie S. Klinger.

On Thursday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m., Leslie S. Klinger will present "An Evening with Sherlock Holmes, Hosted by Les Klinger." Mr. Klinger, considered one of the world's

foremost authorities on Sherlock Holmes, is the editor of *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, published by W. W. Norton in 2004 and 2005, winner of the Edgar Award for Best Critical/Biographical Work and nominated for every other major award in the mystery genre. Mr. Klinger, along with author Laurie R. King, also edited the recently released book *A Study In Sherlock: Stories Inspired by the Holmes Canon*, in which eighteen superstar modern mystery authors provide fascinating, thrilling, and original perspectives on Sherlock Holmes. This book will be available for purchase and autographing after the talk.

On Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m., Sisters in Crime will present a panel discussion on "Holmes' Influence on Detective Fiction." The panel will include Amnon Kabatchnik, known for his books on crime drama for stage and screen; Michael Mallory, Sherlock Holmes expert and author; and Naomi Hirahara, prize-winning mystery writer. Tammy Kaehler, author of the Kate Reilly car racing mysteries, will moderate.

On Thursday, February 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, the Sierra Madre Public Library will host a book discussion of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* at the Library during the Library's monthly "Third Thursday" book group.

In the evening of Thursday, February 16, at 7:30, Catherine Addé will present "Sherlock Holmes' London: An Illustrated Talk," an armchair tour of London in the footsteps of the world's greatest detective. Ms.



Addé is a travel industry veteran and was thrilled to live in London while working on her Master's in Tourism Management. She is a long-time Sierra Madre resident, an active community volunteer, and an avid reader. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the Sierra Madre Public Library.

On Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m., a special screening of a classic Sherlock Holmes movie will take place at the Library. This will be the final event in Sierra Madre's One Book One City 2012 program.

One Book One City 2012 is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Civic Club, the Sierra Madre Historical Preservations Society, and the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library.

For more information, please contact Catriona Shafer or Sophia Duran at (626) 355-7186 or visit the Library's website at www.cityofsierramadre.lib.ca.us. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre, California.



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City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1327

AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX IN CITY OF SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 (STONEGATE DRAINAGE)

WHEREAS, the proposed Stonegate neighborhood is located at the intersection of Carter and Baldwin Avenues; and WHEREAS, in connection with the development of Stonegate, a developer will install and dedicate to public use certain drainage improvements that will provide flood and storm protection for the territory; and WHEREAS, once accepted, the maintenance and operation of those improvements will be a public responsibility; and WHEREAS, on January 10, 2012, by its Resolution No. 12-04, the City Council established City of Sierra Madre Community Facilities District No. 1 (Stonegate Drainage) (the "District") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Section 53311 et. seq. of the California Government Code) (the "Act") to fund the maintenance and operation of the Stonegate drainage improvements; and WHEREAS, on January 10, 2012, by its Resolution No. 12-05, the City Council determined that the electors of the District had approved the levy of a special tax in connection with the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The recitals stated above are true and correct.
2. A special tax (the "Special Tax") is levied pursuant to Section 53340 of the Act against all non-exempt parcels of real property within the District. The rate, method of apportionment, and manner of collection of the Special Tax are described in Attachment "A" to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
4. Proceeds of the Special Tax may be used to fund the maintenance of drainage facilities, including but not limited to, catch basins, storm drain conduits, retention basins, debris basins, and clarifier units, including the future replacement of failed elements of the facilities. These services are authorized for funding by Section 53313(e) of the Act. Special Tax proceeds may also be used to fund actual or reasonably estimated necessary costs related to the administration of the District including, but not limited to, the following: the costs of computing the Special Taxes; the costs of collecting the Special Taxes including the costs of monitoring and tracking delinquent Special Taxes; the costs associated with responding to public inquiries regarding the District; costs of the City, the District, or designee related to an appeal of the Special Tax; and an allocable share of the salaries of the City staff relating to the foregoing.
5. The Special Tax will be secured by recodification of a continuing lien against all nonexempt real property in the District. The Special Tax will be levied annually for so long as the Services are required. The delinquency or default of any parcel with respect to the Special Tax shall not affect the amount of the Special Tax against any other parcel.
6. The Special Tax will be subject to the following accountability measures:
 - (i) Proceeds of the Special Tax will be deposited in a special account and used only for the purpose of financing the Services and incidental expenses; and
 - (ii) An annual report will be filed by the Finance Department of the City at least once a year containing a description of the amount of funds and the status of any project included in the Services.
7. The Public Works Department, which is located at 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, California and can be telephoned at (626) 355-7135 will be responsible for annually preparing a current roll of special tax levy obligations by assessor's parcel number and will be responsible for estimating future special tax levies pursuant to Section 53340.2 of the Act.
8. An appropriations limit, pursuant to Article XIII(B), Section 8(h) of the California Constitution, is hereby established for the District at an amount equal to \$10,000. Such limit shall be adjusted for changes in the cost of living, or changes in population, pursuant to Section 53325.7 of the Act.
9. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section(s), subsection (s), sentence(s), clause(s), phrase(s), or word(s) be declared invalid.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 2012.

AYES: Buchanan, Moran, MacGillivray, Walsh NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1327 ATTACHMENT "A" RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT CITY OF SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 (STONEGATE DRAINAGE) SPECIAL TAX RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

I. Basis of Special Tax Levy
Commencing in Tax Year 2012-13, a Special Tax shall be levied on each parcel in CFD No. 1 as set forth in this Rate and Method of Apportionment. All of the real property in CFD No. 1, unless exempted by law or by the provisions hereof, shall be subject to the tax.

II. Duration of the Special Tax
Parcels in CFD No. 1 shall remain subject to the Special Tax in perpetuity.

III. Maximum Special Tax
The maximum Special Tax against each parcel for Tax Year 2012-13 shall be \$238.00.
The maximum Special Tax for each subsequent tax year shall be calculated by multiplying \$238.00 by the CPI for the April preceding the start of the tax year, and dividing by the Base CPI. For purposes of this paragraph, "CPI" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (or the successor to such index) and "Base CPI" means the CPI for September of 2011. For reference, the CPI for September of 2011 is 233.022.

IV. Setting the Annual Special Tax Levy
The Special Tax shall be levied against each parcel at the maximum rate determined pursuant to Section III, unless the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, by resolution, determines that (for one or more tax years specified by the City Council) a lesser rate will be sufficient.

V. Appeals
Any taxpayer who feels that the amount of the Special Tax assigned to a parcel is in error may file a notice with the Finance Director of the City of Sierra Madre appealing the levy of the Special Tax. The Finance Director will then promptly review the appeal, and if necessary, meet with the applicant. If the Finance Director verifies that the tax should be modified or changed, a recommendation at that time will be made to the City Council and, as appropriate, the Special Tax levy shall be corrected and, if applicable in any case, a refund shall be granted.
Interpretations may be made by Resolution of the City Council for purposes of clarifying any vagueness or ambiguity as it relates to the Special Tax rate, the method of apportionment, or any definition applicable to CFD No. 1.

VI. Manner of Collection
The Special Tax will be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem property taxes; provided; however, the City may, at its discretion, directly bill the Special Tax.

PORTANTINO PREPARES OPEN CARRY BILL BANING UNLOADED RIFLES

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino has introduced AB 1527, a measure that will prohibit individuals from openly displaying unloaded rifles and shotguns in public. Portantino introduced the legislation at the urging of law enforcement as a follow up to last year's successful AB 144, which banned openly carrying an unloaded handgun in public places.

In reaction to the enactment of AB 144, Open Carry Organizations across the State began hosting open carry events brandishing rifles and shotguns in place of the now illegal handguns. In at least once instance, they showed up at a police fundraiser wielding unloaded rifles.

"Last year, the state made it clear that this type of behavior had no place on Main Street, California," said Assemblymember Portantino. "Unfortunately, the Open Carry community has decided to once again force our hand by escalating their unnecessary activities and entering our communities with AR-15s and other long guns. I had hoped cooler heads would have prevailed and this law wouldn't be necessary, obviously that hasn't been the case and I must once again take action to ensure the safety of our communities."

AB 1527 builds on the newly enacted law authored by Portantino last year and provides a similar list of exemptions to enable safe transportation, lawful hunting, and use by law enforcement officials.

"The Brady Campaign supports AB 1527," said Dr. Dallas Stout, President of the California Brady Campaign Chapters. "These public displays of shot guns, rifles, and live ammunition intimidate and scare people. This is not the kind of society Californians want to live in, and we support ending this dangerous practice."

AB 1527 currently awaits referral from the Assembly Rules committee and will likely be set for hearing in the Assembly Public Safety committee sometime in late March or early April.

Pet of the Week



Darla is a four-year-old black and blonde Siberian Husky and German Shepherd mix. She's a very sweet and active girl who loves to be petted.

Darla's adoption fee is \$120, which includes his spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A300705, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Sue Mossman

Next Step for YWCA Building

Although city officials have not finalized the acquisition of the historic YWCA building just a block away from city hall, that did not stop the local historic preservation group Pasadena Heritage from welcoming public opinion Saturday on what to do with the 1920 three-story, Mediterranean-style building designed by architect Julia Morgan.

The group held a tribute to Morgan, who was born Jan. 20 1872, and best known for her work on Hearst Castle in San Simeon. Sue Mossman, executive director of Pasadena Heritage said Morgan was the architect of over 700 buildings in California including Pasadena's YWCA.

Christopher Smith of Architectural Resources Group gave an overview of the building's condition, everything

from the pool and gym to the courtyard and roof.

"What we do as the preservation professionals, there are four primary issues we need to look at to decide what preservation treatment we're going to use," he said. "First is the relative importance in history, weather its national recognition, local recognition, famous architect, the architecture itself, its physical condition for post use of the building..."

One attendee asked if the building can be used for its original use, low income housing.

Mossman said "I think all possibilities are open, and certainly, as the city goes forward with acquisition of the building, one thing for all of us to help contemplate is, what kind of uses we would like to see there, what would the cost

be and what is the economic feasibility?"

City Councilmember Terry Tornek said one of the early discussions was using the building as a city hall annex, "Take Water and Power which is currently renting space, and move them in here or the fire department headquarters more it in here, that is an option."

Tornerk said a Feb. 22 court hearing will ultimately determine what the city pays for the building. The city has placed \$6.5 million in a court-managed escrow account to pay for the building officials said.

Library Exhibit Celebrates South African Jazz

A new exhibit showcasing iconic photos of the South African Jazz Age, Apartheid era, and the early life of Nelson Mandela is on display at the Pasadena City College Shatford Library.

Running through Feb. 27 in the library's rotunda, the exhibit displays the work of Jurgen Schadeberg, recognized around the world as a pioneer of South African photography. It also features native beadwork and information about literacy and healthcare programs involving Pasadena teachers and students who have traveled to Cape Town, South Africa on learning trips.

The exhibit is presented by the Altadena-based nonprofit organization Art Aids Art. The group serves women and children through programs in impoverished townships surrounding Cape Town.

Photos and handcrafts are available to purchase at the exhibit. Income from the sales will be reinvested into the projects in Cape Town.

For more information, please call (626) 585-7221.

Elon Musk to Give Caltech graduation Address



The visionary behind SpaceX, Tesla, PayPal to inspire Caltech grads

Technology entrepreneur Elon Musk will be the speaker for the 118th annual commencement ceremony at the California Institute of Technology officials announced earlier this month.

"Elon Musk is a visionary business leader and innovator who is spearheading revolutionary ideas in three global industries—automobiles, energy, and space exploration," said Jean-Lou Chameau, president of Caltech. "He is a powerful proponent of science and technology, and will share with Caltech graduates his perspective on how their brilliant, big ideas can and will have a positive impact in the world."

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on June 15, 2012, on Caltech's campus.

MAYOR GIVES STATE OF THE CITY REPORT



Mayor Bill Bogaard gave his annual State of the City Report Thursday night to a well received crowd of city officials, community leaders, dignitaries and residents coving issues from the Rose Bowl renovation to the fierce December wind storm to The Gold Line Foothill Extension.

Bogaard gave the speech "Spotlight on Performance" at the newly renovated A Noise Within in East Pasadena. The 40 minute report started with the city's financial situation saying Pasadena is preparing for its fourth year with a serious budget shortfall.

"Current projections for the City's operations through Fiscal Year 2013 indicate a \$6 million shortfall in the General Fund," he said explaining that in part high unemployment, which in September in Pasadena was 9.4 percent and in California was 11.4 percent were large economic factors. He also said the city lost 11auto dealerships, resulted in a 30 percent decrease in annual sales tax revenues money the city relies on for vital city services.

Bogaard also said there were a number of unforeseen other setbacks including that the city could incur \$17 million in cleanup fees from the Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 windstorm.

"City Hall anticipated that, with proper documentation, the damages suffered in the windstorm would be recovered from federal

and state emergency relief programs," He said. "To date, however, these losses do not appear to qualify for such relief."

He also said the elimination of California redevelopment agencies was also a major financial setback resulting in lost of more than \$30 million per year.

"Pasadena's success in becoming a regional economic center could not have been achieved without the use of redevelopment, and adapting to the new situation where state-supported incentives for investment are no longer available poses a major challenge," he said.

Bogaard said the second phase of the Rose Bowl renovation started right after this year's Rose Bowl game on January second. He also addressed the possible temporary use of the Rose Bowl for professional NFL football team saying, "There are no negotiations at this time, ... but if a strong likelihood emerges for such temporary use I believe it would not be responsible for the Council to reject such a possibility out of hand."

Bogaard said of The Gold Line Foothill Extension, "We made significant strides this past year to build the next 11.5 miles of the line, which will extend service east from Sierra Madre Villa through Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa. The \$735 million project is underway, and is on time and on budget."

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.

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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 Jan. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

PACCD Endorses Student Success Task Force

The Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees voted to endorse the findings and recommendations aimed at improving the educational outcomes of community college students and the workforce preparedness of California in the California Community Colleges Student Task Force report.

"We will be the statewide leader in implementing the ambitious reforms recommended by Student Success Task Force," said Geoffrey Baum, PACCD president.

Taken together, these recommendations promise to strengthen the community college system by expanding those structures and programs that work and realigning resources with the student achievement. The report presents a vision for California Community

Colleges in the next decade and focuses on what is needed to grow the economy, meet the demands of California's evolving workplace, and inspire and realize the aspirations of students and families.

The recommendations in this report represent policies and practices that the Task Force believes will help the California Community Colleges improve student success. Some of the recommendations reflect changes that are already underway, while others would chart entirely new territory. In each case, the recommendations will require that in-depth, discrete, and specific implementation strategies be developed in consultation with the appropriate practitioners and stakeholders.

"What's Going On?" FIRE SERVICE IN THE COUNTY AREA*News and Views from Joan Schmidt*

The residents of the unincorporated areas of Monrovia-Arcadia-and Duarte are serviced by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. When our Town Council was formed back in 1993, our services were provided by Los Angeles County Fire Station 44 on Highland Avenue, just north of Huntington Drive in the City of Duarte. But a lot of changes have occurred.

Back in those days, the Pamela Park area was a war zone and Goodall Avenue was the worst. The Sheriff's Department brought in a lot of their resources, not only their gang and drug units, but also OSS - the Operation Safe Street unit - and they all worked together to clean up the area. The county also helped, because a blockade was placed at the end of Goodall. The downside was when Fire Station 44 answered a call, they couldn't go through the intersection so they had to back up and go around!

Captain Steve Cate from Station 44 told me of this, because El Monte Fire Department was being taken over by the county. Fire Station 169, on Peck Road, just south of Hemlock would serve our area. One day, I passed the Mayflower Market and saw Fire Engine 169 parked. I identified myself as a Council Member to Captain Amador and asked him if he was covering our area now. I then asked if he knew about the blockade. He did not. They drove over to investigate, and later in the day I received a phone call that they did see the blockade and thanked me for alerting them, so it could be marked on their map. (Their map is wall-sized and actually has to be replaced every so often as it fades.)

There are three shifts at Station 169. Each shift has three men, the Captain, the Engineer, and the Firefighter. Currently for Shift A, there is Captain Alex Haua, Engineer Glenn Ewart and Fire fighter Andy Pontious. The B Shift is staffed by Captain Miguel Garcia, Engineer Robert Santhoff and Fire Fighter Brent Griebenow. Lastly, the C Shift includes Captain Larry Burke, Engineer Tom Borolin, and Firefighter Brandon Comfort.

When I hear the sirens, (I am two houses from Myrtle Avenue,) usually Fire Engine 169 is coming north and turns either right or left on Camino Real. Within a few minutes, there is another siren and soon Paramedics from Station 167 arrive.

There are actually four Los Angeles County Fire Stations in El Monte. Our Station, 169 is small and only has the Fire Engine and a three-man shift at all times. Down the road at Peck and Bryant is Station 169. It is larger, has a couple engines and paramedics. They send the paramedics when there is a need in our area.

When El Monte Fire Service was taken over by the county, many El Monte residents grumbled. They didn't realize finances played



a part - it was more cost effective to go county with all its extensive resources.

When our Town Council formed, I got so tired of people complaining that we didn't get fire service from the little station 2 blocks north on Myrtle. I tried to explain it was the City of Monrovia's Station - paid for by the City of Monrovia and its city residents pay city taxes. However, because of the Mutual Aid Agreement, the Monrovia Fire Station has sent engines to our area as needed. Several years ago - right on Shrode Avenue! And a few minutes after Monrovia arrived, our county fire truck was there. People shouldn't worry. Monrovia even sent their engine to Arcadia - to Mayflower Avenue because there was a garage fire and they were closer, so they arrived first.

Today I spoke with Captain Miguel Garcia, whom I met for the first time and new fire fighter, Brent Griebenow. Griebenow has been a firefighter less than one year! When you become a County Fire Fighter, you are on probation for one year and serve at two stations for six months each. His first six-month stint was at Station 59 in Whittier and now he is at 169 in El Monte. When the six months are up, it is his choice whether to stay or transfer.

Over the years, there have been transfers and it is beneficial for the men to work in different types of areas. Captain Haua has been at 169 for at least ten years! I met Captain Burke over twenty years ago when he was a Fire Inspector! County residents should be grateful for our GREAT fire service

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When it was clear that my pot-bellied pig Otis was dead, I wrapped him and carried him to my car, and drove him to Highland Park where I buried him in the "family graveyard." I had prepared a hole for him west of where I buried Cassie. Helen and I had to dig the hole a little deeper because Otis was a bit bigger than I realized. I wanted to bury him deep enough so that stray dogs wouldn't come by and disturb his body. After we buried Otis, we put some flowers on his grave, and I placed his "Otis, Kansas" license plate (which I always kept on his gate) nearby. Helen then played a song, Aad Guray Nameh, by Shatam Kaur, as we sat thinking about Otis for a bit. I was sad, but I knew that Otis had a good life and a long life, for a pig!

After all, Otis lived over 19 years. My vet once told me that that was well over twice the average life for a pot-bellied pig. He'd gotten much slower in the last two years, and in the last six months, he was slow and unsteady on his feet, and he began to eat less and less.

He was up every day to eat when I was gone to Guatemala for two weeks in early December of 2011. But when I got home, Otis was lying on his bed and just grunted when I greeted him. I hugged him and I hand-fed him, and I felt that he experienced a certain ease that I was back. But I could also tell that he was on his way out.

I felt a great empathy for Otis. He was a big guy, for sure, but his personality was such that he

always seemed like a little boy. I told him that everything was OK and that I was happy we had a good life together. I thanked him. I told Otis that it was OK to go on, if it was his time, if his body had become a burden. I whispered in his ear that it was OK, and that I loved him. He just grunted his friendly "oink" in return. Otis never got up, and he died a week later, on Hannukah.

It was the spring of 1993 when Otis came into our family. Dolores and I had talked about getting a pig, and the pot belly "craze" was fading out. Though we toyed with the idea of breeding pot-bellied pigs, Otis had been neutered, so that was not a viable idea. But that was OK, because we fell in love with Otis right away.

We learned a lot about the nature of "pig-ness" during Otis' life. In fact, this was partly why we got Otis in the first place - we were going to learn about the nature of pig-ness, which is also an aspect of human-ness.

We learned that he certainly had a good memory, especially as it related to food. He once discovered a bag of carob pods that I had in the living room, and he nearly ate half the bag before I caught him. After that, any time he got into the house,

he always went right to that spot where the carob had been.

Though we've heard that pigs are very smart, you can't really compare them to dogs, for example. Dogs might not have pigs' great memory, but they seem smarter due to their loyalty to their masters. I'm sure that Otis always recognized me from other people, but loyalty? I don't think so. Pigs don't seem to want or need close affinity to people in the way that dogs do. Nevertheless, later in his life when Otis was mostly alone, we did develop a "closeness."

Yes, Otis was a pig, and yet he was such an individual! I learned to know what his sounds and grunts meant, so I knew when

he was happy, when he felt threatened, when he was worried, and when he liked (or disliked) someone. His range of vocal sounds was broad and fascinating.

For his last few years, our cat Popoki would sleep with him, often lying on Otis' big belly, which was always very warm. The two of them seemed to not just tolerate one another, but appeared to be good pals.

Since a pot-bellied pig's expected life is about 7 to 9 years, we estimate that he was about 200 years old (by human standards) when he died.

Finally, when I went to Guatemala in 2011, Otis greeted me when I came back. He was lying down and didn't get up. I tenderly rubbed his big nose and hand-fed him some hay. I kept him covered, and comfortable, and felt sad that my friend was departing.

And though I was sad, I felt a certain inner joy that he lived a long life with me, and that Helen was there to help me bury him and give him a special ceremony. I thought that I would go through a period of great sadness, but I didn't. We had a good life together, and I was able to be there with him in the end of his very long life. I feel that some part of Otis will always be with me.

Postscript: A few days after I buried Otis, when I parked my car near his pen, I heard his distinctive oink. A trick of the mind? I like to believe Otis was saying goodbye to papa.



PET OF THE WEEK

Armando: Animal ID #A4386246

Are you looking for Mister Short, Dark and Handsome? Meet Armando (A4386246). Armando is a loveable one-year-old black male shorthaired Chihuahua puppy who was found in El Monte on January 13th and brought to the Baldwin Park shelter. Weighing ten pounds, Armando walks nicely on the leash but absolutely adores being carried, cuddled, and held on your lap. He is good with other dogs his size and we think he will be good with children. Armando is a sleek and glossy lapdog who will be the perfect indoor pet for an adult household in an apartment or condo and would be a fantastic companion for a senior. To watch a video of a volunteer interacting with Armando, please visit: <http://youtu.be/yUWAKipvuE>

To meet Armando in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Armando, please reference his animal ID number: A4386246. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Armando or the adoption process, contact United



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

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COURT ORDERED DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES MAY SNAG RUSNAK EXPANSION

Small Businesses in Path of Project Struggle to Vacate by February 8



Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand

As the city of Arcadia struggles to comply with California Supreme Court ordered dissolution of redevelopment agencies, both Rusnak Auto Group and the small businesses still operating on property the city acquired have a myriad of questions on how Rusnak's years long plan to expand their Arcadia Mercedes dealership will play out under the state's new rules under Assembly Bill 26.

Under strict timelines to dissolve their holdings, Arcadia has named their city council as the successor agency for the dissolution, with the understanding, as well as the associated angst, that various oversight individuals and agencies have veto power over how they proceed.

According to Assistant City Manager Jason Kruckeberg, "The city and agency are going ahead with the relocation process. We sent out the 90 day (vacate notice) ending February 8. It is considered an obligation under the AB 26 that dissolves Redevelopment. We have written a letter to our relocation consultant informing him of that fact."

Last week, after a Pasadena Star News article published on the topic, a flurry of anxiety-filled discussions took place at Trendy Tresses Salon, 101 N. Santa Anita, located on the city owned redevelopment project. With imminent expiration of their 90 day notice to vacate no later than February 8, the city appointed relocation consultant and Trendy Tresses owner, Renee Newman, and most of the stylists in her salon have not yet finalized any financial agreement. Without that guarantee in hand, it is difficult for small businesses to undertake the mandated move.

Down the block at U.S. Pagers and Cellular, Owner Steve Terzian feels squeezed by not only the non-negotiable deadline to vacate from the city, but also from corporate decision makers at metroPCS, one of the cellular dealerships he owns. MetroPCS has declined to approve sites Terzian has suggested in a move, leaving him and his customers between a rock and a hard place.

"Yes, we were told over a year ago, that we would have to move," Terzian said. "But we were also told it could take a long time. Some businesses on the block moved right away. We liked it here so we stayed." Now, with time running out, Terzian is in a tight spot, with neither side relenting.

"Each tenant works with our relocation consultant, who sets up a payment program for the cost of move and other factors," said Kruckeberg, "Typically half is paid up front, and other half at vacation of the property."

About six businesses are left in operation on the site, he said, and the buildings were scheduled for demolition. Now with the redevelopment agency dissolution in process, "We won't have the ability to enter into new contracts as a redevelopment agency, so there won't be a contract to demolish the building" at this time. This is an unfortunate circumstance. It is a rough one. We have all worked on it together. There's still a lot of unknowns, as far as how the process is going to work itself out, said Kruckeberg.

"It's a disappointment that we are having to face this now," said Rusnak President, Victoria Rusnak Pearson. After nearly a decade on Huntington Drive, Rusnak Auto Group, based in Pasadena is poised to proceed on an expansion of their Arcadia Mercedes dealership from approximately four to six acres, enlarging to about 40,000 square feet, fronting on Santa Anita, just a block south of the impending Gold Line station. As a major source of sales tax revenue in Arcadia, an expansion is expected to secure more jobs and more sales tax revenue for the city.

"The ball is in the city's court to move through the process due to the Supreme Court," said Pearson. "We are waiting for them to take the lead from a procedural standpoint. It's a long process. We are still hopeful that we can come to an agreement with the city. We like to be in the city of Arcadia. Our clients like coming to Arcadia. We're hopeful that the city can deliver the properties as promised."

Arcadia City Manager Don Penman summarized the dilemma faced by the city and Rusnak. "As the City becomes the successor agency from our Redevelopment Agency on February 1, there is a great deal of uncertainty over how the process will work. Our Redevelopment Agency owns five parcels in the downtown, comprising about 2.5 acres, which we will be required to sell, and that sale must be approved by an oversight committee comprised of seven individuals as well as State officials. So, when and to whom we must sell those parcels is of significant concern because they were purchased in order to promote economic development and jobs in our downtown and we don't know if some type of 'fire sale' process is going to achieve those goals.

Unfortunately, in the meantime, long established Santa Anita Avenue businesses like Trendy Tresses and U.S. Pagers & Cellular will dissolve, relocate or close, eliminating the rent paid to the city coffers, while demolition plans and the Rusnak expansion circles in a holding pattern.

City of Arcadia Senior Services Nominations for 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year!

Applications are available at the Arcadia Community Center front desk for nominations for the 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is: caring and at least 55 years of age; an Arcadia resident; actively involved in volunteer work; invaluable to your organization and deserving of recognition? If so, then nominate that special person for the

2012 Arcadia Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors luncheon on Tuesday, May 8th. Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, February 21, 2012 to the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91066-6021.

For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, January 15th, through Saturday, January 21st, the Police Department responded to 868 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, January 15:

At about 2:49 p.m., an officer responded to the Great Steak and Potato Company at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location through an unsecured door from the service hallway, and stole cash and a video surveillance camera. The suspect(s) fled undetected.

At approximately 9:26 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Rodeo Road in regards to a residential fire. The victims returned home and discovered their front doors were fully engulfed in flames. The Arcadia Fire Department responded to the scene; however, the fire had already extinguished on its own. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) set fire to the door with firecrackers, and fled undetected. The victims believe the incident may be a result of a high school prank.

Monday, January 16:

Shortly after 11:13 a.m., an officer responded to Zumiez at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a juvenile detained for theft. The suspect concealed merchandise inside a used shopping bag and exited the store without making payment. A search of his backpack revealed he was also in possession of burglary tools. The 15-year-old Hispanic male was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking and later released to his mother.

Around 7:34 p.m., an officer responded to the Macy's parking lot at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. The reporting party observed a male adult subject running through the parking lot while carrying a bicycle on his shoulder, and noticed it was missing a front wheel. The reporting party alerted mall security of the possible theft, and the suspect was detained at a nearby bus stop. An investigation revealed the bicycle belonged to a Macy's patron. The 21-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, January 17:

At approximately 10:24 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a fraud report. The victim explained he received several credit card statements in the mail for accounts he did not open. Unknown suspect(s) made numerous charges, which totaled thousands of dollars. The victim is desirous of prosecution.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Longley Way, in regards to a residential burglary report. The victim returned home and discovered his house had been ransacked. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) entered through an unsecured sliding-glass door. Cash, electronics, and other property were reported missing. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Wednesday, January 18:

Around 12:36 p.m., an officer observed a male adult subject talking on his cell phone while driving north on Santa Anita Avenue at Genoa

Street. After making contact with the driver, the officer discovered the driver had a suspended license. The 40-year-old Hispanic male was cited and released for both charges.

At approximately 12:00 a.m., an officer was conducting patrol in the parking lot of CVS Pharmacy, 1401 South Baldwin Avenue, and observed a white Nissan parked in a corner. The officer made contact with the driver who appeared to be asleep in the front seat. A vehicle search revealed the driver was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 29-year-old White female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, January 19:

Shortly after 12:20 p.m., an officer responded to Citi Bank, 41 East Live Oak Avenue, in regards to a general incident report. A Citi Bank employee wanted to document a phone call from a vulgar customer, who routinely calls or visits in person to complain and yell at the employees. On today's date, the subject made indirect threats toward the bank's safety because she was upset about the way her checks were packaged. The employee is not desirous of prosecution.

Around 11:21 p.m., an officer was traveling west on Las Flores Avenue, and observed a vehicle run a stop sign at First Avenue. The officer noticed the vehicle's brake light was broken and conducted a traffic stop for both violations. An investigation revealed the 21-year-old Hispanic male driver was in possession of a knife. He was arrested for Possession of a Switchblade and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, January 20:

At approximately 8:03 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Naomi Avenue, in regards to a two-party traffic accident. Party-two was traveling westbound on Naomi Avenue, and struck party-one in the intersection as he proceeded northbound on Baldwin Avenue. An investigation revealed party-one failed to stop at a red light. No major injuries were reported.

At about 10:45 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the Nordstrom parking lot at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a vehicle burglary. The victim returned to her vehicle after work and discovered her Louis Vuitton purse was missing, which she hid in the trunk of her car. The officer did not locate any signs of forced entry.

Saturday, January 21:

At roughly 2:45 a.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Duarte Road at Baldwin Avenue, and observed a vehicle weaving back and forth into opposing traffic. The officer made contact with the driver and noticed an odor of alcohol emitting from his breath, and could smell marijuana inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the 23-year-old White male was driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Shortly after 5:36 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of West Huntington Drive in regards to a residential burglary investigation. The victim explained she had noticed things missing around her house lately and discovered her spare house key missing from a hidden outdoor location. The victim supposes an unknown suspect(s) has been entering her home and has no idea who it could be. She is desirous of prosecution.

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This Week In Monrovia from Mark Alvarado Interim City Manager

TEAM MONROVIA CAN PREVAIL ONCE AGAIN

Tuesday's State of the City address was delivered in front of a packed house at the Krikorian Premiere Theater. Mayor Mary Ann Lutz outlined both the challenges and opportunities facing Monrovia in 2012. The main message of the address was that we still have challenges ahead, but if we pull together, Team Monrovia will prevail – just like we always do!

We were hit with two major storms in December, one being the windstorm and the other being the State's elimination of redevelopment agencies. There is still much to be decided, but Monrovia has been through storms before, and is ready to tackle this one. The community's gains over the past several years, coupled with the ongoing organizational and financial restructuring of public business, has positioned Monrovia well for short-term recovery and long-term stability and prosperity. If projections hold true and sales and property tax revenues rise over the next two years then new resources and opportunities will begin to open. And of course we will be looking to the City's Economic Development steam engine to help us move forward. As for the challenges, we will continue to work toward solutions, and to effectively work together to find those solutions. The full State of the City speech can be viewed on our City website at <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/>.

This year's State of the City event came in under budget, thanks to generous sponsorship. I'd like to thank NAI Capital for providing the refreshments, and the City Manager's Office staff for putting together another great event.

Update on Redevelopment

Wednesday's special City Council meeting was held to further tackle the issue of dissolving our Redevelopment Agency. We are still waiting to hear from the League of California Cities ("League") and the California Redevelopment Association ("CRA") representatives on what type of new "version" of redevelopment is being proposed to the Legislature and the Governor. However, in order to comply with the bizarre terms and process the State established with the passing of the ABX1 26 legislation, all redevelopment agencies must be dissolved by February 1, 2012. In order to do so, a successor agency must be formed to carry out the liquidation of all the former Monrovia Redevelopment Agency's assets and obligations. At Wednesday's meeting, the City Council appointed themselves as the successor agency, and will now take on the responsibility of winding down the former agency's affairs. In the meantime, we'll continue to keep you posted on the status of the League and CRA efforts. We shall see...

An E-Monrovia

Staying connected in the fast-pace world of social media has increasingly become more and more important. We realize that in today's need for government transparency, the idea of being online is, as it turns out, a necessity. So how are we doing? Monrovia has been able to offer a wide variety of social media networks to communicate to our residents. City Departments use social media tools, such as Facebook and Twitter, to reach out and participate with a broader audience. Here is what is available to our E-community:

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Celebrating the 400 year anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible 1611, Neil and Susan Earle have created an exhibit now on display at the Duarte Historical Museum, depicting the history of what has been termed as "the greatest book ever printed."

Two DVDs on the subject and informational handouts are available at the museum and Neil, Senior pastor at the New Covenant Fellowship in Glendora and teacher of church history on line, will be available at 2 p.m. on Saturdays to answer questions. Neil is co-author of the Arcadia Press Images of Duarte book which was published in 2009. He also serves as host on the Duarte Public Access Channel (DCTV) series A Second Look. Susan is Registrar for Grace Communion Seminary, an online school based in Glendora.

The Earles have resided in Duarte since 1999.

Anchoring the display is an 1898 King James Bible which is impressive in its size and the intricacy of its cover. It is on loan for the exhibit by Duarte residents Russell Duke, President, Grace Communion Seminary and Associate Dean of Theology, Azusa Pacific University, and his wife, Phyllis. Also on display is a 1770 German Bible on loan from Susie Albrecht of Glendora, which was given to her by her Swiss father. That Bible is based on Luther's original 1622-34 translation.

The Museum is located at 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte and is open the first and third Wednesday each month from 1 to 3 p.m. and every Saturday 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (626) 357-9419

Duarte Kiwanis Club Hears from P.E.A.C.E.



Kiwanis President, Tina Carey, Captain Rita Beltran-Heinz, P.E.A.C.E instructor, Sgt Jennifer Dillon, Kiwanis member, Aida Torres.

Former Captain, Rita Beltran-Heintz, has quite a story to tell. After serving 25 years in Law Enforcement and focusing on "boot camps" for at risk teens, she began to get requests to help with much younger kids at-risk. Her unique program (Providing Enrichment At-Risk Children Everywhere) P.E.A.C.E. recognizes that children between the ages of 8 – 13 can be involved in graffiti, gangs, drugs or alcohol, disrespectful and disruptive behavior or sex.

Her program is created for both the child and a parent resulting in a changed relationship. The back-to-basics approach sets goals for better grades, respectful behavior, integrity, discipline,

self esteem and healthy lifestyles. The core of the program is an intensive, 9 week program on Saturdays. Her entire staff is all volunteer, and once the parent and child commit to the program, great strides are made. The Duarte Kiwanis Club had the pleasure of hearing Captain Beltran-Heinz speak at their January 17th meeting. The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens.

For further information on providing a program or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 392 service events, resulting in 81 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon / Criminal Threats – Suspect Arrested. On January 16 at 11:52 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Cherry regarding a suspect making verbal threats to his family. The suspect has recently obtained a handgun and has been wearing it in his waistband. During recent arguments he has threatened to shoot them and has shown the weapon. After once again being threatened, the suspect's brother found the loaded gun hidden in their parent's room. He took the gun and locked it up.

The next day when the suspect went to retrieve the gun and realized it was gone, he became irate and threatened the family with a stool, which he dropped and then retrieved a knife from the kitchen counter. He then threatened the family with the knife. The victims went into their bedroom, locked the door and called police. Officers arrived and were able to arrest the suspect without further incident.

Attempt Murder – Suspect Arrested. On January 22 at 5:53 p.m., dispatch received a call reporting a stabbing victim at a residence in the 1200 block of Encino. Officers responded to the location and discovered a male adult with a puncture wound to his chest. The suspect violated a restraining order and entered the home of his estranged wife with a hunting type knife and stabbed her male companion one time in the chest. The suspect then left the location.

The investigation led officers to a hotel in the 900 block of West Huntington Drive. Officers immediately contained the hotel room with the assistance of two Irwindale police officers. Officers directed the clerk to make a telephone call into the suspect's room to tell him that his credit card was declined and he needed to go to the office and resolve the problem. The suspect did not indicate if he was going to leave his room, but approximately 15 minutes later he exited his room and was taken into custody without further incident. The victim was taken to a hospital, where he was admitted in critical, but stable, condition.

Theft – Suspect Arrested. On January 17 at 3 p.m., a Monrovia High School teacher reported her cell phone had been stolen. She left the phone unattended near a practice field. She was able to activate a GPS feature which indicated the stolen phone was at a residence in the 100 block of East Los Angeles. Officers responded, were able to recover the phone and arrested the 16-year-old suspect.

Grand Theft Auto – Motorcycle. On January 17 at 6 p.m., a red and white-colored Honda dirt bike with no plates was stolen from the 500 block of West Duarte between 6 and 8 p.m. A 1990's, dark green minivan, possibly a Ford or Chevy, was seen in the area. The vehicle was driven by a male White subject, approximately 50 years old, medium build, with a brown mustache and goatee. Investigation continuing.

Traffic Collision – Vehicle versus Bicyclist. On January 18 at 1:43 p.m., a female juvenile on a bicycle was on her way home from school. She was traveling west on Duarte Road, crossing at Alamos, when she was struck by a vehicle. The driver was stopped on Duarte Road, turning south onto Alamos. The bicyclist was on the sidewalk and entered the crosswalk, but the driver was looking towards his left and never saw the bicyclist enter the crosswalk. The impact knocked the juvenile off her bike, causing minor visible injuries. As a precaution, since the juvenile was not wearing a helmet, she was transported to a hospital by ambulance. Her parents were notified and responded to the hospital.

Prowling / Possession of Burglary Tools-Suspect Arrested. On January 19 at 2:27 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of Shadow Lane reported seeing a male subject using a flashlight to look into parked vehicles. The subject ran when he saw police cars approaching. Officers conducted a yard-to-yard search and found the suspect hiding in a backyard. He was arrested for

prowling and possessing burglary tools.

Found Child. On January 19 at 3:58 p.m., officers were flagged down regarding a 2-year-old child walking alone in the 300 block of North Grand. Officers were able to determine that the child lives at a residence in the 400 block of East Greystone. Her grandmother is currently her guardian, as the child's mother was recently taken into custody. At the time of the mother's arrest, a referral to the Department of Child and Family Services was generated. This incident was reported to the Department of Child and Family Services worker.

Commercial Burglary – Suspect Arrested. On January 19 at 8:51 p.m., officers responded to a business in the 700 block of East Huntington regarding a male subject who stole merchandise. An officer saw a subject walking on Huntington who matched the description of the suspect. As the officer attempted to contact the suspect, he ran. The officer gave chase, detained the suspect, and he was arrested for burglary. The suspect had apparently committed the same crime two days prior.

Vehicle Burglary. On January 20 at 1:05 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 700 block of South Alta Vista on the report of a burglary that had just occurred. The victim's van was parked and locked on the street. The victim's wife heard the van door open and told the victim, who went out to investigate. He saw a male subject near the rear doors of his van. The suspect ran to a vehicle and fled in a possible 1990's, black Honda Civic. The suspect had punched out the rear door lock to gain entry to the van and took an electric sander. The suspect is described as a male, wearing dark clothing and either a mask or bandana over his face. Investigation continuing.

Driving Under the Influence. On January 20 at 4:25 a.m., an officer on patrol drove by a vehicle parked in the 300 block of West Foothill and saw a subject slumped over the steering wheel. The vehicle was running, it was in drive, and the subject would not respond to his knocking. Eventually, the subject woke up and the vehicle moved forward, but stopped shortly. After investigation, the subject was arrested for driving under the influence.


Theft from a Vehicle. On January 21, several thefts from vehicles occurred overnight. The thefts occurred in the 200 block of North Alta Vista, 200 block of West Lime, 400 block of Concord, and the 300 block of North Mayflower. All of the thefts appear to have occurred in the early morning hours and in most of the incidents the vehicles were left unlocked. The items taken were cash, electronic items, gift cards, and miscellaneous items that were left in the vehicles. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto. On January 21 at 8 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from a residence in the 1300 block of South Alta Vista. The vehicle is a black, 2000 Honda Civic and was taken sometime during the night. The vehicle has yellow fog lights on the front and a rear spoiler. Investigation continuing.

Detective Bureau Case Follow-up


Update: 2010 Armed Robbery – Suspect Arrested. On December 28, 2010, an armed robbery occurred at a liquor store in the 400 block of West Duarte Road at approximately 8:45 p.m. Three suspects wearing ski masks entered the store. Two of the suspects walked behind the counter and one of them punched the clerk. The clerk fled into the store and was followed by the suspect. This suspect had a small chrome handgun and demanded money from the clerk. When the clerk said he didn't have any, the second suspect took the cash register and all three suspects fled to a waiting vehicle, driven by a fourth suspect.

On January 18, a suspect was arrested by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau for a murder committed in Lynwood. During the lengthy interview, the suspect admitted to committing the armed robbery at the liquor store in Monrovia, along with two additional suspects. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Major Crimes Division is taking over the investigation and prosecution of the armed robbery case.




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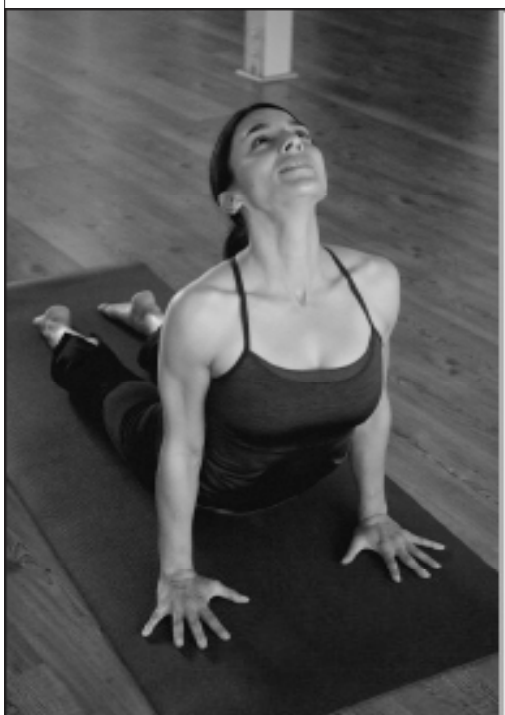


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Looking Into The Life Of A Teenager

By Meaghan Allen

LEAVING NEVERLAND

It is so tempting to hit the cruise control button and just glide through these last few months of high school. Applications are in, time is ticking, and school is dragging on and on. Many of my fellow peers have begun to call it 'quits', and just sit back this semester, party and enjoy the last moments of high school bliss.

But there is the ever present nagging and cautious voice in my head that tells me to just keep pushing, 'one more semester', and prepare myself for the best years of my life. Part of that pushing, however, is getting a job. It's hard to consider binding myself to something that will restrict my ability to spend the ever dwindling time with my friends, but really, how bad can it be? At worst I will miss a Friday night here and there and maybe some Saturdays. On the upside, however, I will have money for when I enter into college. Money for food, trips, movies, clothes, etc. and I will also have experience for future jobs and something significant to add to my resume.

I think that the hardest part of this struggle, aside from the time with friends, is grasping the reality that I am no longer a kid searching for Neverland. I am a high school senior, soon to be a registered voter, and someone who needs to begin fending for myself in the world before it consumes me before I even stand a chance. It's time to realize that yes, high school may be ending, but reality is starting; it just all depends on which option I decide to choose.

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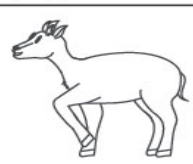
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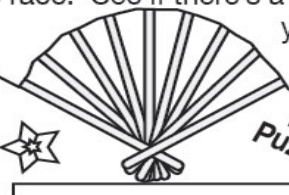
The New Year is a time of family. In many of our large cities, like San Francisco, there are lots of fun family events: dinners, parades, concerts, races, zoo visits and fireworks. Vendors sell flowers, fruits, candies and pastries. The U.S. Postal Service has a new stamp with the design of a dragon on it for the year of 2012. Everyone can join in the fun!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about the Chinese New Year:

1. This year, 2012, is the Year of the _____.
2. It is to be full of _____ - following the quiet Year of the Rabbit.
3. The dragon is one of the best known symbols in _____.
4. It is mostly a symbol of good _____.
5. The dragon is said to come from the sky - a heavenly, _____ creature.
6. Dragons are wise and said to visit the Emperor to _____ him.
7. Chinese dragons have long _____, short legs, five toes, sharp teeth and claws.
8. Some are pictured with _____ and some are not, but they all can fly.
9. A dragon dance is part of the _____ Festival held on the last day of celebration.
10. A team of _____ makes up the dragon and controls the head and body.
11. The _____ the dragon the more luck it will bring.
12. _____ born in the dragon's year are said to be smart, leaders and risk takers.

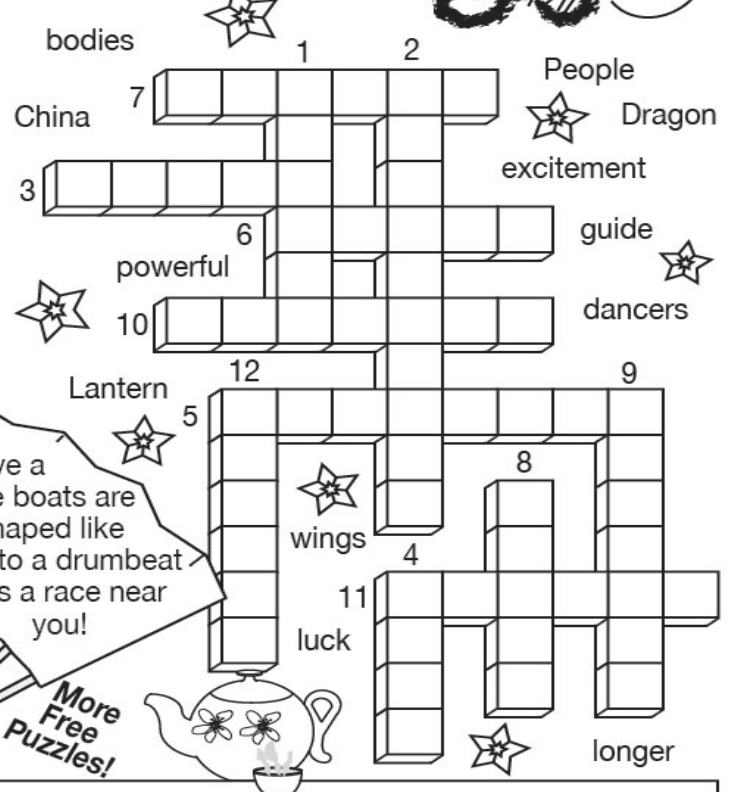
The Chinese New Year celebration started this year on Monday, January 23rd and will last 15 days ending with the Lantern Festival on Monday, February 6th. The Chinese Calendar has a 12 year cycle with each year

Later, during the _____ year, many states have a Dragon Boat Festival. The boats are long, brightly painted, and shaped like dragons. The crews paddle to a drumbeat to win the race. See if there's a race near you!



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STARBUCK'S FOR BEER AND MY JOURNEY FOR MEXICAN FARE CONTINUES

Ordering a "Short or a Tall One" at Starbucks will soon take on a whole new meaning. The Seattle-based coffee house said that, yes indeed the rumors are true, beer and wine will soon be available in six stores in Southern California toward the end of 2012. Is our sleepy little town ready for a latte and an ice cold beer? Not likely; no area stores are on the list. Starbucks started this brewing experiment in the 2010, with beer costing \$5 each and glasses of wines listed between \$7 and \$9. Beer will only be available by the bottle and for now there are no plans to change the name to Starbucks Old Town Brewery. Figuring that serving adult beverages and premium food is the wave of the future, Clarice Turner, Starbucks' senior vice president of U.S. operations, said Monday, "As our customers transition from work to home, many are looking for a warm and inviting place to unwind and connect with the people they care about."

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter DILLS
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Now that we have that issue out of the way, it seems every single day I get the question, "Peter, who has the best Mexican Food in the Pasadena area?" That, just so you know, is a different question than, Peter, which is the best Mexican restaurant in Pasadena?" The best food or the best restaurant is subjective. But, as the key holder of this prestigious position of authority, I better at least come up with a few answers for you. My daughter Lauren and I go to Rosarito on Colorado whenever we want good Mexican food. It's simple, good and we get it to go. We love their carne asada tacos and I always get a chicken burrito. I wish there were full-service Mexican restaurants that had the tastiness of Rosarito's. I wonder out loud, "What is real Mexican fare?" I did a little research and here is just a glimpse of how we got to all of these Mexican restaurants in the area.

Food historians tell us Tex-Mex cuisine originated hundreds of years ago when Spanish/Mexican recipes combined with Anglo fare. Te-Mex, as we Americans know it today, is a twentieth century phenomenon. Dictionaries and food history sources confirm the first print evidence of the term "Tex-Mex" occurred in the 1940s. Linguists remind us words are often used for several years before they appear in print. Tex-Mex restaurants first surfaced outside the southwest region in cities with large Mexican populations. The gourmet Tex-Mex "fad" began in the 1970s. Diana Kennedy, noted Mexican culinary expert, is credited for elevating these common Mexican street foods - burritos, tacos and enchiladas - to trendy fare, partly because they appealed to the (then) younger generation. Now, here in the states we have embraced it as Mexican Cuisine. I suspect that since we now view Mexican food as inexpensive, it has gained greater popularity through our limited budgets.

I decided to put my math model to the test. Good food, a good margarita, good service and a nice atmosphere. The restaurant is La Fiesta Grande, also on Colorado. Located right near the Pasadena Playhouse. Charlie, the bartender, is tops in his class: he pours a blended or an on-the-rocks margarita that is consistently top notch; you don't need three margaritas here. On many nights there is a strolling band of three musicians playing your favorite Latin tunes. Sorry, we can't call them mariachis until there are at least seven musicians.

The food is good as well. For this article, I dined there twice in the past two weeks. I had a Chicken salad that was muy bueno and just recently the Carnitas plate for \$12.95 proved to be about the best carnitas that I have had in Pasadena amongst the restaurants involved in the Mexican Restaurant Wars. My friend, Kind Ken, always gets the Carne Asada Nachos, here, and he swears they, too, are the best in town. My producer Madd Maxx, whom I have come to know as a soup expert, gave their meatball/ Wedding soup two thumbs up. So, that is my vote for one of the better spots in town. Check it out. My up front apologies to all the 75 other Mexican restaurants that I have dined at in the past twenty years.

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INGREDIENTS

- 3 large russet potatoes, cleaned, skins pierced 3-4 times with a fork
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups chicken broth (or one 14-ounce can)
- 12 ounces evaporated milk (I use the fat-free kind)
- 2 tsp seasoned salt
- Optional toppings: shredded cheese, diced ham or crumbled bacon, chives or scallions, Tabasco sauce, croutons

DIRECTIONS

Microwave the potatoes 8-9 minutes until baked through. Set aside to cool slightly. Melt the butter in a soup pot over medium-high heat and add onion. Cook 6-7 minutes until softened. Add minced garlic and cook 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add flour and stir several minutes to make a thickened roux. Gradually stir in evaporated milk and broth. Scoop the pulp from one potato, mash it slightly and add to soup. Cook soup on medium to bring to a boil. Add seasoning salt (to taste). Dice the remaining two potatoes and empty skin of the third potato. Add to soup and heat through. Serve alone or topped with anything that sounds good to you.

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB COOK BOOK

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scholarships and grants to such organizations as the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, the library's One Book One City Program, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Creative Arts, and the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks become part of the philanthropy fund.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

PORCELAIN RAFT



Italian born musician, Mauro Remiddi, who performs under the moniker Porcelain Raft, has released, "Strange Weekend." Although he's been associated with different acts, this is the first album behind the name, Porcelain Raft. "Strange Weekend" is bedroom-pop at its absolute finest.

A mixture between spacey electro-rock and dreamy pop, the record swirls and dazzles every step of the way. It's the kind of album that absorbs your inner thoughts and emotions. It carries this magical ability to transfer your entity to another world or perhaps in this case, a celestial utopia. Porcelain Raft combines shoe-gaze and 90s alt. rock with shimmering melodies and a palpable gracefulness.

Overall the execution is impeccable and the results are nearly off the charts. The beauty found and discovered in "Strange Weekend" will stimulate your body, soothe your mind and capture your soul.

There's not much not to like here. While some songs like "Unless You Speak From Your Heart" and "Picture" may take a few listens to win you over, rest assure, they will since their vital pieces to this puzzle. "Is It Too Deep For You?" starts off like a hauntingly slow hip hop jam and while remains fairly slow throughout is mesmerizing in tone. "Backwards" is divine, internally captivating, and simply moving. "The End Of Silence" will have you remaining silent, as the song is enormously magnetic and gorgeous. Remiddi's vocals are bliss, full of heartache as he sings directly to you (and for a moment you feel as if he is singing only to you). The aforementioned song, much like the album, is profoundly intimate and deeply personal. This is the kind of album that can make all the difference in the world to you on any given day. The capabilities of the record go far beyond any words I can muster. The limitations on this record are that it only sprawls to ten tracks. Whereas the music may end after 34 minutes, the feeling you get while listening lasts for much longer.

"Strange Weekend" moves you, tears you apart and finally becomes you. It'll percolate your mind and ruminate there for a while. It gathers a great feeling because it allows you to observe the things that were troubling you and wash away any trepidation that was associated with them. Porcelain Raft's music pays respect to the sound it's influenced by, but effortlessly comes together feeling strangely original. "Strange Weekend" offers so much in such a small package. An intensely fulfilling experience from start to finish, Porcelain Raft knows how to get straight to your heart without ever appearing manipulative or disingenuous.

Artist: Porcelain Raft
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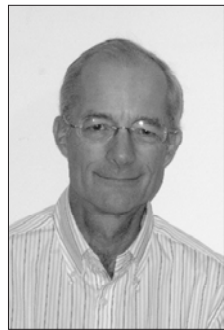
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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"I write what I think is true. I don't give a damn about 'reputation.' If I'm wrong I correct or re-think. Once a writer worries about these things, he's like an actor watching the audience."

- Andrew Sullivan
Writer, blogger and TV talking-head Andrew Sullivan is known for expressing what he thinks is true, rather than what he thinks conforms to defined ideological cubby-holes.

He supported George W. Bush in 2000 and John Kerry in 2004.

He calls himself a conservative supporting limited government and a flat tax rate, while opposing capital punishment and condemning our use of torture.

He supports gay rights and gay marriage (Sullivan and his partner were married in 2007), but opposes anti-discrimination laws as an example of government overreach.

Sullivan initially supported the war with Iraq, but later explained, "After 9/11, I was clearly blinded by fear of al Qaeda and deluded . . . into thinking we could simply fight our way to victory against Islamist terror. I wasn't alone. But I was surely wrong." He characterizes supporters of the war who have yet to acknowledge they were wrong as "cowards".

Andrew Sullivan raised his profile with a cover story in last week's Newsweek, "Why Are Obama's Critics So Dumb?" Characteristically, the article targets the president's critics on both ends of the ideological spectrum: "The attacks from both the right and the left on the man and his policies aren't out of bounds. They're simply - empirically - wrong."

Sullivan recounts the facts: 750,000 jobs a month being lost at the time Obama took office, and the last quarter of 2008 seeing a drop in growth at an annualized rate of nearly 9% - the worst since the 1930s. Measures taken to address the crisis were "far more successful than anyone has yet fully given Obama the credit for."

The jobs situation began improving in early 2010, right at the time Obama's \$787 billion stimulus program took effect. Since then, the economy's added 2.4 million jobs - more than the net gain during the entire eight years under George W. Bush. At the same, a greater percentage of government jobs have been cut than during the early years of the Reagan Administration. Regarding the stimulus, "It's not an exaggeration to say it prevented a spiral downward that could have led to the Second Great Depression."

Sullivan states the tax and spending policies under Bush cost the taxpayers \$5.07 trillion over two terms. The policies under Obama are projected to cost \$1.4 trillion over the same period. Non-defense discretionary spending grew by twice as much under Bush and the Republicans than it has under Obama.

As for the Affordable Care Act, Sullivan points out that we already have universal healthcare, but in the least cost-efficient manner: when

someone shows up at the Emergency Room, they have to be treated. What Obama has done is adopt a policy once championed by Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney and The Heritage Foundation - that of the "individual mandate". "Making 44 million free-riders pay into the system is not fiscally reckless . . . It is, dare I say it, conservative."

Sullivan reminds how "Obama reversed Bush's policy of ignoring Osama bin Laden", overruled his vice president and secretary of state in approving the eventual plan, and personally ordered the extra helicopters that proved crucial. Had Bush done the same, acquiring a "treasure trove of real intelligence" in the process, "he'd be on Mount Rushmore by now."

Obama's foreign policy is compared to Dwight Eisenhower's and George H.W. Bush's in pursuing "long term strategic advantage" - and it's worked: we're now able to exercise a leadership role in the world as we haven't been for nearly a decade. Sullivan attributes the left's frustration with Obama to his similar approach in domestic policy; playing the "long game" rather than scoring short-term political points he can take immediate credit for.

Sullivan describes Obama's strategy for dealing with an obstructionist congress as first reaching out to the other side, and as they refuse the gesture "he demonstrates that they are the source of the problem". He then pursues his original proposal "without being effectively tarred as an ideologue or a divider."

The same approach was on display in the State of the Union address. The president began by extolling the unity of purpose exemplified by our military, but then vowed he'd "fight obstruction with action", and "fight any action to return to the policies that created these problems in the first place."

Close-ups of opposition leaders listening to the speech revealed to a nation-wide audience which side of the argument they were on. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) scowled in disapproval as President Obama suggested that we "stop rewarding companies that ship jobs overseas and start rewarding those that keep jobs at home."

As others roared approval, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) pouted at the suggestion "women should earn equal pay for equal work." Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) looked like he got a jolt of bad news when Obama announced that the percentage of oil consumption from foreign sources is the smallest it's been in sixteen years.

President Obama seemed to be looking beyond congress to the rest of us when he said, "I'll do what I can by myself, but I could do a lot more with your help. There's nothing that together we can't achieve."

Andrew Sullivan made his observations in a Newsweek cover story, but Chris Matthews of MSNBC summed it up in a brief comment a few moments after the president finished speaking: Mitt Romney and his supporters point out that the incumbent has never run a company. They're right - but Barack Obama has shown he knows how to run a country.

GREG Welborn



The Real State of The Union

President Obama's state of the union address should more appropriately have been titled "the state of my campaign strategy". It had less to do with where we really are after 3 years of his governance than it did with admitting that the only way Liberals are going to win in 2012 is by hoping Lincoln was right about being able to fool all of the people some of the time.

This really shouldn't be a surprise. President Obama doesn't dare admit on national television that the state of the union has gotten worse on his watch. His administration has exploded government spending with no real benefit, ballooned the national debt and promises to inflate it even more, co-opted the independence of the Fed Chief to create an inflationary bubble which inevitably will burst, pushed unemployment to unacceptable highs, vastly increased the authority and meddling of the federal government in our daily lives, achieved only one major legislative program - Obamacare - which is hated more now than when it was passed and promises to be despised when actually implemented, and his administration has turned its back on the promise of decreasing dependence on Middle East oil by killing the Keystone pipeline project.

When you can't base your re-election campaign on your accomplishments, what's a sitting president to do? Create a new story line, of course. You can count on the mainstream media to carry the story for you and lob only softball questions to you and your representatives. Hence, we are told that this election will be about some contrived problem with fairness and inequality which demands more Liberal policies to solve.

This isn't really all that new. We've seen this story line before and lived through the logical results. Think back to the Jimmy Carter years when we were treated to the then-unheard of phenomenon of "stagflation" - economic stagnation and inflation simultaneously. The story has been updated a bit. Today we hear about the 99% vs. the 1%. Somehow this is meant to portray a society struggling under the burdens unfairly imposed by the rich 1% on the poor 99%. The subplot has the Republicans as the protectors of the rich and the Democrats the champions of the downtrodden. Sadly, few of our media elites even ask if the story is true.

Portantino Introduces Bill to Continue Efforts to Protect Public Safety Measure to Ban Openly Carrying Unloaded Long Guns in Public

SACRAMENTO, CA - Assemblymember

Anthony Portantino (D-La Canada Flintridge) has introduced AB 1527, a measure that will prohibit individuals from openly displaying unloaded rifles and shotguns in public. Portantino introduced the legislation at the urging of law enforcement as a follow up to last year's successful AB 144, which banned openly carrying an unloaded handgun in public places.

In reaction to the enactment of AB 144, Open Carry Organizations across the State began hosting open carry events brandishing rifles and shotguns in place of the now illegal handguns. In at least once instance, they showed up at a police fundraiser wielding unloaded rifles.

"Last year, the state made it clear that this type of behavior had no place on Main Street, California," said Assemblymember Portantino. "Unfortunately, the Open Carry community has decided to once again force our hand by escalating their unnecessary activities and entering our



communities with AR-15s and other long guns. I had hoped cooler heads would have prevailed and this law wouldn't be necessary, obviously that hasn't been the case and I must once again take action to ensure the safety of our communities."

AB 1527 builds on the newly enacted law authored by Portantino last year and provides a similar list of exemptions to enable safe transportation, lawful hunting, and use by law enforcement officials.

"The Brady Campaign supports AB 1527," said Dr. Dallas Stout, President of the California Brady Campaign Chapters. "These public displays of shot guns, rifles, and live ammunition intimidate and scare people. This is not the kind of society Californians want to live in, and we support ending this dangerous practice."

AB 1527 currently awaits referral from the Assembly Rules committee and will likely be set for hearing in the Assembly Public Safety committee sometime in late March or early April.

Independent's Eye by JOE Gandelman



A Tempestuous Wind Blows Through The GOP Primary

AUSTIN, Tex. - It's a new, unsettling era for Republicans on many fronts. For instance, take Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Please.

Many Texans still love Perry and felt badly about his wipe out on the national political stage. The Dallas Morning News had this big headline: "Perry's dream dashed...With S.C. out of reach, he bows out, backs Gingrich." A story underneath that: "After failed bid, what's his future?" Columnist Jacquelynne Floyd's headline: "Take Comfort, Rick Perry: you have Texas to call home."

Some analysts now predict Perry faces a new era: he returns with reduced clout and is viewed by foes as weaker. Texas House Democratic Leader Jessica Farrar is already demanding Perry reimburse the state money the Governor spent on out-of-state-security costs during his failed White House bid. And the liberal group Progress Texas has collected over 3,000 signatures online to try and force Perry pay the state back.

But Perry's new era is nothing compared to the new era facing the Republican Party.

It's now in a new era where the conventional wisdom has been upended, its former presumptive front-runner is on the run and the party's traditional establishment seems about to be evicted. Is former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney about to lose yet ANOTHER well-funded presidential bid? Is former House Speaker Newt Gingrich on track to become the party's nominee despite having enough baggage to occupy six TSA inspectors?

The Republicans' new political era was best summarized by The National Journal's Ron Fournier: "Gingrich's stunning South Carolina victory, coupled with his surge in Florida polling, has created near-panic among Republican consultants, lobbyists, elected officials and staffers, particularly in Washington, who believe Gingrich is too volatile and scandal-plagued to defeat Obama."

Romney once enjoyed a 22 point lead going into the Florida primary, but then he caught front-runner-itus and did his best Thomas E. Dewey imitation, while Gingrich roared in the South Carolina debate, becoming the kind of polarizing Rush Limbaugh-esque candidate that many 21st century conservatives crave. Romney's tepid debate performances and politically negligent

handling of the tax issue then sparked a huge shift: a Rasmussen poll gives Gingrich a 41-32 point lead. Public Policy Polling puts Gingrich ahead of Romney 38 percent to 33 percent: a Gingrich gain of 12 points during a week when Romney dropped 8 points. Still, poll numbers are fluid.

The bottom line? Before the South Carolina primary Romney was Big Mo. After the primary he was Big Shmo.

Mitt Romney now has more riding on Florida than Lady Godiva had on a horse.

Gingrich is preaching to the very conservative Republican primary voter choir on stage right and Romney is preaching to the national audience in the middle as well as the choir on stage right -- and the choir does not like or trust the signals Romney's giving to the general audience. Primary voters seem to be looking for a Talk Show Host in Chief. Meanwhile, a new ABC News/ Washington Post poll puts Gingrich's negatives at 51 percent and Romney's at 49 percent -- a whopping 15 percent increase in Romney's negatives since the Post's last poll.

Where is this all heading?

To another new era. If the current pattern holds, a Republican win would mean the consolidation of the Republican Party's Tea Party movement, talk radio political culture, and Republican infomachine as the new Republican establishment. "Country Club Republicans" will have definitely gone the way of some country clubs in the recession: out of business. But if the Republican nominee loses big time in November, it'll likely mean the emergence of a Jeb Bush or Christ Christie to pick up the pieces -- GOPers closer to the 20th century's Republican World Order.

Many say the secret to winning the Presidential election is to win the country's center, but the question will be where the country's center is and which party can try to shove it towards its own center. Which could be center left - or far right. And will independent voters agree?

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Making Sense by

MICHAEL Reagan



They Pick and Choose Which Ox to Gore

He had a mistress who was pregnant and his wife had terminal cancer; he was running for president and the press knew all about it.

But there was no firestorm in the media about this juicy scandal until after the election of 2008 because John Edwards is a Democrat!

Too bad Newt Gingrich is a Republican -- otherwise the media would see to it that he'd be home free, warts and all, just like John Edwards.

But he is a Republican and he's running for the presidency, so members of the liberal media feel free to apply their traditional double standard, which always seems to come into play when the target is a member of the GOP.

Now we have ABC -- with absolutely no corroboration -- putting Gingrich's ex-wife on the air to boost ratings and help keep their guy in the White House.

How things have changed in America since my mother and father divorced. My mother, the sainted Jane Wyman, was offered hundreds of thousands of dollars to write books and do interviews or anything else that could help undermine Ronald Reagan, her ex-husband and

40th president of the United States.

In fact she told producers of her hit TV series "Falcon Crest" -- for which she won a Golden Globe award -- that any interviews she granted to promote the show would end the very moment a single question was asked about my father.

My mother remained quiet about their marriage -- which ended in 1948 -- until my father's funeral in 2004, and then she merely remarked that the world had lost a wonderful man. I wish more people would follow my mother's lead instead of following the ratings and the money.

Shame on you ABC and ex-wife Marianne!

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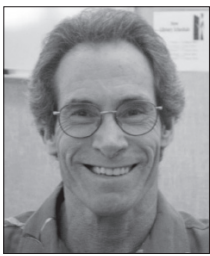
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES... GET REAL!



Having a baby needs to be a woman's choice always and forever. My wife tells me being a mother has been one of the most wonderful gifts in her life. However, as she rightly points out, being a mother also requires more wherewithal, resources and constant thought and action than ever before. Becoming a mother in today's world isn't a thing to be taken lightly. Republican presidential candidates nevertheless are opposed to abortion, even in the case of rape or incest. They say their solution is adoption. This means they would condemn the victim to nine months of further trauma and degradation reliving their assault. How out of touch with reality are these rich white guys? Apparently, a whole lot.

Rapists and incestuous fathers should be vigilantly sought out and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, for a great many reasons, not least of which is their attempt to take that choice away from the women they abuse. It's hard for me to believe that anyone on either side of the aisle would disagree with that.

How any of the Republican candidates thinks they will take the White House with such blanket, inhumane stance on abortion is laughable. Reproduction is a choice, and nobody has the right to determine what will and will not happen inside a woman's body but that woman herself.

Am I in favor abortion? No... no one is. I am prochoice which is a whole different matter. My feeling is that since I will never get pregnant, it is none of my dam business what Jane Doe does w/her body because she has nothing to do with me and I won't be helping her raise her children. Their overwhelming obsession with women's reproductive functions speaks only of the oppression of forced birthing.

Mitt, Newt, Ron and Rick aren't talking much, if at all, about daycare, balancing work and family needs, food, education, jobs, pay equality, violence against women, maternity leave, misrepresentation in the media and whatever else you can think of that impacts women's daily lives.

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



TRYING TO GO SOMEWHERE, I ENDED UP NOWHERE

by Rev. James L. Snyder

I was one of those weeks where, if I accomplished anything, that delicious slice of information has completely eluded the tiny gray cells floating in my cranium. It is not as if those little gray cells had anything else to do.

As I suffused my weary body into my La-Z-Boy chair, I knew I was tired but I could not figure out what I had done during the week to make me this tired. After all, it did not seem like I had accomplished anything of significance this week. I was trying to do something, of course, but I had absolutely nothing to show for it. What was I trying to do this past week?

A verse of Scripture began haunting me as I thought about this. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). What was I supposed to "doeth" that I did not get around to "doething"?

Of course, there was that funeral I had this past week. Unfortunately, I opened my book to the wrong page and begin the funeral by saying, "Dearly beloved we are gathered together here to unite these two in holy matrimony."

Holy macaroni!

What a difference the wrong page makes. At least I was not officiating at a wedding and said, "Ashes to ashes, and dirt to dirt." Although, to be honest about it, I have had some weddings where I thought that phrase fit.

I was tempted, only for a moment, to query the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage but I feared she would tell me. There is something to say about mystery. Nothing is more mysterious than the feminine side of the marriage equation. Odd, isn't it, that the marriage equation is not always even?

As I reflected upon my week past, I duly noted the activities that occupied most of my week. Apart from the funeral, I had several hospital visits to make. As is usually the case, people conspire to go to the hospital at the same time but never at the same hospital. One even went out of town to go to a hospital.

Other visits were made and other activities attended. Certain deadlines were staring me in the face and I stared right back at them defiantly. I am not sure who won.

Services and Bible studies needed to be prepared for, which can take up a lot of time. Then, don't you know it; my truck is always out of gas when I am in a hurry. I suppose I could fill my tank up when it got down to a certain level, but where would the fun be in that? Nothing compares to the adrenaline of being in a hurry and late for an

CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR:



Ron Carter

I am an ardent movie fan. As a hobby, movie watching ranks high on my list of things to do when I am not working. So, I am paying keen attention to the recent Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) Stop Online Piracy Act. I am not fully vetted on the details of the legislation, but this I know the optics of the MPAA's conflict with some technology business interests are not good.

More than a decade ago, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) was faced with a somewhat similar challenge. Napster, a peer-to-peer file sharing (mostly music) internet service, was omnipresent among millions of music fans who shared the company's typically audio MP3 format.

The RIAA fought to shut down Napster because of copyright infringement. Millions of music fans rebelled against commercial

These GOP candidates won't talk about the other women's issues because every one of them is a lackey totally beholden to their corporate benefactors. To these guys, you are a fungible cog in their benefactor's money machine, to be paid as little as possible, and discarded when you are no longer useful. So they have no intention of supporting anything which might require big business to treat women (or men) like people, with families and lives outside the workplace. And they will tell you that if, as a woman, you are concerned about work-life balance, you shouldn't have had children.

Not one of these candidates has talked about how the economy and dearth of jobs is effecting whether or not women should wish to carry a pregnancy through to birth. Not one has even touched on issues that are overwhelmingly pertinent to the majority of women, including how they are to adequately care for the children they already have; and not one has addressed the issue of the bulging foster care system, and what that can do to our country.

I think men or most men, especially the GOP that are running for office, are in fact intimidated by women making their own choices with out a man to do it for them. So what better way to make them subservient then to strip them of their reproductive rights? As far as the women who are against women having any reproductive rights, they are either brainwashed or because of the zeal of their religious beliefs see "man" as the supreme being.

It just floors me that we are still doing this. I was just starting college when Roe v Wade was decided and I thought the issue of women's reproductive rights had finally been settled. Boy, was I mistaken. I bet if men gave birth the whole discussion would be mute. Abortion would be a rite of passage and there would be a clinic on every corner, and the feds would pay for three years of maternity leave as well.

So to Mitt, Newt, Ron and Rick I say... GET REAL!

appointment and then running out of gas.

Do not get me wrong here. It is not that I do not enjoy giving my wife a call on the cell phone when stranded along the side of the road. It is the highlight of the stranded experience. Usually, her response to my phone call is what stresses me out.

"What," she declares in that sarcastic tone of hers, "have you run out of gas again?"

It is her theatrical use of the word "again" that I believe could easily earn her an Oscar. I once presented her with an Oscar Meyer wiener, but she did not enjoy the joke. Personally, I thought it was a great joke and I really did not appreciate her reaction. Needless to say, I have not repeated that sin, although temptation is what it is.

I suppose I do do things and accomplished something this past week, but it really does not explain why I am as tired as I am tonight. I can remember there was a time that I did not even know the meaning of tired. I got tired all right; I just did not know the meaning of the word tired.

Then the whole thing dawned on me. It was almost like being hit on the head with an iron skillet by you know whom. The lights flashed. The lightbulb went on. I had an epiphany to end all epiphanies.

At this point, I am surprised my wife did not get the jump on me with this one. The reason I am so tired is because I am old. There, I said it. I have come to that point in life where being young is a fond fading memory.

As this bit of information began marinating in my cranium, it had a very comforting effect. Up to this point, I had been worrying about the fact that I was tired and I could not link that condition with any specific activity. As is usually the case, there are good sound reasons for everything. I began to look at my tired condition in a completely different light.

I have earned my being tired. It is something I have worked for all my life. Now, here it is. I am now collecting those wonderful dividends from all that activity of the past.

As I thought about this, a marvelous verse of Scripture came to my mind. "The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the gray head" (Proverbs 20:29 KJV).

Being tired is the crown of a lifetime of activity.

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Fighting Anti-Piracy

music companies by finding other pirate file sharing internet services to obtain free music. Napster was eventually shuttered, but the collateral damage from closing this popular and well loved internet service was a Recording Industry which no longer was profitable. Several record companies went out of business. Moreover, several of the companies (Tower Records, Virgin

Record Store among others) that sold music closed. Today, the Music Industry is trying to find the way forward from its glory days.

I trust the MPAA will be strategic in dealing with their adversaries during the antic-piracy discussions they are engaged in at the moment. I know, "it's Hollywood and Hollywood is powerful," but I would hate to see the same thing which happened to the music industry occur in the movie business. That would be a sad day for me and millions of movie fans.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

YA NEVER KNOW HOW THE BALLS GONNA BOUNCE



Yesterday, about twenty eight hours ago I was screaming in agony. I was walking around my dentist's office in Chino, about an hour's ride from here, just waiting to be seen by the dentist. My son was with me in the office embarrassed by my behavior and my wife, who had driven me, wouldn't get out of the car. Later she explained that she was tired of me being so needy and besides that she couldn't understand why I insisted on going to a dentist that was so ridiculously far away. To make a bad situation absolutely intolerable the Dentist was short-staffed that day as one assistant was on jury duty and another was taking a class.

I am hesitant to use aspirin or pain killers as I take this warfarin stuff which is a blood thinner to prevent me from dying from a stroke and I was confused as to whether I could take any pain pills at all. In the house I located an old bottle of vicodin which after some hesitation I took but which provided absolutely no relief. After about an hour I was led into one of the dental offices by an obviously inexperienced assistant who was absolutely clueless (at least it seemed so to me) as to how to take an x-ray. I asked my son, who liked me is mainly worthless in these situations, to try and get my able wife to come in out of the car but she wouldn't do it. I guess she was also mad at me for neglecting the situation.

As I was about to give up and just start breaking appliances the Dentist appeared and magic occurred. He injected something and steered it into the tooth and the pain receded to horrible. He made out a prescription for two anti-biotics and for twenty vicodin pills. We raced over to the 24 hour pharmacy at Kaiser Baldwin Park which rapidly filled the prescription and soon I wasn't hurting. We drove home and, get this, the Dentist called my house at about 9:30p.m. and instructed me as to how to take the medication. He warned me that the swelling would probably get worse before it got better and for me not to worry about it.

I got up in the morning and looked in the mirror and beheld a monster with a kind of closed eye and jowels. I didn't care; I was ready. I went to Court anyway looking like that and everybody thought I had suffered a stroke. No it was just a dental problem I explained, feeling all stoic and proud. Unfortunately while I was feeling all stoic and proud I realized that I had forgotten to bring the vicodin with me and was soon in such agony that I couldn't drive home. I hesitantly called my wife, who was still angry with me, and explained that I needed her to drive over to Pasadena from Sierra Madre and bring me the medication. Suddenly, the dam broke and my wife started to laugh and after just a few yells turned into her old loving self and brought me the medication.

I got through the day and drove home arriving just in time to see the President's State of the Union Speech. I don't know about you but I have been very depressed about the state of American Politics lately. The Republican Presidential debates have displayed a level of ignorance, incompetence, and consistent hypocrisy that has made me ashamed of this country. I don't know what I expected from the President but I was overwhelmed by the level of intelligence, vitality, breadth of concern and awareness that he displayed. Maybe it's all a part of some big show but I thought he was wonderful and felt very privileged to have this man as our President. My reaction was a total surprise to me and I thrilled to his repeated use of his word America. It resonated with me and I am right now strangely optimistic about the future.

Right after the speech both my son and daughter called. My ex-wife is coming for a visit from New Mexico and we are all going to meet here on Friday night. As I have mentioned before in these articles my ex has written a fictional novel sort of describing her life. The book is dedicated to our son and daughter and to my present wife and me. She has received some awards for the book, which is entitled Walking Fish, and I am very proud of her and very proud of my whole family for holding things together. Is it okay for me to display this pride? Gee, I hope so. Hooray for my ex-wife, hooray for my family, hooray for my dentist, and hooray for America. Things could be worse.

RICH Johnson



I had the unique opportunity of spending quite a bit of time at my kid's school during their elementary and middle school years (middle = junior high for us old timers). My interaction with all those young minds is one of the enduring joys of my life.

As Art Linkletter proved in the early 1960s, kids say the darndest things. Seizing upon the possibilities I presented the first part of several proverbs to a group of first graders and asked them to fill in the blanks. (I will give the actual proverb first and then follow with the students variations on the theme.) I hope you like the answers.

Better to be safe than...sorry
Better to be safe than...punch a 5th grader
Never underestimate the power...of a great idea
Never underestimate the power...of termites
Don't bite the hand...that feeds you
Don't bite the hand...that looks dirty
A miss is as good as a...mile
A miss is as good as a...Mr.
You can't teach and old dog...new tricks
You can't teach and old dog...math
A penny saved is...a penny earned
A penny saved is...not much
Two's company, three's...a crowd
Two's company, three's...the Musketeers
Children should be seen and not...heard
Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded
You get out of something what you...put into it
You get out of something what you...see pictured on the box
Strike while the...iron is hot
Strike while the...bug is close
It's always darkest before...the dawn
It's always darkest before...daylight savings time
If at first you don't succeed...try, try again
If at first you don't succeed...get new batteries
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Cry and...you cry alone
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Cry and...you have to blow your nose.

Put Saturday night, February 4th on your calendar. My band, JJ Jukebox will be playing 1960's and 1970's rock and roll at Bella Italia Restaurant in San Gabriel. The time is 6:30 and the address is 7232 Rosemead Blvd. (just south of Huntington on the east side of the street. The phone number is (626) 287-5674. Great Italian food, great nostalgia and comedy.

City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1322

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 13.24 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, The City of Sierra Madre draws eighty-five to ninety percent of its potable water from the Eastern Unit of the Raymond Groundwater Basin (the Basin); and
WHEREAS, groundwater levels in the Basin have been in a state of decline for several years, indicating an ongoing overdraft condition in the Basin; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the California Water Code, Section 375 et seq., it is necessary that the City take steps to minimize the potential for water shortage through the practice of water conservation; and
WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 106.08.20 requires all California urban water retailers to develop water use reduction targets by July 1, 2011; and
WHEREAS, on May 10, 2011 the City Council adopted Resolution 11-27 approving the City’s Urban Water Management Plan and setting water use reduction targets of 236 gallons per capita daily for January 1, 2016 and 210 gallons per capita daily for January 1, 2021; and
WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre desires to reduce the potential effect of a water shortage on the residents, businesses and visitors of the City; and
WHEREAS, Article 10, Section 2 of the California Constitution declares that the waters of the State are to be put to beneficial use, that waste, unreasonable use, or unreasonable use of water are to be prevented, and that water be conserved for public welfare; and
WHEREAS, a full and fair public hearing was held on January 10, 2012, at which all interested persons were permitted to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed Mandatory Water Conservation Plan.

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

Section 1. *Municipal Code Amendment* Chapter 13.24 (Mandatory Water Conservation Plan) of Title 13 (Public Services) is hereby amended in its entirety to read as the attached Exhibit A.
Section 2. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as they read immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.
Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937.
Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 2012.

AYES: Buchanan, Moran, MacGillivray, Walsh NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 13.24 - MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Sections:
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13.24.200 - Base period allocation.
13.24.210 - Implementation of required phases.
13.24.220 – Moratorium – Phases III and IV Conservation periods.

13.24.010 - Policy declaration.
It is declared that the city shall, for the general public health, safety and welfare, to comply with California Water Code Sections 10608(a)(b), and to assure an adequate water supply to the community, require a mandatory water conservation plan to be authorized during a period of necessity.

13.24.020 - Emergency determination—Plan implementation.
The city council may find and determine that a water shortage emergency condition may exist or may in the immediate future exist, and therein declare the same, establishing the urgent necessity of implementation of a mandatory water conservation plan. Said determination shall be made in the form of a City Council resolution stating the conservation plan level as described in this chapter to be implemented and the reason for its implementation.

13.24.030 - Purpose.
The mandatory water conservation plan is to minimize the effects of a water shortage to the water customers of the city, to comply with California Water Code Sections 10608(a)(b), and to significantly reduce the delivery and consumption of water, thereby extending the period of available water to match the water which may be supplied or delivered to the distribution system of the city.

13.24.040 - Application.
The provisions of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall apply to all customers, users, and property served by the water department. It shall also apply to all properties and facilities owned, maintained, operated, or under the jurisdiction of the various officers, boards, commissions, departments, or agencies of the city.

13.24.050 - Water conservation phases (I through IV).
No customer of the water department shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water from the water department for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of the ordinance codified in this chapter or in an amount in excess of that use permitted by the conservation plan in effect and any currently applicable phase, pursuant to action taken by the city council in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance codified in this chapter.

13.24.060 Prohibited uses applicable to all customers.
The following uses of water are prohibited for all water department customers. Violations of this section are subject to administrative citation pursuant to the procedures set forth in chapter 1.18.
A. There shall be no washing of sidewalks, walkways, patios, driveways, or parking areas by a water hose.
B. No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system.
C. No restaurant, cafe, deli, or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested by the customer.
D. No customer of the water department shall permit water to leak from any facility on the premises.
E. No lawn, landscaping, or other turf area shall be watered or irrigated between the hours of ten a.m. and four p.m.
F. No lawn, landscape, or turf area shall be watered in a wasteful manner. Nor shall any water be wasted if the existing conditions may be corrected or reasonably modified.

13.24.070 – Customer water curtailment by ten percent.
The following reductions in water consumptions are applicable to all water department customers:
A. Beginning January 1, 2016, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of ninety percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.
B. If a Phase I conservation period is declared pursuant to section 13.24.210 prior to January 1, 2016, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of ninety percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.

13.24.080 – Customer water curtailment by twenty percent.
The following reductions in water consumptions are applicable to all water department customers:
A. Beginning January 1, 2021, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of eighty percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.
B. If a Phase II conservation period is declared pursuant to section 13.24.210 prior to January 1, 2021, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of eighty percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.

13.24.100 - Phase III—Customer curtailment by thirty percent.
If a Phase III conservation period is declared pursuant to section 13.24.210, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of seventy percent of the base period allocation.

13.24.110 - Phase IV—Customer curtailment based on one thousand seven hundred sixty-four acre feet of water available.
If a Phase IV conservation period is declared pursuant to section 13.24.210, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of 54.5% of the base period allocation.

13.24.120 - Exception—Services.
The water uses prohibited by the water department in Section 13.24.070 are not applicable to that use of water necessary for public health, safety, or for essential governmental services such as fire, police, public works, or similar emergency services.

13.24.130 - Exception—Conservation.
The implementation of conservation Phases I through IV shall not apply to customers of the water department currently utilizing less than one thousand seven hundred (1,700) cubic feet of water per billing cycle. This is approximately equal to two hundred ten gallons per day, calculated as follows: 1700 cubic feet x 7.48 gallons per cubic foot, divided by 60 (approximate number of days in billing period).

13.24.140 - Failure to comply—Penalties.
It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any customer or user thereof of the water department to fail to comply with Sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120 of this chapter. Civil penalties for failure to comply with any of the provisions shall be as follows:
A. First Violation. For the first violation by any customer of the water department of any provision of Sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120, a surcharge penalty is imposed in an amount of twice the current water rate per one hundred cubic feet of water or billing units.
B. Second Violation. For the second violation by any customer of the water department of any provision of Sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120, a surcharge penalty is imposed in the amount of three times the current water rate per one hundred cubic feet of water or billing units.
C. Third Violation. For the third violation by any customer of the water department of any provision of Sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120, a water restrictor shall be installed behind the water meter for a period of not less than seven days, after due notice and due process in regards to usage, needs, and/or the installation of a fire sprinkler system at the site. The unavailability of adequate water supply may require the site to be unoccupied.
13.24.150 - Installation and removal of flow restrictors—Costs.
The city council shall authorize the fee schedule for any cost of installation and removal of flow restrictor devices. The installation and removal costs as determined by the City Council shall be paid in full prior to removal of the flow restrictor devices.

13.24.160 - Violation period determination.
After a warning, the first, second, and third violations will be determined by comparing the customer’s current water consumption with that customer’s water consumption from the same billing period of the base year.

13.24.170 - Administrative relief.
A. A water appeals board is established to hear appeals of the base allocation, percentage conservation, and violation surcharges or penalties. The water appeals board shall be comprised of three representatives; one each from the water, finance, and administration departments.
B. The following procedural requirements shall apply with regard to the office conference and appeal:
1. Request for an office conference must be filed in writing to the water superintendent within ten working days after receipt of the utility bill. The customer must state in writing the grounds for the appeal.
2. The office conference shall be scheduled within ten working days of receipt of the request.
3. The water superintendent shall render a decision within ten working days of the office conference.
4. An appeal to the water appeals board may be filed within ten working days after a final decision by the water superintendent to the water appeals board. The appeal should state the grounds upon which it is based, and what remedy, if any, the appellant seeks. The appeal shall be addressed to the office of the City Manager. The water appeals board shall render a decision on the appeal within ten working days of the date of the appeal letter.
5. City action on the violation, such as installation of flow restrictors shall be stayed until the water appeals board has rendered a decision and notified the appellant in writing.
C. The water superintendent shall have the authority, upon the filing by a customer of an application for relief as herein provided, to take such steps as he or she deems reasonable and to set up such procedures as he or she considers necessary to resolve said application for relief. In determining whether relief shall be granted, the water superintendent, and on appeal, the water appeals board, shall take into consideration all relevant factors including, but not limited to:
1. Whether any additional reduction in water consumption will result in unemployment;
2. Whether additional members have been added to the household;
3. Whether any additional landscaped property has been added to the base period property;
4. Changes in vacancy factors in multifamily housing;
5. Increased number of employees in commercial, industrial and governmental offices;
6. Increased production requiring increased water;
7. Necessary water uses during new construction;
8. Adjustments to water use caused by emergency health or safety hazards;
9. First filling of a permit-constructed swimming pool;
10. Water use necessary for reasons related to family illness or health.
11. Customer’s base year water consumption was less than 128 billing units per resident occupant at the account address.
D. No relief shall be granted to any customer for any reason in the absence of a showing by the customer that he has achieved the maximum practical reduction in water consumption, as the case may be, other than in the specific area in which relief is being sought. No relief shall be granted to any customer who, when requested by the water department, fails to provide the water department with information whereby the services provided to him/her can be classified for the purpose of establishing an appropriate base or classification pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If an action on the application for relief is mutually agreed upon between the water department and the customer, the agreement shall be in writing and signed by the customer, and no appeal on said application may be made by the customer.
(Ord. 1073 § 1 (part), 1991: prior code § 6536(i)(5)(a—d))

13.24.180 - Relief from compliance—Willful misrepresentation.
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any willful misrepresentation of a material fact by any person to the water department or to the water appeals board, made for the purpose of securing relief from the provisions of the urgency ordinance codified in this chapter for any customer, is unlawful; and a violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

13.24.200 - Base period allocation.
Base period allocation: 2007-2008 Consumption Data.
(Ord. 1073 § 1 (part), 1991: prior code § 6536(j))

13.24.210 - Implementation of required phases.
The water department shall evaluate and monitor the projected availability, supply, and demand for water, and shall recommend to the city manager, the extent of the conservation phases required by customers, so the department may prudently plan for and deliver water to its customers on a continuous fiscal year basis. The city council shall, after a noticed public hearing and by resolution, order that the appropriate phase of water conservation be implemented, modified, or rescinded. The resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the city council and shall be published once in the newspaper of general circulation. Percentage reduction shall apply to the next billing cycle commencing on or after the effective date of the adoption by the city council.

13.24.220 – Moratorium — Phases III and IV Conservation Periods.
Upon the declaration of a Phase III or Phase IV conservation period pursuant to section 13.24.210:
A. No new potable water service shall be provided, no new temporary meters or permanent meters shall be provided, and no statements of immediate ability to serve or provide potable water service (such as “will serve” letters) shall be issued, except under the following circumstances:
1. A valid, unexpired building permit has been issued for the project; or
2. The project is necessary to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare.
B. Annexations to the City’s water service area will be suspended.
C. Other water uses may be prohibited, as determined by the water superintendent after public notice to customers. This section shall not be construed to preclude the resetting or turn-on of meters to provide continuation of water service or to restore service that has been interrupted for up to a period of one year.

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



New Construction Contemporary Overlooking Eaton Canyon

Just completed, this sleek contemporary home offers privacy up a separate drive on a private lane, though it has a New York Drive address. Located just north of Sierra Madre Boulevard, the property is perfect for someone who craves a bit of privacy and seclusion, but wants to be close to city and commute amenities. Here, the Gold Line and I-210 entrance are only about a mile away, yet it's tucked away.

Project manager, Dave Stewart, of Nevis Homes in Arcadia, comments that their intent was "a streamlined modern home designed to blend with the hillside, without being obtrusive."

Of the Nevis Homes company, he comments, "I've been with Nevis for six years, and the company has a tremendous track record with the city of Arcadia."

Known for their design that maximizes the square footage use in homes, Nevis designed the structure's several levels to provide privacy vignettes for each area, while maintaining the open feel. The design thread continues, connected through sleek design, upscale materials and pleasing textures.

The result is a home that feels modern, but not cold.... A study in horizontal lines using the iron railings inside and out, plus various interpretations of rectangles, utilizing interesting shapes, shadows and "framing" with windows, pillars and the outline of the home, contrasted with muted array of colors, to blend with the hillside site.

The sleek kitchen is part of the great room, and features high-end design but very practical Scavolini cabinetry from Italy complemented by Galaxy white CaesarStone quartz counters, an elite five-burner professional stove by Bertazzoni-Italia, a company known for its engineering and culinary heritage, plus additional Bosch appliances.

In the great room, the eye is drawn outward to the distant skyline views of Pasadena as well as the hillside oaks and trees, giving the feeling of an aerie. Balconies on two levels provide different perspectives and views, as well as separate outside venues for dual or shared activities.

The baths also utilize the Scavolini cabinetry, and each bath boasts dramatic sinks to provide interest and Toto commodes. Hallways and interior baths also benefit from shared natural light through opaque glass interior windows and solar tubes in the roof.

The opaque glass of the kitchen cabinetry is mimicked in the custom garage door, with brushed metal framing and opaque glass. While increasing the reflectivity and overall design, the inside of the garage benefits from ample natural light, while maintaining privacy through the opaque glass.

This custom 2508 square foot home at 3277 New York Drive, Pasadena, offers three bedrooms, an office or den, plus a two car garage. It is offered at \$1,188,000.

ReMax Property Concierge listing agent, Deena Willis, will hold the home open from 2-5 on Sunday, January 29. For more information or a private showing, contact her at 626-483-8840 or visit www.DeenaWillis.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed by Luther Tsinoglou

Expose Yourself

There is much debate among real estate professionals about the value of holding an Open House. Some insist these events help get the house sold. Others argue it's an outdated practice in the digital age of virtual tours. However, it's been estimated that nearly half of all buyers who visit open houses first learned about them on the Internet.

With all the time and money that an agent puts into marketing your home, an Open House puts those very targeted buyers inside your home and in front of your representative. One of the best aspects of the Open House is the feedback that visitors provide, feedback that can suggest you change your approach or make needed improvements.

Aside from interest generated by the Web, the

signs your agent places may also attract curious passersby. While they may not be making a purchase themselves, they may very well know someone who is. An Open House also helps to create a sense of urgency among those who visit, particularly when they see that other buyers are showing interest.

Obviously, a successful Open House exposes your property to a broad base of buyers, but even if only three people visit and one makes an offer, it was clearly worth it. Not all homes are ideal candidates for this type of marketing, so ask your agent about the possibilities.

Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com.



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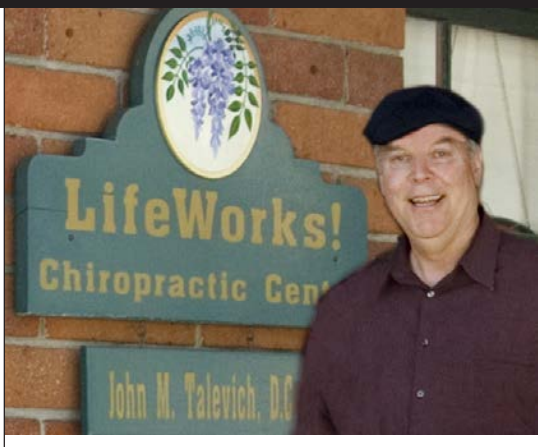
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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject: Sick and tired of being sick and tired?



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.

It's estimated that 20-30% of us feel tired "most of the time." Aside from the big energy drop between 3:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon, there are those for whom a good night's sleep is not renewing. What's going on here? Some people even say, "I was born tired!" Some Useful Pointers:

1. Water consumption. Yes, dehydration taxes the system and depresses normal function.
2. Starches. Even complex carbohydrates can be challenging for an already stressed system ~ lean toward healthy proteins.
3. Relaxation. High cortisol levels drain the body's reserves. Herbert Benson, M.D.'s "relaxation response" is a must.
4. Coffee. Yup. What goes up must come down for some of us. Wean yourself slowly to avoid difficult withdrawal symptoms.
5. Toxic overload. A simple cleanse can reduce the effect of built-up inflammatory chemicals in the body. The New Detox Diet, by Elson Haas, M.D., is an excellent source.

6. Get a physical with blood work. A nutritionally-minded doctor will evaluate your findings in order to rule out pathology and measure abnormal physiology.
 7. Lighten up. Watching too much negativity on the telly?
 8. Get a good night's sleep. Lights out for a few weeks before ten p.m. Turn off all media at 8:00 and read a calming book under a soft light.
 9. Join a group. Everyone needs to be heard, seen and appreciated. Heck, start one of your own!
 10. Check your prescription drugs. Side effects of many drugs include fatigue. Best yet, seek out a natural health care provider to develop a lifelong wellness program.
- There are many reasons for chronic tiredness. We do not understand all the factors that contribute to this. If we work with the basics, and examine and shore up the fundamentals, some of the hidden influences may come to light.

To your excellent health! Dr. John

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2011 TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior:

What are the 2011 IRS income tax filing requirements for seniors? I had to file and pay federal income taxes last year, but my income dropped and I'm wondering if I'm exempt this year.

Recently Retired

Dear Retired:

According to the Tax Policy Center, 56 percent of retirees will not have to file or pay federal income taxes this year mainly because their incomes are under the IRS filing threshold. Here's a breakdown of the 2011 filing requirements along with a few other tax tips to help you determine if you need to file.

IRS Requirements

If your gross income is below the IRS filing limits, you probably won't have to file a federal tax return this year. Gross income includes all the income you receive that is not exempt from tax, not including Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately. You probably don't have to file this year if:

- You are single and your 2011 gross income was less than \$9,500 (\$10,950 if you're 65 or older).
- You are married filing jointly and your gross income was under \$19,000. If you or your spouse is 65 or older, the limit increases to \$20,150. And if you're both over 65, your income must be under \$21,300 to not file.
- You are head of household and your gross income was below \$12,200 (\$13,650 if age 65 or older).
- You are married filing separately and your income was less than \$3,700.
- You are a qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child and your gross income was less than \$15,300 (\$16,450 if age 65 or older).

Special Situations

You also need to be aware that there are some special financial situations that require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had net earnings from self-employment in 2011 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers a page on their website called "Do You Need to File a Federal Income Tax Return?" that includes a list of financial situations and a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file (if you're due a refund). You can access this page at www.doyouneed2file.info, or you can get help over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, it doesn't necessarily mean you're also excused from filing state income taxes. Check on that with your state tax agency before concluding you're entirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see taxadmin.org – click on "Links."

Tax Help

If you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at around 6,100 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

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.

The Pasadena Women's Connection invites everyone to the "WHO WINS THE RACE? WILL YOUR MONEY OUTLIVE YOU?" luncheon and program on Wednesday, February 8, 11:30A.M. at the Altadena Country Club, 2290 Country Club Drive, Altadena. Keegan J. Tanghe, financial planner, will tell how to make important life decisions necessary to get not only to retirement, but through it.

Angela Alexander, former member of the U.S. Air Force, author and inspirational speaker explains how she was able to turn pain into power and grief into peace in her talk "Love Letters".

Tickets are \$23. For reservations or information call Darlene (818)353-2212 or Carole (818)790-1907.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

WE'RE BACK!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Senior Programs return to the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Memorial Park - Come by and see the changes!!

MONDAYS: City Hall & Lunch Café

Closed December 26th - Happy Holidays!

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength Training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

TUESDAYS:

FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital Nurse; 11 am to 12 noon.

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play

5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

WEDNESDAYS:

11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

THURSDAYS:

1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.

FRIDAY: City Hall closed on Dec. 16, 23 & 30 and Lunch Café closed on Dec. 23

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm. The Senior Club will return to the Senior Center starting on Saturday, January 28, 2012

2012 EXCURSIONS

SAVE THE DATES

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH - Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. Join us as we return to Orange County to visit the Warriors: China's Enduring Legacy exhibit as well as the museum's ongoing exhibits like California Legacies.

Cost per person is \$22 (includes transportation & museum entrance with audio tour). Lunch will be on your own.

Bus will depart from the Hart Park House Senior Center at 9:30 am and return around 3:30 pm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH - San Antonio Winery Tour & Tasting. Come enjoy a tour of this historic Los Angeles Winery, taste their wine, visit the gift shop and savor the flavors of their onsite restaurant.

Cost per person is \$10 (includes transportation, tour & tasting). Lunch will be on your own.

Bus leaves the Hart Park House Senior Center at 10:30 am and will return around 3 pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD - Community Whale Watching Trip; \$28 per person. The bus will leave the Community Recreation Center at 10 am and return at 3:30 pm. Cost includes transportation and a 2 1/2 hour charter boat tour out of Long Beach.

Registration can be done either in person or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration



January Birthdays

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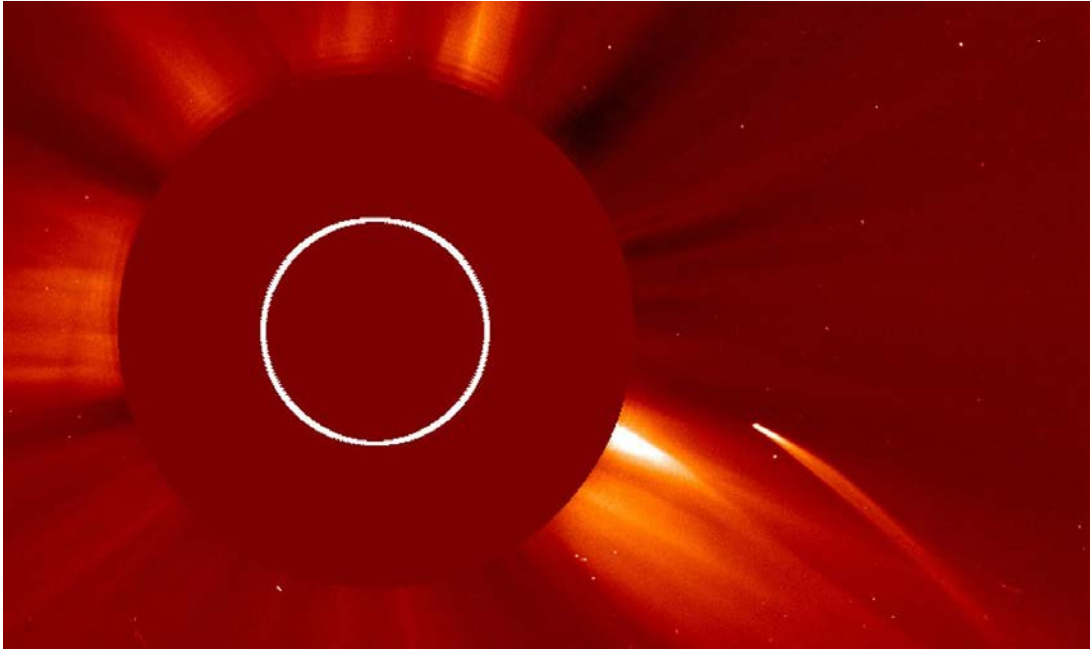
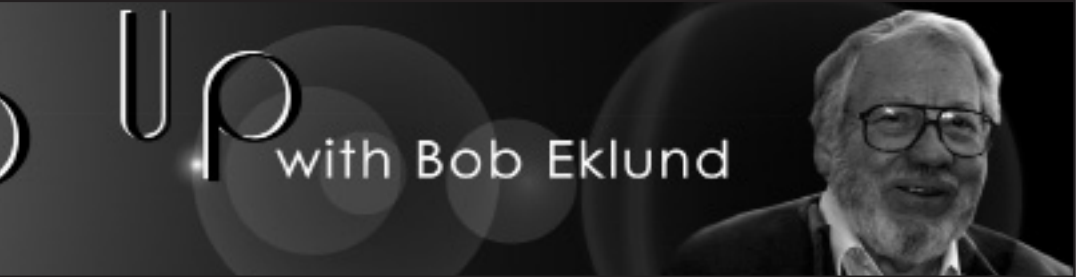
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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Seeing a Comet Plunge into the Sun



“a comet passing in front of the Sun absorbs the light from the Sun. We would have expected a black spot against the Sun, not a bright one. And there’s not enough stuff in the corona to make it glow, the way a meteor does when it goes into Earth’s atmosphere. So one of the really big questions is why do we see it at all?”

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.

On July 6, 2011, a comet was caught doing something never seen before: plunging into a scorching death as it flew too close to the Sun. That the comet met its fate this way was no surprise—but the chance to watch the event first-hand amazed even the most seasoned comet-watchers.

“Comets are usually too dim to be seen in the glare of the Sun’s light,” says Dean Pesnell at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., the project scientist for NASA’s Sun-orbiting Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO)—which snapped images of the comet that were then combined to create a movie. “We’ve been telling people we’d never see one [a comet] in SDO data.”

But an ultrabright comet, from a group known as the Kreutz comets, overturned all preconceived notions. The comet can clearly be viewed moving in over the right side of the Sun, disappearing 20 minutes later as it evaporates in the searing heat. The movie of this event is more than just a novelty. As detailed in a paper in Science magazine appearing January 20, 2012, watching the comet’s death provides a new way to estimate the comet’s size and mass. The comet turns out to be somewhere between 150 and 300 feet long and to have about as much mass as an aircraft carrier.

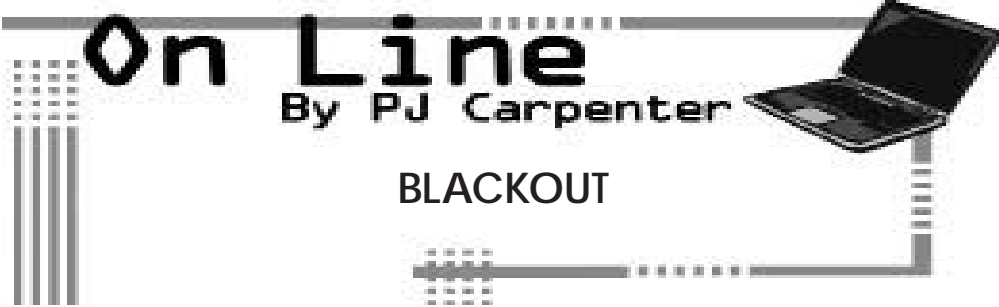
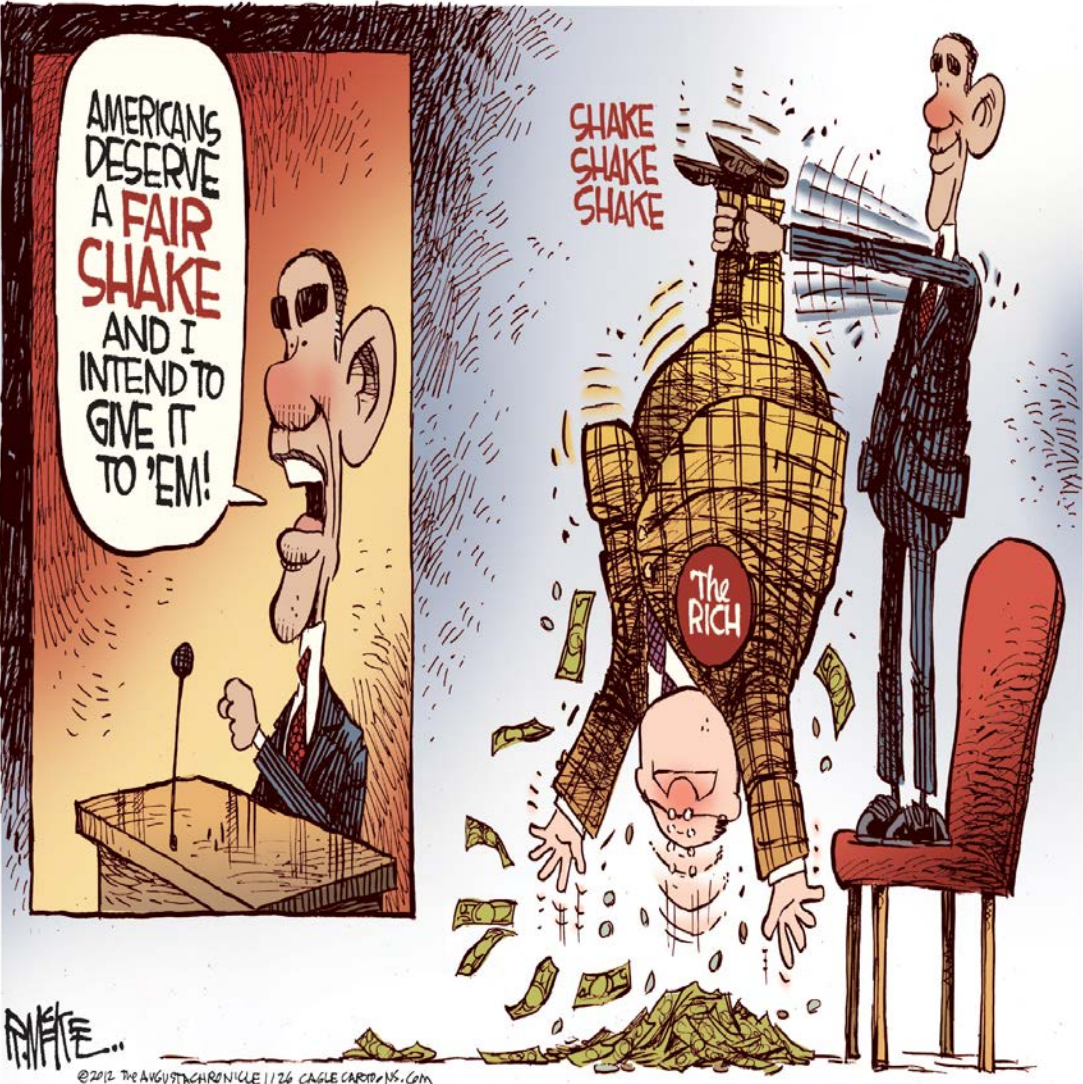
“Of course, it’s doing something very different than what aircraft carriers do,” says Karel Schrijver, a solar scientist at Lockheed Martin in

Palo Alto, Calif., the first author on the Science paper and the principal investigator for the Atmospheric Imaging Assembly instrument on SDO, which recorded the movie. “It was moving along at almost 400 miles per second through the intense heat of the Sun—and was literally being evaporated away.”

Typically, comet-watchers see the Kreutz-group comets only through images taken by a coronagraph, a specialized telescope that views the Sun’s fainter out atmosphere, or corona, by blocking the direct blinding sunlight with a solid occulting disk. On average, a new member of the Kreutz family is discovered every three days, with some of the larger members being observed for 48 hours or more before disappearing behind the occulting disk, never to be seen again. Such “Sun-grazer” comets obviously destruct when they get close to the Sun, but the event had never before been witnessed.

The journey to categorizing this comet began on July 6, 2011, after Schrijver spotted a bright comet in a coronagraphic image produced by the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO). He looked for it in the SDO images and much to his surprise he found it.

The fact that one can see this comet against the background of the Sun means there is some physical process going on that is not yet understood. “Normally,” says Goddard’s Pesnell,



The legislative pair of SOPA (the Stop Online Piracy Act) and PIPA (Protect Intellectual Property Act) are proving to be two of the most unpopular pieces of lawmaking to hit Congress in terms of near public unanimity in opposition to their passage. These two bills (PIPA, which is the Senate version and SOPA, which is the House version) are nearly identical in scope and they both seek to give greater control over Internet content to major media companies and studios.

Were these new laws to pass they would in effect give 6 major media entities (GE, Disney, Viacom, Time Warner, NewsCorp and CBS Corporation) the power to decide what can and cannot be seen on the Internet, from either foreign or domestic sources and would have the power of the State at their disposal to enforce the new state of the Internet. The above-listed companies currently produce nearly 90% of what is listened to, read and watched in this country and collectively have spent millions sponsoring this legislation through the halls of Congress. Due to the considerable influence and capital that these corporations collectively wield, it wouldn’t have been much of a stretch to think that these bills would pass into law, probably in the form of a rider attached to some vital must-pass legislation or budget, and that would be that.

Not this time, buddy. Once the blogosphere caught wind of what was afoot, the organizing against these laws began in frenzy. One of the first concrete demonstrations against the legislation was directed at popular domain registrar GoDaddy.com. Protest organizers dubbed December 29th, 2011 “Dump GoDaddy Day” and the day saw nearly 15,000 hosted domains transferred away from the registrar in retaliation for its support of the SOPA/PIPA bills. GoDaddy has since switched its public position on SOPA/PIPA support.

On January 18, 2012 a protest in the form of a 24-hour Internet-wide “Blackout” was hosted by some of the largest sites on the Internet (by traffic) including Wikipedia, Craigslist, Wordpress, Internet Archive and nearly 115,000 other websites across the globe. Google showed its support by displaying a special “Blackout” graphic. Some observers have commented that these organized protests have marked a “political coming-of-age for the Internet” as it has collectively and effectively communicated its demands for its own growth and had those demands taken seriously.

Both SOPA and PIPA have been shelved at this point. Chalk up a win for the “little” guy.... this time around.



Walking Miss Daisy

It is 7:30 AM when my neighbor’s cell phone comes to life, breaking the serene silence of dawn and rudely awaking all who sleep. The custom, voice-recorded ring tone resounds loudly with a chime of “Chris, dog walker....Chris, dog walker... Chris, dog walker”! Immediately, Daisy snaps to attention, plants herself at the foot of the bed, and places one paw on top bed sheet with her fluffy white ears and tail fully engaged. Next she begins her usual routine of pacing back and forth from the bedroom to the leash that hangs on the hook by the front door, whining softly as she paces, as if to say, “Hurry, get me ready, Chris will be here any minute”. Soon she is greeted on the front porch by her beloved walker (that’s me!) who gives her a hug and an affectionate verbal greeting, telling her how special she is and how happy I am to see her, and off we go. Daisy is absolutely elated to be leashed and lead out on yet another exploratory pilgrimage through the local neighborhood sidewalks and hillsides!

Within moments, we are well on our way, ascending briskly up the steep hill that takes us to the upper canyon and ultimate apex of our vigorous hour-long hike. The sun has just made it’s way over the eastern horizon, and has begun it’s typical daily task of steaming the pavement and warming the windows of the houses as we pass by.

Suddenly, Daisy stops in her tracks; her body stiffens and she stares ahead, fully focused on the hillside that runs adjacent to us. Her ears are perked to point, her tail is bent forward and the hair on her back begins to rise up like a porcupine. I follow her gaze, hoping to see what may have caught her eye and caused such a sudden change in her countenance, but I see nothing out of the ordinary among the massive, meandering oak trees and low-growing fauna covering the open area between the houses on the hill. Seconds later, Daisy relaxes enough for us to resume our steep upward climb and I begin wondering to myself what could have caused her momentary change in behavior. It crosses my mind that she might have nervous tendencies due to a traumatic experience that occurred when she was a puppy, before she was rescued and adopted. As I ponder the possibilities, we make our way further up and around the curve toward the fire road, where the pavement ends

abruptly at the trail head. It is then that I look up to see a small pack of coyotes standing in the middle of the trail just a few yards ahead, looking directly at us! I am a bit surprised to see so many of them standing so close, but having seen coyotes in the neighborhoods and canyons multiple times before, I know enough to slowly back away and leave them alone, to avoid confrontation. As we head back down the hill, it occurs to me that Daisy’s sudden change in demeanor on our way up the hill, had nothing to do with neurosis, nor was it prompted by something she saw far away in the distant woods. Daisy’s brief behavioral interlude had clearly been a natural response to her inherently keen sense of olfaction. I had recently read an article that mentioned a dog’s sense of smell is said to be 1,000 times stronger than that of a human being, mainly attributable to a vomeronasal organ that is housed in the dog’s olfactory chamber. This specialized anatomical feature, unique to the canine, was no doubt what allowed Daisy to sense the presence of the coyotes from so far away, and exhibit a physical response long before they came into her field of vision.

We finished our hike, and I delivered Daisy back to the safety of her home with lots of hugs and praise. Later that day, I was reflecting on our walk and I realized that my initial assumptions about what could have caused Daisy’s unexpected behavior had been a prime example of how the domestic dog is often misunderstood by the human being. Daisy’s response to the scent of the coyotes that morning, reinforced my appreciation for the dog’s sense of smell, but more importantly it taught me that, if acknowledged from the proper perspective, a dog’s sensual abilities and responsive behavior can act as a very important tell-tale for the human’s safety in the wilderness. Finally, it was a reminder to avoid trying to anthropomorphize the dog. To expect a dog to think and behave the way a human thinks and behaves is to foolishly discount the remarkable unique qualities of the dog that can be of great value and benefit to the human. In retrospect, my experience that morning taught me 2 very valuable lessons; to respect the dog and his inherent sensual abilities, and to allow myself a healthy helping of humility as a human being. Who knew a simple morning walk with a dog could offer lessons of such value and importance?

KATIE Tse.....This and That



Shopping With My Mom, and Other Rare Occurrences

I love my carpool buddy! Not only do we save on gas, but we get the pleasure of each other’s stimulating insights every morning and afternoon. We have many things in common, such as interest in veganism as well as an aversion to the trappings of vanity (e.g., cosmetics, designer handbags, etc. I’m sure I suffer from vanity in some aspects of my life, but fashion isn’t one of them). Recently, however, I discovered a major contrast in

our life experiences. She was talking about her adult children when she commented, “One of the nice things about having a daughter...” she gave me a knowing smile, “is that she goes shopping with me!” I nodded and smiled as if in agreement, thinking of the ocean of difference between their shopping experiences and that of my own mom and me.

My mom hates shopping. As a child she was forced to accompany her mom and older sister on shopping excursions. She’s related the excruciating details of these outings on several occasions. “They would find a dress they liked,” she began. “It fit perfectly. It was even reasonably priced. They’d spend an hour dithering over it, and then decide to come back later to get it. Of course, it would be gone. Then they’d say they should’ve bought it when they had the chance!” I don’t know if the love of shopping is inherent in girls, or if it has to be modeled. Anyway, I inherited my mom’s dread of searching for clothes.

I’m usually able to postpone clothes shopping, but there are some instances when that is impossible --namely, wedding gown shopping. Being married two and a half years, the minute details of my whole wedding preparation are somewhat fuzzy, but I distinctly remember shopping for my dress. I allotted myself a small amount of time (two weeks) for deciding upon a gown, with the attitude of “Let’s get this over with!” I’ll spare you the long version and cut to the chase. After scouring Las Tunas Boulevard in Temple City, I narrowed it down to three choices. My mom spared no enthusiasm when she agreed to come and look at them with me. At the first shop, the manager remembered me from before, and was murderously intent upon my making a purchase at her store. I had the feeling that she had a Voodoo doll of me that she’d stab, burn, or decapitate if I didn’t buy that dress. She stared me down as I meekly explained that this was the first dress we were looking at, but that we’d definitely keep hers in mind. (Not as if my mom would’ve argued against buying it in order to go home!)

On the way to the next shop, my mom suggested that we delay the torture until a future date. I was able to convince her to come to one more shop (I should’ve known three stops would’ve put her over the edge). The next place we visited had a sales lady who could’ve sold fur coats to members of PETA. The gown was pretty and nearly fit me (designers don’t consider munchkin dimensions when creating wedding gowns). I started to explain that we’d think about it, when she slashed the price by a hundred dollars or so. I thanked her and was about to say we’d let her know in a week, when my mom interjected, “That one’s really pretty; I think you should go with it.” The lady practically embraced my mom, and went off on a string of fawning compliments about how it suited me perfectly. In the end, I did buy this dress, its price eventually reduced to a very economical sum. I showed the two other gowns to other people before purchasing it, but a single dress-hunting excursion was enough for my mom.

I recently ran into a friend whose daughter is getting married soon. She talked about all the different stores she and her daughter explored over the period of a month or so. Using vivid details, she described her daughter’s gown down to its last sequin. In contrast, it amused me to recall my mom’s answer to anyone who asked about my dress: “It’s white. I think it’s sleeveless.”





Huddle Up!

By Harvey Hyde AN IDEA THAT MAKES DOLLARS AND SENSE

This seems to be the time of year when serious college football fans and media pundits – and I guess I am now both of them – weigh in on the debate about whether college football should go to a playoff format similar to the NFL's. I'm not been a fan of a real "playoff" system, but what I am proposing is a compromise.

My stance is we keep the bowl format pretty much in place, but tweak it to the benefit of everyone. I am looking at this from the viewpoint of a college coach.

There would be the four traditional BCS bowl games, plus a championship game. I would have conference champions meet in three of the BCS bowl games and two wild-card teams meet in the fourth. From those results, a final game would be played.

Currently, the championship game teams are determined at the end of the regular season, prior to the bowl selections, and bowl results have nothing to do with the last game of the college season. This does not seem to a fair way to determine the national championship team.

To begin with, here would be my BCS bowl lineup:

Rose Bowl -- Big 10 champion vs. Pac-12 champion.

Orange Bowl -- Big 12 champion vs. Big East champion.

Sugar Bowl -- SEC champion vs. ACC champion.

Fiesta Bowl -- Two wild-card teams from conferences or independents, such as Notre Dame or Boise State selected according to their record, ranking and their competition. This year one of the two teams would have been Alabama since the Crimson Tide was not the SEC champion.

From these four games, the two winning teams with the highest ranking would meet for the national championship.

NCAA President Emmert recently suggested that a four-team playoff – a Football Final Four, if you will -- might be in place by the 2014 season. Why do I think

four teams should not meet in semi-finals? Because that would mean that two teams play two extra games. I think one extra game following the bowl season makes more sense. With the divisions in conferences, the division leaders already play one more game to decide the champion of each conference. That's what we have now, except that national championship game participants are determined at the end of the regular season rather than, as I suggest, at the end of the bowl season.

The questions I hear you all asking: "Who will determine the wild-card and final two teams?" and "How will this be decided?" These are legitimate and important questions. I suggest some kind of committee of coaches who will not be concerned with how well a team travels, how many dollars they will bring to a game, and other such financial issues.

I'd also like to see a two-week break between the BCS bowl games and the championship game, which preferably would be played on a Monday night to avoid competing with the NFL playoffs. The two-week break would allow for the all important promotional period, and this would allow more time for coaches and players to prepare and plan for games. Also, staging a major event such as this involves travel and accommodations, and more details than most are aware of.

I've always believed the college championship game should be played at the Rose Bowl, but that probably isn't going to happen. A more likely scenario would be for the title game to rotate among the BCS bowl game sites, as it does now.

I think such a format would lead to a game equal in stature to the Super Bowl, bringing in no telling how much money. And let's face it, dollars are involved. Here is a key element to my suggestion: Each of the 120 schools playing Division I-A football would get a guarantee of \$1 million from the gross receipts, with the remaining balance going for game expenses and distribution to the participating teams.

Who wouldn't vote for that? What do you think?

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SIERRA MADRE AN CROWNED CALIFORNIA STATE INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPION



Local life long resident, and 18 year old Loyola High School Senior Nick Budinich, competed in two throwing events for the Indoor California State Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Fresno. Budinich qualified in meets at Paramount High School and Cerritos College earlier this month, throwing the 12 lbs. shot, and 25 pound weight to a qualifying distance to compete for the state title.

Loyola's weight man won the "25 lbs. weight throw" State Title with a lifetime best of 62'5" bettering his prior PR of 57'1" set the week earlier at Cerritos. He was 7 feet farther from the second place finisher. Budinich, an hour later, competed in the State Finals in the indoor shot put throwing 53'10" behind Burroughs high school senior Jason Kovar from Ridgecrest, who won the event at 58'3".

Last June 5th in Fresno, CA., Budinich stunned competitors in the outdoor State Meet by throwing 182'9" in the discus to take second place in the competition, when he came in seeded 13th. After failing to qualify in the shot put in the CIF Masters meet last year, he was able to focus all his attention on the discus. He made up for his CIF Masters State shot put disqualification by getting a new lifetime best in the shot put in Eugene, Oregon last June 25 with a throw of 61'10.5", and helping Loyola HS win its first High School National Championship.

The Loyola High School senior has already verbally committed to attend Stanford University in the fall, after head

coach Edrick Floreal, and "throws coach"

Andrew Ninnow offered him a track and field scholarship for four years in Palo Alto last November. "It was a difficult decision to pick between USC and Stanford", (his first two choices), Budinich said, "because my Dad was an All American shot putter there and I really have high goals of beating his marks". Budinich was mentored and coached by his father Michael, (a Pasadena chiropractor) in the shot put and discus throw since he was in the 5th grade at Pasadena's High Point Academy, where he holds school and league records, and earned the coveted "Male Athlete of the Year" award upon graduation in 2008.

Jason Kovar from Ridgecrest will be Budinich's main competition in the shot and discus for the rest of the season. Nick felt relaxed and confident entering the competition last Saturday, as he did not have the pressure from college recruiters who may be there, since he is already committed to "The Cardinal". "The big meets for me will be in May and June, when I compete for my school to try to win a team CIF title, State title, and repeat as National Champions in the NIKE National Meet, like we did last year in Eugene", said Budinich.

With an individual State Title already under his belt in the 25lbs. weight throw, a second in the State indoor shot, and a second in the State discus last year, Budinich has his goals set high of earning another State title in discus or shot this June at Buchanan High school in Fresno.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWANNY ORIGAMI, 4110 E. DRUMM ST., COMPTON, CA 90105. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAUL SCARZO, 43 W. PALMETTO DR., PASADENA, CA 91105. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAUL SCARZO, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 07, 14, 21, 28, 2012

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File No. 2011-157536

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WINDOWS TO THE SOUL, 1440 ELM AVE. #7, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PINEY DAVIS, 1440 ELM AVE. #7, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PINEY DAVIS, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/29/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 07, 14, 21, 28, 2012

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2011-156565

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WIRELESS DISTRICT, 12730 FIGUEROA ST. UNIT 103, L.A., CA 90061. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LESLY MURILLO, 6068 ATLANTIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LESLY MURILLO, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 07, 14, 21, 28, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2011-152016

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZUMBA FITNESS, 1874 PACIFIC COAST HWY., LOMITA, CA 90717. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN CARLOS MAGANA, 1874 PACIFIC COAST HWY., LOMITA, CA 90717. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS MAGANA, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 07, 14, 21, 28, 2012

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