



## 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 Bill Tice for City Council - 4 year term

It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with our readers. A separate letter has been sent to each candidate asking them to participate.

In addition to the candidate spotlights, we will attempt to cover the various forums sponsored by local organizations. Where possible, the unedited video of these forums will be broadcast on the paper's website.

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

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

Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor

## Candidate Eagle Bill Tice

**From the Editor:** Bill Tice, a longtime Sierra Madre resident, has once again thrown his hat into the ring as a candidate for Sierra Madre City Council. However, Tice has been unable to attend any of the forums this year. Below you will find his thoughts on running for council as discussed with this writer in a previous interview. A summary of Tice's remarks is below, and as he stated earlier this year, "nothing has changed" in terms of why he is running for council and what he hopes to accomplish if elected.

### "I Am Running Because It Is Fun and Because People Listen To Me"

Many people in Sierra Madre who know Bill Tice often underestimate him. A former Tree Commissioner who has been a resident of Sierra Madre for most of his adult life, Eagle Bill has decided for the fifth time to run for a City Council seat. "I love this city. I would be a dedicated councilman", says Tice in an interview during the last campaign.



Eagle Bill Tice

A man of strong convictions, he does not espouse a platform steeped in the usual Sierra Madre controversies. On development his response is simple, "I like the town the way it is". He does feel strongly, however, that some things, like the old youth center which sits abandoned, can be put to better use. "If I am elected, I would like to see that turned into an orphanage for Haitian children."

Tice also feels, like several of the other candidates, that changes must be made in the way the council operates. Once a frequent visitor to the microphone at council meetings, wants more civility among the council members and the audience.

Tice takes any criticism of him in stride. "When I am away, they miss me." He credits himself with being one of the residents who started the campaign against 1 Carter. In fact, it was that protest that earned him the nickname of "Eagle" Bill. During the protest he gave other like minded citizens an Eagle pin, a symbol to remind people of the wildlife habitat that would be destroyed.

Although he does not like raising taxes, he supported the User Utility Tax.

A very spiritual man, Tice and his wife Yoko have resided in the city since 1979. They raised two sons in Sierra Madre. He says marriage and family make you pause for reflection. While speaking of his religious beliefs he added, "I'd like to see prayer at the council meetings."

Tice very much wants the public to know that he is a devout Christian and that his religion comes before anything else. 'Eagle' Bill Tice is running his own campaign without any frills. For additional information contact him at 626-355-4678.

S. Henderson/MVNews

## SO WHAT'S A LITTLE RAIN AMONG FRIENDS?

*Despite afternoon rain, the 2012 Wistaria Festival Brought Out The Crowds*



For the second consecutive year, Mother Nature has put a 'damper' on the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce's Annual Wistaria Festival. However, this year, without the severe winds and torrential rains of 2011, the Festival got off to a very good start. Hundreds were able to view the Vine from both properties, the homes of Solz's and Tony Heald as well as take an historic tour of the Pinney House, formerly the Hotel Sierra Madre at the turn of the century. More than 150 food vendors, crafters, artists and musicians participated in the event until late afternoon when heavier rains moved into town. Above, a group of Red Hatters from San Diego prepare to board a bus up to the vine.

Photo by Dean Lee/MVNews

## BUDGET WOES, REORGANIZATION DOMINATE COUNCIL AGENDA - Tuesday's Council Meeting Discussed Revenue Generating Ideas

Both council meetings in March reviewed possible cuts/reorganization of city staff and operations in an effort to recover from the dismantling of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency. That action, initiated statewide by Governor Jerry Brown, has left an \$800,000 hole in the city's budget and left this council, and the next looking for ways to best deal with the situation. Below is a recap of the first meeting in which the council discussed staff cuts.

### COUNCIL DELAYS CUTS

By Bill Coburn

After hearing numerous impassioned pleas by City staff, including at least two that would find themselves out of work, and from resident proponents of the library and the Community Services Dept., the City Council decided to place on hold consideration of a proposed reorganization of the City Departments that would ultimately have saved about \$260,000. Among many changes, the plan called for moving the Human Resources aspect of the Community and Personnel Services Dept. into the Administrative Dept., making the Community Services Dept. more of a Recreation Dept. that also oversees Transit.

The move would have eliminated the Community and Personnel Services Director and Deputy Director positions. An Assistant City Manager position would be

reinstated. The equivalent of 7.8 full-time employees would be removed from staffing.

Development and Planning Services would close their doors for half a day, allowing employees to work uninterrupted to keep up with their workload with fewer employees (a full time administrative aide position and some intern positions would be removed from that department). Still, there is expected to be an increase in the time applicants would have to wait for projects to be approved and building inspections to take place. In addition, it would take longer for minutes from Planning Commission and General Plan Update Steering Committee meetings to be prepared, and the idea of cutting Planning Commission and GPU meetings to once a month would be considered.

The Library would eliminate a Library Tech II position (putting a 17-year employee out of work), and add a technology position. Additional staff hours would be cut at the Library, meaning library hours would be reduced by six hours a week.

In addition to the elimination

of the two director positions in Community and Personnel Services, enough hours would have been eliminated in the Aquatics division of Community Services that the pool would be closed on weekends and in the evening following evening swim lessons in the summer. Family Swim on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Lap swim on Tuesday and Thursday evenings would also be eliminated.

Despite assertions by candidates at the two City Council Candidate forums that have been held so far that Public Safety services are a top priority and will continue to be fully funded, the reorganization calls for \$130,000 in cuts to the Police Department. A part time deputy position would be eliminated, meaning longer times for investigations, due to an increased case load for the single police officer assigned to detectives. There would be a reduction in part time cadet hours, with on-duty officers picking up some of the cadets' duties. The full-time Code Enforcement officer position would be eliminated, and a part time Code Enforcement officer would replace it, with funding coming (cont. page 3) from Development Services, rather than the PD. The hours of a part-time administrative clerk would also be cut in half. All of these cuts would be being made at a time when the PD is already understaffed, since a Captain's position and an Officer's position were

### This Week's Highlights:

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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	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:  
April 24th, 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](mailto: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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While all Rotary Club membership is by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chair at [RudyHayek@gmail.com](mailto:RudyHayek@gmail.com).

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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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ST. RITA TO HOST "JOURNEY TO THE  
CROSS" APRIL 1 AT 7 P.M.  
AN EVENING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION  
AND MUSIC

St. Rita Church will host a special ecumenical event on Palm Sunday evening at 7 p.m. on April 1. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week's traditional commemoration of the series of events that define Christian faith: Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, the time before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday.

Choir members from churches in Pasadena, South Pasadena, Walnut and Glendale, plus vocalists from three colleges, USC, CSULA and PCC will join the St. Rita choir. The event will debut poignant new music and script written as a collaborative effort by Sierra Madreans, Mimi Mycroft and Paul Puccinelli, interspersed with traditional reflective Lenten prayer and music.

Puccinelli, Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Rita, said the evening will present a fresh perspective, as seen through the eyes of passersby on the "Journey to the Cross" with an overarching theme of forgiveness.

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

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

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

All are welcome at this ecumenically appropriate evening. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

St. Rita Catholic Church is located at 318 N. Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre. For more information, please call 626-355-1292 or visit the parish website, [www.St-Rita.org](http://www.St-Rita.org).

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Jane Guthrie and Martha Wheelock, co-producers of Wild West Women Films, will present their film "California Women Win the Vote" on Monday, April 9, at the meeting of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The group meets at the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.). Socializing begins at 6:30 pm with the program to follow at 7:00 pm.

The free meeting is open to the public. History buffs and students in social studies classes are sure to appreciate the documentary film's depiction of California women's suffrage victory. For more information about the program or about AAUW membership, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

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## REMEMBRANCE

### GARY SKOUSEN

Longtime Sierra Madre resident Gary Skousen, age 67 years, died peacefully on February 19, 2012 at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, California. He suffered from lung problems for several years. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his death.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sharon Teague Skousen and a son, Timothy Skousen and a daughter, Susan Skousen from Oregon and a daughter, Mary Skousen-Radford from Sierra Madre. He had four grandchildren.

Skousen attended Sierra Madre School, John Marshall Junior High School, Pasadena High School and Pasadena City College.

## Overnight Parking Permits Now Available Online

Beginning April 1, 2012, overnight parking permits will be available for purchase online.

Overnight parking permits can be purchased online through the city's website at: [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com)

Parking permits are required to park vehicles on city streets between 2:00AM and 5:00AM. Annual and temporary permits will be available online. The cost for an annual overnight parking permit is \$80.00 per vehicle per year. Temporary overnight parking permits are also available for \$1.00 per vehicle per day.

The new online service will accept payment by credit card or check. This service was created to make the purchase of overnight parking permits more convenient for the community and eliminate the requirement to visit the Police Department in person. All that is required is internet access and the ability to print the permit.

Residents and guests that do not have internet access can obtain permits at either City Hall or the Library during normal business hours. Off-hour requests must be processed online.

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## Women's Safety and Empowerment Night

Sierra Madre, CA – The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. To spread awareness and educate women, Alverno High School is hosting a Women's Safety and Empowerment Night on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The event will take place from 7:00pm – 9:00pm on Alverno's campus. The workshop is open to families at Alverno as well as the local surrounding communities. All are encouraged to attend the event that will focus on the realities of sexual violence, prevention strategies, and self defense skills.

"It is important to educate women on prevention and self defense," said Cam Gonzales, Director of Activities/Dean of Students. "We are happy that we can offer this program and we encourage everyone to attend." Please wear comfortable exercise attire. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Cam Gonzales, Director of Activities at (626) 355-3463 ext. 222

COUNCIL (from page 1) frozen at the last round of budget cuts, which resulted in a \$900,000 savings City-wide, prior to approval of the 2011-2013 budget. Those two positions would remain, but in their frozen state, unfunded.

While the administrative services department would actually see some increases in staffing, that would be because of the shifting of Human Resources into the department. Administration would also see the loss of the Administrative Services Director.

Several people spoke to the Council urging them to take a closer look at finding ways to increase revenue, or at least wait and see how some of the areas where things are in flux end up, before laying long time employees off. One speaker bemoaned the potential loss of a long-time library employee to create a position that would update the website and post City documents online and asked the Council to put humans ahead of technology. One staff member reminded the Council that while it was true that some full-time positions were becoming part-time positions, effectively allowing the report to imply that there will be minimal loss of employees, that full-time worker might need to look elsewhere for full-time work in order to feed a family or maintain health benefits, meaning the loss of another experienced staff member by the City. David Crochetiere, chair of the Community Services Commission spoke eloquently and with passion about the Community Services department, noting that he feels he has been handed down a trust from generations of volunteers before him on the Commission to act as a steward, and that he felt that by eliminating the director positions for the department, the City was, in effect, rendering the department voiceless in future policy decisions that would affect the de-

partment. He also referred to an earlier report presented to Council which discussed the cost of recruiting and hiring personnel, and urged council to consider that when deciding whether or not to eliminate experienced staff to bring in new, lower paid, or part-time staff to replace them.

The Council decided to delay any decision on the reorganization until at least the March 27th meeting.



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## The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce would like to say thank you for supporting the 2012 Wistaria Festival!!

It's probably a mistake to try to thank everyone, as an event like this requires the time and effort of dozens of people, and when I'm done, I'm sure someone will be left out. But it doesn't seem right to let this opportunity go by without saying a few words of thanks to the many people in this community that make this event happen.

Our greatest thanks go to the vine owners, **Tony Held** and **Claire** and **Bob** and **Nel Solt**, for being kind enough to allow the curious to view the vine. There's a lot more to it than just the one day for these folks, we have media day, docent training, set up and tear down, and more, so we are very grateful for their willingness to open their homes and their yards to us and the thousands of people who come to see the vine.

Thanks also to **Greg** and **Judy Asbury** for opening up the Pinney House this year, which was a tremendous hit with everyone who saw it.

Thanks to Wistaria Chair **Susan Henderson** for all her efforts to make this festival a success.

Thanks to **Rosemary Burnett** and **Lynette Heydorff** for chairing the Wistaria Docents, and to all the men and women who stand up at the vine year after year, particularly those who were there in cold rainy weather when they would, I'm sure, much rather have been at home. Your commitment to serve is very much appreciated.

While some of the folks listed below ended up not having to serve as the rain led to early closure before their shifts, we thank them for their willingness to do so. And to those of you that did serve, particularly between 12noon and 3pm, when the rain was coming down, our sincere thanks and gratitude!

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Bob Burnett	Kacey Benson
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Ellen O'Leary	Marsha Newton
Farrell Heydorff	Martha Walsworth
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Glen Putnam	Mary Lou Caldwell
Halcyon Koerber	Name
Heidi Hartman	NANCY DU BOSE
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Janet Hagen	Rosemary Burnett
Joan Crow	Sheila Woehler
Jeanne Peterson	Shirji Nakagawa
Jerry Burnett	Terri Buchanan
Jim Walsworth	Tracey Janzen



**NO RAIN  
2013!**

Thanks to **Fred Roberts** for chairing the park for the third year in a row. Thank you to **Tim Tutwiler** for chairing the entertainment, and to all the musicians, some of whom actually got to perform this year. Thanks to **Sue Behrens** for emceeing the music in the park.

Thank you to the ladies of the Women's Club, who as is their tradition, staffed the information booths at both ends of town – **Rosemary Morabito**, **Jan O'Day**, **Mama Pete** (and anyone else I may not have seen). And thanks to **Chris Koerber** who also volunteered at the Info Booth.

Thank you to the volunteers that staffed the ticket booth – **Maddie Romo**, **Katie Coburn** and **Ed Chen**, and the Chamber merchandise booth, **Julia Rocks**, **Lisa Beier** and **Stephanie Brady**. And thanks to **Keelan Coburn** for volunteering as runner during the rain....

Thank you to all the non-profits that took the time to come out and set up even though the prediction was for rain, it's a lot of effort just to turn around and bear down just a few hours later.

Thanks to **SMPO** and **SMFD** for ensuring public safety, particularly **Chief Giannone** and **Lieutenant Pat Buchanan**, for pre-planning to ensure a smooth running event, at minimal cost. Special thanks to the members of **CERT**, the **Volunteer Traffic Control** officers, and all the other **SMPO** and **Fire Department** volunteers who helped out even after the weather turned ugly to keep things going.

Thank you to the **Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team**, the ham radio operators that coordinated logistics with buses and with keeping everyone in touch with each other that needed to be kept in touch to handle situations as they arose.

Thanks to **City Staff** for coordinating with the Chamber to prepare and process the TUP, preparing work orders, etc. Thanks to **Public Works** for their assistance.

These are some of the more visible efforts that people are aware of, but we want to also thank some people for doing some of the less obvious things that get done, things that have to be done year after year but because they aren't as visible, people may not even recognize that thanks are in order. So thanks to **Mark van Cleave** and **his crew from Gem Plumbing**, who put up and tear down all the no parking signs up at the vine end of town. They also store, drop off and pick up the steps that are used to help people off the bus, a very necessary piece of the puzzle that probably very few people would ever think of as having to be done, but it does have to, and it does each year, thanks to **Gem Plumbing**.

Thanks to **Ailyn Colbert** of **Colbert Hair Studios**. Ailyn, for the third year in a row, was downtown at 5am, standing at the corner of Baldwin Ave. and Sierra Madre Blvd. directing all the vendors on where to go to set up. It can be hectic and confusing, but Ailyn does a great job, and we very much appreciate it.

Thanks to **Nicole Whiting** and **Patricia Carpenter**, two people who were not previously associated with the Chamber, but who, after hearing we could use some volunteer help in the office prior to the festival, came down and volunteered a few hours each to help out.

Thanks to **Village Auto** and to **Independent Honda**, and **Mike Eling** for letting us use their lot for handicapped parking. Thanks to **Don Murphy**, Architect, who allowed us to use his parking lot for the Sierra Madre Arts Alley.

Thanks to all the vendors who provided goods for the shoppers, and all the downtown merchants for their extra efforts to make this a special day for all those who are new to Sierra Madre, and giving them good reason to return. And to businesses that were inconvenienced by the street closures, such as pizza delivery places, etc., thank you for your patience.

Thanks to **Ed Chen** from **Athens Service** and to **Fred Thomas** for being out to the early Sunday morning hours helping to chalk the booth spaces.

Thank you to **Matt Krantz**, who helped in so many ways, providing coffee and pastries for media day, hanging no parking signs throughout the downtown, helping with set up and tear down, even in the pouring rain, while his business carried on in his absence, often communicating by phone to deal with situations that could have been handled much better if he were there, but he chose to give his time and effort and we are very much indebted to him.

Thanks to all the residents and to churchgoers that were inconvenienced by the street closures, your patience as we present Sierra Madre's signature event each year is greatly appreciated.

As said at the beginning, we've probably forgotten someone or some organization that really deserved to be thanked, and if so we apologize and we hope you recognize that despite our failure as we were writing this to include you, that doesn't mean that your efforts are any less appreciated. The Chamber is grateful to all who helped with the Festival, and proud of your efforts.

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## Public Safety Bill Passes Key Committee

*AB 1527 Bans “Open Carry” of Long Guns*

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino’s public safety measure to expand on last year’s ban on openly carried handguns, has passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on a vote of 4 to 2. AB 1527 would outlaw the “open carry” of unloaded long guns – such as rifles or shotguns – on Main Street, California.

Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge) introduced the legislation at the urging of law enforcement as a follow up to last year’s successful AB 144, which banned openly carrying an unloaded handgun in public places.

“Last year, we tried to craft a narrow bill to close a loophole in the hopes that gun enthusiasts would see this as a reasonable public safety measure,” commented Portantino. “Unfortunately, the Open Carry folks began to carry rifles and other long guns posing a threat to public safety on Main Street -- even taking their rifles to a police fundraiser. These actions call out for further legislative controls to protect law enforcement and families before someone is harmed by these unnecessary displays of weapon.”

AB 1527 expands on the earlier bill and would authorize similar penalties – a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in county jail and a fine of up to \$1000 – for individuals who openly carry unloaded long guns in public. In addition, AB 1527 provides a similar list of exemptions included in AB 144 to enable safe transportation, lawful hunting, and use by law enforcement officials.

“When law enforcement professionals ask the legislature to solve a problem, it’s incumbent on us to act. No one wants to read about the unintended consequence of gun proliferation on Main Street – it’s a tragedy that happens far too often. If it means I’ve got to do it again to make our streets safer for everyday Californians, I’m honored to do so,” concluded Portantino.

## Pet of the Week



Danny is a three-year-old black and cream Siberian Husky. He’s a charmer and loves to sit and have his belly rubbed. Just look at his handsome picture! His adoption fee is \$120.

Danny’s adoption fee is \$120, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. 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 A303168, 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](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



## Officers Names Given in Police Shooting

By Dean Lee

Police on Friday confirmed the names of two officers, almost a week after they were involved in a shooting that led to the death of an unarmed robbery suspect last Saturday night.

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez named officers Jeffery Newlen and Mathew Griffin, partners for the last year.

“I am committed to thoroughly investigating the Officer Involved Shooting,” Sanchez said “This is why in addition to Pasadena Police Detectives Professional Standards investigation, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Officer Involved Shooting Team are investigation as well as the Office of Independent Review Group.”

At a press conference Wednesday, Sanchez said, without naming names, while attempting to arrest Kendrec McDade, of Azusa, shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday, an officer involved shooting occurred involving both officers. McDade was struck by gun fire and transported to a local area hospital where he died of his wounds.

Sanchez also confirmed that one officer fired from inside his police car. He also said, Griffin

was involved in a shooting, two years ago, of a Rottweiler that was loose and had attached an individual and his dog.

He also confirmed that one of the involved officers is also a veteran of combat in the Middle East. He said officers who have served in the military currently do not go through any special training or therapy.

Sanchez, at the press conference, said a second suspect, a 17-year-old alleged accomplice, was charged with two counts of commercial burglary, one count of grand theft, and one count of failure to register as gang member per his conditions of probation. He remains in custody Sanchez said. Earlier charges of murder had been dropped he said.

During the week, events in the case took twists and turns including the arrest of the 911 caller, Oscar Carrillo who police say fabricated the story he was robbed at gun point.

Police played the 911 call to reporters in which Carrillo repeatedly says he had been robbed by two suspects at gunpoint. No gun was recovered from the scene.

Police said after conducted extensive reviews of witness statements and reviewed audio

and video recordings they re-interviewed Carrillo who admitted he falsely stated the suspects were armed during the crime to expedite the officers’ response.

At one point, frustrated, Carrillo says, “This is stupid, I need my laptop for work,” referring to questions being asked by the 911 operator, Carrillo said both suspects were dressed all in black and both had guns.

Sanchez said although no backpack or computer was found, police have surveillance video of the suspects stealing the items from Carrillo’s car as he described.

Carrillo was arrested Wednesday for Involuntary Manslaughter. He was held on \$25,000 bond according to police.

A candlelight vigil Thursday for McDade brought out more than 50 parents and teens to Sunset Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard the location of the shooting.

Sanchez will discuss the ongoing investigation during a community meeting Saturday, March 31, from 9 to 10 a.m. at New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church, 855 N. Orange Grove Blvd.

## Nursing Home Rating System Reports 99 Percent Compliance

The Department of Public Health report on the County’s nursing home grading system initiated by Supervisor Michael Antonovich, revealed that 99 percent of nursing home providers were in full compliance with the law in its first year of implementation. In effect since January 1, 2011, the law requires nursing homes to publically post these ratings for; Preventable events such as bed sores and falls, Quality Measures, Facility conditions, Staffing, Health Inspections, Dietary and Fire Safety Inspections.

In addition to posting ratings, each nursing home must make records available including licensing inspections, complaint reports and performance evaluations.

“These high compliance numbers indicate that this law is effectively providing vital information for families confronting difficult choices when making decisions on nursing home care,” said Antonovich, who also fathered the County’s successful restaurant grading system.

The 5-star rating is issued by the Federal Government’s Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. To ensure compliance, the County has established a hotline at 1-800-228-1019.

## Einstein’s Archive Now Available Online

If you ever wanted to glimpse into Albert Einstein’s thoughts, now you can. Last week, the complete catalog of about 80,000 documents written by or addressed to Einstein—letters, postcards, notebooks, and other papers—was made available online by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Einstein Papers Project (EPP) at Caltech.

The archive is available at [www.alberteinstein.info](http://www.alberteinstein.info).

## Woman Rescued After Plunge off Highway



A missing woman spent a frigid night in the Angeles National Forest Sunday after her truck plummeted 300 feet down a steep embankment. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Air-5 Rescue Helicopter Crew, Montrose Search & Rescue Team and other deputies found her alive at 5,000 feet, despite a harrowing crash and the bitter cold.

Officials said Tracy Granger, 56, was driving from Pasadena to Littlerock in heavy rain when she lost

control. Sheriff’s deputies said the car had done several flips and rolls and that the roof was caved in entirely. They said Granger either crawled or was ejected out of the truck spending the night next to the vehicle in the snow. Temperatures they said dipped below freezing.

When rescue crews arrived she was conscious but unable to speak. She was flown to Huntington Memorial Hospital in critical but stable condition according to reports.

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## Erdman to Lead Doo Dah Parade as Grand Marshal

Ann Erdman, soon-to-be retired Public Information Officer for the City of Pasadena, will serve as Grand Marshal of the 35th Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade. Erdman marks her 18th year of service in the City’s Public Affairs Office after coming from Palm Springs where she served under then Mayor Sonny Bono.

Ann has been a part of the Doo Dah experience for years. In 1996, she spontaneously became the event’s “official” pace car when, stricken with a case of walking pneumonia, she led the Parade in a hastily decorated wheelchair. Since then she has led marchers as a flower child, a motorcycle mama, baby in a giant high chair, Dorothy of the Wizard of Oz, captain of industry, and Elvis. Ann would never know how she would be costumed until just minutes before the parade rolled.

Upon being notified of her selection, Ann was literally speechless then

uttered, “Oh my God!” several times. Recently, Ann was given a surprise opportunity by friends to ride on the Kiwanis float of the ‘Other Parade’ and said she was every bit as floored when Doo Dah came calling. “This is a wonderful way to celebrate as I wind down my career!” she said. “Our city considers itself artistically rich, and Doo Dah proves that the arts don’t have to be stuffy to matter!”

Parade organizer Tom Coston says Erdman has all the qualities a Doo Grand Marshal should possess. “If there’s anyone who walks to the beat of her own drum and appreciates a good laugh-it’s Ann!” he explains. The new Grand Marshal will lead hundreds of Doo Dah marchers and revelers on Saturday, April 28th, stepping off at 11am in East Pasadena. The Doo Dah Parade actually makes a loop on Colorado Boulevard and is the first parade in the country to move in opposite directions at the same time!



## 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 April 3 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

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

## Human Trafficking Tattoo Removal Bill Passes Public Safety Committee

In the underworld of prostitution, it’s not unusual to find pimps marking girls and women with “brands” or tattoos to indicate they are property; sending a message to the girl that she is in essence, property. The brands make it that much harder for girls – or boys – to break out of “the life”. A recent international news story shows that some who are forced into trafficking are tragically “bar coded” by their abusers.

In order to help these young people get a fresh start, Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge) has introduced legislation that would enable these marked young people to get free tattoo removals. Today, the Assembly Public Safety Committee agreed and voted unanimously to approve Portantino’s AB 1956.

“When my Sacramento State intern researched this issue and brought it to my attention, I was shocked and outraged,” stated Assemblymember Portantino. “Branding is a despicable act by despicable

people. This bill provides a first step in breaking the bonds of prostitution and helping these young victims begin new, meaningful lives. As a father of two daughters I had to see this issue become law.”

Funding for the bill comes from Federal sources to the California Emergency Management Agency, CAL EMA. CAL EMA currently administers the tattoo removal programs for at-risk youth breaking free from gangs. In Los Angeles, some 1,500 former gang members have participated in the Tattoo Removal Program through Homeboys Industries. The current protocols do not allow women who break free from prostitution to qualify for the tattoo removal. AB 1956 expands the definition for eligibility.

This bill helps generate a new start for young women who need break free. I’m very pleased by the bi-partisan recognition and support and very proud of Deanna Hanson for researching and initiating this bill, concluded Portantino.

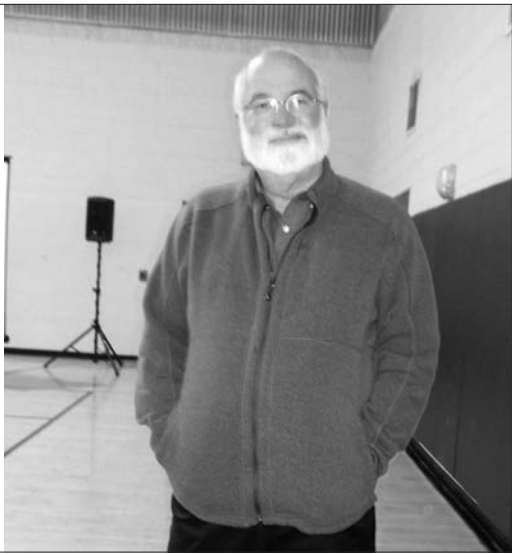
“What’s Going On?”  
News and Views from Joan Schmidt

211 AND MORE



Recently a special Los Angeles County Resource Workshop was held at Pamela Park Gymnasium for all who serve the greater Monrovia-Duarte area. Eddie Cordero from LA County Probation Department, who has worked tirelessly with the Sheriff’s Department and LA County Parks and Recreation Department, orchestrated this great event and invited me to attend. There was so much information given and so many resources made available that I don’t know where to begin. Around the room were many display tables and pamphlets that gave info and numbers to call. Throughout the day we heard speakers and there were several break sessions to browse around.

The opening speaker was **Father Greg Boyle** (right) who founded *Homeboy Industries*. He had been in this area once or twice before but I missed the opportunity to hear him, so this was a real thrill for me. This awesome man was born right here in Los Angeles and was one of eight children. His dad was a third generation Irish-American who worked in the family-owned dairy. Mom’s job was caring for all eight kids and keeping track of them. Father Greg and his siblings worked with their dad in the dairy and I believe this helped mold him in the hard worker he is. After Father Greg graduated from high school, he became a Jesuit priest. He spent time in Bolivia and when he returned stateside, he was appointed Pastor of St. Dolores Mission in Boyle Heights. In between his tenure at St. Dolores Mission, Father Boyle was Chaplain of the Islas Maria Penal Colony in Mexico and Folsom Prison. He has been a priest for 27 years.



Back in 1988, there were escalating gang problems and a solution was needed. Father Boyle pointed out that often problems can be traced to the family situation. These gang members have many needs and Father Boyle began positive alternatives such as establishing an elementary school, a day care program and finding legitimate employment for youths. His “Jobs for a Future” (JFF) was successful because many gang members wanted to leave the dangerous and destructive life on the streets. JFF paved the way for the establishment of *Homeboy Bakery* in 1992 and expanded to *Homeboy Industries* which now includes *Homeboy Silkscreen*, *Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise* and *Homegirl Café*.

Father Boyle is an acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention and is a much sought after speaker for many venues from commencement exercises to conferences for teachers, social workers and criminal justice workers! Please go on line to find out more about this awesome man and his programs.

For me, finding out about **211 Info Line** was amazing. Mary Sanders said it was the best kept secret. When you need ANY information, **2-1-2** is the number to call. They have a data base of 5000! You may call 2-1-1 ANYTIME, they’re available 24/7. They provide assessment. You ask a question and you will be referred to the agency that can assist you. Here are a few examples: Do I qualify for Med-Cal? Am I in need of social services? Do I need help with landlord/tenant issues? Am I homeless or in crisis? Do I qualify for food stamps? Is there violence in my home? Do I need health insurance for my kids? Do I need help with substance abuse?

There also was a flyer that said “Call 2-1-1 to get resources for children birth to five years old”. Do you realize that low cost subsidized child care, free health screenings, preschool programs, and infant/toddler In-Home Programs are available?

Field Deputy Brian Mejia from Supervisor Antonovich’s office, Irving Montenegro from Pamela park and representatives from the Department of Social Services (Pasadena Office: (626)791-6302; El Monte Office (626) 569-3677), LA County Libraries (Duarte: (626-358-1865), Live Oak (626) 446-8803), LA County Child Support Services Department (West Covina (626) 901-3212), LA County Dept. of Public Health ( Monrovia: (626) 301-1938), LA County Dept. of Mental Health , LA County Office of Emergency Management, LA County Dept. of Animal Control , LA County Public Defender (Pasadena: (626) 356-5345, LA County DA Victim-Witness Assistance ( El Monte: (626) 927-2538 ), LA County Dept. of Consumer Affairs (213)974-9750 and LA County Probation Department participated as well as Foothill Unity Center.

There are SO MANY resources available to help us. Call 2-1-1 and they will point you in the right direction for help!

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PET OF THE WEEK: Carmel: Animal ID #A4406472

Meet a girl that will sweep your heart away, Carmel (A4406472). Carmel is a magnificent three-year-old black and tan spayed female Rottweiler/Flat Coat Retriever mix who was found in La Puente on March 16th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing fifty-seven pounds, Carmel walks beautifully on leash, sits and shakes hands on command, and rolls over for belly rubs. She simply stole everyone’s heart during our photo shoot. Perfect in every way, she is good with other dogs and didn’t seem to mind the cats she encountered on the way to have her photo taken. Carmel is an exceptionally great dog who is the ideal dog for an individual or family living in a private home, and we think she would love having children to play with. To watch a video of Carmel please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW2MuVBcUKg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW2MuVBcUKg)

To meet Carmel in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Carmel, please reference her animal ID number: A4406472. 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 Carmel or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals’ partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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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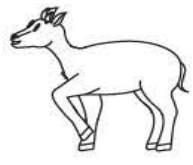




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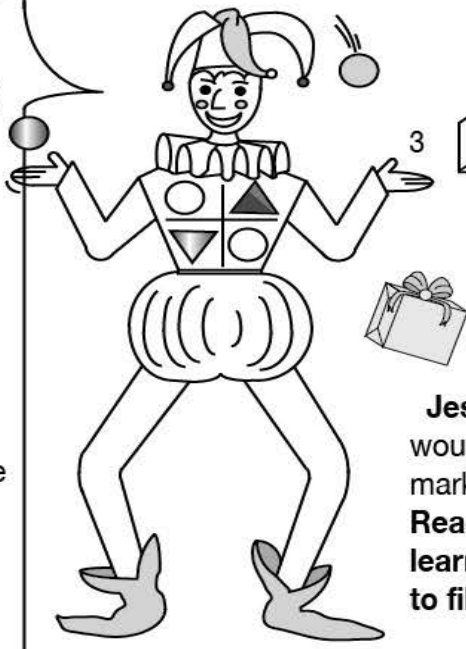
April Fool's Day Surprises

The first day of April is April Fool’s Day. It is a time for lots of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that’s not really there!


April Fool’s Day used to be called All Fool’s Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, formal visits were paid and gifts exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year’s Day and April 1st was no longer the right day to visit and give gifts. News traveled slowly in those early times, so many people continued to celebrate April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others did not like the change of date and refused to change their ways. People who clinged to the old ways were called April Fools.

Today, on April 1st, you might hear someone call out, “Poisson d’Avril!” They have fooled someone and are calling them an “April fish.” The person took the “bait” and was easily “caught.” April Fool’s Day is a day for tricks that hurt no one. It is a time for laughter.



I love to make people laugh!



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Today we have clowns to entertain us.

Aw! C’mom, I’m not that easy to “hook!”



11

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12

**Jesters** were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals. **Read the clues below to learn about jesters and to fill in the puzzle:**

We put a rubber ducky in the fridge.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ jesters entertained the king

2. \_\_\_\_\_ jesters entertained crowds of people in marketplaces or at festivals

3. some people thought jesters were “unlucky” and others thought they would bring good \_\_\_\_\_

4. jesters might wear \_\_\_\_\_ to surprise people

5. they told stories and \_\_\_\_\_

6. some jesters used \_\_\_\_\_ or props

7. sometimes they were allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ in ways that were not allowed for other people

8. dressed in many kinds of \_\_\_\_\_

9. sometimes they helped people or a king to \_\_\_\_\_ what was going on by telling stories

10. a man or a \_\_\_\_\_ could be a jester

11. the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April is April Fool’s Day

12. it is a day to play fun, harmless \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE GREAT TEEN EGG HUNT NEW LOCATION - ARCADIA PAR 3 GOLF COURSE!

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

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

## 2012 SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

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

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## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 947 calls for service of which 105 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, March 18:

1. Around 3:07 p.m., an officer responded to Baldwin Avenue at La Vida Lane regarding a traffic accident. The driver of a white Lexus was distracted by his daughter in the backseat and struck two parked vehicles on Baldwin Avenue. No major injuries were reported.

2. At approximately 6:02 p.m., officers were dispatched to Sephora at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. Two female juveniles concealed merchandise inside their purses and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed one suspect also stole from Forever 21. The 17-year-old Asian female and 17-year-old White female were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, March 19:

3. At about 6:19 a.m., officers responded to Lynol Cooling Systems, 12318 Lower Azusa Road, in regards to an activated alarm. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) forced entry through the front door and stole two laptops. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

4. Shortly after 1:00 p.m., an officer responded to Holy Angels School, 360 Campus Drive, in reference to a medical assist. A fifth grader accidentally ran into a tether ball pole and suffered a large contusion above his right eye. The child was treated by the Arcadia Fire Department and transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital. He was later released to his mother.

Tuesday, March 20:

5. At about 2:09 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a blue Toyota Camry for impeding traffic on Foothill Boulevard at Rancho Road. The driver explained he was driving unusually slow because he was low on gas. A vehicle search revealed he was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 27-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. At approximately 12:41 p.m., an officer responded to 1121 Altern Street regarding a residential burglary report. The victim returned home and found her front door open. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) gained access by breaking the glass pane of a rear door. Numerous items were reported stolen and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Wednesday, March 21:

7. Around 2:25 p.m., officers responded to the Wells Fargo parking lot, 1200 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a battery investigation. The driver of a black BMW became enraged after a parking attendant tapped the rear of his vehicle to alert him that he was exiting through an entrance only driveway. An investigation revealed the 31-year-old Chinese male exited his vehicle and kicked the parking attendant in his arm. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. At approximately 8:30 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a black pick-up truck for expired registration at Colorado Boulevard and Fifth Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver also had a suspended license and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 48-year-old Black male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, March 22:

9. Shortly after 4:10 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim explained she discovered unknown suspect(s) opened a Victoria's Secret credit account in her name and also made fraudulent charges on her Old Navy credit card. She has no idea how her information was compromised and is desirous of prosecution.

10. At about 5:18 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to two adult females in custody for theft. The suspects entered separate fitting rooms and concealed merchandise inside their purses. A search of their purses revealed they were in possession of burglary tools. The 19-year-old and 20-year-old Asian females were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, March 23:

11. Around 7:36 p.m., officers responded to the Sunglass Hut at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft that had just occurred. A male juvenile concealed a pair of Versace sunglasses inside his pants and exited the store without making payment. He was observed leaving the location with two Hispanic or Armenian adult males in a white BMW. The juvenile is described as Hispanic or Armenian, 10 to 12-years-old, wearing a white t-shirt and dark colored pants.

12. At approximately 5:37 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver Intrepid for suspended registration at Second Avenue and Haven Avenue. The driver explained to the officer that his license was suspended. A records check revealed the subject also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 41-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, March 24:

13. At roughly 2:03 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a silver Ford Mustang for speeding on Foothill Boulevard, near Second Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed an odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the 34-year-old Hispanic male was driving under the influence. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. Shortly after 1:20 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house through a rear sliding glass door and ransacked the entire residence. The loss was unknown at the time of the report and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.

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## ARCADIANS: Don't forget to vote For Measure D

By Joan Schmidt

Last week I wrote a brief summary about each of the five candidates running for City Council in Arcadia. Everyone must choose TWO candidates. Unfortunately, there was a mishap and on the ballots sent out, voters were told to vote for three in the Chinese translation. That situation has been rectified and notices are being sent out to vote for only TWO candidates.

There also is MEASURE D on the ballot and voters need to understand that this measure will benefit their city and most residents will NOT be affected by it.

Measure D is the City Of Arcadia Hotel Tax. At present, there is a hotel tax to travelers who stay in hotels, motels, and other forms of transient lodging in Arcadia for up to 30 days. If Measure D passes, the transient lodging tax will be charged to travelers who stay in transient lodging for up to 90 days. Additionally if Measure D passes, the hotel tax will be applied "to all rent charged by hotel operators, including online travel companies".

The revenue generated if Measure D passes, will go to the City's "General Fund" and be used for city services. I was very impressed that Arcadia was able to "cleanup" after the windstorm and had funds available to do so.

This Measure D seems like a good idea. Often people won't tread the fine print and just vote "No" on Measures because they think it is going to affect them and they don't want higher taxes or assessments. Here is Measure D:

MEASURE D: "Shall an ordinance amending the Arcadia Municipal Code to extend the period of occupancy subject to the Transient Occupancy (Hotel) Tax from 30 days to 90 days, and to apply the Tax to all rent charged by hotel operators, including online travel companies, for the transient occupation of any hotel room, be adopted to help preserve general City services such as police and fire protection, street operations and maintenance, and library, parks and recreation services."

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## This Week In Monrovia

## READY, SET, GO! A NEW NATION-WIDE PROGRAM FOR WILDFIRE HOME PROTECTION

### *Saving lives and property during a wildfire.*

The Monrovia Fire Department has become one of the latest departments to join the Ready, Set, Go! Program. The new program is designed to teach individuals who live in high risk wildfire areas how to best prepare themselves and their properties against wildfire threats. Ready, Set Go! works collaboratively with our existing brush clearance outreach and provides the tools for our firefighters to educate individuals on preparedness, situational awareness when a fire starts, and evacuating early for the safety of your family and responding firefighters.

The simple steps of the program are:

- Ready – Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildfire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe spot. Make sure all residents residing within the home are on the same page. Plan escape routes.
- Set – Act immediately. Pack your vehicle with your emergency items. Stay abreast of the latest news, both reported on news crews and your local fire department for updated information on the fire.
- Go – Leave early! Following your Action Plan makes you prepared at this step of the process. Firefighters are now able to best maneuver the wildfire ensuring you and your family's safety.

The Ready, Set, Go! Program is the result of a nation-wide discussion on how to protect homes and lives in what the fire service calls the Wildland-Urban-Interface – where development meets natural vegetation – and the Ember Zone, an area where the wind driven embers fall-out from a wildfire that threaten property and lives. It is a three step process that teaches homeowners to create their own Action Plan of getting their property wildfire prepped and ready long before a fire is upon them. This process significantly increases the safety of the homeowner and family and allows the firefighters to best do their job of extinguishing the fire, thus increasing the chance of saving homes and loved ones.

By joining the program, the Fire Department has become one of approximately 40 fire departments in California registered as and “RSG” department. The benefits of membership include full access to outreach tools, information resources, discussion forums and interaction with fellow departments that will assist in getting the message out to our residents.

Over the coming months, we will be rolling out the Ready, Set, Go! Program. Don't let the first time you educate yourself on wildfire be in the aftermath. Join with us and be a part of the wildfire solution today.

Visit <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org> for information.

### *Planning Commission Recommendations to Go to Council Next Week*

The Planning Commission had its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2012 and forwarded the request for a four-unit planned development at 547 West El Norte Avenue to the City Council for approval.

The Commission also forwarded a request with a recommendation of approval to build a new three unit development, along with the restoration of a house built in 1921. This development will be at 212-216 West Olive Avenue.

The City Council will hear these requests at their meeting on April 3, 2012.

### *The Transit Update*

Ridership for Monrovia Transit (Dial-a-Ride) remained the same in year-over-year comparison for the month of February. The City's transit provider, Keolis Transit America (formerly named Tectrans), provided over 4,300 trips this past February.

Monrovia Transit has provided more than 35,500 trips in fiscal year 2011-12, which is an 8% increase over the prior fiscal year to date. Ridership complaints are minimal, and on-time performance is around 98%. Great job Monrovia Transit!

For additional information, contact Brian O'Connor at 626.932.5521.



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## ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The City of Monrovia Department of Community Services is accepting nominations for the 2012 Older American of the Year Award. This award is presented to a Monrovia 60 years of age or older, working or retired, who is still actively involved in volunteer service in Monrovia.

The purpose of this award is to seek out, honor and encourage older persons to remain active volunteers in the community. Click here to download a nomination form of pick on up at the Monrovia Community Center or by email request to [rromero@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:rromero@ci.monrovia.ca.us). The award winner will be recognized at the Thursday, April 19 Senior Spring Recognition Luncheon and at the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging Celebration in May.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.



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## Monrovia Police Blotter

### *Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of March 26 - 28, 2012*

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 501 service events, resulting in 106 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crime-mapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping.

#### *Grand Theft Auto*

March 26 at 8:49 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of Royal Oaks. The victim parked and locked his vehicle on the street in front of his house. The vehicle is a 1991, red, Nissan pick-up. Investigation continuing.

#### *Theft From a Vehicle*

March 27 at 5:26 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Garfield regarding a theft from an unlocked vehicle. The loss was a women's coat. Cash and a laptop computer were left behind. Investigation continuing.

#### *Grand Theft Auto*

On March 28 at 6:27 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of South Madison. The victim parked her blue 2000 Durango in front of her residence with her purse and keys in the front seat. Her purse was later recovered in the laundry room of her apartment complex the following morning and her vehicle was recovered with the keys in the vehicle. Investigation continuing

#### *Theft From a Vehicle*

On March 28 at 1:53 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of North Garfield regarding a theft from an unlocked vehicle. The victim parked her vehicle in front of the residence with her purse on the front seat. The victim returned to her vehicle the following morning and discovered her purse missing. Investigation continuing.

#### *Theft From a Vehicle*

On March 28 at 3:10 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Sunset Place regarding a theft from a vehicle. The victim left his vehicle parked in front of his residence unlocked. He returned to his vehicle the following day and discovered 2 ipods missing. Investigation continuing.

#### *Theft From a Vehicle*

On March 28 at 4:42 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block North Garfield regarding theft from a vehicle. The victim left his unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. He returned to his vehicle the following morning and discovered his GPS, ipod and Alpine stereo face plate missing. Investigation continuing.

### **Tip of the Week**

#### *Theft Prevention from Vehicles*

Always lock your doors and roll up all windows when you leave your car. Car thieves regularly patrol parking lots and try door handles to see if they will open. They will even try door handles on cars parked in driveways late at night when you are sleeping. They are hoping for an unlocked vehicle that they can get into quickly and they will take anything left inside. You should always store valuable items in the trunk, so that a criminal does not see them and become tempted to break into your vehicle.

### **STOP GRAFFITI BOUNTY PROGRAM**

One of the methods the Monrovia Police Department is using to combat graffiti in the community of Monrovia is the Stop Graffiti Bounty Program. If a citizen reports an incident of graffiti in the City of Monrovia that leads to the arrest of the suspect, the citizen will receive a \$100 bill. Help keep Monrovia looking great!

## SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL WINS BIG

Sierra Madre School again did well at the district Math Field Day competition held last Saturday, March 24th at Eliot Middle School.

The 4th Grade team of Cole Castillo, Jonluke Goldman, Tess Robertson-Neel, and Luke Vlcek took top honors with 4 gold medals in each of the test strands of number sense, problem solving, geometry, and statistics & probability. They earned best overall and received the district trophy for our school. The 4th grade team of Daniel Kyle,

At 5th grade, the team of Alex Bucur, Danny Comer, Sebastian Dunbar and Aidan Milanovich-Rooney received 4 gold medals in each of the strands and earned second place overall finish.

In 6th grade, the team of Garyn Anderton, Gray Harman, Ethan Nishikawa, and Julian Tayarah took home one bronze, two silvers and a gold medal, earning second place overall.

The 7th grade team of Kenna Castillo, Donovan Gonzalez, Erika Whiting, and Matthew Whiting earned one bronze and 3 silvers to take



4th grade Sierra Madre School students show off their gold medals from Math Field Day

home second overall, while our 7th grade team of Amy Prochaska, Madeline Sandfey, Katie Stapenhorst, and Axel Tanner received one silver and 3 golds and took home best overall and the district trophy.

8th grade students competed across test strands of equations & inequalities, polynomials, quadratics, and rational expressions. The team of Tyler Keck, George Siberell Chance Woods, and Daniel Wright earned one bronze, one silver, and one gold medal and a third place overall finish, while the team of Connor Bent, Sarah Kersting, Jordan Rupp, and Nick Whiting earned two gold, and one silver medal and took home top honors with best overall and the district trophy.

The best overall teams for 4th, 7th, and 8th grade will move on to compete in the LA County competition which will be held at Wilson Middle School in Glendale on June 2, 2012.

## ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL ENJOYS "AN EVENING ON THE EMERALD ISLE"

Alverno celebrates fourteenth annual gala on St. Patrick's Day

On Saturday, March 17, 2012 more than 280 members of the Alverno community gathered at the Pasadena Hilton dressed in their St. Patrick's Day finest to celebrate Alverno High School's Annual Gala. The theme for this year's event was "An Evening on the Emerald Isle" and guests were treated to an authentic Irish experience.

The evening began with a Silent Auction that included more than 320 items donated by Alverno families and local businesses including: Burger Continental, Casa del Rey, Green Street, In-N-Out Burger, Krikorian Pacific Theatres, Matt Denny's Ale House and Restaurant, Pasadena Playhouse, and many others. National companies and organizations that made donations included Applebee's, Dooney & Bourke, Estee Lauder, Fisher Price, and the New York Yankees.

During dinner, guests enjoyed live music by the Moreton Bay String Band as well as an Irish step dancing performance by members of the Cleary School of Irish Dance. A Live Auction was conducted following dinner that included getaways to Cabo San Lucas, Hawaii, and Paso Robles. Additionally, Alverno parents had the opportunity to bid on some highly coveted Alverno prizes for their daughters including special parking, front row tickets to graduation, and the opportunity to be Dean of Students for a day.

A very special part of the Live Auction included the opportunity to become one of the first sponsors of Alverno's "Adopt-a-Pillar" campaign, which will support the installation of pillars and wrought iron fencing along the Michillinda Avenue side of campus. This campaign is the first step towards the completion of Alverno's Master Plan.

"The Annual Gala is always such a feel-good event for our entire school community! Our alumnae and past parents return to Alverno, along with our current parents, Board Members, and faculty and staff to provide much-needed support to our school and most importantly, our students," said Wendy-Finch-Burk, Director of Development and Alumnae Relations at Alverno. "Past funds raised from the Annual Gala have allowed Alverno to purchase air conditioning units for all classrooms, new desks for the entire school, and two 15-passenger vans for school transportation."

Overall proceeds from this year's Gala will assist Alverno in repairing the damage done to the campus by the December 2011 windstorms, including damage to the Villa del Sol d'Oro. In addition to the repair projects, the funds will also be used to replace the downed trees and beautify the areas of our campus that were hardest hit by the windstorms.

"Alverno has a tremendous community of parents, alumnae, Board Members, and faculty and staff who provide unwavering support to our school and current students," said Ann Gillick, Head of School. "In addition to helping to make campus improvements and repair damage caused by the windstorms, funds raised at "An Evening on the Emerald Isle" will help Alverno to continue our mission of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be."

About Alverno High School

Alverno High School is a Catholic, private, college preparatory school for young women dedicated to preparing them to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about complex problems. Enlivened by the spirit of its Immaculate Heart Community sponsors, and mindful of the Franciscan roots of its founders, Alverno's program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—is shaped by the staff, trustees, and students in light of the world for which the students are being educated. Alverno's mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be and since 1960, Alverno has empowered more than 4,100 women to meet that goal. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit [www.alverno-hs.org](http://www.alverno-hs.org).



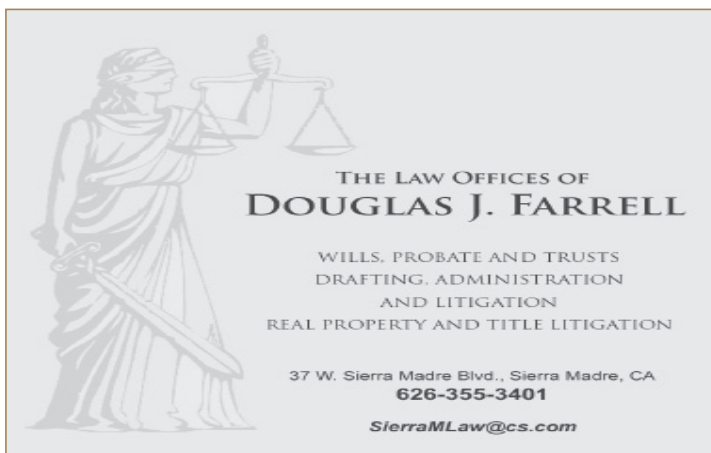
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During the eternal previews we whispered about the movie, unable to grasp that it was finally here.

Two and a half hours later we emerged, wide eyed and amazed. IT WAS SO GOOD! More than I expected, Jennifer Lawrence was phenomenal - who knew someone's eyes could convey so much? This was equivalent to Harry Potter, although they can't really be compared, rather, Harry Potter is just plain awesome and Hunger Games is badass. I cannot wait until November 2013 to see the next film, but at least I have this in the meantime.



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I brought along a trusted friend on this trip to Matsuri, Sean Lorenzini. He hunts sushi the way Melville's Ahab hounded the depths for whales, Sean being much in the same mold as myself, perennially found about the world and appearing fated to wander from one dining table to the next. Besides, if I was to play the part of Starbuck I need a strong captain for this voyage.

Once seated we started with the Red Snapper Carpaccio (\$14.50). It is an item that you may not find that frequently. We shared the dish, he on one side and I on the other, and we both agreed it was a savory sendoff. More of an appetizer than a meal, so we both yearned for our next plate and before I could say



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

superfrignexbealladosciuos, the next dish magically appeared. "She's Spicy Hot," yes you read it right, this spicy tuna appetizer

laid out on a shisho leaf is scintillating. Actually it's Shiso Hot, but a little writer's exaggeration never hurt.

There is one inescapable thing that all great sushi must possess, freshness. That is the fundamental element in any great Sushi restaurant and they ensure it at Matsuri. Papa San motors to the LA Fish Market at least five times a week to buy fish for the restaurant. Improbable, impossible, unimaginable you say, not to be found in this day and age! Pride drives that man to honor his guests. The delivery truck may sling fish at other restaurants but the emperor of sushi walks the docks as the fish is delivered and turns his keen eye to the best catch of the day. The gas is on me Papa San, put the pedal to the metal. I didn't get the names, as I was offered only, Momma San, Papa San and Son of San. But I did meet John Hunter, recently retired from JPL, and the "Official Mayor" of Matsuri. John visits the sushi bar at least three times a week and loves the daily specials. He is soft for an old reliable, the Live Scallops and Sea Urchin, and orders them whenever available.



The entrees were fantastic, I always order a Spicy Tuna Hand Roll. I even convinced Ahab; of course he ordered the rice paper, while I got the traditional seaweed wrap.

Sake and Beer are available, I do recommend sitting at the Sushi Bar if seats are available. It appears in this story that Ahab survives with a smile.

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4 red onions  
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3 squashed garlic cloves  
12 sage leaves  
8 peppercorns  
1 1/4 cups red wine  
1 1/4 cups chicken stock  
3/4 cup of pearl barley  
salt  
12 fresh almonds  
freshly ground black pepper

#### DIRECTIONS

Trim the fat from 1 shoulder of young lamb. Peel, wash, and thinly slice 4 carrots and 2 stalks of celery. Peel 4 red onions and cut into small wedges.

Cook the shoulder of lamb  
Preheat the oven to 300°F. Heat a flameproof casserole dish with a splash of olive oil and brown the shoulder on all sides. Take it out, throw away the cooking fat, wipe the casserole dish clean, and put it back on the heat with an additional splash of olive oil.

Put in half the vegetables and sweat for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring. Add 3 squashed garlic cloves, 12 sage leaves, and 8 peppercorns, mix well, and return the shoulder of lamb to the casserole dish.

Pour in 1 1/4 cups of red wine and reduce by half. Then

add 1 1/4 cups of chicken stock, cover the casserole dish with a lid, and put in the oven for 2 1/2 hours, basting the shoulder from time to time.

Take out the casserole dish. Remove the shoulder, wrap it in aluminium foil, and keep warm. Keep the casserole dish on hand.

Prepare the pearl barley  
Shortly before the end of cooking the lamb, put 3/4 cup of pearl barley to soak for 10 minutes.

Heat another casserole dish with a splash of olive oil, put in the rest of the vegetables, and cook for 2 minutes, stirring. Drain the pearl barley and add to the vegetables. Stir, season with salt, and cook for 1 to 2 minutes.

Take a ladleful of the cooking liquid from the lamb casserole dish and pour it into the barley casserole dish. Let it swell with the liquid and cook for 15 to 18 minutes, adding more of the liquid as and when it is absorbed.

Peel 12 fresh almonds and add them at the end of cooking with a splash of olive oil. Stir and check the seasoning.

To finish your dish  
Cut the shoulder into large pieces and return them to their casserole dish. Add the contents of the other casserole dish and a generous twist of freshly ground black pepper and serve in the casserole dish.



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## HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

### ROCK 'N ROLL, VEGAS, AND ... THE JETS

As my friends know, I go to Las Vegas a lot because the radio station that carries my show is located there. But I went there last weekend, not on business but just to relax, with my wife Linda and our adult daughters. We had a fantastic time. Food, sports, shows and conversation. I recommend spending this kind of extended family time for at least a couple of days. Doesn't have to be Las Vegas or any fancy spot. Sharing conversations and activities like 'grown ups' is a good thing for everybody.

Las Vegas is for more than just gambling. We caught Rod Stewart at Caesars – I enjoyed it so much I stood for most of the show. He's a great performer. Songs everyone wants to sing with him (and did.) If you are a steak eater, here's a review for you. I had the best steak I ever had in Vegas at the Old Homestead Steakhouse at Caesars Palace. I had the second best at Cut at the Venetian.

Of course we got into some great sports TV with the really competitive college basketball games as the Final Four teams were determined.

Las Vegas also has its share of information on sports. I learned that the Green Bay Packers are the early 6-1 favorites to win the Super Bowl. New England is next at 7-1, followed by the Saints and Texans at 10-1, and the Broncos and 49ers at 12-1.

If you are a Colt, Viking or Buccaneer fan, your team is at the other end of the spectrum at 135-1.

This brings me to the football topic for this week's column – the New York Jets, who are 28-1 to win the Super Bowl.

I wouldn't bet the Jets, (I rarely bet my money) even at those odds. And wouldn't bet them even with *your* money. I really wonder what the Jets were thinking when they traded for Tim Tebow. Their coach, Rex Ryan, may think it was a great move. But I don't.

In press conferences and releases, the Jets are still saying Sanchez is the starter. But I wonder. How many second-string quarterbacks have been flown into town on a private jet?

What the Jets have done is divide their team into two offenses -- the standard pro offense with starter Mark Sanchez and the Wildcat with Tebow.

This is an interesting set up. Who runs the pro offense if Sanchez gets hurt? And who runs the Wildcat if Tebow gets hurt? Maybe the Jets need four quarterbacks.

And then there is this: What about when fans start chanting "Tebow, Tebow, Tebow" after Sanchez throws a couple of interceptions? How does that make your starter feel?

Ryan says his team will prepare two different offenses. Okay, but can you imagine how tough it will be to run two different offenses at the NFL level?

Also, the Jets are giving the defenses they face an advantage. The defenses won't have to guess what offense the Jets will be using. When Sanchez is behind center, it is one, and with Tebow it is the other.

If you are a Jet fan, at least you won't have to worry about spending big money to procure any Super Bowl tickets. I think it will be a crazy year for them.

As for the Denver Broncos, they made a smart move in trading Tebow because, in Peyton Manning, they now have the quarterback with the skills and mind set they wanted. How many Denver fans have you heard say that the Broncos made a mistake by trading Tebow to the Jets?

Look for Denver to run the same offense that Peyton ran at Indianapolis. Why change anything? He's the best at what he does and a true future Hall of Famer. Biggest challenge: Keep him healthy! Do you think the Jets got any Hall of Famers in the deal?

Harvey Hyde can be heard on Las Vegas station KSHP1400 am via the Internet and also at [USCTrojans.com](http://USCTrojans.com).



### PERFECT GOLF SWING DRILLS

I have a couple of drills that are perfect golf swing drills-just for your game. Let's start with my favorite full swing drill of all time. The main reason this game is so tough is because we have to stand to the side of the golf ball to hit it. If you are going to play this game you have to understand that the golf club has to swing around your body not above it.

Any time the hands and arms separate from the upper body and swing away from you-you are in trouble. This is why my favorite golf swing drill is-ball above your feet. The great thing about this drill is you don't have to hit golf balls. When you find a lie where the ground is higher than your feet, you can just swing away. Of course I have to share a couple of things with you about this drill.

Most amateur golfers swing the club too much up and down. It is almost impossible to change the shape of a swing that is too much up and down without using some sort of aid. The reason it is hard to change is because you can't see what's going on behind you in the backswing. That is why this drill is awesome. You stand on the side of hill and you swing away. With the club above your feet the has to swing around you. It is next to impossible to swing the club up too much.

If you have the luxury to hit balls from this type of lie the better off you are. I have to warn you about one thing, if you hit some shots fat it is because your old swing keeps creeping in. Because the ball is closer to you the club will smack the ground if you don't swing it around you.

I want to share one more drill with you that will give you the feeling of turning through in the follow through. The next time you are at the practice facility and after you are warmed up, I want you to try this drill. Hit a short pitch shot and after you have finished the swing, lift your right foot off of the ground and tap your toe three times. The first time you try it you might fall over. It is the best drill to teach yourself to turn through and stay in balance.

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### Jeff's Pics The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

#### ISLAND OF VICE: THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S DOOMED QUEST TO CLEAN UP SIN-LOVING NEW YORK by Richard Zacks

When young T. Roosevelt was appointed police commissioner of New York City, he had the astounding gall to try to shut down the brothels, gambling joints, and after-hours saloons. This is the story of how TR took on Manhattan vice, and vice won. In the 1890s, New York City was America's financial, manufacturing, and entertainment capital, and also its preferred destination for sin, teeming with forty thousand prostitutes, glittery casinos, and all-night dives. Police captains took bribes to see nothing while reformers writhed in frustration. Zacks paints a vivid portrait of the lewd underbelly of 1890s New York, and of Roosevelt, the puritanical, cocksure police commissioner resolved to clean it up. He explores how Roosevelt goes head to head with Tammany Hall, takes midnight rambles with muckraker Jacob Riis, and tries to convince New Yorkers to enjoy wholesome family fun. When Roosevelt's crackdown succeeds too well, even his supporters turn on him and TR discovers that New York loves its sin more than its salvation. With cameos by Stephen Crane, Mark Twain, and a horde of very angry cops, Island of Vice is an unforgettable snapshot of 1890's New York in all its seedy glory and a look at one of our most colorful presidents!!

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#### MYCOPHILIA: REVELATIONS FROM THE WEIRD WORLD OF MUSHROOMS

by Eugenia Bone

An incredibly versatile cooking ingredient containing an abundance of vitamins, minerals, and possibly cancer fighting properties, mushrooms are among the most expensive and sought after foods on the planet. Yet when it comes to fungi, culinary uses are only the tip of the iceberg. Throughout history fungus has been prized for its diverse properties, medicinal, ecological, even recreational, and has spawned its own quirky subculture dedicated to exploring the weird biology and celebrating the unique role it plays on earth. Bone examines the role of fungi as exotic delicacy, curative, poison, and hallucinogen, and ultimately discovers that a greater understanding of fungi is key to facing many challenges of the 21st century. Mycophilia is for foodies, science buffs, environmental advocates, and anyone interested in learning a lot about one of the least understood and most curious organisms in nature.



### SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

The San Diego natives are under the impression they've found their calling with the release of their eponymous third record. Delta Spirit never wanted their style to be regarded as a folk rock or alt-country. In spite of their earlier sound wandering around in the confines of those genres, the band always believed they were simply crafting modern rock songs. For the group to release their third album as self-titled, the band is certainly trying to inveigle fans and newcomers alike to finally see what they are truly all about. Is it worth your time? With some hesitation, it's apparent that Delta Spirit has indeed generated a decent record. However, I must confess, this is now coming from someone who was never truly impressed with the band's first two records.

The problem with the group's self-titled album is how inconsistent it is. I never found myself entirely captivated with the experience of listening to it. "Tear It Up," the second track off the record is fully energetic. It's my favorite song off the album, but those who've previously found spiritual enlightenment through the music of Delta Spirit may be disappointed. The abovementioned song sounds nothing like they've ever written before and maybe that's the reason I thoroughly enjoyed it. The simple lyrics masked behind infectious guitar riffs are what make "Tear It Up" what it is. Some may call it fluff, but I call it pure addictiveness. "Time Bomb" is a beautiful, spiritually driven track that exemplifies the notion of a looming future. The morbidly induced "Into The Darkness" comes off rather haunting. This is the sound Delta Spirit should have gone for with the other songs. At any rate, "Time Bomb" and "Into The Darkness" demonstrates how Delta Spirit really try to become more than just a band simply described as one or two things.

The group stumbles with songs like "Idaho," "Otherside," and the god-awful "Tellin' The Mind". They feel nothing more than plain filler and suffer from being both unappealing and painfully generic. The trio of songs is a poor representation of what the band wants to now accomplish. Mishaps aside, Delta Spirit has definitely shifted gears with this latest endeavor. No longer can you call them a purely Americana rock band. They've some made intrepid choices and credit is due for most of their artistic decisions. With the release of their third record, I don't know if Delta Spirit is exactly sure if they are the band they've all set out to be. If anything, this record constitutes a step forward in the direction they're trying to head down. However, it's just not the big leap they were anticipating on achieving.

Key Tracks:

"Tear It Up," "Home," "Time Bomb", "Into The Darkness"

Grade: 7 out of 10

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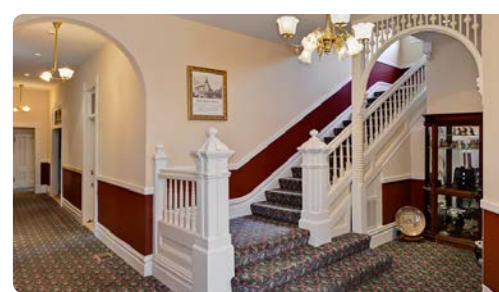


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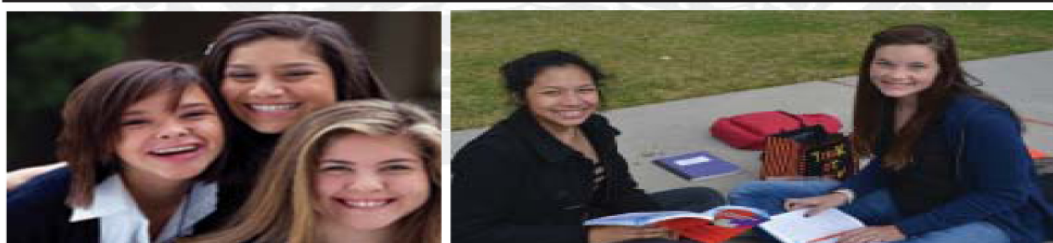
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TIM GREGORY, THE BUILDING BIOGRAPHER

Does your century old 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, Gregory decided he wanted to do something different with his life.

He went back to school and got a second master’s degree in Public History and Historic Preservation from Cal State Dominguez Hills, and 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. He reflects that he saw a turning point in local sentiment switch from tearing down older homes, to increased interest, particularly in Pasadena which is rich in century old homes, in preserving the architectural history of individual homes, neighborhoods and cities. 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. An invitation to speak in front of the Pasadena Board of Realtors about his capabilities bolstered his resolve to create this niche career for himself. Over 2500 research projects later, the answer is a resounding yes. As Gregory’s reputation grew, his work has branched out from Pasadena, and only about a third of his history requests come from the San Gabriel Valley these days. Most of the balance comes from the greater Los Angeles County. He got to know the ins and out of other places in the county to get the type of information people wanted to know about their homes. He regularly descends into the map room in the downtown LA, County Recorder’s office to review old records. As a preserver of this precious history, He learned that many old homes are identified in the building department by the name of the original owner, rather than the address. The first step is to establish when the first improvement shows up on the property. He finds the census information from “the old days” very detailed and fascinating, with number of children and servants, what occupations they held, and more. With an owner name he starts his research online, with “who’s Who”, and various other indexes at the Los Angeles Public Library. Even the old card file is now available online, and cardholders can use this database for free. Owners of old homes seem to particularly love to see newspaper advertisements from a century ago, describing their homes. Often, the architect is listed, especially on the larger homes, and this provides another area to research. A publication called Southwest Builder and Contractor was a weekly magazine until the 1960’s offers a wealth of information just waiting to be mine by the savvy researcher for interested



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homeowners and Realtors. This work, however, requires a patient eye, since the archive is not indexed, and requires sifting through microfilm. One delighted customer thanked Gregory for adding about \$30k to his sales price, as Gregory’s research validated the home’s design “pedigree” by a famous architect. The LA County Assessor’s district offices are another source of data back to the 1920’s, though this may required a drive to Sylmar, South El Monte, etc. depending on the location of the home in question. Assessors used to sketch a footprint of the home, and draw in alterations, a nice added touch, according to Gregory. This allows him to “carbon date” some of the changes in a home. This information isn’t open public record, however, and the current owner’s authorization is required. Sometimes his research turns up data that doesn’t please the owners or the Realtors. Often homes touted as “star-owned” are not. Gregory chuckled, ‘A lot of properties listed say ‘Mae West lived here’ but that’s rarely the case. West owned a lot of property so she may have been an owner, or had a financial interest in the property, but not many can accurately claim that “Mae West slept here.” His sleuthing activities have turned up the storied past of some homes. Like the house in the Hollywood Hills with phone lines galore in the basement. Surprise surprise... Turns out a former owner was a bookie, and ran his operation from the basement.

Other homes presented a puzzlement. Sometimes owners just want to know why a home’s feature appears. Experience has taught Gregory that Altadena and Glendale were popular spots

for speakeasies, and when homes turn up with huge basements, and perhaps an escape tunnel or two to the street below, think Prohibition, speakeasy and bathtub gin. Gregory’s favorite home designer? “It has to be Anna Latham. She designed and built her own houses. She did some of the finest designs I have ever seen. No one really knew about her.” Gregory has uncovered a surprising number of women in what was considered a man’s field of home design and construction. “Often they used only initials instead of full names, or a company name. For instance, Dulux Building Company was owned by a woman.” When researching a home in San Marino, documentation indicated the property had a train shed on the homesite. Gregory looked up the history of local train lines, and no answer to this mystery came to mind. Turns out he was completely on the wrong track, pun intended. A previous owner collected miniature trains, and built a shed to display his hobby. Only one ghost story has come across his desk. This case came up in the San Rafael Hills of Pasadena, in a home designed by Paul Williams. A couple purchased a home from an old woman who died.

The couple started a remodel, including tearing out walls. One owner got up during the night and saw an apparition of a woman with her hair tied up in a bun, and a dog on a leash. The other owner then admitted, “I was reluctant to mention it, but... “I saw her too, a few weeks ago!” Later, the couple found a photo of the same lady, hair in a bun, with Fido by her side. After that, the ghost was never seen again, apparently finally at rest. For more information, contact Tim Gregory, The Building Biographer, at 626-792-7465, or through his website, [www. BuildingBiographer.com](http://www.BuildingBiographer.com)




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Sun 2-4	\$658,000	3 br, 1.5 ba	65 Park Ave.
Sun 2-4	\$523,700	2 br, 2 ba	618 Woodland Dr.
Temple City			
Sun 2-4	\$479,000	3 br, 2 ba	10409 Miloann St.



Tips of the Trade:  
Real Estate Revealed  
by Luther Tsinoglou

HOW TO BUY LIKE  
A SELLER

If you’re in the market to buy a home, take a counter-intuitive tip and imagine the day you’ll be selling it. That’s right - whether you’re a first time buyer, or relocating, this home probably won’t be your last, so look for features that will pay off when the day comes to move again.

North, south, east or west, the biggest amenity the next buyer will look for is central air conditioning. In the Deep South, over 90% of buyers rank central air as critically important, and three-quarters of buyers everywhere else put it high on the list.

Another often-overlooked feature is storage. Over half of buyers desire a two-car garage and a walk-in closet for the master bedroom. Ample closets and storage space just can’t be stressed enough.

If at all possible, avoid costly upgrades and offer incentive down the road by purchasing an energy efficient home with newer windows, pervasive insulation, and Energy Star appliances. If the home is already wired for cable, satellite, and high-speed Internet, so much the better.

Finally, it’s still all about location, location, location. It’s the one thing you can’t change about the home you buy, so look for good schools (even if you don’t have children) and proximity to shopping and recreation. Just ask your agent about the most popular features in your area and take heed!

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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  
Collin 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*  
Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
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### NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS

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

- there shall be three voting precincts.
- 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.
- that the persons named have been appointed officers of election for their respective voting precincts, as of 15 days prior to the election.
- that the persons named actually served as officers of election for their respective voting precincts.

	Last Name	First Name
<b>A.</b> 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>B.</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
<b>C.</b> 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.

*Nancy Sue Shollenberger*  
Nancy Sue Shollenberger  
City Clerk

DATED: March 19, 2012

### 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.

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POSTED: March 20, 2012

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- Joe Mosca, Former Mayor

"I've known Gene for several years and he's always impressed me with his ability to deal with issues without any drama. His calm approach when reaching out to others makes for an environment that is conducive to achieving consensus before issues turn into problems. Gene's well-grounded and steady personality makes him the right choice for our City Council."

- Doug Hayes, Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year



Sierra Madre Little League and Scouting have been a big part of my life for several years.

### QUALIFICATIONS

**Knowledge of Government:** Political Science Professor, Long Beach City College, specializing in federal, state and local government.

**Education:** Master's Degree and two years of Doctoral Studies in Political Science at the University of Southern California

**Leadership Experience:** Past President of the 350 member Community College Association at Long Beach City College; Presently Chair of the History and Political Science Department; Past Chair of the LBCC Technology Committee

### I will

Lead the effort, using the City's new market data study, to actively recruit more small businesses. Scrutinize the budgets of the City's departments with an eye on wringing out cost savings. Work closely with our Police and Fire Departments to make sure their vital mission is supported.

Maintain quality Public Works services including streets, sewers and our critical water system.

Endeavor to maintain Youth and Senior Programs and our magnificent parks and Library.

Support sensible policies that will conserve and enhance our critical natural resources. Work to see that reasonable projects can be built in keeping with our laws and our small town consensus. I support the current Kensington Project, subject to a vote by the people this fall.

### Endorsements

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Mayor Pro Tem Josh Moran

Council Member Nancy Walsh

George Maurer, Former Mayor, Citizen of the Year

Doug Hayes, Former Mayor, Citizen of the Year

Joe Mosca, Former Mayor

Glen Lamdin, Former Mayor

Enid Joffe, Former Mayor

Tonja Torres, Former Council Member

Carol Canterbury, Citizen of the Year

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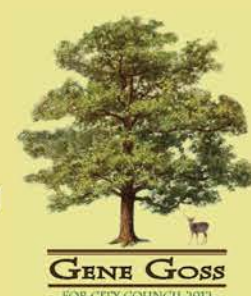
Ron Brandley, Downtown Business Owner and

Former Planning Commissioner

\*Sierra Madre Police Officers Association

*\*I have been endorsed by the POA because they know I am a strong supporter of law enforcement and favor retaining a local police force. I have not and will not, however, accept financial contributions from the POA.*

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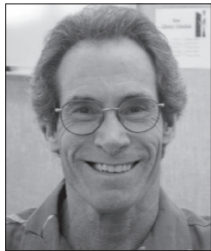
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### MARY ANN MACGILLIVRAY... SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT... AGAIN!

Mary Ann MacGillivray proudly proclaims her allegiance to the Tea Party principles of “fiscal responsibility, limited government, and free market.” She also proclaims she’s for a balanced city budget, lower taxes, personal responsibility, and against unnecessary spending. Sounds too good to be true -- especially from a politician.

Unfortunately, truth is not one of Mary Ann’s strengths. She has been a ‘revisionist’ since the day she took office two years ago. She has in the past been among those eyeing cuts in Library Services and Community Services. In this campaign she claims to support them.

She opposes the UUT which is NOT a tax increase, but an extension of the existing tax to insure our fire, police and paramedic services. After the unexpected costs of the Windstorm, the shut down of the Community Redevelopment Agencies and the continued collapse of the California economy, who knows what the city will be faced with in the future. Her contention that it can wait and that there is no urgency, is irresponsible, for if it is not done now, the city will miss a full year of tax income by the time it can go back before the voters and be enacted.

During the Water Rate fiasco, she was opposed to the increase and then changed her position to say that she was opposed to the ‘process’ of the proposed increase. After the opposing side failed to get enough votes to stop the increase, Mary Ann fought tooth and nail to keep the council from implementing the full rate increase which ultimately caused Sierra Madre to have its’ credit rating drop.

As a result, Sierra Madre is now in a compromised position should we need to rely on our credit for anything. It means that if we have to negotiate or renegotiate anything financial, we will have to do so at a higher interest rate which will cost the city thousands, and possibly millions of dollars depending on the transaction. For instance, if we have to renegotiate existing bonds, that would cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars more. An unfortunate position that we find ourselves in, thanks mostly to Mary Ann MacGillivray.

During the 2010 Campaign for City Council, she sent a personal citywide mailer, without identifying it as a campaign piece or even identifying it on the envelope (it simply had the return address of *Duncan and Mary Ann MacGillivray*) supporting her ‘slate’ of candidates, Don Watts, Pat Alcorn and John Crawford. It was totally inappropriate, misleading and perhaps illegal.

In 2005-2006 Mary Ann was a member of the Hillside Management Zone (HMZ) Committee,

which ostensibly was intended to protect our Hillside from overdevelopment. During the process, she, along with other committee members and hillside property owners defined “Hillside” in such a manner that their hillside properties would be exempt and later included in the “Residential Canyon Zone.”

And, lest we forget, it was Mary Ann who made herself Council liaison to the Community Services Commission before she was elected. As a council member she has also appointed obstructionists to committees such as The General Plan Update Steering Committee and the Community Services Committee. While she says she is for community services, parks and recreation, she has attempted to put a halt to almost all recreation related issues that have come before her at the Commission or Council level. Here are just a few examples:

- In 2011 she protested the waiver of a permit fee for the Little League Parade. She stated that if they couldn’t afford to pay for the permit, perhaps they should cancel the parade. Her sons didn’t have a parade when they were little so why should today’s children have a parade?

- Mary Ann opposed new toilets in Memorial Park. Despite a Public Works report that stated that the old existing toilets were too old to be repaired, certain Commission members and MA didn’t want the new toilets. The majority of the Council voted for the new toilets and they are located behind City hall north of the tennis courts.

- Community Services staff presented a creative idea for raising revenues for the pool. The plan allowed a family to pay for private lessons at the pool before other classes began. Private lessons would be offered at a private lesson rate thereby raising revenues for the pool. Mary Ann opposed it. The majority supported the plan, and it was a real money maker last year.

- At one Council meeting where the chamber was filled with Sierra Madre School parents, she suggested that public school students pay \$1,000 year tuition. Apparently, she thinks the kids that are bussed in from Northeast Pasadena should have to pay for the privilege to attend school here.

- Mary Ann is the one who distributed to the City Council members a little over a year ago, an unsolicited book on Sharia law, presumably as a result of her paranoia about the infiltration the city government by Islamic Jihadists.

Mary Ann carries this whole Tea Party mantra of cutting spending and no new taxes with complete disregard for the people of this town. The quality of life in this town is what is on the ballot this year, and unfortunately, in my opinion, Mary Ann, who is trying to promote her Tea Party profile, is not what this town needs.

**It’s time for a change. This Tuesday let’s show Mary Ann the door -- to a future of well-earned obscurity!**

## OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column A GRANDPARENT’S DAY AT THE PARK



Fun is a relative quantity. One person’s fun may be somebody else’s drudgery and pain. I know someone, and her name shall remain anonymous, whose idea of fun is rooting through thrift stores all day long. That concept of fun has never darkened the shadowy corridors of my mind.

The idea of spending time in the park has to be amended to include one very important ingredient. On my own, I probably would not even think of going to the park. Not that I do not like the park, I just would not come up with the idea all by myself.

Then, the important equation of fun is a little granddaughter.

A day at the park by myself does not equal to very much fun. After all, I have talked to myself and I am rather boring. I have heard all my stories before and by the time, I tell myself the story for the 19th time it is no longer funny.

A day at the park with the granddaughter does equal fun.

I think grandchildren are God’s way of reminding grandfathers how much energy we do not have and, for that matter, never had.

The date was set and my wife and I set off to take our little granddaughter to the park. On the main features of this park was a merry-go-round. I am rather certain they had merry-go-round when I was a child but for the life of me, I cannot remember the last time I took a spin.

As we set out for our destination in the park, I nonchalantly told the little granddaughter that there was a merry-go-round in the park. That was the end of my talk for the trip. The whole way there, all she could talk about was the merry-go-round and how fast it went and how many ponies there were. By the time we got to the merry-go-round I had learned about all there is to know about a merry-go-round from a six-year-old’s viewpoint.

According to her, the merry-go-round is about the most fun you could ever have in the whole wide world. And, she emphasized, “I’m serious.”

We rounded the corner, before us was the park and in the middle of the park was this mysterious, mystical merry-go-round. It elicited a deep heartfelt “Wow,” from the younger member of our walking troop.

She immediately began running and pulling me along to the point where I had to walk a little faster than I normally walk. I mean, at my age running is completely out of the question. And so, she ran, I shuffled enthusiastically and before long we were in front of the merry-go-round.

“Isn’t it beautiful, grandpa,” she almost whispered.

We did not stand long admiring the merry-go-round. She let out a squeal and said, “Come on, grandpa. Let’s go ride the merry-go-round.”

My plans were very simple. I would let her get on the merry-go-round, pay for the ticket, sit down on the bench and watch her go round and round and round. Well, that was my plan. She, on the other hand, had other plans.

With almost superhuman force she drug me pass the admission gate, I hardly had enough time to pay for the ride and get to the pony she was going to ride.

“This is my pony, grandpa. Where’s yours?”

I quickly searched my plans and could nowhere find any notation about riding a pony on a merry-go-round on this particular day. Instead, I helped her up on her pony and I stood by her and said, “We’ll do this one together.” She was too excited about riding the merry-go-round that she did not respond.

I grabbed hold of one part of the pony, right next to us was another pony and I held onto that. “Are we ready to go, grandpa?”

No sooner had she said that until the bell rang and the merry-go-round began going round. And round. And round.

Not only that, the pony she was on, went up and down and the pony next to her that I was hanging onto went down and up. It was as if I was in perpetual motion. It seemed as if that merry-go-round ride lasted 17 hours. Eventually, with my head spinning and my stomach doing whatever stomachs do, we came to the end of our merry-go-round.

Being grateful that we have finished our ride, I proceeded to disengage her from the pony. However, that was not her plan.

“Oh, grandpa, just one more time.”

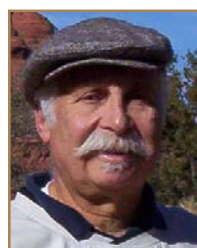
The problem with grandfathers is that nowhere in their vocabulary lurks in any fashion any sound resembling “no.” Consequently, we went round on the merry-go-round “just one more time.”

I learned a deep lesson that afternoon. When a little granddaughter says “just one more time,” it is not in any literal sense of the word that they say it. I’m not prepared to say how many times we went on that merry-go-round, needless to say, by the end of the afternoon I was in a complete whirl not knowing whither I was coming or whither I was going.

As we walked over to get our ice cream treat, I remembered what the apostle Paul said about Timothy. “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15(KJV)).

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### BEWARE THE BRIEF CASE CARRIERS

Yesterday I spent a whole lot of time talking to people about the Trayvon Martin calamity in Florida. I spent some time in Court, at a Doctor’s office, in a restaurant, and on the golf course and spoke with people of different ages, races, and economic classes. Everyone had an opinion and, after saying they were hesitant to engage in this kind of conversation, proceeded to say that racism and “profiling” still existed but that things were better than they were.

As I struggled to take advantage of the extra daylight afforded by Daylight Savings Time I made my way to the golf course and was paired up with some 60 year-old Black guy who was trying to do the same thing. We got to talking and Trayvon Martin came up and almost the first thing he said was, “Look, if that vigilante patrol guy who shot the kid had been Black he would be in jail right now. None of this, “let’s try and find out what happened before we arrest anybody.” Of course he emphasized Black People are still treated unfairly but he emphasized something else that I had not thought much about.

He explained to me that when he was growing up his role-model had been his father. His father was a tough World War II Veteran who clearly knew that there was a lot wrong in the world but who emphasized that part of the challenge of life was to control one’s emotions without losing one’s soul. The importance of recognizing right from wrong and to not be defined by the expectations of other people was a part of growing up. A big part of maturity is controlling your emotions and picking your battles and avoiding wars that do not need to be fought right then.

My playing partner had to race off at the eighth hole but before he left he tried to explain to me how difficult it was today to raise kids. In his day the message of the world was that Black people had little worth and little future. A man’s task was to transcend this negative view and believe in his own worth and still believe in your own worth and enjoy the life you had and commit yourself to something. He mentioned the James Brown song, I’m Black and I’m Proud, as penetrating the fog around him and giving inspiration. He contrasted this awareness with the awareness of today in which young people growing up are surrounded by messages of violence, drugs, ostentatious wealth, and spaceships. Before he left he made one final comment, “You’re Jewish, aren’t you?”

“Yes,” I replied. “It probably doesn’t take a detective to notice. Why?”

“Well, you Jews are still getting rich peddling these crazy ideas to our kids.” And with that he was off.

Now I was alone and while waiting to hit my next drive I thought about what he had said. Yes there is still Anti-Semitism in the world and there is still racial profiling, notwithstanding the existence of our African-American President and our Latino Mayor who will become even more visible at the coming Democratic convention. Also there is a gigantic proliferation of media-garbage displaying violence, explosions, gore, and overall disrespect for human life. Somebody must be profiting from all this.

Who are the actual evil people in this society profiting from the struggles of the rest of us? No, I don’t think it’s poor misguided George Zimmerman, the Latino vigilante who shot Trayvon Martin.. Demonstrators across America are demanding the arrest of this man who probably thought he was doing the world a favor by acting on his unwarranted belief that young hoodie wearing Mr. Martin was a threat to “the good people” living within the locked doors of their gated-housing complex. Mr. Zimmerman is not alone in his misperception. There is a threat to the values inherent within our society; but that threat does not come from hoodie wearing teenagers, or from Latino gangs, or from welfare-queens, or even from greedy over-extended home-buyers. The threat comes from our own most educated and able students who have become convinced that their own comfort and their need to accumulate ever-expanding wealth is the most important thing in the world and is therefore worth sacrificing every other principle.

Some of these people may even be Jewish and many of these people were involved in creating and profiting from the nefarious financial shenanigans which created the derivatives and the defaulted loans. These people are still around in governmental positions or being granted bonuses within the private sector. These guys are bright, able, and evil. So too are there kids being educated to carry on these traditions, eager to repay huge student loans and become independent of mommy and daddy.

This whole bunch should be “profiled” as a potential and present threat to basic American values. BEWARE of the young and privileged! Perhaps some of them are not-yet-evil people. Perhaps they can be reached because really we need their help and they need ours.

## RICH Johnson MORE REPARTEE



I suspect all of us many times over our lives remember occasions when someone said something to us that invited a clever comeback or a witty retort. Unfortunately, as Mark Twain once observed, “Repartee is something we think of twenty-four hours too late.” There are those times when all cylinders are firing and our response is, what the Aussies call “Spot on.” Here is a smattering of those times:

Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Premier 50 years ago, was known for taking off his shoe at meetings and pounding it on the table when he was dissatisfied with the speaker. One such occasion was September 29, 1960 when British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was speaking at the United Nations. The shoe pounding commenced and rather than be flustered at the interruption the Prime Minister calmly looked down at the interpreter and said, “Could I have that translated, please?”

In 1981, recuperating in his hospital bed after the assassination attempt, President Ronald Reagan was reassured by an aide to not worry in that the government was functioning normally. Reagan quipped to the aide, “What makes you think I’d be happy about that?”

In 2004, once Senator John Kerry had wrapped up the Democrat nomination for president a rumor surfaced that he was considering Republican Senator John McCain as his running mate. Though on different sides of the aisle they were friends and both decorated Vietnam War veterans. When asked about whether or not he wanted to become Vice President, John McCain responded, “I spent several years in a North Vietnamese POW camp, kept in the dark, fed with scraps. Do you think I want to do that all over again?”

In the 1992 presidential primaries there were seven democrats vying for the nomination. Bill Clinton was one of those. Now a shining star in the Democratic Party, the former Rhodes scholar was introduced as the most intelligent of the presidential candidates. He responded with a smile, “Isn’t that like calling Moe the most intelligent of the Three Stooges?”

I enjoy the interchange between Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle during their vice presidential debate in 1988. But I enjoy it for a different reason than most. Considering his age, maturity and intelligence Dan Quayle, was asked what he would do if he was called to succeed to the presidency. The 41-year-old Quayle responded by saying, “I have as much experience in the Congress as Jack Kennedy did when he sought the presidency.” To which the much older Senator Bentsen moved in for the kill: “Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you are no Jack Kennedy.”

What I liked about that interchange was Bentsen, clever as his repartee was, appeared to me and others as verbally beating up his opponent. It actually garnered sympathy for Senator Quayle. And I guess the final proof was in the pudding. Senator Bentsen had to live with only being Senator Bentsen. Senator Quayle wore the title Vice President for 4 years.

Four years later, when Bill Clinton ran against George H. W. Bush, someone compared Governor Clinton to Thomas Jefferson. Mimicking Bentsen, Ronald Reagan got up at the Republican Convention and said, “This fellow they’ve nominated claims he’s the new Thomas Jefferson. Well, let me tell you something. I knew Thomas Jefferson. He was a friend of mine. And governor, you’re no Thomas Jefferson.”

Much of these examples of repartee I’ve pulled from a wonderful book entitled “Viva la repartee” by Dr. Mardy Grothe. It’s worth adding to your library.

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



EARTH'S OTHER MOONS

Earth usually has more than one natural moon, according to a team of astronomers from the University of Helsinki, the Paris Observatory and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Our 2,000-mile-diameter Moon, so beloved by poets, artists and romantics, has been orbiting Earth for over 4 billion years. Its much smaller cousins, dubbed "minimoons," are thought to be only a few feet across and to usually orbit our planet for less than a year before resuming their previous lives as asteroids orbiting the Sun.

Mikael Granvik (formerly at UH Manoa and now at Helsinki), Jeremie Vaubaillon (Paris Observatory) and Robert Jedicke (UH Manoa) calculated the probability that at any given time Earth has more than one moon. They used a supercomputer to simulate the passage of 10 million asteroids past Earth. They then tracked the trajectories of the 18,000 objects that were captured by Earth's gravity.

They concluded that at any given time there should be at least one asteroid with a diameter of at least one meter orbiting Earth. Of course, there may also be many smaller objects orbiting Earth, too.

According to the simulation, most asteroids that are captured by Earth's gravity would not orbit Earth in neat circles. Instead, they would follow complicated, twisting paths. This is because a minimoon would not be tightly held by Earth's gravity, so it would be tugged into a crazy path by the combined gravity of Earth, the Moon and the Sun. A minimoon would remain captured by Earth until one of those tugs breaks the pull of Earth's gravity, and the Sun once again takes control of the object's trajectory. While the typical minimoon would orbit Earth for about nine months, some of them could orbit our planet for decades.

"This was one of the largest and longest computations I've ever

done," said Vaubaillon. "If you were to try to do this on your home computer, it would take about six years."

In 2006, the University of Arizona's Catalina Sky Survey discovered a minimoon about the size of a car. Known by the unimaginative designation 2006 RH120, it orbited Earth for less than a year after its discovery, then resumed its orbit around the Sun.

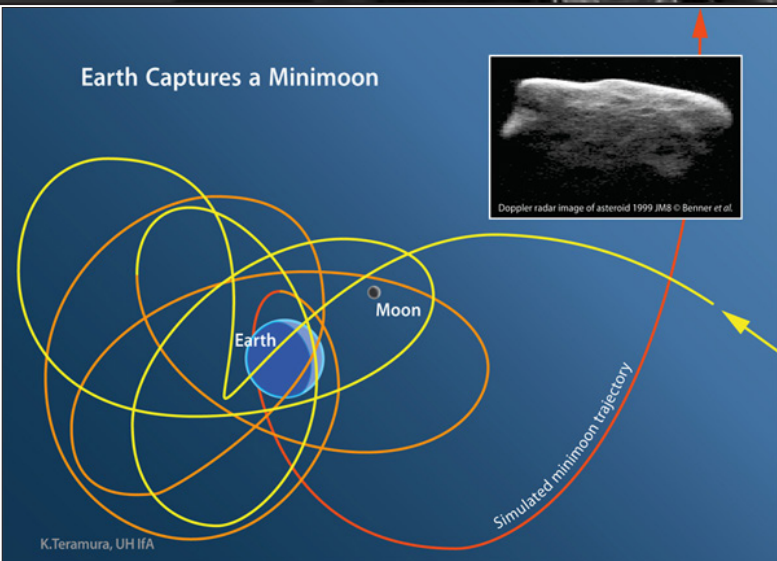
"Minimoons are scientifically extremely interesting," said Jedicke. "A minimoon could someday be brought back to Earth, giving us a low-cost way to examine a sample of material that has not changed much since the beginning of our solar system over 4.6 billion years ago."

The team's paper, "The population of natural Earth satellites," appears in the March issue of the journal *Icarus*.

The team used the Jade supercomputer at the National Computer Center for Higher Education (Centre Informatique National de l'Enseignement Supérieur, or CINES) at Montpellier, France.

Founded in 1967, the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa conducts research into galaxies, cosmology, stars, planets, and the Sun. Its faculty and staff are also involved in astronomy education, deep space missions, and in the development and management of the observatories on Haleakala and Mauna Kea.

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Earth captures a minimoon. The path of a simulated minimoon that is temporarily captured by Earth. The object approaches Earth from the right along the yellow line and continues on its trajectory along the orange path and finally escapes capture along the red path to the upper right. The size of Earth and the Moon are not to scale but the size of the minimoon's path is to scale in the Earth-Moon system.

Inset: Radar image of near-Earth asteroid 1999 JMB made with NASA's Goldstone Solar System Radar in California and the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico by a team of astronomers led by Dr. Lance Benner of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Minimoons are captured from the much larger population of near-Earth asteroids that pass close to Earth. This two-mile-diameter asteroid is more than a thousand times larger than the biggest minimoons, but it shows the irregular shape and pockmarked surface expected on the much smaller minimoons.

On Line  
By PJ Carpenter



ANONYMOUS  
INTERNET BROWSING 101

When you're browsing the internet, no one can tell if you're a boy or a girl, if you're wearing pajamas or your old high school letter jacket, but every site you visit knows where you

live. While most folk don't really care about this state of affairs, there may be occasions when you'd rather keep your personal details to yourself. With a few tweaks there's a lot you can do to browse the web without revealing too many personal details.

Every site you visit knows your IP address – the internet address of your computer. The sites need this information to know where to send the pages you've requested. These sites use "cookies" to remember who you are and what you wanted the last time you visited their website. Cookies can be used to store login credentials and other session information to customize your browsing experience.

In addition to the sites you've visited using cookies to remember you, Ad networks simply love cookies and use them to tailor the advertisements that appear in the ad areas of the site you're viewing at the time. Have you ever had the feeling that an ad for a product you've viewed seems to follow you from page to page? Guess what – that's not just a feeling; it's real. Wiping out all stored cookies and preventing sites from storing new cookies would, of course, eliminate any possible privacy loss through cookies. That's a bit extreme, though. Some sites can't even function with cookies disabled. But do consider going into your browser's settings and disabling "third-party cookies." This prevents ad networks from using cookies to track you.

In order to become truly anonymous on the Internet you'll have to do a little more than just clear the cookies from your computer. Google the words "free secure anonymizing proxy" (no quotes) and experiment with the sites that turn up. A secure anonymizing proxy sits between your browser and the sites you visit. The site sees only the proxy.

For a more thorough solution, download and use [The Onion Router \(TOR\)](#). This Open Source tool originated in a U.S. Navy project, but now it's used by all kinds of people worldwide, including the hactivist group Anonymous. Anonymous-backed Twitter account @YourAnonNews recently posted "Rules #1, #2, #3 and #4 of being #Anonymous - Always, always, always, ALWAYS use Tor."

When you surf through TOR, your browser's data requests take a circuitous route through randomly selected TOR servers. All traffic is encrypted except the final connection from a TOR server to the actual website. Anyone intercepting a packet along the way won't learn anything about you or the destination website.

Happy Tails  
by Chris Leclerc

happy, uplifting true-life stories that folks in my community could relate to and find interesting or, at least entertaining. As a dog owner, and pet walker/ sitter in Sierra Madre, I spend lots of time walking and playing with animals, as well as observing and photographing local wildlife when the opportunity presents itself. I'd be lost without animals in my life. They give so much, and ask for so little in return. Fortunately, most of my articles have indeed been happy tales, mainly because my four-legged furry friends inspire me to write joyful accounts of our fun times together, but there are times when I must forego the fun and fanfare, to speak out about controversial issues that need to be addressed. That's when I end up writing tales that are not so happy, but are nonetheless equally true and must be told. Please bear with me through this week's article, as I feel a strong need to express my thoughts on this subject, in hopes of helping educate my readers, inspire them to investigate and incite them to take action.

All too often, I am forced to analyze my personal perspective as to what is going on in today's society, regarding the human's exploitation of animals, and all too often I am forced to face the fact that people are capable of some pretty horrendous acts toward other beings, for their own financial or personal gain. At times I think, "Am I the crazy one? Am I the only one so saddened by what I just heard on the news?" There are even times when I get so overwhelmed that I am rendered too paralyzed to say or do anything about it. That's when I retreat into my cerebral cave, where I cry it out until I am exhausted. Then, when I'm finally able to stop the tears and restore my composure, the sadness turns to anger, and I am driven to find ways to make a change for the better. Still, even after the storm of emotions has passed and compassionate rage has set in, I'm left with a dark cloud of disdain and disgust over my fellow man's absence of conscience in being capable of such dreadful behavior. So hideous and presumptuous are their actions, and so painful are the results. I know in my heart that this is not what God, our Creator had in mind when He gave mankind dominion over the other living beings He created.

This week I received a few e-mails from various animal rights activists and groups, including links to some very graphic videos & written reports about the senseless slaughtering of harp seals currently underway in Canada. I know this has been going on for decades, but I was caught off guard because I assumed that by now, with so much new legislation against animal cruelty and exploitation, this barbaric practice would be a thing of the past. Well, I was wrong. In spite of numerous efforts that have been made, and political victories won, thanks to those who've fought for the cause, and in spite of the fact that humans no LONGER HAVE A NEED for seal products, the bashing & blood baths continue to occur, unabated. Canada has been so good about changing their laws to protect domestic pets in recent

RED SNOW REMORSE & RAGE  
Will Canada's Senseless Seal Slaughtering Ever End?

When I first started this column over a year ago, my intention was to focus on

years, but they can't seem to get it together with regard to protecting defenseless, helpless seals, either for humane or ecological reasons. Apparently it's money over matter to them when it comes to seal slaughtering.

According to Mike Hammill, a scientist at Canada's Dept. of Fish & Oceans (DFO), the harp seal population in Canada is declining rapidly, due to increasingly sparse ice floes, and increasingly high mortality rates at a very young age. When there is an intensely demanding market for 2-week old pup pelts, and plenty of killers (oops, I meant to say sealers) who are willing to bludgeon pup seals to death, how can you expect the species to thrive and survive? The game is not at all fair, and there is no natural balance there. If the killing continues as it is now, the harp seal will end up on the endangered species list within a few short years.

Marketable seal products include hide skins, oil and meat. Historically, the most demanding markets for seal products were Russia, Norway, a few Asian countries, and the United States. The good news is that Russia has decided to ban seal products as of this year, and for that I am grateful. The bad news is that China is now on the band wagon as a major seal product consumer, and who doesn't know what that can mean in today's global market? Then there is Norway, the good ole USA, So. Korea & Japan, all of which continue to create a demand strong enough to keep the death toll of slaughtered seals at an all-time high. Norway buys most of the hide, the Asian countries purchase most of the meat, and shockingly enough, the United States purchases approximately 75% of the oil. I have never bought seal oil myself, so I had no idea what it was even used for. Apparently it is a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, used in the form of a nutritional supplement. More importantly, there are several other alternative sources for omega-3 fatty acids that are way richer, per calorie than seal oil. The best source of omega-3 fatty acids is flax seed oil. The second is walnuts, and the third best source is salmon. Imagine that! Three extremely rich sources of omega-3 fatty acids, immediately available at just about any grocery store in America, and yet folks still continue to support the horrific practice of bludgeoning baby seals in cold blood in the most inhumane way imaginable.

I realize we Americans don't have control over what other countries choose to sustain in the global trade market, but we do have the power to decide what we as individual consumers will buy and thereby promote. Seals have families, just like you and me, the only difference is they don't they "get" the concept of divorce, and they don't abort. They just do what God created them to do; pro-create and survive. The bottom line is, if you purchase and use seal products, you are promoting the cold-blooded killing of countless innocent helpless seals (mostly infants) every year. Some people don't care about whether other beings besides humans suffer or die, but I have faith in my local readers, and I believe that they understand that we humans need to tend to the creatures God put in our care. It was difficult to get through this article, but I really needed to share my thoughts about seal slaughtering. Thanks for your patience and understanding, and for making the right choice. May peace abide in your home...love and let live!

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KATIE Tse .....This and That



THE MISSION

This week, "This & That" will abandon its customary light-hearted banter to deliberate upon national politics and global affairs. Ha ha! April Fools! But in all seriousness, this article will undoubtedly strike a chord in every Southern Californian elementary school students' heart. I speak of the fourth grade rite of passage --the "Mission Project," the crowning jewel of Open House!

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time when schools across country are feeling the mounting pressure of Open House Night. If it weren't for my friends and relatives in education, Open House Night would have long ago joined my other dust bunny memories along with math tutoring and shopping for school uniforms.

As a student, all I cared about Open House was its (hopeful) brevity and the possibility of refreshments. I had little idea of the strain my teachers went through to pull it off. My sources tell me that Open House is comparable to Back-to-School-Night, except the stress is different. At Back-to-School-Night, the teacher nervously tries to stretch out a monologue about the curriculum and classroom procedures over an hour allotted to "teacher presentations." During this 60 minutes of sweaty gabbling, the teacher might notice that a third of the parents are either juvenile or geriatric, another third are preoccupied with their mobile devices, and the rest are former students.

So, if Back-to-School-Night is a trial of the unknown, Open House is an obstacle course against the confirmed crazies. By crazies I mean the parents who the teachers have by now identified as overprotective, paranoid, or just plain deranged. Since no formal presentation is necessary at Open House, the teachers' best strategy for avoiding interaction with the crazies is immersing themselves in discussions about students' work, namely the "Mission Project."

Ah, the "Mission Project," staple of fourth grade classes across the state. Public and private school students alike must create "The Mission." Maybe it's because many cities, such as San Gabriel and San Diego, bear the historic mark of Father Junipero Serra, or maybe it's just tradition. "The Mi-ssion! The Mission!" (sung to Fiddler on the Roof's "Tradition"). When I was a fourth grader, I recall being assigned to visit a mission (San Gabriel of course, unless your family was planning a vacation). Having arrived, you needed to retrieve something peculiar to that mission (e.g., a map of the grounds) to prove you'd actually

been there. What do kids in Porterville and Delano do? Visit Santa Bakersfield? Maybe their teachers make an exception.

In the end, no matter what logistical obstacles lie ahead, a student's grade can be saved by a good mission model. By this I mean the constructing of a mission (somewhat to scale and historically accurate). There has never been a fourth grade student who actually completed this project by him or herself. It is always the work of the family, whether the student wants it or not. Unless you're an orphan, your dad, uncle, or older brother took charge of building your mission model. In the



good old days, kids (or families) had to come up with creative ideas. Back then you'd see structures built of pink colored sugar cubes with neatly trimmed AstroTurf walkways. It was in that era that my dad, an artisan gifted in sculpture and replica design, pounced upon the project like a starved panther. Almost instantaneously, he had little blueprints, and was cutting out poster board walls with an exacto knife. He allowed me to work on a stone well near the tannery (consisting of little rolled brown clay balls stuck together in a circle). I felt privileged.

When the night of Open House arrived, the missions were unveiled. I felt a slight twinge as my classmates vehemently hissed "Your dad did that for you, didn't he?" I felt like answering, "Yeah, and your dad did that (sloppy, disproportionate) thing for you, didn't he?" I shamelessly admit that my dad did the whole project for me. But I'm still proud that he beat out all the other dads - I mean students, in the mission project. No sugar cubes for me, baby!

## HOWARD Hays As I See It



## BEWARE THE BRIEF CASE CARRIERS

Yesterday I spent a whole lot of time talking to people about the Trayvon Martin calamity in Florida. I spent some time in Court, at a Doctor's office, in a restaurant, and on the golf course and spoke with people of different ages, races, and economic classes. Everyone had an opinion and, after saying they were hesitant to engage in this kind of conversation, proceeded to say that racism and "profiling" still existed but that things were better

than they were.

As I struggled to take advantage of the extra daylight afforded by Daylight Savings Time I made my way to the golf course and was paired up with some 60 year-old Black guy who was trying to do the same thing. We got to talking and Trayvon Martin came up and almost the first thing he said was, "Look, if that vigilante patrol guy who shot the kid had been Black he would be in jail right now. None of this, "let's try and find out what happened before we arrest anybody." Of course he emphasized Black People are still treated unfairly but he emphasized something else that I had not thought much about.

He explained to me that when he was growing up his role-model had been his father. His father was a tough World War II Veteran who clearly knew that there was a lot wrong in the world but who emphasized that part of the challenge of life was to control one's emotions without losing one's soul. The importance of recognizing right from wrong and to not be defined by the expectations of other people was a part of growing up. A big part of maturity is controlling your emotions and picking your battles and avoiding wars that do not need to be fought right then.

My playing partner had to race off at the eighth hole but before he left he tried to explain to me how difficult it was today to raise kids. In his day the message of the world was that Black people had little worth and little future. A man's task was to transcend this negative view and believe in his own worth and still believe in your own worth and enjoy the life you had and commit yourself to something. He mentioned the James Brown song, I'm Black and I'm Proud, as penetrating the fog around him and giving inspiration. He contrasted this awareness with the awareness of today in which young people growing up are surrounded by messages of violence, drugs, ostentatious wealth, and spaceships.

Before he left he made one final comment, "You're Jewish, aren't you?"

"Yes", I replied. "It probably doesn't take a detective to notice. Why?"

"Well, you Jews are still getting rich peddling these crazy ideas to our kids." And with that he was off.

Now I was alone and while waiting to hit my next drive I thought about what he had said. Yes there is still Anti-Semitism in the world and there is still racial profiling, notwithstanding the existence of our African-American President and our Latino Mayor who will become even more visible at the coming Democratic convention. Also there is a gigantic proliferation of media-garbage displaying violence, explosions, gore, and overall disrespect for human life. Somebody must be profiting from all this.

Who are the actual evil people in this society profiting from the struggles of the rest of us? No, I don't think it's poor misguided George Zimmerman, the Latino vigilante who shot Trayvon Martin.. Demonstrators across America are demanding the arrest of this man who probably thought he was doing the world a favor by acting on his unwarranted belief that young hoodie wearing Mr. Martin was a threat to "the good people" living within the locked doors of their gated-housing complex. Mr. Zimmerman is not alone in his misperception. There is a threat to the values inherent within our society; but that threat does not come from hoodie wearing teenagers, or from Latino gangs, or from welfare-queens, or even from greedy over-extended home-buyers. The threat comes from our own most educated and able students who have become convinced that their own comfort and their need to accumulate ever-expanding wealth is the most important thing in the world and is therefore worth sacrificing every other principle.

Some of these people may even be Jewish and many of these people were involved in creating and profiting from the nefarious financial shenanigans which created the derivatives and the defaulted loans. These people are still around in governmental positions or being granted bonuses within the private sector. These guys are bright, able, and evil. So too are there kids being educated to carry on these traditions, eager to repay huge student loans and become independent of mommy and daddy.

This whole bunch should be "profiled" as a potential and present threat to basic American values. BEWARE of the young and privileged! Perhaps some of them are not-yet-evil people. Perhaps they can be reached because really we need their help and they need ours.

SOLIDARITY WITH BLACKS  
(The Trayvon Martin Tragedy)

As the father of three, my heart aches for the anguish The Martin family is experiencing now. Of course any death of an innocent is sad, but the premature death of a child is the unspoken fear that haunts all parents. Sadly, that fear is being born disproportionately by black Americans. What's happening in the black community is a national disgrace, but the solutions being pursued only guarantee that that the lives of future Trayvon Martins will be wasted.



Stoked by the words and appearances of Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and other self-proclaimed black leaders, Trayvon's death is being framed as a racial issue because visually it fits the preconceived story line of white-on-black violence. Here again, we're told, another black is killed with impunity by a white. Unfortunately for that story line, Mr. Zimmerman, the shooter, is Hispanic. Despite a white-sounding name and Caucasian appearance, his ethnicity is Hispanic. But whether Mr. Zimmerman is innocent or guilty (and that hasn't been proved yet) or whether he is white or Hispanic is not the problem deserving national attention.

The real problem is that too many blacks are dying and the causes are being totally ignored. If any good can come from Trayvon Martin's death it will be in focusing our attention on the real reasons young blacks are being cut down in the prime of their lives, and then dealing with those issues. Here are the statistics that should prompt outrage.

According to the last comprehensive study of crime by the Justice Department, one half of the nation's murder victims are black, but blacks only account for 13% of the total population in the U.S. That glaring disproportionality should disturb every reader. It is a disgrace. The reason it doesn't get the attention it commands is because 93% of those black murder victims were killed by other blacks.

So you can see why I write that Mr. Zimmerman's ethnicity is not an issue. Again, the man may not be guilty, but the moral outrage this story is generating is misplaced. Why are Americans marching in sympathy because of Trayvon's death, but not even asking questions about the other murders? Why haven't there been hundreds – even thousands – of other marches?

In 2010, 14,748 people were murdered in the U.S. Approximately 7,374 of those were black, and 6,875 of them were committed by other blacks. Only 7% were committed by someone who was white, Hispanic, Asian or "other". We do not have a problem in the U.S. of whites killing blacks. We don't have a problem of Hispanics killing blacks, or Asians or "others". We have a huge problem of blacks killing blacks.

We have some other problems which are decimating the black population, and they are being similarly ignored. Less than half of black students graduate from high school. 22% of blacks are suspended at least once from school – vs. 5% of whites. 72% of black babies are born to unwed mothers. Unemployment for blacks stands at 13% - vs. 8% for the overall population. 22% of blacks live below the poverty line.

The statistics I'm citing are startling, yet readily accessible. A simple google search pulls them up. And they aren't new. Perhaps if they were new, we would be shocked by them. Because we should be shocked. If anything deserves a march, a sit-in, an occupy event, it is the pain, suffering and wasted lives which are an everyday reality in black America.

These are problems which are not being foisted on the black community by those outside the black community. The solution will not be found in the old white-vs.-black stereotypes of a previous century. The solutions are there. We all have to be concerned enough and honest enough to find them and right them, but Mr. Zimmerman's guilt or innocence is not the issue.

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## YOGA IS JUST STRETCHING.

## Influence Your Own Destiny



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

One of my favorite sayings from Gandhi: "Keep your words positive, because your words become your behavior. Keep your behavior positive, because your behavior becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive, because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive, because your values become your destiny."

Don't we all wish that we had started out in the world with this very philosophy?

But, alas, we have created values and destiny that we are not even aware of. Sometimes these values can make great decisions. Sometimes the values get us into trouble. The point is to become aware of what values we have created and see if they are serving us. How can a yoga asana practice help us do this?

1st - Consistency. We need a discipline to move around in - a wall to bump up against, a consistent practice to see change.

2nd - Study of the self. Learning our tendencies on the mat can help us see them off the mat. We can notice our ego, our fears, our neuroses.

3rd - Heat it up! Give it the juice it needs to change - if it needs changing - or give the good habits more juice to turn them into values.

4th - Surrender it all up. And trust that if we are doing the work - it will become our destiny to be great beings.

If you end up with a great body on your way to your new destiny - all the better!

With Love and Respect,

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](http://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](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

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

MondayS: City Hall & Lunch Café

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

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

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



## March Birthdays

Ella Gutman, Santos Ruiz, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Carla Duplex, Terri Elder, Georgina 'Snooky' Greger, Rita Johnson, Helen Wallis, Dorothy Webster



## Meals-On-Wheels

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

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Tickets can now be purchased at:  
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Sierra Madre Recreation Center  
Sierra Madre Library



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