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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.
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NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
May 8th, 2012 6:30 pm

Arts Commission - 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30

Community Services - 3rd Monday @ 6:00

Library Trustees - 4th Wednesday @ 7:00

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

Senior Community - 1st Thursday @ 3:00

Tree Advisory - 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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

Sierra Madre's Farmer's Market
WEDNESDAYS

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

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BIRDING IN YOUR BACKYARD

Want to entice more birds to your yard? Laura Garrett, Board Member of the Pasadena Audubon Society, will share information on how to attract a wide variety of birds via plant selection, good bugs and safe pest control at the Sierra Madre Garden Club meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. She will also introduce some of the more common birds of this area and give tips on where to see them. Bring your questions, concerns and enthusiasm. The public is welcome.

The presentation will be given in the newly renovated Memorial Park Hart House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. A catered dinner will be served at 6:30. Reservations for the \$9 dinner must be made by calling 355-0606. If you wish to attend only the program, there is no charge nor reservation necessary; please arrive by 7:15 p.m.

On Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m., Janet Raymond, chief gardener for the Wrigley House rose gardens, will conduct a tour of the Tournament House rose gardens for club members and their guests. Janet will share some of the tricks of rose culture she has developed through her many years as a head gardener at the Pacific Rose Society gardens.

For more information about club activities, please visit the Sierra Madre Garden Club website at www.smgarden.org. For information concerning the Audubon Society, go to www.pasadenaaudubon.org.

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Visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our Peggy Beauregard, membership chairperson at PeggyBeau@GMail.com.

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TREASURE OF SIERRA MADRE – ART IN THE PARK



The 50th annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Art Fair will be held in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, on Saturday, May 5, from 9:30AM to 6:00PM and Sunday, May 6, from 9:30AM to 5:00PM. Ninety-five artists will be displaying and selling their fine arts in mediums that include oil painting, jewelry, water colors, glass, wood, metal, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media, and weaving. Stop by the booth of our featured artist, Carolyn Grantham Gravatte, a long-time resident and painter of Sierra Madre who has painted a series of canvases featuring 'site specific' scenes around and about Sierra Madre.

Live music will be featured throughout the weekend in the band shell and on the south lawn from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and from 11am to 4pm on Sunday. Performers will entertain you with several types of jazz, contemporary, bebop, Celtic, folk, and classical music. And, a strolling guitarist will serenade you as you stroll from booth to booth.

A food court will offer a variety of food and drinks provided by local non-profit groups as well as food vendors. You'll be able to choose from Korean and Chinese barbecue, Greek, Mexican, and Mediterranean food as well as good, old-fashioned hot dogs, hamburgers, and corn on the cob. The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will again be selling their homemade loaves of quick breads and sweet breads.

For the children, the Creative Arts Group has planned a fun and imaginative craft activity on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm. Titled "Fish Windsocks", the project will allow the children to decorate a fish on rice paper with such things as fins, tails, teeth, gills, eyes, and a mouth and then attach their creation to a stick with a fishing tackle swizzle that will help it to catch and twist in the wind. Every participant will go home with a lovely souvenir of the art fair.

In honor of our 50th anniversary Art Fair, we are excited to be offering a silent auction. Forty-seven of the artists who are displaying and selling their creations at this year's fair have donated lovely, one-of-a-kind pieces for the auction which means that you'll have a chance to bid on some really beautiful artwork. We have both large and small pieces so you'll be sure to find something that suits your taste and your wallet.

So plan to spend a day (or two!) with us strolling through Sierra Madre's lovely Memorial Park finding those perfect Mother's Day, graduation, or wedding gifts as well as beautiful items you'll enjoy wearing or displaying in your own home. Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Library. For more information, visit our website at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call 626 355-7186.

City of Sierra Madre Receives "C" Grade from the American Lung Association for Tobacco Control Efforts

In January, the American Lung Association released their annual *State of Tobacco Control Report*, and the city of Sierra Madre received an overall "C" letter grade for their efforts in tobacco prevention and control.

The American Lung Association's annual report serves as a comprehensive resource that provides information on the cities and counties in the state of California with tobacco control policies in three graded categories: smoke-free outdoor air, smoke-free housing, and reducing sales of tobacco products. Sierra Madre received above average marks in all the smoke-free air and sales reduction categories, but received zero total points for their work with smoke-free housing. In total ten cities in the state, and six in the County of Los Angeles received the prestigious overall "A" letter grade in the 2012 report. Among the cities receiving an "A" grade were the nearby municipalities of South Pasadena, Pasadena, Glendale, and Baldwin Park.

The city has enacted a number of ordinances in recent years that have greatly aided in local tobacco control efforts. In February 2006, the Sierra Madre City

Council passed a tobacco retailer-licensing ordinance that requires local retailers to acquire a license and pay an annual administrative fee in order to sell tobacco products to the public. This was followed by the passage of a comprehensive smoke-free outdoor dining ordinance in March of 2009 that designated all restaurants, bars, cafes and delis in the city as smoke-free. Owners were required to post no-smoking signs, remove ashtrays, and ask employees to remind customers not to smoke in order to provide a healthier, breathable environment for all patrons.

The City Council of Sierra Madre should be commended for taking strong action in tobacco control efforts at the local level, but there is still plenty of work to be done in regards to smoke-free housing. In California, tobacco use continues to levy a heavy toll against public health and taxpayer dollars. "Nearly four million people in California smoke, and tobacco-related illness remains the number one form of preventable cause of death in the state, responsible for more than 36,000 deaths each year – that's more people lost to tobacco than alcohol, HIV/ AIDS, car crashes, illegal

drugs, murders, and suicides combined" (ALA, 2011).

A full copy of *State of Tobacco Control 2012* along with a listing of all city and county tobacco control grades can be found at: www.lungusa.org/associations/states/california/

To receive additional information on tobacco control, please contact Day One at (626) 229-9750 or email us at ian@dayonepasadena.com. To learn more about Day One visit www.dayonepasadena.com.

Day One is a community based nonprofit organization with a 20-year history of providing effective, high quality and culturally sensitive public health education, intervention, and policy development by involving health policy advocacy and community mobilization efforts. Day One's mission is to provide an organizational structure by which Pasadena and Altadena and the greater San Gabriel valley will reduce the problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Day One convenes, develops, coordinates, and provides prevention services.

SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE LOCATE MISSING ARCADIA MAN

In a statement issued by the Arcadia Police Department Friday afternoon, the search for Missing Mark Allen Craychee of Arcadia had come to an end.

In the early morning hours, just before 2 a.m., family members had reported the 55 year old man with a history of psychological problems as a missing person. The family was concerned that he may have been

suicidal.

After discovering Craychee's car abandoned at a turnout along Santa Anita Canyon Road just after 7 a.m., the APD called the SMSR in to assist, as the APD fear was that with the steep embankments that lined the roadway above and below the turnout, Crayshee may have fallen. SMSR was able to locate

Craychee at about 9:30 a.m. According to the APD, he (Crayshee), had hung himself in a tree about 150 yards from his vehicle. The L.A. County Coroner was called to the scene to remove the remains and the family was notified.

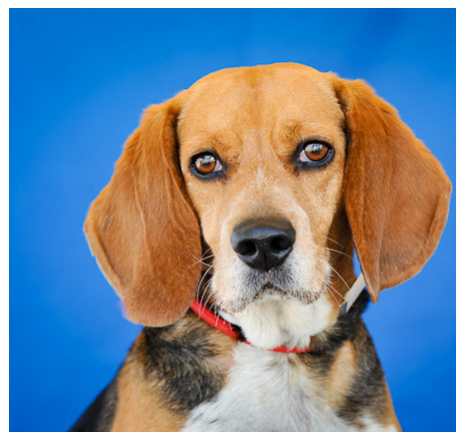
Santa Anita Canyon Road was closed during the investigation.



PET OF THE WEEK

JIGZ: Animal ID #A4108205

Meet an absolute sweetheart, the stunningly handsome Jigz (A4108205). Jigz is a friendly and well-trained seven-year-old brown and white neutered male Beagle mix who was found in Covina with his companion, a terrier named Sarge (A3877059) on April 21st and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing thirty-one pounds, this volunteer favorite sits on command and walks incredibly well on the leash; he is also treat-motivated. This stocky little fellow is very well socialized; he is friendly with every person and dog that he meets, especially with his mate, Sarge. The two are a bonded pair and we would love to see them adopted together, but they can also be adopted separately. Jigz will make a wonderful indoor companion for anyone in any living situation whatsoever. To meet Jigz 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 Jigz, please reference his animal ID number: A4108205. 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 Jigz or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674.



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"Functionally, the main impact to the Middle School, in addition to the loss of a safe playing field, would be a decrease in the proposed enrollment capacity from 550 to approximately 430," cited one concerned parent.

The Sierra Madre Schools (Elementary and Middle) are the only schools in the district where enrollment is increasing, a fact known to parents and confirmed by the district office. For the five year period from 2007-8 through 2011-12, overall PUSD enrollment has declined from 20,805 to 19,802. On the other hand, the Sierra Madre schools enrollment during the same period has increased from 949 in the 2007-2008 school year to 1,088 for the 2011-12 school year.

For more information, email: organizesierramadreschools@gmail.com



City Appoints Boyer New PIO



By Dean Lee

After a short three week stint without an official public information officer, City Manager Michael Beck announced Monday the appointment of William Boyer to the key position within city hall.

Boyer replaces outgoing PIO Ann Erdman, who recently retired after serving the city for 21 years.

Erdman was known for working close with the mayor. "I have worked with Mr. Boyer in the time that he has been here, the last few days," said Mayor Bill Bogaard. "And I'm very much reassured by his background and his focus on facts and commitment to be complete... in reporting on the events of the city."

Beck said, most recently, Boyer served as the Communications Director for the County of Santa Barbara where he was the County's Chief Public Information Officer. He was also the executive in charge of the County's government television station.

Pasadena Community Access Corporation Executive Director Keri Stokstad said she knew Boyer well. Stokstad, who was also recently hired in January, is also from Santa Barbara. As PIO, Boyer will oversee KPAS the city's government access television channel working with Stokstad.

Boyer said Friday that he began his career as a journalist and had covered the Rose Parade for 10 years as a reporter for the Orange County Register. "I'm very familiar with Pasadena," he said. He was also a journalist for Space News and has written for The Los Angeles Times, Final Frontier Magazine, Air & Space Smithsonian and numerous other publications.

Pet of the Week



Shadow is a handsome six-year-old black Chow Chow mix. He's a big fellow, but don't let that deter you, he's very loving and affectionate.

Shadow's adoption fee is \$120, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. He also qualifies for the Seniors for Seniors program in which adopters 60 years old or older only pay the \$20 mandatory microchip fee. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A303682 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.

Dr. Jane Goodall Named Rose Parade Grand Marshal

By Dean Lee

As she took to the stage Wednesday morning, Dr. Jane Goodall said she was a little startled when asked to be the 2013 Tournament of Roses Grand Marshal confessing that, having grown up in England; she was not familiar with the Rose Parade and has never been to a football game in her life.

"As Most of you know, I spent many, many years of my life out with the wild chimpanzees in Africa," she said. "Kind of different from Pasadena." Goodall told the small crowd of Tournament officials, media and friends and family that we should all care about the planet.

"Just think, if we were to spend just a little bit of time each day thinking about the consequences of the choices we make," she said. "The small choices, what we eat, what we wear, how we get from A to B. We would start making some changes that individually mean nothing but collectively around the planet, the more people that think about the future, that's going to led to the kind of change we need."

She added, "Oh, then the places you'll go," a take on the parade theme.

Goodall said she thought the Tournament of Roses brought out the best in human nature.

"It symbolizes imagination, it symbolizes technology—the way the floats have evolved—and it certainly symbolizes endeavor and courage."

Tournament of Roses President



Sally Bixby and Dr. Jane Goodall

said the president has two duties, choose the parade theme and select the grand marshal.

"We selected our theme, 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!' with Dr. Goodall in mind as Grand Marshal," said Tournament of Roses President Sally Bixby. "The theme can be

interpreted as a celebration of accomplishment, discovery and travel of course, but equally valid is its implicit call to action."

After riding down Colorado Blvd. Jan. 1 in front of a world television audience, Goodall will then toss the coin before the 99th Rose Bowl Game.

Museum Announces Free Chinese Culture Sundays



Beginning May 6, 2012, Pacific Asia Museum introduces "Free Chinese Culture Sundays" presented by MetLife Foundation. This new event series highlights the rich traditions of Chinese cultural heritage and will be free and open to the public. These programs, held in the historic Chinese-style building and courtyard of Pacific Asia Museum, give the community an opportunity to explore Chinese art and culture through workshops, performances and presentations and the Pacific Asia Museum galleries completely free of charge on three select Sundays: May 6, June 3 and October 7, 2012.

On May 6, visitors can "Be a Chinese Scholar for a Day." During the Song Dynasty, Chinese scholars were expected to excel at the arts. This day-long program explores the wide variety of artistic skills expected of the scholarly classes, presented through performances, tours and interactive workshops. Ongoing throughout the day are craft activities and a family-friendly gallery scavenger hunt.

Beginning at 12 p.m., visitors can practice calligraphy, enjoy traditional Chinese music and sample tea in Pacific Asia Museum's picturesque courtyard. Admission to Pacific Asia Museum is free all day for this event, and all activities and refreshments are also free of charge.

On June 3, the Free Chinese Culture Sundays continue with "A Day with Kung Fu Masters" co-hosted by Joy of Kung Fu, featuring presentations and demonstrations by kung fu masters. A kung-fu film will be screened both before and after the program. October 7th's Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is the grand finale to Pacific Asia Museum's 2012 Chinese Culture Sundays. This day-long event includes performances, crafts and activities, and complimentary refreshments in partnership with the Chinese Culture Development Center. Admission to Pacific Asia Museum is free all day on June 3 and October 7, and all activities are included.

Free Chinese Culture Sundays are made possible by MetLife Foundation.

Measure to Modernize Financial Reporting By Public Officials Heads to Assembly Floor

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's proposal to update and modernize financial reporting for politicians and public officials has been approved in Assembly Appropriations and is now on its way to the full Assembly for approval.

Each year, politicians and public officials must complete what is known as a Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest. It gives the public and watchdog groups a way to keep tabs on the outside financial interests of officeholders and other officials to ensure that they avoid conflicts of interest.

"These forms haven't been updated in more than 35 years and are way out-of-date. It's time to make sure the public, good government advocates and the media know where there are potential conflicts," commented Portantino.

Portantino's AB 2162 calls for restructuring dollar ranges in the Form 700. Currently there are only 4 ranges for investments, property and income. This bill would revise the dollar amounts associated with these ranges to 8 levels for investments and real estate and 10 levels for income ranges.

"In maintaining my commitment to good government reform, I'm trying to create a more accurate picture of the facts in these financial reporting forms. The forms are so general with such wide reporting ranges it's almost impossible to figure out just how much outside money politicians are making. Form 700 hasn't been modernized since 1974; it's time to update and get a clearer picture of what public officials are really making," concluded Portantino.

Supervisor Calls for Report on Mislabeled Seafood

Approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors, a motion by Supervisor Michael Antonovich directed the Department of Public Health to work with Federal and State agencies to address seafood mislabeling in Los Angeles County.

"Consumers must have confidence that the fish they are buying at restaurants and grocery stores is safe and labeled correctly," Antonovich said.

Recently, Oceana, a non-profit organization, ran tests on seafood sold at sushi venues and grocery stores in Los Angeles County and found that more than 50% was not labeled correctly. Every single fish labeled as "snapper," was a different fish, and 9 out of 10 sushi samples were mislabeled. In fact, 8 of 9 sushi samples labeled as "white tuna" were actually "escolar" – a species that carries a health warning for its laxative effects.

The types of fish most frequently mislabeled were more expensive varieties including red snapper, white tuna, yellowtail, flounder, and sea bass. While less expensive fish such as, albacore, blue fin tuna, flounder and sockeye salmon were all labeled properly.

Antonovich's motion also calls for an assessment of the feasibility of Los Angeles County Public Health's use of the FDA's specialized laboratories for testing local samples of imported fish and a report back to the Board in 15 days on actions that are being taken.

Swift Resolve Called For in Assessor Probe

As the District Attorney's office continues its investigation into alleged influence-peddling by L.A. County Assessor, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich issued the following statement:

"It is vital that the many important functions and duties of the County Assessor's office be performed with the highest standard of integrity and impartiality. I encourage the District Attorney's office to act expeditiously to expose and extinguish any undue influence or unethical dealings -- to restore the public's trust in the office as swiftly as possible."

Symphony and Scientists Partner to Create Chorus

Pasadena is a city rich with the arts and sciences, and the new JPL Chorus is perhaps the perfect blend of both. Formed earlier this year in partnership between the Pasadena Symphony Association and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the JPL Chorus is comprised of JPL employees who rehearse weekly under the direction of Donald Brinegar, the Pasadena Symphony's Director of Chorus. The JPL Chorus will debut in a free, public concert with the Pasadena City College Chamber Singers on May 5 at 7:30pm at Ambassador Auditorium.

The JPL Chorus is comprised of 53 employees who rehearse each Wednesday evening. Their concert program includes a mixture of classical repertoire to popular, with composers ranging from Benjamin Britten and Lennon/McCartney.

According to Stephen Kulczycki, Deputy Director of Communications and Education at JPL (and a member of the bass section), the idea for a chorus came about after talking with Pasadena Symphony CEO Paul Zdunek about how the two organizations might be able to

partner.

"I suggested that we might get good participation if we tried a chorus, and Paul agreed," explained Kulczycki. "We put out some test balloons, got about one hundred people to express some interest, and by the time we started rehearsing we had about fifty people regularly involved."

The singers come from a wide variety of roles within JPL, including scientists, engineers, administrators, software, business people, and more. "The idea is to celebrate JPL with our group's enthusiasm about music and singing. It's been a lot of fun, and I think what Don brings to this particularly is a great sense of joy in the experience," continued Kulczycki.

The JPL Chorus concert featuring the Pasadena City College Chamber Singers on May 5 at Ambassador Auditorium is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For additional information about the Pasadena Symphony Association or for a full schedule of concerts, contact the Box Office at 626.793.7172 or visit www.PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org.



Pasadena Symphony at the Rose Bowl

Movies in the Park Program Expands To Robinson Park

The popular Movies in the Park program, currently offered at Villa Parke and Victory Park, is expanding to Robinson Park. The animated film "Puss in Boots" will play on Friday, May 11, and "The Smurfs" on Friday, May 25. All movies will start at 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Human Services and Recreation Department, Movies in the Park Spring Series brings free movies – and free popcorn – to Robinson

Park on alternating Fridays through May 25. All you need is your lawn chair and a blanket to enjoy the family-friendly films.

The Movies in the Park Summer Series will begin Friday, June 8.

For more information contact Yuriko Montes at 626-744-7305 or Robinson Park staff at 626-744-7330.

For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find 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 May 1 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.

Dutch Pianist Bergmann to Perform

Dutch pianist Eline Bergmann will be performing at Pasadena City College on April 28 at 2 p.m. in Harbeson Hall.

Bergmann, a native of the Netherlands, has been playing the piano since age six. As a teenager she was admitted to the preparatory class of the North Netherlands Conservatory, where she studied with Alexander Makarov and Gerben Makkes van der Deijl. She participated frequently in national competitions like the Prinses Christina Concours, where she won the first prize in 1994. The prize included a musical trip to St. Petersburg and London.

In 1998, she performed in a Haydn piano concerto with the famous National Youth Orchestra, conducted by Roland Kieft. She graduated



at the North Netherlands Conservatory in 2001 under the guidance of Hungarian concert pianist Klára Würtz.

Bergmann currently lives in Amsterdam and gives many solo recitals. Recently she was a guest of the Dutch Classical Radio (Avro radio 4), where she played pieces of Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet in the Concertgebouw Amsterdam.

For more information about the event, please call (626) 585-7684. For more information about Bergmann, please visit her website <http://www.elinebergmann.com>.

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CHAMBER FLASH MOB INVADES SANTA ANITA TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE

The first-ever flash mob of 100 dancers at historic Santa Anita horse race track broke out without warning in a choreographed routine amidst an estimated crowd of 15,000 Saturday afternoon who were moved from initial wide-eyed surprise to big smiles and ultimately a strong round of applause.

The two-minute surprise performance sparked by LMFAO's upbeat popular song "Party Rock Anthem" blaring through the stadium's sound system was organized by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce with the assistance of Santa Anita Park to take place on (cancer) Survivors Day at the track and promote the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event at Santa Anita June 23-24. Supporters of Relay for Life form teams that take turns walking for 24-hours on the track infield to raise funds and awareness for cancer survivors and research.

Dancing to choreography by dancer/instructor Ricky Sun and Evoke Dance Group, amateur volunteer dancers from age five to 75 recruited by the Chamber suddenly appeared at the foot of the grandstands wearing purple shirts sponsored by Walgreens of Arcadia on Foothill Blvd with giant Relay for Life wording. Nearly 20 Evoke dancers, a group of recent Arcadia High School graduates founded by Jeniffer Hsu, Justine Hsu, and Josephine Lau who had quietly led a half-dozen instructional classes over the last month for dozens of volunteers at a studio space donated by 1999 AHS grad Kelly Huang at Arcadia Fitness Sports Club, were the first to burst into the crowd and begin dancing and catch the eye of the crowd and and viewers who saw them live on the giant HD screen.

Seconds later a group of about 30 other dancers dressed incognito and sitting on the next terraced level between the grandstands and the track shed their outer garments to reveal their purple shirts and exuberantly join the dance. Likewise, a few seconds later, another 30 dancers led by Sun, a former contestant on the TV show "So You Think You Can Dance," who has also been teaching the flash mob routine to his dance students and others, joined the routine on the third terrace level. Finally, about 20 dancers emerged from an underground track-side stairway to complete the group.

Dozens of Arcadia school students of all ages participated, thanks to the word being spread quietly by Arcadia High School dance supervisor Liza Tedford to instructors at every school, including



Ricky Sun, center, with some flash mob dancers

Foothills Middle School dance coach Marissa Lluch, who recruited many participants.

Likewise, word was spread among Relay for Life teams by volunteer Relay organizers Carter Spruill of the Arcadia School District and Beth Goldberg of Walgreens.

The entire group met and rehearsed together for the first time just two hours before show time in the secluded "Top o' the Stretch" area at the far end of the grandstands.

Chamber members participated and recruited friends and family, such as board member Joan Francone's friend Stacey Martinez, who brought about 30 students from her Dance Family Studio in Pasadena. Other Chamber members not only mustered the courage to perform their first public dance but also showed additional support in other ways, such as Jerry Dominguez, whose Printing Control company created the graphic shown on the giant video board following the flash mob as legendary track announcer Trevor Denman

thanked the Chamber, Ricky Sun, and Evoke Dance Group while alerting the crowd to the June 23-24 Relay for Life event.

About two-dozen employees at Santa Anita sported the purple shirts and danced along with the flash mob from their posts at various locations throughout the track, some while watching on TV monitors.

That secret coordination of announcements and logistics at the track — designating space to meet before the race, donating 15 cases of bottled water and ice, providing parking and admission passes and signage for participants and their families — was coordinated by event coordinator Elizabeth Booth with generous approvals and assistance by marketing executives Chris Quinn and Nate Newby, and coverage of the event by three stadium TV cameras handled by HRTV's Amy Zimmerman.

Also providing video camera coverage was Frank Krueger, and Monrovia's community cable channel KGEM-TV, thanks to Lance Mungler and Steve Whisler.

– By Scott Hettrick

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, April 15th, through Saturday, April 21st, the Police Department responded to 1,085 calls for service of which 99 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 15:

1. Around 11:41 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 000 block of Virginia Road regarding an attempted residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) tried to unlock the rear door using an unknown tool. The suspect(s) fled undetected, and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.
2. At approximately 12:49 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevy Silverado because the driver was talking on her cell phone, on Live Oak Avenue at Las Tunas Drive. The officer discovered the 24-year-old Hispanic female had a suspended license and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released in the field.

Monday, April 16:

3. At about 4:55 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) made unauthorized charges on her American Express and Citibank credit cards. The victim never misplaced her cards and had no idea how her information was compromised.
4. Shortly after 11:48 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a maroon Honda Accord for having no license plate lamp or mudguards, on Leroy Avenue, east of Temple City Boulevard. A vehicle search revealed the occupants were in possession of methamphetamines, bundles of new zip lock baggies, and a digital scale. The 23-year-old Hispanic male passenger and 20-year-old Hispanic male driver were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, April 17:

5. At about 12:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles office, 101 Wheeler Avenue, in regards to a theft investigation. The reporting party discovered a Girl Scout Troop Leader embezzled over \$1,000 in girl scouts' troop funds by using an issued troop debit card to make personal purchases over approximately seven months. The 30-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check revealed she also had an outstanding felony warrant.
6. At approximately 8:33 p.m., an officer observed two vehicles street racing in the business district of Lower Azusa Road and Durfee Avenue. A traffic stop on one of the vehicles revealed it had an aftermarket engine and many other illegal modifications that required State Referee Certification. The 22-year-old Hispanic male was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was impounded for thirty days.

Wednesday, April 18:

7. Around 10:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Wistaria Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's garage through an unlocked window and ransacked his vehicles. A handheld GPS system and \$20 in coins were reported missing. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.
8. At approximately 11:15 p.m., an officer responded to 7 Eleven, 200 East Live Oak Avenue, in reference to a theft report. An unknown male suspect selected a 12-pack of beer and exited the store without making payment. He is described as a male Hispanic, approximately 18-years-old, 5'10" tall, medium build, with short black hair, wearing a white t-shirt and brown shorts.

Thursday, April 19:

9. Shortly after 2:05 a.m., an officer stopped a grey Honda Civic for speeding in the area of Duarte Road and Baldwin Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent. The 33-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. At about 4:19 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) ransacked the victim's bedrooms and stole numerous items including cash, jewelry, credit cards, and personal documents. The officer determined the suspect(s) entered and exited the residence through an unsecured garage door. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Friday, April 20:

11. At approximately 12:47 p.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Highland Oaks Avenue regarding a theft report. The reporting party observed an unknown Hispanic female adult subject walk away from his neighbor's front porch carrying two UPS packages. He watched the suspect as she got into a royal blue Chevrolet Malibu, and followed the vehicle southbound on Highland Oaks Avenue until he lost sight. His neighbor explained he did not authorize anyone to take his packages.
12. Around 5:41 p.m., officers responded to Sephora at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. Two juvenile females concealed merchandise inside their purses, and exited the store without making payment. Further investigation revealed one of the suspects also stole from Macy's and was in possession of burglary tools. The two 17-year-old Asian females were arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to their parents.

Saturday, April 21:

13. At roughly 1:13 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a blue Nissan Versa for a stop sign violation on Fourth Avenue at Live Oak Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed an odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the 45-year-old White female was driving under the influence. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
14. Around 6:08 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A female adult was observed exiting a fitting room with less merchandise than when she entered. Loss prevention officers discovered the suspect concealed in the fitting room and threw away various tags into a bathroom trashcan prior to exiting the store without making payment. The 51-year-old Asian female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



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ROTARY SALUTE TO SENIORS LUNCHEON

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department in conjunction with the Arcadia Rotary Club is hosting the annual Rotary Salute to Seniors luncheon on Tuesday, May 8th from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive.

Jack Lamp has been selected by the Senior Citizen Commission to be the 2012 City of Arcadia Senior Citizen of the year and will be recognized at the luncheon by the Mayor and the Rotary Club for his extensive volunteer commitment to the community.

There are still tickets available for the luncheon and may be purchased at the Community Center. The cost is \$4 per person. For more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

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, yagalates, 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.


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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 or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

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SPOTLIGHT ON CITY CLERK'S WEEK



April 29- May 5 is Municipal (or City) Clerk's Week. We know her as City Clerk Alice Atkins, but you may not know everything she does. Here's a quick introduction to the City Clerk:

The City Clerk is one of seven elected official in Monrovia. The other six are the Mayor, four City Council Members, and the City Treasurer.

Just some of the things the City Clerk's office is in charge of include record keeping the official records of the City, taking minutes for the City Council meetings, conducting elections, City Council agenda management, serving as the filing officer for campaign contribution and conflict of interest forms, and coordinates the board and commission recruitment.

For every report that goes into a Council meeting, Staff has to submit a report a week in advance, which is filed in the Clerk's office, reviewed by the City Clerk, and eventually makes it onto the City Council Agenda.

The City Clerk serves as the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels.

The functions of the City Clerk require a thorough knowledge of law procedure, administration and interpersonal relations.

The role of a City Clerk is not to promote a specific candidate, but to remain neutral, encourage the public to participate in the democratic process and help ensure that government remains transparent and accessible. Hence, many voter registration drives.

The City Clerk's office receives many requests for public records and it is her job to compile and respond to them, often coordinating with several departments. These record requests can be over anything from business listings to staff reports regarding a proposed project or development, and can range from one page to over a thousand.

And of course, anyone can come to the City Clerk's office to apply for and renew a passport.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Following are highlighted issues and events from April 19-25. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website at www.monroviapd.org and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on twitter for police notifications.

Driving a Bicycle While Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On April 19 at 10:51 p.m., an officer was on patrol in the 900 block of West Huntington when he was flagged down by an employee from a hotel. The employee reported a male subject who was at the hotel asking for free food and approaching guests asking them for money. The officer searched the area and located a subject matching the description riding a bike without a light at night in the area of Encino and Alta. The subject was detained and was determined to be riding his bike while under the influence. He also had a small amount of marijuana on his person. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Commercial Burglary

On April 20 at 2:53 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain. Loss prevention called to report a male Hispanic subject with a shaved head had stolen merchandise and fled the store through the exit doors without paying. He was seen getting into a burgundy Ford vehicle with paper plates. Officers responded to the area and made an area check, but the suspect was not located. Investigation continuing.

Commercial Burglary - Suspect Arrested

On April 20 at 5:44 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain regarding a female subject in custody for shoplifting. The female suspect entered the store with a store shopping bag. She selected several items and concealed them in the bag. She then exited the store without paying for the items and was detained by store employees. She was arrested and taken into custody.

Drug Activity

On April 20 at 9:32 p.m., a subject called to report that her tenants, who live in the 200 block of Jasmine, were badly burned. The caller did not know how the male and female subjects were burned. Through investigation it was revealed that the male subject was attempting to extract marijuana, which caught on fire. He was walking out of the kitchen area with the burning container and the female subject walked into him, causing them to get splattered with burning extraction. The subjects were treated by Monrovia Fire Department paramedics and taken to a hospital. The male subject sustained first degree burns on his torso and arms. The female subject sustained first and second degree burns. Charges will be filed against the male suspect.

Parole Hold - Suspect Arrested

On April 20 at 10:35 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1800 block of South Peck Road for a second disturbance call on the same male subject. The male subject had been involved in an altercation at the residence. He had left the location earlier and was told by officers not to return. He returned to the location and was causing another disturbance. Officers arrived and learned the subject was on parole for assault with a deadly weapon and contacted the subject's parole officer. The parole officer placed a parole hold on the subject and he was arrested and taken into custody.

Commercial Burglary

On April 21 at 6:12 p.m., a burglary was reported at a business in the 300 block of West Huntington. The victim reported that she left her business at 3 p.m. and everything was fine at the location. She returned shortly after 6 p.m. and found that someone had entered through the roof and ransacked the business. Investigation continuing.

Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested

On April 22 at 3:05 a.m., a motorist reported that a male subject, wearing boxer shorts only, was sitting on Myrtle Avenue, south of Duarte. Officers responded and located the subject, who was found to be under the influence. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody. Computer checks revealed the suspect had three warrants for his arrest.

Grand Theft Auto

On April 22, three vehicle thefts were reported in the morning hours that had occurred sometime overnight. The thefts were from the 1100 block of South Primrose, the 100 block of Pomona and the 200 block of East Maple. All of the vehicles were taken from the immediate area of the owners' residences. The investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft from Vehicle

On April 22 at 6:38 p.m., an officer responded to the report of theft from a vehicle in the 2000 block of South Peck Road. The victim reported that he left his vehicle unlocked and someone took his military-issue flak jacket from the backseat of his vehicle. Investigation continuing.

Burglary / Forgery - Suspect Arrested

On April 23 at 12:08 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a bank in the 500 block of South Myrtle. A male subject attempted to pass a forged/stolen check. A bank employee called police and upon arrival, the suspect was detained and subsequently arrested. Investigation continuing.

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This Sunday, the Monrovia Cinco de Mayo Association is putting on the second annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Old Town. The event, created by local citizens, volunteers and business owners, bring together local artists, musicians and icons of cultural heritage to celebrate Monrovia's rich Hispanic heritage and cultural diversity. Last year the event brought in so many people, the venue was changed from Colorado Blvd to Myrtle Avenue. This year's family-friendly event will feature seven different entertainers, including the Delgado Brothers, Ballet Folklórico and the headliner, Hector Dominguez Mariachi.

There is still an opportunity to volunteer for the event, so click here if you are interested. The Cinco de Mayo Association will also be collecting food for the Foothill Unity Center at the event. Click here to find out more.

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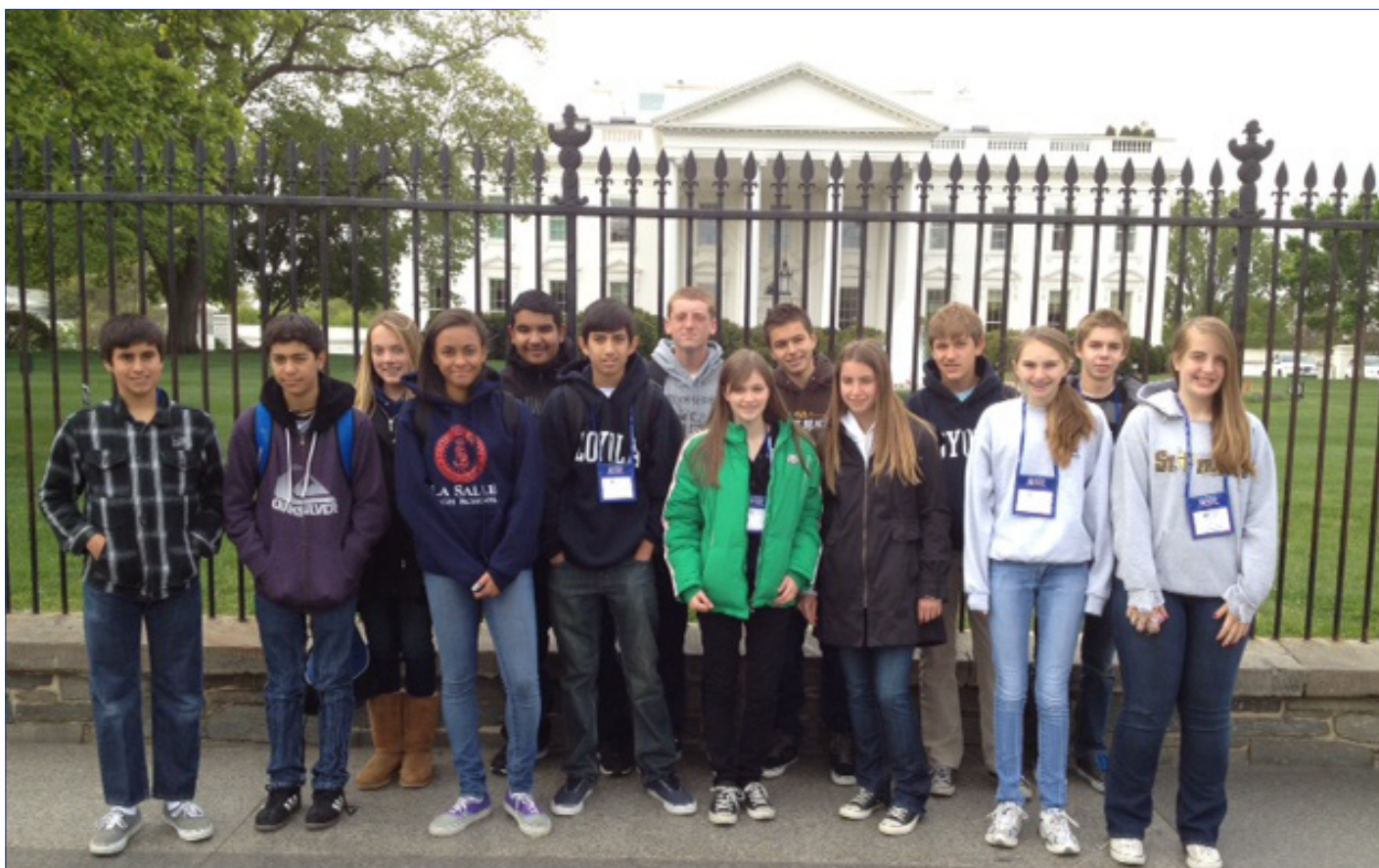
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BACK FROM THE NATION'S CAPITOL



St. Rita eighth-grade students on a recent trip to Washington D.C. From left to right: Adrian Diaz, Alex Zuniga, Hannah Howard, Mallory Campbell, Ian Valdez, Michael Amerio, Joe Gooch, Erin McFaul, Ethan Prins, Sally McKiernan, Brendan Love, Kristine Kuhn, Noah Gohrick and Jackie Hischer.

St. Rita Students Return from Washington D.C. Trip

Fourteen members from the St. Rita eighth-grade class had a trip to remember over their recent Spring Break. They toured the nation's capital on a non-stop, 5-day itinerary that incorporated many of the D.C. area memorials with neighboring cities.

The graduating students look forward to the

annual trip, which provides them with the opportunity to spend a week together in our nation's capital. They were accompanied this year by nine chaperones and even caught a baseball game at Camden Yards.

"It was a fantastic time and I was so proud of how attentive and respectful our students were," said Ellen Hoffman, St. Rita teacher and chaperone. "It was so exciting

to experience places like Gettysburg, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, the Capitol building, Smithsonian and Mount Vernon with the kids!"

St. Rita School, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, is a Catholic parish school, ranked fourth in the Los Angeles Diocese, with a focus on faith, stewardship and academic excellence.



MUSICAL ME

Sometimes in a movie, there are moments when you wish that you had that song playing in the background – the subtle cue that something romantic is going to happen or intense music for awesome adventure. Or that song that is just right – expressing everything without having to say anything. A soundtrack for your life.

Well, in my religion class we have been assigned a music project where we take eight songs – four from 'childhood' and four from high school (one for each year) and analyze them: print the lyrics and present them with how you felt and what was happening. This is Freudian approach supposed to help us reflect who we are as a person and who we have been by looking at music from important stages in our lives. It sounds a little tedious, but it is has actually been a lot of fun and has made me realize a lot about myself and how music has played a role in my life. Like why I listened to 'Hit Me Baby One More Time' constantly or why whenever I hear 'Two Tickets to Paradise' I feel seven years old again. And finding songs I always listened to but never knew the words until now, and then comparing what was happening in my life at the time – it is crazy! So there may not be a musical cue (although who knows) or music playing during every day events, but it is cool to realize that there is a soundtrack to my life, and one that I know I love all the songs to.

SIERRA MADRE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2012

The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre is pleased to offer financial support to students in our community who are involved in the community and who demonstrate excellence in their work.

Each year the Club awards one or more scholarships to students beginning college. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the student's college.

The Club offers these scholarships to students who are residents of Sierra Madre and/or members of the Sierra Madre Interact Club.

The 2012 scholarship program consists of one award of \$500. For application, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/rcsmscholarship> or email RCSM.scholarship@gmail.com

ST. RITA LAUNCHES JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Registration is now open for admission into the new Junior Kindergarten program at St. Rita School for the 2012-2013 academic year. The full-day program, available to 4 and 5-year olds, will prepare students for classroom routines with plenty of time for free-exploration.

The developmentally-based curriculum is designed for the "early 5-year old" who is ready to move beyond pre-school. Teacher-directed and child-initiated activities will prepare students for kindergarten and foster development in the areas of language, math, literacy, imaginative play, social awareness, construction, technology, art and music.

"We're delighted to fill this long-standing need in our community," said Principal Joanne Harabedian. "We are looking forward to launching a program that will bridge the transition from nursery school to formal schooling, while focusing on the children's social, physical and cognitive development."

The Junior program's day is from 8am to 3pm with after-school care available. Enrollment packets are available in the school office for students who will be 4 1/2 by September of this year. Contact the school office at (626) 355-6114 for more information.

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- Most bird feet have four _____, three in front and one in back, to help them perch.
- Ducks, geese and other water birds have _____ feet that help them swim.
- Birds have _____, but no teeth. The shape of a bird's beak is suited for its diet.
- Some birds eat fruit, seeds, _____, fish, flower nectar and, in some cases, meat.
- Female birds lay eggs, sometimes on the ground, but mostly in _____ they build.
- When their _____ hatch, many mother birds will chew food, then feed it to them.
- Birds _____ with each other using chirps and tweets. Some birds, such as parrots, can mimic human speech.
- Birds live almost _____: forests, deserts, jungles, grasslands and on mountains.
- Birds may fly south before the _____ to warmer areas where it's easier to live.
- Some birds, like eagles, live in pairs while others, like geese, stay together in a _____.

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EL TORITO

I have come to discover that “Happy Hour,” lasts longer than an hour, or maybe, I need a new watch. This week, I took a trip to Taco Tuesday, at El Torito in East Pasadena. One of my favorite sayings has always been, “Sell to the masses, and eat with the classes.” There is a sage quality, a Carl Sandburg, inflection to that wispy rhyme. Surely, the owners of El Torito (also owners of the recently closed Acapulco) understand the deeper meaning of that maxim. For they consistently offer coupons in the newspaper; and also give customers an occasional 20% bounce back voucher to return and dine.



First and very recently, we discovered the pageantry of Fat Tuesday, now this, Taco Tuesday! Feast upon the sumptuous 99 cent, handmade tacos, make sure you bring your appetit, they are like pistachios, you can't eat just one. The taco station is conveniently located in the bar area for those of us that believe the remote control is sciences' greatest invention. Throw in two beautiful girls that make fresh taco shells right in front of you and you may need an old National Geographic, with a picture of sand and palm trees to appreciate this setting. Chicken, Carnitas and Beef tacos appear and disappear at a soldier like pace.

You want the interactive experience: self service garnishes, such as salsa, slaw and a light guacamole sauce are there for you. Also, on Tuesday Nights, El Torito has (\$3.95) Dos Equis. Plus the newly incepted happy hour drink specials are good from 3 PM to 8 PM. Almost brings me back those Spring Break and college days. No worries, the Federales are not going to catch me this time. On this visit, I ordered a side of Guacamole for the freshly

made chips, three tacos, and a beer. I was handsomely fed for around (\$15), including the tip. It is the closest deal to being south of the boarder that I have seen in a long time. My one observation, there were kids in the bar. They may be using these kids as workers to keep the cost down? No, they were not working; my lawyer forced me to add that. Ruth Chris it isn't, but for those of us looking for a real deal and to hang out with friends. Taco Tuesday is a great place to just hang out.

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Live music by the Big Band Theory will be the perfect backdrop for enjoying a stroll through our garden sculpture exhibit, Earth Dreams: Beyond the Sculptural Landscape, where you will have an opportunity to meet the eight featured artists. You will see amazing art installations, such as LadyBugs by Patrick E. (above).

The fun continues on Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6, with plenty of kids' activities, live entertainment throughout the day, food trucks, guided tours through our beautiful gardens, and much more!

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IN THE KITCHEN

Our Favorite Recipe of the week



Fettucine with Peas, Asparagus, and Pancetta

INGREDIENTS

12 ounces fettuccine or penne
 3 ounces pancetta or bacon, chopped
 1 1/4 pounds asparagus, trimmed, cut on diagonal into 1-inch pieces
 2 cups shelled fresh green peas, blanched 1 minute in boiling water, drained, or frozen peas (do not thaw)
 1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced, white and pale green parts separated from dark green parts
 2 garlic cloves, pressed
 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese plus additional for serving
 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon peel
 1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley, divided
 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil, divided

DIRECTIONS

Cook pasta in pot of boiling salted water until just tender but still firm to bite. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup pasta cooking liquid. Return pasta to pot.

Meanwhile, cook pancetta in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Using slotted spoon, transfer pancetta to paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 1 teaspoon drippings from skillet. Add asparagus to drippings in skillet; sauté 3 minutes. Add peas, white and pale green parts of green onions, and garlic; sauté until vegetables are just tender, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

Add vegetable mixture, 1/4 cup pasta cooking liquid, dark green parts of green onions, 1/2 cup Parmesan, cream, olive oil, lemon juice, lemon peel, half of parsley, and half of basil to pasta. Toss, adding more cooking liquid by tablespoonfuls if needed. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Transfer to large bowl. Sprinkle pancetta, remaining parsley, and basil over. Serve, passing additional Parmesan cheese.



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The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

ENEMIES: A HISTORY OF THE FBI by Tim Weiner

Enemies is the first definitive history of the FBI's secret intelligence operations, from an author whose work won him the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. We think of the FBI as America's police force. But secret intelligence is the Bureau's first and foremost mission. Enemies is the story of how presidents have used the FBI as the most formidable intelligence force in American history. Here is the hidden history of America's war on terror. The FBI has fought against terrorists, spies, anyone it deemed subversive and sometimes American presidents. The FBI's secret intelligence and surveillance techniques have created a tug of war between protecting national security and infringing upon civil liberties. It is a tension that strains the very fabric of a free republic.

LEGACY OF ASHES: THE HISTORY OF THE CIA by Tim Weiner

For the last sixty years, the CIA has managed to maintain a formidable reputation in spite of its terrible record, burying its blunders in top secret archives. Its mission was to know the world. When it did not succeed, it set out to change the world. Its failures have handed us, in the words of President Eisenhower, "a legacy of ashes." Now author Tim Weiner offers the first definitive history of the CIA and everything is on the record. It is based on more than 50,000 documents, primarily from the archives of the CIA itself, and hundreds of interviews with CIA veterans, including ten Directors of Central Intelligence. It takes the CIA from its creation after World War II, through its battles in the cold war and the war on terror, to its near-collapse after 9/11. The Wall Street Journal called it "truly extraordinary . . . the best book ever written on a case of espionage." Presence: The Intimacy of All Experience Vol.2 by Rupert Spira

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

WE ARE SERENADES

I've always been a fan of the Swedish indie-pop band, Shout Out Louds. So when I heard frontman Adam Olenius was teaming up with Markus Kruneard form the band Laakso to form a side-project, I expressed much interest. The duo has created the music entity, We Are Serenades. Both artists share vocal duties, which give the debut record, "Criminal Heaven" a great balance. While these Sweden natives already have a lot of experience as musicians, it was safe to remain hopeful this new project would be solid. For all intents and purposes, "Criminal Heaven" is pure springtime bliss, but even within spring, the forecast isn't always consistent with utter beauty.

We Are Serenades hone their joyful sound to the utmost degree. However, the band is at their finest when they're not slowing down the tempo into boring lullabies. "Birds," the second track off the album, is a downright terrific pop tune. With lush melodies, a mellifluous sound arrangement, and harmonious vocals, "Birds" is not only the best song off the album, but one of the better pop songs of 2012. "Come Home," which reminds me the most of Shout Out Louds, has this 80s background flair with a touch of twangy guitar riffs that simultaneously and surprisingly work well together. "Oceans," another lasting gem, is buoyant and uplifting. We Are Serenades often do sound absolutely great. Despite some tremendous songs presented here, the mishaps do occur. "Daydreaming" is a slog that is quite monotonous. To give it some credit, it does display a very soft side to We Are Serenades, but it interrupts the record's lively tempo. The title track is another one that just sucks the life out of not the only album, but the listener. I understand the allure to make songs like this because they try to touch your heart, but unfortunately they're just coming off maudlin and uninspiring. "Weapons" is a song that inexplicably feels out of place, but it's quirky and tons of fun. It comes as a surprise and while it may not feel an authentic part to the record, it stands alone as a true dark horse type of song. All in all, the debut is a satisfying listen in spite of some less-than-stellar tracks. Olenius and Kruneard's vocals are often in unison and the blending of their two voices makes for a truly distinctive vocal resonance all itself. "Criminal Heaven" is not life changing, but an exceedingly fine pop record. Once again, under the radar pop rock is still better than what the mainstream affair has to offer. "Criminal Heaven" may not spin heads or rock the boat too much, but its existence is worth looking into if you're feeling a little gloomy during these days.

Key Tracks: "Birds," "Come Home," "Oceans"
Grade: 7.0 out of 10



Doo Dah Jumps the Shark

Pasadena, CA- Arguably the world's largest known man eating fish, the great white shark, will take to dry land this Saturday swimming high over this year's 35th occasional Doo Dah Parade. Equipped with a wireless camera the 5 foot inflatable remote controlled shark will, for the first time, live stream aerial footage of the parade.

Now in its fifth year, doodahlive.com, working with event organizers Patricia Hurley and Tom Coston, the Pasadena Community Network and the Mountain Views News, has been able to catch all the zany, wacky fun that is Doo Dah — known as the twisted sister of the conventional Rose Parade— in real-time as it happens.

"The shark sounds really cool," said this year's Doo Dah Grand Marshal Ann Erdman. Hurley added, "Oh my gosh, this is all way too fun!!!"

The Doo Dah Shark Cam will use the "Air Swimmers" remote controlled, helium filled, balloon shaped shark. The balloon is made from a printed "ultra-durable nylon" that is thicker and more damage-resistant than normal party balloons. More information about Air Swimmers can be found at x-zylo.com.

The shark will be equipped with a mini wireless color camera about the size of a postage stamp. The camera uses a 2.450 GHz output. The shark will be capable of reaching a height of 40 feet, although it is not anticipated to go over 15 feet. The balloon will also be tethered to assure it does not fly away.

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund



INTERNATIONAL TEAM INSTALLS FIRST OF THREE TELESCOPES IN ANTARCTICA

A team of scientists representing several international institutions, including Texas A&M University, has succeeded in installing the first of three Antarctic Survey Telescopes (AST3-1) at the Chinese Kunlun Station at Dome Argus, the highest point of the Antarctic Plateau.

The telescope is the first of three half-meter devices to be installed at PLATeau Observatory (PLATO-A), a fully robotic observatory established at the “Dome A” location in 2008 and intended to reveal new insights into the Universe once possible only from space. In combination, the three telescopes are expected to find planets around other stars the size of Earth, as well as hundreds of supernovas useful for cosmological studies.

Texas A&M is joined in the international project by the Chinese Center for Antarctic Astronomy (CCAA) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW), which built PLATO-A and the control computers responsible for its autonomous operation. Dr. Lifan Wang, associate professor of physics and astronomy at Texas A&M, serves as director of the CCAA.

“This is an astounding achievement,” says Prof. Michael Ashley, head of the UNSW team responsible for PLATO-A. Antarctica can conduct scientific research that would otherwise only be possible from space—but at a few percent of the cost.”

Among its many unprecedented features, the AST3-1 is equipped with a charge-coupled device (CCD) camera that is 110 megapixels in size—the largest single-piece detector in use in astronomy



“A stand-alone telescope in the pristine environment of the Nanjing Institute of Astronomical Optics Technology (NIAOT). “The winter temperature can be as low as minus 80 degrees Celsius, and the air pressure is barely half that of sea level.”

today. The telescope will be used to search for planets around stars other than the Sun, enabling the continuous monitoring of hundreds of millions of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy, Wang explains.

“The ability to monitor stars during the dark austral winter makes AST3-1 a unique facility for astronomical studies,” Wang adds.

Ashley says the autonomous observatory is accompanied by an onsite computing system that analyzes the massive amount of data from the CCD camera in real-time to catch transient events, such as supernova explosions and gamma-ray-burst afterglows.

In addition, the telescope can be used for observations of the optical afterglows of gamma-ray bursts, which are important in early detection of supernovas as well as in timely data collection and measurement.

“We are able to process the data from each exposure within two minutes after they are taken to promptly alert the science team when a new supernova occurs,” says Prof. Zhaohui Shang of the National Astronomical Observatory of China and Tianjin Normal University.

Wang says the AST3-1 telescope is fully steerable, meaning it is capable of pointing to any sky area visible from Dome A—a huge technological leap in comparison to CSTAR, an array of four 14.5-centimeter telescopes installed in 2008, which had no moving parts.

“The observatory has to withstand the most extreme conditions on Earth,” says Prof. Xiangqun Cui of the Nanjing Institute of Astronomical Optics Technology (NIAOT). “The winter temperature can be as low as minus 80 degrees Celsius, and the air pressure is barely half that of sea level.”

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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

EVEN WORSE THAN THE FIRST

Just when you think we’ve heard the last of controversial internet legislation like PIPA and SOPA, this week Congress will be voting on a piece of cyber-security legislation called CISPA - the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act” that online privacy advocates are describing as draconian. A quick review of this bill’s chances of passage is revealed by the fact that the bill emerged from the House Intelligence Committee with an overwhelming vote of 17-1.

In summary, this bill would create an exception to all existing privacy laws. In doing so, it would permit online companies to share our information with each other and would build a sharing framework that would allow for the transfer of vast amounts of data, including sensitive personal information - such as internet use history or email content - to any agency in the government. This includes military and intelligence agencies like the National Security Agency or the Department of Defense Cyber Command.

Once in government hands, this information can be used for any non-regulatory purpose, so long as at least one stated purpose is cyber-security. While SOPA and PIPA both were aimed at protecting intellectual property at the behest of the major entertainment and internet service providers, CISPA is further-reaching in its aims and touches on two issues sensitive for end users right now, specifically, 1) just how public is the private information we share, and 2) who has the right to share it?

CISPA answers both questions and, the more the public learns about the inner workings of this legislation, the more likely it would be demand its defeat. The bill’s sponsors include tech heavyweights such

as AT&T, Boeing, Microsoft, Time Warner Cable, Facebook, Google, Intel, Verizon and IBM. While there are undoubtedly more sponsors than those listed here, even this short list represents a significant corporate presence on the Internet. Coupled with the existing (and growing) cyber-surveillance state currently in place, the resultant information-gathering apparatus would eventually monitor every keystroke entered domestically and cover a large portion of foreign computer-to-computer transactions.

The most vocal critics of CISPA cite the very real potential for First Amendment abuses under the guise of a robust national cyber-security program. Since a very large number of people participate in various social media forums, it wouldn’t take much effort at all for government law enforcement agencies to launch targeted investigations into persons and entities it considered a threat even though those targets may have done nothing more than expressed a constitutionally-protected opinion or questioned the policies of its government. While one could easily argue that these agencies exist specifically to investigate and thwart threats to national security, at the same time one should ask just how much more power do these agencies need to accomplish their mission? The Patriot Act was passed in October 2001 and has spawned a whole slew of similar legislation that expands the powers of surveillance and data-gathering capabilities now in the possession of the state.

CISPA is directly targeting people who leak government and nongovernment secrets to journalists or anyone else – and they want to deputize Facebook, Google, Twitter, and Microsoft to help do their dirty work.

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If you’re anything like me, you’re guilty of wasting a shameful amount of time scrolling though Yahoo news items. Maybe it’s because Yahoo is my home page, or maybe I’m just a sucker for lame articles, but I often find myself drawn to the revolving headlines. They’re so formulaic. A handful of news worthy current events are cushioned between fluffy commentary about

“Which celebrity wore this iridescent Ines di Santo gown best?” and “5 foods to help you sleep better!” Although I can usually guess at least two of the foods, I still click on it in vain hope of discovering something new and fascinating.

Their attraction is similar to TV news programs that bait viewers with teasers like, “Recent studies prove that chocolate cures chronic diseases!” You waded through 45 minutes of banal chatter about politics and sports (apologies to all you political, sports-loving readers!). They save the great chocolate revelation for the last three minutes. And without fail, the disclosure is a total anticlimax. Now we learn that chocolate contains antioxidants which, in moderate (tiny) amounts, help reduce free radicals, therefore lessening the aging process by a very small degree. Wooppy doo! By the way, I have nothing against fluffy articles (in consideration of my own column). Fluff has its place. Therefore you’ll notice I’m not featured on the Yahoo circuit.

Yes, a sizable portion of Yahoo articles are lame. Despite their lameness, I’m always amazed at the total irrelevancy of the photos accompanying them! I speak of the “stock images” that appear on the Yahoo headline loop. You know what I’m talking about. There’s a photo of a silver haired, healthy looking couple smiling into the camera. The article that goes with this picture could easily be anything from “Avoid common retirement mistakes” to “Finding love after 50.”

Seriously, it’s a kick to just look at the pictures and try to guess the topic, or to come up with alternate titles. As I write, I see a photo of a man with his flip flopped feet propped up on a desk, getting ready to launch a paper airplane. Just by looking at it, I’d say the story might be about “Retiring by 45” or “Scoring the day job you’ve always dreamed of.” The article’s actual topic is “10 reasons your co-workers hate you.” Hmm... Yeah, I really saw that one coming. Maybe some scowling co-workers would’ve better tied this picture to its article, but then it couldn’t be used for articles about retiring at 45, etc.

It must be a hard task to purposely create photos broad enough to vaguely relate to a wide variety of topics. You have to wonder what the photo shoots are like for these images. Does the camera man instruct the models to look worried, as if they’re suspecting their spouse of infidelity while equally suggesting the anxiety accompanying a colonoscopy? I could go on indefinitely about these photos and their infinitely versatile models, but I think I’ve contributed enough fluff for this week! (Bonus challenge! Look at the rabbit and try to come up with a few likely titles. Don’t look at mine until you’ve come up with at least three of your own!)



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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

PET POISONING - PREVENTION AND PROMPT RESPONSE

Spring is my favorite time of year, and this spring has turned out to be uniquely awesome! The weather has been absolutely gorgeous, the trees are budding, the flowers are blooming in a wide variety of brilliant colors and the wildlife is thriving at its peak! Who could possibly disagree that our quaint canyon village becomes a virtual paradise during the spring season of each year? In the evenings I have been hearing the high pitch hooting of young owlets, echoing from a nest in the huge eucalyptus tree just across the wash, and I have seen more deer with young fawns and coyote families with pups passing through my neighborhood, than I have seen in years. A client of mine who lives in the Monrovia canyon even told me that she saw an adult mama bear with two baby cubs hunkering down beneath the sprawling oak canopies on the wooded property behind her house last week. I have not been so lucky as to see that bear family myself, but I keep my camera poised while visiting her gorgeous golden retriever, “Gus” just in case I do get that lucky! One of the things I love most about this season, is the feeling that it brings to my soul. That fresh feeling of cleansing and starting anew.

Replacing dead plant materials with new flower beds and vegetable gardens speaks volumes to my heart and gives me a renewed positive outlook for a fresh start. “Out with the old...and in with the new”.

For many local residents, this season brings with it a long list of gardening tasks, not the least of which is tilling the soil and adding fertilizers to enhance the growth of fresh plantings. There are numerous products in today’s market that are specifically designed for the purpose of enriching the soil or killing the weeds and encouraging new plant growth. That is all good, however most commercial grade products contain additives that may be great for certain plants, but could have a detrimental effect on the health of wildlife and domestic pets, not to mention long term effects they may have on the environment. In fact, most of the gardening products likely to be found in our local nurseries and department stores are full of toxic chemicals and synthetic ingredients that can cause major damage to the health of the human as well. (But, that’s a subject for someone else’s article!)

If your pets are like mine, they love to explore the great outdoors. To them, the back yard is their playground; a well-prized, well-protected personal possession of their very own! And why not? They deserve it, right? My bloodhound could sleep all day if uninterrupted, but the minute she senses another creature lurking about in “her” yard, she springs to life in an instant, and leaps into action to chase whatever it is she thinks might be infringing on her territory. When Tater is not on “back-yard border patrol”, her other favorite activity is foraging for avocados, or any other potential eatable she might find half buried in the dirt in her back yard, and let me just say that with a nose like hers, she leaves no stone unturned! That is the main reason why I am very selective when it comes to the yard and garden products I use. Don’t get me wrong, my

intention is not to over-dramatize a simple seasonal task such as home gardening. I just want to emphasize the importance of taking great care when using potentially toxic products that your pet (or child, for that matter) might come into contact with. Take the time to read all of the instructions on the package, particularly notes regarding proper use and storage of the product, and commit to taking necessary measures to prevent accidental poisoning. It’s just a matter of being aware and being very careful...basically, be a responsible consumer and pet owner. How hard is that?

Sometimes accidents do happen, as we all well know. If your pet should gain access to toxic substances that can cause damage to their health, it is important to recognize the symptoms and take immediate action to remediate the situation. Educate yourself on what to watch for. There are several websites on-line that offer important information about pet poisoning, including symptoms to look for, how to best be prepared should such an unfortunate scenario take place, and important information that the vet will need in order to treat your pet as promptly as possible. Always have your veterinarian’s phone number close to the phone. Prompt response and preparedness is paramount when it comes to pet poisoning. Time is of the essence, and the quicker you get a poisoned pet treated the better. Enjoy the spring season and the inspiration that it brings, but don’t forget to protect your beloved furry four-legged friends who so depend on you to provide them with a safe and healthy environment!

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

You will probably start with a little meditation or breath exercise and then begin moving. There will be a warm up of gentle movements that follow your breath – like inhaling your arms up and overhead and some easy stretches. The great thing about yoga is that you go at your own pace. Step by step we progress over time. Everyone has been a beginner at some point. Everyone has challenges of some kind. So our focus is never on what the person next to us can do – but always on our own journey. In fact, we are there to get to know ourselves better.

How long are my hamstrings? How far away are my toes? How restless am I? As we progress, we notice great things happening to us also. Usually in the warm up, we do what we call 'sun salutations'. This is where we heat up the body. Moving with the breath we inhale the arms up and then swan dive over the legs. We lunge back and step to 'downward facing dog'. This is a pose we do a lot in yoga. Just like your dog or cat stretches out in the mornings. It is actually a resting pose, but in the beginning we warm up there too. Warning: this pose, just like the whole practice can be addictive. When done correctly – it feels wonderful. For folks with wrist issues you may want to try a gentle class first where we don't do much down dog. From there we move our feet forward by the hands again. We repeat it several times. It is now time for our warrior poses. These are standing poses that are weight bearing, your own weight bearing. They strengthen hips and legs and build stamina. Almost everyone can do these.

Now we are ready to do a little deeper stretching and maybe some twists that tone the internal organs. Resting often is very good for you. At the end of each practice we do 'savasana' or final relaxation pose. You just lay there and rest. You have worked out to your level and are ready to rejuvenate. It is lovely. Afterward we all sit up and the teacher says "Namasté". You then say "Namasté" back to the teacher. It means 'the light in me sees the light in you'. It is time to roll up your mat and leave. But you won't be moving at the same pace as when you came in. You won't have all that tension in your shoulders. You will feel calm, relaxed and energized. What could be better than that? It's amazing.

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THE OFTEN IGNORED WARNING SIGNS OF A MINI-STROKE

Dear Savvy Senior:

How can a person know if they've had a stroke? My 70-year-old husband had a spell a few weeks ago where he suddenly felt dizzy for no apparent reason and had trouble talking and walking because his left side went numb, but it went away after a few minutes and he feels fine now.

Seem Fine



Dear Seem:

It's very possible that your husband may have had a "mini-stroke" also known as a transient ischemic attack (TIA), and if he hasn't already done so, he needs to see a doctor pronto.

Each year, more than a quarter-million Americans have a mini-stroke, but only about half of them realize what's happening. That's because the symptoms are usually fleeting (lasting only a few minutes, up to an hour or two), causing most people to ignore them or brush them off as no big deal. But anyone who has had a mini-stroke is 10 times more likely to have a full-blown stroke, which can cause long-term paralysis, impaired memory, loss of speech or vision, or even death.

A mini-stroke is caused by a temporary blockage of blood flow to the brain, and can be a warning sign that a major stroke may soon be coming. That's why mini-strokes need to be treated like emergencies.

Who's Vulnerable?

A person is more likely to suffer a TIA or stroke if they are overweight or inactive, have high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol or diabetes. Other factors that boost the risks are age (over 60), smoking, heart disease, atrial fibrillation and having a family history of stroke. Men also have a greater risk for stroke than women, and African Americans and Hispanics are at higher risk than those of other races.

Warning Signs

The symptoms of a mini-stroke are the same as those of a full-blown stroke, but can be subtle and short-lived, and they don't leave any permanent damage. They include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

Anyone who is having any of these symptoms should call 911 immediately. Or, if you've had any of them and they went away, ask someone to drive you to the emergency room or nearby stroke center as soon as possible and tell them you may have had stroke.

Take This Quiz

More than one-third of mini-stroke sufferers will eventually have a full-blown stroke, unless their underlying conditions are treated. If your husband did have a mini-stroke and did not get medical treatment, this self-assessment quiz (known as the ABCD2 tool) can estimate his risk of having a major stroke in the very near future.

- Age: If over age 60 – 1 point.
- Blood pressure: If his systolic blood pressure (top number) is higher than 140 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure (bottom number) is higher than 90 – 1 point.
- Clinical features: If he had weakness on one side of your body during your mini-stroke – 2 points. If you had a speech disturbance without weakness – 1 point.
- Duration of symptoms: If his symptoms lasted for 10 minutes to an hour – 1 point. If they lasted an hour or longer – 2 points.
- Diabetes: If he has diabetes – 1 point.

If his score is 3 or less, his risk of having a major stroke within a month of his TIA is 2 percent. A score of 4 or 5 indicates about an 8 percent risk for stroke within 30 days and a 10 percent risk within 90 days. And a score of 6 or 7 estimate a 16 percent chance of stroke in 30 days and around 20 percent within 90 days.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

APRIL ACTIVITIES

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

MondayS: City Hall & Lunch Café

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

WednesdayS:

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

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

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

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

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.

2012 EXCURSIONS

SAVE THE DATES
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Thursday, April 26TH - Palm Springs Folies. Spend the day in sunny PS and see the new show Hot! Hot! Hot! celebrating those memories of endless summers with music and dance. COST per person is \$58 (includes transportation, tip & show). Lunch will be on your own at one of the many restaurants next to the theatre. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 8:30 am and return at 6 pm. The featured guest stars are The Diamonds ("Little Darlin' and Why Do Fools Fall in Love"). Space is limited to the first 30 persons to register.

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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April Birthdays
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BINGO Tuesday - join us every Tuesday at the Hart Park House Senior Center at 1:30 pm for this traditional social activity. Bingo cards are only 25 cents each.

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A Mother's Day Tradition in Monrovia... *Celebrate by Touring Dramatic Vintage Homes!*

Once again, the Monrovia Old Home Preservation Group (MOHPG) will host their yearly Mother's Day tour on May 13th from 10-4, with four vintage homes, a modern Craftsman iteration, plus the century old First Baptist Church open for viewing.

Two historic homes never open to the public on previous tours, will be featured this year. The first, an expansive Hillcrest Victorian, built in 1888, will welcome tour visitors. A recent, yearlong remodel has piqued keen interest from Victorian home lovers in the area. A favorite of passersby in North Monrovia, the home features a deep wraparound porch, with towers on the east and west ends of the home.

Also new to the tour this year is the 1920's era, *Château des Rêves* home. Translated from the French, the home's name means "Castle of Dreams." A French Norman cottage with a dramatic, two-story circular turret, the second story windows not only bring ample natural light to the home, but provide natural venting, cooling the home during summer's hot days.

Located on an unusually long triangular homesite bordering three streets, Greystone, Shamrock and Norumbega, it is situated on what was once the border between two ranchos, the Santa Anita and the Azusa de Duarte. The property is believed to have been a stagecoach stop during that era.



Hillcrest Victorian

Château des Rêves was custom built for the original owner, artist Frederick Melville DuMond, a painter known for his renderings of the American Southwest. The home is sure to delight and surprise; full of medieval flavor, whimsy, artistic dalliances, hand hewn beams, carved figures and murals.

Just purchased by the current owners a year ago, *Château des Rêves* has never been on the MOHPG annual home tour, so only a handful of people in the community have ever seen its interior. Previous owners had occupied the home for 42 years. According to James Wigton, MOHPG president, the owners have "begun a modest restoration which is true to the artistic talent and original design of DuMond."

Wigton went on to describe, "DuMond felled the trees and hewed the beams himself. Carved figures (in the home) represent the joker, the judge, the monk, and the devil, and a six foot square



mural of "Old King Cole" adorns the sloping ceiling on one side of the room. DuMond's artistic and creative talent is obvious throughout the rest of the house, as evidenced by the many painted wall murals, including one in the shower! The peaceful atmosphere inside is augmented by the recently certified wildlife habitat on the outside."



New Folk Victorian



Historic Craftsman

Monrovia landmark home #13, constructed in 1908, is on North Myrtle. This exemplary Craftsman is surrounded by an expansive porch with its original granite supports and detailing. In its second appearance on the tour, the interior has been completed remodeled, yet the exterior has been preserved a century of its classic original, Craftsman design.

A unique twist to the tour includes a newly constructed home, also on N. Myrtle, in what Wigton dubs a "modern version of folk Victorian." The property previously had an 1896 Folk Victorian home on it spanning two lots. Numerous city meetings were held in 2010 regarding the process to build a new home on the property.

The fourth vintage home is a 1921 English Stucco cottage on South Shamrock. Since its last appearance on the Mother's Day tour, the home has been extensively remodeled inside.

The First Baptist Church, celebrating its 100th anniversary in its Monrovia location, after its initial 1881 founding in Duarte, is making its second appearance on the tour. Of particular interest are the many preserved, stained glass windows.

The Monrovia Historical Museum, located at 742 E. Lemon Avenue, in Recreation Park, a historic building itself, will be open for viewing as well, offering many exhibits on live in the foothills a century ago.


The MOHPG is one of the largest non-profit groups in Monrovia, with an active membership of over 200, who expend great effort to make "a tangible different in the appearance and livability of our community" per the MOHPG website.

The organization's first tour took place in 1982, and hosted about 75 people, and has grown ever since. This year, nearly 1000 are expected to tour the open properties. Ticket cost is \$17 for adults, \$14 for Senior over 65, \$9 for teens and children 12 and under are free with a paid adult ticket. For more information, visit the organization's website, www.mohpg.org.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE TWO MORE VICTORIAN HOMES...

If you still hunger for even MORE Victorian homes to see in Monrovia on Mother's Day, one of last year's tour highlights is currently offered for sale at \$1,450,000 and will be open Mother's Day from 1-4 p.m. Visit www.225MonroePlace.com for details.

Both Monroe Place and another fabulous Victorian, 225 North Lima, Sierra Madre, also known as the Pinney House, were featured this spring in this column when they came on the market. The 10,000 square foot Pinney House, listed at \$2,795,000, will be open twice in May, on May 6th and May 20th, from 1-4 p.m., though not on Mother's Day. For more information, visit the home's website, www.225NorthLima.com. Have an interesting home garden or person who helps create them, that might be of interest to our readers? Contact C.Bertrand@MYObserver.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

HOW TO BUY LIKE A SELLER

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

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

Another often-overlooked feature is storage. Over half of buyers desire a two-car garage and a walk-in closet for the master bedroom. Ample

closets and storage space just can't be stressed enough.

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

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

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HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

A BIT OF HISTORY AND REBEL PRIDE

This past week I was in Vegas for my radio shows and attended the UNLV spring game. Returning to where you gave four years of your life coaching brings back many memories. While on campus I was informed that our 1984 UNLV Rebel Football team had been selected for induction into the UNLV Athletic Hall of Fame.

What a great feeling! Not just for myself, but for everyone involved. The selection committee had acknowledged what this team had accomplished and brought to the university and the community of Las Vegas.

To be inducted into any hall of fame is certainly a tribute to individuals, and teams -- but also to the people who helped make that happen. For our situation, I was fortunate to have a tremendous athletic director who gave me the opportunity to coach at the Division One level and surround myself with great coaches, players and supporting cast. This includes secretaries, trainers, equipment men, gardeners, assistant athletic directors, pep squad, band members and the loyal community and booster clubs of the university.

One thing I've learned, you're only as good as those surrounding you. Therefore I congratulate the whole team, not just players but a team that included dedicated wives who understood why their husbands were gone so often, and took pride of being a part of the program.

In working together, no matter the level, pride comes from the understanding of what you and your 'team' are able to accomplish.

Let me tell you a little bit about our 1984 team:

It's considered the greatest football team in UNLV's Division One history. The 1984 Rebels featured an All-American punter, the league's MVP, Randall Cunningham, as well as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year, and because of this group, Coach of the Year. It is the program's winningest Division One team with an 11-2 record. It went undefeated in conference play and is still the only team ever to defeat a ranked opponent in Sam Boyd Stadium. This team won the California Bowl by beating Toledo 30-13, that season losing only to the University of Hawaii and 10th ranked SMU, which later beat Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. This Rebel team also set records by having five First Team All-Conference players and seven Second Team All-Conference players.

Seven of these players were drafted into the NFL and have a combined 38 seasons playing NFL football. I was able to spend time with some of them this weekend. I am proud of them as a team, but even more so of how they have become men serving their community.

One first team All-Conference player (6' 6", 290) explained how rewarding it was to be an elementary school teacher for the past 13 years. Another defensive lineman told me he's chief engineer at a major strip hotel. Several are in police work, and school administration. Several own businesses, some are hotel executives and directors, and many are teachers and coaches in high schools, colleges and professional sports. Not enough space here to list them all.

These kids wore tee shirts that said, "Rebel Pride" every practice and every game, they bled scarlet and silver. They pulled their socks up, they stretched with their toes on the line, and when it was game time they set and accomplished a goal.

They continued this into their marriages, their chosen careers and parenthood. Randall II, a 6' 5" sophomore, won the state high jump championship at 6' 9" as a freshman. One of our offensive tackles, (6' 6" 320) introduced me to his son who just committed to UNLV from Bishop Gorman High School as a 6' 5" 320lb senior in high school.

What a great honor to see young people grow into manhood and then have an opportunity to meet their families.

This 1984 football team will not be forgotten in the state of Nevada, for it overcame issues that many could not have overcome. In spite of this, they have stayed together as a unit and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. I salute all involved for such a great triumph. Congratulations! You've made me proud again.

You can hear Coach Harvey Hyde on Las Vegas radio station KSHP 1400 via the Internet (KSHP.com) and on www.uscfootball.com (in the Peristyle)



Turn in the backswing and downswing-DON'T SLIDE

During my younger years playing golf in Southwest Florida I struggled with a swing mistake early on. I use to slide-sway my right hip and (legs) back in the backswing and then slide-sway my left hip and (legs) towards the target in the downswing. I am convinced to this day that it was due to my size. I was tiny little guy growing up and back then we didn't have junior golf clubs.

The only way I could get the golf club to move either way was to use my legs sliding back and forth. Don't get me wrong, I could really play with that method, until I lost my timing. Once there was a little heat on me and my timing changed, my shots were going LEFT and I mean way left. My lateral move had to be in sync or I was in trouble.

Once I realized my mistake I began to practice at home in the living room at night. I would move my mom's favorite rocking chair next to the couch and then stand between them. With the rocking chair on my right and the couch on my left I would practice TURNING without touching them. I would stand there forever until I could make a backswing and downswing without (sliding) touching them with my hips.

On the practice range there was an old aluminum garbage can that I would stand next to and hit balls. I placed the garbage can next to my right side and hit balls without touching the can. As the years passed I carried to golf shafts in my bag with me at all times and I would place one in the ground just outside my right foot and one in the ground just outside my left foot. Using the two stakes trained me to turn in the backswing and not slide.

In recent years I keep two plastic stakes in my bag. I rarely hit balls without using those stakes as a training tool to remind me to not allow the right side to slide in the backswing and to make sure I turn through in the downswing.

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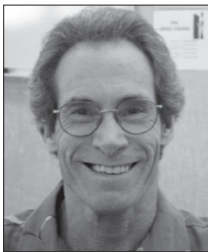
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



BECOMING GRANDFATHER

I'm going to be a grandfather! I still can't quite believe it. My daughter called with the news the other night. I was going to be a grandfather in December. I must admit, though, when she told me the news I had mixed feelings. Becoming a grandfather meant I would be soon be passing another of life's milestones. Like the Lion King, my part in the "circle of life" is coming to a close.

I don't have any illusions about getting older but I haven't thought about it much either. But with a new arrival on the way, I can't help wondering where all the years have gone. It seems only yesterday I was a young boy playing catch with my dad in the backyard. I can still hear my mother calling out to us to come in and clean up for dinner. Oh, how I miss them.

I am sad that my parents and my brother aren't alive to share the joy of my grandchild. I must also admit that when my daughter told me the news I was a bit scared that I wouldn't measure up to what a good grandfather is supposed to be. Now, a few of days later, I can hardly contain myself about becoming a grandfather. I feel like a little kid again on Christmas Eve staying awake waiting for Santa to arrive.

When I told a good friend of mine the news she told me "once you hold your grandchild, you will know that God really loves YOU! That is the best present any parent can have, a grandchild! Welcome to the club Grandpa!" She assured me that I would be "a very good grandfather because you have lots of knowledge to pass on."

I don't know about that. But I do know that whatever I have to pass on there is little time left to do it. The clock is ticking. So when my grandchild does arrive I had better get hopping--no time to waste. Every second of every day that I spend with my grandchild should be "quality time." Time he or she will fondly remember.

In the movie *Blade Runner* the android Roy tells Deckard (the Blade Runner) just before he dies: "I've done... questionable things... extraordinary things... I've seen things you people wouldn't believe.. Attack ships on fire off the shoulder of Orion. I've watched C-beams glitter in the dark near the Tannhauser gate... All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in the rain..."

That's kind of the way I feel. All those years of experiences I've had are being quickly reduced to fading memories. What will my daughter and my sons and their children remember of me when I am gone? What will they know of my parents and their parents?

I didn't know either of my grandfathers. My mom's father was long dead before I was born and my father's dad was stuck in a deep depression. I don't remember him ever addressing me. He just sat in this old armchair most of the time in silence. My father inherited that armchair and also ended his life in a deep depression. My mother saved it and I got it when she died.

When my daughter was still in elementary school I threw it away. I told myself I don't want to end up like my grandfather and my dad. I think I've done the things necessary to avoid ending up like them. But the ghost of their memory still haunts me.

I can't kid myself anymore. I'm no longer "middle-aged." I'm a "senior citizen now. It's time to accept the fact and embrace it.

Being a grandfather is a second chance -- a chance to start over again, to make amends for the errors you made as a father, and share what I've learned with my children and their children. I don't know whether I've been a good dad. But I'd like to be a great grand-dad. This time around I'd like to get it right.

The birth of my grandson or grand-daughter will be a real benchmark in my life. I am grateful that, unlike when I was a kid, my grandchild will have a grandfather that he or she will be able to know, ready to give what a grandfather can give most -- the love and experience of a lifetime.

RICH Johnson



SUPER MARIO

No, I'm not talking about the video game I used to play with my kids (even when they weren't in the room). By the way, do you remember what Nintendo game the character Mario first showed up in? The year was 1981 and the

game was called "Donkey Kong." It centered on a big ape named Donkey Kong. The Japanese developer believed that the word "donkey" meant "stupid" in English and that we would interpret the term "Donkey Kong" as stupid ape. Despite his error in language the game was a big hit and spawned several different variations.

The "Super" Mario I am talking about is Mario Lalli, the owner of Café 322. For those of you who don't know, Café 322 is an Italian restaurant at 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. And it's probably closed by the time you read this. But Café 322 was so much more than a good restaurant. You see, Super Mario's real passion is music and his goal with the restaurant was where people could enjoy great food and great music. And he accomplished that. The food was great and the music as diverse as diverse can be. Opera on Sunday, and a mix of jazz, classic rock, R&B, bluegrass, show tunes, swing bands, country. Mario even booked my band, JJ Jukebox to perform on the last Saturday night in March. It was the highlight of the Jukeboxes professional career. I am profoundly thankful to Mario for booking us. And thankful for all of you who showed up. Yes, and even those who considered showing up.

Café 322 reflected the feel of Mario, this musical gentle giant of a man. We will miss you Mario and all the wonderful family and friends who populated the joint. I am making it a personal project to keep you good people of Sierra Madre current on the whereabouts of Super Mario and his exploits.

So, maybe to lighten the load I will serve up (pardon the pun) some light and funny restaurant quips and quotes:

"Eat at this restaurant and you'll never eat anywhere else again." *Bob Phillips*

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." *Ben Franklin*

"The other night I ate at a real nice family restaurant. Every table had an argument going." *George Carlin*

"Nouvelle Cuisine, roughly translated, means: I can't believe I paid ninety-six dollars and I'm still hungry." *Mike Kalin*

"I went into a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time.' So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." *Steven Wright*

"I cook with wine. Sometimes I even add it to the food." *W. C. Fields*

I've heard that the word vegetarian is an old Native American word for bad hunter. Is that true?

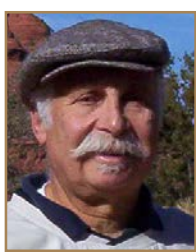
Customer: "I'll have half a dozen chicken nuggets."

Server: "I'm sorry, you can only order six, nine, or twelve."

Customer: "Fine, I'll have six then."

Finally, Burt Lancaster once said, "I judge a restaurant by the bread and by the coffee." Don't know about the coffee, Mario, but you had the best bread in town! You will be missed.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



VOLCANIC SOUNDS

This week's news reports contained information about the potential eruption of the active, but generally dormant, volcano located 40 miles from Mexico City. Popocatepetl which is ominously translated as the smoking mountain has been spewing ash and rumbling for nearly 10 days. The welfare of thousands of people would seem to be threatened, but to date the Mexican government has not ordered any evacuation. People have been told to avoid going outside and to cover their mouths, but have also been informed that the volcanic ash can be used in parks, gardens, and planters as it is rich in minerals.

Clearly the Mexican government is faced with a dilemma. It has information which indicates that a full scale eruption might well take place and that possibly the lives of thousands or potentially millions of lives are endangered. It is also possible that nothing really out of the ordinary will happen and the government has made the decision to almost do nothing. Really, I hope that no great eruption occurs and that there is no tragic calamity. If something tragic should happen I'm sure future generations will wonder how a modern nation could be so paralyzed as to be unable to act in the face of such potential disaster.

In terms of the relocation of the millions and millions of people residing in Mexico City, I gather this is not a practical possibility. Mexico City has been where it is - in the shadow of the volcano-throughout its history and it will remain there until it is no more, I guess. It all seems so fatalistic, but it is very doubtful that there is any way to protect the population from a huge volcanic eruption and it is just easier and more practical to operate under the assumption that nothing drastic is going to happen.

As unsettling as this is, let us leave Mexico and attempt to understand what is happening to the rest of the world. Are there any discomfoting transformations of human beings that seem to be taking place? The answer would seem to be pretty obvious. Human beings the world over, not just in the Western world but everywhere, have altered their overall state of consciousness. The world of information, which before was always "out there" now resides in the palm of the hand of almost every individual. Walking down the street almost everyone seems to be hunched over and staring at the electronic device in their hand.

Information, which up until quite recently was utilizable almost like a currency sufficient to allow entry into a world of privilege, is now instantly available to everyone. Entertainment is our constant companion. It almost seems unnecessary to live our own life when we can be passively informed and entertained at any given moment. We are almost living in the matrix. In fact, in this present economy there is not enough work to go around. Our population lives longer and is retired and supported by pensions and governmental assistance. There are few jobs for young people who increasingly remain at home, occupy themselves with electronic life-substitutes and live off their parent's earnings or accumulated wealth.

Much as we don't like to notice it, this is a volcano waiting to erupt. We all are aware that our kids can't afford the expensive schools and they probably don't want to study or work very hard. Drugs are everywhere. I just heard today that kids are getting high on 120 proof hand-sanitizing gel and certainly all of this effects motivation. Of course the problem with drug and alcohol use is that for a while everything seems just fine.. Sure unequal income distribution remains a problem since money and power seem to be increasingly concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer and what can we do about it? In the United States both parties, notwithstanding the differing rhetoric, would seem to be in control of the rich and super-rich. Scandal after scandal is revealed, but so what? We have all come to take corruption and betrayal as a norm and our media happily supplies us with more and more distressing gossip. Really, this John Edwards stuff and the Secret Service Partying just makes one sick. Imagine, John Edwards as our longed for honest, progressive vice-President.

Really, do we wait for the volcano to erupt and wipe us all out? Should we just pretend that everything is going to be all right and that maybe technology will save us? I heard today that companies are being formed to extract precious metals from asteroids. Wonderful, more wealth for the wealthy.

What about third parties or the re-emerging of the Occupy movement? I guess for the moment, at least, most of us are too busy or too content to hear the still distant volcanic rumblings. I hope it remains that way but really I wish for some kind of present change before it's too late

BOOM!! What was that?

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column

by Rev. James Snyder

MY WING-DING-A-DO AT THE WING HOUSE



It is not that ignorance is so bad; it is just so inconvenient. Case in point. A while back, I found in the mail coupons for two free nights in Daytona Beach.

"Look, my dear," I squealed, with delight to my wife, "We have two free nights in Daytona Beach." Immediately we checked our calendars and selected a time when we could take advantage of our windfall, without running into all those spring-breakers at the beach.

Personally, I am not too crazy about Daytona Beach. I am crazy about free. Consulting the parsonage exchequer, we could afford free. Upon leaving the house, all I could do was hum a tune, "Two Whole Nights at the Beach ..." Before I finished, my wife suggested I quit humming.

Of course, with her suggestions always comes the phrase, "And if you don't I'll ..." Well, you know the rest. I took her suggestion, but I was humming on the inside.

Arriving at our motel in good time, we checked in and settled down for two days and two nights of absolute relaxation - whatever that is. The room was terrific and in the corner was an old friend - a Lazyboy recliner. With the recliner and a remote, I settled in for some serious goofing off for the next two days.

Admittedly, I am not gifted in many areas, if any. My wife, however, says I goof off better than anyone she knows. One takes pride in what one does best.

Next to our motel was a restaurant called The Wing House. On the outside it looked like a nice place and, unlike my wife, I am not choosy about where I eat. Any old greasy spoon suits me just fine, thank you.

I must say I was completely unprepared for what I was about to experience in the restaurant next to our motel.

On the second day of our mini-vacation, I decided to run next door for some carry out. My wife wanted some soup and I fancied something a little more substantial. When I am on an errand, especially one as important as my supper, I am usually focused on one thing and one thing only. I wanted to run into the restaurant, give my order, get out as quickly and simply as possible and get back to my Lazyboy and remote. It is my two days off; I will squander them if I want to.

I did not notice anything strange when I first walked in. I focused on the menu. Looking up from the menu what I saw shocked me to the core. I am known for dropping everything from dishes to keys. This time I dropped my lower jaw to the floor.

It took some time for me to gingerly pick up my lower jaw. I just noticed the young girl standing before me greeting me and inquiring about my order.

I heard nothing - but, unfortunately, I saw more

than I expected. Let me try to describe this as delicately as I can.

The only thing I can rationally think of is, when this young girl dressed in the morning her costume fit quite well. I hardly think anyone would put on clothes that did not fit.

However, during the course of the day, being a young person, she must have experienced a rather dramatic spurt of growth, causing her clothes to be at least three sizes too small.

Fortunately, or unfortunately as the case may be, the only thing keeping her breathing was the lack of material around her chest area. Otherwise, she could have suffocated.

Her clothes were so tight, not to mention skimpy (and I didn't), that I wanted to take the shirt off my back and give it to her.

I mumbled something rather incoherently and said as loud as possible, "and make it to go, please."

After giving my order, I did not know what to do with my eyes. You can look at the ceiling only so long before people begin inquiring into your family history. Other young girls, in the restaurant, I found in the same condition. There must be a "growth spurt" epidemic going around.

My order finally came and I quickly paid for it, made like an egg and scrambled for the sanctity of my motel room. I slammed the door behind and paused to collect whatever was lagging behind me, happy I made it to safety.

No sooner had my heart reclaimed its tranquil rhythm than I heard an anemic knock at the door. When I opened the door, much to my chagrin (and believe me I was not grinning), stood my semi-clad waitress with a restaurant package in her hand. I felt as though I had been run over by a Mac truck.

"I'm terribly sorry, sir, but we mixed up your order. Here's your order."

We exchanged bags and one glance at my wife told me that, along with other things, I would be eating crow.

Later that evening, as I prepared for bed, I took comfort in the words of the Apostle Paul.

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." (Philippians 1:20 KJV.)

Ignorance about some things is inconvenient, but ignorance about Christ is fatal.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"If we had run more ads, we could have killed Obama."
- Republican bankroller
Harold Simmons

In a recent article for New York Magazine, Frank Rich used financier Harold Simmons to exemplify the new breed of billionaire "sugar daddy" attempting to buy this year's elections. Simmons made his fortune as a pioneer of the leveraged buyout, employing his "all debt and no equity" philosophy to buy companies with other people's money, reaping the rewards while leaving others holding the bag if things turned sour – the way Mitt Romney made his money at Bain Capital.

Twenty years ago, Simmons attempted a takeover of Lockheed Corp., not because of an interest in airplanes, but the opportunity he saw to drain the funds of one of the company's biggest investors – the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CALPERS).

In the above quote, Simmons expressed regret in a Wall Street Journal interview in not having spent more trying to link candidate Barack Obama with 1960's radical William Ayres. Four years before, Simmons poured millions into "Swift Vets and POWs for Truth" to attack Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), employing the tactic of neutralizing a candidate's strong point – in Kerry's case, his record as a decorated war veteran.

An early supporter of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, as of last month Simmons has funneled \$18 million to Republican PACs, largely at the direction of Karl Rove. He describes President Obama as "the most dangerous American alive ... because he would eliminate free enterprise in this country." He's also upset with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under the current administration for not allowing him to fill his West Texas radioactive waste dump, which Bloomberg News describes as "bigger than 1,000 football fields".

Frank Rich observes that while corporations may be worried about public perception and cover their bets by supporting both sides, the individuals he mentions are primarily concerned with their own fortunes. The "sugar daddies" he identifies (those contributing a million or more) are largely chemical and mining tycoons, hedge fund managers and real estate developers. Their concerns are gutting Wall Street regulation and environmental protection, and maintaining capital gains tax loopholes - not the restoration of a thriving middle class.

For anonymously channeling funds, there's the so-called "social welfare" or "educational" PAC, as distinguished from one that's openly trying to get someone elected, that allows donors to hide their identities. Karl Rove set up two organizations; Crossroads GPS, the "educational" PAC, and "American Crossroads", the political one. A donor can give anonymously to Crossroads GPS, and then down the line American Crossroads gets a large gift identified as being from Crossroads GPS.

As of the end of last year, Crossroads GPS took in \$76.8 million, with 90% of that coming from twenty-four \$1 million-plus donors, with a couple at \$10 million-plus. That's 62% of the \$123 million total raised by Rove's two groups (which share the same president and mailing

address) over the past two years – more than Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) spent in his entire general election campaign.

President Obama's corresponding PAC couldn't reach a tenth of that, reporting \$6.7 million (with two contributions of a million dollars – from Bill Maher and Jeffrey Katzenberg). Rich cites Center for Responsive Politics' figures that only 10% of Mitt Romney's total has come from contributions of \$200 or less, vs. 45% of Obama's.

Among Romney's major donors, Rich identifies John Paulson, who collaborated with Goldman Sachs in betting against the housing market and reaping a fortune when it collapsed, and Paul Singer, who profits from "trafficking in third world debt" – seeking multi-billion settlements from Argentina to Peru, from Greece to the Congo, further impoverishing countries around the world to enrich his hedge fund (in which Mitt Romney is a million-dollar investor).

There are more familiar names like Charles and David Koch, who inherited hundreds of millions in mining and oil interests from their father, a founding member of The John Birch Society. According to Greenpeace, they've spent nearly \$40 million since 2005 on organizations pushing climate-change denial. They're also heavily invested in state governments, bankrolling the efforts of those like Wisconsin Republican Gov. Scott Walker to gut state regulations and bust public sector unions.

Rich relates the current campaign not so much to F.D.R.'s railing against bankers and corporations, but to the robber barons of the Gilded Age. To protect their power, they bankrolled the election of William McKinley, outspending Democrats by a ratio of 23-1. Writers of the day such as Mark Twain observed they were not interested in a free market, but one they controlled. Competition was squelched, judges and politicians bought, to achieve monopolistic power. Ironically, the assassination of McKinley brought to office his vice-president, Theodore Roosevelt – and the Gilded Age became the Progressive Era.

The attitude of the modern robber barons reflects their forbearers, as described by Rich: "Anything and anyone is expendable in pursuit of a profit, starting with the powerless, and any brushes with the law along the way, not to mention civil or criminal financial penalties, are simply the price of doing nasty business ... they are lone wolves responsible to no one but themselves - not independent shareholders, let alone the communities they plunder."

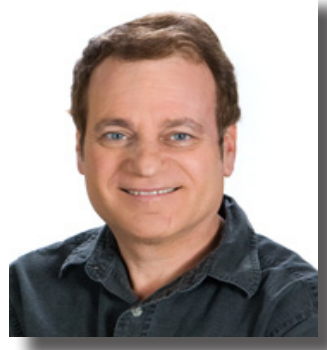
As I see it, it's a perversion of J.F.K.'s "Ask not ... line: It's not how they can serve their country, but how the country, and the rest of us in the 99%, can serve them.

The Pennsylvania primaries last week made news by sealing Mitt Romney's nomination. Perhaps more significantly, it also saw the defeat of two "Blue Dog" Democratic congressmen by progressive challengers. As June 5 approaches, it appears Gov. Walker will be recalled and the Koch brothers will lose their lease on the Wisconsin state capital.

If the trend continues, come November the Sugar Daddies will realize that despite the millions they pour into the process, on election day their vote will be worth no more than anyone else's.

INDEPENDENT'S EYE by Joe Gandelman

HOW TO MAKE MITT ROMNEY MORE LIKEABLE



Presumptive Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney is lagging way behind President Barack Obama on "likeability" in several polls. Analysts say it's not easy to bring those numbers up. So here's a suggestion: Romney should use more humor. He should use self-deprecating humor and reworded "switched" classic jokes. Romney should do something like this:

"Hi, folks. I'm Mitt Romney and I'm running for President against Barack Obama. Obama wants four more years. My teeth are brighter than his handling of the economy. Sorry I'm late but I was delayed due to a session with my architect. We're designing the car elevator for my La Jolla home. It supports half the weight of the elevator custom built to carry Rush Limbaugh. Now we need an Election Day elevator to move Barack Obama.

"I visited Obama at the White House for lunch today and his chef gave me a hot dog, using a childhood recipe of Obama's. It was OK, but it was hard to get it in my mouth with the dachshund's legs wiggling out of the bun.

"I got a million of them. Not jokes. Just dollars – and changed political positions.

"Hey, my advisors told me to use humor, so sit back and enjoy it. 'Sit back and enjoy it' – that's the new slogan of the Secret Service. What's the big deal about this Secret Service scandal, anyway? The accused agents were only doing to hookers what Washington does to voters.

"Last night I invited Newt Gingrich over for dinner. I took one look at Newt and said, 'Newt, are you wearing a girdle?' He said yes. I said, 'How long have you been wearing a girdle?' He said, 'Ever since Callista found it in the glove compartment of my car.'

"People ask me about my speeches and my need for zingers. I had a great zinger about Obama using Teleprompters, but didn't deliver it yesterday because my staff forgot to put it on my Teleprompter. People say I don't like common people. I do -- if they're properly cooked.

"Well, THAT joke tanked. That's the last time I'll buy switched jokes from Grover Norquist.

"All the talking heads and other Republicans including Jeb Bush say I have to do better with Hispanic voters. Oh, really? Hispanic voters love me. I was in California the other day and after I spoke to a Latino audience they gave me a nickname: El Gran Estupido. They told me it's a name many Latinos already call me. I also visited Chinatown. They gave me a name in Chinese: Yu So Dum.

"These are the jokes, folks. Well, actually the real jokes are at the Democratic National Committee. My advisors told me a candidate who's too stiff is as out of place as Ted Nugent at a meditation class. My advisors say I have to be more loveable. You know the saying "All the world loves a lover." Except in the Secret Service. Gotta run. I have to pick a Vice President. I was thinking of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, but he'd cause too much damage when I tie him to the roof of my car."

If Romney did jokes his poll numbers would immediately rise. You can imagine the reaction of cable talk show hosts:

Sean Hannity: "Romney has always been a scream and a wit but the liberal media is biased and censored it. George Zimmerman's brother will be on in a moment to discuss this media bias."

Rachael Maddow: "Today we saw the emergence of a new Mitt Romney who tells jokes. Mitt Romney was telling jokes which was the emergence of a new Romney. Jokes were told by Mitt Romney which is new. The emergence today of Mitt Romney telling jokes was new. What was new today was Mitt Romney telling jokes – jokes, sentences or paragraphs that contain set ups and punch lines. Mitt Romney told them today. It emerged."

Keith Olbermann: "For his rotten jokes Mitt Romney is today's worst person in the world. No, wait. The worst person in the world is the limo guy who drove me to the studio. He smelled and talked to me."

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ARIZONA STANDS UP TO THE FEDERAL POWER GRAB

GREG Welborn



Arizona's immigration enforcement law is the subject of another Supreme Court case that explores the proper role of the Federal Government vs. the states. As with the Obamacare case, the Obama administration's suit against Arizona claims the federal government has powers which aren't found in any logical reading of the Constitution. So the real story here is not about immigration, but about the usurpations of power at the expense of the states and the people of the United States.

Arizona has been so adversely affected by illegal immigration that its duly elected legislature and governor passed a law in 2010 directing state police to enforce existing federal immigration laws by informing federal immigration officials if someone they've arrested can't prove legal residence in the United States. The law doesn't direct the police to deport the person. The law doesn't direct the police to stop people because they "look like" they might be illegal. There's not a hint of racial profiling or prejudice.

The law specifically directs the police to only inquire about someone's legal status if they already have probable cause. It also requires non-citizens to carry proof of their status with them. This is something that existing federal law already requires, and it's something that every other industrialized country in the world requires. In fact, if you visit Europe, not only will a police officer ask to see your passport if you're stopped for something, but the hotel front desk clerk will ask for it just to give you a room for the night.

The court case is not about immigration. The administration is arguing in court that Arizona has violated the constitution's "supremacy clause", which state that federal laws pre-empt state laws. What's pretty obvious from the questions asked during oral argument is that the Justices don't seem to see this conflict. Since the Arizona law specifically directs state officials to enforce existing federal laws, one of the Justices asked somewhat incredulously whether the administration was in fact arguing that the federal government didn't have an interest in seeing its own laws enforced. The administration lawyer did not have a very good come back for that.

The court case has everything to do with the Obama administration's apparent belief that the constitution has no authority to limit what the Obama administration wants to do. If the administration really objects to the enforcement of existing immigration laws, it could easily have changed those laws in 2009 or 2010 when the Democrats controlled the House, the Senate and the White House. Of course, they would have at least had to go on record that this is what they wanted to do. They would've had to write the legislation, pass it, send it to the President for signature, and then taken whatever political heat might have come from it. Clearly, they didn't want to do this. They couldn't be bothered with actually following the constitutional process of passing a law and facing the voters for the decision they made.

The Obama administration simply rules the way it wants, diminishes the Supreme Court's right to even consider passing judgment, and publicly mocks the court for any decisions with which it disagrees. When the Supreme Court declared restrictions on political advertising to be unconstitutional, the President used the occasion of his State of The Union address to criticize the Justices before the entire nation. As the Supreme Court considered the merits of Obamacare, the administration publicly challenged the court's authority to overturn any law passed by a Democratic congress – later having to apologize for that insult. Lastly, before the legal arguments in the Arizona case even began, Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer threatened to overturn the decision if the Justices dared to side with Arizona in this case.

Whether you support our current immigration laws or not, as Americans, we should all recoil at the thought of any administration declaring that it has the sole power to decide whether laws should be enforced, or to mock the process of judicial review or to threaten to judges before – or after – they've passed their judgment. Chalk it all up to one more major issue that will be decided in the next election.

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AMERICA'S MOST DESIRABLE JOBS



By Tom Purcell

"I'd be happy to have any job on the list, if you want to know the truth."
"Ah, yes, you speak of the CareerCast.com '2012 Jobs Rated Report,' which classifies the most and least desirable jobs in the U.S."
"That's right. The worst job of 200 on the list, No. 200, is lumberjack. I'd be happy to swing an ax if they pay me."
"But the report says lumberjacks work on the hottest and coldest days of the year -- that their occupation is dangerous and their pay is low."
"A modest earned income is better than none."
"I feel your pain. The March jobs report was disappointing yet again. Unemployment fell to 8.2 percent from 8.3 percent, but only because discouraged workers left the labor force. Some argue the real unemployment rate is in the mid- to high teens."
"Yeah, that is why a 'good' job these days is almost any job that pays."
"It's interesting you say that. It wasn't long ago in America when a

'good' job was any job that could support a family."
"So true. My grandfather was a coal miner, who considered himself lucky. My dad poured molten steel in a mill. I was the first in my family to go to college. I dreamt of my dream job. I did OK, too, until the Great Recession."

"So a 'good' job still is any job that will support your family?"
"Absolutely. I'd take any of the worst jobs. Dairy farmer is No. 199 on the list. They may work hard, but at least there is a demand for their product. Enlisted military personnel, No. 198 on the list, may face danger, but the pay is steady and the grub is free -- have you seen the price of grub lately?"

"Fair enough, but No. 197 on the list is oil rig worker. That is a hard, dirty job, and don't those rigs blow up now and then?"

"Who cares? The pay is good and the overtime is better. I'd be happy to be a newspaper reporter (No. 196) or a waiter (No. 195) or a meter reader (No. 194). Reporters expose bad guys, waiters work with good-looking waitresses, and if I were a meter reader, I'd inflict fear in people and finally get some respect."

"You really have given up on your dream job?"
"Maybe I have. I'm no different than anyone else. The best jobs in the report don't look like dream jobs to me."

"According to the report, the worst jobs are characterized by working in bad weather, danger, low pay and poor hiring prospects, whereas the best jobs involve good pay, job security and working in climate-controlled buildings."

"Software engineer is the No. 1 job for the second year in a row. Who wants to be trapped in an office cubicle all day, pecking on a keyboard and dealing with IT geeks?"

"Fair enough."

"The No. 2 job is actuary? You get to do math all day for a boring insurance company? How about human resources manager (No. 3)? All HR people do nowadays is make sure companies comply with a million federal regulations so they don't get sued."

"Perhaps."

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By La Quetta M. Shamblee,



GETTING PAID FOR WHAT YOU KNOW, NOT WHAT YOU DO

Have an idea for a product or service and you think someone might be willing to pay for it? For anyone serious about moving an idea into the marketplace, it is necessary to learn how to plan and package the idea into a system that makes it convenient for people to purchase.

Individuals with knowledge and experience in certain areas of expertise are often unaware they may be sitting atop a gold mine of opportunity. Anyone who has found themselves watching television in the wee hours of the morning is familiar with the entrée of infomercials that promote different ways to earn money. Some of these companies are making millions of dollars selling some type of *how to make money* system.

This industry has evolved from the days when cassette tapes and VHS cartridges generated millions for Jane Fonda's original best-selling "Workout" book and videotape in 1982 that sold over 17 million copies. Three decades later, Workout is still for sale, now on DVD. The success of this program paved a wide road for a list of best selling exercise programs that have created hundreds of millionaire in the fitness industry.

From buying and selling foreclosed real estate to learning creative stock investment strategies, there are hundreds of goods and services across many industries. Many are designed to teach the buyer how to use it to make money. Certainly, the individuals who own and promote the products are the ones positioned to make the most money. For them, it's a business, and like any other business, if they provide a quality product that is backed by a strong marketing program and good customer service, they will reap the financial rewards.

Thousands of people will descend upon the Hilton Bay Front Hotel in San Diego from May 15-17 to share and learn the ins-and-outs of the industry that is largely defined by infomercials. However, the most popular infomercials represent a very small sampling of new and established companies that have continued to thrive throughout the recent recession. Apparently, these companies are onto something that works.

"Response Expo 2012: The Ultimate Direct Response Marketing Expo" is an annual convention that brings the top sellers of top products to one venue to share strategies and techniques that have made them very wealthy. The event features a number of workshops, exhibits and opportunities to network and learn from the best in the business.

"Timing is everything," may be the most important message for those with ideas that are just waiting to be brought to life. This annual convention is a timely opportunity to learn the basics needed to position your great idea as one of the potential new best-selling packages in the direct response industry, online, on television or both.

President Obama, First Lady Honored for Leadership to End Veteran Homelessness

By National Coalition for Homeless Veterans



PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans has announced that President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama have been selected as recipients of the 2012 Jerald Washington Memorial Founders' Award, the highest honor bestowed by the nation's homeless veteran assistance community.

President Obama is the first person to receive the award more than once. He was honored in 2009 as the first president in U.S. history to make ending veteran homelessness a priority of his administration. Within months of that event, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki announced the "Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness," an ambitious initiative to ensure veterans in crisis will never again be left to fend for themselves on the streets.

By June 2010, every member of the president's cabinet had signed onto "Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness," the nation's first comprehensive blueprint for multi-agency cooperation to end all homelessness in America. That historic document incorporated Secretary Shinseki's Five-Year Plan, which calls for increased access to housing, health care, income supports and homelessness prevention assistance for veterans and their families.

"Since the announcement of the Five-Year Plan, President Obama has consistently demonstrated his commitment to ending veteran homelessness in his budget requests to Congress," said Patrick Ryan, Chairman of the NCHV Board of Directors. "His budget submission for FY 2013 brings the nation to within reach of that goal. Secretary Shinseki and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan have dramatically improved the systems in place to help veterans in crisis; and the steady decrease in the number of homeless veterans since 2009 is a testament to the president's leadership."

According to the most recent Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress (December 2011), there were 67,495 homeless veterans on a single night in January 2011. That represents a decline of more than 56% since the president was sworn into office.

"By any account, a tremendous achievement," said John Driscoll, NCHV President and CEO. "And we're not yet at the midway point of the Five-Year Plan. The president's FY 2013 budget request would bring the number of HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers to 60,000, the number needed to end chronic homelessness among veterans with serious mental illness and other disabilities."

It would also triple the amount of funding to help at-risk veteran families avoid homelessness, and provide rapid rehousing assistance for veterans working their way out of homelessness. For the second straight year, President Obama's budget request provides record funding for the VA Grant and Per Diem Program, which provides transitional housing, health services, employment preparation and job placement assistance to more than 30,000 homeless veterans each year through local integrated service delivery systems.

"Under the leadership of President Obama, we are witnessing unprecedented national unity in the campaign to end and prevent veteran homelessness," Ryan said. "The progress we have seen from the federal agencies, the Congress, the community partners NCHV represents, and the American people in just the last three years give rise to the expectation that this campaign will succeed."

First Lady Michelle Obama is being honored for exemplary leadership in launching Joining Forces, a national campaign to ensure military and veteran families receive the support they have earned and need to fully enjoy the peace and prosperity they served to protect. Thousands of local service providers, businesses, faith partners, colleges and universities, military bases, veteran service organizations and volunteers have answered the call, providing affordable housing, employment services, job placement assistance and access to family health care in communities across the nation.

During the first year of Joining Forces, more than 50,000 military spouses and veterans have entered employment. More than 1,600 companies have joined the campaign with a promise to hire another 160,000. Fourteen states have passed legislation accepting licenses from other states for military spouses who are required to relocate, and another 13 have proposed similar legislation.

The campaign will connect veterans with community health centers in areas that are under-served by the VA, particularly in rural areas. More than 150 medical schools, 500 nursing schools and 80 physician assistant programs have signed on to provide quality care to veteran families, with special training to care for those who have experienced traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This initiative will empower about three million health professionals to better serve veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The immediate impact of Joining Forces is remarkable," Driscoll said. "This really is where homelessness prevention begins. Local communities of care – involving businesses, the faith community, local government, community service providers, informed citizens, veterans and volunteers – can help veteran families before their hardships become too great to bear."

"In most cases, access to affordable housing, employment at a livable wage, and health services greatly reduce a family's risk of becoming homeless. Joining Forces is helping communities learn how to anticipate the need for and provide these critical supports."

For more information about the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and our mission to end homelessness among veterans, visit our website at www.nchv.org.



Arcadia Association of Realtors announces that a sponsored bill that prevents banks from foreclosing after agreeing to a short sale scheduled for hearing next week

ARCADIA (April 26) – According to the Arcadia Association of Realtors® (A.A.R.) a bill that will allow homeowners who face losing their home yet have negotiated a short sale in good faith with their lender or servicer are not forced to go through foreclosure. This bill is sponsored by the California Association of Realtors® (C.A.R.) and is yet another move to protect struggling California homeowners.

Assembly Bill 1745 (Torres, D-Pomona) prevents lenders or servicers that have agreed to a "short sale" from foreclosing on a home. For any number of reasons (e.g., sickness, job loss, etc.), a homeowner may be unable to continue making his or her monthly mortgage payment. Rather than go through a lengthy and stressful foreclosure process, the homeowner will attempt to negotiate a "short" sale with the lender in which the lender agrees to accept less than the amount owed by the homeowner.

"This is a huge step in helping our homeowners salvage their home and keep them from being foreclosed upon after an agreement with their lending institution has already been made" says 2012 A.A.R. President, Ryan Asao.

Foreclosures and short sales are usually handled by two different departments within banks. Unfortunately, these two departments often do not communicate with each other, which can frequently result in a homeowner being foreclosed upon, despite having previously negotiated a short sale with the same bank.

AB 1745 will likely result in banks implementing a dual tracking system to prevent foreclosing upon homeowners with whom they have already negotiated a short sale. The measure is scheduled for hearing on April 30 by the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee.

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Situated on a quiet street in the foothill town of Sierra Madre is this charming Colonial Revival home. The crisp white exterior, black shutters and the welcome of a red door are accented by the columned, pediment-topped portico.

Inside, the living room features a fireplace with marble surround and carved wood mantel, as well as gleaming dark wood floors, generous crown and base moldings and recessed lighting. Adjacent are the dining room and kitchen. Glass front cabinets, stainless steel appliances, soft-close drawers and laundry area are among the high end features and finishes of the kitchen. There is a downstairs bedroom as well as a bathroom with tile floor and pedestal sink.

At the top of the stairs is a generous and bright landing, cable and internet ready, and ideal as a home office space. The secondary bedroom is generously sized and has a virtually unobstructed mountain view and an en-suite bath. Down the hall is the ample master suite with walk-in closet. The beautiful master bath features double sinks with a marble counter, glass enclosed tub and shower, and a stunning and sophisticated basket weave mosaic tile floor. Rebuilt from the ground up, this home offers the charm of yesterday with the luxuries of today. A large grassy rear yard offers an avocado tree, an apricot tree, a mountain view, and space to create the retreat of your imagination.

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File No. 2012-059692
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MUTUAL ATTRACTIONS, 1302 W. VINE ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ASHLEY REYNOSO, 1302 W. VINE ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ASHLEY REYNOSO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/05/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NUVIA YOUSEF BAIL BOND, 14411 E. TELEGRAPH RD., WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NUVIA YOUSEF

16559 GRAYVILLE DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NUVIA YOUSEF. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/30/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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File No. 2012-056862
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAUL SIGNUPS, 14973 ROMA DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAUL PASTOR, 14973 ROMA DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAUL PASTOR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/03/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PREMIER BILLBOARD, 14700 FIRESTONE BLVD. STE 107, LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANNEL AYALA, 14700 FIRESTONE BLVD. STE 107, LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANNEL AYALA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/30/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-056978
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRICEADE, 518 W. GAGE AVE., L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BERNARD GUIGNARD, 1398 SPRINGFIELD ST. #B, L.A., CA 91786, SANDI WEBB, 2418 E. EL SEGUNDO BLVD. #206, COMPTON, CA 90222. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: BERNARD GUIGNARD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/03/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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File No. 2012-058269
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RED REBEL, 3620 SPENCER ST. #14, TORRANCE, CA 90503. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TAHMINA SAFAZADA, 3620 SPENCER ST. #14, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TAHMINA SAFAZADA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/04/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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File No. 2012-057709
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: S L S, 10114 GROVEDALE DR., WHITTIER, CA 90603. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SPECTRUM LOGISTICS SERVICES, INC., 10114 GROVEDALE DR., WHITTIER, CA 90603. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATIONS. Signed: STEPHEN M. SCHUH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/04/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SGP CRAFT, 454 E. 4th ST. STE B, L.A., CA 90013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BASUDEV GHIMIRE, 7526 BROOKMILL RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BASUDEV GHIMIRE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/04/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THIS BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY, 2250 E. 111th ST. STE 311, L.A., CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RENEE FUENTES, 2250 E. 111th ST. STE 311, L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RENEE FUENTES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/30/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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Los Angeles County on 04/03/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2012-058137
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: BAZIC HARDWARE AND SUPPLIES, 1464 N. LINCOLN AVE., PASADENA, CA 91103. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/02/2010, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012058138. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 04/04/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: GALLEGOS RAFAEL GENERAL PARTNER.
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FILE NO. 2012-057379
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SMOKING GLASS PIPE, S.G.P., 7526 BROOKMILL RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/06/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011094684. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 04/04/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: BASUDEV GHIMIRE/GENERAL PARTNER.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-047931
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPADA BOOKS 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., #212, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARINELLA POLLO 113 W. CARTER AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARINELLA POLLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FANCY OWL EVENTS, 30 WEST MIRAMONTE AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAURA DRISCOLL, 30 WEST MIRAMONTE AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAURA DRISCOLL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/21/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/01/2012. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-048780
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EVERYONE IS RIGHT 4343 OCEAN VIEW BLVD. APT. 169, MONTEROSE, CA. 91020 and EVERYONE'S RIGHT 4343 OCEAN VIEW BLVD. APT. 169, MONTEROSE, CA. 91020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL LANDIS, 4343 OCEAN VIEW BLVD. APT. 169, MONTEROSE, CA. 91020. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TOMMY R. LACH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/22/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News
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City of Sierra Madre

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

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 8, 2012, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the Citywide Fees.

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

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

By Order of the City Council
Karin Schneider,
Administrative Services Director

City of Sierra Madre

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 11-05 (MCTA 11-05)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of a text amendment to Chapter 17.82 ("Historic Preservation") of the Municipal Code to 1) allow adaptive reuse of historic single-family residential properties as bed-and-breakfast inns pursuant to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and additional findings by the Planning Commission; and 2) add a definition of bed and breakfast inns. At its meeting on March 15, 2012, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment to the City Council.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

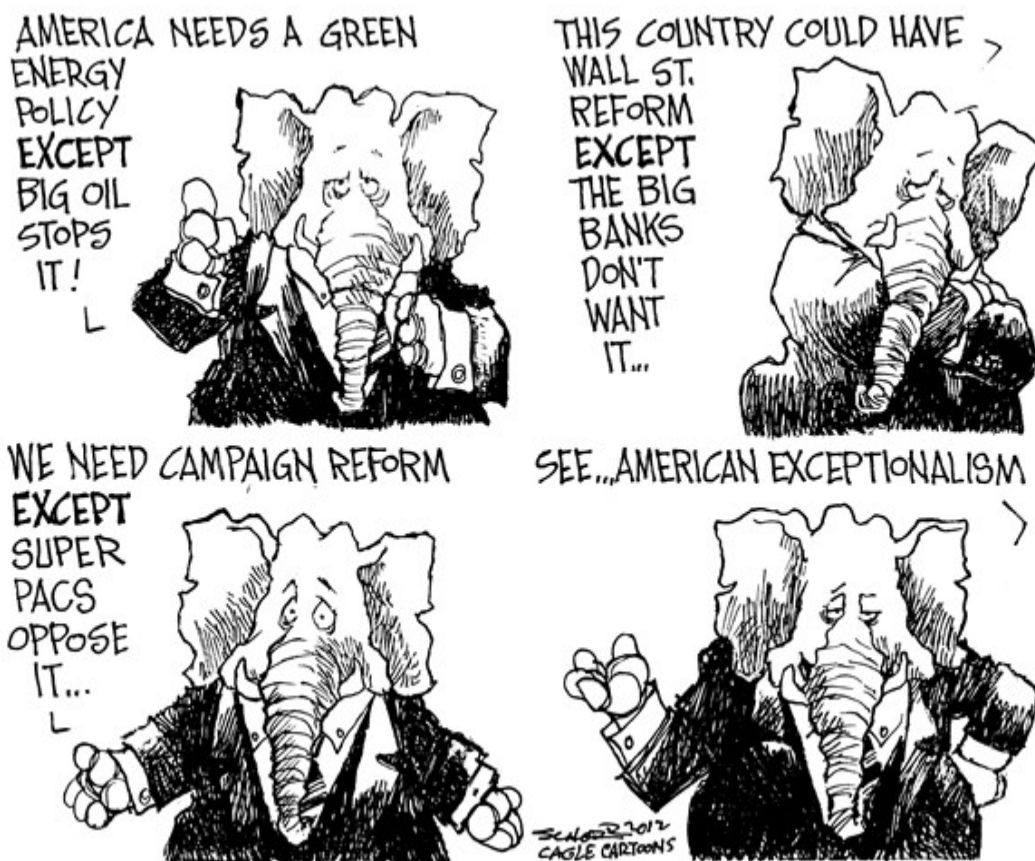
PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The amendment qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15303(a), (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), as it involves conversion of single-family residences to bed and breakfast inns.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.





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