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## CITY ISSUES LAY-OFF NOTICES

After weeks of reviewing the city's current financial situation in the aftermath of the Windstorm of 2011 and the dissolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Sierra Madre City Council authorized the restructuring of several departments in an attempt to cut costs.

This week, layoff notices were sent to almost 10% of the city's employees, eliminating the positions of:

Accounting Clerk  
Community and Personnel Services Director  
Community and Personnel Services Deputy Director  
Administrative Assistant  
Administrative Services Deputy Director and  
SMPD Code Enforcement Officer.

As a result, according to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, Code Enforcement, Personnel Management and Recreation Management will be moved to other departments.

With a reduction of income from the CRA of \$800,000, and a downward trend in projected General Fund revenue, no other alternative was available.

Sierra Madre's financial situation was also challenged by last year's Windstorm, for which there was no Federal or State aid. Sierra Madre had to dip into its' reserves to cover the \$600,000 in expenses.

The reorganization, which has not been completed is expected to save the city \$274,000.

### Non-personnel related cuts:

While the council decided not to increase city fees, it was decided to reduce outside contracting services for contingencies by the Police Department. Those budgeted funds are for extraordinary circumstances where we have to rely on outside departments for forensics or during an emergency. The city has not used such contractors in several years.

Ornamental lighting in the downtown area will also be curtailed. The decorative lighting shutdown will not pose a safety risk, but it will save the city \$12,000 in electricity charges. Community Redevelopment Agency funds were previously used to support the decorative lighting program.

Another \$15,000 a year will be saved by using volunteers to provide in-house training for Fire Fighters.

Two additional programs will shift funding from the General Fund to donated monies. They are the YMCA contract to run the Youth Activity Center and a \$2,000 annual contribution from the General Fund to senior activities. Funding will now come from the Oktoberfest Fundraiser for the YMCA contract and the Recycling Program income for the senior activities.

Sierra Madre has not undergone a major reorganization in approximately seven years. However, with declining revenues from the CRA, property taxes and other sources, the layoffs and program cuts were inevitable.

## 2012 HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY WINNERS



The City of Sierra Madre Huck Finn Fishing Derby was held this past Saturday, March 31, 2012. Over 180 youth participated in the Huck Finn Fishing Derby with many parents, family and friends in attendance as well. The fishing was fantastic this year as most young anglers caught at least one trout and many caught their limit of three!

Awards were given in the following four age categories, as well as the Largest Overall fish and Smallest Overall fish.

### Age Category 3-6 years:

- 1st – Loren Lomboy
- 2nd – Andrea Peeler
- 3rd – Christian Harkness

### Age Category 7-9 years:

- 1st – Isabella Ramirez
- 2nd – Lily Cimino
- 3rd – Allison Kreuger

### Age Category 10-12 years:

- 1st – Isabel Ball
- 2nd – Nathan Haag
- 3rd – Jake Rose

### Age Category 13-15 years:

- 1st – Kristin Shigenaga
- 2nd – Trevor Abe
- 3rd – Sampson Sly

Largest Overall Fish –  
Loren Lomboy (3.92 lbs.)

Smallest Overall Fish – Michael Sheehan (0.14 lbs.)

The City of Sierra Madre would like to thank the following sponsors for making the Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout such a success: Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, Sierra Madre Woman's Club, Sierra Madre Civic Club, The Buccaneer Lounge, Okuma Fishing, Berkley – Pure Fishing, Tim Osti, Pasadena Casting Club, Sierra Madre Public Works, Chris Campbell and the Huck Finn Fishing Guides.

## SIERRA MADRE'S FINANCIAL DILEMMA

By Susan Henderson

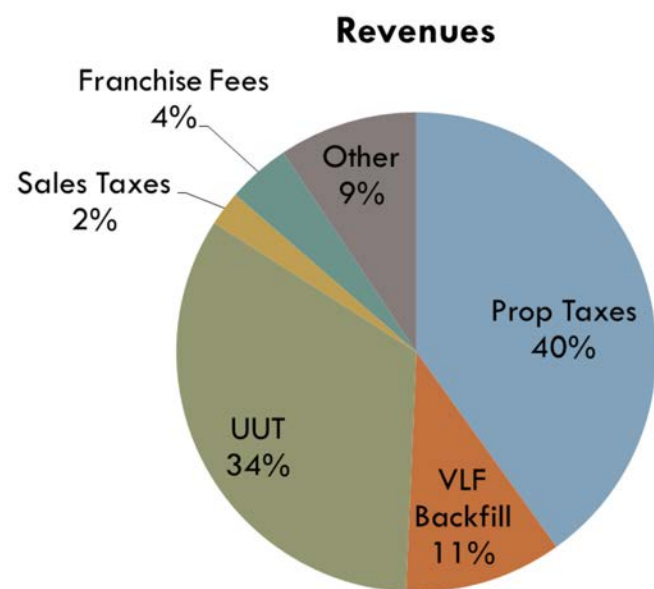
No matter what side of the political debate residents of Sierra Madre are on, we all have one thing in common. We want to preserve the Village character. We want to maintain the small town ambience that we have. We don't want things to change. That however may be just a wish list given the reality of the economic situation in the city, the county, the state and the nation. The question has to be asked, "How will we keep the city like it is today".

### Diminishing Revenues From All Sources

With the nationwide downturn of the economy in 2008, Sierra Madre, like the rest of the nation suffered tremendously. Property values plummeted and revenue from property taxes declined as well. The county offered some relief to homeowners by reassessing residential values, but by so doing, the amount of property tax that the city received declined. Home sales were almost non existent for a while and are just now beginning to revive. According to local realtor Judy Webb-Martin, "The market started going down in 2008 and continued for the next 3 and one half years till fall of 2011. We are rebounding now and heading in the right direction UP." And while that is good news, it still will have a limited impact on the amount of property tax revenue the city receives. Property Tax revenue alone is 40% of the city's general fund revenue. (See chart)

Retail businesses in town struggled to stay alive yet too many familiar places have closed their doors. Lozano's Restaurant, Highlander Liquors, 300 West and several others just could not survive in this economy. Their absence put another dent in the city's sales tax revenue and although in some instances

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new businesses have taken their place, revenue continues to decline. However, even if 100% of the existing retail space was occupied and prospering, sales tax only represents 2% of the

city's revenue. And the city's Utility User's Tax is expected to have a decrease in revenues of \$160,000 by the end of this fiscal year according to City Manager Elaine Aguilar.

### And Then There Is The Governor's Axe

While Sierra Madre is not alone in feeling the pain, a loss of \$800,000 from the redevelopment agency just about put a halt to many of the capital improvements that were in the works. Add to that the changes in the allocation to cities of the Vehicle License Fees and the way they are now distributed, you will find another large chunk of anticipated revenue has disappeared. The VLF Backfill will be \$39,000 less by the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The fate of the city's Utility Users Tax will rest in the hands of voters on Tuesday. The tax accounts for 34% of the city's revenue. It is currently allowed to increase to 12% (although the council has held it at 10%) but depending on the outcome of the election it will either sunset back to 6% in three years or be extended for another five years.

There are no other sources of revenue for Sierra Madre. Retail growth is limited. Turnover in housing is infrequent and new housing opportunities are few. Sierra Madre, a town of a little more than 11,000 residents with full services, police, fire, paramedics, water, public works and a library has been able to sustain itself for more than 100 years. And yet, going forward, with limited resources, surviving will be the ultimate challenge.

### This Week's Highlights:

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## 5-Day Forecast

## Sierra Madre, Ca.

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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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Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.

631 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard  
Sierra Room of the Youth Activity Center



As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects. Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community projects like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

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).

[www.SierraMadreRotary.com](http://www.SierraMadreRotary.com)



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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.

Overnight parking permits only allow vehicles to park on city streets overnight and do not exempt the vehicle owner from any other city municipal code or state vehicle code. For more information please contact the Sierra Madre Police Department at 626-355-1414.

CALIFORNIA WOMEN WIN THE  
VOTE! IT'S THE 1912 ELECTION!

One hundred years ago, California was only the sixth state to grant women equal suffrage. California women campaigned in 1911 to get the vote, were successful in their struggles, and voted in the 1912 Presidential election for the first time. This historical event took place before women in the East were voting at all and before the Nineteenth Amendment giving voting rights to all U. S. citizens was ratified in 1920.

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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## Oh The Places You Will Go!

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is excited to announce our 2013 Tournament of Roses parade entry, "The Sky's the Limit." (Artist's sketch on right).

This float will be one of the largest floats designed, constructed and decorated by the association measuring 55' long, 18' wide, and 32' tall.

It features a large kite and, in keeping with the 2013 parade theme, "Oh, the Places you'll Go!", is meant to convey that "The Sky's the Limit" in what you want to accomplish.

The kite is 27' long and 16' wide, and will glide side to side, while moving up and down. The kite will be covered in a combination of floral and dry materials and will fly above Carnation clouds and a deck covered with Irises and Roses. There will be large 3 rainbows covered in flowers and fruits. Riding on the tail of the kite will be 3 Sierra Madre Rose Princesses.

The designer, Charles Meier, was inspired by a concept submitted by Maria Murray. After designing several award-winning floats for Sierra Madre, Charlie started a new float-building company, Paradiso Parade Floats. Out of gratitude for Sierra Madre's many years of encouragement and support, Charlie volunteered to help the Association with the development of this year's float design. Charlie is extremely thankful to Sierra Madre for giving him the experience that enabled him to build floats professionally.

"The Sky's the Limit" is now taking shape every Sunday from 10am to 5pm at the Float Barn at Sierra Vista Park. Everyone is welcome to drop by and see our progress. Construction volunteers are always needed!



## ALL TOTEMS GREAT AND SMALL



Whimsical, colorful, happy, and just plain fun describe the current exhibit in the Jameson Gallery at Creative Art Group. On view are Totems 6 inches to 7 feet tall created by two very talented ceramic artists, Gail Splaver and Leslie Codina. The exhibit runs through May 11, 2012. The Gallery, located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, is open Monday, Friday, 9-5, and Saturday, 10-3.

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**8:00a.m. - Noon**

**Bring gloves, tools, and friends**

If you care to add any text, the most important piece would be to stress the need for volunteers to help clean up the heavier than normal debris and die-back in the park due to the severe wind damage of our recent violent windstorm. If you need for one of our members to actually write something up please contact our Publicity Chair, Albert Metzger at (626) 355-6054 or by email at albertmetzger@rocketmail.com

**Sierra Madre Woman's Club Presents:**

## HOLLYWOOD GODDESSES FASHION SHOW

"Mr. DeMille, we are ready for our close up." So say Sierra Madre Woman's Club members as they reach out to Hollywood in presenting their fashion show, "Lunch of the Goddesses." This event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 11:00 am in the Essick House, their historic clubhouse at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

Glamour galore will grace the red carpet that day as club members step out to model fashions from Magnolia of Arcadia. The boutique is well known for its beautiful clothing and unique accessories. A delicious lunch is also planned. Shirley Anhalt and Sheila Pierce co-chair the event.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, with proceeds supporting club charities. For reservations or more information, call Pierce at 626-355-8332 or Shirley at 626-355-7401.

## Special Sierra Madre Election Supplement Section B



## 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!

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Alisa Unell      | John Buchanan     |
| Amy Garcia       | John Harebedian   |
| Amy Putnam       | Joy Barry         |
| Beverly Clifton  | Judy Skiff        |
| Bob Burnett      | Julianna Gough    |
| Bob Burnett      | Kacey Benson      |
| Cece Forster     | Karen Mayeda      |
| Colin Braudrick  | Karlene Englert   |
| Darlene Crook    | Kathy Childs      |
| De Alcorn        | Kathy Sweeney     |
| Dottie Burnett   | Kelly Hartman     |
| Ellen Munoz      | Lynette Heydorff  |
| Ellen O'Leary    | Marsha Newton     |
| Farrell Heydorff | Martha Walsworth  |
| Georgette Dunlay | Mary Bickel       |
| Glen Putnam      | Mary Lou Caldwell |
| Halcyon Koerber  | Name              |
| Heidi Hartman    | Nancy DuBose      |
| Irene Nakagawa   | Nina Bartolai     |
| Janet Emery      | Pat Alcorn        |
| Janet Hagen      | Rosemary Burnett  |
| Joan Crow        | Sheila Woehler    |
| Jeanne Peterson  | Shinji Nakagawa   |
| Jerry Burnett    | Terri Buchanan    |
| Jim Walsworth    | Tracey Janzen     |



Thanks to **Fred Thomas** 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 Woman'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 tear down just a few hours later.

Thanks to **SMPD 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 **SMPD 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 every year put up and tear down all the no parking signs up at the vine end of town (this year they had a little help). 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 done each year, thanks to **Gem Plumbing**.

Thanks to **Allyn Colbert of Colbert Hair Studios**. Allyn, 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 Allyn 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 Eing** 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 to include you as we were writing this, 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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## Edison Releases Wind Storm Report

*SCE could have shortened the restoration period by one day finding say.*

Southern California Edison (SCE) will need to modify many of its practices in the future to enhance its response to major storms like the one of Nov. 30, 2011, although an independent report indicated the utility followed a number of industry best practices in its storm response.

"We have said from the beginning that we intend to learn lessons from our storm response and are determined to do better in the future," SCE President Ron Litzinger said.

SCE commissioned an independent consulting firm, Davies Consulting LLC, to conduct an independent assessment of the utility's preparedness for and the effectiveness of its response to last November's windstorm.

The Davies group, focusing on 11 areas of evaluation, concluded from an analysis comparing the Nov. 30 windstorm restoration to 29 similar event restorations performed by other utilities that SCE deployed a sufficient number of resources to restore power to customers. The report further confirmed that SCE restored power within seven and a half days and did so without any serious injuries to SCE employees or the public.

The report also estimated, however, that SCE could have shortened the restoration period by at least one day, and possibly two days, had the utility demonstrated better situational awareness and employed a fully functioning Incident Command System, an improved damage assessment process, a refined planning process, and a more thoughtful implementation of its wire-down policy. The report details 80 findings and 70 recommendations across the previously mentioned five areas.

The Davies report and SCE's internal report are available on SCE's website at: <http://www.sce.com/windstorm>.

## Pet of the Week



Chewie is a four-year-old black and gray Tibetan Terrier. He loves to go for walks and cuddle with you. Just look at his handsome picture! His adoption fee is \$120.

Chewie'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 A303672, 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).

## Doo Dah Queen Crowned

Pasadena resident Dianne Patrizzi crowned 2012 Doo Dah Queen



Diane Patrizzi, (pictured bottom left) known as "Patrizzia Intergalactica" will preside over this year's zany Doo Dah parade as Queen after judges voted her sparkling gold glitter gown dace Sunday worth of being royalty.

Patrizzi won over 22 other hopefuls, such as, a dancing exterminator to the beat of English rock band Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust" and Yippi Hippi 60's claiming there will be no end of the world in 2012. Former Queen Michelle Mills (aka Naughty Mickie) also tried out again although judges collectively agreed, "once a queen always a queen." Mills became queen in 2008 with a sword dances act.

The 2012 Parade takes place, April 28th, stepping off at 11:00AM in East Pasadena along Colorado Boulevard. Last year, dozens of inventive, art cars and floats accompanied a legion of frolickers past the mom-n-pop shops along East Pasadena's shady tree-lined streets, including many first-time entries like the League of Steam, Conehead Rocket Sled, among others.



## College Launches Mobile App

Pasadena City College has announced the launch of PCC Mobile, a free mobile campus application that brings college life to the iPhone and iOS-based mobile devices. The application offers mobile access to campus maps, the schedule of classes, event calendars, the latest news, sports schedules, and more. It even has a directory that lets students email or call professors and classmates. Students may also access distance education course through the Blackboard

Learn component in PCC Mobile.

Students, faculty, and staff can download the application for free through the Apple App Store. An app for Android and BlackBerry devices will soon be available as well. The app is expected to be popular with prospective students, parents, alumni and other members of the university community.

For more information call (626) 585-7839 or go to: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pcc-mobile/id493657574?mt=8>.

## Library Self-serve 'Media Boxes' Now Accessible

Checking out a movie has never been easier! You can now select, check out and return popular movie DVDs both classics and the latest releases at Pasadena Public Library's two new self-serve "media boxes" located at Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. and Hastings Branch, 3255 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Similar to the Red Box with one exception - all you need to borrow DVDs is your Pasadena/Glendale library card.

You can browse the collection and reserve a DVD from home for either of these DVD media boxes. Each location contains its own unique collection. After placing your reservations

online, you have 24 hours to pick your DVD selection up. Check out up to six DVDs for seven days and simply return them directly to the media box.

The media box is a new concept for libraries. There are only two other library systems using them in the U.S. -- one in Ohio, the other in Colorado. Produced by 3M the media boxes were purchased with grant money made available through the California State Library via the U.S. Library Services and Technology Act. For more information call Derek Massengale (626) 744-4251.

## Restaurants, United Pasadena Join To Offer Free Meals

Pasadenans are pulling together to make sure no one in the community goes without a hot meal at least once a week. As of last Thursday, Pasadena's Department of Human Services and Recreation is partnering with United Pasadena Hot Meals Program and several neighborhood restaurants to provide free hot meals to anyone in need each Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Villa-Parke Community Center.

The service is an expansion of a program piloted at Jackie Robinson Center beginning in early 2011. Volunteers there have been serving about 200 free hot meals each Wednesday evening.

"Especially due to the economy, there's a real need for this service right now," explained

Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation. "A simple hot meal and a little kindness can make a tremendous difference for people who are struggling. Our community partners deserve so much credit for stepping forward to help their neighbors. It's Pasadena as its best."

The program is funded by various Pasadena donors. Volunteers from community groups, agencies, civic organizations and faith communities serve meals, and additional volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lola Osborne at 626-744-6879.

Villa-Parke Community Center is located at 363 E. Villa Street. Jackie Robinson Center is at 1020 N. Fair Oaks.

## JPL Events Calendar

**APRIL 12-13: FREE LECTURE - GALE CRATER: EXPLORING THE MARS SCIENCE LABORATORY LANDING SITE**

The selection of Gale crater as the Mars Science Laboratory landing site took more than five years, involved broad participation of the science community, and narrowed more than 50 initial potential sites to four finalists, based on science and safety. Science criteria important for the selection include the ability to assess past habitable environments, which include diversity, context, and biosignature (including organics) preservation.

**APRIL 14: NASA'S CASSINI FLIES BY ENCELADUS**

NASA's Cassini spacecraft will be flying by Saturn's moon Enceladus at an altitude of about 46 miles (74 kilometers), one of the closest encounters of the mission.

**APRIL 16-22: JPL CELEBRATES EARTH DAY**

JPL will mark this year's Earth Day (April 22) with a weeklong series of events for employees and two public events:

- The National Mall, Washington, April 20-22. JPL missions will be featured as part of NASA's Earth Day exhibits on The National Mall.

- 12th Annual Earth Day event at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Calif., April 21-22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees will learn how they can help our ocean planet and how to use simple, everyday tips for protecting our environment. The event includes hands-on learning demonstrations for all ages. The JPL booth in the main hall will have information about JPL's Earth science research.

## Digital Comic Book Workshop for Teens

Do you love comics and graphic novels? Do you love to draw? Then join us at our Digital Comic Book Workshop just for teens Tuesdays at 3:15 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. Learn to draw comic book characters and then digitize them.

Presented in partnership with the Armory Center for the Arts. For more information, call (626) 744-7268.

## FBI to Investigate Police Shooting

By Dean Lee

As new developments in the officer involved shooting include Police Chief Phillip Sanchez welcoming an independent investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the 911 caller has now told a TV station that he is not at fault not having personally pulled the trigger that killed unarmed 19-year-old Kendrec McDade.

Oscar Carrillo, the 26-year-old who admitted to police last week that he lied about seeing any gun during a robbery of his laptop and backpack that ultimately led to McDade being shot by police, told CBS News Thursday that people were acting as though he shot McDade.

"I didn't tell the guy to get into my car, I'm not the guy who shot the guy," he said adding, "I just want to say to the family, I feel sorry."

Carrillo's Attorney Andres Bustamante said, speaking on behalf of Carrillo, that there was a time lapse. Carrillo was not at the scene of the crime, "When the officer interviewed me, I didn't even know that the kid who got shot was the one who robbed me," he said through Bustamante.

Police first arrested Carrillo March 28 on suspicion of manslaughter but have since released him on \$25,000 bond. Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office also failed to file charges against him sending the case back to Pasadena Police. Carrillo is being monitored by an ankle bracelet after it was discovered that he is an undocumented immigrant.

Numerous reports including the Washington Post say McDade's family has now filed a federal lawsuit claiming police violated McDade civil rights. According to the lawsuit,

## 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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officers handcuffed McDade and delayed administering first aid. It also states McDade, unable to speak, tried to communicate with officers and "began to twitch" on the ground.

A witness told the Pasadena Star News Friday during a live online chat that officers did not identify themselves before shooting something consistent with allegations in the lawsuit. Sanchez told community members Saturday that emergency lights, sirens and dash mounted camera on the squad car were not activated. He said the department's policy prevents officers from rolling "code 3" to any armed robbery. He also confirmed that officer Mathew Griffin fired from the window of his police car. Sanchez defended the move saying it was a police tactic.

Saturday's meeting at New Revelation Baptist Church was the first and only open community meeting related to the shooting. Sanchez later participated in a solidarity peace walk at Jackie Robinson Park.

The lawsuit names Sanchez, Griffin and officer Jeffrey Newlen as well as detective Keith Gomez as defendants. Sanchez, this week, requested the FBI to consider conducting an independent review of the March 24 shooting. "The Federal Bureau of Investigations offers another independent level of review," said Chief Sanchez.

The Pasadena Police Department is also conducting criminal and administrative investigations. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the Office of Independent Review Group have also initiated investigations he said.



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 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit [pasadenan.com](http://pasadenan.com).

## Sandra Tsing Loh to Emcee Annual Earth Day Festival

Celebrate a world of nature, art and live music at the Pasadena Earth and Arts Festival, Saturday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Memorial Park and the Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond Ave. This year's master of ceremonies is noted author, performer and KPCC radio commentator Sandra Tsing Loh.

Marking its 10th anniversary as one of the biggest Earth Day events in the Southland, the free family festival features activities, exhibits and entertainment for all ages.

Browse through a huge eco-marketplace where local businesses and non-profit groups will promote green living, energy and water efficiency, composting, organic foods, green building design, alternative transportation and renewable energy. City staff will be on hand to answer your questions about waste reduction, recycling, water and energy conservation, and parks and nature preserves.

Green Truck and Coolhaus, two of the region's most popular specialty food trucks, will sell affordable (and sustainable!) meals and snacks throughout the day.

Speaking of sustainable and eco-friendly business practices, locally brewed beers will be available inside the festival's first-ever Sustainable Beer Garden, serving up exceptional artisan lagers and ales from Pasadena's own Craftsman Brewing Company and Los Angeles's Eagle Rock Brewery. Fourteen-ounce beers for \$5 will be served in fully compostable, corn-based cups. Pita Pita of Pasadena will serve food inside and outside the beer garden.

In addition to providing free youth art workshops throughout the day, Armory Center for the Arts brings world-renowned artist collaborative Fallen Fruit to this year's festival. Fallen Fruit is an ongoing art collaboration among Los Angeles-based artists David Burns, Matias Viegner and Austin Young. Fallen Fruit began with creating maps of the fruit trees growing on or over public property in Los Angeles and other American cities and has evolved into an ongoing series of visual images and participatory public projects.

For more information, visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/earthday](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/earthday) or call (626) 744-4087.



**"What's Going On?"***News and Views from Joan Schmidt***Katie Zola**

Almost twenty-eight years ago, I met a remarkable lady, Katie Zola. I had just begun my teaching career at Annunciation School, Arcadia. In those days, it was the custom to take your class to Mass about every eight days. (We took turns.) After a few Masses I recognized the group of "daily" Mass attendees and Katie was one of them. After a month or so, she came up to me after Mass and told me that my class was the "best behaved" at Church! Being a new teacher, that meant a lot to me.

Back then there was no summer school, and I got into the habit of attending Mass. Between that and working the annual Fiesta, I began to know Katie, and the more I learned, the more I admired her. Katie was the most upbeat, happy-go-lucky person you'd want to meet. She was also a tireless worker and great volunteer. But I must start her remarkable story from the beginning.

She was born in Canada and her family moved to Michigan when she was a child. Katie met the love of life, John C. Zola there and they were married just short of forty years, when he passed away in 1977, his life was cut short by leukemia. John was a chemical engineer graduate, from the University of Wisconsin. When their children, Tom, Billy and Mary were young, John and Katie relocated to California, where he founded a business- a research lab, had patents and invented "Zolatone" paint.

John's business was successful, but their lives were filled with tragedy and hard times. Billy was a preteen, and had an injury. His arm bothered him so Katie took him to the doctor and they discovered cancer. Part of his arm was amputated and Billy succumbed to the disease. In their teens, Mary and Tom began to have health problems and were diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. They both ended up in wheel chairs- which is how the situation was, when I met the family.

Katie would come to Mass EVERY day with that beautiful smile. I would say to my class, "Katie is a REAL saint. She has EVERY right to be bitter. She lost Billy way too son and Mary and Tom are confined to wheelchairs. But here she is at Mass EVERY day, even in bad weather. She has a deep faith in God. I heard stories that she went to UCLA with Tom and pushed him from class to class in his wheelchair."

Tom and Mary are a tribute to their parents. Before Tom passed away, he had founded a successful Catholic bookstore that evolved into a mail order business. Tom had such a wonderful upbeat personality that the Catholic newspaper, *The Tidings*, ran an article about a remarkable man confined to a wheelchair, but developing this successful business!

And then there's Mary. She helped with her Dad's business and kept it going after he passed away, until his remaining chemist passed away. To this day, Mary also has the wonderful attitude although she isn't able to get out as before. Yesterday I spent time with her to find out a little about her mom's background and how her parents met. Mary actually has a little office as a tribute to dad with the "Zola" business sign hanging on a wall. There are three shelves with flasks and a corkboard with her dad's tools!

There is one last story I must share about Katie. Almost twenty years ago, the school was in a financial bind. (This is when Sr. Anthony was principal and Mr. Curtis, a dear friend, was vice principal.) A few years back, when we were visiting, Mr. Curtis shared that Katie had donated a VERY sizable amount of money to help the school, but under the condition that no one know. That's just the way she was. She did things to help others, but did not want any attention over it.

In her last years, Katie no longer was able to attend daily Mass. I went over to visit with birthday cards my students made and we read them together and laughed. One of the children wrote, "95, wow that's old!" Some people might have gotten angry, but not Katie. She thought it was a riot. This remarkable woman would live another six years and recently passed away at age 101!

After her funeral, I think Monsignor (Zimmerman) summed it up best, "Katie's gone straight to heaven. There are no stops for her."

*Dear Katie, thank you for being an inspiration to me and all my students over the years. No matter what hardships came your way, your faith in God never faltered. You spent your days helping your family and all those around, and your cheerfulness was contagious. We will miss you! Rest in peace.*

**PET OF THE WEEK: MARTY Animal ID #A4408783**


Meet a charming dog that could steal anyone's heart if he wanted to, Marty (A4408783). Marty is a ridiculously cute six-year-old brown male Shih Tzu mix that was found in Baldwin Park and brought to the shelter on March 23rd. Weighing fourteen pounds, Marty walks very well on leash. He likes other dogs and is exceptionally friendly with people. Marty's tongue hangs out of the side of his mouth, which gives him an utterly adorable expression. A volunteer favorite, Marty is the perfect pet for anyone in any living situation at all, and his calm energy makes him exceptionally perfect for a senior or retired couple. To view a video of Marty please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mr1OIM4B474](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mr1OIM4B474)



To meet Marty in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Marty, please reference his animal ID number: A4408783. 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 Marty 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/>.

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**CHRISTOPHER NYERGES SPEAKS.....**

By Christopher Nyerges  
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Growing up in a Catholic family, I have always had a special reverence for Passion Week, perhaps the holiest of all the Christian holy days. The climax of this tradition begins on Palm Sunday with Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem on a mule while palm leaves and garments are laid in his path by his followers. He is widely acknowledged as a healer, though some are upset that his actions are drawing so much attention.

Then, later that day, or the next day, he becomes enraged by the "money changers" and ubiquitous vendors along the way to the temple, and knocks over many of these booths.

Of course, it is no different today. Every holy site on earth is packed with vendors and their booths of trinkets that they hawk to every tourist who passes by. These booths of vendors are found around the Vatican, the Church of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Chichen Itza, the Egypt pyramids, etc., ad nauseum.

Jesus knocked over the merchants' tables because he felt their very presence in the temple desecrated a holy site. This didn't garner him many friends, especially not the merchants who felt justified in their commerce. This act set the stage for the various accusations, arrest, trials, and crucifixion.

Today, commerce seems to run and rule every aspect of our lives. Everything has a price and scant few protest the gross invasion of commercialism, on billboards, on our e-mail, on the bus-stop, in the bus, on the bus, at every sporting venue, on the clothing of bicyclists and car racers, etc. Yet, we somewhat draw the line at our religious locations. Somewhat.

Jesus recoiled that the work of the Temple seemed to be just the work of commerce. Let it be done elsewhere, he argued. Of course, his actions were radical, and noteworthy, and look how he was "rewarded" for trying to separate commerce from "the house of God."

I once experienced what I felt was very similar to what Jesus felt that day.

I was in Guatemala on a Mayan study and tour; we drove to the town of Chichicastenango. It was said to be a sacred city where the oldest version of the Popul Vuh exists. We were going to visit one of the holiest Mayan sites, which was once a pyramid in the town, upon which a Catholic cathedral had been built a few hundred years ago.

To get to this site, we had to walk through several blocks of narrow passageways, densely populated with booth after booth selling jewelry, artworks, fabric, clothing, food, herbs, and all manner of trinkets. There was no escaping the throngs of vendors, to whom any eye contact meant maybe you wanted to buy what they had. The narrow passageways were so thick that you literally had to bump shoulders with everyone else, and the hired tour guide yelled out to all of us to carry our daypacks in front of our bodies to thwart pickpockets.

I began to feel that I had descended into a hell of sorts. I had not been feeling well, and I had just learned two days earlier that my brother had died. I was in the mindset of entering into a Holy of Holies, but to get there you had to pass through the gauntlet of the most overt commercialism imaginable. I withdrew deeply into myself, something next to impossible to do in such a public place.

Eventually, our group all arrived at the base of what was left of the whitewashed pyramid. At the top was the cathedral, where the church today allows the Mayans to practice their traditional religion. We would eventually enter the church and hear about its



history, and see a Mayan priestess performing a ritual in the middle row of the church.

But outside, with the din of voices and screaming all around, the merchants booths were set up right to the edge of the pyramid. People sat on the pyramid, and near the base, copal was continually burned and black smoke poured heavenward. The narrow passageways of all the corridors of booths led to this pyramid, and a constant throng of passersby moved constantly this way and that.

I felt awestruck by that unique spiritual "something" that was an inherent part of this special place. But why had the commerce been allowed to invade and over run this site. At least no vendors were allowed into the church yard or church!

But outside, at the base of the pyramid, I had a clear mental picture of the wrath of Jesus back at the Temple of Jerusalem, knocking the vendors' tables over. I could see the Rightness in what he did. I felt such a strong desire myself – to be rid of the hawkers of wares in that holy place.

There was no way I would kick over a table of jewelry or other goods. For one, I was not feeling well and didn't have the strength for such an act. For another, I was well aware that I'd be spending time in some out of the way Guatemalan jail cell, and that notion was very unappealing. I simply took in the moment, tried to feel the reality of the commerce that *has* overtaken us, and looked forward to my departure.

Yes, Easter is about the death and resurrection, a theme that is found in numerous religious traditions world-wide. It is a worthy theme to study and to plumb its mysteries. It is all about each of us allowing our ignorant ways to die, and to allow our spiritual divinities to be resurrected from the ashes of our pointless lives. But don't forget that Jesus desired to

kick out the love of money from the spiritual temple. That too is something that each of us should do in our own private lives.

And if and when we get the courage to actually do this, do not expect your friends and family to smile in approval. You would be wise to look at story of Jesus to see what you should expect, and to plan accordingly.

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## SEGAL PLEADS: NEW COUNCIL FACES

A week before the Arcadia City Council election day on April 10, Councilman Mickey Segal pleaded for people in the community to step up and run for election in order to bring much-needed new blood and two or three new faces to the five-member City Council.

Segal's plea was referring to the next election two years from now in 2014, and followed his lengthy verbal scolding of three current candidates who would each bring a new face to the Council but whom Segal made clear are not candidates he favors to replace current Mayor and candidate Gary Kovacic, or former Mayor and current candidate John Wuo. Kovacic and Wuo, along with Segal and fellow Councilmen Peter Amundson and Bob Harbict have each served many years on the Council.

Using his free comment time prior to the agenda items at the City Council meeting Tuesday night, April 3 — the first meeting attended by new City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto, Segal criticized the three new-face challengers as being uniformed and misinformed on many issues they have raised during their campaign. He characterized Henry Nunez as someone who went on a hunger strike and laid down on railroad tracks to protest the candidates in the 2010 race but noted that he has not repeated any of those stunts now that he is a candidate himself. Segal noted that Mary Dougherty was on the school board for 16 years but hadn't done that for 10 years and has now chosen "this point in her life" to run for City Council. He challenged her positions on mansions and unfunded retirement benefits, saying neither was an issue of major significance except when attempting to stir interest for her campaign.

Segal also criticized candidates Nunez and Sho Tay for suggesting the City Council could have done more to revitalize Downtown Arcadia. He says the City has poured millions into the area over many years with little improvement. The Council cannot improve the fortunes of the area, he said, but it is up to business owners and local shoppers.

But then he ended his comments by saying it is very important for the City Council to get an infusion of new ideas from new Councilmen to replace the two or three current Councilmen who will be up for re-election or termed out in 2014, including Segal, who will be up for re-election to his fourth four-year term, should he decide to run again. Mayor Pro Tem Harbicht and former Mayor Amundson will be termed out after two consecutive four-year terms in their current stints.

It was then that Segal pleaded with qualified Arcadia residents to start thinking about running for City Council in 2014 in order to change the complexion of the Council.



Mickey Segal in a 2010 campaign photo

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Police Department responded to 939 calls for service of which 129 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 25:

1. Around 4:48 p.m., an officer responded to JCPenney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a male juvenile in custody for theft. The suspect concealed two t-shirts while inside a fitting room and exited the store without making payment. The 16-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At approximately 9:14 p.m., officers responded to the 000 block of South First Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. The victim returned home and discovered unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a sliding glass door. Video game equipment and two sets of car keys were reported missing. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Monday, March 26:

3. At about 6:37 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of South Baldwin Avenue in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon contact with the suspect, the officer conducted a search of his person and recovered a controlled substance. A records check revealed the 31-year-old Hispanic male had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
4. Shortly after 7:50 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle for Reckless Driving and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign, in the area of Camino Grove Avenue at Eighth Avenue. The driver was observed traveling over seventy miles per hour and an investigation revealed the driver was never issued a license with a motorcycle endorsement. The 32-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, March 27:

5. At about 10:16 a.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of West Longden Avenue in reference to a burglary report. The victim returned home and discovered \$2,900 in coins missing from her garage. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through the garage door and fled undetected. The victim is desirous of prosecution.
6. At approximately 6:02 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Christina Street regarding a burglary investigation. The victim discovered her jewelry was missing from her carport cabinet, which she used as storage space. She has no idea who took her property, and is desirous of prosecution.

Wednesday, March 28:

Around 3:45 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to an identity theft report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) opened a Verizon Wireless account under his name. He has no idea how his personal information was compromised, and is desirous of prosecution.

7. At approximately 6:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of South Second Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. An unknown male suspect knocked on the victim's rear door and asked her to step outside so he could speak with her about construction for her rear gate. After the victim went back inside her home, she discovered a bedroom was ransacked and her front door was unlocked. Cash and Vicodin pills were reported missing. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, approximately 5'10" tall, 200 lbs., clean shaven with dark brown curly hair, wearing a blue baseball cap with a white "P" insignia, white sweater, and blue jeans. The victim never saw the suspect(s) that entered the house and stole the property.

Thursday, March 29:

Shortly after 8:20 a.m., officers responded to the 12000 block of Lower Azusa Road regarding two female subjects seen rummaging through mail beside their vehicle. Upon arrival, the officers observed the vehicle's trunk and doors wide open with multiple articles of mail, bags, letters, and clothing lying on the floor. A records check revealed the vehicle had expired registration and one suspect had five outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The officers discovered the suspects were in possession of numerous pieces of mail, identification cards, credit cards and blank checks belonging to other people. They were also in possession of several altered and forged checks, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and stolen property. The 30-year-old Hispanic female and 32-year-old female of unknown race were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. At about 2:32 p.m., an officer responded to Premier Chiropractor, 411 East Huntington Drive, in regards to a theft report. While an employee assisted a customer to the rear of the location, an unknown male subject entered the business and rummaged through an office area. Video surveillance revealed he took \$500 in cash from a cash box. The suspect is described as a Black male, approximately 30-years-old, 5'10" tall, 160 lbs., with black hair and a goatee, wearing glasses.

Friday, March 30:

9. Around 3:19 p.m., an officer responded to CVS, 1401 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a fraud report. A cashier swiped a customer's credit card and discovered it was fraudulent. The suspect, described as an Asian male in his early thirties, approximately 5'4" tall, 130 lbs., with black hair, wearing a black jacket, black jeans, and white tennis shoes, fled the location while the cashier attempted to call credit services.

10. At approximately 5:40 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. A female adult suspect concealed merchandise inside her stroller, and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed the suspect also stole from Sidecca, Victoria's Secret, and Reflection. The 61-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, March 31:

11. At roughly 2:15 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a two-party traffic collision in the 000 block of West Camino Real Avenue, east of Lovell Avenue. The drive of a silver BMW collided into a parked vehicle. An investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent. The 42-year-old Asian female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. Around 11:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 000 block of Catalpa Road, in regards to unknown suspects shooting paintballs at the house. While officers were standing to the front of the location, they observed the suspect vehicle pass by and conducted a traffic stop. An investigation revealed a 20-year-old Hispanic male passenger shot the paintballs as a prank for another passenger, who was the ex-girlfriend of the victim. The paintball shooter was cited and released in the field, and the driver, a 21-year-old Hispanic male, was cited for being unlicensed.

## MEASURE A TALLY FINAL

For the record, Measure A officially passed by 58 votes out of more than 10,000 cast.

But while that may seem like a slim margin, keep in mind that the 58 votes were above and beyond the required two-thirds, or nearly 67% who voted in favor of assessing a property tax of about \$228 per parcel of land owned in Arcadia for the next five years to go directly to the Arcadia schools to provide about \$3.4 million of the projected \$7 mil. budget shortfall.

By comparison, President George W. Bush never even got 51% of the total vote in either Presidential election he won. In 2004 he had less than 48% of the vote and yet was still elected President. So, nearly 66.87% would be considered a landslide and a mandate in most other elections.

"The Arcadia community continues to value and support its school district," said Dr. Joel Shawn, superintendent of the school district. "We are very grateful and look forward to our continued excellence in the service of the students of this fine community."

The final tally certified by the County, according to the Arcadia School District, was:

- Yes: 6,700
- No: 3,265

At total of 10020 ballots were cast.

"Obviously the Arcadia Board of Education and I are extremely happy with the official results of Measure A passing," Shawn said. "We know that this important achievement could not have happened without thousands of hours of volunteer time put in by our teachers, staff, administrators, students and community members. We are especially indebted to Steve Phillipi and Diane Lucas, who served as co chairs of the Measure A Campaign Committee."

– By Scott Hettrick

## ADULT COOKING CLASSES – SPRING 2012!

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You can register now on-line, by mail or in person! For specific times, location, fees and to download the registration form go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us) or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

## COOKING FOR TOTS AND FUN WITH COOKING CLASSES

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is excited to announce a spring session of cooking classes for tots (ages 4-6) and youth (ages 7-12) taught by Jan Sayvongsa, a Graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. The Cooking for Tots offers hands on basic cooking for younger children. The Fun with Cooking for youth teaches kitchen basics, table setting, manners and shopping tips as well as cooking simple meals and snacks.


Both the Cooking for Tots and Fun with Cooking classes are held once a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays (no Monday class on May 28<sup>th</sup>) starting April 9<sup>th</sup> for 5 weeks at a cost of \$30. A \$30 materials cash fee for food prepared during the class series must be paid at the first class meeting. Children need to bring an apron and a container to each class. Tot class times are from 4-5pm and Youth class times are from 5:15-6:45pm.



All classes will take place in the kitchen at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

## CITY OF ARCADIA SENIOR SERVICES SPRING REGISTRATION 2012

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department – Senior Services Division spring registration has begun for adults (50 years of age and older). The course offerings include yoga, yogalates, strength training, line dancing, kinetic tai chi, zumba gold, balance and mobility, oil & watercolor painting and aerobics. Courses are offered at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive AND the new gymnasium located at Dana Middle School, 1401 S. First Avenue.

For specifics on class dates, times and locations, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto the City of Arcadia Website at [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us).



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## This Week In Monrovia

## LAURIE K. LILE CHOSEN AS MONROVIA CITY MANAGER

As you may have already heard, at Tuesday's Council Meeting the City Council announced the appointment of Laurie K. Lile as our new City Manager. Ms. Lile was selected after a highly competitive selection process. Laurie is the current Assistant City Manager for the City of Palmdale where she has been employed for the past 24 years. Laurie was first hired in Palmdale in 1988 as a Principal Planner, and over the next ten years progressed through the ranks and was appointed to Director of Planning. She served in this role until she was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2006.



Laurie obtained her Bachelors of Science degree from UC Davis and an MBA from Pepperdine University. Prior to working in Palmdale, she worked for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Indio Resource Area as an outdoor recreation planner. As you can see, Laurie has a wealth of experience that she will bring with her to the City of Monrovia, and we are excited that she will be joining the Monrovia team. She is tentatively scheduled to start her new position at the end of the month.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 473 service events, resulting in 76 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemap-ping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping.*

### Shots Fired

On April 2 at 8:40 p.m., dispatch received numerous 9-1-1 calls of shots fired in the area of Sherman and Los Angeles. Officers responded to the area and found six cartridge casings in the street and two bullet holes in a front facing wall in the 1200 block of Sherman. No one was injured. A compact car was seen right after the shooting, driving westbound on Cherry at a high rate of speed. No suspect description. Investigation continuing.

### Parolee-at-Large / Possession of Burglary Tools / Possession of a Deadly Weapon

On April 4 at 2:39 a.m., an officer stopped and contacted a male and female walking in the 500 block of Parkrose. Upon talking with them, their statements conflicted as to why they were in the area and where they were going. Further investigation revealed the male subject was a parolee-at-large with an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody. The officer located a large knife and a burglary tool near the area where he arrested the suspect. The suspect later admitted possession of the knife and the burglary tool. He was charged with the additional crimes.

### Prowling

On April 4 at 5:35 a.m., officers were dispatched to 600 block of West Olive, where a suspect was seen prowling at a residence. When the resident went outside, the suspect fled, running eastbound through a neighbor's yard. An area search was conducted for the suspect, but he was not located. Investigation continuing.

### Tip of the Week

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month - One Text or Call Could Wreck it All. During the month of April in California, where texting and talking on a hand-held cell phone while driving are against the law, the California Highway Patrol and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies will crack down on drivers text messaging and talking on their cell phones behind the wheel. Is the California law working? Just two years after the state's ban went into effect, road fatalities had fallen 22 percent.

With many cars today equipped with GPS, CD players and cell phones, it can be easy for drivers to get distracted. Mix in poor weather, kids in the back seat, and other vehicles and one can see how drivers face many obstacles on the road that could lead to an accident. To help avoid becoming distracted, motorists should try to limit the number of things that could draw their mind off the task at hand - driving. Remember - one text or call could wreck it all.

## DUARTE CONTRACTS FOR MAJOR STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT GAS TAX AND CAL RECYCLE GRANT FUNDS UTILIZED

A major street maintenance project is on the calendar for later this year to slurry seal and cape seal all residential streets west of Highland Ave., from north to the south City limits.

The Duarte City Council awarded All American Asphalt of Corona a \$1.15 million contract funded with a combination of State Gas Tax and a CalRecycle Grant. The CalRecycle Grant reimburses the City one dollar for every square yard of asphalt rubber aggregate membrane (ARAM) constructed. It is estimated that 132,500 square yards of ARAM will be placed during the course of the project and \$132,500 returned to the City via the CalRecycle Rubberized Pavement Grant for the recycling of approximately 11,000 used rubber tires.

For the project, streets in fair condition will receive a surface treatment of an asphalt rubber aggregate membrane, chip seal, followed by an application of a Type II slurry seal. This combination of materials is known as a cape seal. The remaining streets, which are good condition, will receive just the Type II slurry seal. All of the streets have had any failed pavement areas removed and replaced; and all pavement cracks one-quarter inch or greater have been sealed with asphalt rubber under separate contracts.

The City has not yet determined when the project will begin, but it will be sometime between mid-May and late summer since road work utilizing the ARAM product requires placement during warm weather. For more information, call the City of Duarte Community Development Dept. at (626) 357-7931, ext. 230.

## GOOD NEWS FROM MONROVIA

By Joan Schmidt



The Monrovia City Council Meeting on April brought a lot of good news. In fact the Mayor, Mary Ann Lutz, was so excited to proceed she almost began before roll was taken! After roll was taken and all were noted as present, Monrovia Police Chief Jim Hunt came to the podium with four officers who had recently been recognized by the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for their great effort to make community roadways safe. Chief Hunt mentioned that throughout the county, including the City of Monrovia, there have been fewer traffic accidents and fatalities, which was great news. Being recognized were Sgt. Patty Newton, Sgt. Nick Manfredi, Officer Gerald De Hart and Officer Thomas Montes.

There were two Public Hearing Meetings: **PH-1: Tentative Tract Map # 71883** and Conditional Use Permit CUP2012-01 for Property Located at 547 West El Norte Ave.; Dexter El Norte LLC, Applicant. It was recommended for approval and it was approved.

Also **PH-2: Tentative Tract Map # 71889**. Conditional Use Permit CUP2012-02/Variance V2012-02 for Property Located at 212-216 West Olive Ave., Bowden Development Inc., Applicant. It was recommended for approval and it was approved.

However, before both approvals, the plans were presented to the City Council. Then the contractors came to the podium and asked if there were any questions. Since there weren't any, it was open to the public.

Pam, one of the proprietors of *Dollmakers*, came up and had all positive comments. The Mayor was thrilled that Bowden was keeping the historic look of the neighborhood, even though with the proposed modifications to the 2 structures under consideration. The Monrovia Preservation Society determined that house #212 had had improper modifications over the years and did not qualify for historic status. It was given a 6-Z rating, so it will be removed. However, structure #216 was given special 6-1 consideration. While it didn't meet historic guidelines, it has many good features. Bowden is leaving that structure up and adding proposed new structures with some period features. The presentations were just beautiful and fit in with the area! Of course I am not surprised; Bowden does great work! At the intersection of Duarte Road and Magnolia in south Monrovia are their beautiful condos. Area residents were anxious when building began, but loved the results which greatly improved the area!

A representative from Metro (LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) reported on the **SR 710 Environmental Study**, which looks at the entire area between the 210 and 10 freeways. Currently residents from ALL CITIES involved are being invited to be on a **Community Liaison Council** to provide important input. Please call City Hall (626) 932-5550 for more info. There are flyers/applications available with notice of an important upcoming kickoff meeting.

Sabin Gray from *Friends of Dorothy*, now located on 139 East Lemon, addressed the City Council with his complaints over lighting. He felt there wasn't enough on Myrtle Avenue in the evening hours. The lack of light makes it appear that most businesses aren't open, which discourages business. There needs to be more lighting such as San Diego where there is mixed use lighting. When I have driven down Myrtle in the evenings, it was so dark, I too assumed everything was closed except the theater.

Mr. Gray brought his business to Monrovia when there was a special of "three months free rent!" However because of the rent escalating and the economy, he and *Wang's Palace* both had to relocate to Lemon Ave. Mr. Gray attended the City Council Meeting because he and other business owners had received notices of violations on Saturday and were going to be fined. Part of the ordinance was "no neon signs, no exterior sandwich board signs, no chalkboard signs" unless you have a permit.

Mr. Gray said, "How can Monrovia be called a business friendly city?" He feels the lack of lighting and the expense of assessment and permits does not help businesses. There's a fee of \$107 to be assessed and then there's the permit fee on top of that! In West Hollywood there are these laws. But because of the low economy they have not been enforced. However I don't feel we should ignore codes. Perhaps codes need to be changed and allow more lighting.

## 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 [romero@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:romero@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.*

## DUARTE AND BRADBURY TO HONOR THE EARTH WITH JOINT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECT



Duarte and Bradbury will honor Earth Day 2012 with a joint community volunteer project starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, planting trees, drought tolerant plants, gardens, and cleaning up the Royal Oaks, Bradbury North and Lemon trails.

California America Water Company has donated the drought tolerant plants that will be installed along Duarte's Encanto Park Bioswale and Nature Trail. Two trees donated by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District will be planted at Duarte Park, which lost a beloved old oak tree and several others during last November's major windstorm. The Duarte Teen Center will also unveil a fruit and vegetable garden planted by members of the Teen Nutrition Council.

Some 70 volunteers including 50 teens from the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), Teen Nutrition Council, and Share Mentoring Program will participate in the Earth Day activities along with staff volunteers from Duarte and Bradbury.

Mayors from both cities will welcome volunteers at a continental breakfast at the Teen Center that will kick off Earth Day activities. Benet Sanchez, of the Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA) will be the special guest speaker. LARA is a consortium of 16 environmentally conscious large and small member cities in the Los Angeles County committed to the state mandated reduce, reuse, and recycling philosophy of Assembly Bill 939.

The community Earth Day project was made possible through the support of sponsors, the City of Bradbury, City of Duarte, Burrtec Waste Industries, Frontier Hardware, California American Water, Sophia's Garden, and Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

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1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Dash of salt  
2 cups peeled, thinly sliced pears (about 4)  
2 cups peeled, thinly sliced apples (about 4)  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
2 tablespoons butter, cut up  
3/4 cup old-fashioned oats  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup cold butter, cubed  
18 caramels, unwrapped 5 tablespoons milk 1/4 cup chopped pecans

#### Directions

- Heat oven to 375°F. Make pie crusts as directed on box for Two-Crust Pie, using 9-inch glass pie plate.
- In large bowl, mix granulated sugar, 1/4 cup flour, the nutmeg, cinnamon and salt. Add pears, apples and lemon juice; toss to coat. Pour into crust-lined pie plate. Top with 2 tablespoons butter.
- In small bowl, mix oats, brown sugar and 1 tablespoon flour. Cut in 1/4 cup butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit.
- In 1-quart saucepan, melt caramels with milk over low heat until smooth; add the pecans. Drizzle over praline mixture. Top with second crust and flute; cut slits in several places. If you like, brush top with milk and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Cover crust edge with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Place pie on middle oven rack; place sheet of foil on rack below pie in case of spillover. Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 4 hours.



## GALES

One of the most common questions that I receive is, "Peter, what is your favorite restaurant?" Well, that is not as simplistic a question as it may appear. What type of cuisine are you searching for, is price a factor, who is in your party and what is the occasion? I would take four guys, family, and a date to three different restaurants. I decided to leave that question to my dearly departed Father, the Patriarch of the LA dining scene. I know that he fancied Gladstone's through the 80's, Patina in the stretch of the 90's, and Burger Continental for several decades. Burger Continental was so smitten with his affable nature that they named a sandwich after him. But his favorite as he crossed the finish line had to be Gale's Restaurant, and I think I have to put my name on that checkered flag as well.



Why does Gales stand out? Of course they showcase many of the best Italian dishes in town, dozens of dynamic daily specials, plus a farm like freshness of produce that is locally harvested. Their fish dishes utilize sustainable sources in their menu selections. A couple important reasons why Gales is a favorite, but the team at Gale's is another. Husband Rene Chila and Gale Kohl have created a royal procession at Gale's. When I go to Gale's, invariably, either Gale or René is working away. If one isn't there they are out selecting fish at the market or working a party or charity event. I mentioned a family affair; Terri Kohl,

Gale's sister-in-law is involved, plus their niece, Karyn, has moved up the ranks as a hostess and nephew Matt works away on the website.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
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The food is Northern Italian, and the menu is artfully crafted by Chef Fausto Tinelli. If you crave classic Lasagna, a family pleasing Pizza, and my favorite, the old world Spaghetti and Meatballs then you will absolute adore Gale's. These seeming simple dishes discover a new taste at Gale's. Some of my suggestions for two: commence with the Mussels in White Sauce (\$14), a true house favorite, another dish worth the order and you won't always discover this on the menu is the warm roasted olives (\$8).

Often times I find myself at Gale's sitting at the bar and order this dish alone with a nice cold glass of bubbly. I mentioned that the fished is sustainable, be certain to ask your server for the fresh Fish of the day. My recommendation is the Zuppe di Pesce. It is a seafood soup with salmon, halibut, clams, mussels, and large shrimp (\$20). I didn't have the dish for this review, but my Facebook fan, Peter Fields says, "The Tuscan Steak is a must." For you Pasta Fans, Gale's makes her mark here. Try the Portabella Ravioli (\$17), a real winner. I attempted to get Chef Fausto to divulge the ingredients, but he held onto the recipe like a CIA agent. Finally, dessert, you might have a harder time picking the dessert then you will the entrée, inquire with your server for that days delight. Two thumbs up!

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## INGREDIENTS

- 6 egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 4 oz. assorted Jelly Belly jelly beans (cotton candy, berry blue, lemon drop, island punch, lemon lime)
- Mango sorbet or sherbet

## DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 170° F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Using round cookie cutter or small can, trace the outline of a 4-inch circle, for 8 to 10 circles. Set aside. In clean, dry mixing bowl of electric mixer, beat egg whites, salt and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. With mixer running, add almond extract and gradually add sugar. Beat until stiff and glossy. Spoon meringue about 3/4 C. at a time onto parchment-lined baking sheet, using tracing lines as guides for size. With large spoon make indentation in each meringue mound to form nests. Gently press jelly beans into sides of meringues. Bake 2 1/2 hours, or until hard. Just before serving, fill meringue nests with small scoop of sorbet or sherbet; serve immediately.

Makes 8 to 10 nests.

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# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



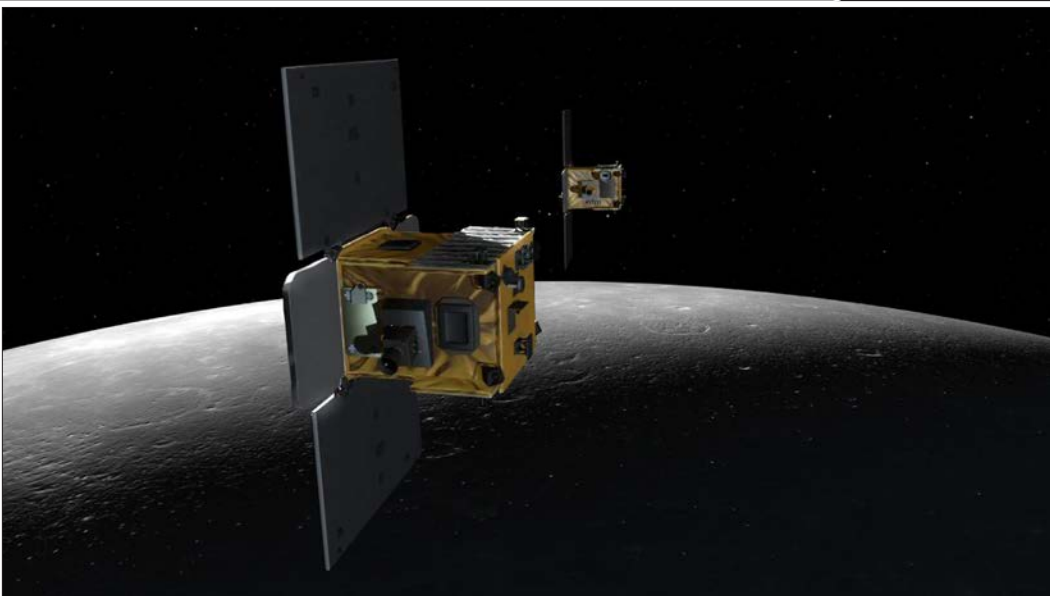
## FLYING IN FORMATION – Around the Moon at 3,600 mph

The act of two or more aircraft flying together in a disciplined, synchronized manner is one of the cornerstones of military aviation, as well as just about any organized air show. But as amazing as the U.S. Navy's elite Blue Angels or the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds are to behold, they remain essentially landlocked, anchored if you will, to our planet and its tenuous atmosphere. What if you could take the level of precision of these great aviators to, say, the Moon?

“Our job is to ensure our two GRAIL spacecraft are flying a very, very accurate trail formation in lunar orbit,” said David Lehman, GRAIL project manager at JPL. “We need to do this so our scientists can get the data they need.”

Essentially, trail formation means one aircraft (or spacecraft in this case), follows directly behind the other. Ebb and Flow, the twins of NASA's GRAIL (Gravity Recovery And Interior Laboratory) mission, are by no means the first to synch up altitude and “air” speed while zipping over the craters, mountains, hills and rills of Earth's natural satellite. That honor goes to the crew of Apollo 10, who in May 1969 performed a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing. But as accurate as the astronauts aboard lunar module “Snoopy” and command module “Charlie Brown” were in their piloting, it is hard to imagine they could keep as exacting a position as Ebb and Flow.

“It is an apples-and-oranges comparison,” said Lehman. “Lunar formation in Apollo was about getting a crew to the lunar surface, returning to lunar orbit and docking, so they could get back safely to Earth. For GRAIL, the formation flying is about the science, and that is why we have to make our measurements so precisely.”



An artist's depiction of the twin spacecraft (Ebb and Flow) that comprise NASA's Gravity Recovery And Interior Laboratory (GRAIL) mission. As the GRAIL twins (Ebb and Flow) fly over areas of greater and lesser gravity at 3,600 mph (5,800 kilometers per hour), surface features such as mountains and craters, and masses hidden beneath the lunar surface, can influence the distance between the two spacecraft.

For more information about GRAIL, please visit <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/grail>.

As the GRAIL twins fly over areas of greater and lesser gravity at 3,600 mph, surface features such as mountains and craters, and masses hidden beneath the lunar surface, can influence the distance between the two spacecraft ever so slightly.

How slight a distance change can be measured by the science instrument beaming invisible microwaves back and forth between Ebb and Flow?

How about one-tenth of one micron? Another way to put it is that the GRAIL twins can detect a change in their position down to one half the width of a human hair (0.000004 inch). Any change in separation between the two twins greater than this will be duly noted aboard the spacecraft's memory chips for later downlinking to Earth. Working together, Ebb and Flow will make these measurements while flying over the entirety of the lunar surface.

Why would scientists care about such a tiny change of distance between two spacecraft?

“From the data collected during these minute distance changes between spacecraft, we will be able to generate an incredibly high-resolution map of the Moon's gravitational field,” said MIT's Maria Zuber, principal investigator of the GRAIL mission. From that, we will be able to understand what goes on below the lunar surface in unprecedented detail.”

“Next time you look up and see the Moon, you might want to take a second and think about our two little spacecraft flying formation, zooming from pole to pole at 3,600 mph,” said Lehman. “They're up there, working together, flying together, getting the data our scientists need. As far as I'm concerned, they're putting on quite a show.”

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## On Line

By PJ Carpenter



### PROTECTING YOUR (DIGITAL) VALUABLES

(NAPSI)—Most people have experienced that uneasy feeling when they lose something valuable: a ring, a phone, money, even a credit card. But how would you feel if you woke up one day to find that you'd lost your entire library of photos, videos or the digital music library you'd spent so much time—and money—creating? It could happen. In fact, if you ask the experts, it will happen. All computers will fail eventually. So what can you do about it?

Digital storage devices such as hard drives from Western Digital (WD) are one solution that provides great value and reliability. In a recent survey, nearly 55 percent of consumers said they do not back up or protect the digital content on their computer because either they don't know how or think it's too difficult. What makes this statistic more interesting is that nearly 60 percent of the same survey participants said they would miss their computers and its contents most if lost or stolen.

Today, the process of backing up important data on your computer is a simple plug-and-play process, so why take the risk?

There are a variety of inexpensive, reliable and easy-to-use solutions that are available to suit your lifestyle. For active and mobile consumers, the My Passport portable drives by WD are an ideal solution, small enough to fit in your pocket but large enough to store and protect thousands of photos, dozens of movies and your entire music library.

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## A RATTLING TALE FROM A LOCAL TRAIL

During a hike in Monrovia last Spring, with one of my four-legged friends, a yellow lab named “Gus,” we were both enjoying the cool breeze and warm sunshine as we ascended up the steep hill, when we had a rather rattling encounter with a low-lying creature lurking in the grass.

Like most dogs, Gus is a very curious canine. He notices everything that moves around him, whether it be a leaf falling from a tree, a bird flitting about in a bush, or a squirrel scampering overhead across a power line. When wind-blown objects or whimsical wildlife draw Gus's attention, it is easy for him to forget his typically excellent “leash-side” manner, and bolt toward the object in motion. I believe his random responses are most likely related to his desire to catch and retrieve whatever he can, in return for a moment of loving praise from his human friend.

When he gets distracted by sudden peripheral movements, I give Gus a slight tug on his leash, tell him “no” in a strong voice, then reward him for responding to my command with a pat on the head and calmly spoken “good boy” in order to get him back on track with me on the trail. Although birds, bugs and lizards are most often what we might encounter during our walks together, deer & coyote also appear quite regularly in the brush-covered hillsides surrounding the areas where we walk.

On this particular evening, we came across a creature that took us very much by surprise! I am not sure if it was Gus's nose, ears or eyes that first drew his attention to the would-be elusive crawling creature. Perhaps it was a combination of all three. What I do know is that whichever of his keen senses kicked in at the time, immediately snapped him to attention and within a split second he changed his direction toward the object of interest. Naturally, I looked over to see what it was that had captivated his undivided attention, and when I did, I saw what I assumed was a sagebrush lizard, which is a harmless reptilian we often see slithering over the rocks and through the dirt along the trail.

Some sagebrush lizards get quite large, and as adults they can develop a heavy coat of colorful scales, and a broad head with shiny round piercing eyes. Lizards are quite agile and they move very fast, which is why dogs and cats love to go after them. It's all about the challenge of the chase! When Gus got close enough to the reptile to scare it away, I was surprised to see that it did not move, rather it remained still and held it's ground. It was then that I realized our new-found friend was not a lizard at all. My canine companion had just come

face-to-face with a snake lying low and lurking in the grass!

Fortunately I managed to pull Gus away before the snake made any swift movements, or had the opportunity to strike. When we were far enough away for my comfort level, we stood and observed it for a few moments. I wanted to get a good look at it's color and shape, and try to figure out what kind of snake it was. Per my estimate, the serpent was about 25 inches long and at least an inch and a half wide at the center of it's belly. All I could think at that point was that Gus could so easily have been bitten, if I had not been paying attention and pulled him away promptly. Feeling quite lucky that we had escaped what might have been a revolting development, we continued on our way and completed our hike.

When I got home that evening, I “googled” snakes in the San Gabriel Mountains, and based on my memory of what it looked like, I determined that the snake we saw was most likely a Southern Pacific Rattlesnake, which is one of the most common rattle snakes in our local foothills. Although it's venomous bite can be lethal, this snake is not known to be aggressive. Basically it just wants to be left alone to continue it's quest for survival, which explains why it refrained from striking, and simply laid still in the grass.

While I was on-line I also did a little research to refresh my memory on emergency procedures to follow, for rattle snake bites in the wilderness. One of the many important things I learned is that dogs who spend any time on the trails or back roads of our local canyons should receive a snake bite vaccine called Crotalus Atrox Toxoid. The comparative results of vaccinated dogs versus non-vaccinated dogs bitten, clearly speaks for itself. In my opinion, it is definitely worth it to have your dog vaccinated.

Other precautions that will help to avoid the risks and detrimental results of a canine snake bite include being alert and paying close attention to what the dog shows sudden interest in, during your hike. Basic canine training and maintaining control are very important as well, as exemplified by my reaction when Gus first saw the snake. If I had hesitated to call him back, he would probably have been inquisitive enough to aggravate the snake, in which case he would most likely have been bitten. If a dog (vaccinated or not) is bitten by a poisonous snake, immediate veterinary attention is imperative.

In the case of a time-lapse between the biting incident and veterinary care, be sure to keep the dog well-hydrated in the meantime. If the dog is not willing to drink on his own, use a syringe to force fluids down his throat, and keep the dog as calm and relaxed as possible.

Finally and perhaps most obviously - do not panic! Stay focused and use your energy so you can handle the situation efficiently.

The happy side of this otherwise seemingly “not-so-happy” tale, is the fact that the rattle snake is known to be way more passive than aggressive. I often like to say “Love and let live”, but in this case, I will say “Love, let live and leave it alone”. A snake will typically hide in lieu of striking if left alone, so give it space, go on your way and the snake will reciprocate in the same respectful manner! Good advice for a safe, happy and healthy hike!

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## KATIE Tse .....This and That



### THE FILTHY LEADING THE BLIND

Each week, there are numerous ideas readily available for me to craft into articles. Whether or not those ideas should be published is where the question lies. “Who's going to read this?” I ask myself. Even if the people I'm worried about have never read my column, is there the slightest possibility they might come across it? Many an amusing topic has been trashed for these reasons. Therefore, I can't give you a winner every week. That being said, I hope my landlord doesn't read this, or at least that he reads it with a sympathetic grain of salt.

It's spring! I'm ecstatic, aren't you? Winter and its dreary, depressing darkness are finally gone and we have a few glorious months of sunshine and warmth to enjoy! In honor of the season, I decided to celebrate with some wholesome spring cleaning! This wouldn't be a big deal, except for the fact that real cleaning for me happens triennially at best.

I have no valid excuse. I'm very thankful for my job and its desirable schedule. There's nothing stopping me from gallantly picking up a bottle of magic bubbles and a scrub brush after work. But I'm a bit tired after getting up early and putting in my eight hours. Similarly, there's no reason I couldn't clean on the weekends. But I spend those two days catching up on all the other vital things I've neglected during the week. I realize cleanliness is next to godliness, but whenever the thought of cleaning comes to mind, there always seems to be something more important to do. I actually think cleaning can be therapeutic, like weeding or deadheading roses. But once the pressure of expectations and deadlines are added, cleaning becomes a chore.

Any discussion on cleaning needs to delineate the differences between it and “dejunking.” Cleaning is fairly straight forward in that your only goal is to defeat the dirt, dust, and scum. Dejunking is a whole other animal. Dejunking involves heavy decisions, the first being, “Should I keep this?” Let's say the item in question is a small ceramic butter dish purchased on a family vacation during childhood. “I haven't used or seen it in five years, but it's kind of sentimental, and I might find a use for it someday.” My butter usually doesn't see the outside of its wrapper except when I make brownies for someone. As you can guess, I rarely (never) entertain, so any decorative butter dish of mine would probably not be used for its intended purpose. “But perhaps I could put something else in it...” You can see how deliberations like this could go on forever.

Let's say I decide to be heartless and get rid of my beloved butter dish. I could drop it off at the Women's Club in town. But if my mom, who is a frequent dropper there, sees it, she might be hurt. I'll have to take it to the Goodwill or some other charity. But is it worth the drive just for one thing? I'll have to wait until I get at least a bag of stuff to warrant the trip. While dejunking is about purging your home of



unnecessary clutter, there are underlying themes of guilt and wastefulness. Here's another example: I have too many pairs of running shoes. They're too old and worn down to run in, but they can still cover someone's feet. So, do I throw them away or try to find a homeless shelter? Should I just dump old magazines? My apartment building doesn't have a recycling bin. If I give them away, I'll have to rip off all the address labels, which could take a while. Yes, you can see how most of the work in dejunking goes on between your ears. This can leave you exhausted after a few hours and you'll have little to show for it.

So, compared to dejunking, cleaning is a piece of cake. (This time I wasn't dejunking. So now I just have clean junk.) While scrubbing away at my shower, I thought that there must be a better way. The better way, of course, is not allowing it get into this state in the first place. In the olden days there were more housewives who knew how to clean like pros. And they were home all the time so that their bathrooms and kitchens never got a chance to get creepy. They'd teach their daughters their clever cleaning secrets. Thus, the clandestine knowledge of keeping house was passed down through the generations. But my grandma was the only lady on her block who worked, so she never had time to impart her cleaning wisdom to my mom. That left Mom unequipped to train me in the cleaning arts. So you see, it's not my fault! I was doomed from the start!

As I succumbed to the caustic fumes rising from the tub, I thought about all the cleaning columns in books and films. In the stories, the writer is usually clueless about cleaning and relies on alternative sources for their information (e.g., “The Help” and “Christmas in Connecticut”). I know if I had to give advice about grease stains, it'd really be the filthy leading the blind! Gee, if I had to do that, who would I ask for good insights? My mind wandered into the world of television, and I realized the best authority on cleaning up messes is probably Dexter, from the show of the same name. Hey, that'd be a great idea for an episode! Some poor columnist could discover Dexter with one of his victims, and then blackmail him by making him give weekly tips about the best way to remove blood stains from a shag rug! Wow, I hope someone on that writing team reads this! (You can tell the bleach was really getting to me.) Maybe they'll find some use for my cartoon rabbit in an episode, too! Yeah, I hope they read it! As long as it's not my landlord!



## THE JOY OF YOGA

*Perfect Fit: What To Wear To A Yoga Class*

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

What's the proper attire to wear to a yoga class? I'd be tempted to say "whatever you feel comfortable in", but... Yoga is about movement. A more appropriate answer would be "something that you let you move freely", yet there's a bit more to it. Let's have a look at what to wear - and what not to wear.

#### 1 - Not too tight, not too loose.

Whatever you wear, make sure your clothing allows for free range of motion. Clothes that fit too tight will restrict your full range of movement and your body's energy flow. Thick, baggy clothes like sweatshirts and sweatpants as will get in the way, too. Ideally, your outfit should feel a little like a second skin, that allows your instructor to view your alignment and make adjustments if appropriate.

#### 2 - Keep body heat under control

As you move through your practice, your body builds up some heat, and consequently, some sweat. Choose soft and moisture-wicking clothes, preferably using organic, natural fibers that let the body breathe easier.

#### 3 - Fashionista or casual?

That's totally up to you. Some people love form fitting clothes, bright colors and fancy designs. Others are more at ease in neutral colors and semi-fitted clothes. Again, this is your practice, your choice: you wear what feel right for you, without thinking about it. During practice, your mind should be focused on asanas, not on your clothing. That's your perfect fit.

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### DYING WITH DEBT: WILL YOUR CHILDREN INHERIT YOUR OBLIGATIONS?

Dear Savvy Senior:

*What happens to a person's debt after they die? At age 78, I have accumulated quite a bit of credit card and medical debt over the past few years and am concerned about leaving my son and daughter with a big bill after I die. What can you tell me? Old and Broke*

Dear Old:

In most cases when a person with debt dies, it's their estate, not their kids that's legally responsible. Here's how it works.

When you die, your estate – which consists of the stuff you own while you're alive (home, car, cash, etc.) – will be responsible for paying your debts. Whatever is left over is passed along to your heirs as dictated by the terms of your will, if you have one. If you don't have a will, the intestacy laws of the state you reside in (see [mystatewill.com](http://mystatewill.com)) will determine how his estate will be distributed.

If, however, you die broke, or there isn't enough money left over to pay your unsecured debts – credit cards, medical bills, personal loans – then your estate is declared insolvent, and your creditors (those you owe) will have to eat the loss.

There are, however, a couple of exceptions that would make your kids legally responsible for your unsecured debt after you pass away: if your son or daughter is a joint holder on a credit card account that you owe on, or if they co-signed on a loan with you.

Secured debts – loans attached to an asset such as a house or a car – are another story. If you have a mortgage or car loan when you die, those monthly payments will need to be made by your estate or heirs, or the lender can seize the property.

Untouchable Assets

You also need to be aware that there are some assets, such as 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, brokerage accounts, and some life insurance policies that creditors cannot get access to. That's because these accounts typically have designated beneficiaries, and the money goes directly to those people without passing through the estate.

Tell Your Kids

If you haven't already done so, you need to inform your kids and the executor of your will of your financial situation so there are no surprises after you die.

If you do indeed die with debt, and you have no assets, settling your estate should be fairly simple. Your executor will need to send out letters to your creditors explaining the situation, including a copy of your death certificate, and that will probably take care of it. But, your kids may still have to deal with aggressive debt collectors who try to guilt them into paying.

If you have some assets, but not enough to pay all your debts, your state's probate court has a distinct list of what bills get priority. The details vary by state, but generally estate administering fees, funeral expenses, taxes and last illness medical bills get paid first, followed by secured debts and lastly credit card debts.

Get Help

If you have questions regarding your specific situation, you should consult with an attorney. If your need help locating one use [findlegalhelp.org](http://findlegalhelp.org), a consumers guide created by the American Bar Association that offers referrals and links to free and low-cost legal help in your area based on your income level. If you don't have internet access, call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for referrals.

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

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

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

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

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Thursday:

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

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

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

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

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#### SAVE THE DATES

#### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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Thursday, May 17th - Adamson House in Malibu. Join us as we visit this historic 1930s home, view the largest display of Malibu titles, tour (walking) the Malibu Lagoon Museum and end your visit at a local restaurant for lunch. The bus will leave the senior center at 8 am (L.A. traffic) and return around 3:30 pm (depending on traffic). COST is \$20 per person (you will need additional money to pay for your own lunch) and the tour is limited to the first 20 paid registrations. Please note, if it rains the excursion will be canceled per the museum staff. City staff will know by 7 am the morning of May 17th if it is canceled & will call all participants at that time. SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 8th - Northcutt Collection & lunch in Sylmar area

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### CLIMB: Serving the Multi-handicapped Blind from Sierra Madre for 35 Years

CLIMB, an acronym for Center for Multi-handicapped Blind, was developed from the Webster Dictionary definition "to move up or ascend, especially by using the hands and feet," according to this non-profit organization's website, [www.CLIMB-inc.com](http://www.CLIMB-inc.com). Founder and Executive Director, William D. Young, started this venture in 1977, with a few trial students or "clients", chosen from state facilities. Located at 161 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, CLIMB slowly took shape, and has become embedded into the fabric and function of Sierra Madre.

After graduate school and employment in state agencies and facilities including Pacific State Hospital/Lanterman Developmental Center, plus six years as principal of Special Education at LA's Foundation for the Junior Blind, Young felt he could make a difference in the way clients with multiple disabilities including partial or total blindness functioned and interacted with their surroundings and community.

Young initially brought nineteen clients to begin what he envisioned: a supportive and friendly community, affordable housing, access to nearby public transportation, and opportunities for work and community integration for residents. In his graduate studies and post-graduate work, he learned blind adults, especially those with additional disabilities, were often caught in a Catch-22, as most agencies and services were geared toward children not adults. When they aged out of youth programs, there weren't adequate programs available.

The initial facility in Sierra Madre, licensed for up to forty adults, was acquired and converted from its former use as a nursing home, and last year, the immaculate campus

challenges, takes most CLIMB residents weeks, even months. Though very rewarding, Hazard's job requires incredible patience and repetition. Advanced CLIMB residents and other day members work onsite or are taken by shuttle to assembly jobs for Alcoa, the aluminum company, or S & W Crafts Manufacturing. The lunch room I visited was converted to an assembly area right after lunch, and members showed off the parts to be assembled that day.

Danny Harber, father to Dean, a longtime resident, offered high praise for CLIMB. Dean and Director Young first met back in 1972 at the Foundation for the Junior Blind in Los Angeles.

As has been his usual pattern for the twenty-three years his son has been a resident here, Harber was at CLIMB that Friday afternoon, awaiting his son's return from work at Alcoa. "After my son is delivered here after work on Fridays, I pick him up for some time at home every weekend. It works out very well."

Hazard and CLIMB resident, Joanne Seaman, took me on a tour of the current facility, which next extends from Sierra Madre Boulevard all the way through to the next block, Montecito. In addition to the residence hall, work and dining areas, a computer room provides vision impaired access to the internet and other computer functions.

The wide halls of the main residence hall are sparkling clean.

Every door is open, and every bed is made to near military precision. Seaman, a very visible and recognizable resident at CLIMB, and many others have graduated to more independent living, in apartments and small houses that have extended the contiguous facility over the decades. She proudly gave a tour of the home on Montecito she shares with others. The organization also owns other Sierra Madre residences, where even more independent residents live in a group setting.

Seaman, a multitalented and gregarious woman, sang and accompanied herself on the piano, providing an original rendition of a popular song for us. Afterward, she demonstrated her ham radio skills. Music and ham radio are just two passions and hobbies of this engaging resident. Dr. John Hull, recently ordained deacon at nearby St. Rita parish, commented on his experiences with CLIMB. At a time when much specialized rehab and medical care can seem quite

*Below, students send a 'wave'.*



CLIMB Founder William D. Young

impersonal, the individualized and sensitive care provided by staff for CLIMB residents is a model of quality health care."

Hull reflected, "In my earliest days as a resident of Sierra Madre, I was impressed at the gracious response of my neighbors to the special needs of our CLIMB residents. I have seen this extra patience and thoughtfulness expended by our local restaurants and merchants time and again, and believe the presence of our CLIMB friends tends to bring out the best in all of us who share Sierra Madre as our home."

"In my role as local clergy," he continued, "I visit the CLIMB facility monthly to serve in whatever way might prove helpful. However, I always leave feeling I have received far more than I was able to offer; encouraged by the gracious and generous reception there."

Jill Muhs, a CLIMB volunteer for years, also represents nearby St. Rita parish. Their family brought two residents to church with them for many years, while their now adult children were growing up. "There were other couples before us, who did the same," she said. "It is as if the residents are ministering to us," Muhs continued. "We always get back more than we give. The clients are wonderful people to work with. We have fun, laugh, and learn all together."

She concluded, "Vision impairment is often disconcerting for the community at large because of the mobility factor, but even little kids around Kersting Court say hi and make sure they step out of the way. It's great to see Sierra Madre integrate CLIMB into the community fabric!"

As one might imagine, a long waiting list exists for openings to live at CLIMB, which receives state funding as well as family funding in some cases, and also has facilities in Alhambra. Inquiries regarding residential and day programs can be directed to: CLIMB INC at 626.289.5321 or visit their website, [www.CLIMB-inc.com](http://www.CLIMB-inc.com) for more information.




CLIMB resident Dean Harber with his dad Danny Harber

underwent extensive updates and upgrades, including new landscape, flooring, windows, and more. Young hoped to create a model of community care, where developmentally disabled blind adults could learn and practice life skills like walking safely on a street, taking a bus to a job or to visit family or making a purchase at a restaurant or store.

If you've driven or walked in Sierra Madre any length of time, it's likely you've seen James Hazard or other CLIMB teachers guiding clients around stumbling blocks to their independence, curbs, trees, street benches, sidewalk diners, etc.

Eventually, some graduate to independent ventures to Bean Town, Starbucks, Sierra Bistro and other local shops like Best Buy Drugs. Due to multiple disabilities, CLIMB's clients study much longer to gain even the smallest independences. Hazard reflected that a skill that readily learned in a few days by a sightless adult without additional developmental





## Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

*by Luther Tsinoglou*

### RENT THAT BUILDS EQUITY

Applying for a home loan today sure isn't what it used to be. Buyers who would have qualified just a year or two ago are now facing rejection, but all hope is not yet lost. If you find a home you love offered by motivated sellers, your real estate representative may be able to negotiate a lease-to-own option.

Usually, a portion of the monthly rent paid goes into escrow, where it accumulates for the eventual downpayment. It's a fairly painless way to save up money so you can get the home you want now, even if you can't put enough down to qualify for financing. Within an agreed amount of time, usually three to five years, you will have then saved enough to secure a loan and complete your purchase.

Simply paying rent is like throwing your money away, but a rent-to-own option actually helps you build equity while you're making your monthly payments (like a mortgage!). Many sellers find this arrangement attractive too, because it generates regular income for them in a still recovering housing market.

You might be wondering why a real estate agent would even bother to offer a lease-to-own option instead of an outright purchase, but in these cases, the agent is often paid a rental commission, and then a sales commission once the transaction has completely closed with a purchase.

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## HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

### THE RETURN OF DODGER GLORY: IT'S MAGIC

The Los Angeles Magics, or rather the Los Angeles Dodgers (and their owners), have certainly been getting a lot of attention. First, there were almost daily reports on the Frank McCourt soap opera. Now, with the \$2.15-billion sale of the team, we have Magic Johnson in the picture.

Major League Baseball has got to love that. What better smiling face could you have as a team's representative? There's a statue of Magic in his Laker uniform in front of Staples Center. Will there eventually be a statue of Magic in a business suit in front of Dodger Stadium?

Although it pains me to say it, I guess congratulations are in order for McCourt. He made a \$421-million investment in 2004 without putting up any cash and now, after paying off all his lawyers, his creditors and ex-wife Jamie, he will realize a profit of about \$1 billion.

They say buying something smart is the best deal, and McCourt certainly did that. He's sold the Dodgers, but even now he isn't totally gone. He is still an investor (\$150 million worth) in potential development in the Stadium parking lot. This potential development would likely resemble the LA Live area in what was originally the main parking lot at Staples Center.

This leads me to this question: Did the Chicago-based Guggenheim Partners, who have assets valued at \$125 billion, buy the Dodgers because they love baseball or was it the prospect of creating a new sports complex that drew their interest?

In the area once commonly known as Chavez Ravine, are we someday going to see hotel complexes, restaurants, an entertainment center and maybe even an NFL stadium? Now, wouldn't that be something? If I were Magic Johnson, I would have cried tears of joy as well.

We don't know how much money Magic put up, but having his name attached to such a project has to be worth a lot. It's really a win-win situation for both he and Guggenheim. The Guggenheim people seized the opportunity to align themselves with a popular L.A. sports icon who is also a very smart, successful businessman.

Magic says he will leave all the baseball operations to the Dodgers' front office, manager and general manager. Remember when Jamie claimed she was the face of the Dodgers? Magic likely will actually be the face of the Dodgers, at least more so than Jamie McCourt ever was.

Let's hope that Dodger Stadium may again be a fun place to go and enjoy Dodger Dogs and liquid refreshments, and that we will know it is safe to go there.

The price of progress? Don't be surprised to see significant price increases for tickets, parking and concessions. The new owners will need to recoup their money in every way they can. Without a doubt, however, the biggest source of revenue figures to be television.

Guggenheim Baseball Management, the name given to the new owners' group, could sign a 15-to-20-year deal worth an estimated \$4 billion with an existing network, such a Fox-owned Prime Ticket. Or the new owners could start their own network, as the New York Yankees did a number of years ago.

Whichever route the new owners take, it is going to mean your cable or satellite TV bill is going up.

You won't be getting anything for free here, but let's hope we can once again have the freedom to enjoy Dodger Baseball on TV or at the Stadium. Maybe the phrase will end up being "The Magic of Dodger Baseball." Batter up!

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### MAKE SURE YOU BUY THE RIGHT HYBRID GOLF CLUBS FOR YOUR GAME

By Bobby Eldridge

I think the hybrid golf clubs are going to wind up being a better invention than the sand wedge. I have to add one more thought. If you buy the right one for your game.

Can you believe how incredible it is to stand in the middle of the fairway 200 yards from the green and you get to pull out one of those beautiful replacement clubs instead of a 3 iron? That is exactly where the problems begin. You better hope that you bought the correct 3 iron replacement. From the minute I heard about the hybrids I have referred to them as replacement clubs.

Of course I have a reason why I call them replacement clubs. I bought three of them before it dawned on me that I was just buying them because I liked them, not because they were correct for my game. That is when I did some research that I will share with you.

The Rules of Golf states that you are allowed to carry 14 clubs in your bag. Let's do some math. You probably use a driver, putter, pitching wedge, sand wedge and LOB. That's five golf clubs and nine to go. Most of you have a 9-8-7-6 irons. Now we have nine clubs and four to go.

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

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

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

17 degree hybrid would replace a 2 iron or 5 wood

20 degree hybrid would replace a 3 iron or 7 wood

23 degree hybrid would replace a 4 iron

27 degree hybrid would replace a 5 iron

31 degree hybrid would replace a 6 iron

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

*I hope this helps you out the next time you head out to buy a couple of hybrid golf clubs for your game.*

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### The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

#### ABUNDANCE: THE FUTURE IS BETTER THAN YOU THINK BY PETER H. DIAMANDIS & STEVEN KOTLER

Providing abundance is humanity's grandest challenge, this is a book about how we rise to meet it. We will soon be able to meet and exceed the basic needs of every man, woman and child on the planet. Abundance for all is within our grasp. This bold, contrarian view, backed up by exhaustive research, introduces our near term future, where exponentially growing technologies and three other powerful forces are conspiring to better the lives of billions. The book is an antidote to pessimism by tech entrepreneur turned philanthropist, Peter H. Diamandis and award-winning science writer Steven Kotler.

Since the dawn of humanity, a privileged few have lived in stark contrast to the hardscrabble majority. Conventional wisdom says this gap cannot be closed. But it is closing fast. The authors document how four forces—exponential technologies, the DIY innovator, the Technophilanthropist, and the Rising Billion—are conspiring to solve our biggest problems. Abundance establishes hard targets for change and lays out a strategic roadmap for governments, industry and entrepreneurs, giving us plenty of reason for optimism. Examining human need by category, water, food, energy, healthcare, education, freedom, Diamandis and Kotler introduce dozens of innovators making great strides in each area: Larry Page, Steven Hawking, Dean Kamen, Daniel Kahneman, Elon Musk, Bill Joy, Stewart Brand, Jeff Skoll, Ray Kurzweil, Ratan Tata, Craig Venter, among many, many others.

#### THE SEVEN SECRETS OF SLIM PEOPLE BY VIKKI HANSEN

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### SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

#### SPRING PLAYLIST WORTH PAYING ATTENTION TO

##### Beach House – “Myth”

This empyreal tune is the latest from dream-pop aficionados, Beach House. “Myth” is a spacious, utterly divine track that floats effortlessly behind a hypotonic haze. The weightlessness and organic touch to “Myth” makes it such an easy listen for one to become entirely mesmerized by. With each subsequent release, Beach House continually proves to be a band worth looking into if you haven't already. Delivering yet another ineffable gem, the mighty duo is primed for what signals indicate to be a stellar album once again.

##### Eight and a Half – “Go Ego”

Eight and A Half is comprised of two members from the out of commission group, The Stills and the drummer from indie titans, Broken Social Scene. What's the result? Something undeniably wicked. “Go Ego” is more in vein of The Stills, but with much a more minimalistic approach. Rich textures, slick vocals, and heavy-synths, “Go Ego” is the first cool song of 2012. If this is any indication on how the forthcoming album will sound like, then we're in for one hell of a debut. Eight and A Half may just be the antidote most of us are in need of.

##### Bear Driver – “Big Love”

The five-piece London band recently dropped the single, “Big Love”. It comes off their debut LP that will arrive this summer. “Big Love” is an indelible pop song with edgy guitar riffs, glossy vocals, and a downright infectious sound. The song is quick, upbeat, and always charming. Bear Driver should be the definite sound for this rapidly approaching summer. After a few EPs and singles under their belt, the lads are prepared for total domination with the release of their first full-length record. Guess what? I'm totally on board with that.

##### Best Coast – “The Only Place”

2010 beloved band, Best Coast are back with a new single. “The Only Place” is a love letter to California (the band's home state obviously). Lyrically, “The Only Place” is similar in nature to the tunes off their critically adored debut album, “Crazy For You.” However, their signature sound has expanded and production values are significantly higher. The lo-fi tone is gone, but strangely enough it's not sorely missed. “The Only Place” is a simple tune, but irrefutably catchy. It's your “fun in the sun” style of a song. With the faintly new direction in sight, songstress Bethany Cosentino and company are looking to repeat success with their sophomore record this May.

##### Japandroids – “The House That Heaven Built”

Post-punk duo, Japandroids are back in a big way. Their latest endeavor is aggressive and razor sharp. You can't help but to not sing along with the “ohs” that are scattered throughout this awesome tune. The rapturous track is both fierce and powerful, but even a bit poppy at moments. “The House That Heaven Built” builds upon its towering, anthem-style energy. Japandroids look to be a mighty force to be reckoned with come this summer when they release, “Celebration Rock”, this presumed behemoth of a rock album.

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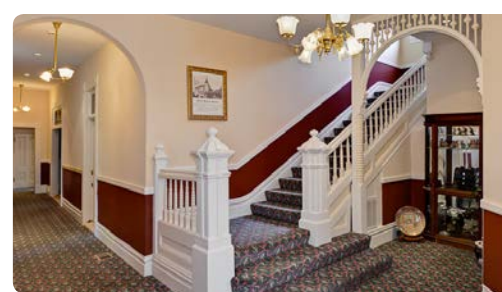


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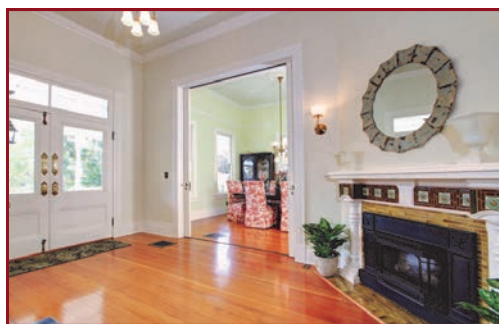
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## WE ARE ALL WE HAVE



Susan Henderson,  
Publisher/Editor

### Sierra Madre’s Future Quality of Life is the Real Election Issue

On Tuesday, voters in Sierra Madre will make decisions that will have an impact on the quality of life in this city far beyond the terms that we are electing councilpersons for.

At stake is whether or not this town will continue to be self sustaining as a result of community involvement and good leadership or whether it will fall prey to the politics of fear and hysteria.

At stake is whether or not the residents of this town will make informed decisions about their choices to fill the city council.

At stake is whether or not voters recognize that the council member selection process has been polluted with the volatile issue of an alleged tax increase.

At stake is whether or not Sierra Madre will be lead by truth or suffer the consequences.

I think the issue of transparency should also play an important role in choosing who will fill the vacant seats on our council. Therefore, in my opinion, any candidate who has not been transparent and honest should definitely not be elected. In addition, any candidate with newly found interests that just happen to arise in time for their campaign should not be elected. And last, but certainly not least, any candidate who helps intentionally propagate incorrect information or half truths is not worthy of sitting on our council. With that said, our choices are narrowed a lot.

Further candidates who do not understand and/or mistate the purpose and goals of the Utility Users Tax - Measures 12-1 and 12-2 should not sit on our council. THESE MEASURES ARE NOT A TAX INCREASE. The city already has the authority to raise the Utility User Tax to 12%. It has only been raised, since 2008, to 10%. MEASURES 12-1 and 12-2 SIMPLY ASK VOTERS TO EXTEND THE EXISTING LAW IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE CURRENTLY HAVE IF NEEDED. To say otherwise is simply not true.

In choosing candidates to support, I, and those to whom I have sought their opinions, were looking for people who could provide Sierra Madre with bold leadership. We were looking for candidates that were contemplating solutions instead of dwelling on problems. We were looking for consensus buildres and people who were willing to represent the entire community, whether they agree with them or not.

Support for the Utility Users Tax was definitely one of the criteria is selecting candidates to support. In my opinion, any candidate who opposes the extension of the UUT, clearly does not understand Sierra Madre finances. We may not ever increase the UUT to 12%, however, state law says that tax measures of this kind can only be on ballots in election years when council candidates are also on the ballot. That means, that in order to budget properly for two year cycles, these measures need to be in place now.

People elected to represent us on the Council should never manipulate the facts in order to gain favor with voters. Sierra Madre does not have unlimited resources or means to generate the revenue required to keep this town operating. We have no sales tax base. There are no strip malls, car dealerships or even companies with lots of employees. We have a limited property tax base. And candidates who try to compare us with cities that do have these resources just don’t get it and should not be elected.

We are a small town and the only real resource that we have is you and I.

Shall we cut city services until we become totally dependent on the county (which is broke by the way)? Do you anticipate that if we have to rely on LA County for Police, Fire,and Public Works that they are going to make Sierra Madre a priority? Or shall we recognize that if WE want to keep this town like it is, WE have to make the necessary sacrifices.

So, when you compare the seven people who are vying for our votes, the choice becomes crystal clear.

### FOR THE TWO YEAR SEAT VACATED BY FORMER MAYOR JOE MOSCA

#### WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FOR COLIN BRAUDRICK.



“Colin Braudrick is a 15 year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department who brings a greater insight into the biggest and most important part of our city operations – public safety – than any candidate in recent memory. He knows what is needed (and what is not) to effectively protect Sierra Madre. But Colin is more than his chosen profession. He brings to this race personal courage, compassion, and a firm belief in the importance of community. He has been a unifying force on the General Plan Steering Committee as it considers the policies that will define the future of Sierra Madre. He has been a strong advocate for the cherished institution that is our local library as he serves on the Library Board of Trustees and his work on the Little League Board reflected a commitment to the physical wellbeing of our children. Colin is a leader who brings sensible passion and commitment to the task ahead.”\*

FOR THE TWO 4 YEAR SEATS THAT ARE OPEN:

#### VOTE FOR JOHN HARABEDIAN



“ John Harabedian is an insightful, forward thinking candidate who brings a balanced perspective our town needs. His prior work as a local government policy analyst, his extensive education in public policy (yes, he is a policy wonk and every council should have one), and his legal training provide a skill set every council needs. He also bridges the town’s past and future in a way few candidates can. Having been born and raised here he deeply appreciates our community’s traditions, while at the same time he offers a generational perspective and optimism that knows the future of our city will be as good or better than the past. John knows the town’s history but he won’t govern by nostalgia as evidenced by the fact he has advocated specific operational changes in the way the city does business as initial steps toward developing the new policies the city will need to guide us in the years ahead.”\*

#### VOTE FOR GENE GOSS



“Gene Goss is, as my friend and former colleague Joe Mosca said, the kind of person we always wish would run for city council. He is instinctively a voice of reason whose first order of business is to forge consensus around ideas to get things done. Gene does not run for public office to push an ideology; he is concerned with results. He is also committed to the public good. He has taught and advocated civic involvement as a professor of political science and government but has married his scholarship to the practical experience of making an institution work. He has been a leader outside the classroom in the operation of a highly regarded community college where his instinct for consensus building has yielded results in peaceful labor relations and technological advancement. Gene’s goal is simple; preserve our community by planning for its future with fiscal caution and wise investment in the community resources that work.”\*

(We have quoted John Buchanan and his assessment of the candidates, for we agree whole heartedly!)

And of course, Honorable mention goes to Bill Tice for his tenacity in trying.

If WE really treasure Sierra Madre, then let’s do what is best for our city. Vote for Braudrick, Goss and Harabedian on Tuesday, and vote YES ON MEASURES 12-1 and 12-2

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### Guest Editorial

by Bill Coburn, [www.sierramadrenews.net](http://www.sierramadrenews.net)



### This is One Definition of “Affiliated With”

*This editorial is the opinion of Bill Coburn, publisher of Sierra Madre News Net and 17-year Sierra Madre resident. It is not intended to reflect the views of any other person or entity with whom I am associated.*

I’ve had several people ask me if I was going to write anything about Chris Koerber and MaryAnn MacGillivray and their conservative stance, and the possibility that they are affiliated with the Tea Party. I didn’t really see much point, as I (and many of the Sierra Madreans with whom I’ve discussed the issue of party affiliation in Sierra Madre politics) don’t really care if a City Council candidate is affiliated with the Tea Party, the Democratic party or the Republican party. I’m more interested in how they stand on Sierra Madre issues, though I do admit that I’m more inclined to figure a Tea Party member and I are going to be coming at things from very different angles. I just don’t get how some people think Sarah Palin would make a good president, or how somebody who forgets where they put their loaded gun as they enter an airport is the right person to be making important decisions in Sacramento.

I really think MaryAnn is a very capable Council Member, even if I don’t agree with her on some issues. It’s not because of her political party, it’s because we don’t agree on the issues. I even wrote an editorial in her defense when I felt the other Council members weren’t giving her proposal proper consideration (an editorial her campaign manager chose to post on Facebook this week-end). I also think Chris would be a capable Council member, but I disagree with him on the issues as well. I didn’t endorse Braudrick, Harabedian and Goss based on political party affiliation, I did it because we agreed on the issues more than I do with MaryAnn or Chris. Until yesterday, I didn’t know Harabedian’s political party, and I still haven’t talked with Goss or Braudrick to find out what their affiliation is (I think I can assume from the Democratic party robocall last weekend what Colin’s affiliation is, though). I do know, though, that they aren’t affiliated with the Tea Party because they were forthcoming and straightforward with their answer to the question “Are you affiliated with the Tea Party” when it was asked at a City Council candidate forum held at City Hall in March.

The fact is, anybody that wants to find out if Chris Koerber is involved with the Tea Party can do so with a simple Google search. Google Chris Koerber Tea Party, and the first three results are

Tweets on Chris’s Twitter page with the hash tag “Tea Party”. The eighth result quotes Chris as saying he’s proud to support a Tea Party Congressional candidate in Georgia. Easy enough. Heck, according to Sierra Madre Patch, Chris even spoke during public comment at a City Council meeting in November of 2010, saying “Tim (59th District Tea Party Assemblyman Tim Donnelly) wanted me to make sure that I thanked the people of Sierra Madre for their support.”

As you can see in the embedded video, (go to [www.sierramadrenews.net](http://www.sierramadrenews.net)) Chris, when asked if he was affiliated with the Tea Party, chose not to answer the question directly, opting instead to poll the attendees as to how many wanted to see their taxes raised, announce the results, and say thank you. Immediately following, MaryAnn MacGillivray, when asked if she was affiliated with the Tea Party, responded that “I don’t know what you mean by affiliated with the Tea Party, but I’m certainly not in favor of raising taxes either.”

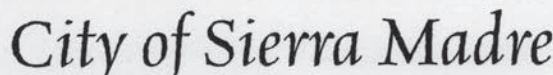
Why have I decided to write about this now? First, I watched as Patch.com posted two polls of their readers about the election, and the Tea Party issue got quite a bit of attention, meaning it’s important to some of the voters in town, even if it’s not an overriding factor for me. Then this afternoon, someone suggested I visit the TeaPAC Pasadena website and click on the link to their Facebook page, then look at their photo albums. Here’s what they wanted me to see: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.242957369111850.56299.227420357332218&type=3>.

What I can’t figure out is why these two candidates, who are shown speaking, as candidates, at a TeaPAC function, don’t want Sierra Madre voters to know about their affiliation with the Tea Party. Why did they evade the question, rather than standing up for what they believe in? And to say “I don’t understand what you mean by affiliated with the Tea Party”? MaryAnn, you’re a highly intelligent woman. This picture of you speaking as a candidate at a TeaPAC website launch party shows, BY ANYONE’S DEFINITION, that you are affiliated.

I don’t understand why these two candidates think we should vote for them, if they aren’t willing to tell us who they are and what they believe. I’ll be voting for Colin Braudrick, Gene Goss, and John Harabedian.



—Monrovia



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.

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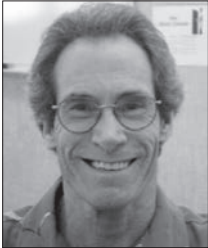
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### WHAT DO BUNNIES AND EGGS HAVE TO DO WITH EASTER?

Bunnies, eggs, Easter gifts and fluffy, yellow chicks in gardening hats all stem from pagan roots. They were incorporated into the celebration of Easter separately from the Christian tradition of honoring the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

According to University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, the origin of the celebration -- and the Easter bunny -- can be traced back to 13th century, pre-Christian Germany, when people worshipped several gods and goddesses. The Teutonic deity Eastre was the goddess of spring and fertility, and feasts were held in her honor on the Vernal Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of the animal's high reproduction rate.

This pagan festival went on for a long time before rising Christian missionaries trying to convert the pagans to their religion had some issues with the non-Christian festivals occurring around the same time as the Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luckily for the Germanic pagans, these converters weren't going to go the violent route. Instead of outright abolishing the pagan celebrations altogether, they slowly added in different aspects of Christianity and the resurrection of Christ into them.

In an effort to finally completely remove the pagan aspect of this holiday, *Eastre* was changed to *Easter* to remove any connotation regarding the pagan Goddess of Offspring. The rabbits were no longer being worshipped, but were kept in most traditions. Since the rabbit can epitomize the idea of fertility, it can easily be incorporated into the story of Christ's resurrection as a reference to Jesus being re-born. This is where the Easter Egg also starts to play a big factor in metaphoric references to the resurrection of Christ.

Spring also symbolized new life and rebirth; eggs were an ancient symbol of fertility. According to History.com, Easter eggs represent Jesus' resurrection. However, this association came much later when Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany in the 15th century and merged with already ingrained pagan beliefs.

The first Easter bunny legend was documented in the 1500s. By 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published. These legends were brought to the United States in the 1700s when German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country, according to the Center for Children's Literature and Culture

The Easter Bunny folklore arrived in America in the 1700s via the German settlers. They brought their long time tradition of Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs to a Dutch Pennsylvania settlement and it just got big from there. The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs in soon followed. Eventually, nests became decorated baskets and colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and other small gifts.

So while you're scarfing down chocolate bunnies (I hear chocolate is good for you!) and marshmallow chicks this Easter Sunday, think fondly of this holiday's origins and maybe even impress your friends at this year's Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at 10 a.m. in Memorial Park.

Happy Easter!

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE THE FEAR FACTOR



LOOK OUT! Here it comes; the drone peeking into your window to check out whether or not you are hiding something in an unmentionable body-cavity. No, perhaps, it has not come to that yet. YET; but did you read or hear anything about Supreme Court Justice Kennedy's opinion in the Frances case? I read about the opinion as I checked out the internet Tuesday morning. Justice Kennedy, the swing-vote, the seventy-six year old Ronald Reagan appointee, who is supposed to be the hope of the few remaining liberals (I'm kidding I think) in this country has authored and cast the deciding vote in the case entitled *Florence v. County of Birmingham*. According to this incredible interpretation of Constitutional, the Court has held that people who have been arrested may be strip-searched after arrests for the most minor offenses. Included within this category are violations of leash laws, driving without driver's license in your possession, and of course, allegations of failing to pay child support.

Now understand that this strip searching would occur prior to conviction of any crime during that supposed guaranteed period wherein the presumption of innocence is still in effect. Justice Kennedy justified the strip search of "people detained for minor offences" on the grounds that such minor offenders "can turn out to be the most devious and dangerous criminals." He noted that Timothy McVeigh, later put to death for his role in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, was first arrested for driving without a license plate. This is the source of my alarm, with which I first began this article. If minor offenders are considered as potential terrorists hiding behind their non-serious crimes, then people who have committed no crimes at all must be suspected of being the most devious and threatening of all potential evil-doers. Why? Because they have been careful not to do anything to which would bring them to the attention of the police authority. They must be watched. Yes, it's all absolutely crazy!!

The legal scholars amongst you might remember a passing acquaintance with the fourth amendment of the United States Constitution which was written and adopted to guarantee people on these shores the freedom from unreasonable and unwarranted police intrusion. What has happened to these protections? Rachel Maddow, Oxford PhD. and, Rhodes Scholar, has made an attempt at explanation in her recently released and, probably well-searched and researched book, *Drift*. This surprisingly entertaining but nevertheless frightening book focuses on the manner in which this entire nation is risking a shipwreck as it is being manipulated though the over-dramatizing of security concerns, safety, and resultant fear. She begins by focusing on the drafter of the Declaration of Independence and future two-term President, Thomas Jefferson. She reminds us of Jefferson's wariness of "animal foods, spirituous liquors, state religion, national debts, abolitionists, embittered slaves, and unelected federal judges. But his predominant and animating worry was the centralization of power in large banks and secret societies, and most of all in governments: the enemy within.

Don't these concerns sound amazingly contemporary? Remember, old Thomas was worrying about this stuff around 250 years ago, well before most public relations and advertising agencies were even conceived. Believe it or not, our founding forefathers may not have even imagined lobbyists. To make this point absolutely current have you received any phone calls from companies saying that you have been recommended to them by a friend who wants to emphasize your need for an overall Home Security System? This is such a blatant obnoxious attempt to capitalize on the fomented racial panic seemingly generated by the Trayvon Martin killing in Florida that I am genuinely sickened.

Of course it is all similar to the curtailments of our rights to privacy (remember those) that were instituted after the 9-11 World Trade Center Towers destruction. This event was somehow spun to justify the beginnings of our endless wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Rachel Maddow describes how concerns for safety and security are used to navigate away from our American traditions and formerly protected freedoms. Seemingly every event is used to increase our fears and to convince Americans that our safety and security is worth any sacrifice. She reminds us that Thomas Jefferson felt it absolute necessary that the United States refrain from maintaining a standing army. He wrote that if a standing army existed it would be utilized and America would be thrown into a perpetual state of war at the cost of its most valued freedoms.

Well, today we know those fears were justified and that secret powers are manipulating us for their own benefit. Somebody profits from these continual wars and the creation of these huge banks that are too big to fail, such that the only thing left to fail may be the American Way of Life.

Remember, don't look out your windows, be sure to vote for the war-maker of your choice, and be ready to allow some unelected, almost octogenarian, Federal Judge rule your life. Pleasant dreams.

## LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

### HOWARD Hays As I See It



*Due to a production error, last week Stuart Tolchin's article appeared in this spot. We apologize for any confusion that may have caused.*  
-The Editor

*"In a civilized and rich country like the United States, it is reasonable for society to accept an obligation to ensure that all residents have affordable access to at least basic health care. . . . it is also reasonable to expect residents of the society who can do so to contribute an appropriate amount to their own health care. . . . It could be a 'soft' mandate, meaning that failure to obtain coverage could result in the loss of tax benefits. . . ."*  
- Dr. Stuart Butler

At the time those remarks were delivered at a Congressional hearing a decade ago, nobody had heard of "Obamacare". Dr. Butler was describing policies developed ten years earlier, when he served at The Heritage Foundation crafting a conservative response to "Hillariycare". This plan for an "individual mandate" received backing from Republican leaders in Congress such as Sens. Orrin Hatch (UT) and Charles Grassley (IA), and Rep. Newt Gingrich (GA).

Provisions for required universal coverage, a regulated "marketplace", subsidies for low-income enrollees, "guaranteed eligibility", "nondiscrimination based on health status", and authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish minimal standards were all contained in the "Health Equity and Access Reform Today Act of 1993" - the Republican plan.

(One of the Republican sponsors of that bill, former Sen. David Durenberger of Minnesota, was asked two years ago at the height of the current debate to compare this situation with that of 1993: "I think it's four times more important now than it was then because the costs are four times as bad and they're escalating more quickly and the entrenched behavior of the medical industry is so bad today compared to what it was then.")

column early last year, Ezra Klein interviewed economist Mark Pauly, described as "the father of the individual mandate". Pauly helped develop healthcare policy for the administration of George H.W. Bush, when he saw the individual mandate as the preferred free-market alternative, because "our view is that excessive government intervention will make matters worse". A major criticism he has of the current law is that tax penalties for those not purchasing insurance are "only about 20% of the cost of a policy", while "in our version, the penalty was effectively equal to the premium. . . ."

Klein noted how Democrats have been following the Republican lead when it comes to healthcare, beginning with Republican attempts to preclude consideration of a "Medicare-for-all" single-payer system: "Richard Nixon countered single-payer with an employer mandate, then Clinton co-opted the employer mandate and Republicans moved to an individual mandate, and then Obama co-opted the individual mandate".

M.I.T. Economics Professor Jonathan Gruber advised both then-Gov. Mitt Romney on the Massachusetts healthcare plan, and President Obama on the Affordable Care Act. The two major differences, he explains, are that Romney relied on a separate entity, the federal government, to pay for the Massachusetts plan, and President Obama's plan contains provisions for cost containment, while Romney's didn't.

Prof. Gruber, though, sees no distinction as to the origins: "This is a Republican idea. It was originally developed by conservative economists, and at the bill signing in 2006 as Mitt Romney proudly signed this law into place, on the podium was a speaker from The Heritage Foundation talking about what a great conservative law this was. All of a sudden President Obama, being pragmatic and smart about it, decides this is a good idea, let's adopt that, and suddenly it's the devil's work. I don't see how that could be anything but pure, partisan politics.

Some might see the president

In his Washington Post

### MICHAEL Reagan

### GONG, GONG, GONG!

I don't know about you, but watching the Republican primary season is making me feel like a judge on the "The Gong Show."

I watched or listened to all three candidates after Tuesday night's Illinois primary. I'm still crying.

If Mitt, Newt and Rick had given those uninspiring speeches on Chuck Barris' twisted 1970s amateur talent show, the celebrity panelists would have gang-gonged them in 30 seconds.

The speeches Romney, Santorum and Gingrich gave were the least inspiring of this trying campaign season. Each one was too long, lacking in vision and boring as hell. I think Santorum is still delivering his Gettysburg Address.

Hasn't anyone on his staff ever heard the advice "less is more"? Don't any of these guys realize that their rambling, dull speeches are carried live on the cable channels?

Win or lose, here's a free idea for one of them to try after the Louisiana primary on Saturday (March 24):

First give a quick, sharp, inspiring, enthusiastic, Obama-bashing speech for the TV cameras. Use a teleprompter if you must or, if you want to look Reaganesque, write a few notes on some index cards.

Then, after three minutes, say "God bless America!" or "On to the White House!" and exit stage right.

Save the rebashes of your positions on healthcare or family values for your supporters in the room. Ditto for your sincere thanks to your loyal cousin Shirley and the assistant precinct captain of Peoria.

I have a more strategic suggestion for our three contestants before "The Republican Gong Show" gets to Tampa.

If they are truly serious about wanting to beat Obama in the fall, they'd better dump all their advisers now. They each need to find someone like a Michael Deaver or a Lyn Nofziger, the media geniuses who ran my father's campaigns, and listen carefully.

The cold truth is that at this point there is only one professional campaign team in this never-ending primary and, like it or not, it's Romney's. The Santorum and Gingrich teams may be more conservative, but they are not well funded and they're amateur league.

Newt says Mitt can't beat Obama, but he can't beat Romney or Santorum, and even Ron Paul beat him in Illinois. And Rick says Mitt will say whatever he needs to say to win. Welcome to hardball politics, Rick.

Let's face it. There is no road for Santorum or Gingrich to the White House, not even a dirt road. That is unfortunate. But now the primary has turned into a "Stop Romney" campaign and that's much more than unfortunate. It's destructive. And it only helps Obama.

Here's a suggestion for Newt and Rick if they insist on going one-on-one against Romney. Since primary loss after primary loss clearly isn't working, how about a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors and the loser goes home?

Seriously, it's time for Mitt to get some of his own ideas and not take them from Newt (energy) and from Rick (freedom). Without his own "big ideas" and own "vision thing," he will lose. Trust me.

Most importantly, it's time for Mitt to reach out to the conservatives. If he doesn't, he won't ever be president, either, and Obama will get four more years to continue his deconstruction of America.





# Help Sierra Madre Plan for a Bright Future

## ☒ VOTE YES on Measures 12-1 and 12-2

### PROTECT SIERRA MADRE

Dear Fellow Sierra Madreans:

We write to ask for your continued support of public safety in Sierra Madre by voting "YES" on Measures 12-1 and 12-2 in the coming municipal election, April 10.

In 2008 Sierra Madre voters made a commitment to fund paramedic service, fair police officer compensation, and other public safety improvements. With your support for Measures 12-1 and 12-2 you will renew that commitment.

Measures 12-1 and 12-2 continue the previously authorized Utility Users Tax rates so we can pay for vital services. Last year alone, our Fire Department answered 941 calls, 78% of which were medical in nature. Because voters agreed to pay for paramedic service, lives were saved. Our police officers made 335 arrests and the Police Department answered over 15,000 calls for service. As a result, last year robberies declined 75% and burglaries 35%.

Your recommitment to existing levels of support is vital to the City's ability to continue to deliver this service. Recently, windstorm damages and loss of local tax revenue from the demise of redevelopment agencies have placed great strain on an already small city general fund. This was on top of previous budget cuts of over \$900,000 this fiscal year.

Measures 12-1 and 12-2 ask only that you continue to authorize the rates previously approved by voters in 2008 so your city can continue, in the years to come, to provide the level of public safety service we count on in our community. We committed to funding that level of service with voters support of Measures U and UA in 2008. Those Measures, however, require voter re-approval every few years to continue. The time to renew that commitment is now.

Some say we can wait until later (2014) to do this in the hope some unexpected bounty will come our way. But the City's next budget cycle begins in 2013. Without voter approval of Measures 12-1 and 12-2, the City will have to make service level decisions based on an expected decline in revenue. Hope is good, but it is not a basis for local budgeting.

In sum, your support for public safety funding is necessary to protect what we have in Sierra Madre. Please vote "YES" on 12-1 and 12-2.

*Marilyn Diaz*

Marilyn Diaz  
Police Chief, Ret.

*John Buchanan*

John Buchanan  
Mayor of Sierra Madre

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We all live in Sierra Madre for different reasons. For some it is the sense of community, that people wave at you when they drive by, and that your butcher knows you by name. For others, it is our traditions like the Wistaria Festival, the 4th of July Parade, Huck Finn, story time at the Library, or swimming at the pool. But for all of us, the fact that we live in one of the safest communities in the United States plays a big role in our decision to stay here.

Unfortunately, many of these things come with a price tag, and in neighboring communities, residents pay parcel taxes, which cost thousands of dollars per year. In Sierra Madre, we have a UUT which helps the City provide these services for only hundreds of dollars per year.

A yes on Measures 12-1 and 12-2 merely extends the existing UUT so that our Council can plan properly for the future, and so that our City can continue to provide us with the all of the services and programs that make this community our home.













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THERE’S NO FREE LUNCH.

Political and fiscal choices will be made. Hopefully they will be made based on honest and sober thoughtfulness.

I attended the Kiwanis Candidates’ Forum and asked what was to be the final question: If elected, what SPECIFIC POLICIES would you, the candidate, fight for. Only two candidates came up empty. John Capoccia did not find the question clear or important enough to address. MaryAnn MacGillivray announced that she would not answer the question but, instead, only talked about the attack of the state upon our city. By the way, our city is no different than other California cities in dealing with the impact of the recession and the slow-motion glacier-like burden of Prop 13.

Also, Councilman MacGillivray repeatedly declared that despite the city’s budgetary crises and her opposition to the authorization for an increase to the Utility User Tax, there would be no cuts to our most prized institutions—police and fire departments, and the library. But what is before the current city council? Reducing library hours and reductions to access to the city pool. There is no free lunch.

Our combined household UUT for gas and electricity was \$13.32 for February. A 20% increase (the most that could be levied with the ballot measures) would be \$2.66 for that period. For this our town will contemplate reducing the quality of life? And what’s to keep us from conserving just a bit more to compensate for this \$2.66 increase? It’s a win-win situation. Also, homeowners and renters alike directly pay the UUT—anyone with meters.

Nostalgia is not a direction for the future. Neither is the perception of penny-pinching nor exaggerating the singularity of our city’s relationship with the state.

Jeff Lapides, Sierra Madre

TIME FOR A CHANGE... MARY ANN NEEDS TO GO!

Last week, Hail Hamilton touched upon Mary Ann’s MacGillivray’s role in the design and implementation of the Hillside Management Zone (HMZ) and the Residential Canyon Zone. My reason for writing is to expand on Hail’s informative editorial.

I have lived in Sierra Madre for more than two decades and have watched Mary Ann’s political career “develop”. In her most recent foray into local politics, Mary Ann uses the expression “the shenanigan years,” referring to the 1990’s when she was a City Council member. What Mary Ann fails to mention is that during these “shenanigan years,” while a sitting member of the City Council, she supported and sponsored most of the policies and resolutions that she now rails against.

For example, in 2005-2006 Mary Ann was a member of the Hillside Management Zone (HMZ) Committee, which ostensibly was intended to protect our Hillsides from overdevelopment. During the process, Mary Ann, along with several 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” (RCZ).

To illustrate the conflict of interest, the Hillside Management Zone is mainly several large canyons surrounded by a few hillsides, while the Residential Canyon Zone is made up of one small canyon (Woodland Ave) surrounded by large swaths of hillsides. It would seem to a reasonable person that a “Hillside Zone” would affect ALL Hillsides in the City and a “Canyon Zone” would affect ALL canyons in the City.

Instead, what Mary Ann and company did was to create gaping holes in the City’s Zoning Codes along with potential legal liabilities that in the long run will benefit the interests of those she so publicly opposes while harming the interests of those she allegedly represents.

Mary Ann has no problem espousing libertarian “Tea Party” values while pandering to pseudo-liberals and out-of-town interests. The divisive techniques, obfuscation, duplicity and fear mongering by Mary Ann and her cohorts does not distinguish her from her former colleagues during the “shenanigan years” but rather is emblematic of them.

I agree with Hail: “It’s time for a change. This Tuesday let’s show Mary Ann the door -- to a future of well-earned obscurity!”

Long time Sierra Madre, Mike Velasquez



RICH Johnson WHAT IS IN A NAME?



If you had a great idea for a product or a service you would soon find one of the toughest decisions to make is the naming of the product or service. In the words of marketing and advertising gurus your name has to sell the sizzle.

I’ve looked up a variety of products and services to see whether they were originally called something else. Most of us know VISA credit card

was originally known as BankAmericard, and Nissan was called Datsun. I also discovered the following:

Computer and video games had different names. Google was originally known as BackRub. Quantum Computer Services turned into AOL; Jerry’s Guide to the World Wide Web morphed into Yahoo; Marafuku Company gave up that snappy name to become Nintendo. The American Messenger Company figured they should shorten their name and became UPS.

When it comes to food and food products there have been a lot of switcheroos. In the soft drink department Brad’s Drink became Pepsi and Lithiated Lemon shortened to 7-Up. Kool Aid was originally known as Fruit Smack and Opal Fruits sweetened their name to Starburst. Papa Sucker turned into Sugar Daddy and in an odd switch Dried plums became prunes. Twinkle fingers started calling themselves Twinkies. Kiwi fruit was originally known as Chinese gooseberry...honest. Subway was once known as Peter’s Super Submarines.

Possibly my favorite are the name changes made to three different types of fish to make them more palatable on a menu. Dolphinfish became Mahi Mahi. Order Patagonian Toothfish and you’re getting Chilean Sea Bass. And you should know if you prefer the taste of orange roughly you are really eating a fish known as slimehead. Last week the band I am fortunate enough to be a part of (JJJukebox) performed at Café 322. Thank you to a large crowd of people who came by to see us and enjoy good food. Thank you Mario for inviting us.

If you haven’t listened to the Barry Lisa and Rich radio show on RadioFishbowl.com yet, you haven’t listened to Barry Lisa and Rich...yet. Monday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 am on your computer. Just type in radiofishbowl.com and turn on the speakers. Good music, humor and trivia await you.

Finally, Fairy Tale Theatre is now offering up a repeat engagement of “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice” at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Performances are an hour long, Saturday mornings at 11:00. Now through May 12. Come enjoy this magical adventure. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. Call (626) 355-4318 for reservations.

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



SOME THINGS SEEM TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Recently I discovered something. The more I tried to keep up with the latest trend the further behind I get. I am not a complete technical idiot, but I’m not too far off. The only thing I can say about me is that I at least try.

The best example of all of this has to do with my cell phone. Is there anybody on the planet today that does not have a cell phone? And, the most important question, is there anybody driving a car that is not at the same time on that cell phone? Who in the world are they all talking to?

My guess is they are all talking to each other. At least, they are not talking to me.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage finally convinced me to go into cahoots with her and get cell phones. The plan was this. She got to pick out the cell phones and I got to pay the bill. I must say I beat her on this one.

She only got to take the cell phone once but I, get to pay the bill every month. I was chuckling to myself that I finally pulled one over on her until I realized that I get to pay the bill every month. Every month! This is the last time I will try to pull something over on her. I never win.

Consequently, we now are in the cell phone industry. I am not sure it is all working out for the good.

I have yet to master the technological skill associated with successfully using my cell phone. Although my cell phone is rather small, it has more buttons on it than Bozo the clown’s costume. Not only are there more buttons than I can count but each button is smaller than I can see. Who in the world designed such small buttons?

I really think that my cell phone was designed for some midget.

At this point, I cannot tell the difference when my cell phone is ringing or when I am receiving a text message. When a text message comes in I try to answer the cell phone and nobody seems to be on the other end. When I try to read the text message there are only letters instead of words. It takes me a half hour just to figure out one text message. Where is James Bond when you need him?

I may not be the brightest letter on the keyboard but I do know how to spell words. It seems that in order to use a cell phone today you have to throw out words and start using letters. I will never get the hang of that.

When somebody is on the phone and I am talking, all of a sudden the phone goes dead. I can talk for 3 minutes before realizing nobody is on the other end. I find this most frustrating.

I am not sure that the convenience of the cell phone is worth the frustrating elements associated with having the cell phone.

In a crowded restaurant the other day, my cell phone went off. Not thinking too much of my environment I answered the cell phone. It was a friend calling me.

The conversation started rather jovial for all practical purposes. Suddenly I became conscious I had an audience. There are times when I really prefer not to have an audience. This was one of those times.

I realized some of the people around me were eavesdropping in on my conversation. Then the unthinkable happened. My cell phone suddenly went dead. It went dead in the middle of a rather humorous joke I was telling. Now what was I to do?

It really was not my fault that the phone went dead. I did not plan it that way. Besides, I hate it when somebody stops in the middle of a joke and you never get to the punchline.

For a few seconds I was not sure what the proper protocol is when your phone goes dead and you have an audience. I had to do some very quick thinking and come up with, what I thought was, a brilliant plan.

I understand that when you do have an audience you have a certain responsibility with that audience. So, not to disappoint my audience, I continued my conversation on the cell phone as though somebody was actually on the other end. I was able to finish my joke and then I paused, not knowing what else to do. I merely continued the conversation I was having with my friend who really was not on the other end of this time.

Sometimes it is good just to keep up a good front. From the snickers of the people around me in that restaurant, it was well worth finishing that joke. I hate to waste a good joke. After all, they are so hard to come by these days.

Many things are just too good to be true and many of them I probably will never really get the hang of it. One thing I never really will fully understand is God’s love for me.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV).

Although this sounds too good to be true, it is true nevertheless.

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# COLIN BRAUDRICK *City Council*

## VOTE FOR COLIN APRIL 10th!



## Endorsements:

### Organizations

Sierra Madre Mountain View News  
Sierra Madre News.Net  
Sierra Madre Police Officers Association  
Los Angeles Police Protective League  
United Teachers of Pasadena  
Los Angeles County Organization of Police and Sheriffs  
Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement

### Civic Leaders

John Buchanan – Mayor  
Josh Moran – Mayor Pro Tem  
Nancy Walsh – Member of the City Council  
Rob Stockley - Former Mayor, Citizen of the Year  
George Mauer – Former Mayor, Citizen of the Year  
Doug Hayes – Former Mayor  
Joe Mosca – Former Mayor  
Tonya Torres – Former Member of the City Council  
Pete Siberell – Citizen of the Year, Former President Sierra Madre Little League  
Linda Sparks – Past Vice President of Sierra Madre Little League  
Melissa Moore Castillo –  
Former Sierra Madre School PTA President  
Rodney Spears – Sierra Madre CERT, Sierra Madre Fire Department  
Joan Spears - Senior Commission and Sierra Madre Chamber Board  
Neil Vance – Former Vice-President Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce  
Mike Comer – Sierra Madre Fire Department  
Jacquie Pergola – Member of the Senior Commission  
Denise Delmar – Chair of the General Plan Steering Committee  
Ed Miller – Member of the General Plan Steering Committee  
John Hutt – Member of the General Plan Steering Committee, Former Member of the Planning Commission  
John Vandevelt – Member of the Planning Commission  
Roger Lowe – Former Chief of the Sierra Madre Fire Department  
Catherine Adde – Chair of the Library Board of Trustees  
Steve Powell – Former President of the Sierra Madre Girl's Softball Association  
Michael Cacciotti – Mayor South Pasadena, Deputy State Attorney General, Board Member AQMD  
Alan Skobin – Police Commissioner Los Angeles Police Department  
Toni Buckner - Former Director of Library Services



## Vote John Capoccia April 10<sup>th</sup>

*Qualified, Committed, and Fiscally Responsible*

## Representing YOU, the Citizen-Taxpayer!

- ✓ **A Proven Leader with Real-World Experience**
  - A retired AT&T General Manager with years of Problem Solving and Budget Balancing
- ✓ **Independent - Not beholden to special interests**
  - Will not accept endorsements or contributions from Unions, Associations or other interests
- ✓ **Willing to fight for Sierra Madre's taxpayers**
  - Authored the Argument against the Utility Tax Increase and Extension

### Endorsed By:

Kurt Zimmerman, Former Mayor

*"John has the integrity, business experience, compassion, volunteer spirit, and commitment to preservation to be an outstanding Council Member. John has my vote and my endorsement."*

Rob Stockly, Former Mayor

*"It has been my experience that John finds facts useful and is open to rational discussion. He possesses the ability to disagree and consider different points of view - a necessary quality for the challenges facing Sierra Madre."*

Lee Cline, Former Councilmember

*"John Capoccia has what Sierra Madre needs: Integrity, common sense, leadership and experience. I know I can count on John to represent the citizens of Sierra Madre to make sure our town retains its unique character for future generations."*

John Shear, Local Resident and 4th of July "Hometown Hero"

*"I admire John because he's standing up for Sierra Madre taxpayers like me by fighting the utility tax increase. Please vote for John. We need him on the city council"*

*John is a long-time resident and community volunteer. He understands what makes Sierra Madre special and will work tirelessly to protect Sierra Madre's unique village atmosphere.*

## John Capoccia for Sierra Madre City Council

[www.Capoccia4CityCouncil.com](http://www.Capoccia4CityCouncil.com)

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UUT TAXPAYERS ALERT

Vote NO  
On Measure 12-1 and 12-2

Sierra Madre has the highest UUT (Utility User Tax) in the State.  
No other city taxes all 8 utilities at as high a rate as Sierra Madre.  
(See chart below)

The City’s level of spending will rise to the tax revenue that’s received. **We must take a stand against ever increasing taxes.** We must send an unmistakable message to our City Council that expense control is paramount to ensure Sierra Madre’s future.

Don’t succumb to the scare tactics of those in favor of 12-1. Regardless of what you’ve read or have been told, **voting NO** on this measure:

- **Will Not jeopardize Public Safety or library service.** Public Safety including Police, Fire and Paramedic Service is fully funded at the existing 10% rate through the current budget cycle.
- **Will Not unduly burden the budget planning process.** The current 10% rate is in effect for THREE MORE YEARS.
- **Will Not jeopardize bond ratings.** There are no bonds secured by the Utility User Tax, which is a general purpose tax that goes into the general fund.

The Utility User Tax hike and extension has become the signature issue in this election. Three City Council candidates, MaryAnn MacGillivray, John Capoccia and Chris Koerber have courageously stood up against this TAX increase. The increase is unnecessary at this time—there is no urgency to extend the sunset dates since the current rate is in effect for three more years. The other three candidates in favor of raising our taxes have been endorsed by the POA “police union”, which has a vested interest in the election of candidates favorable to them in ongoing negotiations and lawsuits. The three that are for raising our taxes have no real-world experience in managing big budgets. To them the answer to spiraling expenses is simply to ask **taxpayers** to **tax** themselves again.

**Don’t institutionalize higher taxes.** Control expenses now. A NO vote on 12-1 mandates accountability and fiscal discipline without jeopardizing Public Safety.

**Vote NO on Measure 12-1 and its “advisory” companion measure 12-2.**

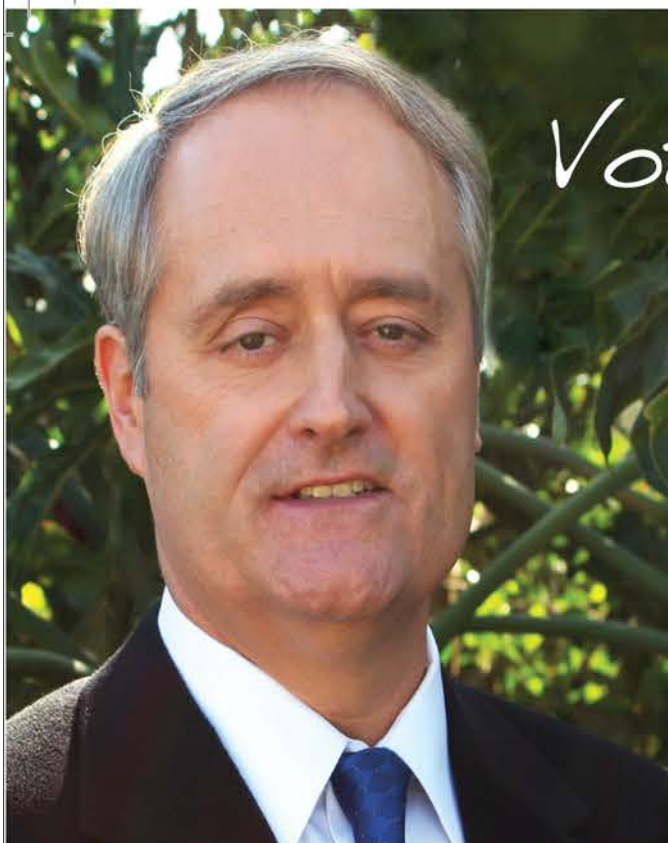
Vote for fiscal responsibility by electing  
MaryAnn MacGillivray, John Capoccia and Chris Koerber  
on April 10th.

Sierra Madre UUT Taxes at the Highest Rate for the Most Categories—  
Comparison Chart:

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| <b>Arcadia:</b> 5% rate, 6 categories                     | <b>Azusa:</b> 4% rate, 3 categories         |
| <b>Baldwin Park:</b> 3% rate, 7 categories                | <b>Bell:</b> 10% rate, 5 categories         |
| <b>Berkeley:</b> 7.5% rate, 7 categories                  | <b>Buena Park:</b> 3% rate, 2 categories    |
| <b>Burbank:</b> 7% rate, 3 categories                     | <b>Carson:</b> 2% rate, 2 categories        |
| <b>Claremont:</b> 5.5% rate, 8 categories                 | <b>Coachella:</b> 5% rate, 6 categories     |
| <b>Compton:</b> 10% rate, 4 categories                    | <b>Cupertino:</b> 2.4% rate, 3 categories   |
| <b>Downey:</b> 5% rate, 4 categories                      | <b>El Cerrito:</b> 8% rate, 8 categories    |
| <b>El Segundo:</b> 3% rate, 4 categories                  | <b>Gardena:</b> 5% rate, 4 categories       |
| <b>Glendale:</b> 7% rate, 5 categories                    | <b>Hawthorn:</b> 5% rate, 5 categories      |
| <b>Irwindale:</b> 7.5% rate, 5 categories                 | <b>Long Beach:</b> 5% rate, 7 categories    |
| <b>Los Angeles:</b> 9% phone, 10% 3 categories            | <b>Malibu:</b> 5% rate, 3 categories        |
| <b>Pasadena:</b> 8% rate (avg.), 8 categories             | <b>Pomona:</b> 9% rate, 3 categories        |
| <b>Rancho Palos Verdes:</b> 3% rate, 7 categories         | <b>Sacramento:</b> 7.5% rate, 4 categories  |
| <b>San Francisco:</b> 7.5% rate, 8 categories             | <b>San Marino:</b> 5% rate, 8 categories    |
| <b>Santa Barbara:</b> 6% rate, 6 categories               | <b>Santa Monica:</b> 10% rate, 5 categories |
| <b><u>Sierra Madre: 10% rate, 8 categories</u></b>        | <b>Stockton:</b> 6% rate, 5 categories      |
| <b>Torrance:</b> 6.5% rate, 8 categories<br>(uutinfo.com) | <b>Ventura:</b> 4.75% rate, 4 categories    |

*This information comes to you from Concerned Citizens Against Increasing TAXES (134 Esperanza Ave., Sierra Madre). Funds for this article were only collected from residents of Sierra Madre dedicated to preserving our community and informing our neighbors.*





Vote for **GENE GOSS** April 10th

“Gene’s experience is one of building consensus and getting results. He is not invested in old divisions. His concern is preserving our town by planning for tomorrow.”

- Mayor John Buchanan

“Gene is exactly the type of person that we wish would run for office. He will bring people together to get important things done for our community and will be an asset on our City Council.”

- 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

- Be a consensus builder on the council.
- 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 issupported.
- Maintain quality Public Works services including streets, sewers and our critical watersystem.
- Endeavor to maintain Youth and Senior Programs and our magnificent parks and Library.
- Support sensible policies that will conserve and enhance natural resources such as our water supply, our hillsides and our urban forest.
- I will work with all parties involved in development projects so that reasonable projectscan be built in keeping with our General Plan, our laws and our small town consensus.
- I support the current Kensington Project at the skilled nursing facility, subject to a vote by the people this fall.

### Endorsements

- Sierra Madre News. Net
- Mountain Views News
- Mayor John Buchanan
- 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
- Glenn Lambdin, Former Mayor
- Enid Joffe, Former Mayor
- Tonja Torres, Former Council Member
- Carol Canterbury, Citizen of the Year
- Jay Whitcraft, Former Chair, Sierra Madre Library
- Board of Trustees and Former Chair, Sierra Madre
- Community Foundation
- 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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