



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 Chris Koerber for City Council - 4 year term-Below

March 31st Camdinate 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

CHRIS KOERBER



Last June 28th, while commenting to City Council against the proposed Utility Users Tax (UUT) rate increase to 12%, I realized that “complaining is easier than being part of the solution.” I am running for the 2-year seat to be part of the solution.

As a proud 15-year resident, I’ve attended numerous Planning Commission and City Council meetings and fought to preserve the hillside against expansive high school and residential developments. I served the Sierra Madre Community Foundation for several years and am an active member of St. Rita Parish.

Halcyon, my wife of 28 years, is also very involved. She takes part in Sierra Madre Civic Club, docents at the Wistaria Vine, helps the Friends of the Library and is a member of the St. Rita Guild.

As a Certified Financial Planner® with over 20 years of financial experience,

I know numbers. I understand budgets and can identify changes that will retain the services we now enjoy while putting the city on a stable financial path.

I oppose UUT Measures 12-1 and 12-2. A 20% increase (20% of 10% = 2%) is no way to raise money for our village if we’re to respect the hard work that Sierra Madreans do to earn their livings. Did you get a 20% raise last year? We all live within our means – Sierra Madre should do the same.

I stand for Clarity, Community, and Economic Accountability:

Since January 2012 I have posted city documents on my web site to keep citizens well-informed.

I will work to preserve our small town character and to ensure fiscal stability without demanding higher taxes.

I pledge to accept NO campaign contributions from political parties, unions, police officer associations, and the like. Money from outside groups has no place in Sierra Madre politics. I am running, without a possible conflict of interest, so that I may represent the values and views of Sierra Madreans.

Vote Chris Koerber for the 2 year City Council seat.

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Sierra Madre Business Spotlight

Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand

G3 Academy of Martial Arts Now Open for Business

The hammers and nails have been working overtime at the new G3 Academy, located in the former Highland Liquors site. G3 Academy offers training in the traditional martial art of Hapkido for children and adults, “the art of harmonizing energy,” women’s self-defense, weapons training, (stick, cane, belt and sword), Ki Gong, sparring, and CrossCore rotational body training.

All three partners of G3 Academy Master Bill Darlas, Gary Gapezzani, and Robert Gilliam trained for over twenty years under Grandmaster Chong S. Kim, an eminence in the martial arts world. Friends since third grade, Darlas and Gapezzani, began their training with Kim in their early teens.

The two operated his headquarters studio for many years. Since Kim passed away three years ago, it has been their dream to open a studio in the community where they live, to teach the same values, skills, and philosophy that Master Kim instilled in them from an impressionable age.

Those values include making their community safer, healthier, and stronger thru the martial arts by practicing self-control and discipline, staying calm and centered in order to make good choices and to help people to learn to deal with adversity and to achieve success. G3 Academy’s mission is to build their students into G3 (third generation) Black Belts, who are positive, respected and contributing members of society.

G3 Academy of Martial Arts, 303 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, 626 773-6876, can be found on the web at www.G3academy.com.

Bottle Shop Tasting Room Now Open. 3rd Generation Sullivans Join Family Business. (cont. on page 3)

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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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Hermosa at Sierra Madre Blvd.

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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.

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USER UTILITY TAX Forum

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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-february-2012-for-the-upcoming-election-april-10-2012>

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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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SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY CHILDREN’S ROOM RENOVATION GETS UNDERWAY

Work will begin Monday, April 2 on renovations to the Sierra Madre Public Library Children's Room. It has been nearly 20 years since the Children's Room was last updated. The Children's Room will be upgraded to make the most of new child-centered services and improve the use of space in the room. Plans include creating a preschool zone and a study/reading area for students, and devoting more space to computers and technology, making the room more usable for children from birth through sixth grade.

Sierra Madre's Community Foundation recently presented a check for \$15,000 to the Sierra Madre Public Library to help fund the renovation of the Children's Room. Erica Blodgett, Chair of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, came before the Sierra Madre City Council on March 13 to present the donation to Library Director Carolyn Thomas. In a presentation last May, the Council recognized the Rotary Club for their donation of \$20,000 to the Library Children's Room Campaign. Together with donations from the Community Foundation, Rotary, the Friends of the library, Library Partners, the Mary Tumilty Endowment, Library Gift and Memorial Fund and generous individuals, more than \$84,000 has been raised for the project.

During the 6-week “makeover,” the Children's Room will be closed. Children's services will move temporarily into the adjacent Library Reference Room, with a limited collection of picture, fiction and non-fiction books available for checkout. One homework and two early literacy computers will be available for use. Preschool Story Times will continue as scheduled, but school class visits will be suspended during construction.

When the remodel is complete, the Children's Room will be renamed the “Rotary Children's Library.”



Accompanying photo caption: The Sierra Madre Community Foundation presented a \$15,000 check to the Library at the March 13 City Council Meeting. L. to R.: Community Foundation members John Capoccia and Erica Blodgett, Mayor John Buchanan, Library Director Carolyn Thomas, Youth Services Librarian Meegan Tosh, and Library Trustees Catherine Addé, Collin Braudrick, and Rob Stockly.

BUSINESS (continued from page 1)

One of the oldest businesses in Sierra Madre, The Bottle Shop, has begun a new chapter, with its recently completed expansion and the opening of their automated tasting room. Founded in 1963 by William J. Sullivan, and purchased by his son, Bill L. Sullivan in 1984, the shop has offered wine, beer spirits, snacks and more for almost five decades as a preeminent fixture in the business community.

This year, a third generation of Sullivans, Bill's twin sons, Jay and Jeff, 2011 graduates in Finance from Southern Methodist University, have joined the family business, and have been actively involved with the remodel and new business plan for the recently opened Tasting Room.

The Tasting Room will celebrate a Grand Opening Saturday, March 24 from noon til 10 pm. The following day at Wistaria Festival, The Tasting Room will offer special \$1 tastings of a red and white wine in the town's newest hot spot from 11a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Bottle Shop and Tasting Room, 58 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, 626-355-12612

Zugo's Owner to Open PE Deans at former Iris Intrigue

Sherry Grossi, of Zugo's Café, will open a shop P.E. Deans Consignments, Etc. Patricia Elizabeth Deans was my mother's name, says Grossi. She was a truly extraordinary person.” Repeating a successful venture from the Grossi's Boston days, the shop will offer furniture, lamps, decorative accessories, candles, gift items and quality consignments.

Grossi's shop will not be devoted to a particular decorating style, and merchandise will range from classic to modern, according to Grossi. She will create compatible vignettes around the store as different merchandise comes, focused on well priced, quality consignments. “Furniture, design and architecture are my passion and I look forward to getting back into it!” smiled an enthusiastic Grossi.

PE Deans Consignments, Etc. is scheduled to open in mid April at 49 W Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre. If you have quality consignments for consideration, call 626-807-5680.

“Savor Gal”, Madeleine Romo, Speaks at International Fancy Food Show

The “Savor Gals” at Savor the Flavor just returned from the International Fancy Food Show held in San Francisco. Madeline Romo, co-owner, was one of the featured speakers on “Taking your Product to the Marketplace.”

At the show, Karen Keegan and Romo were able to hand pick and select a wide variety of outstanding new products, including simmering sauces, flavored aiolis, drink mixes, chocolates, dry rubs, mustards and crock pot sauces. Big hits at the show this year were olive oil based soaps and lotions so Savor the Flavor stocked up.

Both owners will attend the Washington DC t International Fancy Food Show in June as well as the International Gift Show in Atlanta in July.

Savor the Flavor is located at 11 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre. 626-355-5153 www.SavorTheFlavor.net

Zugo's Expands Wine List

Zugo's has expanded their wine list to carry 65 different wines now. “We are continually updating and tweaking our selection in order to offer the most interesting varietals to complement our menu,” said Grossi. A busy Spring and Summer are planned, he continued.

“Come July, Sherry and I will travel to Italy to search out new and exciting menu items. We will be sponsoring some races at the Santa Anita Racetrack before the end of the season, and plan to provide food for the Mt Wilson Trail Race in May.” Zugo's Café is located at 74 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., 626-836-5700. Sierra Madre Grocery Company

Karen Swisher, President of Sierra Madre Grocery Company, hosted her first official booth at the International Fancy Food show in San Francisco recently. SMGC products, including their signature salsa and bruschetta topping, are now offered in over 50 specialty stores from San Diego to Northern California, and engaged their first distributor, Gourmet Merchants, last June.

SMGC products are available in 17 SoCal Albertsons



stores as part of their “Hyper Local” program. Special Easter & Mother's Day gift bags will be available at the nearby Albertsons at Michillinda and Sierra Madre Boulevard.

Sierra Madre Grocery Company can be reached at 626-355-9556 or visit <http://www.SierraMadreGroceryCo.com>

Sierra Bistro Teams up with SM Rotary for Wistaria Festival

“This year, the Sierra Madre Rotary Club is ‘networking’ with Sierra Bistro for Wistaria Festival,” according to Karen Swisher of Sierra Madre Rotary. “Rotary will be setting up our booth in the Sierra Bistro parking lot, offering the traditional Rotary rub-seasoned as well as BBQ trip tip beef on French rolls, plus special Swisher's SMGC chips and salsa.” Sierra Madre Rotarian Chris Haddow will provide the live music.

In addition to selections from their regular menu items, Sierra Bistro will be offering delicious new side salads, sweet potato fries, homemade potato chips with bleu cheese fondue plus Italian sausage sandwiches. Beer, wine and other beverages will be available on the Sierra Bistro patio!

Sierra Bistro, 120 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre 626-355-3908. <http://www.sierrabistro.com/>

Tsinoglou Takes Over Ownership of Pasadena and Monrovia Burger Shacks Luther Tsinoglou, Podley Realtor and Restaurateur, took over ownership of the two Burger Shacks he and cousins, Mike and Bill Kefalas purchased over a year ago. The Kefalas brothers continue their ownership of popular local eateries, The Only Place in Town in Sierra Madre, as well as Barney's in Old Town Pasadena.

“We are expanding our menu items and hours of operations at the Burger Shacks,” said Tsinoglou, “and are planning special events coming up such as hosting car shows, branching into catering and getting involved with community and little league sports teams.” If that wasn't enough, Tsinoglou commented he had one of the best years ever in his real estate practice at Podley Realtors in Sierra Madre.

Burger Shacks are located at 1130 E. Walnut in Pasadena and 880 W. Foothill Blvd. in Monrovia. <http://www.burgershackpasadena.com/> Sandy Lewis Duvall Launches Shabby Girl Handbags Made Right in Sierra Madre

Local businesswoman, Sandy Lewis Duvall has launched yet another Sierra Madre based business, all located within a block of one another. The longtime owner of Sierra Fitness only recently opened a new location for their Pilates studio just a few doors north of the main gym location at 20 N. Baldwin. Back in 2010, she started The Shabby Dog online, with canine collars and leads, beds, carriers and more. The retail store followed on Montecito in 2011, with Soon, Lewis Duvall's entrepreneurial spirit flowed from dog leads and collars to coordinating handbags. Her new line of purses, sold currently on TheShabbyDog.com website, are all genuine Italian Leather with suede linings, and are made right here in Sierra Madre, on Montecito! Lewis has snagged some of the top leather sample designers in LA to create her new products, and has plans



KIWANIS PRESENTS COMMUNITY FORUM

On Tuesday March 27, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will host an informational forum about the User Utility Tax.

Attorney Mark Steres will be the speaker. Mr. Steres' has a specific expertise in land use and planning, Subdivision Map Act, CEQA, affordable housing, cable and telecommunications, public contracts and franchises, Brown Act, conflicts of interest, fiscal issues and elections. He is going to speak about User Utility Taxes and the Sierra Madre User Utility measures. The forum will allow attendees, both for and opposed to the Sierra Madre measures, to ask questions.

The forum will be at noon, and an optional lunch will be available for \$10. Lunch reservations are required, and may be made by calling Clem Bartolai at 355-0757. The location is The Lodge in Sierra Madre, at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Visitors who have difficulty hearing the PA system should bring a portable radio with earphones, and tune to 104.7-FM to hear the PA sound.

For reservations please call 626-355-0728

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, a March 11th, to Saturday March 17th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 225 calls for service. See www.crimereports.com for updated information.

Monday, March 12th:
7:29 AM- Petty Theft, 500 blk. W. Orange Grove St. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked car and stole a Chevron gas station credit card. The suspect(s) left in an unknown direction.

12:47 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding 950 Dollars, 600 blk. Ramona Ave. This case involves the theft of a hedge trimmer and a leaf blower from an unlocked van. The suspects were two African-American males driving an older Honda Accord.

9:16 PM Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This case involves the unauthorized use of the victim's Social Security number, which resulted in the non-payment of his 2011 Federal Income Tax refund.

Tuesday, March 13th:
1:57 PM- Suspicious Circumstances, 100 blk. W. Orange Crest Ave. This case involves a male Hispanic dressed in a navy blue uniform claiming to be a City of Los Angeles Smart Reader Inspector. The Hispanic male was denied entry and left in an unknown direction.

Wednesday, March 14th:
2:41 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized use of the victim's credit card number for two online transactions at PayPal and T-Mobile.

Friday, March 16th:
11:50 AM- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle, Chaparral and Carter Avenue. A 45-year old San Dimas motorist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver had 1.1 grams of marijuana in the car and had a misdemeanor traffic warrant. The driver was cited and released on the scene.

Saturday, March 17th:
4:00 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized use of the victim Capital One World Master credit card number.
7:19 pm- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle, 100 blk. Carter Ave. This incident involves a parked car with a group of people. Further investigation revealed that the 18-year old motorist was in possession of 4.9 grams of marijuana. The driver was given a written citation and released on scene.

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For Your Community

Help Plant Trees for Arbor Day



To celebrate Arbor Day, the Pasadena Public Works Department and the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation invite amateur arborists and budding botanists to help plant trees Saturday, March 31, to keep Pasadena's urban forest full and beautiful.

Volunteers are asked to meet at McDonald Park, Mountain Street at Wilson Avenue, at 8 a.m. A tree-planting demonstration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and planting teams will be sent out at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Pasadena Firefighters Association at 11 a.m.

About 175 trees, mostly oaks and camphors, will be planted in the Bungalow Heaven, Historic Highlands and Mentor/Villa neighborhoods.

All plantings will be supervised by city crews. Each child under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes and bring gloves and shovels if available.

For more information call the (626) 744-4321.

Caltech Elects New Member to Board of Trustees

Lynn Booth, a philanthropist from Los Angeles, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) as a senior trustee. Booth is president of the Otis Booth Foundation, which supports philanthropic causes in Southern California.

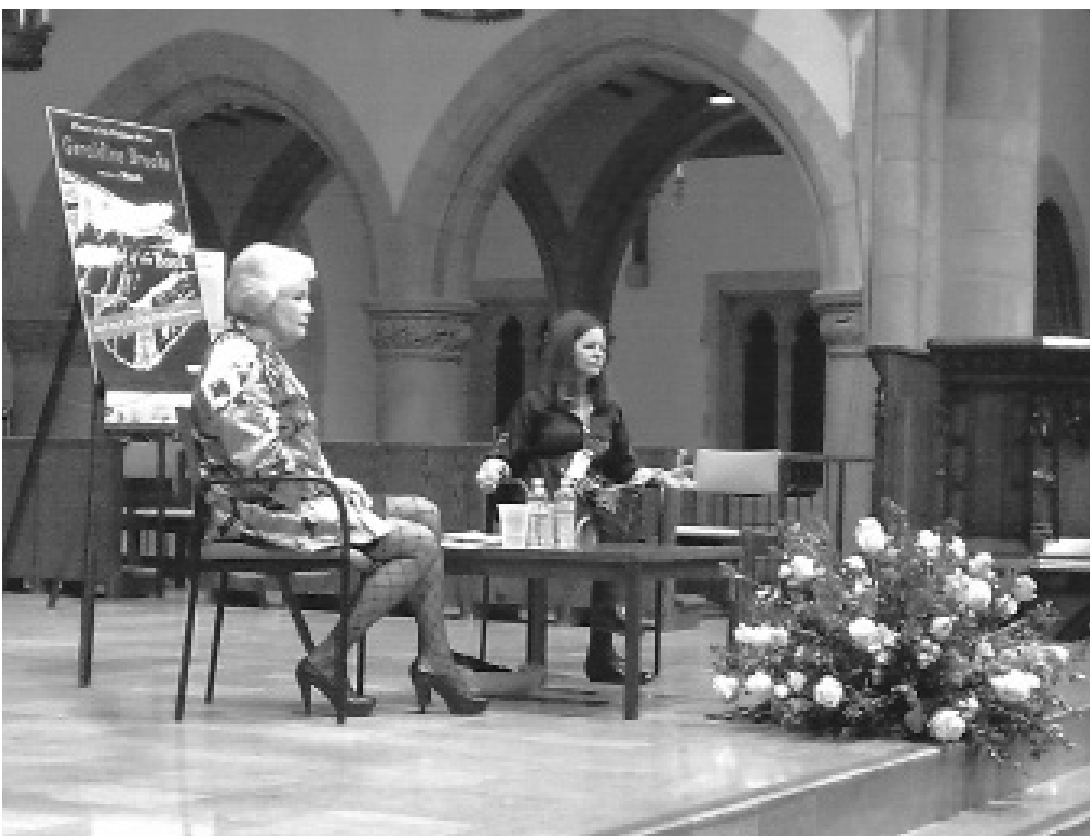
Pet of the Week



Blossom is an adult white and gray bunny. She's loves to be petted on her head. She loves to hope around in the grass too!

Blossom's adoption fee is \$30, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A302704, 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.



One City, One Story Community Conversation

Library Director Jan Sanders moderated a discussion Thursday night, which included questions from the audience, with Geraldine Brooks, author of this year's selected novel "People of the Book." Brooks talked about being a foreign correspondent for Wall Street Journal covering the crises in the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans. "People of the Book" is a New York Times best seller inspired by the true story of a mysterious and ancient volume known as the Sarajevo Haggadah.

Preservation Awards Nominations Sought



Nominations are being accepted for Pasadena's ninth annual Historic Preservation Awards, which recognize and honor projects that exemplify the best in preservation, restoration and rehabilitation.

The awards are presented each year by the Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission, an advisory body to the Pasadena City Council, to raise awareness of preservation as a benefit to property owners, neighborhoods and the city as a whole.

Projects eligible for the awards in the categories of restoration, rehabilitation, preservation and adaptive use

of a historic resource must meet the U.S. secretary of the interior's standards and include completed exterior work. Also eligible for awards are educational programs in historic preservation, grassroots preservation efforts by individuals and group and cultural landscapes.

Preservation projects must be within Pasadena city limits and be completed by April 2, the deadline for nominations. Applications are available at www.cityofpasadena.net/historic (click on Historic Preservation Awards) or by calling (626) 744-7310.

Schiff Calls on EPA to Complete Chromium 6 Study

Congressman Adam Schiff sent a letter last week to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson expressing his disappointment with the EPA's decision to delay the completion of their Chromium 6 toxicology assessment and urging EPA to complete the assessment in a timely fashion. In 2010, the EPA released its draft Chromium 6 study which found that it was likely carcinogenic and a danger to human health when ingested. However, the EPA recently announced that it would take that draft ingestion study - already behind schedule - and combine it with an ongoing inhalation assessment. Without immediate action by the EPA, local water agencies will not take the steps necessary to protect millions of Americans from the harmful effects of Chromium 6.

"The National Toxicology Program study, which I requested almost a decade ago, established that Chromium 6 is hazardous, harmful and carcinogenic, and the government has yet to take action," said Schiff. "With this harmful substance found in tap water of communities across the nation, it's imperative that the EPA act quickly to protect the public health



and complete this risk assessment. "The EPA must stop wasting time and release their final analysis of Chromium 6 in drinking water. Any further delay is unconscionable."

In 2001, Rep. Schiff spearheaded an effort to commission the study by the National Institutes of Health's National Toxicology Program. The study found that high doses of Chromium 6 in drinking water cause cancer in lab rodents. The link between Chromium 6 and cancer garnered national attention after the release of the movie "Erin Brockovich" in 2000. Congressman Schiff has long worked to keep Chromium 6 out of drinking water, dating back to his work in the California State Senate. As a State Senator, he sponsored a bill requiring the California Department of Health Services to prepare a report on the amount of Chromium 6 in the San Fernando Valley aquifer and the danger it poses to residents. Additionally, Rep. Schiff has secured more than a million and a half dollars to develop technology capable of removing heavy metals such as Chromium 6 from drinking water in Glendale.

City Prepares To Plug In

Pasadena-area electric vehicle owners and dealerships will roll up to Pasadena City Hall Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to show off their gas-free rides and answer questions from EV-curious drivers.

Free and open to the public, the Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Workshop and Street Fair aims to get Pasadena residents and businesses up to speed on recent developments in the electric vehicle revolution sweeping across California.

The Pasadena departments of Water and Power, Transportation, Planning and Public Works, along with the California Center for Sustainable Energy, Air Quality Management District and other event partners, will be on hand.

Drivers who are considering making the switch to all-electric vehicles are encouraged to register for a free workshop that day from 10:30 a.m. to noon at City Hall. A plug-in electric vehicle expert from CCSE will explain how to take advantage of current incentives of up to \$10,000 and city staff will explain vehicle charging infrastructure, safety and electric rates. Local owners will discuss their experiences with PEVs in everyday life.

Workshop registrants will be provided lunch and will have an opportunity to test drive a Nissan LEAF, Mitsubishi i-MiEV, CODA and Chevy Volt at the end of the presentations. To register, visit www.energycenter.org/cvrrp-events.

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Mexico Quake a Reminder to Prepare



SOURCE: USGS

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Residents of Mexico who were rocked March 20 by an earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale and several strong aftershocks might be quick to remind others in quake-prone areas of the world such as southern California that making an emergency kit and a family disaster-response plan is worth the minimal time and effort involved.

Being prepared for quakes that geologists assure us will eventually come, most likely without warning, could make the difference between life and death.

That's why Pasadena Fire Department provides a wealth of information on the city's website at www.cityofpasadena.net/disaster about how to plan ahead and take reasonable precautions now to help you survive during and after a serious earthquake or other disaster.

To arrange for a Pasadena Fire Department disaster preparedness presentation for your business, organization or group, contact Emergency Management Coordinator Lisa Derderian at (626) 744-7276.

Earthquake Simulators Ready For Service



To help young people prepare for the next earthquake, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosted students from Eliot Middle School in Altadena as they experienced "a real earthquake" on one of three new "Shakey Quakey" Schoolhouse earthquake simulators.

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falling objects and sounds. At a cost of over \$1.2 million, the trailer-mounted units are outfitted with nine child-size desks, one adult seat and one space for a wheelchair.

"In a successful partnership with Hannah-Barbara, we created the original 'Shakey Quakey' schoolhouse vans in the 1980's to improve the effectiveness of earthquake preparedness seminars for our youth," said Antonovich. "Since then, the vans have helped over 500,000 young people become better prepared for when the next big quake hits."

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.

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the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Mar. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

PCC to Host 'Engineering Innovation' Program

Pasadena City College students interested in science and engineering are encouraged to participate in the Engineering Innovation program this summer from June 25 to July 27. The program's curriculum, which will include laboratory work, hands-on projects, and field trips, was developed by professor Michael Karweit of Johns Hopkins University. "The Johns Hopkins Engineering Innovation summer enrichment program at PCC is an opportunity to test your math, science, and

technologyskills to create real engineered projects," said Salomón Dávila, PCC Engineering and Technology Division associate professor. Students with a final grade of A or B will receive threetransferable Johns Hopkins University credits. The five-week long program is priced at \$2,100. Students interested in the program must apply online (<http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu/forms/index.html>) by May 1. For more information, please contact Davila at sgdavila@pasadena.edu.

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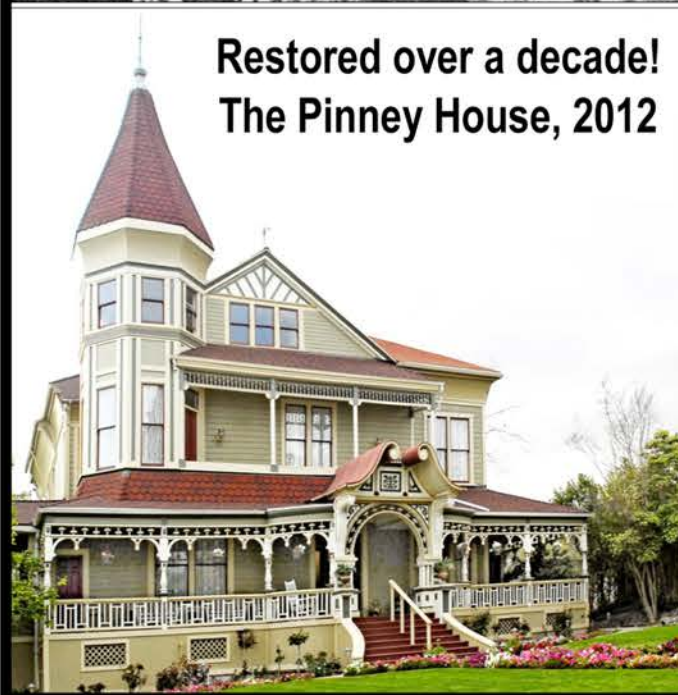
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JUDGE UPHOLDS L.A. COUNTY BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS

Court rejects manufacturers’ writ; path cleared for similar measures statewide

SANTA MONICA, CA (March 23, 2012) – In a sharp rebuke to the plastics industry, a Superior Court judge today denied a legal challenge to Los Angeles County’s progressive single-use bag ordinance.

Under the measure passed in 2010, plastic carryout bags are no longer available in super-markets, large retail pharmacies, liquor stores and food marts in unincorporated areas of the county, which encompasses 1 million residents. Shoppers have the option of purchasing paper bags at checkout for 10 cents each.

Hilex Poly, a large plastic bag manufacturer based in South Carolina, had filed a writ claiming the county’s 10-cent charge constituted an illegal tax measure. Citing Proposition 26, Hilex Poly argued that the ordinance was unconstitutional because it turned retail stores into de facto tax collectors for the county.

But in a decision issued today, Judge James Chalfant rejected that claim, thereby validating the ordinance, which has served as a model for many municipalities in the nation working to curb the environmental and fiscal waste created by single-use bags.

The court ruled that the levy on paper bags is not a tax because retailers keep all of the money collected, as set forth in the ordinance. Retailers use the money to offset the costs of supplying paper bags to customers and complying with the ordinance, as well as providing consumer education materials.

Since the measure took effect in July, retailers have seen a 94% reduction in the distribution of single-use bags in unincorporated areas, according to preliminary analysis by the county’s Department of Public Works.

Environmental group Heal the Bay has led the legislative fight to enact bag bans throughout L.A. County and at the state level as part of its ongoing efforts to tackle plastic pollution in California seas and neighborhoods.

“Today’s ruling sends a strong message to plastic polluters that last-ditch legal attempts to thwart environmental progress won’t work,” said Kirsten James, Heal the Bay’s director of water quality. “The plastics industry knows the writing is on the wall.”

The decision will provide breathing room for the dozens of cities statewide considering similar ordinances, many of which have been threatened with legal action by bag manufacturers. In the next few weeks, the city of Los Angeles will consider a bag ban, which may include provisions similar to the county’s ordinance.

“An appeal is expected, but this is a great first test case for Prop 26,” said Jennie Romer, a lawyer and founder of plasticbaglaws.org. “It’s encouraging for California cities moving forward with second generation plastic bag ordinances.”

California municipalities spend nearly \$25 million each year just to collect and dispose of plastic bag waste. Less than 5% of plastic grocery bags are recycled each year statewide, so the remainder clogs precious landfill, litters public spaces and harms animal life when the bags infiltrate waterways.

Nearly four dozen municipalities statewide have enacted single-use shopping bag ordinances, including San Jose, Long Beach, Santa Monica and Palo Alto.

Heal the Bay is sponsoring statewide legislation with Assemblymember Julia Brownley that would ban plastic bags throughout the state of California. The measure is expected to be considered by the state legislature this summer.

About Heal the Bay
Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use research, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

PET OF THE WEEK: Dreamer: Animal ID #A4388394

Meet a distinguished and reserved older gentleman, Dreamer (A4388394). Dreamer is a very sweet eight-year-old tricolor neutered male Welsh Corgi/Chihuahua mix that was transferred to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center from the Downey shelter on March 6th. Weighing sixteen pounds, he walks okay on the leash, knows some basic commands, and is likely housebroken. Dreamer seems to have spent his former years in a home, and he deserves to live out the rest of his golden years in a loving place. Young at heart, Dreamer is fine with other dogs his size and warms up to people quickly. Dreamer will be the ideal pet for anyone in any living situation, and we think he would do especially well with a senior. To watch a video of Dreamer please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6lobbl6-6Y



To meet Dreamer 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 Dreamer, please reference his animal ID number: A4388394. 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 Dreamer 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/>.

OCCUPY LIVES ON!

League of Women Voters Pasadena Forum Thursday, April 5, 2012


Mario Brito, a leader of Occupy LA, will talk about what’s next on the Occupy front at a noon-time forum at Lunch with the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area, Thursday, April 5, at the Women’s City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

Born in East Los Angeles, Brito at 15 began organizing English classes and civic participation to address the injustices his immigrant neighbors faced. At 17 he joined César Chávez and the United Farm Workers. He went on to become the youngest director of organizing for the construction union, Laborer’s International Union of North America. Today he is working with a broad base of unions, churches and immigrant rights groups to address the inequities between the richest 1% of the population and the rest of the population, particularly those on the bottom rung.

Registration for the event is 11:15 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the program at noon. Lunch is \$20, including tax, tip and parking. Lunch reservations and information are available by calling 626-798-0965. Walk-ins for the free program are welcome.

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CHRISTOPHER NYERGES SPEAKS..... DEALING WITH 2012 FEARS



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.]

When I was in Guatemala last winter, one of our impromptu teachers was a man who operated a jade store and Mayan museum. He explained the creation myth to us from the Popul Vuh, and then began to speak about the Long Count of the Mayan calendar.

“But it seems like a lot of people really want the world to end!” he said, as we all laughed. He went on to explain – as my group heard over and over – that there are no predictions from the Mayans about the “end of the world” or doom and gloom. Some poor journalists must have thought they heard “end of the world” when it was only “the end of one calendar cycle.”

“Yes, anything could happen,” he continues, “but it’s good to stick to facts. The Maya don’t say anything about the end of the world. In fact, they have dates listed for several thousand years from now. If they thought the world was coming to an end, why did they use those dates?”

Our main teacher, Miguel Angel Vergara, speaks after the laughter dies down. The December 21, 2012 date completes the 13th Baktun of the Long Count calendar, a 5,125 year long period of time. To the Maya, 13 was the number of completion, transformation, spiritual advancement. So why do so many think of it as a “bad luck” number, Vergara asks us. He offers an answer. Perhaps it is because we know that spiritual transformation is hard work, and it means leaving behind our bad habits and vices. Perhaps they do not want to evolve, he said. To those people, 13 is thought of as “unlucky” because they do not want to give up all the things that hold back their evolution.

Vergara then asked us to list our fears about the 2012 date – either our own fears or fears that we have heard others voice.

The list was predictable, and he wrote them on his white board.

The Unknown.

Death.

Suffering and pain.

Family.

Losing things.

Vergara then addressed these “fears” one by one.

Yes, the unknown is a mystery, he told us. He paused, and then emphasized to us that the past is the past, and is over. The future is the unknown. It is only the present that is our real gift. There fore, we need to simply focus on the present, and not let our minds run away in the past or the future.

Death. Yes, we will all die. We will. And so? Accept it, and then live your life fully.

Suffering and pain. Again, Vergara said, yes, life is full of suffering and pain. That’s life. It has nothing to do with 2012.

Concern for our families. Vergara smiled and said, “They will survive without us.” He acknowledged that everyone is concerned about their families and this is natural. But we need not have an imbalanced worry about whether or not someone else might or might not survive a situation. Just carry on with living your life.

Lastly, he addressed the notion of losing things. We will lose things,

he said. That’s life. Whether in catastrophe or in ordinary life, we lose things.

Vergara paused and said loudly, “Think! You all of us have ALL that you need. You have cars, money, homes, and you still suffer. What are you fearing? You are all like millionaires [sometimes he would say billionaires] compared to most of the people in the rest of the world.

“We buy what we need at the supermarket,” Vergara told us. “We have lost our inner warrior. We are weak and we are comfortable. We don’t want to fight.

“We need to change our thinking and become fighters again. Nothing is ever for sure.

“When I used to visit a friend, we’d go outside and pick oranges outside from the tree. Today, the children are busy texting and they don’t even want to go into the kitchen.”

So what should we do, asked Vergara. What is the best formula to recover this part of ourselves?

He offered many solutions. He described ceremonies that we could perform to reconnect with the earth, and our divinity. He said Love, Real Love, is a part of our solution. Vergara added that “Ninety-nine percent of the time we fail to solve our problems because we don’t knock on the door of divinity. We think that our ego will solve our problems. We know all the things of the outside world, but we don’t know our Self. Are first task is to Know Thy Self.”

He emphasized the need to avoid fear, and go forward with our purpose in life. He explained that most people in the poorer and lesser-developed parts of the world are not worried about “the end of the world” or various 2012 predictions. Why? They are working hard, every day, for basic survival.

“All these 2012 fears,” said Vergara, “are phantoms created by the media. Don’t be driven by fear. Always keep in mind that the main purpose of life is Self-Realization.”

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LOST IN TRANSLATION: BALLOT ERROR

Every Arcadia City Council election ballot mailed to thousands of voters this week contains erroneous instructions to vote for up to three candidates.

There are only two Council seats up for election. The erroneous instructions are limited to the Chinese language translation on the sample and actual ballots.

There are five candidates, two of whom are Chinese-American.

City officials were scrambling this week to hastily prepare postcards advising of the error in the same multiple languages as on the ballot and send them to every single voter in Arcadia. Any such mailing to voters cannot target specific voters or be limited to a single language, according to election law.

Translations for the ballots and other city documents are contracted out to a company that provides such translation services for cities nationwide. The election ballot two years ago correctly noted that there were three Council seats available.

An announcement of the issue was made at the fourth and final candidates forum tonight (Friday, March 16), with attendees being advised that they must vote for no more than two candidates. In a potentially fortunate coincidence, this forum was co-sponsored by the Arcadia Chinese Association and was expected to draw several hundred attendees, a large percentage Chinese. But there were only about 50 people in attendance at the Community Center, a large number of whom were Caucasian.

This is the first City Council election to be conducted without polling precincts, but rather by mail only. Voters have less than a month to return their ballots, which must be received no later than April 10 (received, not simply postmarked by April 10). That means that voters who may have received their ballots in the mail as early as Tuesday or Wednesday, could have immediately filled them out and put them back in the mail the same day. The City was alerted to the error on Thursday.

Deputy Chief City Clerk Lisa Mussenden told ArcadiasBest.com Friday that any voter who may have already submitted their ballot marked with three candidate choices should contact City Hall to alert them of the faulty ballot. That ballot will be tagged invalid and a new ballot will be provided to the voter. The phone number at Mussenden's office is 574-5410, or voters may report

their concern in person at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 240 West Huntington Drive.

Even voters who vote for the proper number of one or two candidates have the option of dropping off their ballots at the City Clerk's office in person rather than putting them in the mail. The City Clerk's Office drop-off center will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On alternate Fridays the hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (City Hall offices will be closed March 23 and April 6.) Hours on Election Day, Tuesday, April 10, will be 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Many who learned about the error expressed concern that no matter what the City does to try to minimize the impact of the error, the validity of the entire election could potentially be challenged.

This is not the only language issue in the campaign so far. The ACA's partner in tonight's forum was the American Association of University Women of Arcadia. For the past week, at least one member of the AAUW has been expressing concern to candidates, city officials, and others in the community that a press release issued by the ACA regarding the forum was encouraging residents to vote only for the two Chinese candidates. The AAUW member and others also expressed concern about a Chinese translation to be conducted in real time during the forum off to the side of the room.

The English language version of the press release said nothing of that sort. Several people who saw the original Chinese language version of the press release, which was used as a basis for stories in Chinese media, said there was nothing recommending any specific vote. No one asked by ArcadiasBest.com had been able to ascertain a copy of the press release reported to have advocated voting for only two Chinese candidates. It's believed that whomever saw that release may have been looking at a faulty English translation.

The ACA, whose mission is to integrate and unite Chinese and American cultures in Arcadia, and which donates tens of thousands of dollars to Arcadia institutions each year, such as the Arcadia Public Library and schools, has gone out of its way at every step to avoid even a perception of any favoritism.

Both of these incidents are very unfortunate for all involved, and show that, for all our progress, negative perceptions and suspicions of people of different cultures still linger just below the surface with many residents, and Arcadia still has a long ways to go in being careful to guard against any ill feelings sparked solely by a lack of sufficient attention to communications.

– By Scott Hettrick

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR BALLOTS, ARCADIANs



By Joan Schmidt

The April 10th Arcadia City Council election will be the first time **all** the voters **DON'T** go to the polls! On March 12, the ballots were sent to all registered voters who have the option of mailing them in or dropping them off at the City Clerk's office at Arcadia City Hall, 240 Huntington Drive Arcadia.

This election has two open positions on the Arcadia City Council, and there are five candidates, incumbent Mayor Gary Kovacic, Mary Dougherty, former AUDS School Board Member and Santa Anita Oaks Homeowners' Association President, local real estate developer, Henry Nunez, retired businessman and 3-time City Council candidate Sho Tay, and businessman and former Mayor John Wuo.

The position for the City Clerk is also open. However there is only one candidate, Glen Glasco; there also is Measure A pertaining to a hotel tax.

Because of limited space, I will only provide a brief summary of each candidate. Please go to their websites for more information.

Gary Kovacic, the current Mayor of Arcadia has lived in the City since he was six weeks old, has been a Citizen of the Year and loves Arcadia. He has fourteen years' service on the Arcadia City Council including four terms as Mayor. He served two terms of the Arcadia Planning and chaired the Arcadia Santa Anita Architectural Review Board for seven years. In 2006 he chaired citizen campaign committees for Measure A (Extend Gold Line Bridge over Santa Anita Ave) and Measure I (Improve Arcadia schools) Both passed with over two-thirds of the vote. When Gary joined the City Council in '96, Arcadia faced substantial budget deficits. While in office he helped change how Arcadia does business. His vision includes safe, beautiful neighborhoods, strong police and fire departments, sound fiscal policy, outstanding schools, efficient government, superior senior and youth programs, rigorous code enforcement and volunteerism. On a personal level, Gary is an attorney representing property and business owners in eminent domain, his wife Barb helps senior citizens with daily life issues, their daughter Kelly, California Teacher of the Year 2010, teaches inner-city high school students in San Diego and their son, Casey, is an attorney in Portland, Oregon.

Mary Dougherty has lived in Arcadia for 40 years. Mary earned her BA from the University of Redlands and attended graduate school at Cal State LA. Mary decided to run because she has a strong background in local government. Currently, she is President of the Santa Anita Oaks Homeowners Association, and co-chaired the Architectural Review Board that recently adopted a plan covering architectural standards for all five Homeowners Associations. Mary's an active volunteer, first as President of the Arcadia-Sierra Madre Newcomers Club, then active in PTA's, her sons' Boy Scouts and Soccer Leagues. Mary served on the AUDS Board for sixteen years and was President three times. Mary has continued volunteering through the Assistance League of Arcadia and the Chamber of Commerce. She's the Co-Chairman of the Arcadia Chamber's Government Affairs Forum and is representative to the San Gabriel Economic Partnership Action Committee. Mary credits her experiences in test writing and public personnel for providing a base of knowledge that allows her to ask wide-range questions. She feels asking questions is one of the most important attributes of a City Council member. Mary feels small business development needs to be encouraged and unnecessary regulations and obstacles eliminated; small businesses are the engines of the community. The Santa Anita Racetrack has a huge unused parking lot and Mary believes the city should communicate with track management for ideas to contribute to the mutual benefit of both.

Henry Nunez, a businessman is proud to say he was raised in Arcadia, and attended its great schools. Henry, a Marketing Major, received his Bachelor of Science from SW Oklahoma State University and his Master in Real Estate Development from USC. He grew up with Arcadia's great traditions, strong sense of community and sense of safety and security. His priorities are increasing sources of revenue while adhering to strict fiscal policy. Strong police and fire, public safety, education and Arcadians' outstanding resources are our foundation. His focus is tradition, community and revitalization. Henry feels protecting and supporting our traditions will help to increase involvement and strengthen our sense of community. He believes that revitalizing our business base will provide an opportunity to support our local businesses and spend here in town, and create more public spaces to gather and make our streets pleasurable to walk. Henry has been President of the Arcadia Board of Realtors and Chairman of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.

Sho Tay is a retired businessman who has lived in Arcadia with his wife for 30 years. They raised their children in Arcadia, consider it their home, and would strive to improve the City. He's served on several organizations, Arcadia Historical Museum, Arcadia Chinese Association President, Arcadia Masonic Lodge Master, Boy Scouts Lucky Baldwin District Chair, Chamber of Commerce Director, Arcadia Historical Society and Arboretum Director. Sho feels that as a successful and retired entrepreneur and businessman, he carries the skills and knowledge to serve as an Arcadia City Councilman. He is committed to improving the quality of life for residents, improve transportation for our elderly and physically challenged residents, improve traffic around schools and advocates a balanced budget to promote sensible growth and preserve longstanding businesses.

John Wuo has eight years' experience on the Arcadia City Council, twice as Mayor. He feels that the City is in good shape and wants the trend to continue. John feels a candidate stands out when he/she understands tradition. What makes Arcadia so great? He believes Family, Community, Education, Volunteerism and Quality of life. A good council member understands these values and focuses on these traditions. A good council member should be a good listener. When John makes a decision, it will be based on four principals: 1. Is it good for our city? 2. Will it benefit our residents? 3. Will it bring harmony to our community? 4. Is it cost effective. If elected, John Wuo promises to preserve Arcadia's traditions and to continue to improve them. These are Arcadia's values and he won't waver on them. He will always be a good listener to understand problems and try to solve them based on Arcadia's values and traditions.

Don't forget to vote, Arcadians. It's a great privilege we have in this great country.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, March 11th through Saturday, March 20th, the Police Department responded to 926 calls for service of which 115 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 11:

1. Around 12:43 p.m., a resident in the 000 block of East Norman Avenue heard her sliding door open and observed two unknown suspects in her backyard. Upon eye contact with the victim, the suspects ran away and fled in a silver four-door sedan. An area check was conducted but proved negative. The suspects are described as a Black female adult, thin build with short hair, wearing a black jacket and blue pants, and a Black male adult, wearing a blue jacket, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap. The incident was captured on video surveillance.

2. At approximately 7:58 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to two female juveniles in custody for theft. The suspects concealed merchandise inside a used shopping bag and sounded the security alarm when they attempted to exit the store without making payment. The 17-year-old Hispanic female and 15-year-old Hispanic female were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to their mother.

Monday, March 12:

3. At about 10:43 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Huang Ophthalmology Center, 650 West Duarte Road, in reference to a theft. A black male adult suspect concealed sixteen eyeglasses frames in his sweatshirt pockets and fled the store without making payment. No one observed the theft; however, the incident was recorded on video surveillance. The suspect is described as a Black male, in his mid thirties, approximately 6'2", 220 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and blue pants.

4. Shortly after 10:45 a.m., an officer responded to Rite Aid, 39 West Las Tunas Drive, in reference to a fraudulent prescription. An unknown suspect dropped of a suspicious looking prescription for medications valued at approximately \$4000. The pharmacist called the physician listed who explained she never issued the prescription. The pharmacy was directed to call the Arcadia Police Department if the suspect returned.

Tuesday, March 13:

5. At about 8:19 a.m., officers were dispatched to La Cadena Avenue and Arcadia Avenue in regards to three juveniles trespassing and loitering behind a residence. An investigation revealed one subject was in possession of marijuana and lighters. The 17-year-old Asian male was cited and released to his parent.

6. At approximately 8:30 p.m., the driver of a Ferrari was speeding on Third Avenue and failed to stop at the Longden Avenue stop sign as he attempted to make an unsafe right turn. As a result, the subject traveled into the westbound lanes of Longden Avenue and collided with another vehicle. The 32-year-old Asian male was cited and released in the field. No major injuries were reported.

Wednesday, March 14:

7. Around 11:42 a.m., officers responded to the 000 block of Katherine Lane regarding a residential burglary report in progress. Dispatch advised three subjects were seen fleeing a residence in a green two-door convertible Chevrolet Camaro. A Sergeant nearby located and followed the subjects. With the assistance of responding officers, a high risk traffic stop was conducted at Burnell Oaks Lane and Sierra Oaks Drive where the suspects were detained. An investigation revealed the suspects stole numerous items from the residence and also burglarized another home that day. Three 16-year-old Black males and a 17-year-old Black female were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. At approximately 12:30 p.m., officers responded to Prince Jewelers, 411 East Huntington Drive, in reference to a robbery that had just occurred. An international jewelry salesman exited the store carrying a bag of jewelry worth \$500,000. After the victim entered his vehicle, two unknown suspects ran up from behind and smashed out his driver's side window and passenger side windows. The suspects directed the victim to throw out his keys, after which they took the bag of jewelry and fled in a silver or white four-door Chevrolet sedan with tinted windows. The suspects are described as male adults in their twenties or thirties, wearing ski masks, dark colored hooded sweatshirts and gloves. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Thursday, March 15:

9. Shortly after 12:45 p.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Monte Verde Road regarding a suspicious circumstances report. A male subject, claiming to be from the "water department", approached the resident's front door and explained there was a broken water pipe in her neighborhood and was there to check her water quality. The resident provided the subject with a cup of water as he requested and asked for his business card; however, after the subject went to retrieve the business card from his truck, he did not return. The subject is described as a White male, approximately 40-years-old, 5'8" tall, 170 lbs., clean shaven, wearing a white hat, khaki jacket, and blue jeans.

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RECENTLY PROMOTED FIREFIGHTERS ARE INTRODUCED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND MAYOR LUTZ PROCLAIMS MARCH 12TH AS GIRL SCOUT DAY

By Joan Schmidt

At the March 6th Monrovia City Council Meeting, the four recently promoted Monrovia Firefighters were introduced to the public.

All members of the City Council were present and the Invocation was by Pastor Terence Brown, who also is a Police Chaplain and he attended in full uniform. After his Invocation, the Girl Scouts of Troop16-1 of the Monrovia- Duarte Girl Scout Council posted colors.



Fire Chief Christopher Donovan came to the podium and introduced each firefighter and spoke of their careers and experience to date. Division Chief Ryan Phillips oversees Division A. He brings 18 years' experience to the Department and is a great addition. His ability to manage emergency operations is exceptional. By 2PM on his first shift as Division Chief, Phillips' crew had already responded to four emergency incidents and established incident command at both a vegetarian and structure fire. He will oversee the Department's Administration and Disaster Preparedness operations.

Captain Jeremy Sanchez has 9 years' experience, 5 of those as an engineer. He has natural leadership abilities in addition to exceptional operations and administrative skills. Captain Sanchez was the top performer in the "Captain Exam", and is in charge of apparatus, which includes being responsible for studying future needs for repairs and replacement of the department's fleet and maintaining the department's overall operation readiness.

Engineer Dave Phillips has 5 years' experience, has been instrumental in the brush abatement program as well as many other programs involving training and development including the successful Community Emergency Response (CERT) Program.

Engineer Harvey Hewitt has 4 years' experience with Monrovia Fire Department. Previously he was with the Monterey Park Fire Department 7 years. He is an exceptional paramedic. He will continue to evaluate requirements and training mandates for the department's cadet program.

After the Fire Fighters were honored, Mayor Lutz called the Girl Scouts up front and proclaimed March 12th as Girl Scout Day. The Scouts are such a great organization-I think all the ladies at the meeting including the proprietor of *Doll Makers* and I have many happy memories. Our troop in New Jersey went on annual Weekend Camping Trips at Camp Hoover and Camp Blue Henry Heron in the Watchung Mountains. The bus rides there were awesome-I never could understand how the leaders tolerated the noise-but we sang and had a blast. We learned skills, helped others, and did community service. The Scouts are a wonderful experience. Thank you, Juliet Lowe, 1912!

It was a pleasure to attend the meeting, meet the Firefighters and see our Girl Scouts. All the local cities have the Meeting Agendas available on line early in the day. I cover three cities and cannot be in two or three places at once. However, by viewing the agendas, it makes it easier to choose which to attend that night. Those with cable service can also view meetings, but not everyone has cable so "Thank you" to Monrovia, Arcadia and Duarte for posting your agendas and alerting the public of meetings that introduce special community members or honor special residents!

SIERRA FIAT OF DUARTE OPENS BRINGING NEW JOBS AND SALES TAX TO CITY

DUARTE, CA, March 22, 2012

- The brand new Sierra Fiat of Duarte on the City's 210 freeway corridor auto row celebrates its grand opening today (Thursday, March 22) with a Duarte, Monrovia, and Arcadia tri-Chamber ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 12 noon. The event will kick off weekend-long grand opening festivities to welcome the public offering food, refreshments and entertainment Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The new Duarte Fiat Studio is located at 1125 Central Ave.



General Manager David Di Giuseppe, a 30-year career veteran with Sierra Autocars, was most recently vice president of customer relations for Sierra Autocars Lincoln-Mercury in Monrovia. He leads an initial sales and service team of 12 to 15 employees including sales manager David Handley.

The Duarte Fiat Studio is stocked with all three models of the Fiat 500 series - the Pop, Sport, and Lounge - in a variety of colors and feature packages. Prices range from \$16,000 for the basic Pop to \$23,000 for the Lounge. Di Giuseppe said he expects to receive his first shipment of Fiat's latest addition to the 500 series, the Abarth within four to six weeks. The Italian designed Fiat 500s have a multi-international pedigree with an award-winning engine built in the United States, transmission built in Japan, and manufactured in Mexico. The 2.1 acre site will undergo a \$750,000 façade renovation and upgraded freeway signage within the first 18 months. Fiat Studio has planned two-phases to the remodel. The first phase, now completed, includes an interior remodel of the showroom, restrooms, and offices and exterior painting of the building. The showroom features a state-of-the-art computer counter display and big screen electronically updated with the latest on Fiat developments. Customers can relax and enjoy refreshments in the Fiat Studio's mini café. The second phase of the remodel, to coincide with the introduction of the Alfa Romeo brand in about one year, will include a complete exterior façade renovation. #

DUARTE KIWANIS CLUB, DUARTE ROTARY CLUB AND MONROVIA QUOTA PARTNER TO SEND AMBULANCE TO EL SALVADOR



The Duarte Kiwanis Club welcomed members of the Duarte Rotary Club and Monrovia QUOTA Club to their lunch meeting on March 20th. The Clubs gathered together (along with members of the Monrovia and La Puente Kiwanis Clubs, members of the Duarte High Key Club, members of the Northview Middle School Builders Club and other members of the community) to share in the celebration of receiving the donation of an ambulance. Duarte City Council Member, Margaret Finlay (and Rotarian) along with Duarte School Board President, Reyna Diaz (Kiwanian and QUOTA Club Member) have been instrumental in receiving donations of "outdated" ambulances and having them delivered to various counties in Central America. This will be the fourth ambulance sent - this one to a community in El Salvador. The local clubs are partnering with Salvadoran Committee El Piche to get the ambulance delivered to El Salvador. El Piche is comprised of businessmen of the Salvadorian community that provide assistance to underprivileged communities in Central and South America.

Duarte Kiwanis President, Tina Carey, presented Duarte Rotary President, Brian Villalobos, and Monrovia QUOTA Club President, Linda Proctor with Kiwanis Pins for the "Drive for Five" supporting the Pediatric Trauma Programs in five Children's Hospitals throughout the California, Nevada and Hawaii regions. She also invited Margaret Finlay to co-sign a new young adult book to be donated to the Duarte Public Library as a speaker's gift.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekend of March 15-18, 2012

Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website at www.cityofmonrovia.org and click on the crime mapping link.

Burglary

On March 15 at 7:56 a.m., Police received a call reporting a burglary in the 600 block of West Duarte Road. Suspect(s) entered a locked maintenance room located to the rear of an apartment complex. There was no damage to the door. The suspect took several power tools. Investigation continuing.

Burglary

On March 15 at 8:32 a.m., an officer responded to the 1800 block of South Eighth Avenue regarding a burglary report. The suspect(s) entered a parking structure and broke into a locked storage locker by prying the latch that holds the lock. The suspect took tools from the location. Investigation continuing.

Burglary

On March 15 at 8:35 a.m., Dispatch received a call reporting a burglary in the 500 block of West Duarte Road. The suspect(s) smashed the driver side window on a truck to gain entry and then took tools from inside the cab. The truck was parked in a carport. Investigation continuing.

Theft from a Vehicle

On March 15 at 10:54 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East Huntington. The victim left her vehicle unlocked and went inside the business. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle and took her purse, containing her wallet, keys and license. The purse was left under the passenger seat. Investigation continuing.

Attempt Burglary

On March 15 at 4:58 p.m., an attempt burglary was reported in the 1800 block of South Eighth Avenue. Suspect(s) entered a parking structure and broke into a locked storage locker by prying the latch that holds the lock. The victim does not think anything was taken. Investigation continuing.

Suspicious Subjects / Possession of a Loaded Firearm in Public - Suspect Arrested

On March 15 at 6:03 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Montana regarding 6 to 7 suspicious subjects loitering in a carport area. Police located and detained the subjects. Upon further investigation, one of the subjects was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun; the subject was arrested for possession of a loaded firearm.

Domestic Disturbance / Parolee at Large - Suspect Arrested

On March 16 at 1:58 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of North Myrtle regarding a male and female subject yelling at each other, keeping their neighbors awake. After contacting the two subjects, it was determined they were having a verbal argument only. The male involved in the argument was found to be a parolee at large and he was immediately arrested and taken into custody.

Mental Evaluation

On March 17 at 5:21 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Cypress regarding a male subject who had struck his mother and threatened to kill her. He grabbed a knife and locked himself in a bathroom. Officers attempted to speak to him and get him to come out of the bathroom, but he refused. Officers eventually entered the bathroom and the subject surrendered himself without further incident. He was taken to a hospital, where he was held for mental evaluation.

Curfew Violations - Suspects Arrested

On March 17 at 11:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of South Violet regarding a disturbance coming from a garage. The officer arrived and found several unsupervised juveniles in the garage and evidence of alcohol consumption occurring. The officer arrested five juveniles for curfew violation. They were taken to the Monrovia Police Department, where four of the juveniles were cited and released to their parents. The parents of the fifth juvenile were in Central California and unavailable. East Lake Juvenile Hall was notified and per the probation officer, the fifth juvenile was taken to a detention alternative program. The parents were advised by telephone.

Glendale Police Department Hit & Run Investigation - Outside Assist / Driving Under Influence - Suspect Arrested

On March 18 at 1:11 a.m., Glendale Police Department was conducting a hit and run investigation in their jurisdiction and requested Monrovia Police Department check the registered owner's address. The license plate of the suspect vehicle was registered to a residence in the 300 block of West Walnut. An officer was put in position to watch the residence and observed the suspect vehicle arriving home. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered the driver was intoxicated. The subject was arrested for driving under the influence, and Glendale Police Department was advised of the detention.

Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance / Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance / Weapons Violation - Suspects Arrested

On March 18 at 1:50 a.m., an officer stopped a speeding vehicle in the area of Myrtle and Foothill. The vehicle was occupied by three male adults. Investigation revealed the driver and passengers were under the influence of a controlled substance. During a search of the vehicle, the officer found a 26-inch wooden baton on the floorboard, wedged between the driver's seat and door. The driver admitted ownership of the baton and said it was for his personal protection. The three suspects were arrested for the appropriate charges.

Domestic Violence / Resisting and Delaying a Police Officer / Battery on a Police Officer - Suspect Arrested

On March 18 at 9:17 a.m., officers responded for a second time to a family disturbance at a residence in the 400 block of Hurstview. Upon arrival, they could hear a female yelling. Officers asked for the male subject to open the security gate and come outside. The male subject complied. The officer then asked the female to come outside. As she was exiting the home, she tried to hit and kick at the male subject. As the officers were attempting to detain her, the female subject began to struggle and bit one of the officers. She was arrested and taken into custody.

LA SALLE'S KEVIN CHAN STEPS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

Pasadena, CA –Kevin Chan, a La Salle junior and an accomplished pianist, has been selected as a semi-finalist in the prestigious Music Center Spotlight Awards competition. A panel of judges selected Kevin to be one of the 15 semi-finalists in the classical instrumental music category.

The Music Center Spotlight Awards is one of the nation's most acclaimed performing and visual arts education programs for teens in Southern California. The program offers training in the arts and awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships annually to finalists and semi-finalists.

This year, 1,194 Southern California high school students auditioned in six categories: ballet, non-classical dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical instrumental and jazz instrumental. Fifteen students in each category were named as semi-finalists in each category. In the first round of the competition, Kevin performed two works, Haydn Piano Sonata in E flat major, Hob. XVI/49: Allegro and Liszt Grandes etudes de Paganini, S141 – No. 3 in G sharp minor (La Campanella). He will play the two pieces again in March to a different panel of judges.

To become one of the top 15 classical student musicians in Los Angeles County takes years of hard work and dedication.

Kevin began taking piano lessons when he was 5 years old. His mentors are distinguished teachers, including his current teacher Dr. Grace Xia Zhao of the University of La Verne, with whom he has studied for the past year, and Antoinette Perry of the Thornton School of Music at USC. La Salle students and families have heard him accompanying the school's choir during concerts and playing in the Jazz Band. "Music has always been the way I have been able to express myself" said Kevin. "My favorite classical era is the Romantic era. It's more lush and subjective and expressive."



In addition to taking Honors Physics, AP U.S. History, precalculus, and other courses, Kevin practices piano two hours every day. When competitions are close at hand, he practices for up to four hours daily. "You challenge yourself to get as far as you can, and I just take it on," Kevin said.

Kevin has received multiple awards at the Southwestern Youth Music Festival, Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) branch, and MTAC state solo piano competitions. Most recently in 2011, Kevin won second place in MTAC West Los Angeles Branch Alice Frazier Kitchen Memorial Scholarship competition. Kevin will audition again in late March to determine who will advance as the two performers to vie as finalists in the category. The final competition will be at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in April.

PUSD KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP IS MARCH 27

Registration and Tours for Incoming Kindergarteners Pasadena, CA - Prospective kindergarten students and their families can get many of their questions answered and first day jitters allayed during Kindergarten Roundup 2012, the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) annual registration and welcoming event on Tuesday, March 27. Parents and incoming students can see classrooms, meet teachers, and get a preview of the typical kindergarten day.

"We want to make the first experience with PUSD schools welcoming and positive for new students as well as to give parents an opportunity to connect early with teachers and school staff," said Superintendent Jon R. Gundry, who will participate at an elementary school that day to help welcome new families. "The teachers and staff of PUSD look forward to partnering with parents and families to help all students achieve high levels of academic excellence."

Parents can also learn about the kindergarten curriculum, skills they can practice at home with their children before school starts, and connect with other parents. Schools can share meaningful information and begin sustained communication with families. "The Roundup is the first time that many families will meet and begin to develop a community focused on the education of their children," said Kathy Onoye, Ed.D., the district's Executive Director of Elementary Instruction. "It's the beginning of lifelong friendships for children and their parents."

To be eligible for kindergarten in PUSD, children must turn five years old by November 1, 2012. For the first time, PUSD will be offering transitional kindergarten for children turning five between October 2, 2012 and December 1, 2012. Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate for younger students.

Parents should go to their neighborhood school to register for kindergarten. Families can find their local elementary school at www.pusd.us or by calling (626) 396-3600, ext. 88340. The following documents are required for registration:

- The child's birth certificate or certified copy
- The most recent immunization & vaccination record
- Two proofs of residency in the form of a recent gas, electric or water bill in the parent/guardian's name

Although kindergarten registration continues through August, it is important for children to register early so that schools can plan for the upcoming school year. All families attending the Kindergarten Roundup on March 27 will receive a readiness packet with fun activities for students to prepare for school. Spanish language translation will also be available at many of the school sites.

School Dates & Times (partial listing)

Altadena Elementary	March 27, 9:00 a.m.
Cleveland Elementary	TBD
Field Elementary	School tours typically scheduled on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Franklin Elementary	March 27, 3:30 p.m.
Hamilton Elementary	March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. roundup
longfellow Elementary	May 17, 9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. orientation
Madison Elementary	March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Roosevelt Elementary	March 27, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
San Rafael Elementary	March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sierra Madre Elementary	March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Washington Elementary	March 27, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Willard Elementary	March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
	March 27, 8:30 a.m.

Contact the PUSD Offices for additional information.



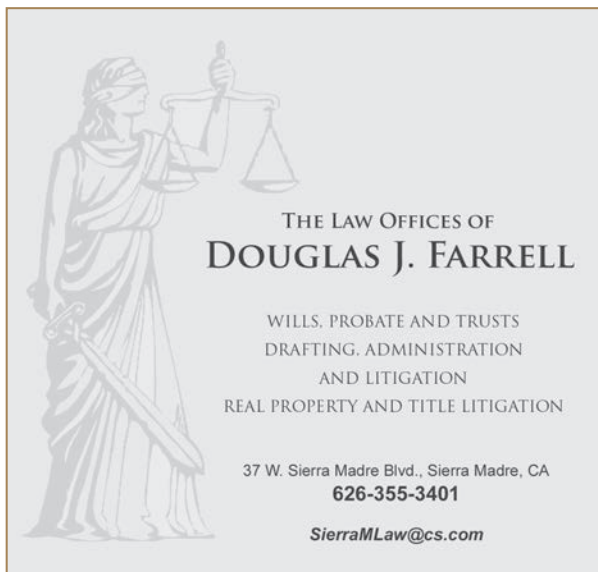
THE GAMES: PART 1

I am going to write my first-ever two-part column this week and next on the widely popular film, *The Hunger Games*. I understand that this movie has plagued the media and that this is probably the last topic that you want to read, but I think that to write about the expectations of the film and the results after viewing is a fun little experiment. The before and after effects.

I read the Hunger Games trilogy this past winter over Christmas break after my friend Colleen practically attacked me in her urge to have me read them. I started off with hesitation, thinking of the books as a children's story. I was completely wrong. I stayed up until three a.m. reading the first book, and like a drug the next day I waited impatiently for opportunities to be by myself and read. I devoured all three books in about a week, reading whenever an opportunity presented itself. These books are not only entertaining and thrilling, but the message that lies beneath is so complex and important to today; the concept of freedom, power, commercialism, and corruption. I never thought that I would say that I read another book that consumed me as much as my beloved Harry Potter, but I have.

The anticipation these past few months has been killing me; a minor echo of the college application process as I waited for the film to come into theatres. Finally, the time has come. On Thursday night I will be sitting in front of the Santa Anita Theatre with some of my friends as we watch the minutes to the midnight showing tick away.

Tick. Tock. tick, tock...



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BURGER IN PARADISE

If you are like me and fell under the spell of those sultry summer nights in Pasadena where a popular dance and dining club ruled the city. You will know the genius of Dennis Castanza, for he was the architect responsible for the energy that emanated from Twin Palms. Long before that grand adventure he worked on an equally charming and eminently known castle, helping to resurrect that old king hailing years earlier by the name The Huntington Sheraton. That was being called when he lent his hand to reconstruction, The Ritz Carlton. With a team of Pasadena's historical preservationists looking over Dennis's shoulder and signing off on his every stroke of the paintbrush, the job of reconstruction on a historical monument was riddled with complications but he was successful in remaking the magic of the building. Following the complexities of revitalizing a western landmark the creation of a hamburger joint seemed as easy as a squirt of mustard.

Daughter Lauren and I headed to Big Daddy's Fire Grill under the cover of darkness. The first thing that caught my eye is that the menu has numerous selections: Dawgs, Grilled Sandwiches, Salads and Hamburgers. I was a little surprised to see a dawg barking on this menu but Pasadena is going into competition mode in the Hot Dog and Burger arena. Can Big Daddy be a contender? Can a man that transformed a great Hotel and partnered with Kevin



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Daddy's is ground fresh daily and I decided to give the "The Daddy Burger" (\$5.95) a spin. It happened so fast, a completely unchallenged knockout. I looked at my fingers and it was gone. I decided I wanted another burger. It wasn't that the burger hadn't filled me up, but my stomach was demanding more. With the smoke of In-N-Out billowing a few paces from Big Daddy's I began to think that two heavyweight fighters were going to be going toe-to-toe for many years to come and this fight was going the distance.



As I ate my second burger and finally slowed myself from my feverish delight, I noticed the strong notes of a freshness burger that simmered in the clear flavors of a backyard BBQ.

Where else in the world would your appetite demand an encore I thought? My daughter Lauren lingered in the sweet refuge of a Lamb Burger (\$8.95) and promised to tell every High School student she knew about her newest discovery. So I returned to get

to the bottom of this burger and sit down with Dennis, he was eager to show me around and to show me how he makes the onion rings fresh daily and uses special pankow bread. Hold on Dennis, I explained, this burger reminds me of one that you'd have in a neighbor's backyard. Dennis rose from his chair as if the Red Sea had parted before him.

"How did you know?" He sat back down and began to tell me the story of his restaurant. Relating to me that his wife and friends weren't sold on the burger idea, and had urging him to do a Mexican Restaurant instead. Dennis clung to his conviction and went out and bought a great quality of meat, a sturdy grill and oak wood to test his belief at a friend's yard sale. After a very happy set of friends tasted his passion Dennis had his first converts. When I returned a few days later my meal to take a picture for this story, Dennis insisted that I try his Filet of Salmon Sandwich (\$8.95), cooked on the same oak wood that perfumes his burgers. I ate with such reckless need that Dennis laughed and thought I hadn't eaten in two days. I was in a war with myself about ordering another. Something about my pants and having to buy new clothes. Prices are set to place people in the seats and compete with any restaurant in Pasadena.

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- 8 ounces shredded Mexican-style cheese blend
- 1 (14 ounce) bag tortilla chips, crushed

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Lay crescent dough flat on the bottom of a square cake pan and bake according to package directions.
3. Meanwhile, brown the ground beef in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add the taco seasoning and stir together well. When dough is done, remove from oven and place meat mixture on top, then layer with sour cream and cheese, and then top off with the crushed nacho chips.
4. Return to oven and bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 10 minutes, or until cheese has melted.



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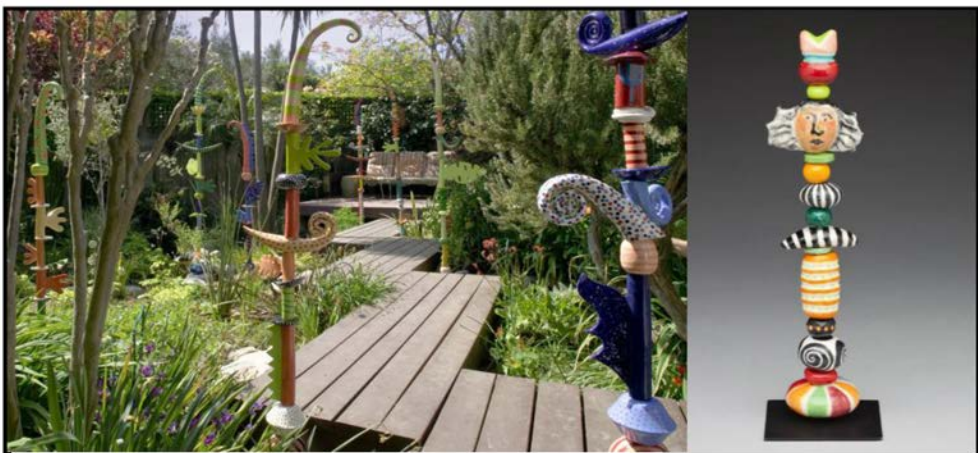
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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review by: Sean Kayden

Jesse Cohen and Eric Emm, the dynamic duo behind Tanlines, have already been on the scene for a couple years. However, it's not until now that the boys from Brooklyn have released their debut LP, "Mixed Emotions." The influences range from pop, indie, dance and even world music. The aptly titled record is exactly what the record feels like—a collection of mixed emotions developed into one of the most vivacious sounding records thus far this year. On the lyrical forefront, it's a fairly conventional outing. Despite the customary lyrics, the real attraction is the band's overall sound and how Emm's sprightly vocals oscillate with each line. The music absolutely brings the listener to a completely new emotional elevation. The bending of genres is both brilliant and utterly alluring. There is something naturally genial about "Mixed Emotions." The songs are constructed in such an effervescent, expressive, and earnest manner. When Tanlines feel like slowing things down a bit, in songs such as, "Abby," "Rain Delay," and "Cactus," the transition from a lively paced sound palette to a more ethereal soundscape is done so smoothly. "Mixed Emotions" was appropriately released on the first day of spring because this is the record to uplift your mood from the grimness of a dead winter to the exuberance of a fresh start as the new season becomes underway.

The first single, "Brothers," is positively addicting. It's as cool as a spring breeze with the synths mimicking the wash of an ocean tide. "Mixed Emotions" starts off indisputably strong, but does it hold that grasp the entire time? Track number two, "All Of Me," is a pure, unadulterated dance-pop tune. You'll shimmy and grove to the infectious beats and high-tempo energy it puts on. Third time is certainly the charm when you get to "Green Grass." It's money and hands down the most fun song off the record. It's absolutely striking with an unusual hint of a Bruce Springsteen covered behind a synthesizer. Tanlines make no fallacious moves nor do they ever appear to be facetious. Their sound is thoroughly distinctive yet you can hear the influences and sense the inspirations that made this record possible. For fans of their earlier work, this full-length album was worth every bit of wait.

I'm not sure if another album this year will be filled with so much raw passion, vitality, and ebullience. It's considerably amazing how everything feels perfectly executed. Tanlines have composed a record with songs that will either have your feet moving to the beats, your mind contemplating whatever troubles you, or your heart finding much needed relief. Even if you don't deeply connect with the lyrics, you'll discover something to become attached with in each and every song. The Brooklyn natives go above and beyond with "Mixed Emotions," making it a truly incredible debut presentation. Given all the superfluous bands that put on a façade in the similar realm of Tanlines, what makes this particular effort inexplicably impressive is how it'll resonate with you well after completion. It's an outstanding achievement on any playing field, not just the one Tanlines are currently participating in.

Key Tracks: "Brothers," "Green Grass," "Abby," "Lost Somewhere," "Cactus"
Grade: 9 out of 10

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use
of the fictitious business name: HARMONY SKIN
CARE, INC. d/b/a: SIERRA MADRE, 91024.
BLVD., ELI SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed
on 12/02/2008, in the county of Los Angeles.
The original file number of 2012035524. The business
was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles on 03/02/2012. The business information in
this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who
knows or has reason to know that the statement is
false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: JEAN
GALBRAITH/OWNER.

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: POLLO LAND, 1999 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., L.A., CA 90015. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/15/2010, in the county of Los Angeles. The business was assigned the number 201203449. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 03/07/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: CHAVEZ LEDYS/OWNER.

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File No. 2012-032979

The following persons are (a) existing business owners of the FICTITIOUS NIGHTMARE, 6475 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY, STE 156, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JH AVIATION & CONSULTING CORP., 6475 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY, STE 156, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. This Business is conducted by: CORPORATION. Signed: JOSHUA MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/28/12. The registrant(s) of this Fictitious Business Name Statement is/are the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Los Angeles County. If this Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed prior to January 1, 2012, the filing of this statement does not of itself authorize its use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or California Law. (Publishers of this Statement are: Names and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 03, 10, 17, 24, 2012)

File No. 2012-033380

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CARE SERVICES, 9637 TOLLY ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JONARH DAVE JUNIO, 9637 TOLLY ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This is (are) JONARH DAVE JUNIO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/29/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to do business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/29/12.

Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed every five years.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am or am not of myself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 3367 of the California Civil Code and California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 99100).

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 GIBETO'S GRILL, 5818 TEMPLE CITY BLVD.,
 TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. Full name of registrant(s)
 is/are: ADRIANA ELMCROFT, 12036 ELMCROFT
 AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is
 conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADRIANA
 RANGEL. This statement was filed with the County
 Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/29/12. The
 registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
 business in this state. This statement was
 submitted above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name
 Statement expires five years from the date it was filed
 in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious
 Business Name Statement must be filed prior to
 that date. The filing of this statement does not
 authorize anyone to act in this state as a Fictitious
 Business Name in violation of one's rights as another
 person under Federal, State, or common law (See
 section 44411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) (Publish:
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File No. 2012-03157/2
 (s) are (s) (are) doing business as:
 DAVIDS POOL SUPPLIES, 14221 LAMBERT RD.,
 WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is
 JOSE DAVID VIDAL, ELIZABETH VIDAL,
 85356 MORRILL AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90606.
 This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL
 PARTNERSHIP OF JOSE DAVID VIDAL AND
 ELIZABETH VIDAL.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk(s)
 of Los Angeles County on 02/27/12. The registrant(s)
 has (have) commenced to transact business under
 the fictitious business name or names listed above on
 02/28/2010. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement
 is not a contract and does not create any legal rights or
 obligations of the County Clerk, A new Fictitious Business
 Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The
 filing of this statement does not of itself authorize
 the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in
 violation of the provisions of the California Civil Code
 or common law. (See Section 14411 et seq. Business
 and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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File No. 2012-003333-3
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PICO RIVERA, 5441 CALICO AVE.,
(s) (ar) ELBA LIMON, 5441 CALICO AVE., PICO
RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted
under the name of PICO RIVERA.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on 02/29/12. The registrant(s)
has (have) commenced to transact business under
the name of PICO RIVERA. This is a Fictitious Business
Statement. This Fictitious Name Statement
expires five years from the date it was filed in the
office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business
Statement must be filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County every five years. The filing of
this statement does not of itself authorize
anyone to use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name
in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State,
or local laws. See: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/bsn>
and Professions Code/Publisher: Mountain Views News
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GAMES, INC., 208 6th ST., #113, SUITE 100, DENVER, CO 80202, (303) 733-4411. Full name of registrant is (are): KAMICO, INC., 705 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., #324, L.A., CA 90046. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KAMBIZ GAMES, FICTITIOUS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk's Office on 09/15/2012. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/15/2009. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it is filed with the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not give itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another person or persons, or in common law (See section 4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Dates View News
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
BRYNHYRNUSTRAUGHAN, 6015%
AVE., L.A., CA 90043 Full name of registrant(s)
is/are GODWIN STRAUGHAN, 6015%
BRYNHYRNUSTRAUGHAN, L.A., CA 90043. This Business
is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed:
GODWIN STRAUGHAN, This statement was filed
with the Secretary of State on 03/01/12. A new
Fictitious Business Name Statement has been filed
on 03/01/12. The date the filing of this statement does not
authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
person or persons. Common Law (Ses) section
4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish-
ing Date Views News
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
NGA PHUONG NGUYEN, 1776 E. CARSON, LONG
 BEACH, CA 90807. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
NGA PHUONG NGUYEN, 8971 HEWITT P
#3, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92844. This Business
 is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NGA
PHUONG NGUYEN. This statement was filed with
 the County Clerk of the County of Orange.
 The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
 business under the fictitious business name or names
 listed above on 02/22/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious
 Name Statement expires five years from the date it
 was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new
 statement must be filed if the business must be filed
 prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not
 constitute an authorization for the use of this statement by
 itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
 Business Name in violation of the rights of another
 under Federal, State, or common law (See section
 3362 of the Civil Code and Professions Code must be filed
 with the State Public News Service.)
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KAIMAUZOH COMPANY, 2646 W. 235th ST. #A, TORRANCE, CA 90505. Full name of registrant(s): CHIKA OKWARA, 2646 W. 235th ST. #A, TORRANCE, CA 90505. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHIKA OKWARA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/28/12. The registrant(s)

has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 03, 10, 17, 24, 2012

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 Full name of the business: AREMEDI, S.A. C.A. 00032-
 Full name of registrant(s) is (are): AREMEDI SANCHEZ,
 00031 EDNA ST., L.A., CA 90032. This Business is
 conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AREMEDI
 County Clerk. This Business is located in the
 County of Los Angeles County on 02/27/12.
 The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
 business under the fictitious business name or names
 of: AREMEDI SANCHEZ, S.A. C.A. 00032. This Business
 Statement expires five years from the date it was filed
 in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious
 Business Name Statement must be filed prior to
 that date. The filing of this Statement does not
 constitute an admission that this Business is in violation of the rights of another
 under Federal, State, or common law. (See Section
 17900 of the Business and Professions Code.) Publish:
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business under the name of: TRURO AV., ANGLEWOOD, CA 90304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EREK LUEVANO, 10509 S. TRURO AV., ANGLEWOOD, CA 90304. This Business is conducted under the name of: TRURO AV. This Business Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/01/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the name of: TRURO AV. This Business Statement is on N/A NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Statement must be filed to keep this statement in good standing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). News-View News-View News-View Dates Pub: March 03, 10, 17, 24, 2012

File No. 2012-032947

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JOSHUA SIMON, 12000 W. FULL BLVD., L.A., CA 90064, Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSHUA SIMON, 12000 W. FULL BLVD., L.A., CA 90064.
This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL,
JOSHUA SIMON, 12000 W. FULL BLVD., L.A., CA 90064,
with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on
02/28/2012. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to
transact business under the fictitious business name or
names of JOSHUA SIMON, 12000 W. FULL BLVD., L.A.,
Name Statement expires five years from the date it
was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new
Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed
for the continuing use of the name of JOSHUA SIMON,
of itself authorize the use of this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
under Federal, State, or common law (See section
17900 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish:
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File No. 2012-033229
The following person(s) is (are) doing business
as FICTITIOUS BUSINESS CENTER 10505 VALLEY
BLVD, STE 316, MONTEBELLO CA 91731. The
owner(s) of registrant(s) is (are) MARGARITA RAMIREZ,
2027 MAGNOLIA ST. EL MONTE, CA 91732,
SACALIA OLIVEROS, 12237 CYCLOPS ST,
SANTA ANITA, CA 91766. This Business is
located at: 1825 ST. CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is
created by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed:
MARGARITA RAMIREZ. This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on
01/11/2012. The registrant(s) have been deemed to
transact business under this fictitious business name.
The names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious
Name Statement expires five years from the date it
was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new
Statement must be filed if the business is to be filed
prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not
authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
under Federal, State, or common law (See section
6902.1 of the California Civil Code and Professions Code). Publish:
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File No. 2012-03131666
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RD
00640, 10000 W. JACK WALK, MONTEBELLO, CA
90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AMY LEE,
7066 W. CHATEAU AVE., ANAHEIM, CA 92804.
This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL,
AMY LEE LEE. This Business Statement was filed with the
County Clerk, Los Angeles County on 02/27/12.
The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or names
listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name
Statement is not required to be filed if the Business is
located in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious
Business Name Statement must be filed prior to
that date. The filing of this statement does not
constitute an admission that the Business is in violation of
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
under Federal, State, or common law. (See section
4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish:
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File No. 2021-0323236
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SKY NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, 3517
TWEEDY BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280.
Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SKY NETWORK
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, 3517 TWEEDY BLVD.
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is
conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
The Fictitious Name Statement was filed
on 02/28/21. The registrant(s) is (are) reg-
istered with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County
on 02/28/21. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced
to transact business under the fictitious business name
or names listed above on 02/01/21. NOTICE: This
Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the
date of filing of this statement at the County Clerk's
office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed
prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not
constitute an authorization for the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
person. For more information, please contact the County
Clerk's Office at (818) 471-4411 or visit www.clerkoflosangeles.com.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
No. 2012-033867
I, the undersigned, being the owner or one of the owners of the following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SOCIETY SOCIAL SOCIETY, 1304 W. 2ND ST., L.A., CA 90026.
JOHN POWELL, 1304 W. 2ND ST., L.A., CA 90026.
OWELL, ERICALANE BROWN, 1304 W. 2ND ST., L.A., CA 90026.
GIO, L.A., CA 90026.
MARLON BURRELL, 1304 W. 2ND ST. #466, L.A., CA 90026.
This Business Name Statement was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.
The date of filing of this statement with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County is: 02/29/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced transacting business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/29/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date of filing of this statement with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County. If you are not a New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not authorize me to use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another registered owner of a similar name. California Civil Code Section 4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code(Publisher: State Publications News)
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file No. 2012-034509)
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RICKY BROWN, d/b/a CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
403 S. GENESEE, L.A., CA 90036. Full name
of registrant(s) is (are) RICKY BROWN, 403 S.
GENESEE, L.A., CA 90036. This Business is
conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICKY
BROWN, 403 S. GENESEE, L.A., Los Angeles County,
City of Los Angeles, County on 03/01/14. The
registrant(s) has (have) consented to transact
business under the fictitious business name or names
stated above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name
Statement expires five years from the date it was filed
and must be renewed by filing a new Fictitious
Business Name Statement must be filed prior to
that date. The filing of this statement does not of
itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
person. See California Civil Code Section 4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish:
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file No. 2012-030823)
The following person(s) is (are) doing business with the Fictitious Name FAMILY CHURCH, INC. 1162 GONSALVES PL., CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHERMAL JEFFERSON 1162 GONSALVES PL., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The date the Fictitious Name Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County is 02/24/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/18/2006. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date of filing at the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not in itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another person. See California Civil Code sections 4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publisher: Fountain Views News 10/15/2012
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business in: A.A. 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHNNY WILSON MELGAR, MORELIA E. MELGAR, 4344 PROSPECT AVE., A.A. 90027. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: [Signature] on 02/27/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced a transaction business under the fictitious business name listed above on 09/22/2004. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not in itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another person. See California Civil Code sections 4411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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File No. 12-0350808
 The following information is (are) doing business as:
 WINVIT TRAINING, 950 TERRACE 49, L.A., CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTHUR MORENO JR., 950 TERRACE 49, L.A., CA 90042. MARIO THOMPSON, 4708 TEESDALE AVE., L.A., CA 90042. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ARTHUR MORENO JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/24/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to do business on 12/24/12. The business listed above is listed on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration of the statement or to that date. The filing of this statement does not in itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 17900 et seq., California Civil Code.)
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE MOUNTAIN VIEWS RECORDS 371 N. MOUNTAIN TRAIL AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024.** All name of registrant(s) is (are) **JEAN SUDBRUB 71 N. MOUNTAIN TRAIL AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024.** This Business is conducted under the name of **THE MOUNTAIN VIEWS RECORDS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/12. The registrant(s) **as (have) commenced to transact business under the name of THE MOUNTAIN VIEWS RECORDS in N/A.** NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) is prohibited. Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 03, 10, 17, 24, 2012

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City of Sierra Madre

NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

4-YEAR SEAT:

John P. Capoccia, Retired General Manager
John Harabedian, Attorney
Bill Tice, Retired
MaryAnn MacGillivray, Incumbent
Gene Goss, College Professor

2-YEAR SEAT:

Chris Koerber, Financial Planner
Colin J. Braudrick, Police Sergeant, LAPD

FOR OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

FOR OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER

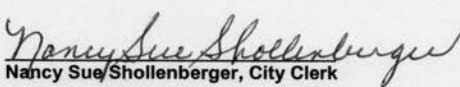
Richard Mays, Accountant

MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON:


12-1 – Utility User's Tax Increase Ordinance: Shall an Ordinance be adopted amending the City's existing Utility Users' Tax to continue the existing 10% tax, subject to a potential increase of 12% on July 1, 2013, in order to maintain general City services such as public safety services, including paramedic programs, and to reflect technological advances in communications, continue existing exemptions to low and very low income households, establish new sunset dates and continue a citizen's oversight committee:
Yes _____ No _____

12-2 – Utility User's Tax Advisory Measure: If Measure 12-1, to continue the existing Utility Users' Tax of 10%, subject to a potential increase to 12% in July 1, 2013, and establishing new sunset dates, is approved by the voters, should the additional revenue generated by that tax be used to fund public safety services, including paramedic programs?
Yes _____ No _____

DATED: March 12, 2012


Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Telephone (626) 355-7135 Fax (626) 355-2251



NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS

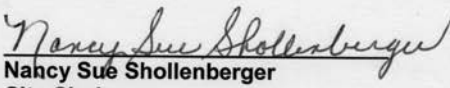
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal election to be held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, April 10, 2012,

1). there shall be three voting precincts.
2). that the polling places for the respective precincts shall be the places designated below and the language(s) other than English in which assistance will be provided.
3). that the persons named have been appointed officers of election for their respective voting precincts, as of 15 days prior to the election.
4). that the persons named actually served as officers of election for their respective voting precincts.

	Last Name	First Name
A. Voting Precinct 6400002A Polling Place Description: Episcopal Church of the Ascension Polling Place Address: 25 E. Laurel Avenue Accessible to Handicapped: Yes Assistance will be provided in languages other than English if necessary	Inspector: Czamanske Clerk: Dostalek Clerk: Swanson Clerk: Thew	David Ivette Janet Melissa
B. Voting Precinct 6400006A Polling Place Description: Sierra Madre Methodist Church, Hartzell Hall Polling Place Address: 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Accessible to Handicapped: Yes Assistance will be provided in languages other than English if necessary	Inspector: Alcorn Clerk: Alcorn Clerk: Miller Clerk: Jerneycic	Pat De Tommy Ann Dorothy
C. Voting Precinct 6400010A Polling Place Description: Sierra Madre Congregational Church Polling Place Address: 160 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Accessible to Handicapped: Yes Assistance will be provided in languages other than English if necessary	Inspector: Fawrup Clerk: Fawrup Clerk: Tobin Clerk: Banis	George Barbara Kathleen Eunice

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

DATED: March 19, 2012


Nancy Sue Shollenberger
City Clerk

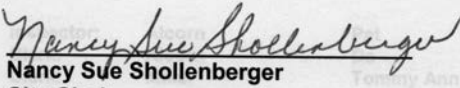
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER BALLOT CANVASSING BOARD

I, NANCY SUE SHOLLENBERGER, CITY CLERK, of the City of Sierra Madre, do appoint the following named individuals to serve as a Canvassing Board, to canvass vote-by-mail ballots for the General Municipal Election to be held on April 10, 2012.

The Canvassing will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, California.

	Last Name	First Name
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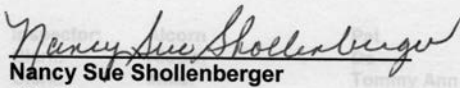
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



MORE OF THE SAME...WAR IS PEACE!

Since he became president, Obama has had three opportunities to work with Congress to reduce military spending, but instead has championed increases that spending each time, despite the fact that this spending represents a clear threat to the economic and political future of our country.

The President has continued as well to try to hide the true cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan by funding them with off-the-books supplemental spending bills, despite the fact that he promised to end this very practice. He has replaced the war in Iraq by escalating a cruel war on Afghanistan in which rising civilian deaths and atrocities have become routine.

He has given the CIA even greater freedom of action than did his predecessor to launch lethal drone strikes against civilian houses in Pakistan on the mere assumption of some connection with Taliban or other organizations, despite the warning from the U.S. Ambassador in late 2009 -- as revealed in a Wikileaks cable -- that such attacks could "destabilize" the Pakistani government.

The President has authorized this despite many reports that civilians, including children, are disproportionately victims, and despite the contention of the United Nations and many U.S. allies that this practice is illegal.

Obama has approved an increase in covert operations by CIA-controlled Afghan troops into Pakistan, and his administration has remained silent while U.S. command in Afghanistan leaked to the New York Times plans for new Special Operations Forces (SOF) raids into Pakistan aimed at Afghan Taliban targets.

The President has expanded the use of SOPs, operating in virtually total secrecy and without any accountability to Congress, in one country after another. SOF troops are presently in some 75 nations -- 15 more than when Obama took office.

The Obama administration has announced plans to form an army of mercenary troops from private military contractors in Iraq which is to have its own air force and its own fleet of mine-resistant military vehicles. The plan includes continued contracts with the company formerly called Blackwater, despite the knowledge that it was guilty of atrocities against civilians in that country, and despite the openly declared opposition of the Iraqi government to such a continued role.

Obama has overseen increased weapons sales to foreign nations, and assisting in those sales has been a major function of the State Department. He has approved increased funding for work on nuclear weapons, even while supporting an arms control treaty. He has established a policy of potential nuclear first strike against Iran and North Korea.

President Obama has sought to allow more Israeli settlements in Palestine territories. He has protected Israel's killing of activists on a humanitarian aid ship, not even protesting at the murder of an unarmed American youth. He has given official U.S. approval for the use of child soldiers by Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, and Yemen. He has backed Indonesian armed forces that assassinated civilian activists in late 2009. He has expanded the U.S. military presence in Columbia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Guam, Italy, and Diego Garcia, as well as overseeing an enormous military base construction project in Afghanistan.

The President has not closed the prison at Guantanamo Bay and continues to maintain a network of detention facilities in Afghanistan through which prisoners are still being subjected to harsh treatment.

He has claimed the right to imprison people, including American citizens, indefinitely without charge or trial, thus further cementing in place the elimination of the rights of prisoners of war and the elimination of the right to habeas corpus for anyone, as well as the rights found in the Fourth through Eighth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The President has also openly claimed the power to order the assassination of Americans abroad.

The President has expanded the use of warrantless spying. Under his leadership, the FBI has infiltrated peace groups and raided the homes of peace activists. It has set up and entrapped in terrorism charges people whose training and motivation came largely or even entirely from the FBI. Perhaps worst of all, he has supported the reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act, which strips away American's civil liberties.

In his novel **1984**, George Orwell wrote: "War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength." Was Orwell's vision of the future right... or is it just me?

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"You can shoot and kill a dog and get arrested and put in jail, but if you kill a kid - and especially a black kid in Florida - you can walk away."
Fox News contributor Rod Wheeler

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether everyone pays their fair share, or freeloaders can continue relying on emergency room visits covered by higher premiums for the rest of us.

Mitt Romney outspends opponents 7-1 for a win in Illinois, and Rick Santorum reveals an obsession with pornography.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) admonishes colleagues to treat voters "like adults", then presents a GOP budget he admits is a political stunt.

Newt Gingrich demands an apology for Robert De Niro's joke at a fundraiser featuring Michelle Obama ("do you really think our country is ready for a white first lady?").

Despite all that's happening in campaigns, the courts and Congress, the focus last week was on a Florida town of 54,000, a 17-year-old who went for an Arizona Ice Tea and bag of Skittles during half-time of the NBA All-Star game, stalking by a bigger guy with a gun, screams for help and gunshots on a 911 call, and a killer who, after a chat with police, "can walk away".

The focus was on questions of racism and profiling, but I focused on the word "PROHIBITED" (printed in all caps) as it appeared in Police Chief Bill Lee's explanations posted on the Sanford, FL website. Under Florida Statute 776.013, police are PROHIBITED from making an arrest unless they can show "probable cause" the shooter did not act in self-defense. If the arrest were made without that probable cause to disbelieve the shooter, the city would be held liable - as also provided for in the statute.

When police came on the scene February 26, the shooter said he acted in self-defense. The only other witness, 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, was dead.

The statute, enacted under Gov. Jeb Bush in 2005, is known as the "stand your ground" law, as it okays deadly force, even when fleeing is an available option. One of its sponsors, former state Sen. Durrell Peadon (R), also supported a law prohibiting refusal to serve a customer for "exercising their right to keep and bear arms", and has garnered an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association. He now says, "They need to prosecute whoever shot the kid".

An author of the legislation, state Rep. Dennis Baxley (R), says, "I don't see why this statute is being challenged in this case", although Police Chief Lee cites it as the reason the killer of Trayvon was allowed to "walk away". The CBS Miami affiliate cites it as the reason behind a 283% rise in "justifiable" homicides since its enactment. The Orlando Sentinel finds, "In case after case during the past six years, Floridians who shot and killed unarmed opponents have not been prosecuted".

Rep. Baxley sponsored legislation removing prohibitions against guns in national forests and state parks, and boasts a "Defender of Freedom" award from the N.R.A. (He's also a former director of the Florida Christian Coalition and proudly "pro-life".)

The Tampa Bay Times took stock five years after the law's enactment:

Two men in a park got into an argument over a skateboarder. One lunged at the other, a gun was pulled from a waistband and the unarmed man was killed in front of his 8-year-old daughter. It's doubtful the case will go to trial.

A 23-year-old got drunk and at 5 AM tried to open the door of the wrong house. Under old laws, the homeowner would've been expected to throw the dead bolt and call 911. Instead, he got a gun, went outside and shot the young man in the chest as he raised his hands in the air. While their son drifted in and out of consciousness, the parents were told no charges would be filed.

A decorated army veteran of five tours of duty was called by his mother, who thought a neighbor was disturbing her property. When the veteran came to check it out, the neighbor, seeing some guy in camouflage wielding what he thought was a pipe, went out and pulled a knife. The neighbor's father came out and fired his .357 Magnum. The veteran, father of two, died in his mother's back yard. The "pipe" turned out to be a 14-inch souvenir baseball bat. No charges were filed.

In those five years, the St. Petersburg Times found 93 cases where the law was a factor, with 65 deaths. In 57 of the cases, no charges were filed or it never went to trial. Of the others, seven resulted in acquittal.

A 2008 Tallahassee gang fight resulted in a 15-year-old shot to death. Charges were dismissed, with the judge citing the "stand your ground" law. "Gangsters are using this law to have gunfights", complained a local state's attorney.

"What in the hell is our state government doing passing a law encouraging our citizens to solve disputes with guns?", asked Arthur Hayhoe of the Florida Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. "This is the right-to-commit-murder law." For then-Gov. Jeb Bush, though, it was "a good, common-sense, anticrime issue."

A former sheriff's deputy shot and killed a homeless man at a Haagen-Dazs shop in front of his two children. No charges were filed; the shooter claimed he was under attack - the homeless man had asked for money "aggressively".

"I don't think they planned for people who would go out and become vigilantes or be like some weird Batman who would go out and kill little kids like Trayvon", says state Sen. Oscar Braynon (D).

I don't think they cared. Those outraged by pornography or De Niro's joke won't be showing any outrage over laws allowing the killer of "a black kid in Florida" to "walk away". After all, that might jeopardize chances for scoring a "Defender of Freedom" award from the N.R.A.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



WHERE WILL THE L.A. MARATHON LEAD US?

So, did you happen to watch the L.A. Marathon this past Sunday, or perhaps even participate? I've seen a few of you participants proudly wearing your medals around your necks while complaining about your broken toenails. Really though, it's a wonderful event going from Dodger Stadium to the Santa Monica Pier and gliding passed so many familiar landmarks. The event is almost unique in that for a few hours it turns regular folk, our neighbors and colleagues, into celebrities doing something unthinkable—running 26 point something miles. It really does make the point that with dedication, training, focus, time and a little craziness any one of us can reach goals that at first seem unattainable.

Regular readers of my articles, I really hope there are some, will now probably be able to guess where I am going with this; but please let me run along at my own pace. Watching the race, it does make one aware that it still matters who you are. Almost all of the elite runners are natives of high altitude locales. In this particular race, both the male and female elite were Africans mainly from the mountains of Kenya and Ethiopia. Other Marathons have been won by participants from Mexico and other high altitude locales. It is true that the places that we pick to be born and our own individual physiology which has adapted over the generations often has quite a bit to say about what abilities we might display.

Running has always seemed that way to me. It just seems that some of us are faster runners than others; but the point is, no matter who we are we can all improve our performance. We might surprise even ourselves, but running a marathon is something that many can do with the capabilities already possessed. All we need do is learn how to use these capabilities in the most effective way.

How do we make these changes? How do we increase our own experience of personal freedom and ability? During the marathon the analysts evaluated the runner's progress through the use of various technical measurements. They didn't just say this or that runner looked tired or this other runner had a new spring in his or her step. Instead there was now available this incredible technology that had been developed for the evaluation of patients suffering from Parkinson's disease. These amazing measuring devices made four different

readings evaluating the runner's individual strides. Numerical values were obtained for the length of the back kick, the time the feet remained on the ground, the length of the forward stride, and something like the thrust forward rather than the thrust into the ground. Running isn't just running anymore. With the help of technology runners, all runners, can be assisted to move more effectively with less effort and greater results.

I now move to the area many of you might have already foreseen. Can this technology now being utilized to evaluate runners be applied to other areas? Can it help us in our relationships? Can it help us get along with one another? Can it help us to form nations united in the effective governance of people so that individuals live healthily, peacefully, and productively? Yes, I want a world where children are not starving, not abused, not suffering from disease. I want adults to have the opportunity to enjoy their brief time between birth and death. I want each of us to learn about our own abilities and interests and to create and achieve our goals and to live meaningful lives.

Sure, different humans from different places have different inherent abilities. Sure some will be better long distance racers than others; but there are lots of other things to do besides being a competitive long distance runner. I recently read a book, The Brave Dragons, about the attempted development of a basketball program in China. The comparative length of bones of all children is measured in an attempt to determine which children will grow tallest and are therefore likely to become the most successful basketball players. Other evaluations are made and children are directed into different sporting areas. I believe the Russians do something similar and attempt to actually force children into different sports training programs.

This coerced direction into sports camps which are almost prisons seems like a total misuse of science and technology to me. It is my hope that the same careful focused evaluations as typified by the machines utilized at the L.A. Marathon can be used to help people to better understand themselves. If all this attention can be directed to the way we run, then certainly it can be directed to the way we live. Perhaps we can learn to live peacefully, learn to maintain relationships, and overcome destructive addictions. Can the marathon lead us to utopia? Probably not; but at least let's try and get it together to start to run in that direction.

RICH Johnson



RADIO FISHBOWL: ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Well, if you've been reading my column for any length of time now and wondered what my voice sounded like...you're in luck. The Barry, Lisa and Rich show have been on the air for 10 scintillating weeks now, soon to be 11.

The show mirrors a lot of the types of trivia and humor I like to convey to an already overly serious world.

I am joined by local Sierra Madreans Lisa Bowman and Barry Schwam. Each hour-long broadcast focuses on a year such as 1973, 1957, 1965 and this upcoming week, 1939. We'll give you the top television shows of the year (in 1939 the TV show pickings were slim so we did the great movies). We'll share significant events of the year, costs of things in that particular year and some of the music that made the year what it was.

HOW DOES ONE LISTEN?

Climb aboard the Internet on your computer and type in www.radiofishbowl.com. You can hear us through your computer on Monday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 am. Keep listening to Radio Fishbowl as James Faulkner programs really good and different types of music. Radio Fishbowl is local Sierra Madre radio and worthy of our support. Stop by their booth in Kersting Court during the Wisteria Festival. You just might see Barry, Lisa and me there. But come anyway and say hi to the twin James; Faulkner and Moran. (Sounds like a law office.)

Ever watch the "Antiques Roadshow"? It's always fun to see people who bring what they find in their attics in the hopes the old family relic is valuable.

A person from Tulsa, Oklahoma brought in (are you ready for this?) 5 Chinese carved rhinoceros horn cups made in the late 1600s or early 1799s. Their value? \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

Other great finds: A woman brought a collection of jade from China to a Raleigh, North Carolina taping. It turned out the jade, brought by her father from China in the 1930s and 1940s was worth \$1.07 million dollars.

A Palm Springs couple received a housewarming present of a painting. The painter, Clyfford Still, had been one of the husband's college professors. The value? \$500,000.

A Tucson, Arizona man brought in an old Navajo blanket he said was given to his ancestors by legendary westerner Kit Carson. The blanket was made in the 1800s and was valued between \$350,000 - \$500,000.

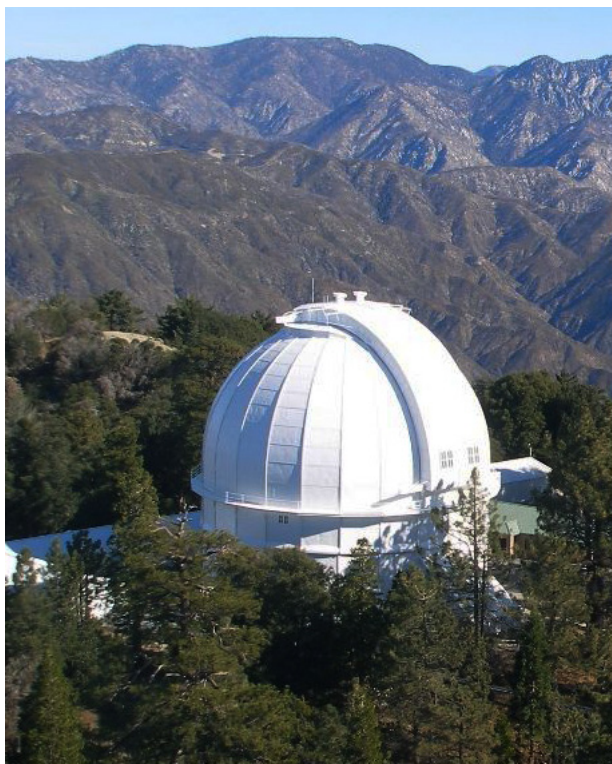
The great, great, great grandfather of a Dallas Texan purchased a painting of Senator Henry Clay from around 1847. The artist? James Henry Beard. The value? \$300,000 - \$500,000. I'd consider him a REALLY GREAT grandfather!

Another Arizonan from Phoenix started collecting original comic strips because her son liked the strip *Peanuts*. Charles Schulz, the creator of the *Peanuts* comic strip would ink a strip, have it copied and often give away the originals. This mother came across one of his originals in the 1990s and paid \$400 - \$500 for the original artwork. Its value today? \$450,000.

I don't know about you but it's time for me to clean out my attic.

Looking Up with Bob Eklund

PROTECTING HUMANITY’S HERITAGE IN SPACE



Free Public Lecture at Altadena Library TODAY, Saturday, March 24...

The public is invited to attend an astronomy lecture TODAY, Saturday, March 24, 2:30 p.m.at the Altadena Public Library. Justin Walsh will speak on “Protecting Humanity’s Heritage in Space: Problems and Solutions.” This lecture is free of charge, and all are welcome. There will be light refreshments beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Throughout the history of humanity, people have understood certain objects to have represented their past, their bonds to larger communities, and their historical achievements. Today, those objects are often categorized as “heritage,” and they receive national and international protections befitting their special status. But the objects humans have sent into space that represent scientific achievement—those left behind at Tranquillity Base in July 1969 by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, for example—do not currently qualify for these protections, no matter how significant they may appear to be. Given the global public’s increasing interest in preserving heritage, it is worth considering what space objects and sites deserve protection, and whether there

are useful existing models for promoting that protection.

Justin Walsh teaches the history of art and archaeology at Chapman University in Orange, California. His other work includes problems related to cultural heritage management and ethics, especially in the emerging field of space archaeology.

The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Avenue (“Christmas Tree Lane”). Exit the 210 freeway at Lake Avenue in Pasadena and go about 2.5 miles north to Mariposa Street in Altadena. Turn left on Mariposa, go to the second stop sign, turn left on Santa Rosa, and turn into the parking lot at the first driveway on your right. The lecture is in the library’s Community Room.

This talk is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory. For more information, including how to become a member of Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory (FOMWO), see the Observatory’s website, www.mtwilson.edu.

Mount Wilson Prepares for Spring and Summer 2012

After its winter closure, the Mount Wilson Observatory area will reopen to public access on Friday, March 30. Public walking tours will begin the same weekend. Group tours are also available. The 60-inch telescope is available to groups for nighttime observing—for details and 60-inch reservation information, visit www.mtwilson.edu/60in.php. For more details on the 60-inch obse4rving program, you may also email Susan McAlister at 60inch@mtwilson.edu.

Important new additions to public programs at Mount Wilson are just ahead. The Observatory is finalizing its timetable for making the famous 100-inch Hooker Telescope available for a public nighttime-observing program similar to that now offered on the 60-inch; and to better serve mountain visitors, the Cosmic Café hours may soon be extended to include Fridays. Keep posted as these and other exciting developments unfold, by watching the Observatory website, www.mtwilson.edu.

This spring and summer promise great beauty and rejuvenation in our forest and at Mount Wilson—come up for a visit!

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



Ask jai.....

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

Q: How do I get motivated to search for a job? I’ve been unemployed for a long time. I did finish High School and I have completed a medical billing program from a private trade school. I have never worked for more than a couple of months in a medical setting yet I would like to get a job doing what I was trained to do. Where do I go? Myra

Dear Myra:
The words money and survival have always been great motivators for me. I am making an assumption you are surviving financially and therefore not in a desperate need for a job ... at least not yet. And I hope you will never be in a desperate situation, either financially or to survive. To say all that ... I am guessing you really want to find work in the field you love and for which you paid for an education. Fortunately for you, the medical and healthcare fields are the key areas to find employment. You did not indicate why you have only worked a few months, and how long you have been unemployed. I would strongly suggest you contact the school where you completed the medical billing program and ask for their assistance in finding a position. Trade schools are constantly contacted by employers searching for people to hire. Go on-line and do some research for jobs in your local area. Type in the browser Medical Biller and Healthcare as a few of your keywords. Contact all the hospitals and medical facilities in your area. Then contact Doctor, Dentist and other medical offices. Don't forget to look for medical billing positions with Insurance companies (that could be another infinite number). Use the telephone to call and make contact with key decision/hiring makers. Send your resume and cover via e-mail. Register with all temporary agencies. I am sure Work-At-Home is possible as long as you have the technical equipment. Your resources and employment (how about the word “potential”) as a Medical Biller should be never-ending. To further encourage and motivate you I have reprinted statistical information from the U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics www.bls.gov :

Current and Projected Employment for Medical Billers:	
2008 Employment	528,800
2018 Employment	609,600
Employment Change (Increase)	80,000
Growth Rate	15%

Employment is expected to grow [faster than average](#) (should this be in blue?). Automated and electronic billing processes have streamlined billing departments, but job growth is expected due to an increasing number of transactions, especially in the rapidly growing healthcare industry.

The following websites should be useful in further assisting you in your job search:
Medical Biller Associations websites: www.ambanet.net, www.pmbausa.com, www.physicians.com, and www.aapc.com . A Medical Biller is a secure profession and obviously an excellent career path and job security.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a jobbut did not know who to ask. ASK jai. Send your questions to: jai@resumeandcareerservices.com or visit website www.resumeandcareerservicesc.com, or call 310-858-85821.



ANIMAL ANTHROPOMORPHISM
Extreme Pet Pampering Gone Nuts!

During a visit with a friend last week, our conversation eventually made its way to the subject of animals (naturally!), and she told me that she’d seen a television program all about how humans are becoming obsessed with the idea of pampering their pets to a point of epic proportions. One of the focal points in the documentary was the fact that more and more humans are now having plastic surgery performed on their dogs, not for health reasons,

but strictly for aesthetics. The most extreme example of canine plastic surgery that they talked about in the program, was that of having fake genitals surgically implanted on a male dog, after the real ones were removed during the neutering process. When she told me this, all I could think was, “Come on, folks, you’ve got to be kidding me!” As if a male dog cares about his physical appearance, particularly in that department. While I am thankful that more people are neutering these days, which shows that they are thinking properly and doing their part to prevent puppy overpopulation, I can’t help wondering what happens to all that logic when they to turn around and add synthetic “danglers” in order to keep up their pup’s appearance! If you have that kind of cash on hand, I suggest giving to an animal rescue organization, or some other worthwhile non-profit animal charity.

Another ridiculous puppy pampering practice that is apparently becoming more common these days, according to the documentary my friend watched on TV, is having a dog’s hair shaved, or even removed by electrolysis, then tattooing the exposed skin. What the heck is that weirdness all about? First of all, it can’t be healthy, because a dog’s hair is there for a reason; to protect his skin ~ hello? And secondly don’t these people have lives of their own? I mean, if your life is so mundane that you feel you must do something that extreme to draw attention to your pet, it’s time to get a hobby, or maybe get some help!

On a lesser extreme level, there are those humans who find it necessary to dress their pets up in human-like clothing, and parade them around town for everyone to ‘ooh’ and ‘awe’ at. While I realize some pets need to be covered for extra warmth or protection from the elements, usually because they are older, small, or simply don’t have much hair, there is a difference between that and dressing a dog in a designer outfit for fashionable flair. I don’t want to step on anyone’s toes with regard to this more common activity, and I do agree that I have seen dogs in little doggie outfits that I thought were irresistibly adorable, however I have never felt comfortable putting clothes on my dog. One time I did put a hat on Tater and took her picture, but I will tell right you now that she most definitely didn’t like it! That was the last time I got any where near “humanizing” (and therefore humiliating) my dog, and it won’t happen again.

In case there is any question about this issue, let’s just clarify; anthropomorphizing the appearance of your pet will never make him or her closer to being human. In fact, if the dog could talk (which I am sure would be the ultimate dream come true for some owners), he or she would probably say something along the lines of, “What makes you think I even want to be human, especially if it means I’d carry out some silly antic such as dressing my pet for a party?”. There are psychologists who have written about the subject of animal anthropomorphism, and the general consensus is that it embarrasses the animal, and it says something not so pretty about the human who makes it their practice. I won’t go into the details, but if you are interested you might want to look it up.

Animal owners have various ways of showing love to their pets, and for the most part it is all good. However, when it comes to making huge efforts to bring an animal’s appearance closer to that of a human being, I think it’s time to draw the line. Give them a break, let them be themselves. How would you like it if your dog put a collar and leash on you and took you out for a walk? Or forced you to eat kibbles out of a bowl on your hands and knees? I imagine you’d feel pretty humiliated. Well, that game is played both ways, so let’s let our pets be who they are, which is way more than enough. Love them, take good care of them and appreciate them for exactly what God made them to be ~ animals!

Finally, a quick side note to address an issue that I was recently asked to include in my column, by a local Sierra Madre resident. Apparently several owners out walking their dogs in town lately, are failing to pick up the poop along the way. As a dog walker, I make it my practice to pick up after my pets, and I carry those little bags of “road apples” all the way home and throw them away in my own trash can. In case anyone out there walking dogs is still unaware, there are laws against leaving canine feces on public property. It’s no different than littering. Both are equally illegal and both are equally disgusting. PLEASE, pick up after your pets and place the poop in your own cans at home! No one wants to be caught off-guard by stepping in a brown, smelly land mine! Thank you so much.

On Line
By PJ Carpenter
BOOK REVIEW: THE SHALLOWS

This week’s subject for book review is “The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains” by Nicholas Carr (June 2010, W.W. Norton and Company, 276 pgs).

In this book the author broadly touches upon the topic of Neuroplasticity or how new experiences literally reshape the physical structures of our brain. In a more direct sense the author details with solid research, anecdotal information, and most importantly, his own personal experiences and perspective how the most important media tool in our modern lives changes not only how we think but quite literally who we are. Never before has a technological invention come to exert such an influence over our being the way the Internet does today. The Internet itself has come to eclipse all other previous forms of media and, as a result of this ingestion process, remade old media in its image. As a result of this state of affairs, slowly and almost imperceptibly, we have become remade ourselves in respect to how we now view and process information. It seems that our collective minds now expect to take in information the way the Internet presents it. Where we once nurtured the capacity for deep reading, we now value quick skimming over deep immersion or, as the author puts it, “Once I was a scuba diver in the sea of words. Now I zip along the surface like a guy on a Jet Ski.” This quote puts into a nutshell the net effect of our new culture of distraction and ever-connectedness.

It’s probably a safe bet to make that this particular bell can’t be un-rung, so the next logical step is to evaluate how these changes affect the way we think and our ability to deal with the world in which we find ourselves. Studies elaborated on in this book show that increased Net usage has the effect of decreasing the quality and

depth of attention due to the rapid-fire nature of the content delivered by the Net. Any desired data delivered to our desktops comes surrounded by other data and the text itself is usually sprinkled with links to other relevant data. All of this extraneous material serves to tempt the users’ attention away from the initial search and unlike footnotes found in traditional print media, these links don’t just point the way to other relevant information, they propel us there. And the effects of the Net don’t just magically stop at the edge of our computer screens, either. Other once-dominant media forms have also been affected by the Net. A cursory glance at any of the network and cable news broadcast will give the user the impression that they, too, are extensions of the web. Heavy graphics, multiple text crawls and the emphasis on story brevity make it all too plain that broadcast news has changed profoundly. Print media hasn’t escaped the transformation, as attested to by the changes instituted by newspapers and magazines to shorten articles and encapsulate news stories in order to cater to the shortened attention span of the audience-at-large. Old Media seems to have little choice than to play by the New Media rules.

All of this net-centric activity is changing the way we think and these changes may very well leave us unable to efficiently cope with the world in which we find ourselves. Regardless of the source of news information consulted, it is plain to see that we are living in an age where the problems we face require solutions that reflect a talent and proclivity for deep, contemplative thought, coupled with the attentive resolve necessary to carry those solutions to a successful conclusion. It is also plain to see that this is not the type of mental activity excessive Internet exposure intends to foster.

KATIE TseThis and That



THE MANLY ART OF KNITTING

I’ve taken up knitting recently. Before you get too impressed, let me explain that this is roughly my third attempt at “taking up knitting.” I can only do one basic stitch, but that’s enough for me! And it’s enough for a very worthwhile cause. My cousin’s girlfriend introduced me to Knit-A-Square (KAS) Care: Aid for AIDS Orphans. The main premise is that you knit squares and send them to South Africa in your choice of vacuum-sealed containers. I will get back to you on that after I’ve completed enough squares. You can also knit little vests, pull-overs, and hats, but the squares are all I’m capable of at this time. The whole thing is a win-win situation! You get the therapeutic benefits of knitting -- much cheaper than therapy, and AIDS patients get warm clothing and blankets. The repetitive movements of knitting are calming and relaxing. In, out, up, down, forward, backward. There’s something reassuring about knowing that the 32 stitches you cast on will be with you all the way until you bind them off. And the yarn and needles (not the kind for illicit purposes) are relatively cheap.

One particular part of the KAS site intrigued me, “Men Knitting.” It mentioned that knitting is believed to have originated with the ancient Mediterranean fishermen’s art of creating nets. The site also noted men’s contributions to the war effort in World War II. British school boys and their male headmasters knit squares to be sewn into blankets and scarves for the troops --a similar idea to KAS.

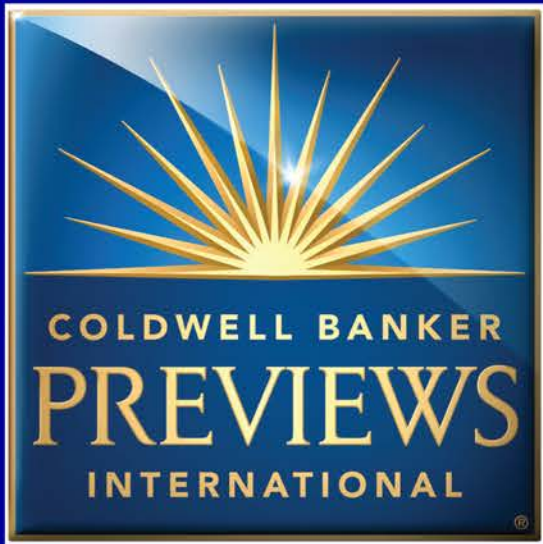
However, even if I didn’t take up knitting, and even if I didn’t look up the KAS site, I’d still be a firm believer in male knitting (and other handwork for that matter). My mother is a retired school teacher, the kind who infused culture and art into academics. She always recalls the boys who took to knitting and weaving. Along with the girls, they would ask their mothers to take them to Joann’s so they could buy needles and yarn. I don’t doubt that many a handmade scarf in Monterey Park is the result of my mom’s creative inspiration.

A fair share of male celebrities are handworkers as well. Jonathan Winters was (and probably is) a frequent shopper at a needlepoint shop in Toluca Lake. And don’t forget about Rosie Greer! I don’t think anyone would dare tease him about crocheting. There’s an attractive photo of a young Russell Crowe wearing aleather jacket, knitting. If captioned, it might be “Rebel without a Circular Needle.” He denies that he knits, but he may be a “closet knitter.” Closet knitters are men who knit, but are not yet secure in their identity as knitters. Many sites mentioned that men are often naturals at the craft, since it necessitates counting and precision -- inherent traits in accountants and engineers. There are undoubtedly many German and Japanese male knitters who have yet to come to the surface. Cal Tech and JPL are probably crawling with them.

So, the next time a significant male in your life goes through a stressful period, don’t suggest that he pay through the nose to a psychiatrist, hypnotist, or other therapist. Point him in the direction of the closest Joann’s or Michael’s. It’s a heck of a lot cheaper, and he might make you a nice sweater in the end.



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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REAL ESTATE YEAR IN REVIEW

The media might have some of us believing that the real estate market is still a complete disaster. However, there is some good news. The San Gabriel Valley fared pretty well in 2011. The most important thing to remember is each neighborhood and each community need to be evaluated independently. If you'd like to receive a Monthly Market Update for your home, simply visit www.FoothillAreaHomes.com or contact me directly.



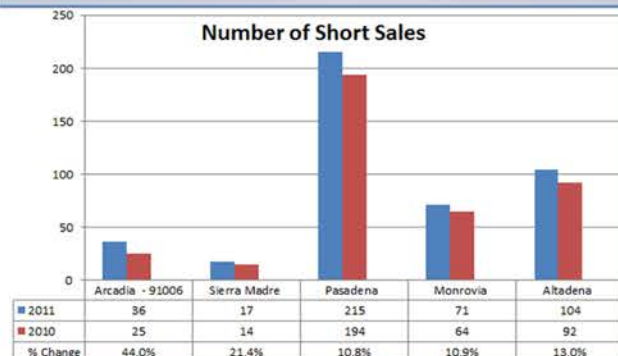
Arcadia (91006) continues to defy general market conditions with number of sales increasing over 5% year-over-year, and the median home price increasing almost 9%. Short sales dramatically increased by 44%.

Pasadena's year-over-year statistics show overall growth in both sales volume and slight growth in median sale price. But this clearly does not reflect the unique nature of each individual community within the greater Pasadena area. The increase in short sales volume was lower than other San Gabriel valley communities.

Sierra Madre experienced a slight decline in volume of sales from 2010 to 2011, with only a small decline in the median sale price of less than 2%. Short sales volume continues to show a small increase.

Altadena experienced strong sales increase of almost 9% from 2010 to 2011. Unfortunately the median sale price didn't see growth, but a significant decline of 14%. This could be due to the slight increase of short sales in the area.

Monrovia is another city where the statistics might not truly represent what's happening within each community. Overall there was a slight decline of less than 4% in both the number of sales and the median sale price. On average, homes took about 2 weeks longer to sell in 2011.



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By Rene Quenell, Founder/Owner
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How does learning to do Hanumanasana (the splits) help me? You may have heard your yoga teacher saying that it is not about the pose. It's about the process of learning the pose.

Well, that's great, but I still cannot do the splits completely and I have been doing this a long time. Why is it that I keep trying? What compels me to keep stretching my poor hamstrings that way? It's patience. Patience and learning to breathe.

When the kids are yelling or I am yelling at them, when the computer locks up, when I am stuck on the freeway or.....THAT is when the real benefits of Hanumanasana come in. Learning to breathe when the going gets tough is what yoga is all about.

It's not about who can do the best split or pushing yourself to pain. It's about what the process teaches you about you. Does the ego come in? Do you resist? Are you driven to keep trying or do you give up? The study of the self (svadyaya) is the first step to changing any behavior. We must understand the behavior first. Then we can look at ourselves with love and patience. So we have a little more patience for our families when they are struggling. So we have a little more patience with our boss who has a deadline, or a little more patience on the freeway and with the «small stuff».

So, next time the teacher goes into a pose that you hate, try a little more breath and a little patience. Think about releasing the hamstring instead of pushing it. Soften into your practice and see how much nicer life can be. Namaste, Rene

Recommended Vaccinations for Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior:

What types of vaccinations are recommended for seniors? I know about flu shots, but what else is recommended and what's covered by Medicare? Cheap Shot Sally



Dear Sally:

Most people think that vaccinations are just for kids, but adults, especially seniors, need their shots too. Here's a breakdown of what vaccines the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for adults age 50 and older, and how they're covered by Medicare.

Influenza (flu): While you already know that seasonal flu shots are recommended to everyone age 50 and older, you may not know that seniors over 65 now have the option of getting a new high-potency flu vaccine instead of a regular flu shot. This vaccine – known as the Fluzone High-Dose – creates a stronger immune response for better protection. All annual flu shots are covered under Medicare Part B.

Pneumococcal: Pneumonia causes more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. Everyone age 65 or older needs to get this one-time vaccination, as well as those under 65 who smoke or have chronic health conditions like asthma, lung and heart disease, diabetes, or a weakened immune system. This vaccination is also covered under Medicare Part B.

Zoster (shingles): Recommended for everyone age 60 and older, shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that affects more than 1 million Americans each year. All Medicare Part D prescription drug plans cover this one-time vaccination, but coverage amounts and reimbursement rules vary depending on where the shot is given. Be sure you check your plan. If you aren't covered you can expect to pay between \$150 and \$250.

Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis): A one-time dose of the Tdap vaccine which covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) is now recommended to all adults. If you've already had a Tdap shot, you should return to getting a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster shot every 10 years. Most private health and Medicare Part D plans cover these vaccinations, but if you have to pay, they cost between \$20 and \$100.

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella): Anyone born during or after 1957 that is unsure about their immunization history should receive the MMR shot. A blood test can tell whether someone has had any of these diseases or has received the MMR vaccine, but a test costs approximately \$100. If you're unsure about your immunity, getting a booster shot is more cost-effective (around \$50 and is usually covered by insurance) and isn't harmful, even if you're already immune.

Hepatitis A: This is a two-dose series of shots recommended to adults age 50 and older that have chronic liver disease, a clotting-factor disorder, have same-sex male partners, illicit injectable drug use, or who have close contact with a hepatitis A-infected individual or who travel to areas with a high incidence of hepatitis A. These shots cost anywhere from \$60 to \$300, but are covered by most health and Medicare prescription drug plans.

Hepatitis B: This three-dose series is recommended to adults 50 and older who are on dialysis, have renal disease or liver disease, are sexually active with more than one partner, have a sexually transmitted disease or HIV. These vaccinations are covered under Medicare Part B.

Meningitis: Adults 55 and younger who have never been vaccinated, have had their spleen removed, have certain blood deficiencies or plan to travel to parts of the world where meningitis is common, should receive the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Adults 56 and older should receive the polysaccharide vaccine. Covered by most health and Medicare Part D plans, this shot will cost around \$100 to \$150 if you have to pay out-of-pocket.

To help you get a handle on which vaccines are appropriate for you, take the CDC "What Vaccines Do You Need?" quiz at www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched. Also, talk to your doctor during your next visit about what vaccinations you should get.

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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MARCH ACTIVITIES

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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:

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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.

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Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm.

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TIM GREGORY, THE BUILDING BIOGRAPHER

Does your historic home have a pedigree? A storied past? Tim Gregory, the Building Biographer can research it and tell you all about it!

One of only a few acknowledged house historians in the country, Gregory faced a bit of a midlife crisis some years back. After twenty years as a librarian in public libraries, he decided he wanted to do something different with his life.

He went back to school and got a second master's degree in history, took a part time job as an archivist at the Pasadena Historical Society (now known as the Pasadena Museum of History). Gregory got quite a few calls from both homeowners as well as Realtors, asking about what was available about area homes in the museum's collections. He already knew the Society had quite a bit of information on local homes, their architecture and histories.

As a founder of the Altadena Heritage group as well as an active member of the Pasadena Heritage group, he decided to try out whether people would pay for the type of research he loved to do about topics near and dear to his heart.

The answer was a resounding yes.

He got to know the ins and out of other places in the county to get the kind of information.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

Like Moths To A Flame!

Have you done your "spring cleaning" yet? If you're selling your home, it's essential to take care of the details, both inside and out. Since buyers first see your property from the street, there are some steps you can take to pique their interest in seeing more.

Obviously, color makes an impact. Emphasize two or three colors in your flowerbeds and shrubs, and coordinate your blooms with the seasons, be it spring or summer. Also make sure your trees and shrubs are properly sized to the house and grounds, and not blocking any of your home's positive features.

Perfectly maintaining your lawn is critical while you're listing, since a well-manicured lawn powerfully symbolizes your pride of ownership and attention to maintenance. You can reduce the time invested in mowing and watering if you can do some simple landscaping with rocks, ornamental grasses and drought-tolerant plants.

The sound of water also turns buyers on. Even if you don't have a pond, you can achieve the same effect by installing a small fountain in the front yard, or even running an electric fountain on your porch or deck.

Finally, there are a couple of architectural flourishes that add interest, such as colorful window boxes, a trellis with flowering vines, or even a pretty new mailbox. Contact your agent for a wealth of other ideas to attract buyers.

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With over 25 years of real estate experience, and over four decades as a Sierra Madre resident, Moran knows almost every inch of the city and the surrounding San Gabriel Valley communities, and has sold some local properties several times over.

A dedicated volunteer, Moran has served on school boards from Sierra Madre Community Nursery, Gooden, Flintridge Prep and Claremont Mc Kenna College. She's also chaired the Sierra Madre Arts Commission, and acted as a Sierra Madre Parks and Recreation Commissioner for twelve years.

The matriarch of a family of educators, Moran raised four children in Sierra Madre, and son, Josh Moran, is now a City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem.



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By Harvey Hyde

A VIEW OF THE PEYTON MANNING SAGA

Maybe you feel you have already read too much about Peyton Manning's journey from the Colts to the Denver Broncos, but you get my opinion anyway.

First, the Colts had little choice in letting him go. What would you have done? Sure, Manning is a shoo-in Hall of Famer and one of the best quarterbacks to ever play the game, but it would have cost the Colts \$28 million in salary and bonuses to keep him. That is a huge chunk of money for any business.

Then there was the question of whether he could play up to his usual level. Although his rehabilitation from neck surgeries is said to be going well, nerve damage is nothing to ignore, especially with a 300 pound lineman coming at you.

A decision had to be made. I think the Colts made the right one.

I'll also say this: If I were Peyton Manning I'm not sure I would want to continue playing. Why take the risk of a permanent injury? How much money is that worth?

Here's something else to consider: How much longer will Manning play? He turns 36 today (Saturday) and has already logged 13 seasons, not counting 2011 when he sat out and earned \$23 million.

As for the Colts, they are now in an enviable situation. They have the NFL's No. 1 draft pick and have a choice of either Stanford's Andrew Luck or Baylor's Robert Griffin III, the Heisman Trophy winner. The Colts can build on their future with either one.

When the Colts said farewell to Manning a little over two weeks ago, he said all the right things during a tearful news conference where his No. 18 jersey was retired. Then the odyssey began.

His first stop was Denver, where he worked out for Bronco Coach John Fox and legendary quarterback John Elway, now the Broncos' vice president of football operations. They saw him again late last week at Duke University in Durham, N.C., where he has been rehabbing from four neck procedures.

He must have made a good impression, since the Bronco deal is for \$96 million over five years. I wonder if he will still be playing in five years.

Manning also made other visits. One stop was Knoxville, Tenn., the home of the University of Tennessee, where he starred as a college player. He worked out for the Tennessee Titans, and that's the team I thought he would have signed with.

He is "the man" in Tennessee. He would have been the hero returning home. He could have had a lifetime contract with the Titans, but he could have done almost anything in Tennessee after his playing days. He could have become the head coach at this alma mater, or the governor of the state.

Then, for a while the San Francisco 49ers were the frontrunners in the Manning Derby. The 49ers have added receivers Randy Moss and Mario Manningham to an already solid receiving corps. Just think about what damage the 49er offense could have done with Manning at QB.

But we'll never know.

Another thing we will never know is if Manning and Tim Tebow could have co-existed on the same team, since Tebow has been traded to the New York Jets.

But Manning's presence alone has already generated plenty of excitement in Bronco Nation, long before the team opens training camp at Dove Valley. Former tight end Shannon Sharpe tweeted my old Long Beach State and Bronco running back Terrell Davis, suggesting the two former Broncos make a comeback. Davis tweeted back: "I got my cleats. I'll meet you at Dove Valley."

Manning will be a coach on the field and I'm sure will run an offense much like the Colts' offense of the past. He did that pretty well. Another of my Long Beach State players, Mike McCoy, is the Bronco offensive coordinator now. I'll enjoy tracking this combination.

Season-ticket holders, get ready for an increase in prices. And start buying your Manning No. 18 jerseys now.

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You have to make sure of two things when you are replacing your longer irons. If you don't buy the hybrids in a set you are going to get different shafts from different companies. Even though you bought a regular shaft from one company that doesn't mean it is going to be the same regular shaft of another company. The second thing you have to be careful of if you don't buy your hybrids in a set is the loft on the clubs.

That is where my problems began early on. I was buying different hybrids and the lofts were too close together.

The following chart will help you understand what you have to purchase for a replacement club:

17 degree hybrid would replace a 2 iron or 5 wood

20 degree hybrid would replace a 3 iron or 7 wood

23 degree hybrid would replace a 4 iron

27 degree hybrid would replace a 5 iron

31 degree hybrid would replace a 6 iron

In closing I have to explain one last thing to you. Not all companies have the same degree of loft. Some companies might make a 24-28-32 degree set of hybrids. The one thing to keep in mind is that you are REPLACING a club in your bag. You don't want two clubs with the same loft.

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SECTION B

The Vine & The Pinney House

Celebrating Sierra Madre's Most Well Known Landmarks

The Vine

Sierra Madre's 118-Year Old Wistaria Vine* By Phyllis Chapman

In 1894, William and Alice Brugman purchased a home on what was then called Piedmont, which is now called W. Carter Ave. The house had been built one year before by builder Amos Trussell for his daughter Winona and son-in-law Edward B. Jones when they married. It was the first wedding celebrated in early Sierra Madre.

The Trussells and the Jones had a change of plans, sold to the Brugmans and moved away. To enhance her new home, Alice Brugman and her neighbor Mrs. W. B. Crisp, drove by horse and buggy to the R. H. Wilson Pioneer Nursery in Monrovia and for \$.75 purchased a gallon can of wistaria. It was the Chinese Wistaria variety (*Wisteria sinensis*). She planted it in a corner of her front porch remarking to her neighbor: "They say Wistaria grows fast." And grow it did.

Mr. Brugman, a mining engineer, was in Mexico when the vine was planted. He died in 1899 and Mrs. Brugman sold the home in 1906. The property changed hands until it was purchased in 1913 by Henry T. and Estelle Fennel. Mr. Fennel, who was a bit of a horticulturist, loved the vine, and gave it devoted care, even building support trellises.

Although the Wistaria is a vigorous grower, the added support of the trellises may have contributed to this vine's phenomenal growth. The arbors prevented the end tendrils from hanging down and causing the tender terminal buds to die from the added weight. Wistaria requires good drainage, certainly provided by this hilly, terraced location. There may also be an underground spring providing water to the tap root.

The vine eventually destroyed the original home, growing into the walls and fireplace and causing the roof to collapse. Mr. Fennel built a new home 200 feet to the north (the present upper home) and trained the vine to grow up to, but not covering the new residence. A portion of the foundation of that original home was saved to continue to provide support for the vine as its branches extended such a distance.

When the vine was in bloom, the Fennels would invite friends to come and enjoy the blossoming plant. Visitors also came from Pasadena's main hotels: The Green, The Huntington, and The Raymond. In 1918, the Fennels (*cont. on page 6*)

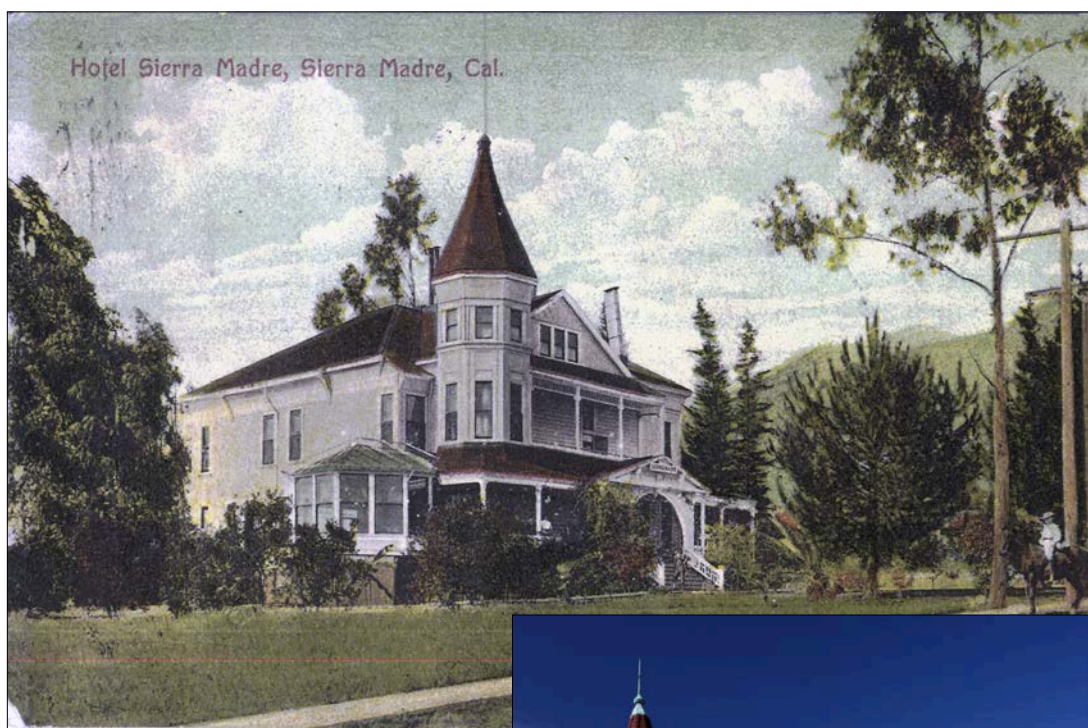


A partial view of the vine at the Solts residence. The vine has grown from a gallon can in 1895 to (estimates) 1.5 million luxuriant lavender blossoms, 250 tons. More than one acre in size, 500 foot branches, 40 blossoms per sq. foot. Growth rate (per various experts) from 24" in 24 hours to 26" in 48 hours

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The Pinney House: Then and Now

In the Beginning.....A Railroad Hotel By Chris Bertrand



In August of 1887, Dr. Elbert Pinney moved his family by covered wagon to the newly established town of Sierra Madre, CA. The 70- year old, retired civil war surgeon, farmer, rancher, merchant and developer purchased 35 acres of land in the 1103 acre, Sierra Madre tract, at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Nathaniel C. Carter had purchased 845 acres of the present city land, including the Pinney House site from "Lucky" Baldwin in 1881, and from other Sierra Madre pioneers, the Richardsons and Macombers. Water rights were critical to assuring development here, and, according to Michele Zak's Sierra Madre history tome, Southern California Story, in an 1883 agreement, "Carter and Baldwin agreed to split the cost of a gravity pipe system," adding to the tunnel pipe system apparently already in place.

It was a time of great change and improvement to transportation and life in Los Angeles County, driving a land boom to near frenzy, especially with two railroad lines vying for the public's attention in founding towns and encouraging land purchases.

Prior to 1885, it took three hours one way to drive from Sierra Madre to Los Angeles, a distance of about 15 miles. In 1885, the Rapid Transit Railroad connected Los Angeles to Lamanda Park (in current East Pasadena) and Monrovia, offering two trains per day, a great improvement to train service available, that was already half way to LA in San Gabriel.

Then: Hotel Sierra Madre (top) and Now: The newly remodeled Pinney house.

In 1886, the Santa Fe Railroad connected to the Rapid Transit R.R., and a full line was available for about sixty miles. The Santa Anita station, coincidentally destined for revitalization soon on the extended Metro Gold Line, offered unsheltered benches until a full station was completed in 1888.

The Pinney House, as it is now known, was built as Hotel Sierra Madre, (*cont. on page 7*)

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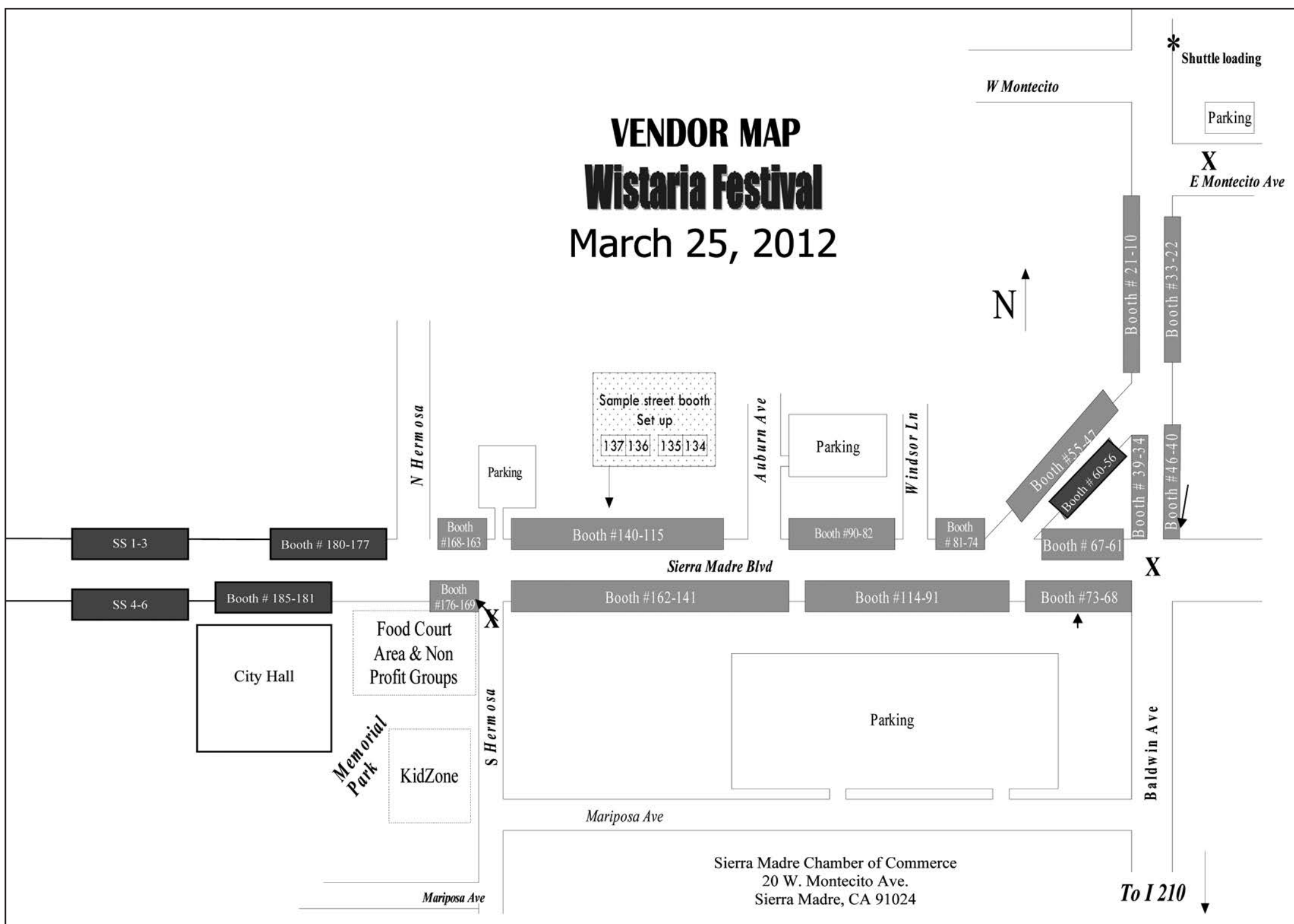
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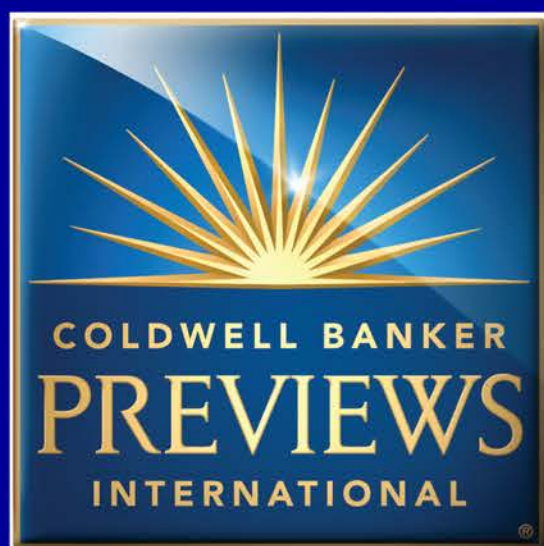
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“This year the Sierra Madre Rotary Club rotaryclubofsierramadre.com is ‘networking’ with Sierra Bistro for Wistaria Festival,” according to Karen Swisher of Sierra Madre Rotary. “Rotary will be setting up our booth in the Sierra Bistro parking lot, offering the traditional Rotary rub-seasoned as well as BBQ trip tip beef on French rolls, plus special Sierra Madre Grocery Company chips and salsa.” Sierra Madre Rotarian Chris Haddow and his musical sidekick Jen will provide live music.

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Carolyn Gravatte : A Woman Whose Passion is Unwavering

Photos and Story By Lina Johnson

Sierra Madre resident artist Carolyn Gravatte was exhibiting at the Sierra Madre Art Faire in 2010 when we met. She lives, works and plays at her Cedarhawke home and studio located in Sierra Madre.

Carolyn and her husband Harry met me when I arrived at their canyon home. They told me enthusiastically about their home which stands tall and natural like an angular tree with many windows. The two of them worked together to build it with their very own hands.

Carolyn actually worked on the roof of the house with the use of a safety harness. It was difficult for me to fathom that this petite artist who handles oil paint brushes so adeptly could also wield a drill, saw, hammer and nails. The couple discovered the land for their home at age sixteen when they were on a date. At that time, they made a commitment to purchase the land in Sierra Madre and build a home there in the future.

Carolyn and Harry were acquainted while attending Pasadena City College which at the time of their attendance was a high school. Since both of their last names began with the letter G, "Gratham" and "Gravatte" were often placed next to each other during school activities. This alphabetical connection turned into a blossoming romance and eventually marriage. Carolyn and Harry married on February 10, 1951 at age of nineteen. Recently they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.



Her relationship with the city of Sierra Madre was sparked in her youth. While she lived in Temple City she would travel to Sierra Madre on the Red Car to attend piano lessons. Carolyn was shy and although she loved to perform she found piano recitals challenging. She told me about her first piano recital. She eagerly anticipated performing but when her turn arrived she could not remember the piece she was to play. Carolyn's love of the piano surpasses her love of painting. She frequently listens to "Boogie Woogie" music while working on her canvases. This type of music imbues the flow of her oil paint to her canvas. Carolyn's paintings, abundant in color with delectable palettes and strokes that dance on canvas are the product of the music and painting combination which display Carolyn's soulfulness in a two dimensional form.

This year Carolyn is the featured artist for the 50th Annual Sierra Made Art Faire. She studied art at Otis Parsons and received early training with master fine artist, Theo Heep of Germany, as well as sculpture instructor Elizabeth Johnson of Monrovia. Carolyn is an accredited teacher of sculpture, drawing and painting. She taught portrait and figurative sculpture classes at the Monrovia Sculpture workshop for fifteen years. She has been an artist for 50 years.

Carolyn's childhood was spent in Kansas. She was a very spirited child who loved to dance and be physically active. Her mother who was staunchly religious discouraged Carolyn's desire to exhibit this type of passion for life. Fortunately, Carolyn was rebellious and was more of her father's daughter. It is this trait that enabled Carolyn to be true to herself and pursue all of her artistic endeavors, passions and the courage to pursue her dreams.



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opened the vine to the Sierra Madre Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sponsored a very successful fundraiser to help the war effort. 12,000 people attended the event. This was the beginning of many Wistaria festivals that took place year after year. Sierra Madre became known as the Wistaria City. Many local organizations, including the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce), the Woman's Club, the Masons and Eastern Star, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. were involved.

Many homemade items, fancy work, ceramics, artwork, gift books, and Wistaria fragrancd perfume, hand lotion and bath salts were sold at booths under the vine. Luncheons and teas were served, often with young Japanese women wearing their kimonos.

The hard work and money earned at the vine by the Woman's Club paid off the mortgage of their first clubhouse. One year the Fire Dept. parked 30,000 cars on the parking lot that existed in Floral Canyon. (This is now Sierra Meadow Dr.). Easter sunrise services were among vine activities. People came from all over the world and extra street cars were added to handle the crowds. Among the famous were Fritz Kreisler, Janet Leigh, Mary Pickford, and Norman Rockwell. These two helped select the festival's Wistaria Queen. Packard Automobile Co. used the vine as a backdrop to advertise its automobile. On December 5, 1936, Carrie Ida Lawless purchases the vine property from Mrs. Fennel, who was now a widow, for \$17,000.00. December 5th was Mrs. Lawless' birthday, and according to one account, she was making a present to herself of the world's largest bouquet. Also a widow, her husband William J (Bill) Lawless was mayor of Sierra Madre during 1928-29. She, herself, was a successful businesswoman having founded the Weaver Jackson Beauty Co. in Los Angeles and was active in the community, serving as president of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Lawless spent a small fortune (around \$100,000) enhancing the grounds of her new property and caring for the vine. When the festivals were held they often lasted for the weeks the vine was in bloom, not just for one day. Mrs. Lawless, a patron of the arts, also sponsored vine activities all year long.

She hosted art exhibits, musicales, and poetry readings. Nearby residents objected to the constant activity and took their complaints to the City Council. Nothing was done as Mrs. Lawless (continued on page B2) **VINE HISTORY** (cont. from B1)

presented the argument that the vine existed before these neighbors purchased their properties.

In recognition for her contributions to the

community, the Garden Club planted another Wistaria in the terraced garden on the west side of what is today the Solt's garden. It blooms a bit later than the original vine and the plaque commemorating the occasion is gone.

When Mrs. Lawless died in 1942, she provided for the vine by leaving a legacy to her nephew and heir, Bruce McGill, to continue care of the property with a committee headed by the Garden Club President. In 1944, the property was purchased by Richard and Marian Thayer. Marian is the daughter of M. Penn Phillips, a well-known developer of desert property. In 1944 the vine was overgrown and in poor condition. Richard Thayer planned to chop it up and get rid of it. A protest was raised and an association was formed to protect the vine, with money provided to pay property taxes and provide year-round care for the vine.

In 1961, after Richard Thayer died, the lot was split. Marian married builder Ronald Cook who developed the west side of the property with homes and built the present Solt home for he and Marian in 1962. The upper home was sold to Joseph and Marie Feeney who raised eight children there. In 1972, Ron and Marian sold the lower home to Bob and Nell Solt. In the late 1990s, Joe Feeney died and Maria sold the property. It was purchased in 2003 by the present owners, Dan and Dana Dorrance.

By the 1970's Vine Festival activity had about ended. It started up again in the late 70's when sponsored for one day each year by the Chamber of Commerce. The Sierra Madre Beautification Committee was the yearly sponsor in the 1980's. Approximately 500-600 people attended the festival each year. In the spring of 1989, Huell Howser came to film the vine for his program Videolog, which aired on KCET. The next year,



Sierra Madre's authority on all things historical, Phyllis Chapman

approximately 6,000 people came to view the vine. The festival organizers were unprepared for such a turnout; lines stretched for two blocks. Howser returned in 1992 to film again for his California Gold program. Sierra Madre and the Chamber of Commerce quickly organized and combined the annual Vine viewing with a downtown street fair. A shuttle bus is provided, and people procure tickets to see the vine at a pre-scheduled time.

The Guinness Book of World Records has named the Vine the World's largest flowering plant. It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per sq. ft., weighs 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. Wistaria is a member of the pea family though its seeds resemble a flat bean. Seed pods burst open in the summer. The plant is deciduous, losing its leaves in the winter. Wistaria seeds were brought from China by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Today, the vine covers approximately one acre. Over the years, it has shown distress and seemed

to be dying. Experts have been brought in from Cal Tech, Occidental, and Cal Poly Pomona. Correct pruning, treatments with hormones, and vitamin B have helped the vine to recover and to flourish. To help maintain the Vine's health, records of vine growth and care are now kept on a computer log. The Vine seems to produce its greatest flowering after a cold winter followed by a sudden hot spell.

What is the correct spelling for wisteria—wisteria or wistaria? In the Sunset Western Garden Book it is spelled wisteria. Sierra Madre has always spelled it wistaria. According to L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden senior biologist Jim Bauml and Librarian Joan De Fato, the plant was named to honor Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), an American physician and teacher, who taught at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, he wrote the first text-book on anatomy. When the name of the genus Wisteria was put into the books, it was incorrectly spelled, says De Fato. So, one could say that all along, Sierra Madre has correctly spelled Wistaria!

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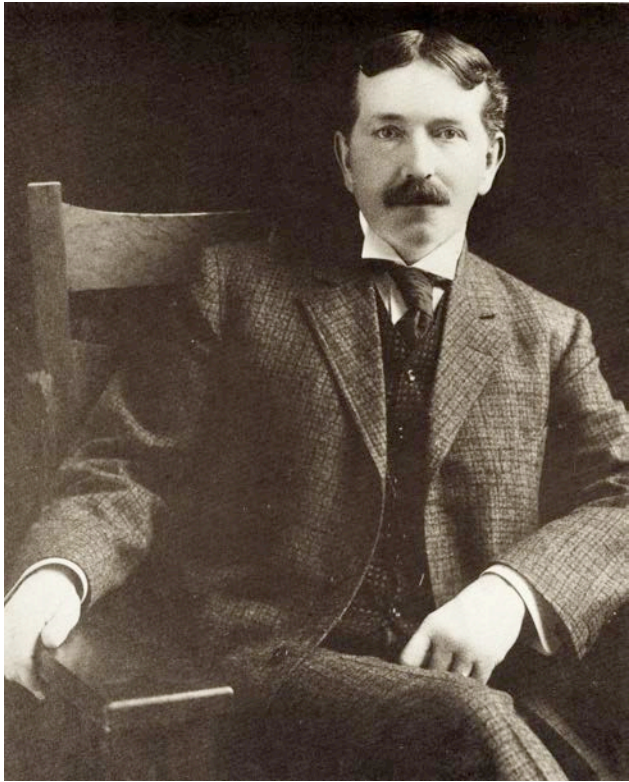
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a 24-room “railroad” hotel in the same year, 1887. Designed by the well known and prolific West coast, Victorian architects, Samuel and Joseph Cather Newsom, the Queen Anne style, Pinney House is one of the last remaining local examples of the railroad hotels.

Designed by Famous Victorian Architects, the Newsom Brothers



Samuel Newsom

Samuel and Joseph Cather Newsom, their brothers and sons are well known for the hundreds of homes they designed, mostly on the West Coast. The best known Newsom work is their Carson Mansion in Eureka, featured in a plethora of Victorian architecture books and publications.

They also published eleven or more home pattern books, mostly to entice potential design clients to engage them to design a custom home. They seemed always to pursue the latest in design and “up to date” features for a market that was increasingly materialistic. One of their books, *Modern Homes of California*, published in 1893 by J. Cather Newsom, illustrates many styles and designs the Newsoms offered to customize for the client, including; of course, the Queen Anne, but also Italianate and English Cottage, and other styles.

A February 5, 2005 article about the Newsom Brothers in the San Francisco Chronicle quoted Samuel Newsom’s 1890 rather flamboyant, yet probably accurate reflections about the strong tie between their “fresh off the train” clientele and their aspirations to ease their way into acceptance and prominence in society. “We have built homes for men who were little known until they were occupying their homes, and then public attention was drawn to them simply because their house was so striking and well carried out.”

In Samuel and Joseph Cather Newsom: *Victorian Architectural Imagery in California, 1878-1908*, the authors comment, “The Newsoms were masters at creating an image for their clients, and were passionate and evangelistic about their belief in progress, both in fact and in symbol... The multiplicity of images used in architecture was the principle visual symbol of this changing, progressive world.”

The Newsoms loved the picturesque interplay of geometry, often playing off the triangle, circle and square to beautiful effect.

David Weinstein’s interviews further indicated that owners of Newsom homes found them eminently “livable.” He said, “They love their houses’ large rooms, broad hallways and staircases, French doors and door- sized casement windows that flood rooms with light and often open onto arched verandas.”

Similar to the L.L. Bradbury Mansion built on Los Angeles’ Bunker Hill in the same year, “the second floor ... bedrooms communicate to a central skylighted hall” according to the Newsom book authors. The result is a daylight brightened interior still greatly appreciated 125 years later.

The Pinney House, a three story, 10,002 square foot, Queen Anne Victorian structure certainly fits that description, filled with natural light, those broad “boulevard” hallways and grand staircase, and of course, the spectacular front porch area. Built without indoor plumbing and with gas lighting, these modern conveniences were later additions to the structure, which originally contained up to twenty four rooms for guests.

After decades of varied use, reconfiguration and even threat of demolition, the current owners bought the Pinney House in 2003, and have spent nearly a decade lovingly restoring and rehabbing what’s known locally as “the Grande Dame of Sierra Madre”.

Today, the floorplan has been sensitively reconfigured into a magnificent estate home with six, one and two bedroom suites, formal rooms with three fireplaces, a library, a screened conservatory, a main level apartment with kitchen bedroom and full bath, plus a self-contained, 2500 square foot quarters for staff, home office or extended family accommodations on the top floor, an English garden and vintage plantings. This floorplan contains a total of 10 bedrooms and 10 1/2 baths.

Railroad Hotels Serve Land Rush Settlers and Those Pursuing “Better Health”

Most travelers were from the Midwest and came to Southern California during their harsh winters. Early on, Pasadena was dubbed the “Indiana Colony”, and in fact, a street near the Pinney House, Michillinda, was named for those who settled from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

If you were a turn of the century traveler from back East, you might have made reservations at this “Hotel Sierra Madre” or other similar mountinside hotels in Glendale, Burbank, San Dimas, etc., along the railroad line, to “get the cure” from the healthy climate, or while you were

investigating where to settle.

Quite a few similar hotels were built in many foothill communities, to serve those journeying from back East to purchase property during the 1885-1888 land boom in Los Angeles. As railroad tracks were laid in the area, a rush of land buyers was expected to snap up the land adjacent to the Santa Fe Railway tracks.

The line would eventually run the sixty miles from Los Angeles to Pasadena and San Bernardino, skirting the base of what is now the Angeles National Forest. About two dozen of these hotels were built along the line, which also were meant to encourage citizens to settle in the new towns.

Upon disembarking the train, horse or mule and buggy service delivered you to your Sierra Madre vacation destination. Visitors often took advantage of drayage transportation under the direction of “Uncle Henry,” as Sierra Madreans called the owner of the service.

Nathaniel C. Carter, an early resident and developer in Sierra Madre was a great example of people who had experienced “miraculous cures” and became health advocates promoting this part of Southern CA. In Edith Blumer Bowen’s *Annals of Early Sierra Madre*, published in 1950, Carter’s aged wife said of their journey to Sierra Madre from Massachusetts, “My husband was ill, and we were advised to come West. They called it consumption in those days. He weighed 134 pounds when he came here, and when de got well and weighted two hundred pounds he was so well please, he went back East to show them. He talked so much about the climate that many families from New England came here.”

The Pinney House was at the heart of this movement, which fueled the local land boom in 1887.

Hotel Sierra Madre Open for Business

In charmingly antiquated vernacular and odd capitalizations, the local Valley Vista newspaper of July 31, 1889 advertised that the hotel was: “A quiet and comfortable home for sojourners and tourists. The Building and Furnishing Entirely New. Reached by carriages from station on the Santa Fe railroad one mile distant. There is from this House a fine view of the beautiful San Gabriel Valley, extending from on end of the valley to the other and from the mountains to the sea, presenting a picture grand, inspiring and never tiring, revealing to the observer new beauties each day. The comfort of their Guests is the First Care of the Managers of this House. Fare and Accommodations as Good as can be had anywhere. Board with Room \$8 to \$12 per week.»

It is said this type of hotel was often built with an identifiable feature, like the property’s 50+’ high turret or oriel tower, that could easily be seen from the railroad depot. Early photos even indicate that a flag flew atop a long pole mounted on the turret, making it even more prominent in the local skyline. Mule or horse teams brought early visitors uphill from the station to the hotel.

Other Significant Newsom Properties

Although the Newsom Brothers were extraordinarily productive architects, there are only a few remaining buildings in Southern California which make the Pinney House rarer than rare, and much treasured.

The Hale House in Los Angeles’ Heritage Square is attributed to Newsoms as well as the Sessions House on Caroll Avenue, Idlewild in Monrovia, Severens House at USC, and the Newhall House in Piru, but there are only two remaining railroad hotels.

Pinney Life in the San Gabriel Valley

A vintage, sepia toned photo of the Pinney House, adorning the walls of a local restaurant in town, shows a group of tennis players posed next to the Pinney House and its clay tennis court, set amid the Pinney’s vineyard and citrus trees.

Dr. Pinney was known to be an admirer of Luther Burbank’s botanical and horticultural work, and it is thought Pinney was drawn to California to work with Burbank. Many believe Burbank visited with and stayed with the Pinney family.

Burbank, known as “the Plant Wizard”, developed over 800 strains and varieties of plants, including the famed spineless cactus with hopes it would become a sustainable cattle and livestock feed in drought prone areas. Sadly, it never materialized, though land and ranch owners along the railroad lines were known to be enthusiastic adopters. Evidence of these cacti can still be seen on nearby properties in Sierra Madre. In a reference to Burbank’s dream project, the Rio Grande Republican, September 3, 1909 published this account:

“Too much value can not be placed on Burbank’s thornless cactus as a fodder for cattle,” was the declaration made by Charles J. Welch, who has a great cattle ranch at Los Pinos, in southern California. Mr. Welch last year planted thousands of the Burbank cactus plants and says they are thriving and growing in every way, as Mr. Burbank said they would. He and other Los Angeles men are arranging for other large shipments of this plant. Southern Pacific land commissioners are also contemplating planting large areas of Burbank cactus on desert lands along their railroad system.”

Pinney industriously planted his acreage, including citrus and vineyards, which sloped gently but noticeably from the nearby foothills at the base of Mt. Wilson, toward the developing city of Los Angeles. Unfortunately the acres of vineyards never really produced, and eventually the land was subdivided for smaller homes around the estate.

Shortly after the Pinney House was completed, Harvard College established an astronomy observatory directly above the Pinney House in 1889, atop Mt. Wilson. The Mt. Wilson Trail, a narrow and torturous ascent to the peak, was widened in areas to accommodate the huge pieces of equipment destined for the top. It is quite likely that the Pinney House benefitted from the tourist, academic and construction people who had an interest in the Observatory, as it was one of the closest hotels to the trail head.

Many Uses in its 125 Year History

Throughout its 125 year life, the Hotel that Pinney built has become one of the treasures of Sierra Madre. Over the years, the house has accommodated a variety of uses.

In its use as a sanitarium, many came to “take the cure” from consumption, breathe in the fresh air, and participate in healthy and vigorous activity as their health improved. Many other locations within Sierra Madre and other foothill communities, including Altadena’s La Vina were sanitariums or boarding houses for people to recover from this illness.

When in use as a sanitarium, local lore suggests that radio, Broadway and film star, Jimmy “Schnozzola” Durante, sent his mother, Rosa, here to dry out, or as we would say today, for “rehab”. During the boarding house days, the Pinney House ballroom, located inside in the rooms now configured as the dining room and an adjoining bedroom-bath suite measured approximately 21’ by 30’. The great great granddaughter of the dance teacher, Sarah Collins, recalls that her great great grandmother taught ballroom dancing in this room for many years.

Later, The Pinney House was again repurposed,



this time into up to nine separate apartments, which was its configuration when purchased by the current owners. A certain young city council person indicates he once lived as an apartment tenant in the Pinney House.

In the early years after the current owners purchased the property, former tenants and those searching for former tenants would sometimes surprise the owners by wandering the halls of the mansion, some deep in reminiscence. A discreet brass plaque at the picket fence gate and at the front door, now politely announces, “Private Residence.”

Hollywood Loves the Pinney House

A popular filming venue in the ‘40s and ‘50s, the Pinney House was featured in the 1941 film



Dr. Elbert Pinney

The Great Man’s Lady starring Barbara Stanwyck and Joel Mc Rae. It’s said that during the filming, Hollywood producers decided to “improve” the staged look by replacing the original front porch with one salvaged from the “Capen House” or White House which formerly stood on West Adams Avenue in Los Angeles.

Later, in 1955, the Pinney House was once again the backdrop for Hollywood stars. Bob Hope’s well known movie, *The Seven Little Foys*, tells of a vaudevillian with an ever expanding family, who loses his wife in a tragic illness. The widower, played by Hope, reluctantly incorporates his seven children into his act, eventually realizing their value to the act.

Parts of the interior of the Pinney House were recreated on a Hollywood soundstage, showing an elaborate front parlor and elegant stairway. Movie viewers can get an accurate view of the house and grounds as it appeared in the 1950’s.

Today, the Pinney House is available for media use, as well as a beautiful backdrop for wedding photography.

Peeling Back 125 Years: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The current owners literally peeled back the years to restore this Victorian treasure. First, the foyer, stairs and small parlor were restored. Many rooms were stripped to the studs, removing a hundred years of room divisions into awkward hotel rooms, some even without windows, a plethora of odd bathrooms, 1970’s apartments complete with interior mailboxes and little kitchens, plus a 1985 remodel. In its current configuration, there are a total of 10 bedrooms and 10 1/2 bathrooms. There are four remaining kitchens in the house.

Since the original structure did not offer interior plumbing, electricity or an attached kitchen, these retrofitted amenities came in stages, and required updating and reconfiguration to accommodate a 21st century lifestyle.

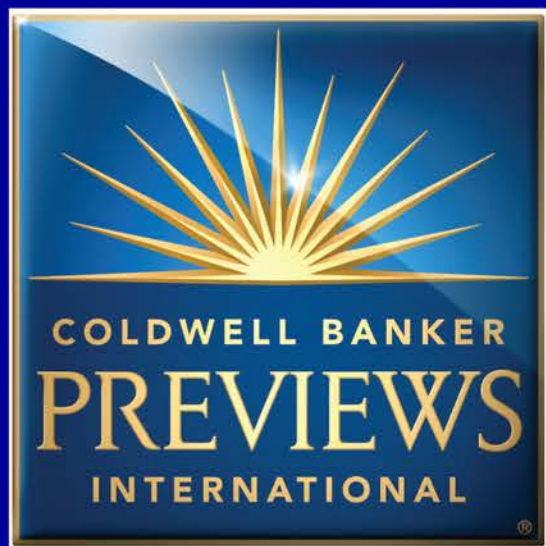
As the house starts its next 125 years, it is now well prepared to meet and flourish in that future. All of the plumbing has been carefully replaced with modern drain pipe and copper pipe along with new water efficient fixtures. These include on demand instant heat tankless water heaters. Its magnificent claw foot tubs have been carefully restored with vintage look fixtures and new glazing. In a nod to today’s owner the master bath features a whirlpool for two and huge marble shower with rainfall shower head.

Three generations of electrical wiring have been replaced with the most current code compliant wiring and high efficiency CFL lighting. The look of vintage gas-electric light fixtures; some restored, some custom built for the house, illuminate the house with their soft light.

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In a twist that Elbert Pinney could not have anticipated, the house is (cont. pg. B9)

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Two New Listings Provide Entrée to Sierra Madre Living

These two lovely homes are located in the foothill village of Sierra Madre, one of the most sought after communities in the area and a designated

"All American City"



**Story book Sierra Madre home:
160 N. Mountain Trail
\$508,000**

This charming cottage with the proverbial white picket fence has three bedrooms and one full bath, with a large, beautifully landscaped yard and one-car detached garage. The home has a freshly painted exterior. Kitchen has new cabinets and granite counter tops. A little gem!



**Traditional Ranch House: 65 Park Avenue
\$688,000**

Enjoy classic California living in this spacious home - three bedrooms and 1 3/4 baths in 1,721 sq ft. per assessor. A sparkling pool is the center piece of a tree-ringed back yard that offers privacy and tranquility. The lot is 8,375 sq ft. and situated on an outstanding street close to downtown Sierra Madre.



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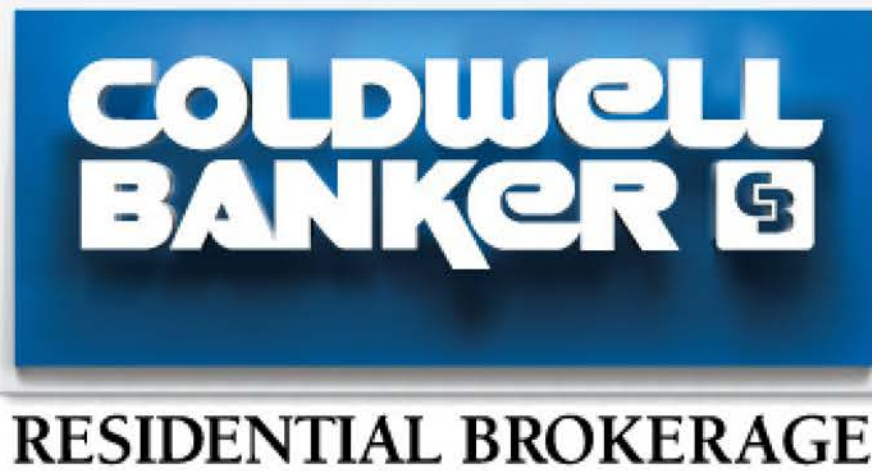
Beautiful townhome with attached two car garage. The kitchen looks out on a sunny red brick patio. The living room has a corner gas fireplace and there is a large dining room. Upstairs are two large bedrooms and a full bath, a half bath is downstairs. There is a game room and patio for mutual use. The front door opens to a landscaped garden area which is gated. A must see!



**845 E Foothill Blvd., Monrovia
\$339,000**



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MAGNIFICENT HOME IN MONROVIA FOOTHILLS



**344 Primrose Ave., Monrovia
\$930,000**

Gracious double doors lead into a welcoming entry to this beautiful home in desirable north Monrovia. Just under 3500 sq. ft. of living space it offers many upgrades, including a formal living room with a brick & oak fireplace, formal dining room, wood & tile floors downstairs, quality carpeting upstairs, high ceilings, some accented with crown moldings, 3 separate heating/cooling systems, alarm system, & copper plumbing. The chef-pleasing kitchen features a center island, tile counters & floors, loads of oak & glass cabinets. It opens to cozy breakfast area & grand great room with a floor to ceiling brick fireplace, wet bar, built-in oak bookcases & entertainment area. The first floor has 1 bedroom, 3/4 bath, laundry room, & direct access to the large 3-car garage with sink & lockable storage. The spacious upstairs master bedroom has mountain views, HD Yamaha projector w/ drop down screen & Dolby digital surround sound. Its private bath features dual sinks, separate shower & spa tub, & large walk-in closet. The upstairs also has a separate wing with 2 spacious bedrooms & a full bath. This fabulous home sits on a 9100+ sq ft lot. Mature landscaping surrounds a sparkling pool & spa. With plenty of room for the avocado and citrus trees plus a dog run.



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also wired throughout with cable and CAT 5 internet as well as VOIP telephones. There is even WI-FI which reaches outside for working and lounging on the porches and conservatory.

The main kitchen adjacent to the dining room has also been updated to include Viking and KitchenAid appliances as well as the venerable and much loved O'Keefe and Merritt vintage range. Its sleek granite counter tops and detailed cabinetry are a counterpoint to the recently discovered and refinished old growth fir floors.

A separate "cook house", typical of upscale Victorian life, was connected to the main house at one point, and the original outhouses are thankfully no longer needed. The "cook house" now exists as a lovely "Garden Suite", a one bedroom, bath and kitchen suite with a separate entrance to the Victorian Garden.

Today's Conservatory, a screened lounge and retreat area with garden vistas replaced a section of the home's wraparound porch. Vintage photos indicate that it may have been originally roofed in glass, with fabric coverings to shield the sunlight. The current Conservatory has been entirely reconstructed with tongue and groove wood paneling custom milled trim to match the rest of the house.

If The Walls Could Speak

As the Asbury family worked to refurbish the house, the walls literally spoke and a few treasured "finds" were revealed. Amidst the carts and carts of plaster, lathe, dust and debris, they uncovered an old letter dated July 28, 1888. The note was penned by an Ohio State Senator staying at Pasadena's Hotel Green, addressed to a lady friend, presumably residing at The Pinney House.

They also unearthed a wooden office sign with gold letters: Dr. Adele Howland, Brain and Nerve Specialist, circa 1920. It likely hung on one of the Pinney House doors, an office for Dr. Howland, who most likely served patients when the hotel was a sanitarium.

The April, 1922 edition of Popular Science magazine carries an advertisement for Dr. Howland's book delineating her ideas about "mental spiritualism" and her work in human potential and anti-aging presumably practiced at the Pinney House. A book by Howland dated June, 1921, Spiritual Psychology and Human Efficiency- The Science of Knowing Ourselves, is still available in paperback.

In deconstructing the nine apartment configuration, the current owners removed the asphalt covering half of the back parking lot that formerly accommodated tenants' cars, to create a beautiful Victorian style brick patio with arbor, used for their daughter's wedding reception several years ago. While building the new patio and brick planters, many old bottles and artifacts of the days of the hotel were recovered. It appears that ketchup bottles, china, kerosene lamps even feet to the clawfoot tubs were buried behind the hotel cookhouse.

A trip to Arizona produced a prized addition to the parlor. The Newsom Brothers were known for creating intricate "overmantels" for the fireplaces in their homes. The mantle in the main parlor is very similar to Newsom drawings pictured in the book, In the Victorian Style by Delehanty and Sexton. The owners are reasonably sure the recently installed, intricate overmantel, now the focal point of the room, is one of Newsom design.

The Newsoms were very entrepreneurial, and in addition to their architecture practice, and owned the Los Angeles Planing Mill which produced their imaginative woodwork creations for their commissions. The mantle also features very rare and valuable encaustic tiles in the surround. These were made by American Encaustic Tiling Company which had a branch in Los Angeles.

Much diminished from its original 35 acres, the house now sits on about 1/2 acre. Many of the original or at least vintage plantings are still alive, including towering cypress street trees, a magnificent pepper tree creating lacy shade in the side yard, a flowering shrub called "yesterday, today and tomorrow" plus many other Victorian garden shrubs and trees. Since this is a Victorian, of course there is a beautiful rose garden, though the roses do not date back a century.

The Pinney House has received its share of local and regional press, as a beautiful example of the Newsom's architecture, as well as a vintage reminder of times past. Articles in *Sunset* and *Westways* magazines produced busloads of Japanese tourists and curious visitors who freely wandered the home with magazines in hand. This rare architectural treasure draws a steady stream of Victorian architecture aficionados familiar with the Newsoms work to the house, as well as artists and occasionally, former tenants.

The Pinney House is located at 225 North Lima Street in Sierra Madre. The street where the historic Pinney House was built over a century ago was originally named Markham after the

1890's Republican California governor. The town folk deemed such a naming too partisan, and eventually changed it to Lima. Grove Street which bisected the property in between the house and its two barns and water tower, now long gone, can be noted in its former name, Hotel Street, when viewing early city records.

Significantly Lower Property Taxes at Pinney House due to Mills Act Status

The Pinney House has been accepted into California's Mills Act status. This act provides significant property tax benefit/reduction to owners of historic homes, intended to help preserve historical homes and the heritage of our communities. The homes require earthquake retrofitting, a historical plaque and strict guidelines on exterior changes to the home.

The Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program is administered and implemented by local governments, with ten year renewable contracts between the owner and local government, to aid in the restoration and maintenance of their historic properties through receiving property tax relief.

This tax advantage and incentive for preserving the house well into the future will transfer with new owners. Currently the house is not listed on the National Historic Register of Landmarks, though it qualifies, should that help to insure its continued life and preservation. More information is available through the California Office of Historic Preservation, including online at http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=21412.

For more information on the Pinney House history and vintage photos, please visit www.PinneyHouse.com or www.225NorthLima.com

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as oral history by the current owners, as well by as other interested parties and is often handed down through generations. It is intended only to give a flavor of the home's history, as many details can no longer be verified. Asbury comments that his some of his best, first hand information comes from local citizen and historian extraordinaire, Phyllis Chapman, recalling the many events she attended here over the decades.

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Cheery mullioned windows and an arched front doorway welcome visitors to this charming American Tudor Revival home on a serene Sierra Madre street. Featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, beamed ceiling living room with fireplace and graceful arch to the formal dining room with french doors. The kitchen is spacious and the master bedroom is light and bright and features a romantic fireplace. Outdoors, the grassy yard offers privacy and serenity.

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For Lease
\$3,000 per month
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215 Mountain Trail, Sierra Madre
\$899,000
Located in the coveted "All American City" of Sierra Madre is this lovely traditional 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. An entry hall opens to the large living room with hardwood floor and fireplace. Outdoors, the landscape created by an avid master gardener, offers many opportunities to enjoy its bountiful fruit and beautiful flowers. The large pool-side guest house features a fireplace and a 3/4 bathroom. All this and views of the San Gabriel mountain chain, as well as close proximity to the village create a truly wonderful living opportunity.

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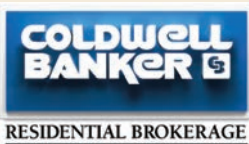


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345 Redwood Drive, Pasadena
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Spectacular views!! This contemporary masterpiece with 3 bedrooms and 4 baths in the San Rafael Hills is designed to capture sunlight and views from every angle. There is a level entry without steps and an Elevator for easy access to all areas of the home. The open floor plan is highlighted by the living room with a high cathedral ceiling and dining room surrounded by glass, both opening to a balcony. The bright modern kitchen has a walk-in pantry and wine cellar. The exceptionally spacious master bedroom has two walk-in closets, a large full bathroom, an office area and a private balcony. There are two additional bedroom suites and a den with a bath that could be a fourth bedroom. Other features include hardwood floors, two fireplaces, a large laundry room, abundant storage, attached garage and wooden shutters. A lovely garden with a sparkling pool and spa completes the tranquil rear yard. Such an incredible home of 3,331 sf with a pool is a rare find in the area.

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\$5,250,000

This exquisite estate tucked behind private gates sits on almost 1.5 acres with over 8,300 sq. ft., breathtaking panoramic views to the Rose Bowl, Mount Wilson, downtown LA city lights & views from every room. 7 bedrooms, 8 baths, fabulous open floor plan, four master suites, media room, library, gym, pool, spa & huge balcony make this exceptional newer custom home with spectacular workmanship simply stunning!



1200 Pacific Coast Highway #313, Huntington Beach
\$379,000

Very private end unit, beautiful one level with 1 bedroom and 1 bath, great beach living with view to white water ocean, pier and sandy beach. This gated security complex with newer pool, spa and BBQ is near Main Street for shops and restaurants. 2 side by side parking with guest parking & easy access with elevator.



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