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SIERRA MADRE ELECTION COVERAGE

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?
- 2. What are your plans if elected?

The revised schedule:

THIS WEEK: Candidate Colin Braudrick for City Council - 2 year term-Below

March 24th Candidate Chris Koerber for City Council - 2 year term
Website: www.chrisforsierramadre.com
Candidate Bill Tice for City Council - 4 year term
No website available at this time.

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

COLIN J. BRAUDRICK



I am a 16-year resident of Sierra Madre and have raised my 12-year-old son here. I am running for City Council because I want to ensure that he has the same opportunity to raise his kids in the amazing community as I had. I treasure the feeling of raising my family in "Mayberry" and I am committed to protecting our unique village atmosphere.

I bring the experience, leadership, and vision necessary to be your representative. I am a 15-year LAPD veteran, have an MBA, and

have sat on the Library Board of Trustees and the Parks and Facilities Master Plan. I am currently on the General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC), where we are rewriting a several hundred page document that is like the constitution for Sierra Madre; setting goals for land use, public safety, traffic, wildlife, and natural disaster mitigation. Being part of the GPSC has given me the experience to be your council member and I have voted time and time again to preserve our community. I have also come up with creative ideas, such as creating incentives to preserve our historic homes when adding a second residence in our R-2 zone.

I will work to establish common sense oversight so we do not overburden people who are doing the right thing but unintentionally get captured in a costly bureaucratic maze. I am not afraid to address our City's financial crisis and the threat it poses to our community. I have the vision and leadership to address today the financial disaster we will face in 2015, and the courage to support continuing the Utility Users Tax. Also I will not automatically raise your UUT rate to 12%, but commit to vote to reduce it to the same rate that it is at before the election.

CANDIDATE FORUMS DOMINATE CALENDAR



Candidates on the April 10th ballot in Sierra Madre had a very busy week. Beginning on Sunday, when VFW Lodge 3208 held the first Election Forum and ending on Thursday evening with a 'Meet and Greet' mixer at the Women's Club, four of the five candidates for city council told residents why they should be elected to help govern the town.

The questions and answers did not change much at any of the events. Of tantamount importance to residents were the city's finances, the proposed Assisted Living facility and the User Utility tax. All candidates favored the proposed Assisted Living

facility pending approval by voters of the project in November.

However, when it came to the User Utility Tax Extension, Chris Koerber, Mary Ann MacGillivray and John Capoccia were opposed while Colin Braudrick, Gene Goss and John Harabedian were in favor of the extension. In addition to Sunday's event, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, pictured above, held a forum on Tuesday afternoon, followed by the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday evening. You can view the Kiwanis and Chamber events online. Go to www.mtnviewsnews.com for links to both events.

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This Week's Highlights:

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
March 27, 2012 6:30 pm

Arts Commission - 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30

Community Services - 3rd Monday @ 6:00

Library Trustees - 4th Wednesday @ 7:00

Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00

Senior Community - 1st Thursday @ 3:00

Tree Advisory - 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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

Sierra Madre's Farmer's Market
WEDNESDAYS

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

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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

USER UTILITY TAX FORUM

Sponsored by
The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
12:00 Noon

The Lodge in Sierra Madre
(Formerly the Masonic Temple)
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre
Lunch Optional - Cost \$10

For additional information, please contact Clem Bartolai at
355-0757 or email: cbartolai@gmail.com



IMPORTANT DATES

**MARCH 26 LAST DAY TO
REGISTER FOR APRIL 10TH
ELECTION**

APRIL 3

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

Below is a direct link to answer questions about the City's
Utility Users Tax (UUT) Measures on the April 10, 2012
Municipal ballot:

[http://cityofsierramadre.com/i-want-to/find/agendas/
category/13-news?download=338:uut-fact-sheet-febru-
ary-2012-for-the-upcoming-election-april-10-2012](http://cityofsierramadre.com/i-want-to/find/agendas/category/13-news?download=338:uut-fact-sheet-february-2012-for-the-upcoming-election-april-10-2012)

ELECTION DAY -APRIL 10, 2012

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 4th, to Saturday March 10th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 233 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, March 4th:

4:46 PM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunken in Public, 600 blk. Chaparral. An intoxicated 56-year old man was asked to leave a residence by the resident. The subject left the residence and was arrested for public intoxication outside the residence. The subject was transported to Pasadena jail for booking.

Monday, March 5th:

2:48 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding 950 Dollars, 600 blk. Chaparral Rd. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location through an open garage door and stole a 21 speed Trek 21 white and black mountain bicycle. The suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

3:40 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Lima St. and Highland Ave. An officer stopped a Sierra Madre motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the 80-year old driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was transported to Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

Friday, March 9th:

12:19 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the cashing of a personal check, without the owner's permission.

2:26 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized use of the victim's credit card.

Saturday, March 10th:

2:59 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Sycamore Pl. and Grandview Ave. An officer stopped a 44-year old Monrovia motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

10:43 AM- Suspicious Circumstances, 500 blk. Woodland Dr. This case involves a piece of charred wood that was thrown onto the concrete porch of a residence. The suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

8:47 PM- Petty Theft, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspects entered a liquor store and stole a 750 ml bottle of Belvedere vodka and a 20 oz. bottle of Coca Cola. The store clerk gave chase, which cause one of the suspect to drop the bottle of vodka. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction.

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The United States Postal Service and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce announce a special postal cancellation to celebrate The Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival.

This special postmark will be available at the Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival, Sunday March 25, 2012 at the Wistaria Festival Postal Station located at Kersting Court in Sierra Madre at Sierra Madre Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue.

This special temporary postal station will be open 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Bring post cards or letters. You can send mail and post from this special event post office and surprise your friends when they receive mail with this extraordinary postmark.

The announcement of this postal cancellation has been printed in the U. S. Postal Bulletin which is distributed world wide. To accommodate collectors from out of the area the Sierra Madre Post Office will cancel postcards and letters upon request with the Wistaria cancellation for 30 days after the event.

To postmark a letter after the event go to Sierra Madre Post office and request The Wistaria Postmark on your mail.

For more information contact:

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce (626) 355-5111
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(Note: The Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival spells Wistaria with an "a" not with an "e").



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These Sierra Madre Rotarians are all smiling, because they enjoy this dynamic service group's camaraderie, great weekly speakers who make a difference in their lives, and the support they give the local and international communities through extensive programs, scholarships, mini-grants, international Rotary volunteer trips, and of course, Rotary's famous tri-tip sandwiches served at the yearly Wistaria Festival event in Memorial Park.

If you are looking for a way to give back to the special community of Sierra Madre, to support our teachers, students and work on projects of great international import, like the work to stop polio, give us a try!

We're an eclectic group of dedicated volunteers, as well as local business owners, finance, real estate, educators, attorneys contractors and other professionals, and some of us are retired. And we're a fun group!

Come visit a Rotary meeting Tuesday mornings at the Hart House in Memorial Park, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. Chef Mario provides a wonderful breakfast beginning at 7 am, and you'll be off to work or activities by 8:30 a.m.

Come be our guest. Your first breakfast is on Rotary! Just RSVP to Peggy Beauregard at PeggyBeau@GMail.com

For more information, contact SM Rotary President, TBrady@DGRP.com or Publicity Chair, Peggy Beauregard, peggybeau@gmail.com



Front row (L to R): Christy-Joy Brendel, Sec., (Chief) Marilyn Diaz, -VP, Tom Brady, Pres., Peggy Beauregard, Board, John Stubbs, Pres. Elect
Middle Row: Vokouhi Unell, Karen Swisher, Jennie Jacobsen-Huse, Kris Poulsen, Jeff Porter, Chris Haddow
Back Row: Alan Unell, Dan Alle, Doug Kerns, Michael (Dr. Bud) Budicich, John Harabedian, Bart Doyle

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAINS GET SAFETY AND CRIME UPDATES FROM SMPD

By Chris Bertrand on Special Assignment

On Monday evening, March 12, officials from Sierra Madre Police Department met with the community's Neighborhood Watch Block Captains to bring the representatives up to date on local as well as national crime trends, identifying critical safety precautions and measures to minimize the public's exposure to crime.

Police Chief Larry Giannone, Lt. Mike Kirkpatrick, Officer Ruben Enriquez, plus Cadets Ho and Gonzalez each delivered parts of the program. Due to an arising police issue, Lt. Len Hundshamer's Emergency Preparedness and Lessons Learned from the December Windstorm presentations were tabled for a future meeting.

Credit Card Skimming

The topics of internet crime, identity theft and fraud were a hot topic, in the wake of the Valero skimming operation uncovered several months ago, barely a year after 600+ patrons of the EVG gas station just a block away became victims of credit card fraud, now tied to the Russian mafia. PD officials indicated that both cases are being investigated by federal authorities from the Secret Service, due to the overseas and organized crime connections to the cases. The Valero incident has generated about 55 victims since coming to light in December, 2011.

Though the alert was sounded months ago, one neighborhood watch captain discovered fraud from the Valero incident only recently, and was encouraged to file a police report.

Although this type of criminal activity is rampant, especially at gas stations across the country, consumers can reduce risk by using pumps that employ tamper tape, though this is not 100% effective. "Whenever a new anti-criminal technology is used, the criminals will always try to get around it," said Enriquez.

A YouTube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILAFhTjsQHw&sns=em> produced by a television news program about the identity fraud vulnerability posed with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chips in credit cards was shown. These RFID chips are embedded in some credit cards in order to enable a "fast pay" rather than swipe procedure.

The percentage of these chips embedded in American credit cards is low, the risk to those whose cards have the chip is high. After the initial installation of a skimming device within the pump, criminals can capture information from credit cards without even lifting the card from a victim's wallet through wireless, Bluetooth technology.

The SMPD recommends removal of these chips to reduce credit card fraud risk. They also recommend a vigilant watch on transactions through credit accounts, though they recommend the use of credit cards over debit cards, due to the greater ease of funds recovery.

Mail Theft Arrests and Local Property Crime Statistics

An SMPD officer made a relatively routine traffic stop on Baldwin recently, and discovered that the two occupants' vehicle contained mail and other stolen items from Sierra Madre and other LA municipalities. Fourteen open investigations were solved by the observant actions of the alert SMPD officer.

According to Enriquez, comparing the 2011 to 2012 periods from January 1 through March 12, residential and commercial burglaries had no change, with 5 occurring in both years during this period. Auto burglaries and thefts from vehicles increased from 5 in 2011 to 7 in 2012. Auto thefts increased from 0 to 2 between the two years. All other thefts increased from 6 in 2011 to 11 in 2012 during the period in question.

Enriquez stressed that securing vehicles and homes by locking them will reduce crimes of opportunity greatly. Though Sierra Madre is quite safe, the PD recommends locking cars and houses, and to refrain from leaving purses, wallets, laptops and especially GPS navigators completely out of sight in vehicles.

Stolen Bicycle Sting Successful

A Sierra Madre residence recently reported a \$2,000 bicycle as stolen from his residence. Later

that day, the resident checked bicycle listings on Craig's List, and found a listing matching his cycle. He gave the information and the serial number of the bike to police.

Sierra Madre cooperated with Pasadena Police and performed a sting to attempt to "purchase" the bike from the alleged perpetrator at a Pasadena location. The bike was indeed the same one, identified by PD personnel acting as buyers. The seller, who was identified as a Sierra Madre resident, offered the stolen item at \$1,000 for a quick sale, was arrested. Officer Enriquez stressed that the bicycle was able to be recovered so easily, because the owner recorded the serial number of the item.

Overnight Parking Permit Process Online April 1

For Sierra Madre resident convenience as well as to better utilize police department staffing, an online parking permit program will go live on April 1. SMPD fields up to 30 requests a day for overnight parking permits for on-street parking during the daily no parking time of 2-5 a.m. on city streets.

Captain Giannone indicated the process took much longer to bring online than earlier expected, but will finally be available in the next few weeks, through a parking service center company called www.PayMyCite.com.

Yearly permits as well as daily permits up to 7 days long can be purchased online, and permits printed immediately and conveniently at home if paid online by credit card. The PD will continue to handle walk-in requests for parking permits.

Rise in Burglaries May Be Tied to 2011 Public Safety Realignment

In a post-meeting email, Chief Giannone shared that increased crimes may point to the early release of incarcerated inmates as a result of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment. He indicated that a rash of burglaries in the San Fernando Valley has some wondering if the inmate early release program could be to blame. While it is too early in year to get statistics on the people committing these crimes, the Los Angeles Police Department has noted a trend.

"Of the people that we are arresting associated with property crimes, we find that they are people who already have arrest records," said LAPD Captain Paul Snell with the Van Nuys Division. "And many of which have already been in state prison."

SMPD recommends common sense procedures for crime prevention. Be alert to your surroundings. "If you're headed into a dark alley alone, consider waiting to join other pedestrians as a group. Be alert if you are alone in secluded places like movie theaters," an uncomfortable experience Enriquez and his wife recently had. Activate security alarms even when home, and use motion lights. Most importantly, report suspicious persons.

Enriquez concluded, "Our citizens and Neighborhood Watch are our eyes and ears. We can't be everywhere at once. If you see a person or car that doesn't belong, call us at 626-355-1292 or at 911. We will be happy to come and check it out."

SMPD Seeks More Neighborhood Watch Groups

As part of the department's communication program, the SMPD meets regularly with both Block Captains and Business Owners to keep them apprised of information that will help all keep the crime level down and public safety up. The PD welcomes the opportunity to offer as many Neighborhood Watch meetings as a group would like to have, according to Giannone. Many of the groups represented had been about two years since a neighborhood meeting was held. Though the city has many active Neighborhood Watch areas, many areas have no active Watch.

To inquire about setting up a Neighborhood Watch in your Sierra Madre neighborhood, or to give personal feedback on how the SMPD is doing, contact Capt. Giannone at 626-355-1414 or email him at LGiannone@CityOfSierraMadre.com.

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City of Sierra Madre Public Hearing Notice

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on March 27, 2012, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the Citywide Fees.

The City is proposing updated fee changes to be effective after approval by the City Council.

The draft of the Fee Schedule is available at City Hall and the Sierra Madre Library for the public to review. If you have any questions about this matter please contact Administrative Services Director, Karin Schnaider, at 626.355.7135.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, **March 17, 2012**
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

For further information on this subject, please contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Karin Schnaider,
Administrative Services Director

4TH OF JULY GRAND MARSHALL NOMINATIONS

The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2012 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held as always the morning of July 4th.

Parade Grand Marshal nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Tuesday, May 9th and should be sent to the 4th of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to 4fairylvolunteers@gmail.com.

This All-American friends and family event is made possible through the wonderful contribution of donors and sponsors, if you'd like to help please contact us through the information or above or follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/4thofJulyInfo>

ST. RITA TO HOST "JOURNEY TO THE CROSS" APRIL 1 AT 7 P.M.

An Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Music

St. Rita Church will host a special ecumenical event on Palm Sunday evening at 7 p.m. on April 1. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week's traditional commemoration of the series of events that define Christian faith: Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, the time before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. Choir members from churches in Pasadena, South Pasadena, Walnut and Glendale, plus vocalists from three colleges, USC, CSULA and PCC will join the St. Rita choir. The event will debut poignant new music and script written as a collaborative effort by Sierra Madreans, Mimi Mycroft and Paul Puccinelli, interspersed with traditional reflective Lenten prayer and music. Puccinelli, Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Rita, said the evening will present a fresh perspective, as seen through the eyes of passersby on the "Journey to the Cross" with an overarching theme of forgiveness.

Said Mycroft, an experienced playwright and pageant producer, "We wanted to make the week of the Passion a special spiritual experience for the parish and community." She has worked on "connecting the dots with narrations, and viewing the same situation through different eyes."

The duo's goal is to offer a full fledged experience from different perspectives. A young girl will reflect the joy of Jesus the King coming to Jerusalem. Another vignette will follow two apostles as they prepare for the fest in the upper room.

A miffed Judas will speak in soliloquy after being dismissed by Jesus from the supper table. At the Crucifixion, Mary Magdalene will reflect on Mother Mary at the foot of the cross. Later, the Centurion who won Jesus' cloak in a roll of the dice, will share Mycroft and Puccinelli hope to spark renewed reflection and prayer, engendered by "What if I were there?" "What would I have said?" and "What would I have done?"

All are welcome at this ecumenically appropriate evening. Donations will be gratefully accepted. St. Rita Catholic Church is located at 318 N. Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre. For more information, please call 626-355-1292 or visit the parish website, www.St-Rita.org.

Portantino Named 'Legislator of the Year'

California Police Chiefs recognize Portantino for his public safety advocacy and accomplishments. Assemblymember Anthony Portantino was honored last night in Sacramento by the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) for his public safety measure banning the open carry of unloaded handguns in public places.

"As someone with many relatives in law enforcement this means a lot to me. I know and respect the dedicated men and women in uniform and the work they do to keep our communities safe and it is a tremendous honor to receive this recognition," stated Assemblymember Portantino. "I have been blessed to have worked closely with the Police Chiefs during my time in office most recently on the bill to ban the open carry of unloaded handguns. California is a safer place because the Governor signed our collaborative effort into law."

Last year, Assemblymember Portantino successfully authored AB 144 which outlaws the "open carry" of unloaded firearms in California. The bill was backed by the CPCA and rank and file police officers who maintained that open carry of weapons in public places was a safety threat and a waste of law enforcement officers' time.

"Assemblymember Portantino authored the Open Carry bill and against all odds, got it through the Legislature and to the Governor's desk," stated CPCA President Dave Maggard, Chief of the Irvine Police Department. "Getting legislation like this introduced and passed is critical for the safety of our communities and we appreciate Assemblymember Portantino's leadership."

The legislation makes it illegal to carry an unloaded handgun in any public place or street. Law enforcement personnel are exempt as are hunters and others carrying unloaded weapons under specified licensed circumstances.

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Pet of the Week



Raider is a 13-year-old black and tan Dachshund. He's a little bit overweight so an active and attentive family would be great for him. Other than that, he's a very sweet older guy.

Raider's adoption fee is \$120, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. He's also eligible for the Seniors for Seniors program in which adopters, 60 years old or older, only pay the \$20 mandatory microchip fee. 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 A303097, 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.

Council Votes to Move NFL Study Forward

By Dean Lee

The city will spend \$400,000 in the upcoming months on an initial study of the Rose Bowl as a temporary home to an NFL team after the council voted 6 to 1 Monday night in favor of a report.

Councilmember Terry Tornek was the only nay vote.

"The notion of Pasadena having to front \$400,000 for an EIR [Environment Impact Report] rather than sharing that cost... with the perspective owners of an NFL team who have spent millions of dollars and who are prepared to finance a billion dollar investment, just doesn't seem appropriate," Tornek said adding that he thought the investment was highly speculative and that the city had many other things to worry about.

Tornek echoed the sentiments of resident Floyd Fulvin, the lone speaker during public comment.

"There is no evidence or statements by the NFL commissioner or any of the NFL team owners that they will be moving there team to Southern California,"

Nicholas McGegan Conducts Symphony at Ambassador Auditorium



Grammy nominated conductor Nicholas McGegan brings his unique artistic approach to the Pasadena Symphony in an extraordinary concert of Mozart and Beethoven on March 31 at 2 and 8 pm at Ambassador Auditorium. The concert features one of Beethoven's towering achievements - the mighty Symphony No. 3 "Eroica", plus Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, which Beethoven revered above all others for its elegance, beauty and tenderness performed by award winning Armenian pianist Nareh Arghamanyan, as well as Mendelssohn's Fair Melusina Overture.

"If Nicholas McGegan is conducting," raved the Los Angeles Times, "closing your eyes means missing something vital. Musicians respond instantly and the music springs into life and stays alive." Gramophone

LitFest Pasadena Re-Scheduled Due to Rain

The Pasadena area's first community-wide book festival-LitFest Pasadena -previously scheduled for Saturday, March 17, in Central Park- has been re-scheduled due to the forecast of heavy rain this weekend.

LitFest Pasadena's new date is Saturday, May 12, from 9:30am to 5:00pm in Central Park. All of what was in store for this weekend and more will be offered at this inaugural event in Pasadena! To support the upcoming event or to find out more, please contact us.

LitFest Pasadena will be a celebratory day of readings and panel discussions featuring well-known local and California authors, hands-on activities for young people, good food, better books, and great fun, all aimed at promoting the literary arts. Attendees can look forward to an irreverent and informative festival that incorporates theater, music, poetry, and more. Some of L.A.'s hottest gourmet food trucks, courtesy of Chefs Center, will be located along Raymond Avenue, and public parking is under the Gold Line Del Mar Station directly



Fulvin said. "Why would the Pasadena Rose Bowl be chosen over the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for a temporary location."

Fulvin also pointed out that the Rose Bowl was \$20 over budget on a current three renovation plan, something city officials argued was one reason to allow temporary use of the stadium.

City Manager Michael Beck said having an NFL team could generate millions of dollars a year for the city. Fulvin suggested the \$400,000 could be better used.

"You have a chose of using \$400,000 to pay payroll cost to reduce personnel layoffs or

describes the internationally renowned Maestro's performances as "aural luxuriance."

Maestro McGegan, known for his infectious and exuberant approach on the podium, has a characteristic unique amongst many of his peers in the classical field: he conducts without a baton. In a recent interview, he discussed how he interacts with his musicians: "I'm not working with them. I'm having fun with them."

He is loved by audiences and orchestras for performances that match authority with enthusiasm, scholarship with joy, and curatorial responsibility with evangelical exuberance. "The musicians of the Pasadena Symphony are counted among the finest ensemble players to be found anywhere. I am so looking forward to our collaboration," says McGegan.

The 2011-12 classics series marks the Pasadena Symphony's second season as the resident professional orchestra of the historic Ambassador Auditorium. Tickets to Beethoven's Epic Eroica on Saturday, March 31 at 2:00pm and 8:00pm begin at \$35 and may be purchased by visiting www.PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org, calling 626.793.7172 or onsite on the day of the concert.

across the street from Central Park, a comfortable green space between Raymond and Fair Oaks Avenues just south of the historic Castle Green.

Panel discussions will explore topics such as 21Century Noir; The Rise of the Graphic Novel; Local L. A. Publishers: Where New York Dominates, L.A. Innovates; The L.A. Canvas; and History, Fiction...Truth?

Authors will include Pulitzer Prize-winner Jonathan Gold; novelists Mona Simpson, Michelle Huneven and Lian Dolan; L.A.'s unofficial poet laureate, Wanda Coleman; poet and Young Adult author Ron Koertge; scholar and Libros Schimbros founder David Kipen; and L.A. mystery writer Denise Hamilton. More than 25 publishers and vendors will have books by these and other authors available for sale at the event.

A children's area will feature storytelling, Shakespearean actors from Foshay Learning Center, and a Quidditch demonstration!

For more information visit litfestpasadena.org

spend money on future events beyond the control of this city council." He said. "The most valuable asset in the city is the city employees... waste money on a consultant or provide decent wages for the hard working employees of the city."

Councilwoman Jacque Robinson said the money was a good investment.

"We owe it to ourselves and that we have a fiscal responsibility to be able to contend for those revenues,

Chancellor Jack Scott to Hold Town Hall Meeting

California Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Jack Scott will conduct a town hall meeting at Pasadena City College on March 22 to provide a "State of the State" report on the status of higher education in California. The event, which is co-sponsored by the Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees and the PCC Academic Senate, will provide a discussion on how best to respond to the budget crisis.

Scott will be available to answer questions by PCC students, faculty, and staff and members of the community about the impact of the budget cuts on districts statewide and the measures he is urging individual districts to take. He will also share his personal perspective on the importance of the Student Success Task Force recommendations that are currently being considered by the California State Legislature.

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges unanimously selected Scott as the 14th chancellor of the California Community Colleges in 2008.

A member of the State Legislature since 1996, Dr. Scott represented California's 21st Senatorial District, which includes Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank; a portion of the city of Los Angeles, and other surrounding cities and communities. Prior to being elected to the State Legislature, Dr. Scott was president of PCC beginning in 1987. The hallmark of Dr. Scott's presidency was the launching and completion of a \$100 million master plan to meet the college's needs into the 21st century.

Scott announced his retirement earlier this year and will officially leave his position as chancellor in September of 2012.

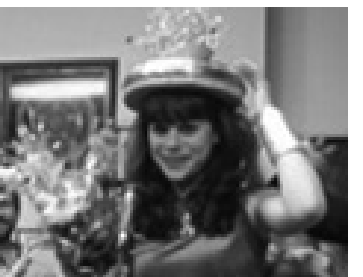
The town hall begins at noon in PCC's Sesson Auditorium. Free parking will be available in lots 6 and 7. Please call (626) 585-7211 for more information.

Community Discussion with Geraldine Brooks

To celebrate 10 years of Pasadena's One City, One Story community reading project, the public is invited to a conversation with Geraldine Brooks, author of this year's selected novel "People of the Book," Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary at All Saints Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave.

Library Director Jan Sanders will moderate the discussion, which will include questions from the audience. Everyone is encouraged to bring their copies of "People of the Book" for Brooks to sign following the discussion; books will be available for purchase as well. The event is free and open to the public.

Doo Dah Queen Tryouts, April Fools Day



Officials are looking for individuals of all genders, shapes, ages, and persuasion, to test their fate to become the next Doo Dah Queen. Contestants are judged by former queens, and another hundred or so parade entrants, trout supporters, Legion members, and the curious public.

The town-hall setting includes, crock pot chili, and legendary Doo Dah House Band, Snotty Scotty and the Hankies. Past contestants include, Count Smokula, Santa's Bad Elf, belly dancer, Narayana, a smoking Amy Winehouse, Queen Mother Teresa Kennedy, the Swami from El Monte, Second-Hand Rose Queen among many others.

Last year judges selected Red Rosie, a 17-year old who transformed from school girl to Wonder Woman in seconds while singing a Kaye Star song. The cost is \$5 and goes to Legion's charity; 1st 20 queen hopefuls to arrive are free. To tryout call 626-590-1134.

Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade will be held on Saturday, April 28th stepping off at 11:00 a.m. on the streets of East Pasadena.

Holden to Hold Community Meeting

Pasadena City Councilman Chris Holden will host a District 3 community meeting Thursday, March 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Topics will include potential restructuring of the Northwest Commission and updates on the Heritage Square development project and the Robinson Park 108 loan.

Presenters will include Assistant City Manager

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news

The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find

Free Women's Day Event

An International Women's Day event Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. will include a screening of the documentary film "Miss Representation" and the launch of the 2012 Survival Guide.

The event will take place in The Piazza of the Campus Center Building CC at Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd.

The 2012 Survival Guide, published by the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, features local resources for emergency food, shelter, child care, health care, housing, legal assistance, women's organizations, afterschool programs and other information. The free guide, in English and Spanish, will



Steve Mermell and Housing Director William Huang, who will also answer questions from constituents. For more information contact District 3 Field Representative Jacqueline McIntyre at jmcintyre@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-4738.



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 Mar. 20 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.

be distributed at the event.

"Miss Representation," written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, proposes that mainstream media contribute to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in the U.S. The film includes narratives from teenage girls and interviews with politicians, journalists, entertainers, activists and academics.

Sponsored by the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, Pasadena City College Feminist Club and the Greater Pasadena Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, the event is free and open to the public.

For more information call (626) 744-6530.

“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, GOVERNOR BROWN?

By Joan Schmidt

In a daily publication, I noticed the headlines, *Police Chiefs asked to back tax hikes*. The article stated that on Monday, March 12th, the Governor had appealed to the Chiefs of Police for support of his November tax initiative and there are going to be SEVERAL tax proposals on the ballot!

His measure wants to raise the state sales tax by half a cent for four years and increase the income tax on those making more than \$250,000 a year for five years. Well this may not seem too bad but guess what? His stupidity and not doing any research is why we are in this situation.

Last May the US Supreme Court ordered California to reduce its prison inmate population by 30,000 before 2013. (A lot of people are using this order to defend him) However he DID have a choice. He had other options. Before doing his homework, the Governor set in motion an aggressive Public Safety Realignment: Assembly Bill AB 109, which took effect October 1, 2011. This bill shifted two major safety programs from the state to the counties.

First, it shifted supervision of “**Low Level**” **parolees** (Referred to as post-release supervised persons or **PSP’s**) to be supervised by county probation officers instead of state parole agents. (Eddie Cordero from Probation has come to both Duarte City and Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council Meetings and explained positive programs to help parolees. Many wonderful organizations such as Duarte Kiwanis have donated items for them)

Second, newly convicted **non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders** (Also referred to as **N3’s**) are serving their felony sentences in county jails instead of state prisons. I need to clarify that this “**N3**” refers only to the prisoner’s **CURRENT** charge! Previously, there may have been charges of armed robbery or even manslaughter. This came as a shock to me. This is one of the many reasons Supervisor Antonovich is so upset.

At an Arcadia City Council Joint Meeting with Supervisor Mike Antonovich, Deputy Chief Reaver E. Bingham, LA County Probation, Anna Pmvedjian and other officials, much information and insight was given over this situation.

The Supervisor began and reiterated that the Governor had **other options** for the prison overcrowding. The prisoners could have been transferred to other facilities for **HALF THE COST**. One figure mentioned was \$60+ per day to house a prisoner out of state and that’s **INCLUSIVE** (medical coverage)! Here it was almost double that cost and it does **NOT** include medical, mental health, drug programs. I went on line and was blown away by the low costs for prisons in others states! I also found out that 58 counties in California are dealing with the problem. Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff Jr. said jails in **36** counties in California are already crowded. In his county, they are under a federal court order since 1993 not to pack too many inmates into its five county jails. Capacity stands at 3,940 and expansion is at least a few years away. With AB 109, Riverside can expect 1,727 parolees released this year.

How have we fared since Governor Brown’s program began? Anna had the figures: As of February 24, 2012, 5,526 **PSP’s (Low level parolees)** are under county probation supervision instead of state parole supervision. 1,127 **PSP’s** have been assessed by the Department of Mental Health; 263 have refused services. 1,933 **PSP’s** were transferred to substance abuse treatment for assessment; only 722 have showed up for assessment. 1,316 **PSP’s** have been re-arrested for new crimes, 863 new cases have been presented to the district attorney for filing. (This does not include city attorney offices.) 339 **PSP’s** have been turned over to federal immigration authorities for federal prosecution and/or deportation.

3,518 **N3’s (Non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders)** have been sentenced to county jail instead of state prison. 3,238 of them are currently in county jail. 31 are on alternative custody (electronic monitoring or working as a station trustee.) The electronic monitoring system doesn’t always work and there was mention of the Governor wanting to send many prisoners to “Fire Camps”. This is **RIDICULOUS** as they are **NOT** trained for this, and many are not physically able to do this. It’s another example of the Governor trying to solve a problem by a “Quick fix” and not really looking at what his proposal involves!

The California State Sheriff’s Association has endorsed the November initiative mentioned in the first paragraph. However, there was a spirited debate at the Sheriff’s Association meeting over this issue. However it seemed the best alternative for long term.

What is the solution? I don’t want a higher sales tax, but what are the options? Where will the funding come from? Why didn’t Governor Brown “do his homework” and look into other plans besides dumping his problem on the county?

PET OF THE WEEK: Grover Animal ID #A4402208

Meet a unique and charming individual, the very handsome Grover (A4402208). Grover is an amiable three-year-old white and black male Pointer mix who was forsaken at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on March 6th because his owner claimed he had such a busy social schedule that he no longer had time for his dog. Weighing thirty-nine pounds, Grover walks well on the leash and is housebroken. He is good with other dogs, great with people and we think he would be exceptionally good with kids. Grover is a great dog that will be an amazing indoor pet for an active individual or family living in a private home.



To meet Grover in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Grover, please reference his animal ID number: A4402208. 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 Grover 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/>.

Assemblymember Portantino Named “Legislator of the Year”

California Police Chiefs recognize Portantino for his public safety advocacy & accomplishments

Sacramento – Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge) was honored last night in Sacramento by the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) for his public safety measure banning the open carry of unloaded handguns in public places.

“As someone with many relatives in law enforcement this means a lot to me. I know and respect the dedicated men and women in uniform and the work they do to keep our communities safe and it is a tremendous honor to receive this recognition,” stated Assemblymember Portantino. “I have been blessed to have worked closely with the Police Chiefs during my time in office most recently on the bill to ban the open carry of unloaded handguns. California is a safer place because

the Governor signed our collaborative effort into law.”

Last year, Assemblymember Portantino successfully authored AB 144 which outlaws the “open carry” of unloaded firearms in California. The bill was backed by the CPCA and rank and file police officers who maintained that open carry of weapons in public places was a safety threat and a waste of law enforcement officers’ time. “Assemblymember Portantino authored the Open Carry bill and against all odds, got it through the Legislature and to the Governor’s desk,” stated CPCA President Dave Maggard, Chief of the Irvine Police Department. “Getting legislation like this introduced and passed is critical for the safety of our communities and we appreciate Assemblymember Portantino’s leadership.”

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CHRISTOPHER NYERGES SPEAKS.....



By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is a field guide and author of books, such as “Enter the Forest.” Information about his classes and books is available from School of Self-reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

SPEAK TO US ON THE WAYS OF THE WILLOW

A lesson in learning how to learn

The wise man of the forest had been hailed by the people of the land, the eager pilgrims, to teach another lesson in the ways of nature. “Speak to us on the ways of the willow, oh kind sir,” asked one of the pilgrims. “The people are in great need, and it would benefit them greatly to learn the secrets of the prolific willow.”

The wise man listened intently, and told the pilgrim that he would teach the lesson on the morrow, and that the pilgrim should bring the families to the spot in the river where the willows grow around mid-day.

“Oh thank you kind sir,” said the pilgrim. “We shall be there, eager and ready to receive your lessons.”

On the following mid-day, the wise man was at the willows early, as the pilgrims began to trickle in.

It was a cool day as the pilgrims gathered around the riverbed area, near the tall and drooping willows.

“Oh, kind sir,” asked the elder pilgrim. “It is so chilly in this area. Perhaps we can build a small fire to warm up before you begin your talk?”

Without speaking, the wise man of the forest collected a long straight piece of dried willow. It was about as thick as a pencil, and about a foot and a half long.

He took another dead and dried piece of willow branch, about as big around as his fist and maybe a foot long. As the pilgrims watched, the man of the forest first took his large knife and split the branch in half, and then further split the half so he had a flat rectangular piece of willow. All the pilgrims watched carefully as the wise man made a little triangular cut into the edge of the wood, and then he began to press the pencil-shaped piece of willow onto the flat piece. The wise man pressed hard, and begun to spin the willow drill onto the flat piece of willow, and soon smoke flowed from the friction. The wise man continued to spin thusly, and smoke poured out from the drilling. Soon, there was a red-hot ember in the dust that the wise man created.

The wise man quickly collected a bunch of dried willow bark from a dead branch, and scraped it with his knife to create a fluffy bunch of thin bark. He deftly placed the little ember into his nest of fluffy willow bark, and carefully blew on it until it puffed into a flame. He then placed it into a circle of stones, and added dry willow sticks so that the fire could grow and the pilgrims could warm themselves.

The wise man then began to collect his thoughts for his talk, when the leader of the pilgrims spoke up again.

“Kind sir, I don’t want to trouble you, but we have an elder here with pain in his legs. He cannot stand or sit comfortably on the floor. Is there something we can do for him?”

The wise man nodded, and then

proceeded to cut some of the dried and dead willow branches, those that were the straightest. He also peeled some long strands of the willow bark and put it to the side. First, the man of the woods created a square from the willows, and securely lashed the square. He then carefully measured, and then cut, willow branches that he then lashed to the square like legs, and the square became the seat of a chair. Taking a few more thick willow logs, he split them so they were flat, and secured these to the seat of the make-shift chair.

The wise man then helped the elder into the chair, cautioning him to sit carefully. By now, the pilgrims had warmed some rice and vegetables on the fire, and one lamented to the wise man, “Too bad we didn’t bring forks and spoons.” The wise man whirled around back to the willows, and carefully trimmed pencil-thin twigs about 10 inches long. He passed several pairs of these to the pilgrim, saying only “chop sticks.” The pilgrims eagerly took these and began to eat their vegetables and rice.

By now, much time had passed and the sky was darkening.

As the wise man considered how to

deliver his talk on the virtues of the willow, another pilgrim spoke up saying, “Kind sir, I have a terrible headache. Is there anything that I can do to help?”

The wise man nodded, and then carefully peeled off some fresh willow bark. He put the shredded green bark into a metal can, added water, and set it into the coals of the fire. After a few minutes, the wise man poured the tea-colored water into the pilgrim’s cup, and asked him to drink it. “The willow bark is nature’s aspirin,” he explained.

By now, the sky was darker, the children restless, and a cold wind began to pick up. The leader of the pilgrims looked about and decided they should depart for the day. As everyone was packing and getting ready to depart, he spoke up loudly for all to hear, saying, “We are all so thankful that the wise man of the woods came here to teach us about the wonderful willow, but we are very sorry that there was no time for him to teach us anything.”

The wise man tried to conceal his smile as he walked out of the canyon with the pilgrims.

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SANTA ANITA EXPRESSES REGRET OVER LOSS OF HORSE, CANCELLATION OF HBO'S DRAMATIC SERIES 'LUCK'

ARCADIA, Calif. (March 15, 2012)—Santa Anita officials and horsemen reacted with dismay and sorrow upon the news of the highly publicized equine fatality here on Tuesday morning and the subsequent decision Wednesday by HBO to cease production on season-two of LUCK.

"All of us here at Santa Anita, including horsemen, management and employees are deeply saddened by the stable area accident which resulted in the death of a horse being used in the production of LUCK here on Tuesday morning," said Thoroughbred horse owner Mark Verge, speaking on behalf of the Stronach Group. "While it was the totally unpredictable result of the filly being frightened and then flipping over backwards as she was being hand-walked to her stall, we nonetheless feel badly for the horse and all of those involved with her care.

"As for the decision by HBO to cease production on LUCK, that is obviously their decision alone. While many have expressed disappointment in the direction some of the characters and episodes had gone, we feel badly that so many LUCK-related jobs have now been eliminated.

"Going in, we felt this was a great opportunity to reach a



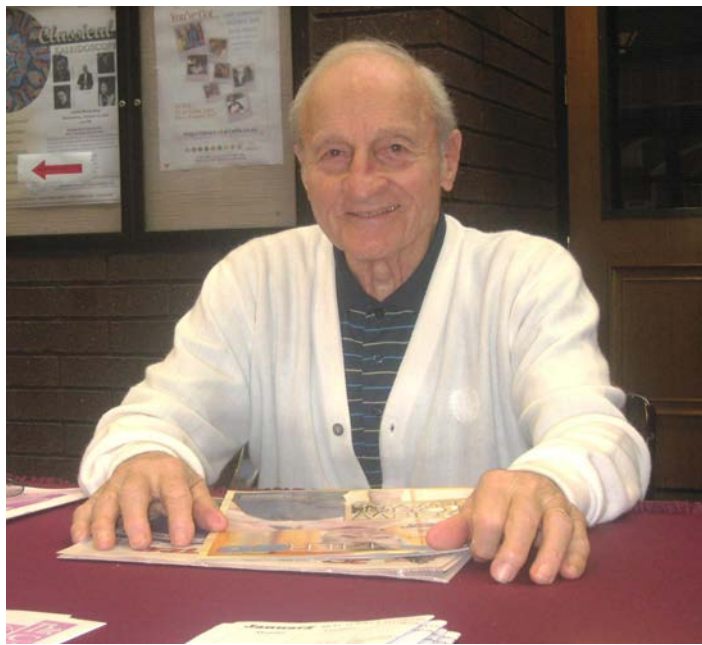
younger demographic and in many cases, expose them to our great sport for the first time. Although Santa Anita looked magnificent on screen it's safe to say this is a missed opportunity on several levels."

ARCADIA ROTARY CLUB SALUTE TO SENIORS

The annual Salute to Seniors luncheon sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club will be held on Tuesday, May 8th from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. At this special event, Rotarians along with the City Council, Senior Commissioners and other guests will honor Jack Lamp, the City of Arcadia 2012 Senior of the Year. Tickets for the luncheon are \$4 per person and go on sale Tuesday, April 3rd for Arcadia residents and Wednesday, April 4th for nonresidents.

ABOUT THE HONOREE

Jack has been a volunteer for the City of Arcadia at the Community Center for the past five years, providing service for the elderly population in the community. He has worked at the information and referral front desk, serves as a Center Ambassador each Wednesday afternoon, which includes hospitality, socialization, and information about current programs and services offered to senior citizens. In addition to his weekly volunteer duties, Jack is currently a member of the senior citizen commission which meets monthly to advise on pertinent issues, programs and services that



are made available to meet the needs of the older adult community. Jack's volunteer contributions also extend out into the City, serving as an usher at Holy Angels Church, Methodist Hospital Rehabilitation Center, Vice President of the Highland Oaks Homeowners Association and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

TEEN'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE INSPIRES FREE CPR TRAINING

Methodist Hospital will sponsor free CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) training for teens Saturday, March 31, at Arcadia High School's North Gym.

The course, part of a community-wide effort to teach Hands Only CPR to teens will be offered at 3 and 4 p.m. Each session is 45 minutes.

The idea for offering the training was inspired by Allie Hisey, 15, who almost lost her mother to sudden cardiac arrest at a Little League baseball game in 2010.

"Three strangers performed CPR on my mom and kept her heart pumping until help arrived," Allie said. "They saved her life – and I will always be grateful."

Allie's mother, Jill Hisey, was taken to Methodist Hospital and eventually made a full recovery. Remarkably, Allie's teenage cousin also suffered sudden cardiac arrest in 2011 but fully recovered as well under the care of Methodist Hospital staff.

"This project is a small way to show my appreciation and make a difference in our community," Allie said.

Many community organizations are involved in making the event a success, providing refreshments and raffle items for participants, volunteer help and thank-you items for the volunteers. Some of the groups involved include Trader Joes, Matt Denny's, Roundtable Pizza, Original Tommy's, Fresh & Easy, Girl Scouts-Los Angeles, Typecraft, Wood & Jones, Dreyer's and the Arcadia police and fire departments.

A highlight of the event will be items autographed by Katy Perry and Adam Lambert that participating teens will have a chance to win.

The CPR training, provided by volunteers from Methodist Hospital and the community, will precede the annual "Battle of the Badges" basketball game between the Arcadia fire and police departments at 6 p.m. in the gym. The training and basketball game were scheduled together to promote collaboration in the community.

Any teen who would like to participate can register online at <http://arcadiacpr.eventbrite.com>.

The American Heart Association's Hands-Only CPR course teaches skills using research-proven practice-while-watching technique that provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.

"Our goal is to teach hundreds of teens this hands-only CPR method. I am proof that anyone, including teens, can save a life simply by being aware of the CPR basics," Jill said.

About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a 460-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care (neonatal and adult) and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's main standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. For more information, visit www.methodisthospital.org.

ARCADIA AAUW LUNCHEON TO FEATURE AUTHOR LISA SEE

New York Times best-selling author Lisa See will discuss her latest book *Dreams of Joy* at a luncheon meeting of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The literary event will take place on Saturday, March 24. A buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. will be followed by Ms. See's book talk at the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Road (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.), Arcadia. Her books will be available for sale and book-signing. Ms. See has graciously consented to sign any of her books that you bring from home.

Lisa See grew up in Los Angeles with close connections to her father's family in Chinatown. Her first book, *On Gold Mountain*, traces the journey of her great-grandfather, Fong See, who despite many obstacles became the 100-year-old godfather of Los Angeles' Chinatown. Her research into "stories that have been lost, forgotten, or deliberately covered up" (her words) has led Ms. See to write such New York Times bestsellers as *Snow Flower* and *the Secret Fan* and *Peony in Love*, in which the bonds of sisterhood are essential to the story.

Arcadia AAUW's literary luncheon is being held as the annual fund-raiser for its Educational Foundation, a



project that supports women in graduate studies, research, public service projects, and other programs. The cost of the luncheon meeting is \$35, of which \$20 is a 501c(3) tax deduction. **The deadline for reservations has been extended to March 21.**

For reservations, make checks payable to: **AAUW Educational Foundation** Programs and mail to this address: AAUW Funds c/o P. Howard, P.O. Box 203, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. Please include a note with your check with your name(s) and phone number/e-mail address. You will be making a reservation, rather than receiving a ticket, and your name will be on a reservation check-in list when you arrive. For questions, please call Robin Graney at (626) 447-1169. Those wishing to make a separate donation to AAUW Funds may call Robin for more information.

2012 SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

Come celebrate spring with us at Arcadia County Park Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 am sharp for our annual egg hunt. The event will offer kid's from pre-kinder - 5th grade separate sections to hunt for eggs. There will also be a parent supervised area available for children of mixed ages. Of course, Egg-Stravaganza would not be complete without an appearance by Mr. Bunny who will be there to get the hunt started. See you there for a HOPPING good time.

For more information please call 626.574.5113! Or go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: ci.arcadia.ca.us.

THE GREAT TEEN EGG HUNT NEW LOCATION

On Friday, April 6, 2012, all Middle School and High School students are invited to bring their flashlights and baskets to search for eggs in the dark at the Arcadia Par 3 Golf Course, 620 East Live Oak Ave., Arcadia! Separate Middle School and High School areas will be sectioned off for students to have the best chance of finding the "Special Eggs". Prizes range from restaurant gift certificates to amusement park tickets! Don't forget to bring your current student ID in order to redeem the prize for finding a "Special Egg". All parents in attendance will have opportunities to compete with other parents to win prizes for their teens. Make it a family evening and come out to participate in this free event! Parent Contest: 7pm/Egg Hunt: 8pm Sharp

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, March 4th, through Saturday, March 10th, the Police Department responded to 924 calls for service of which 124 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 4:

1. Around 8:48 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim explained he was reviewing his Kohl's credit card statement and discovered fraudulent charges. He had the credit card in possession at the time of the report and did not give anyone permission to use his account. He is desirous of prosecution.
2. At approximately 6:18 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Hollister at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a male juvenile detained for theft. The suspect concealed a bottle of cologne inside a used shopping bag and exited the store without making payment. The 16-year-old Hispanic male was cited for Petty Theft and released to his parent.

Monday, March 5:

3. At about 10:10 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Foothills Middle School, 171 East Sycamore Avenue, in regards to a male student being detained for possession of marijuana and an alcoholic beverage. An investigation revealed the student concealed the items in his backpack for use after school. The 13-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
4. Shortly after 8:40 p.m., officers responded to the Great Steak and Potato Company at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft that had just occurred. Officers located and detained the suspect in the JCPenney parking lot. An investigation revealed the suspect requested change from cashiers at different eateries and asked them to count out the money, at which time the suspect took the money from their hands and fled. The 62-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, March 6:

5. At about 4:08 p.m., officers responded to BJ's, 400 East Huntington Drive, regarding an injury traffic collision into a building. An employee parked her vehicle in a space closest to the south wall of the restaurant, and leaned over to the passenger side of the vehicle without putting it in park. As the vehicle began to move forward, she attempted to place her foot on the brake but hit the gas instead, causing the vehicle to drive up the curb and into the building. When she got out of the car, she fainted and hit her face on the ground. The subject was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for medical assistance.
6. At approximately 4:20 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Greenfield Avenue in regards to a male adult suspect who had barricaded himself inside his residence with a gun after fighting with his girlfriend. Officers located the suspect in his backyard and detained him in front of the residence. An investigation revealed the 51-year-old White male hit his girlfriend in the face with a screwdriver. The victim and suspect were transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for medical treatment and after clearance, the suspect was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, March 7:

7. Around 2:39 p.m., an officer responded to Foothills Middle School, 171 East Sycamore Avenue, in reference to a child abuse investigation. A student reported to the school counselor that the bruise on his face was a result of his father striking him for playing computer games rather than completing his homework. After investigation, the 37-year-old Chinese male was arrested for Child Abuse and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. An emergency protective order was issued and a Department of Child and Family Services agent was assigned to the case.
8. At approximately 9:22 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of Sharon Road regarding a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through the front door, ransacked the bedrooms, and fled undetected. Wallets, checks, and jewelry were reported missing. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Thursday, March 8:

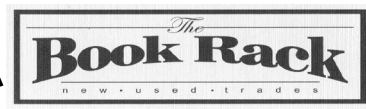
9. Shortly after 12:21 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding an auto burglary report. The victim returned to his vehicle and discovered unknown suspect(s) entered his vehicle by an unknown means and tampered with the ignition. Articles of clothing and other items were reported missing.
10. At about 3:45 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a theft report. The victim found a vehicle she wanted to purchase on Craigslist and contacted the seller. The seller directed the victim to wire money via Western Union and explained she would ship the vehicle once the \$1,950 payment was received. The victim completed the wire transfer but never received the vehicle. She is desirous of prosecution.

Friday, March 9:

11. Around 0:37 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a white Dodge Intrepid for a broken license plate lamp, on southbound Santa Anita Avenue at the 210 freeway. A records check revealed the rear passenger, a 31-year-old Hispanic female, had an outstanding felony warrant. She was arrested for the warrant and possession of a controlled substance, which was located on her person during the booking process.
12. Between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle from a bike rack near JCPenney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. The victim has no idea who stole his bicycle and is desirous of prosecution. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Saturday, March 10:

13. At roughly 9:59 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of West Huntington Drive in regards to a residential burglary report at an apartment complex. The apartment manager discovered unknown suspect(s) broke into the laundry room and stole hundreds of dollars worth of quarters from two laundry machines. The officer determined the suspect(s) pried open the coin mechanism and fled undetected.
14. Shortly after 5:50 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a grey Chevrolet Corvette for making an illegal lane change on Colorado Boulevard at Colorado Place. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed an odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the 49-year-old White male was driving under the influence. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



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COMMUNITY PRESENTED WITH UPDATE ON DUARTE STATE OF THE CITY, SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE DISTRICTS AT CHAMBER

Tempering the good news of a \$578,900 budget surplus at mid-year, repercussions from the demise of redevelopment could spell additional budget and service cuts Duarte Mayor John Fasana cautioned during State of the City remarks, delivered at a Duarte Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon on March 6 at Westminster Gardens' Packard Hall.

Stressing the impact of the loss of redevelopment on the budget, Fasana reminded the more than 100 community and business leaders assembled, that redevelopment had served as the "economic engine" that created much of the City's housing, the 210 business corridor, and developments including the Ralph's shopping center that provided needed services to the community.

"Those days are over. Redevelopment is coming to a close. It is creating a budget hole of a quarter of million to one million dollars annually. We can't sustain this kind of deficit," said Fasana.

"What the surplus told us is that we made the structural changes that needed to be made. We've had our house in order but now we have additional cuts or revenue enhancements that we will need to look at. So taxes, cuts, some kind of combination of that, we're going to have to figure it out. We'll go to the voters if there are any government enhancements that we need," said the Mayor.

Adding to budget concerns is uncertainty over a \$7.5 million transfer to the General Fund made last year as a repayment of the City's loan advance made to the Redevelopment Agency in prior years. If deemed invalid by an oversight committee and ordered surrendered to the State, the City's current \$12.5 million General Fund balance would be reduced to \$5 million. "In that case the imperative of doing something very quickly to bring our budget structurally in order becomes very time sensitive," said Fasana.

"Collectively we're all going to have to draw a vision for this community that really focuses on the well-being of the entire community...in terms of the fabric of the community that will be important and should be sustained," the mayor stated.

Despite the budget uncertainties, Fasana said he is excited about the City's future, "based on the inherent strengths of our community." Among other highlights of his State of City message:

- Duarte is a safe place to live. Crime is down. Part 1 crimes constituting homicide, assault, robbery, burglary, auto theft, and arson are down 20% in the past four years, from 611 crimes in 2007 to 488 in 2011.
- The City continues its active partnership with the School District and the Regional Occupation Program with a Public Safety presence working on

intervention and positive strategies. City Council and School Board members and staffs work closely together. Fasana noted, "Keeping the lines of communication open, using our resources across lines really makes for an effective community."

- With the Metro Gold Line maintenance facility issue settled and to be built in Monrovia, and bridge work progressing on schedule in Arcadia, the Gold Line through Duarte and Azusa is on track for completion by December 2015.
- Sierra FIAT of Duarte, operated by Sierra Autocars, will open soon in the former Mitsubishi site on Duarte's 210 Freeway auto row. A brand new 99 Cent-Only Store set to open in the shopping center in the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St. provides a "a very necessary shot-in-the-arm to revitalize that center," said Fasana.
- The City is working on plans to build a ramp that will improve safe access to and from Huntington Dr. to the Duarte Senior Center. The project will be constructed utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds.
- City Council is making appointments of individuals to work with the Economic Development Commission to reassess plans for a downtown Duarte area. "The greatest benefit we can have is to have a plan that we can develop consensus as a community that will guide our long term planning," said Fasana. "But it may be many years before we can construct what many would view as a downtown center."
- The City's appeal in a lawsuit against Vulcan Materials and the City of Azusa to curtail a mining expansion plan that would destroy historic Van Tassel Ridge above Duarte is expected to be heard sometime later this year. Duarte's City Attorney, Ruttan & Tucker, filed a brief in the matter with the Court of Appeals the week of March 5. "We're hoping for some success. Probably entirely stopping the mining may be outside of our grasp but doing so in the way that doesn't create as much in the way of health impacts and visual impacts to our community certainly remains our goal," stated the Mayor.
- City of Hope will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013 and there will be many opportunities for the schools and the community to participate in the community-wide and worldwide celebration.

State of the Duarte Unified School District

Community members are also heard from Duarte Unified School District Superintendent Terry Nichols who made a presentation on the State of the School District. Budget uncertainties were also uppermost in Nichols' remarks.

D.U.S.D. comprised of eight schools, 3,875



students and 440 employees operates on a current budget of \$32.9 million. Revenue has decreased by \$6.8 million over the last five years. D.U.S.D is among the bottom five in the State in per ADA funding at \$4,800 per child. The current annual loss of income is \$2,547,690. If the governor's tax initiative fails, the district's loss would increase to \$3,964,215 annually. If it passes funding would remain flat. In view of the ongoing challenges, Nichols said the board has been proactive in its decision making and has not had to reduce services for students or staff.

A \$62 million Duarte school bond passed in November 2010, has allowed the district to begin to put technology into the schools. Every classroom is now equipped with a Smart Board, "because engagement of students is important to success," said Nichols.

Bond money is also going in to upgrading facilities throughout the district. This summer construction will begin at Northview Intermediate on a new cafeteria, kitchen and boys and girls locker room. A new stadium at Duarte High School is under construction and expected to be completed by this fall. Maxwell Elementary, in line to become an International Baccalaureate school, is in the design phase for a major modernization that will include new drop-off area, entry and multipurpose building, as well as additional restrooms, administration building, portable classroom demolition and other campus improvements.

The district has just been informed that it will be part of a \$1.3 million grant with the City of Hope "to develop a passion in our kids for science and mathematics," said Nichols.

State of the College District (Citrus College) Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine Perri delivered the State of Citrus College. Among the highlights: California Community College system with 1,200 community colleges is the largest educational system in the United States with 2.6 million students. Citrus serves five cities, including Duarte. In 2011, Citrus had 1,246 graduates with Associate Degrees and more than 800 students transferred. It is consistently ranked one of the top 100 colleges in the United States, said Perri. The relatively new Citrus nursing program

offering practical nursing and RN programs came in 45th in the nation in a new survey.

Dr. Perri noted that some of the newer innovations in terms of models for education are being piloted in Duarte with the Early College program, in collaboration with the Dean of Physical and Natural Sciences. Already 80 students have gone through the program which blends high school and college in a rigorous yet supportive cohort program, enabling a student to complete a high school diploma and 30 college credits simultaneously. School Relations and Outreach assists in providing a smooth enrollment process for the student and provides assistance in monitoring the program. Another pilot program Citrus launched last year in Duarte is Early Decision Day. If Duarte students enroll, fill out their application, take their assessment test, Citrus will put them at the front of the line and let them get their classes before returning students. The program is now being offered to all five school districts in the Citrus service area, offering the opportunity to 100 students from each district.

Citrus was recently awarded \$8 million in federal grants. One of the largest grants is for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Passage of the Citrus College Measure G school bond has resulted in many new facilities and upgrades. Latest addition is a 55,000 square foot Student Services Building that includes offices for Admissions, Records, Financial Aid, International Students, and Health Services.

A Summer Page Program opens the college to Duarte students to take workshops in pre-Algebra, Algebra, and Geometry. Working to introduce young women to the fields of Stem, Citrus is bringing Duarte students to the college for Stem Days.

Dr. Perri noted that there will be a closer linkage between student goals and demands for degrees and curriculum that is in place. Citrus is also expanding its online services.

We are eating more of the...

...brightly colored foods at school, too!

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Did you notice that the area for "vegetables" is the largest on this plate?

Dairy

* Source: USDA

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- The four areas of the _____ show you how much of each food group you should eat.
- Choose foods from each food group every day: fruits, vegetables, _____ and beans, grains and dairy.
- The area for _____ is the largest: carrots, peas, spinach, green beans, potatoes, squash.
- _____ and vegetables are loaded with vitamins A and C for good skin, eyes and healing.
- _____ products made from low fat milk have calcium to build strong bones and teeth.
- Foods in the grain group have carbohydrates that give you _____.
- Whole _____ have more fiber, so try whole wheat noodles or pizza crust.
- _____ to build muscles comes from meat, fish, beans and nuts.
- Some fat is needed for your body and brain to run well. Choose an _____ over fats that are solid.
- Watch the family budget by finding canned and _____ fruits and vegetables that you like on sale.
- Choose snacks that have less fat or salt and cereals with less _____.
- When you eat out, choose the _____ meals on the menu.

Good Nutrition - Healthy Living

Have you seen the new "food plate?" It is a simple way to tell with one look if you are eating about the right amount of food from each of the food groups at meals. The plate is divided into four parts to show serving sizes for fruits, vegetables, grains and foods that have proteins. The dairy (like me - milk!) is added on the side. Are you choosing healthy amounts of foods that will provide the nutrition you need to grow and be healthy?

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frozen 5
sugar 2
energy 7
Dairy 6
Protein
Fruits 12
vegetables 3
4 9
10
oil
plate
grains 8
meat
11

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LaSalle's Amelia Garrison IS Gold Key and American Visions Nominee - 12 Other Lancers Honored for Art

Photo and story by John Blackstock



Amelia Garrison has been named as one of the top student artists in Los Angeles County in the Los Angeles Region Scholastic Art and Writing Award Competition. She was selected as one of the five Gold Key winners and American Vision nominees from Los Angeles County for her "Laundry Relationships," a work of photography. (See photo below.)

To be named an American Vision nominee, a panel of judges selected her work as the "Best of Show" in her category for the 2012 Los Angeles Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Amelia's work will automatically advance to the national competition in New York.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened the email and saw that my

name was the first one. I am just one of five people in LA County to receive this honor," said the 17-year-old La Salle senior.

Her work, "Laundry Relationships," shows three girls in a coin-operated laundromat, where an older teenager is folding clothes while two younger girls sit huddled together looking at a lacy shirt, readying themselves for the day when they can wear such a grown-up piece of clothing.

Amelia caught the photography bug when she was in sixth grade and took a photography class at Amory for the Arts. By the time she was in eighth grade, she got her Nikon and has been taking photographs ever since.

In addition to taking AP Photography, Amelia has been a familiar actor in numerous La Salle theater productions, including "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Twelfth Night." She competed last October in the Drama Teachers Association of Southern California's Fall Festival. She also plays tenor saxophone in Jazz Band, Pep Band and Advanced Band.

"My involvement in all the arts has helped me develop an eye for seeing things differently," she said, noting that her love for the arts was first nurtured at the Waldorf School in Altadena, where she attended prior to La Salle. "I have learned to think out of the box and look at the world differently."

La Salle AP Art and AP Photography teacher, Ellen Slatkin, had assigned students to create a work that captured a slice of America.

"No one pays attention to laundromats or the people inside," said Amelia, who estimated she shot 75 images on her Nikon DSLR camera before she had the photograph she

wanted. She used color enhancement and photo shop to make the image edgier and to highlight the LA feeling of the palm trees outside the dreary coin-operated laundry.

"If I push them, they grow," Ms. Slatkin said. "I expect them to reach down deep and they do."

Twelve other La Salle art students won regional Scholastic Art Awards, including Gold Key winners Katrina Dela Cruz for her still life painting, "Fruit and Shoes," Stephanie Delazeri for her animated short film, "Ballmation;" Jessica Gardner for her painting, "untitled;" Shannon McCauley for her painting "Sky," and Sheyda Pejoumand for her painting, "A Serious Man."

All of the regional Gold Key winners are being considered for national-level recognition. The Gold Key winners will be notified if they advance to the national competition on March 15.

In addition, Miles Brenninkmeijer won a Silver Key award for "Ripples," a work of photography, and Elizabeth Hoffman won a Silver Key for her painting, "Cupcakes."

La Salle students receiving honorable mention awards include: Amara Blades, Tamara Chacon, Katrina Dela Cruz, Stephanie Delazeri, Andrew Linaac, Kelly Mercade, and Miranda Stein.

You can see the students work for yourself at the Scholastic Art Award exhibit at the Armory for the Arts in Pasadena, which will be held from May 19 through June 10. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon until 5:00pm. The Scholastic Art Award ceremony and closing reception for the exhibit is Sunday, June 10, at the Armory at 2:00pm.



Back row, from left, Sheyda Pejamand, Tamara Chacon, Amara Blades, Amelia Garrison, Ellie Hoffman, Miranda Stein and Miles Brenninkmeijer. Front row, seated from left, Stephanie Delazeri, Kelly Mercade, Mrs. Ellen Slatkin, Katrina De la Cruz, Jessica Gardner and Shannon McCauley.

PUSD NEWSFLASH

My Masterpieces invites PUSD first grade students and their families to visit the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens free of charge on three upcoming Saturdays: March 24, April 21, and May 19. Admission flyers must be presented at the Huntington's admission desk. To get a flyer, contact Jennifer Olson at the Pasadena Educational Foundation, 626-396-3600 x88372.

Donate a prom dress! PUSD's Families in Transition office is accepting donations of gift cards and new or gently used formal dresses for teen girls in need to attend prom this spring. Gift cards should be of no more than \$20 from stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, DSW, JC Penney, Ross, Claire's, etc. The annual prom dress project is co-sponsored with the Salvation Army. For questions, to volunteer, or to make a donation, visit the Families in Transition office at PUSD, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena or call 626.396.3600 ext. 88250. Donations accepted through March 23. English and Spanish

Congratulations to the Pasadena High School boys basketball team for reaching the semifinals of the 2012 Southern California CIF Division III State Championship tournament. Although the Bulldogs lost a close game on Tuesday night, they played a spirited game and had a great postseason.

Check out the new Friday Communiqué page, which contains weekly memos and reports from district officials to the Board of Education. Posted Friday afternoons at friday.pasadenausd.org

After months of meetings and community input, the PUSD Districting Task Force has developed a consensus map to create sub-regional districts to elect future school board members. Before it is completed and presented to the PUSD Board on March 27, the Task Force invites stakeholders to participate in its completion at the following meetings:

March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 N. Lake, Pasadena

See the consensus map and demographic information here. For more information, visit www.districting-task-force.pasadenausd.org or send an email to pusdtaskforce@gmail.com or call 323-349-0661, ext. 18. Facebook: PUSD Task-force and Twitter: @pusdtaskforce.

BOSCO TECH HOSTS MATH-EMATICS COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS & PROBLEM-SOLVING SEMINAR FOR THEIR TEACHERS

Don Bosco Technical Institute will host a mathematics competition open to all seventh and eighth grade students on Saturday, March 31. The 40th annual event will challenge students' creativity and innovative skills in problem solving, offering prizes for highest individual and school team scores.

During the competition, a workshop will be provided for middle school teachers, examining each problem used on the test, to facilitate classroom discussion of the concepts. The workshop will be led by instructional expert and textbook author Michael Hattar, a longtime Bosco Tech math teacher.

"The competition exposes middle-school students to math problems that are original and creative," says Bosco Tech's Math Department Chairman Terence deSousa. "As a STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) school, Bosco Tech supports advanced mathematics in the fields of the sciences and engineering. The competition encourages students to explore mathematics and related fields."

The competition begins at 8 a.m. The cost is \$3 per person. Contact Terence deSousa at (626) 940-2123 or tdesousa@boscotech.edu for more information. Online registration and sample tests with solutions are available on the school's website, www.boscotech.edu. The deadline for registration is March 25.

Bosco Tech is the only all-male Catholic high school in the state that uniquely integrates college-preparatory curriculum with a comprehensive, four-year, project-based science and technology program. The academic curriculum allows students to meet university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five technology and engineering-related fields: Architecture and Construction Engineering; Computer Science and Electrical Engineering; Integrated Design, Engineering and Art; Materials Science, Engineering and Technology; and Media Arts and Technology. For further information about Bosco Tech, please call (626) 940-2000 or visit www.boscotech.edu.

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ST. PATRICK

We have all heard the myth of St. Patrick. The man who lead the snakes out of Ireland. He is celebrated each year for this feat and has a Saint's day that is celebrated with flocks of green, four-leafed clovers, and for those above the age of 21, vast quantities of beer. But what is this infamous man's true story?

Born around 385 in Scotland to Roman parents, he was captured as a young lad and taken to Ireland, where he was made a slave and forced to herd sheep in a pagan-ridden land. He escaped Ireland at around the age of twenty, but returned when he had a dream of the Irish people beckoning him back to them. He then entered the church and studied to become a priest. He arrived in Ireland on March 25, 433 and brought the Gospel to the people. He traveled Ireland for 40 years, converting the people into Christians, and died on March 17, 461.

His story is much like other saints - he lived the word of god and spread his word. But he is so popular because he was so beloved and so important in creating the culture of Ireland.

Why the shamrock? St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to the people in his lessons and sermons.

So, on this festive holiday, remember the essence of the man and the greatness that he did. I also wish a Happy Birthday to my fellow friends who share March 17 as our birthdays. Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all, and may the luck o' the Irish be with ye!



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ABOUT THIS RECIPE

"This traditional supper dish of sausages, bacon, onions and potatoes dates back at least as far as the early eighteenth century. It seems to be more of a city dish than a rural one: it was a favourite of Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels and dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin. In Dublin itself, coddle retains its reputation as a dish that can be prepared ahead of time and left in a very slow oven while the people who're going to eat it have to be out of the house for a while - making it an excellent dish for very busy people! The name of the dish is probably descended from the older word

caudle, derived from a French word meaning "to boil gently, parboil, or stew". The more recent version of the verb, "coddle," is still applied to gently cooked eggs, "Coddled Eggs". Please note, the sausages used should be the best quality 100% pork sausages you can get your hands on! This recipe would also work VERY well if cooked in a crock-pot, reduce the liquid by about half if cooking the coddle this way. Serve with Guinness and Irish soda bread. Although this is an easy to prepare one pot meal and its simplicity belies its amazing taste and flavour - comfort food at its best! Sláinte."

-- French Tart



INGREDIENTS

- 4 1/2 lbs potatoes
- 2 large onions, peeled and sliced thickly
- 1 lb good quality pork sausages
- 1 lb bacon, piece thick cut
- 2 cups water
- 1 ham stock cube or 1 beef or 1 chicken stock cubes, if ham stock isn't available
- 3 -4 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Peel the potatoes. Cut large ones into three or four pieces: leave smaller ones whole. Finely chop the parsley. Boil the water and in it dissolve the bouillon cube.

Grill or broil the sausages and bacon long enough to colour them. Be careful not to dry them out! Drain briefly on paper towels. When drained, chop the bacon into one-inch pieces. If you like, chop the sausages into large pieces as well. (Some people prefer to leave them whole.)

Preheat the oven to 300F / 150°C In a large flameproof heavy pot with a tight lid, start layering the ingredients: onions, bacon, sausages or sausage pieces, potatoes. Season each layer liberally with fresh-ground pepper and the chopped fresh parsley. Continue until the ingredients are used up. Pour the bouillon mixture over the top. On the stove, bring the liquid to a boil. Immediately turn the heat down and cover the pot. (You may like to additionally put a layer of foil underneath the pot lid to help seal it.)

Put the covered pot in the oven and cook for at least three hours. (Four or five hours won't hurt it.) At the two-hour point, check the pot and add more water if necessary. There should be about an inch of liquid at the bottom of the pot at all times.

To Serve. Guinness, bottled or draft, goes extremely well with this dish (indeed, adding a little to the pot toward the end of the process wouldn't hurt anything). Another good accompaniment is fresh soda bread, used to mop up the gravy!

DON'T BE MYTHED... GET THE FACTS

(NAPSI)—Myths, false information and folklore have created confusion about things that affect decisions in our daily lives. One thing that is true, however, is that fruits and vegetables are healthful foods. Here are the top five myths about fruits and vegetables and the facts that can help you stay healthy.

Myth 1: Fresh is best.
Fact: Unless you eat them, you don't get the benefits of fruits and vegetables, so try what fits best into your lifestyle: fresh, frozen, canned, dried or 100 percent juice. If you're going to cook them anyway or want them fast, think of canned and frozen.

Myth 2: Organic is more nutritious.
Fact: Organic fruits and vegetables have not been proven to be more nutritious than traditionally harvested fruits and vegetables.

Myth 3: Potatoes and other starchy vegetables are fattening.
Fact: A plain medium potato, with no fattening toppings, may actually aide in weight loss and

maintenance. Potatoes are an excellent source of vitamin C, a good source of fiber and are one of the largest sources of potassium, per serving, of all fruits and vegetables.

Myth 4: Dietary supplements are necessary for health.
Fact: Fruits and vegetables have hundreds of active compounds with a long list of health benefits, which haven't been able to be replicated with supplements. Antioxidants in fruits and vegetables are most beneficial when acquired through whole food consumption.

Myth 5: Fruits and vegetables are expensive.
Fact: Fruits and vegetables can be included in a healthy diet, even on a budget. According to the USDA, most adults can meet the fruit and vegetable recommendation at an average price of \$2 to \$2.50 per day.

For more recipes and tips from the experts at Produce for Better Health Foundation, visit www.FruitsAndVeggiesMoreMatters.org.

COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE PASSIONS REVEALED!

PASADENA – New chocolate shop in South Lake Arcade gains an avid coffee following. Authentic Italian caffè comes to Pasadena.

While lovers of fine hand crafted chocolates are finding their way to Pasadena's newest chocolate boutique and check the website to learn of new taste creations in fresh truffles which arrive weekly, coffee lovers are also coming by to have something a little different.



and experienced and saw a tradition- and brought it back to the US markets with a few changes and made it their own.... When I came to the US in the late 1970's I could not find a beverage I considered coffee, but now, there are many interesting drinks available on every corner in which I find the roots of my Country's tradition of caffè, but like so many things, America enjoys what she learns from other parts of the world, but tends to change things a little to make it Her own...."

The name of the little shop is Contessa Chocolate Collection, and the focus remains on chocolate; hand crafted dark chocolate bars, fresh truffles, decadent chocolate desserts and baked goods. But while chocolate and coffee do go so well together, the coffee on it's own is worth trying just in case your calendar does not have time for a visit to Italy any time soon.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"We used to say, 'You're entitled to your own opinion, but not to your own facts.' Now we are all entitled to our own facts, and conservative media use this right to immerse their audience in a total environment of pseudo-facts and pretend information."
- David Frum

In an article for New York Magazine last November, former George W. Bush speechwriter Frum lamented that "conservatives have built a whole alternative knowledge system, with its own facts, its own history, its own laws of economics."

Mitt Romney, who once sought the endorsement of Planned Parenthood and took pride in his Massachusetts healthcare plan, finished third in the Alabama and Mississippi primaries while failing to adapt to that "alternative knowledge system".

Not for lack of trying; he said "y'all", expressed a fondness for grits, and recited the lyrics to "The Ballad of Davy Crockett". Romney couldn't connect with his audience like Rick Santorum, though, who called the president a "snob" for suggesting young Americans avail themselves of a college education.

A recent survey from Public Policy Polling shows the pervasiveness of "alternative knowledge" in last week's Southern primary states – where the dearth of real knowledge favors Republicans in general, and Santorum in particular.

Among "likely Republican voters" in Alabama, 45% think President Obama is a Muslim while 14% identify him as a Christian – with 41% unsure. In Mississippi the numbers are 52% believing him to be a Muslim, 12% a Christian and 36% unsure.

In Alabama, 60% do not "believe" in evolution; 13% are "not sure" and 26% accept the science. Two-thirds (66%) of Republican voters in Mississippi refuse to accept evolution; 11% are unsure and less than a quarter (22%) acknowledge scientific reality.

One out of five Republican voters in Alabama believes interracial marriage should be illegal, with another 12% unsure. In Mississippi, almost half (46%) either believe interracial marriage should be illegal or aren't sure.

As reported by the Brookings Institution last December, nationwide 78% of Democrats and 55% of Independents believe there is "solid evidence" of climate change, while less than half (47%) of Republicans do.

Last Spring, following release of the "long form" birth certificate, a Zogby poll showed the percentage of voters believing President Obama was born outside the U.S. fell to 16%. Among Republicans, the percentage stayed at almost twice that – with 30% refusing to relinquish their birther beliefs.

British journalist George Monbiot warns, "Any party elected by misinformed, suggestible voters becomes a vehicle for undisclosed interests. A tax break for the 1% is dressed up as freedom for the 99%. The regulation that prevents big banks and corporations exploiting us becomes an assault on the working man and woman. Those of us who discuss man-made climate change are cast as elitists by people who happily embrace the claims of . . . think-tanks funded by ExxonMobil

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SOCIAL MEDIA CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BABY BOOMERS

Out of work or at a crossroads on your career path? Wondering which options are best for the long-term? As news of improvements in the economy seem to be fueling job growth, it's timely to revisit the rapidly expanding opportunities in social media since the jobs just keep on coming. This field is ideal for anyone with a knack for the internet, coupled with a talent for writing in a specific industry or across a broad spectrum of industries.

The SimplyHired.com website posted more than 31,000 job openings for social media jobs during March 2011, and this is only one online jobs resource. The industry continues to expand with branches of specialization in website design and maintenance, blogging and other areas of concentration.

Mastering the basics of the most popular social media tools is becoming a prerequisite for a position as Director of Communications, Director of Marketing and for many newly-created positions that merge different functions. This new field has taken root in the U.S. business culture just as deeply as baseball, hotdogs and apple pie are imbedded in the American psyche.

A May 2010 article by Carol Tice on the AOL Payscale blog described six distinct positions:

- 1) Social Media (Digital) Strategists who are usually retained by larger companies to plan and manage the system and all related activities,
- 2) Community Managers who marry their marketing expertise with the new technology,
- 3) Bloggers whose talents can parallel that of newspaper and magazine columnists,
- 4) Social Media Marketing Specialists who create and manage the "virtual" versions of a companies

or the Koch Brothers".

Last fall, GOP Congressional staffer Mike Lofgren released an essay explaining his departure after 28 years serving Republican Budget Committee members in both the House and Senate. The last straw for Lofgren came with the debate over the debt ceiling. "To those millions of Americans who have finally begun paying attention to politics and watched with exasperation the tragicomedy of the debt-ceiling extension," he wrote, "it may have come as a shock that the Republican Party is so full of lunatics."

Lofgren continued, "I could see as early as last November that the Republican Party would use the debt limit vote, an otherwise routine legislative procedure that has been used 87 times since the end of World War II, in order to concoct an entirely artificial fiscal crisis." The rationale behind this seemingly irrational behavior was explained to him, he says, by a Republican committee staff director: "By sabotaging the reputation of an institution of government, the party that is programmatically against government would come out the relative winner . . . A deeply cynical tactic, to be sure, but a psychologically insightful one that plays on the weaknesses both of the voting public and the news media."

It's a tactic that relies upon maintenance of David Frum's "total environment of pseudo-facts and pretend information" - which brings me to Greg Welborn.

In his column last week, Greg repeats the warning of an impending interruption in the "normal personal relationship between doctor and patient", while to the contrary the Affordable Care Act strengthens that relationship by minimizing the veto authority of private insurance carriers. There's the "pseudo-fact" about government deciding "what procedures they can have", when in reality it would be health professionals deciding what's most beneficial, rather than corporate functionaries authorizing what's most profitable.

Greg's citing of "requirements that the Catholic Church pay for contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs" is "pretend information". During HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' appearance at a House Energy and Commerce committee hearing, she made clear insurance companies, not the Church, would pay for coverage. When she attempted to explain the difference between contraceptives that prevent fertilization, which are included under preventive care guidelines, and abortifacients that terminate pregnancies, which aren't, Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA) abruptly cut her off and changed the subject to Jesus and the apostles.

Greg uses an "alternative knowledge system" to suggest "freedom to practice religion" necessitates granting to an employer authority to impose their own beliefs on an employee, especially as it concerns the most intimate matters of personal healthcare.

One side attempts to garner support by promoting "its own facts, its own history, its own laws of economics". The other side is confident support will come its way once the real facts and real history are out there for voters to consider.

It's the side that believes quality education and healthcare should be available to all Americans – including those who live in parts of the country where they think our president is a Muslim.

marketing materials and messages, 5) Search Engine Marketing Associates who perform online activities to enhance and maintain a company's SEO (search engine optimization) and 6) Online Customer Service Representative who have simply taken this important function online.

Some of the titles on this list have become associated with a certain range of expertise and job function, but still, these titles are not consistent from company to company.

A Social Media Manager for one company may be called an E-Commerce Manager for a person responsible for the same functions in the retail sector. The evolution of social media is creating opportunities in a similar manner that the introduction of the single-station computer for widespread business use, translated into newly-created careers and titles like Data Entry Managers, Wordprocessors and Database Administrators. Network Administrators and Directors of Management Information Systems came onto the scene along with the introduction of "networked" computer systems.

Compensation is plotted across a broad range, with some intern positions starting in the low-to-mid \$20,000's to six-figure opportunities for professionals with the combined package of expertise in their respective fields and a mastery of popular online tools. Younger workers usually have the upper hand with almost no learning curve to master the technology. Older, more experienced workers often have a steeper learning curve to master social media, but when they do, they are some of the most competitive and successful candidates for growing opportunities in social media.

WILL OBAMA CARE IF IRAN GETS THE BOMB?

I wish I could say that the title of this week's article is hyperbole – pure marketing, a blatant effort to get you to read the article even though the conclusion is much less ominous. Oh, how I wish that was the point of the title. Sadly, it's the most serious question we have faced since the end of the cold war, and the answer isn't going to be very satisfying.

The Obama administration has talked tough about preventing the mad Mullahs of Tehran from getting a bomb but has rarely followed through with tough actions. There was hope this last time around, given how close the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was to its nuclear goal, that Obama meant it this time. Perhaps even he had come to realize that negotiations had to give way to concrete action.

It was a short 15 or so months ago the last set of negotiations broke down when it became obvious that Iran was simply using the negotiations to buy time. They were stalling and clearly lacked any serious desire to negotiate their nuclear weapons' program. Now – suddenly – because Iran says it's willing to start up talks again, the administration is embracing the opportunity as a diplomatic opportunity that will yield success. This time!

Curious word, success. One has to really define the goal before one can proclaim success. If the goal has been to stop or reverse Iran's efforts to obtain the bomb, then the strategy thus far has been a complete failure. If the goal was to get China and Russia to take the threat seriously, that's failed also.

China and Russia still support Iran. Iran has used the time to advance their nuclear program, expand the number of program facilities and bury those facilities further into the earth so as to protect them from attack. We should cringe when we hear President Obama talk of success from his strategy of negotiations much as we should have cringed when Britain's Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, returned from a meeting with Hitler and proclaimed that he had

GREG Welborn



achieved "peace in our time". That was 1938, and WW II began less than a year later.

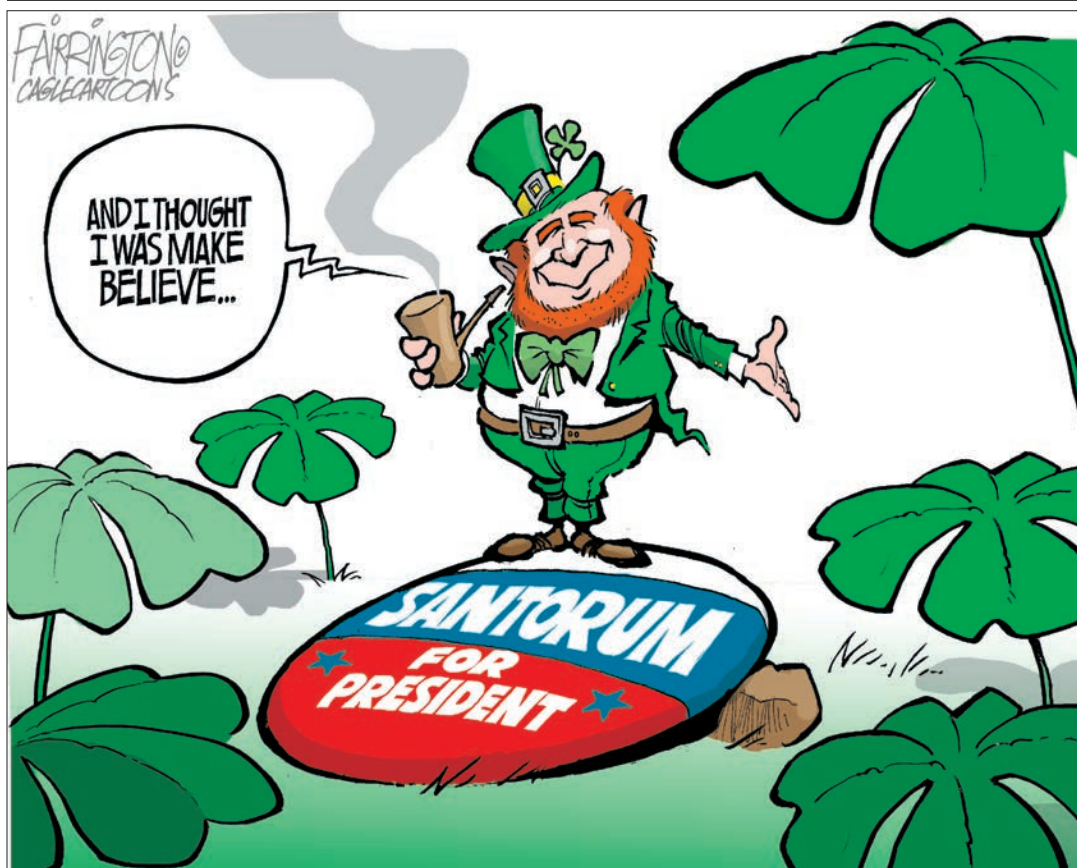
What if, however, the real goal of entering into yet another round of negotiations is to prevent Israel from attacking Iran? Sounds conspiratorial, doesn't it? Too bad the administration told a reporter from the Washington Post that was exactly the goal they were pursuing. As reported by Charles Krauthammer, the administration source said, "we're trying to make the decision to attack as hard as possible for Israel".

Again, I wish I was being hyperbolic and exaggerating. I wish I believed in stupid, deep, dark conspiracies and could be written off as a pleasant, but misguided, minion of the right. But I don't, and I'm not.

The ugly truth is that the administration is willing to throw Israel under the bus so as to prevent any sort of hiccup from interrupting Obama's reelection campaign. An Israeli attack on Iran would demonstrate America's total fecklessness and cowardice in the face of a universal world threat that had to be taken out by a nation smaller than New Jersey. Not real good in an election year.

Of course, Iran getting the bomb wouldn't be good for Obama either, but that could only happen AFTER Nov. 6, 2012. As disastrous as a nuclear Iran would be for the U.S., it wouldn't really hurt Obama. So no, Obama doesn't care if Iran gets the bomb.

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Independent's Eye by JOE Gandelman



After nearly 30 years of rapid growth that saved the sagging AM radio format the question is being seriously asked: is conservative talk radio as we know it on the way out?

According to reports, conservative talk titan Rush Limbaugh has lost 141 advertisers due to his three-day, bordering-on-slander verbal assault on Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke. The company distributing his show has suspended his national advertising for two weeks.

Various analysts note that former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is launching a radio show April 2 in direct competition with Limbaugh. There are rumblings that some stations might decide to replace Limbaugh with Huckabee. Why? Huckabee has shown wide appeal in his Fox News show where he comes across as a thoughtful conservative who prefers discussing issues to polarizing polemics.

Meanwhile, The Daily Beast's John Avlon points to a list that Premier Networks, which distributes Limbaugh and various other conservative talkers, put out containing 98 companies that don't want their ads on controversial political radio shows anymore.

This comes, Avlon writes, "at a particularly difficult time for right-wing talk radio. They are playing to a (sometimes literally) dying demographic. Rush & Co. rate best among old, white males. They have been steadily losing women and young listeners, who are alienated by the angry, negative, obsessive approach to political conservations. Add to that the fact that women ages 24-55 are the prize advertising demographic, and you have a perfect storm emerging after Limbaugh's Sandra Fluke comments."

The bottom line: conservative political talk may be outdated business model.

Talk to many young people and you'll find most dismayed or amused by the anger and rage talk show hosts direct at those with whom they disagree. This is partly generational. Some top talk show hosts are baby boomers. I've always said American politics will be better off when all of the baby boomers (except me) die off. Many baby boomers seem frozen in polarization stemming from the 1960s' great war/anti-war divide.

IS CONSERVATIVE TALK RADIO ON THE WAY OUT?

Much of talk radio IS hate radio. Republicans hate Democrats. Democrats hate Republicans. Conservatives hate liberals. Liberals hate conservatives. And they all hate moderates. When the liberal talk network Air America bombed big-time one reason was that its talkers tried copying the Limbaugh talk show model and offered strident liberal talk shows that tried to do to conservatives what Rush does to liberals. One tiny problem: Limbaugh has broadcasting talent and they didn't.

Today's conservative talk is now experiencing entertainment's traditional cyclical nature. The genre could eventually go the way of TV variety shows and soap operas. Plus, with heightened competition from the Internet, social media, and an increasing number of Americans unwilling to continue accepting demonizing or demeaning polemics without a strong push-back, the old formula is frayed.

The lingering question: Exactly when did we make the shift where it was considered "entertainment" to listen to a radio talk show host for three hours a day five days a week demonize another political party and anyone who sympathized with it? When did negatively politically defining talk become so much "fun" for millions and why? One reason: a charismatic talk show host becomes a listener's trusted friend whose viewpoint is believed -- and absorbed.

Market forces propelled talk radio and now market forces seem poised to force its evolution. And what have been its key impacts? Greater citizen involvement, increased interest in politics – and promoting the notions that compromise is a filthy word, big umbrella coalitions are for the weak, and that demonization and denigration of opponents can be fun and profitable in terms of revenue and in getting out the partisan vote.

It makes sense that it's time for an adaption or shift: after years of the "dumbing down" of American politics, it's time for a smartening up – which is apparently what's happening now with some of talk radio's potential listeners who seem to crave hosts who have open minds versus perpetually open mouths.

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



ARE RUSH'S REMARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE END?

I rarely listen to Rush Limbaugh. When I do it's only to check my sanity. If I turn him off within two minutes I know I am still a sane, rational person not in need of immediate psychiatric care. So I wasn't familiar with who his sponsors were. But now that I know I'm appalled that so many of Rush's sponsors who pay big bucks to advertise on his show are quite reputable companies.

Geico, Constant Contact, J.C. Penny, and AOL are just a few legit companies that sponsor Rush's in-your-face chauvinist conservative talk radio show. There are also some "do good" organizations like The American Heart Association, The Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southern Washington, Goodwill Industries, and St. Vincent's Medical Center that sponsor his EIB--Excellence In Broadcasting--network.

Even prior to the latest multi-day tirade against a private U.S. citizen, Rush had demonstrated that his "brand" of shock-jock commentary was something I thought most reputable companies and organizations would find repugnant. I guess I'll have to hold my nose for a week or two, listen in periodically, and wait to find out what other companies are willing--eager, even--to continue to be associated with this load-mouthed buffoon.

And it doesn't take more than two minutes of listening to "RushBo" to realize his program is pure political smut. The other day at Beantown a female friend of mine hit the nail on the head with this succinct and accurate assessment of Rush's most recent attack of hoof-in-mouth disease.

Rush's asinine assertions that Susan Fluke is some sort of liberal "plant" placed at Georgetown Law School to effect their policy is patently ridiculous. She is a law student who spoke her mind and I applaud her.

I am also certain 99.9% of women--Catholic or not--who use birth control would agree that both political parties and chauvinist pigs like Rush should stay the hell out of women's personal reproductive business!

Rush has gotten rich being shameless, immoral, unethical, anti too many things, and just plain

un-American. He habitually derides women and minorities. He has no respect for the office of the presidency. Any candidate, from any party, that is afraid to blow off this bully, is not capable of being president. If he or she can't stand up to the Rush of foul air that permeates his show certainly can't be expected to lead this country and deal with its very serious domestic and foreign policy issues.

Could this possibly be the start of the end of the "King of Hate?" Could the America be that fortunate? Whatever Rush's fate is, unfortunately there's plenty more where he came from. They slither through the slime everywhere. There's just too much money in hate mongering!

Rush apparently thinks free speech is without limits and that he should be allowed to say whatever moronic, incendiary thing that enters his bulbous head. But as an employee of Clear Channel Communications--the parent of EIB--he is responsible for the fallout his words create. If I say racist or sexist things at work, I won't have a job for very long. I have never--nor will I ever--regard this as a loss of my free speech.

The venomous remarks Rush spews into the political discourse in America on a daily basis do nothing to improve the lives of anyone; they serve merely as a divisive instruments that force the left and right further apart. His ignorant remarks undermine the dialogue we should be having by inserting his own extreme viewpoints; and if that was enough, he is a bigoted misogynist to boot.

When Rush made his reprehensible remarks against Ms. Fluke, he slandered not only her but everyone who has ever used any form of contraception or stood up for something they believed in. He's a liar, and a racist; he's a sexist and a homophobe of the worst kind. Now he is reaping what he's been sowing for years. The chickens have finally come home to roost.

It's pathetic that Missourians are adding Rush to their pantheon of very honorable people--alongside such American icons as President Harry S. Truman, CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite, humorist Mark Twain, animator Walt Disney, and botanist George Washington Carver. While they're at it, Missourians should change the state motto from "The Show Me State" to "The How Low Can We Go" or "The We Hate" State.

Come to think of it... I'm glad they are erecting a bust of Rush in Missouri. It will stand as a permanent reminder to all who come to see it of what happened to the Republican party and why it went extinct.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James L. Snyder



AROUND THE WORLD IN 90 MINUTES

I was snuggling down in my easy chair with a riveting book in hand when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage shared with me an observation.

"I just was thinking," she began very seriously, "that we have not taken a trip lately."

We once went to Thailand for several weeks, which was wonderful. One of the delightful things of that trip was visiting the elephant ranch and riding the elephants.

As we were in line to ride the elephants the person in charge took one look at me and said, "No, no." He said something in some language I could not understand and then proceeded to pair my wife up with another woman and insisted I ride the elephant alone. From what I got out of his gestures and tone of voice was he thought I was too heavy to ride an elephant. Being compared with an elephant and being on the losing side of the comparison, is not something I enjoyed experiencing.

I have been insulted quite a bit throughout my life, and this certainly was one of them. Being the congenial gentleman that I am, I submitted to his evaluation and rode the elephant by myself. I did a lot of bouncing, deliberately, on my elephant ride. I hope that elephant remembers me.

We have had other trips and have enjoyed ourselves tremendously. But when she asked about the last trip we took, I could not bring into focus our last trip.

Not world travelers, of course, but we do like to take little jaunts here and there just to get away from the rat race. To participate in the "rat race" I suppose you have to be a rat. It is good to get away from other rats and associate with rats you do not know.

Nothing really came of my wife's observation. She just mentioned it, then the subject was dropped, and we went on to what we were doing. Several days later I was about to take the trip of my life.

I bought some ink cartridges for my printer and happened to buy the wrong kind. The way the world operates today is that you cannot make a mistake and then take the product back and exchange it for the right one. The only way I could get any satisfaction about this was to call the company and put in a request to have this ink exchanged for the right cartridge.

I got the number and called the company. That was the beginning of my trip around the world.

The first stage of this trip was punching in numbers. I am not sure of the purpose for punching in numbers in order to get to somebody that can help you. What happened

to the good old days where you actually talked to a person you could understand what they were saying?

For about fifteen minutes, I punched in number after number after number. I thought for a moment that I was reading the book of Numbers in the Old Testament. I do not mind numbers when they add up. However, what I really do not like are arbitrary numbers that absolutely make no sense to me. Of course, many things do not make any sense to me.

Finally, after punching numbers until my fingers began to bleed, I got an actual human voice. Ah, the great satisfaction of actually encountering a living, breathing human being on the telephone. I took a moment to enjoy the moment. It was not to last long.

As I began listening to the voice on the other end of the phone, I became a little puzzled. I heard the voice, she came through loud and clear but I had no idea what she was saying. I said quite a few times when the conversation warranted, "Huh."

After a few minutes of this, I realized the person I was talking to was in the Philippines. How I got to the Philippines, I will never know. I am not saying that the young woman's English was bad, just that my ears were not able to catch the nuances of her phrases.

Not getting any satisfaction from this young woman in the Philippines, she transferred me to someone in India. I had just got accustomed, or so I thought, to the Filipino accent and now I was hearing someone talk to me from India with a completely different accent.

I spent a few minutes in India and what we talked about I have no idea. I just wanted to exchange my ink cartridges for the correct ones. I am not sure what somebody in India has to do with my problem.

Not getting any satisfaction from the chap in India, I was transferred to someone in Idaho. I wanted cartridges not potatoes.

After some quasi-delightful minutes in Idaho, I came to the excruciating conclusion that it would be worth my while, not to mention the cash involved, to just forget the whole thing and throw those cartridges away and buy new ones.

On my way to buy a new cartridge, I thought of a verse of Scripture. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV).

I am looking forward to that final trip where I will see Him face to face, no misunderstanding then.

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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



THE SCARIEST MORNING OF THE YEAR

This happens every year and, just

like all the other years, I wake up early in the morning very frightened. At first I just know something's wrong, but I'm not sure what it is. It's that terrible morning when they've pushed the clocks ahead and I know I've already fallen forward and am behind the times. I've already lost an hour and there's nothing I can do to get it back. What can I do to calm down? What am I doing awake anyway? I can't get back to sleep and keep thinking about the TV movie "Game Changes" which my wife and I, watched around my normal falling asleep time last night. As she fell asleep and the clock raced its extra hour ahead I was left alone to experience this frightening cinematic version of recent American history.

The film portrays in almost documentary fashion the 2008 selection by the Republican Party of its Vice-Presidential candidate. The Republicans are in the position of needing to shake things up and go searching around for someone who will be a "Game Changer" and will bring national attention to their candidate. Maybe this as yet unknown someone will distract potential voters' attention away from the economy and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The selection, training, and attempt to control this eventually discovered candidate and displaying her to the public is almost the total content of the movie and that is what has me so frightened this morning. Long ago I stopped believing in God but I have always believed that there exists some benevolent force that protects my country, my family and me. I think, without thinking about it very much, that I just assumed that the American political system with its entrenched democracy and responsible political parties would guarantee that whoever was eventually elected would be a responsible, competent person able to do what had to be done. Sure the parties seemed to have different agendas but deep down I always believed that they stood for the same sort of thing. Go to school, follow the laws, work hard and the system would do the rest.

Of course Republican candidates say weird things, like when Ronald Reagan said that pollution was caused by trees, but now everybody seemed to think Reagan was a great President. I think I know better but the Soviet Union is gone and we're still around

so I'm willing to concede for the moment that perhaps he wasn't as bad as I thought he was. Underneath I need to believe that even without God, my country and I remain in responsible hands. Well, the movie has destroyed that illusion. Some political guy discovered the previously nationally unnoticed Governor of Alaska and they brought her in and assured themselves that she would do whatever they asked her to do and presto--she was anointed as the Republican candidate for Vice-President. Nobody took the trouble to notice that she didn't know anything and was completely unqualified for the job. Worse than that, she had a mind of her own and was stubborn and uncontrollable and had her own agenda. The movie has left me with the realization that I am not in safe hands and that there is no one or no force really protecting me.

The thing that was so scary about the movie was the realization that not only was Sarah Palin completely unqualified, but also the pressures of her position brought her close to a complete nervous breakdown. Could such a thing be possible? Could a crazy person be elected President? I then made a terrible mistake and, in an attempt to reassure myself, searched the internet for materials relating to American Presidents and mental health. According to studies using historical materials, responsible psychologists have determined that pretty close to half the American Presidents have suffered from mental disabilities while in Office. Surprise, surprise--just like Sarah, they were often depressed, anxious, unable to sleep, irrational, and for prolong periods of time unable to not concentrate on their duties. You can do your own research if you don't want to believe me. I certainly understand, because even I don't want to believe this.

So what has this year's clock-meddling done to me? I am left with the realization that if the future is to be safeguarded only by the behavior and abilities of fallible, vulnerable humans, we had all better take care. Maybe this unwelcome wisdom is inevitable given my own aging, health problems, and the experience of the recent death of a close friend. Maybe I've been living in a kind of protected dream-world all along and should see this all as a fortunate wake-up call. Oh thank you Sarah Palin and thank you Republicans. If I can believe this maybe I can go back to sleep.

RICH Johnson



1951 TECHNOLOGY... AND MORE

I came across an issue of "Popular Mechanics"

magazine from the month and year of my birth, October 1951. It is chock full of interesting information.

It talks about these new fangled electric stairways being installed on aircraft carriers. We know them today as escalators.

Believe it or not a car designed for amputee drivers. Built by a German racecar drive, Egon Bruetsch, it is a single seater which requires no gears or shifting. It's small and comes equipped with a 15 cubic inch engine that gets 70 mpg. A top speed of 50mph, this little baby will set you back \$450.

Backyard bomb shelters were the in thing in 1951. And you could have one made of reinforced concrete. Walls are from 12 to 18 inches thick and the roof has a thickness of 36 inches. A protected entrance stairway at one end and an emergency escape hatch at the other end. It offers 110 electricity and a stand-by battery in case the atomic blast knocks the power out). Prices range from \$2500 to \$6,000 depending on size. Hmmm, it also says through studies of the effects of atomic weapons were made on these shelters.

The air force has developed (1951) a fold-up rifle-shotgun for airmen forced down in the arctic (or elsewhere). The gun has two barrels one - fires a 22 caliber bullet and the other

a .410-gauge shotgun shell. It weighs 3 pounds 11 ounces and folds to measure 15 inches. BTW, it has no trigger guard so it can be shot wearing mittens in the cold weather.

Many inventions of the last hundred or so years didn't fare very well. Otto Lilienthal worked on single person glider designs. The bad news: His last glider design did him in during testing. The good news: The Wright Brothers credit Mr. Lilienthal with inspiring their development of the airplane.

The Rong Zun 758 Mobile Phone with built-in shaver. Yep, you guessed it. A product out of China that incorporated a cell phone with an electric shaver. It was even endorsed by David Beckham. No, the Motorola Razr phones will not shave you.

Motor Powered Roller Skates. The skates had a handheld throttle and would reach 20mph in less than 20 seconds. The problem was there were no real brakes affixed to the skates. They did have an "emergency stop" button that would immediately look the wheels. No wonder these babies aren't available at Toys 'R Us.

The explosive, TNT, makes this list because of its original intent. Trinitrotoluene (TNT's real name) was created to be used as a yellow dye, by German Joseph Wilbrand, to color German flags. Invented in 1863 it sat until the early 1900's when scientists realized its other quality (I wonder how they discovered that it goes boom?)



JONQUIL

Review by: Sean Kayden

After the release of two under-the-radar EPs, the UK quartet, Jonquil, look stronger than ever with their new oeuvre, "Point of Go".

Floating on beautiful melodies, demonstrating a truly unique modern sound, and displaying mellifluous vocals make for a completely enjoyable album to kick off the spring season. The group feels more comfortable this time around exploring their wall of sound to the fullest. While it may not be regarded as something groundbreaking, Jonquil has composed a terrific and original "pop" record in the midst of flat and dull mainstream acts overtaking the radio airwaves. The band seemingly knew exactly what they wanted to set out to do and have accomplished just that—a superb record that reflects upon their earlier influences of 70s/80s pop rock, but also remains faithful to originality, creativity, and a refreshing grasp on contemporary pop.

"Point of Go" starts off with "Swells", a song that entirely exposes Jonquil for what they are—a group with the aptitude of crafting music that soars from beginning to end. It offers so much in three and a half minutes that you may raise concern if the rest of the record can keep up and, well, the answer is yes, without a doubt. "Getaway" follows with a quick tempo providing the background for a soft and delicate vocal arrangement. The single, "It's My Part", is indelible. With a tropical-induced rhythm

and utterly appealing guitar work, it's the ultimate spring song. "Run", the best song off the album is wholeheartedly captivating right from the start and easily rivals any and all other releases in the pop realm. "This Innocent" slows the record down a bit, but no complaints here. The dreamy backdrop is a pleasant change of pace. The second to last track, "History of Headaches" is peaceful and tranquil. Jonquil is content on being the outsiders and everything they do is outside the box in terms of

Artist: Jonquil
Album: Point of Go
Label: Dovecote Records
Released: February 22, 2012

delivering something new and untarnished.

The eleven-track compilation is sharp and smooth. Never does it meander from the course it's traveling down. It's pure beach pop throughout, but the band is able to offer a special take differing from other groups in the same spectrum. Jonquil offers ten truly glistening tracks that impress beyond any expectations. This is simply fun music that is both cheery and memorable. The UK lads don't exchange substance for style, but provide both without ever compromising their artistic choices. "Point of Go" effortlessly establishes itself as not only a stellar addition to the indie territory, but also the expansion to all realms of music.

Grade: 8.3 out of 10
Key Tracks: "Swells", "It's My Part", "Run", "History of Headaches"

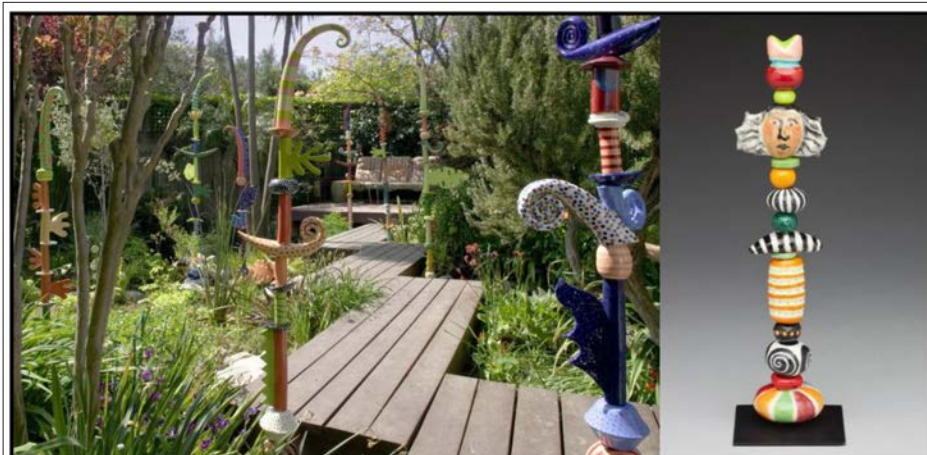
WHAT'S NEXT AT THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

"MORNING'S AT SEVEN."
MARCH 30- MAY 12.



Aaronetta and Ida Gibbs have lived next door to each other most of their lives and along with Esther, all of the Gibb sisters are an open book to each. Husbands not included. Into the fray comes Myrtle Brown, perpetually engaged to Ida's son Homer. But Homer can't seem to pop the question. Taking matters into her own hands, Myrtle finally gets a proposal by compelling Homer to fly the nest. Sort of. This perennially charming portrait of small town America was first produced on Broadway in 1939 and revived in 1980 and in 2002 to critical acclaim. By Paul Osborn, Directed by Bob Hakman

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre. Tickets: \$25. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$22. Children 12 and under, \$15. Musicals: \$25 all seats. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadrepayhouse.org



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PASADENA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA FEATURES GUEST SOLOIST DONALD FISHER

Friday, March 30, 8 p.m., First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena

Donald Fisher, principal bassoonist with Pasadena Community Orchestra, will perform Carl Maria von Weber's Bassoon Concerto in F major, Op. 75, with conductor Alan Reinecke and the Pasadena Community Orchestra on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena (PazNaz).

Fisher started playing bassoon in junior high school, when, he says, there were very few bassoonists in Los Angeles; by high school, he was playing in the UCLA Orchestra under Lucas Foss and the UCLA Symphonic Band under Clarence Sawhill. He has been principal bassoonist with many symphonies over the years, including American Conservatory Orchestra in Chi-

cago, Evanston Symphony Orchestra, and Cantori Domino Orchestra, to name a few. He currently plays with North Valley Symphony and Glendale College Community Orchestra as well as Pasadena Community Orchestra, where he has served as principal bassoonist for over 20 years. Fisher has been on the faculty of UCLA School of Dentistry since the school opened in 1965, including 20 years as department chair and 10 years as director of the faculty group dental practice.

The 2011-2012 concert series marks Pasadena Community Orchestra's 28th year of bringing fine classical music to the community. Concerts are free, with donations taken at the door.

First Church of the Nazarene (PazNaz) offers an abundance of free parking with wheelchair access. There will be refreshments after the concert reception enabling musicians, soloists, and concertgoers to meet and mingle. The church is located at 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. For further information, please contact the orchestra at 626.445.6708, via email at pco-emails@gmail.com, or at <http://www.pcomusic.org>.

WISTARIA FESTIVAL TO OFFER TOURS OF HISTORIC 1887 PINNEY HOUSE;

Sunday, March 25, 2012
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

The historic landmark Pinney House, built in 1887, will be open for self-guided tours for the first time ever, during the March 25 Wistaria Festival in Sierra Madre, California.

The Pinney House, designed by Victorian architects Samuel & Joseph Cather Newsom, is celebrating 125 years, and has recently undergone a major renovation to a lovely estate house.

Tours will be offered to visitors on the Wistaria Festival shuttle, as the bus stops in front of the Pinney House at 225 No. Lima St. Visitors must have a shuttle ticket to enter.

Noted California artists, William Wray and Lynne Fearman, local to Sierra Madre, will be exhibiting their work in the House. Wray's evocative work exhibits internationally. Wray has designed a commemorative poster for the 2012 Wistaria Festival, which will be offered for sale during the Festival.

Plein Air artist Lynne Fearman's paintings portray beautiful serene landscapes of San Gabriel Valley and Southern California.

The Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival celebrates the Guinness Book certified "World's Largest Blossoming Plant." It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per square foot, a weight of 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. The vine is 118 years old. The first public Wistaria Festival occurred in 1918. Several blocks south of the vine, the village of Sierra Madre celebrates with arts and craft fair, live musical entertainment, a kids' zone, dining al fresco at local restaurants as well as food vendors in the Memorial Park.

More information on The Pinney House can be found at www.pinneyhouse.com.

More information on Wistaria Festival and to order Shuttle Tickets, visit www.wistariafestival.com and www.wistariatickets.com.

1st Quarter Construction Update – 2012

Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 7-8, 11

Project Update — Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors are continuing construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

Construction Activities — Upgrades to the electrical system will include the following: (Please note construction schedule is tentative and may change depending on weather and other factors)

■ Improvements to structure site access roads:

Duarte: Adjacent to Van Tassel Motorway and also northeast of the northern end of Las Lomas Road in northern Duarte
Portions of Segment 8: At or near multiple structure sites

■ Installation of new foundations and electrical transmission structures:

La Canada Flintridge: At SCE's Gould Substation located west of Angeles Crest Hwy (2) and north of Greenridge Drive*
Pasadena: Adjacent to Goodrich Substation located north of the Foothill Fwy (210), between Sierra Madre Villa Ave. and Sunnyslope Ave.*
Duarte: Adjacent to Van Tassel Motorway in northern Duarte
Irwindale: South of the Foothill Freeway (210) along the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) to Ramona Boulevard
Baldwin Park: From Ramona Boulevard south along the western side of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) to Valley Boulevard
South El Monte: West of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605), north and south of the Pomona Freeway (60)
Industry: Along the western side of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) south of Valley Boulevard
Pico Rivera: Between the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and the San Gabriel River Freeway (605), spanning Rooks Road
Industry: East of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) and south of the Pomona Freeway (60), in proximity to Peck Road and Workman Mill Road
La Habra Heights: North of Casolero Drive, Skyline Drive and Leucadia Road, east and west of Hacienda Road

Rowland Heights: From the Powder Canyon area spanning east over Fullerton Road, Pathfinder Road and Pathfinder Park to the Orange Freeway (57); Additionally, south of Fullerton Road and east of Harbor Boulevard

Additional areas of unincorporated Los Angeles County, including the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (south of Pomona Freeway (60)), the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority area, and the Tonner Canyon area south of Diamond Bar

■ Installation of new electrical transmission wires:

Irwindale: Along Segment 7 as described above

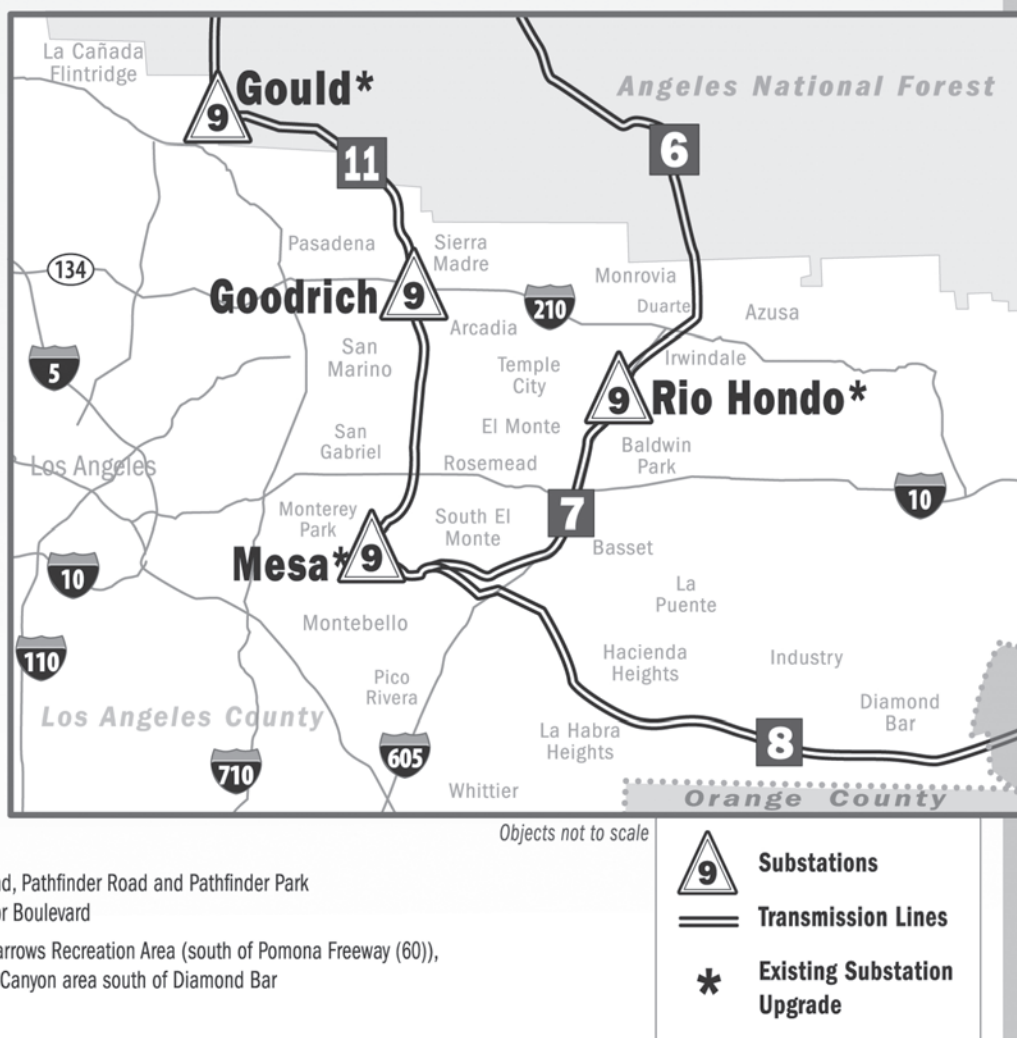
*NOTE: current work includes foundations for new transmission structures; transmission structures to be installed later in 2012

Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

VENUS AND JUPITER DANCE AT DUSK

For the past month the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, have been an eye-catching duo in the western sky after sunset. Week by week they’ve been gradually sliding closer together, and their celestial performance has just culminated.

By March 9th these dazzling evening “stars” were less than 5 degrees apart, about the width of three fingers at arm’s length. Then, from March 12th to 14th, the gap between them closed to just 3 degrees as they passed one another in the evening sky. The pairing of these bright lights is dramatic, though not especially rare.

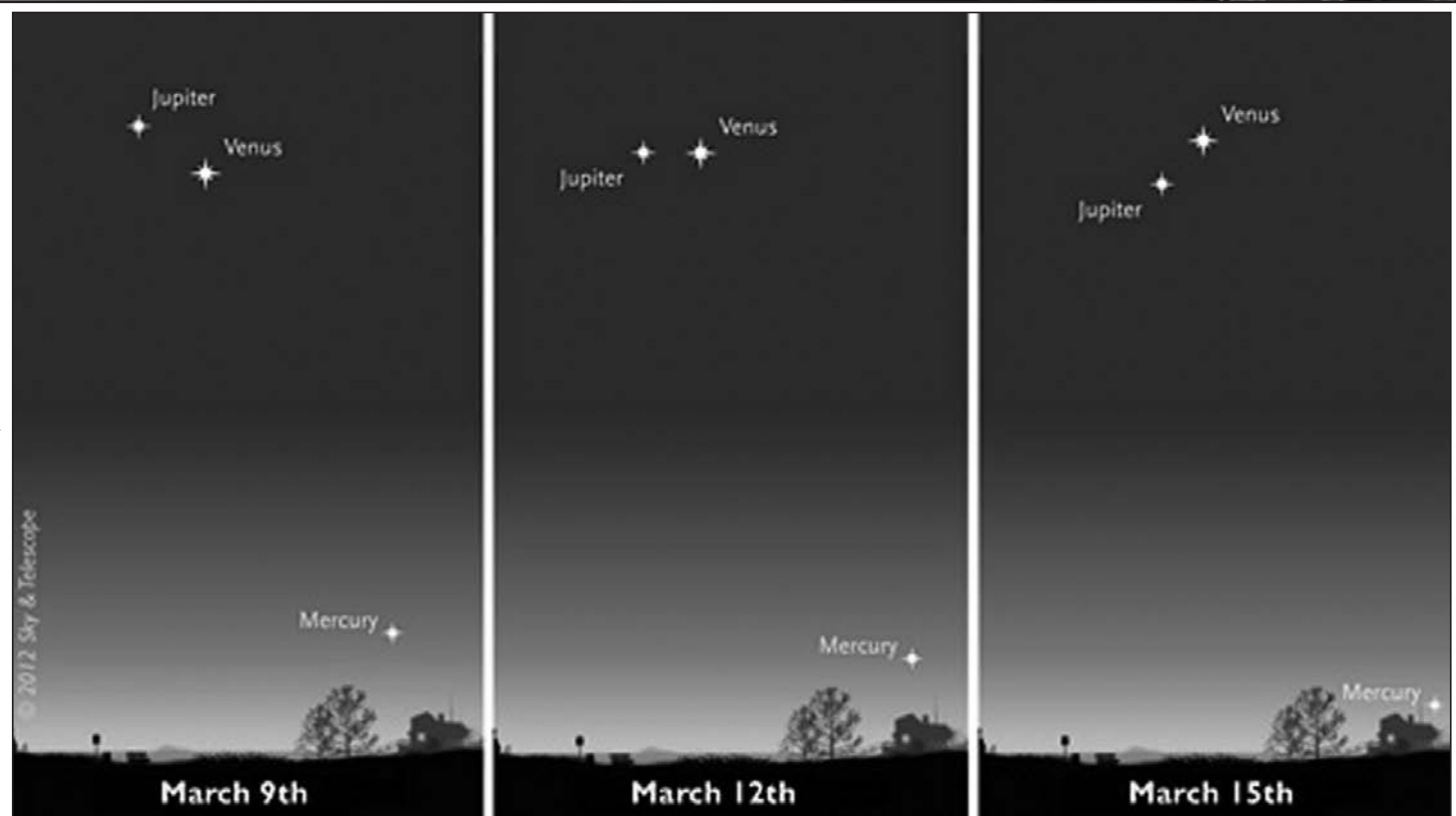
Venus is the brighter one, for three reasons. First, it’s close to the Sun, as planets go, basking in sunlight twice as bright as we receive on Earth and about 50 times more intense than the sunlight that reaches distant Jupiter. Second, it’s almost seven times closer to Earth. And, its cloudy atmosphere is slightly whiter than Jupiter’s, reflecting a little more of the sunlight that strikes it. These advantages combine to make Venus appear seven times brighter than Jupiter.

However, Jupiter is the far larger planet, and despite being 522 million miles away (versus 76 million for Venus) right now, it appears about twice as wide as Venus through a backyard telescope.

After March 14th, Jupiter continues to slide down closer to the Sun. By mid-April it will be too low to see after sunset, lost in the bright twilight. Venus, however, appears to edge a bit higher each night. It shines well over 40 degrees above the horizon at sunset for most of the United States—about as high in the evening sky as it can ever get—and lingers in the sky after sunset for 4 hours through mid-April.

This month’s celestial show has a second act! Before the end of March, the new crescent Moon will enter the western sky after sunset, adding to the spectacle. The delicately thin crescent appears close to Jupiter at nightfall on March 25th (especially so for eastern North America). The next night the Moon will be higher, paired now with Venus.

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Venus and Jupiter form a spectacular pairing in the evening sky during mid-March. These scenes show the sky's appearance looking west about an hour after sunset. A third planet, Mercury, can be glimpsed just above the western horizon.

On Line

By PJ Carpenter

3G VS 4G:
NOT AS GOOD AS ADVERTISED?

A long time ago when desktops ruled the landscape, PC manufacturers used to get the buying public worked up by hyping the notion of the almighty Megahertz. In a nutshell, PC sellers wanted us to believe that the clock speed of a computer was the key measurement of its responsiveness. It turns out that a processor’s design, RAM capacity, hard drive rotational speed and other factors all worked together to determine just how ‘fast’ a computer truly is, but at the time the Megahertz explanation sounded good enough to a lot of us.

A more up-to-date version of this pitch is the megapixel theorem; a camera that captures more megapixels produces better digital photos. These days sellers of hi-tech equipment and services are dealing with a public more acclimated

to handling with technology and a public that has been exposed to marketing techniques far more sophisticated than it was exposed to back in the good ol’ days.

Both marketers and hi-tech equipment manufacturers appear to have learned the lesson of avoiding murky technical jargon in order to sell more widgets. Now, however, it does seem that they may be going back to the well one more time with the “4G” appellation. That label, which theoretically specifies a device’s wireless data speed, doesn’t really tell you anything about how fast your gadget might surf the Web.

If you see any phone, tablet, toaster, or fridge that’s capable of “4G” networking, you should assume the guy who’s selling it to you thinks you may not be too bright and if you blindly do put any stock in the label, you might not be, either.

“4G”—and often “3G”— don’t always mean what they say, and it might just be time we got rid of them, once and for all.

The emptiness of 4G was highlighted last week, when people who installed the latest iPhone 4S operating system upgrade noticed something that seemed too good to be true: The network indicator on their phones began displaying “4G”

rather than “3G.” This change occurred only for people who use AT&T’s cellular service; Verizon iPhone users who installed the upgrade still saw the 3G indicator.

Some people took the change to mean that their phones had gotten faster wireless Internet access, but that wasn’t true—the OS upgrade did nothing to change how your phone communicates with cell towers. All that changed was AT&T’s marketing.

Early last year, essentially overnight, AT&T began rebranding its 3G network as a 4G network. So now that tired old 3G phone is fresh again—lucky you, you’ve got 4G!

The confusion about what constitutes real “4G” comes from the fact that different carriers use different standards (HSPA+ or LTE) that both are capable of delivering “4G” speeds on “3G” or “4G” networks, depending on the combination of phone device and networks. To further complicate matters it seems that the older “3G” standard may eventually outpace the newer “4G” standard in terms of raw speed, but that is not likely to happen in the very near future.

The best one can do to avoid being undersold is thorough research and effective comparison-shopping.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.

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MIGRATION SENSATION

During a walk I had last year with “Tatertotts”, my ten-year-old black & tan bloodhound, we were enjoying the peaceful ambience of dusk, with stars slowly beginning to twinkle in the sky and not another soul in sight, when she suddenly engaged in a series of intense bays, taking me very much by surprise. You see, Tater rarely ever bays or barks during our walks. She is typically too involved with sniffing out subtle scents, keeping her nose trained to the trail in hopes of tracking a furry critter, or dream-of-all-dreams finding a discarded bag of fast-food left-over’s thoughtlessly tossed out by a previous passerby.

We were hiking along the short trail that begins where South Sycamore ends in Sierra Madre, between the ball parks and the city yards. That’s where the pavement turns to a dirt path surrounded by overgrown grass, floral fauna and shady trees. It was a great evening for a walk; the moon was full above the eastern hills, and everything seemed calm and peaceful. We were both relishing the solitude of the evening when all of a sudden, Tater stopped sniffing the ground and threw her head back, pointing her nose & tail upward and sending her huge ears flopping wildly. She let out the loudest baritone bay I think I have ever heard from her, shattering the silence and shocking me out of my peaceful state. Her first howl was followed by several more, before her voice slowly faded to a whimper as she became calm again and resumed her trail tracking endeavor.

When I looked up to see what had excited her I saw a flock of what appeared to be Canada Geese flying low on the horizon, headed for one of the settling basins, just about 100 yards away. As they landed one by one on the surface of the pond, they made quite a splash! I thought, how happy they must be to have found a water hole where they could refresh themselves and rest before continuing their long journey, and how lucky I was to be in the right place at the right time to see them land so close to where I was standing. That rare moment with nature inspired me to learn more about the migratory habits of Canada Geese. I hope you find the facts about migrating geese as interesting and remarkable as I do!

Canadian Geese are native to North America and best known for their distinctive honking as well as the “v” flock formation they assume while migrating over the continent. The “v” formation is by no means random. It is their instinctual way of utilizing the power of wind and air foil by

following behind and slightly to the side of one another to make the most of the wind beneath their wings and stored energy as they travel. Geese are much larger and heavier than they appear to be, so it takes a lot more energy for them to fly than you might think. By using the “v” formation technique they reserve energy and increase their endurance while traveling. In the summer months, most Canada Geese reside in the Canadian region of the Arctic Circle, where they nest and raise their new-born goslings in the safety and solitude of the wilderness. Fresh, snow-fed waterways and reservoirs provide them with plenty of water and food resources for the season, as they foster the bonds within their growing family, and prepare for the impending multi-mile migration south.

By the time Fall comes around, the temperatures in the Arctic will have dropped dramatically, and the geese will have prepared themselves for the 2500 mile flight that will take them to the Gulf of Mexico, their seasonal destination. There they spend the winter months avoiding the frost of the Arctic north. The flight south can take anywhere from 3 weeks to 2 months, depending on their point of origin and the route they follow. Male and female geese maintain a monogamous relationship with the same partner throughout their lives and raise their family as an integral unit, caring for their young until they are adults. Research has shown that familial geese fly closely together during the migration process, and communicate among themselves using honking calls that are unique to their own family members, in order to keep from being separated along the way.

We have all heard the term “bird brain” used to refer to someone who acted stupidly or used poor judgment. I remember hearing it as a kid, and I assumed that meant birds must be pretty stupid. Of course, later in life I learned the more facts about birds and I realized that couldn’t be further from the truth. The next time someone calls you a bird brain, you can take it as a compliment!

Looking into the life of the migrating goose, I was inspired to draw a few parallels between their sensational migration and my own personal navigation through life on this earth. Life presents some pretty difficult challenges at times, but if we take a lesson from the goose by “flying” efficiently and in a way that helps those behind us keep up and stay strong, and if we support those in our family unit and communicate as clearly and intimately as geese do, we could handle the challenges of life more like the goose handles that 2500 mile flight; with unity, strength and determination! Observing animal behavior brings me to a higher level of understanding what life is all about. It’s yet another reminder from nature that here is much more to life than making money and collecting toys. One thing’s for sure, I do hope to be in the right place at the right time for many more close encounters with nature, such as the one Tater and I had with the migrating geese. Those rare moments can help teach us how to live life more fully and to appreciate and better understand the families and loved ones we are all blessed with, and I think that is truly sensational!

KATIE Tse.....This and That

LINGUISTIC SHRINKAGE FOR OUR TIMES

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If you like classical piano music, are a closet old person like myself, or both, you may remember the legendary Victor Borge. Borge was as well loved for his musical mastery as he was for his hilarious stand up acts. Performing before American audiences and coming from a Danish background, Borge crafted many signature routines that parodied American culture and the English language.

One of his most popular numbers was called “Inflationary Language,” in which Borge took words containing numeric values and increased them by one. For example, “tennis” became “elevenis,” and “wonderful” turned into “twoderful!” Great stuff! However, in this massive financial regression, I propose that we institute “Deflationary Language.”

We can start by settling for only 30 flavors at Baskin Robbins. Fifty-six varieties of Heinz products will have to suffice. NASCAR fans will attend the Indy 499. Girls may enjoy reading “Sixteen Magazine” and shopping at “Forever 20.” Fashionable people would be dressed to the eights. You will not be able to connect with your friends quite as much on “threesquare.”

“Pepsi One” would be “Pepsi Zero,” as “Coke Zero” would be “Coke Negative-One.” “Smores” would become “Enough’s.” “Smart and Final” will become “Smart and First.” Yuppies will have to acclimate themselves to Incomplete Foods Market, rather than “Whole.” “Bed, Bath, and Beyond” would need to stop at just “Bed and Bath.” The Dollar Tree store would become the 99 Cents store, and the 99 Cents

store would be decreased to 98 Cents. A few restaurants would have to be renamed, like “Numero Cero” and “Smaller Caesar’s” pizzerias. Motorists will pump gas at the Union 75 Station. “Payless” will be “Pay Even Less!”

The “Ocean’s Eleven” movies would go in reverse order (e.g., “Ocean’s Ten,” etc.). “Final Fantasy” would be all the name implies, instead of coming out with its 13th edition. Classics like “The Dirty Dozen” would be reduced to “The Dirty Eleven.” The iconic eighty’s high school show will be renamed “91023.” “Two and a Half Men” would either be “One and a Half Men” or “Two Men,” depending on how drastic CBS needs to be. Kate Gosselin is ahead of the game by having already eliminated Jon. Even newspaper articles might need to be cut short. “This & That” might become just “This.”

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



JUST LISTED:
HISTORIC
1884 HOME IN
MONROVIA
*Charm, History
and Tradition...
Sensitively Updated
for Today's Lifestyle!*

In 1884, The “Monroe Cottage” home was the first to be constructed in fledgling Monrovia, by the community’s founders, the Monroe family, who moved west after a decade building railroad in the country’s heartland.

Two pioneering brothers, William and Campbell Monroe, and their families, initially constructed a single level home with outdoor plumbing and a separate kitchen building, where both families resided together until William’s home, “The Oaks”, was completed in 1885 just a block away.

A second story was added to the Queen Anne style house for Campbell Monroe in November, 1887, including a hipped roof and several gabled dormers. The addition is probably due to the arrival of the Monroe’s parents from Ottumwa, Iowa. The extended family remained in residence until 1907.

Though the Monroes owned the home for only two decades, its name, the “Monroe Cottage” stuck. That “cottage” home now boasts 3100 square feet of living space, including the historic main home, a recently constructed full guest house, a four car tandem garage, a gorgeous salt water pool with arching fountains, and an outdoor fireplace.

Owning a historic home has turned the current owners into avid historic home buffs. They have enjoyed fleshing out the history of the property, gathering old photos and data from sources like the Monrovia Old Home Preservation Group (MOHPG) and Historical Museum archives and documents, as well as oral history from those whose families settled here. They even became active in the MOHPG, including the group’s efforts at landmarking properties and keeping developers and their projects in line with the neighborhoods. The home was featured recently on 2011’s Mother’s Day Tour. Said the seller, “It’s been an honor to own such a historic landmark, especially since we are now part of its rich history.”

A century ago, a home’s site location was even more critical than today in creating a comfortable home, warmed by the sunlight in winter, shaded from the heat of summer by big porches, and naturally cooled by Sundowner breezes. This house was built to passively provide all those benefits. The Monroes, in fact, had driven all over Southern California, looking for “the perfect place to build a home in the country,” with the Monroe brothers purchasing 239 acres from “Lucky” Baldwin at \$125 an acre.

The seller comments, “The house was built before electricity, so it was carefully located, set just right so breezes flow through the house. The high ceilings and raised structure allow for cool summer nights. Although the home has central air conditioning, we seldom use it. The outdoor porches, which shade the home from the strongest summer rays, are our favorite hangout for meals three seasons of the year.”

Today’s Monroe Cottage blends more than a century of the charm, history, and tradition with elegant, modern conveniences. Though the Monroes subdivided fourteen of their acres in 1907, and it appears that later homes were constructed on the acreage post World War II, the integral charm of the setting has been preserved with the expansive front lawn and the generous setback from the street, aptly named Monroe Place. The front lawn remains a favorite place for a neighborhood pickup game of catch.



The main floor living areas boast 12’ ceilings with a traditional Victorian floorplan of separate parlors and dining room. The configuration fits today’s lifestyle perfectly, as the huge pocket doors slide effortlessly to open for a free flowing floorplan for grand entertaining or just “great room”, open floorplan living. The dining, living, and family rooms, or parlors to use the Victorian term, just as easily close off to allow for multiple, separate activities. Along the back of the home, there’s a modern, yet vintage-looking kitchen, tastefully adorned with a tin-style ceiling and the signage of a bygone era, open to a large casual dining room with a planning desk/computer station, perfect for homework or meal planning. Tucked away to preserve the vintage look, you’ll find the microwave and the wine chiller.

The two wide porches become the outdoor living room every evening. Wicker and rocking chairs beckon one to take a few moments to soak in the beautiful front yard, and reconnect with friends and family. The covered back porch overlooks the sparkling salt water pool, spa and outdoor fireplace area, and includes a wonderful Viking grill station, ample room for a table and seating, plus an outdoor cabana bath.

The owner chuckled, “I used to have ‘grill envy’ until we moved here. The fabulous back porch and grill/cooking/ serving station allows us to enjoy the outdoors, cook, entertain and dine on the covered back porch, perfectly protected from the elements, rain or shine.”

Upstairs, the master suite was created by combining several rooms, and includes a beautiful, spacious bedroom, a bath with a claw foot tub and walk-in shower, plus a separate dressing room and closet, which includes a desk and window.

Designated as historic home #82 within the city, this extraordinary property has also been designated a Mills Act property, one of about sixty in Monrovia. Renewable every ten years, the Mills Act provides property tax relief in exchange for the owner’s efforts and investment in preserving the exterior historic presentation and the



neighborhood’s architectural context for future generations.

The Monroe Cottage has been featured in magazines, newspapers, and on several historic home tours, and even in a commercial. It is the well-beloved subject of Plein Air artist groups, who occasionally arrange to bring their easels to paint the historic façade.

The Monroe Cottage, 225 Monroe Place in Monrovia, is offered at \$1,450,000 by Eileen Benson of Dilbeck Real Estate in Arcadia. For more information, visit www.225MonroePlace.com or contact Benson at 626-278-0187.

Information included in this article was obtained from MOHPG documents, the Monrovia Historical Museum, and verbal history information obtained by the seller and MOHPG.
Know of an interesting, home, garden or person who helps create them? Send the contact information to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com



**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**
by Luther Tsinoglou

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Selling your home in anything other than an active market can seem challenging, but what do you do when yours is only one of many homes in your neighborhood with For Sale signs? Surprisingly, there are actually some advantages to marketing your home in this situation.

More buyers are drawn to neighborhoods where they can preview more homes at once. More buyers means more opportunities for your home to be seen and to attract an offer, so make your listing stand out against your competition.

Price your home aggressively after reviewing the comparable sales figures provided by your real estate representative. Don't give your neighbors the advantage of looking like a bargain compared to your listing - take it yourself and show buyers what a great value you're offering. If you're competing against foreclosure listings, having your home in “move in” condition

helps, because foreclosures often need lots of repairs.

With this much activity in the neighborhood, make sure that your home is available for showing on literally a moment’s notice. Buyers who come to look at other listings may spot yours and want to see it right away to make comparisons. Be prepared for “impulse” prospects with good housekeeping and an escape plan for unexpected showings.

Finally, don't worry if your neighbor sells first - that just makes for less competition in your market!

Luther Tsinoglou is licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com.

BATHROOM STAGING
ON A BUDGET

(NAPS)—While the real estate market remains a challenge for those looking to sell, some simple staging and remodeling tips can help make your home more attractive to prospective buyers.

Bathrooms can sell houses but not if they are lackluster and out of date. While it can be easy to spend five figures on a complete remodel, there are less expensive ways to give your bathroom a fresh new look. For example, a little paint, some fresh flowers and new shower fixtures can take your bathroom from outdated to outstanding.

Here are a few tips to help:

- If you can't afford to replace outdated wallpaper, work with the colors you already have. Buy some matching towels or a new shower curtain to coordinate the look.
- If you can paint, it's an easy weekend project that will brighten the space. Go for lighter colors; white is a classic.
- Clear off the counters. This is especially important in a smaller bathroom to create the illusion of more space.
- Clean the bathroom thoroughly. Make sure everything sparkles.
- Styles change, so if possible, update your shower fixtures. Finding fixtures in styles that fit your decor doesn't have to break your budget. For example, Speakman offers modern and traditional collections in a variety of finishes.



Updating shower fixtures is essential, as styles change.

The Neo Collection adds bold style for a modern look, while the graceful curvature of the hardware in the Alexandria Collection helps create a luxurious feel. The distinctive details of the Caspian Collection offer an unconventional, modern touch and the Rainier Collection delivers a unique square design so bold it can update any traditionally styled bathroom.

Stylish and innovative valves, designer faucets and accessories can be obtained to cost effectively coordinate your remodeling efforts.

- Add a touch of luxury. Scented candles, spa accessories and rolled towels can help create the sense of a spa.
- Add a plant or a bouquet of flowers for a burst of color.

For more information, visit www.speakmanshowers.com.

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YOGA IS JUST STRETCHING.

Happiness & Krispy Kremes



By Rene Quenell, Founder/Owner
Yoga Madre - Sierra Madre

Take a few steps toward happiness through yoga. After just one class, yoga can begin to make a difference in how you feel. You can feel the stress melting away. But, then this funny thing happens. As you keep practicing, you begin to get stronger, you begin to feel better, you notice you are smiling more and you are making better choices about what to put in your body so you can do that pose a little better. (While I do advocate balance, and that includes the occasional indulgence, too many Krispy Kreme donuts can keep you from getting deeper into that forward fold.)

Self-discipline is one of the foundational teachings of yoga. But so is going at your own pace. If you jump into a new regime of depriving yourself of pleasure, then you are bound to fail. But what if you can find pleasure in your practice? I think yoga is one of the most self-empowering things you can do for yourself. I always notice that my life just goes better when I am practicing. Things don't bother me as much. I am lighter on my feet. I have more stamina and less of that nagging negative voice in the head. I am happy.

I can't think of anything better for the planet and for you than happiness through your practice. The world will be a better place, and your life will be what you make of it. Yoga shows you how to overcome struggle, how to breathe in challenging situations and how to find happiness in yourself. Sound too good to be true? Then I challenge you.

Have you been away from your practice for a while? Then I invite you back.

Namasté, René

EXERCISES THAT CAN HELP EASE ARTHRITIS PAIN

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can exercise help seniors with arthritis? I have osteoarthritis and have read that certain exercises can help ease the pain, but I don't know where to start, and I certainly don't want to make it any worse than it already is. What can you tell me?
Sedentary Sally

Dear Sally:

Lots of seniors who have arthritis believe that exercise will worsen their condition, but that's not true. Study after study has shown that exercise is actually one of the best treatments for osteoarthritis.

Proper and careful exercises can help reduce joint pain and stiffness, strengthen muscles around the joints and increase flexibility. It also helps manage other chronic conditions that are common among seniors with arthritis, such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity. Here are some tips to help you get moving.

Exercises for Arthritis

Determining exactly which types of exercises are best for you, depends on the form and severity of your arthritis, and which joints are involved. It's best to work with your doctor or a physical therapist to help you develop an exercise program that works for you. The different types of exercises that are most often recommended to seniors with arthritis include:

- Range-of-motion exercises: These are gentle stretching exercises that can relieve stiffness as well as improve your ability to move your joints through their normal range of motion. These exercises should be done daily.
- Strengthening exercise: Calisthenics, weight training and working with resistance bands are recommended (two or more days a week) to maintain and improve your muscle strength, which helps support and protect your joints.
- Aerobic exercises: Low-impact activities like walking, cycling, swimming or water aerobics are all recommended three to five times per week to help improve cardiovascular health, control weight, and improve your overall function.

It's also important to keep in mind that when you first start exercising, you need to go slow to give your body time to adjust. If you push yourself too hard you can aggravate your joint pain, however, some muscle soreness or joint achiness in the beginning is normal.

To help you manage your pain start by warming up with some simple stretches or range of motion exercises for five to 10 minutes before you move on to strengthening or aerobic exercises. Another tip is to apply heat to the joints you'll be working before you exercise, and use cold packs after exercising to reduce inflammation.



If you're experiencing a lot of pain while you exercise, you may need to modify the frequency, duration, or intensity of your exercises until the pain improves. Or you may need to try a different activity – for example switching from walking to water aerobics. But if you're having severe, sharp or constant pain, or large increases in swelling or your joints feel hot or red, you need to stop and see your doctor.

Exercise Resources

To help you exercise at home, there are a number arthritis exercise DVDs you can purchase to guide you through a wide variety of activities. Collage Video (collagevideo.com, 800-819-7111) sells several at prices ranging between \$10 and \$25, as does the Arthritis Foundation Store at afstore.org or 800-283-7800.

Also see go4life.niapublications.org, a resource created by the National Institute on Aging that offers a free exercise DVD and book that provides illustrated examples of exercises you can do to improve your condition. You can order your free copies online or by calling 800-222-2225.

If you need some motivation or don't like exercising alone, ask your doctor about exercise programs in your area for people with arthritis. Hospitals and clinics sometimes offer special programs, as do local health clubs and senior centers. The Arthritis Foundation also conducts exercise and aquatic programs for people with arthritis in many communities throughout the U.S. Contact your local branch (see arthritis.org/chaptermap.php, or call 800-283-7800 for contact information) to find out what may be available near you.

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

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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.

THURSDAY:

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.

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SAVE THE DATES
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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What's on YOUR Mind?



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By Harvey Hyde

RULE CHANGES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

keep everyone thinking ahead. There are some rule changes made by their Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Mostly the changes relate to safety issues.

According to Greg Johnson of NCAA.org, here are the main changes:

Kickoffs will be from the 35-yard line rather than the 30.

Touchbacks resulting from kickoffs, (and there now will be a lot of those,) will give the receiving team the ball on the 25-yard line instead of the 20. However, on touchbacks from punts going into the end zone or fumbles going through the end zone, the ball will still be placed at the 20.

Result?-- There should be fewer kickoff returns and thus fewer injuries.

Another change is that the kicking team cannot line up more than five yards back from the 35.

Result? -- Cuts back on the space allowed for getting a running start.

Another new rule is that if a player loses his helmet for any reason other than a foul by an opponent, such as a face-mask violation, that player must sit out for one play.

Result? -- Allows a player to be checked out for a possible concussion or other injury.

Also, if a player loses his helmet he can no longer continue to participate in a play.

The rules panel also approved new wording in the football rules book regarding blocking below the waist. Offensive players (centers, guards and offensive tackles) in the tackle box who are not in motion are allowed to block below the waist without restriction. All other players are restricted from blocking below the waist with a few exceptions, such as straight-ahead blocks.

There will also be a new rule prohibiting

players from leaping over blockers in an attempt to block a punt.

I hope you understand these rule changes -- and players and officials do as well. I wouldn't want you wondering what is going on when you see the ball placed on the 25 after a touchback rather than the 20.

Now you'll know why.

(break)

How about March Madness? Are you ready for some great college basketball?

Of course I have ideas about the playoffs. I think regular-season conference champions should get the automatic berths to the NCAA tournament rather than winners of the end-of-the-season conference tournaments.

After playing the entire conference season, facing tough road games in hostile environments, in sickness and in health, with a winning record, a team does not have an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament? It's ridiculous.

The way it is now, a team could finish fourth or worse in conference play but still get an automatic bid by winning the conference tournament. It makes the regular season not very important.

I realize it doesn't often happen that a conference champion doesn't get into the NCAA tournament, but it has happened.

I also understand why automatic bids are given to conference tournament winners. It is because of the television and tournament attendance dollars. There is more interest in conference tournaments if fans know their team still has a shot to go to the big dance.

Having said all that, this year's NCAA tournament should be the most balanced in recent years. Who do you like?

Hard to pick a winner, isn't it? But get your brackets set up. It should be fun.

Harvey Hyde's Peristyle podcast can be heard on uscfootball.com and his radio show on KSHP AM 1400 can be heard via the Internet.



Stop hitting your chip shots thin-topped and to the Right:

FOUR SECRETS TO HITTING SOLID CHIP SHOTS

I want to start this lesson out with WHY you hit your chip shots thin or topped and to the right. The club head has to swing back and UP on the inside. The inside I'm referring to is the direction at which the club head has to swing away from the golf ball. It can not travel straight back away from the golf ball. With that being said this is where some of you run into trouble. You either swing the club head straight back or TOO much inside and not up. Want to hear something exciting? If you swing the club head back on the correct

arc it will go up correctly. If you swing the club head too much inside it will not go up. Finally, if you swing the club head inside too much it will swing outside in the downswing at strike the golf ball on the upswing. Today I am going to teach you how to swing the golf club back down and strike the golf ball on the downswing for a more solid golf shot.

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Secret #3-The handle of the golf club must be across from your belt buckle at address.

Secret #4-The downswing is more of a chop with a **VERY LOW FOLLOW THROUGH**. Make sure after impact that the leading edge stays close to the ground.

Golfingly yours, Bobby

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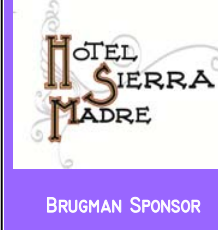
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