

POLICE APPREHEND CAR BURGLARY SUSPECT; HOME BURGLAR SOUGHT

Quick action by the Sierra Madre Police Department on Thursday, led to the arrest of a Pasadena resident after a brief vehicle pursuit on Sierra Madre Blvd.

Marcus Allen Corner, 25, had been spotted near St. Rita's Church testing the doors on parked cars in what appeared to be an effort to find an unlocked vehicle. Witnesses noticed Corner, who was talking on his cell phone, and quickly reported the unusual behavior to the SMPD.

Within a minute of notification, the SMPD made a high risk traffic stop and arrested Corner. He was charged with felony attempted vehicular burglary and is being held on \$120,000 bail.

Sergeant Joe Ortiz warns residents not to leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicles and to always lock your car.

Home Burglar Sought

On May 1st, a home in the 600 block of Elm Street in Sierra Madre was burglarized between 5:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The thief entered the property via an unlocked side gate and broke a window to gain entry to the house. As of press time, there was no description of the suspect. Anyone who may have information regarding this crime is asked to contact the Sierra Madre Police Department, 626-355-1414.

Lock your doors!

Sgt. Ortiz reminded residents that despite the tranquility of our town, it is absolutely necessary that doors, windows and gates be locked and residential burglaries and car burglaries continue to be a problem. Regarding residences, Ortiz noted that alarms do serve as a deterrent and encouraged homes that have alarm systems to display the signs in the front of the house.

COUNCIL TO TACKLE BUDGET SHORTFALLS

With the election and ceremonies behind, the newly reorganized Sierra Madre City Council will hold its first full meeting on Tuesday, May 8th. Among the items on the agenda are the introduction of a new SMVFD Battalion Chief and six new firefighters, new council appointments and public hearings on fees and zoning. (See notices on page 21).

However, of all the agenda items listed, the one that is certain to require the most attention is the discussion of the budget.

The council will discuss the FY 2011-2013 Biennial Budget projected ending balances for FY 2011-2012 and the Revised FY 2012-2013 Budget and Fee Schedule.

For the FY 2011-2012 the city will have a reduction in revenues of \$317,600 of which 50% (\$164,373) is from the existing Utility User Tax revenues declining. There has also been a decrease of \$46,441 in Franchise Fees and a reduction of \$47,000 in Vehicle License Fees from the state.

To mitigate the impact of this revenue loss, the city has reduced the budget by \$402,000. However, because projections for 2012-2013 indicate a continued decline in revenues, more adjustments will have to be made. In the staff report that the council will consider, additional budget cuts of \$504,696.

The council will meet on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

S. Henderson/MVNews

50TH ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR



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. More than 80 artists will be displaying and selling their fine arts during the weekend. Mediums include oil paintings, jewelry, water colors, glass, wood, metal, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media, and hand woven baskets and rugs. The Art Fair will be the perfect place to find that unique Mother's Day, graduation,

or wedding gift and to find art that you will be proud to wear or display in your home.

Live music will be featured throughout the weekend in the band shell and on the south lawn and a food court will offer a variety of food and drinks provided by local non-profit groups as well as food vendors. For the children, the Creative Arts Group has planned a fun and imaginative craft activity on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm.

A new feature of this year's fair will be a silent auction. So far, forty 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.

So come early and stay all day. Browse through the wonderful displays of artwork, sit on the lawn and listen to music, have a little lunch, check on your silent auction bids, and then go back and purchase those lovely pieces of art that have been calling your name ever since you spotted them. *Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Library. For more information, visit our website at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call 626 355-7186.*

OWN A PIECE OF THE HISTORIC PEPPER TREE

Kiwanis Club To Auction Unique Artifact



Pergola, a professional cabinet maker created the unique Cross pictured above. Carved and finished by hand, the Cross, with a brass plate which details its origin will be part of the Silent Auction held at the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club Boot Skootin' Chili Cook-Off and Fundraiser next Saturday. The proceeds will be used to fund the club's Paul Magaris mini-grant program and other programs for the youth of the community.

In addition to the auction, the event will offer attendees the chance to sample an array of Chili's prepared by both professionals and amateurs, participate in line dancing instruction given by a professional, eat, drink and be merry!

Food Critic Peter Dills will chose the winners in the Professional and Amateur categories, and attendees will vote on The People's Choice.

If you are interested in entering the cook-off, contact Pergola at 626-355-8333 or email him at jojacpergola@aol.com.

Plan for a night full of good food, great fun, and much more! The event will be held in the Sierra Madre Room and the Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

On March 1st on of Sierra Madre's most beloved icons, the Pepper Tree was cut down due to its diseased condition. The tree, which stood for more than 125 years held thousands of wonderful memories for those who lived in town, and those who were just passing by. In the days leading up to the 1st, countless residents stopped by to sit by the tree one last time. What followed were discussions on how to preserve the memories of the tree. How about a bench? Or a special fence? None of those solutions were feasible.

However, longtime Sierra Madre resident and Kiwanis Boot Skootin Chairman Joe Pergola had a brilliant idea. Let's use the wood to create a one of a kind souvenir that will be an eternal reminder of the great tree.

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NEIL TURNS SWEET 16



Sierra Madre is a town where every day there is a celebration going on somewhere. This week it was Neil's 16th birthday celebration. Neil (center with the birthday hat) is the town's celebrity *Sus scrofa domesticus* - pig. He's lived happily on W. Montecito for most of his life. And while he didn't get the expected new car when he turned 16, he did party hard and go 'live' on air on the "Barry, Lisa and Rich Show," a comedy trivia show on internet radio station, Radio Fishbowl (www.radiofishbowl.com) and authenticates Neal's status as a bona fide celebrity.

Rich Johnson, Lisa Baum and Barry Schwam (above) helped with the celebration by bringing Neil coffee from Niko's, Cookies from Beantown and a banana from Lisa's lunch bag.

Even though the party is over, you can visit Neil anytime. He'll be glad to see you. He lives with Katherine Emerson on W. Montecito on the south side of the street, just before Lima. You'll recognize his adobe easily. He might even come out of the house and chat with you!

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at
City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca.
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NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
May 8th, 2012 6:30 pm

- 5/4 UUT Oversight Committee @ 3:00pm
- 5/16 Tree Advisory Commission @ 7:00pm
- 5/17 Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
- 5/21 Community Services Commission @ 6:00pm
- 5/22 City Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 5/23 Library Board of Trustees @ 7:00pm
- 5/24 - Green Advisory Committee @ 7:00pm

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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FAMILY MOVIE FRIDAYS

The Family Movie Friday series is back for 2012 thanks to the generous support of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Associations and the Annes, Harman, Gallagher and Swift families! All movies are shown in Kersting Court and are absolutely free for everyone. Movies begin approximately at 7:45pm and families can purchase food and drinks from the local Sierra Madre merchants or bring their own! Patrons are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for the event.

Family Movie Fridays Line-Up:

May 11, 2012 - Puss in Boots

May 25, 2012 - Back to the Future

June 8, 2012 - Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer
(parts filmed in Sierra Madre!)

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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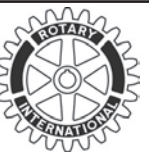


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Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.

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Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

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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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission presents a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. located in the Sierra Vista Park Parking Lot (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.). Community members are invited to come together with their neighbors to participate in a community yard sale. Participants have the opportunity to clean out their garages, attics, storage sheds and closets without sending those valuable items to landfill.

Fee for a selling space is \$25.00; proceeds will benefit senior programs and activities. Alternatively, you may donate items to the Senior Community Commission booth to help raise money for senior programs and activities. If you would like to participate in the Community Yard Sale, please register online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration or in person at the Community Recreation Office 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Deadline to register is Thursday, May 31 or until spaces are filled.

Participants must provide their own tables, chairs, canopies (10'x10' maximum) and cash boxes. No electricity will be provided. Live animals, large canopies, and selling of food or drinks are prohibited. All business must be conducted within your space. Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

A limited number of spaces are available. For more information please call (626) 355-5278.

1630 AM
Sierra Madre Community Radio

**VOLUNTEER RADIO
ANNOUNCERS WANTED!**

Sierra Madre's Community Radio station is seeking volunteers to record public service announcements (PSAs) for broadcast. The station broadcasts 24/7 at 1630 on the AM dial, and provides residents with timely information about community events.

The PSAs are recorded at City Hall by volunteer announcers. The process is quick and easy, taking only a few minutes to learn. If you've got a computer at home, you can also record PSAs on your PC, edit them as necessary, then easily load them into the on-air playback system at City Hall.

If you've always wanted to be a DJ or start a voice-over career, this is a great way to begin and see how you sound on the radio! Don't worry about being nervous or having "mic-fright". Nothing is broadcast "live", and you'll be able to fix your mistakes before your PSA gets on the air.

If you'd like to try recording a PSA, please contact Hank Landsberg at 355-3656 or e-mail henryeng@aol.com. Training will be provided, and it's fun...you might discover a new career!

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 4TH OF JULY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

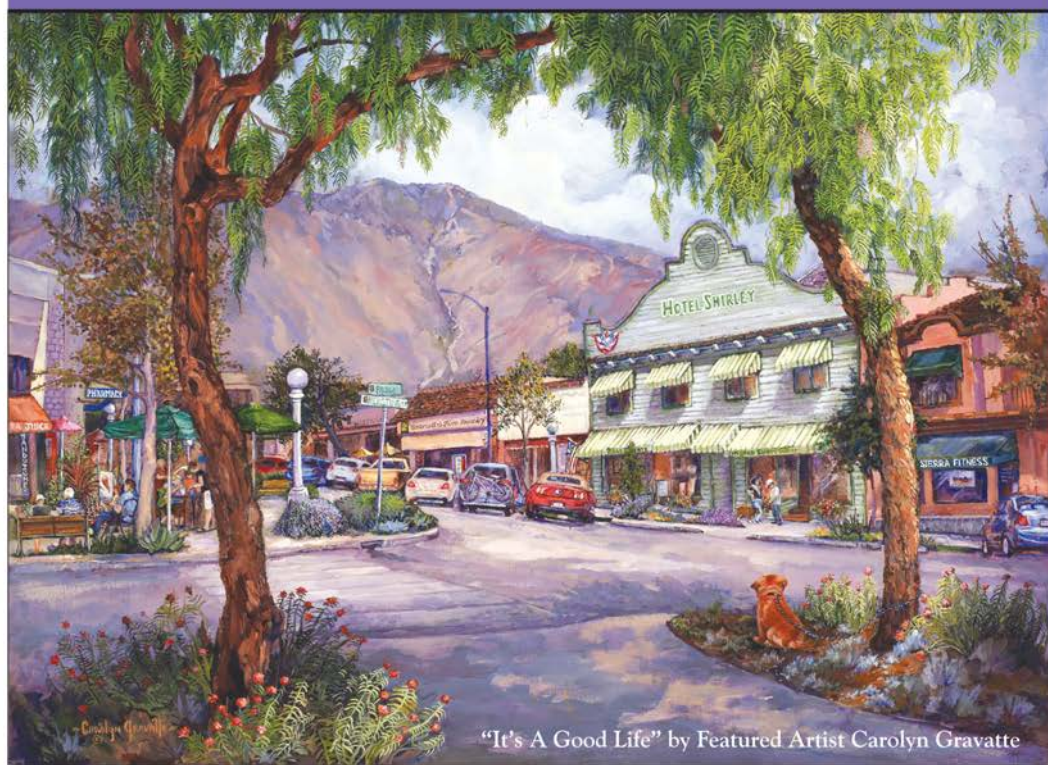
The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2012 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held the morning of July 4th. Parade Grand Marshal nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre.

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

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

50th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair

Saturday, May 5, 2012 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 6, 2012 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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RESCUE LOG

SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

During the month of April, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to six calls for assistance.

Missing Hikers, Little Santa Anita Canyon: The Team was notified of a canyoneering party stuck in Little Santa Anita Canyon. Several SMSR members rappelled into the canyon and located the trapped canyoneers. The subjects were safely extracted from the canyon by an L.A. County Fire Department helicopter. SMSR personnel retrieved the subjects' belongings and ascended their ropes out of the canyon.



Missing Hiker, Anza-Borrego State Park: Sierra Madre Search and Rescue was requested as part of a mutual-aid operation in the search for a missing hiker in Anza-Borrego State Park. True to their motto, "Anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help," SMSR members take pride in responding to any search they are requested for, seven days a week, anywhere in Southern and Central California. The Team sent crews to Anza-Borrego throughout the week-long operation for ground and technical assignments in and around the area's caves. Despite an extensive search by dozens of personnel from the area's search and rescue teams, the subject remains missing.

Critical Missing, Big Santa Anita Canyon: SMSR was notified of a critical missing person possibly located in Big Santa Anita Canyon. Crews were dispatched and the subject was located deceased.



At this year's annual LASD Temple Station Volunteer Awards Banquet, SMSR team member Tommy Ingulfsen was named Search and Rescue Volunteer of the Year. A native of Norway, Ingulfsen joined the Team in 2008 and heads the Medical Committee.

For 60 years the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team has been responding to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Funded entirely by private donations, SMSR provides a range of public programs on

wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. The Team never charges for any of its services.

For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.

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WATERWORKS AQUATICS TO OPEN A NEW LOCATION AT THE SIERRA MADRE AQUATIC CENTER

The City is excited to announce a new partnership at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center. Aquatic services will be operated by Waterworks Aquatics beginning June 9, 2012. Waterworks Aquatics has extensive experience providing quality aquatic programs. Aquatic programs will be expanded

to encompass 12 months a year, offering a full schedule of swim classes, water aerobics, recreation swim, swim team and much more! Check out the Waterworks Aquatics website for detailed information www.waterworksswim.com/sierramadre. For information regarding the swim program at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center, contact Waterworks Aquatics at 310-277-7775.

For more information on the new partnership, please view the City's website at <http://cityofsierramadre.com/aquatics>

2012 OLDER SIERRA MADRE AMERICANS OF THE YEAR - NAN AND JERRY CARLTON TO BE HONORED MAY 11TH

The City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department and the Senior Community Commission is happy to announce that Jerry and Nan Carlton have been selected as the Older Americans of the Year for Sierra Madre 2012. Jerry and Nan are longtime residents, active members of the Sierra Madre Friends of the Library, Mt. Wilson Trail Race and Wine & Jazz Walk volunteers, past Sierra Madre Athletic Association Board members, strong supporters of the Sierra Madre Civic Club & Senior Lunch Program and much, much more.



Each year the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designate the month of May as Older American Month. In recognition of Jerry and Nan Carlton's dedicated volunteer service to the community, Sierra Madre will be honoring them with a local reception held at the Hart Park House Senior Center on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Previous Honorees include: Pat Alcorn, Fran Garbaccio, Ken Anhalt, Eph Konigsberg, Russ Anderson, George Throop, Loyal Camacho, John Grijalva, Joylouse Harte-Smith, James Heasley, Midge Morash, James Tyler, Isbella Paegal, Bonnie Garner, Rose Fafach, Ed Wellman, Celeste McCleary, Dorothy Tillquist, Doris Webster, Elsie Dannmayer, George Mauer & Karl Teigler.

For more information on the Older American Reception or on how you can assist with honoring Jerry and Nan Carlton, please contact the Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator at (626) 355-7394.

HILDA PITTMAN FEATURED ARTIST

Sierra Madre resident Hilda Pittman is the city's Art's Committee's featured artist this month. Her works are on display in City Hall and an opening reception will be held on Friday, May 11th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to see the colorful, moving works of this talented woman. She began painting after her three daughters grew up. Her creative expressions are full of peace, tranquility and beauty.

REGISTRATION FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE IS NOW OPEN

This year's 4th of July parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4, at 10:00 am. The parade route will begin on Sierra Madre Blvd, from Sunnyside to Rancho. There is a \$15 fee for all local non-profit entries and a \$25 fee for all business entries. There is no charge for individuals wishing to enter the parade; however, an application must be submitted.

It is the 4th of July Committee's hope to make the parade more green and earth-friendly! All participants are encouraged to come up with creative ideas to support this theme.

One way to do this is to register online at: www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration Keyword: *parade*

Hardcopies of the application should be completed and return the form with entry fee to:
SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE c/o PARADE ENTRY
232 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD. SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024.

All applications are due Friday, June 8th, 2012 Due to staging concerns; no late entries will be accepted. For more information please call the Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278.



Student Arrested for Replica Handgun

According to police, Officers responded Tuesday to John Muir High School after whitness reported a student with a gun.

In a statement, police said a teacher's aide notified school security that she saw a male student with a gun in his waistband.

The police were immediately called. School officials notified staff to shelter in place, keeping students in their classrooms until the investigation was concluded. Safe School Officers responded and contained the area.

The student was contacted in a classroom and detained by officers without incident. The student did not have the gun of his person, but lead officers to his backpack, which was seized. Officers found the gun inside of the backpack and upon close examination the weapon was determined to be a replica handgun, possible an airsoft pistol. The replica resembled a black semi-automatic handgun.

The student, a Pasadena resident, was arrested for possession of a replica firearm on a school campus. He was transported to the Pasadena Police Department and booked. He was later released to his parents. The case will be presented to the juvenile District Attorney's Office police said.

Program Gets Rid of eBook Blues

Do you have a new iPhone, iPad or Kindle and want to learn how to download library eBooks and apps to your new device but don't know how? Learn how to do so and get your questions answered Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Linda Vista Branch Library, 1281 Bryant St.

For more information on this program, call (626) 744-7278.

Pet of the Week



Ty is an active six-year-old black Havanese/terrier mix. He's been out on our Mobile Unit and is a staff and volunteer favorite. He enjoys being around people and other dogs. He even knows some basic obedience commands!

Ty'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 A304527 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.



Assembly Race Kicks into High Gear

By Dean Lee

The battle began last week as five candidates running to represent Assembly District 41 debated for the first time taking on issues including, the Gold Line, taxes and education.

About 70 people attended the 90 minute debate April 26 which started right off questioning the economy and what could be done to ease the high vacancy rate in Pasadena.

Attorney and CPA, Ed Colton said he wanted to get back the money lost from dissolving local redevelopment agencies.

"When the redevelopment funds stopped that really cut off the legs from cities," he said. "If that could be started again, with new sources of funds up in Sacramento, that would be one of the first things I'd want to do."

Colton considers himself an outsider to the current political system.

When it came to gridlock in Sacramento from everything to water resources to balancing the budget, longtime Pasadena City Council member Chris Holden said transparency was key.

"Right now you have a lot of the decisions made between

legislators and lobbyists," he said. "They don't make their way into the public forum where we have an opportunity collectively to be a part of that processes. How I have operated 23 years here in Pasadena."

Holden said he would propose budget deliberations, goal setting, between the legislature and the people of the state. "Maybe you have three sessions throughout the state, Northern, Central and Southern and allow the people to be a part of the goal setting."

Tea Party candidate, Donna Lowe said the root of the problem was special interest suggesting that both Democrats and Republicans both no longer had free will.

"When certain candidates go up to Sacramento they are owned by certain special interest," she said adding that a number of ballot initiatives in November, if passed, would stop the problem.

Lowe said spending needed to get under control, then, on education, she said vocational training needed to be put back into high schools. "It is not in everybody's plan to go to college, nor should it be."

Newcomer to the political

process, Victoria Rusnak, said, when asked about how to make California business friendly, "I think we should start with keeping the businesses we already have, and it really comes down to being very thoughtful about our regulatory system and making sure that our small businesses are being fueled so they can grow."

Rusnak also said the state needed to look at tax incentives, "not only for businesses coming in but for small businesses, we need to help our small businesses."

Rusnak is President/General Counsel for Rusnak Auto Group. She oversees the company's multimillion dollar budgets and more than 700 employees.

South Pasadena Mayor Michael Cacciotti pushed for an extension of Measure R saying it was critical to continue to expansion of the Gold Line through the San Gabriel Valley to Ontario Airport something he said was key to job creation in the area. He also said he would push for renewable energy sources to reduce dependence on imported fuels.

Cacciotti sits on the South Coast Air Quality Management District 12 member board and is a Federal prosecutor dealing with consumer fraud.

Chambers of Commerce of Pasadena and South Pasadena and the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors hosted the forum. The Pasadena Sun, along with KPCC will host the next Assembly candidate forum Wednesday at KPCC's Crawford Family Forum, 474 S. Raymond Ave. The event is free and will take place 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Portantino to Host Town Hall Aimed at Foster Youth

Current and former foster youth are invited to a town hall sponsored by Assemblymember Portantino and All Saints Church -- "Breaking Barriers to Higher Education." Local foster youth will have the opportunity to learn more about college opportunities, financial aid and other state, local and county services. This is the fifth foster youth town hall convened by Portantino and All Saints. Reaction to the previous four events was overwhelmingly positive from our youth and local non-profit and county service organizations.

California has the largest number of youth in foster care and each year about 1,000 of those young people in Los Angeles County leave the foster care system when they turn 18.

Experts will share their expertise and answer questions about a college education. Saturday, May 12, from 10:30 am to 1:00pm (lunch included) All Saints Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave, Pasadena

Folklorico Ballet

Hastings Branch Library celebrates Cinco de Mayo with a special performance by Pasadena Group Ballet Folklorico Mexica featuring the traditional culture of Mexico followed by games and a piñata on Thursday, May 22 at 4 p.m.! Join us for a swingin' time!

Hastings Branch is located at 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd. For more information call (626) 744-7262.

Mama Bear, Cubs Creates Media Frenzy



By Dean Lee

If they are cute, the media will come and they sure did all day Thursday as two young cubs and a mother bear hung out in a tree in an unincorporated area of Pasadena off New York Drive near Eaton Canyon.

The day long ordeal ended nondramatic with a simple message sent out at 8:30 p.m. by California Department of Fish and Game "the bears in Altadena have climbed down from the tree and are back in the woods. Safe and sound." The message was sent out via Twitter.

Television news crews set up camp in the Kinneloa Mesa neighborhood waiting to interview whomever they could, the question of the day was, "were they going to use a tranquilizer gun to get the mama bear down?"

"We don't want to induce drugs to a mother that maybe nursing," California Department of Fish and Game Warden J.C. Healy told ABC news.

For most of the afternoon the three bears slept making for cute pictures, and there was no shortage of them posted online Friday. At one point in the day, the bears climbed down from one tree although quickly climbed another in a nearby neighbor's yard. Healy said there plan was not to

intervene.

"this is working out exactly the way we wanted it to," he told reporters adding that the bears did not feel threatened. He also said there was no threat to public safety. Healy said bear sightings are normal for this time of year.

"They're waking up from their hibernation," he said. "we had a warm spell about a week ago. So that really woke them up, they're really staring to move down looking for water, they're hungry. Hungry from their winter hibernation."

Resident Keith Miller told a frenzy of reporters he first spotted the bears about 6:30 a.m. although he was not the one who first reported the bears to authorities saying his next door neighbor made the call.

"I was going out to get the paper and I went around the corner... and the bear was right at the tree," he said. "it took off so I went around to see what happened and the bear started towards me."

Miller said the cubs went up first, "and then the mother went up after them."

A number of other neighbors said bears were common to the area, at one point suggesting this bear was a regular.

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

PCC Garners Awards for PR

PCC's Public Relations office won five awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) 2012 Annual Conference held at Mission College in Santa Clara, Calif.

In the Social Media Marketing category, PCC won first place for the Pulse, the college's online staff newspaper; and second place for PCC's Facebook,



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

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

PCC Garners Awards for PR

YouTube, Twitter, Lancer Life and RSS feed that is linked on the PCC official website: www.pasadena.edu.

PCC also won first place in the Electronic Collateral category for its digital version of the President's Report to the Community, the college's external newsletter. The Report also took home third place in the Newsletter category.

City To Hold Economic Development Meeting

Pasadena business owners, local employers and others interested in improving our local economy are encouraged to attend a public meeting of the city's Economic Development Task Force to help prioritize economic development strategies.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 10, on the second floor of the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. The meeting is open to the public.

Earlier this year, City Manager Beck assembled the Economic Development Task Force to help prioritize the objectives most likely to boost Pasadena's economic future in keeping with the Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). The EDSP assessed

the city's existing economy and mapped a broad outline to help implement strategies for future economic health consistent with the city's character.

"The Economic Development Strategic Plan is an important tool to help guide future economic development in Pasadena. A positive, growing economy helps us maintain Pasadena's high quality of life and traditions as a great place to live, work, shop and learn," Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck said.

For more information about the EDSP and the Task Force and its members, go to the City Manager's page on the city's website at www.cityofpasadena.net/CityManager and click on the Economic Development link.

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

Anyone who hasn't been to the Homestead Museum in the City of Industry has been missing a real treat! This

weekend, May 5th and 6th, there is a Victorian Fair! There will be **Music** from the *Philadelphia Quadrille Band*, **Dance demonstrations** and lessons by the *Yesteryear Dancers*, **High Wheelers** Steven and Shaun Thomas on vintage bicycles, the **Language of flowers** with Nancie Filkins and the **Historic house tours**. Special events on Saturday include **Victorian fashions** presented by costumer extraordinaire Natalie Meyer, **Pie-eating contests**, and talks about **Victorian-Era medicine** by physicians from the Southern California Medical Museum. Sunday will feature an **1860's baseball game**, **Louisa May Alcott**, portrayed by Valerie Weich and **Sherlock Holmes performed by the 14th Street Radio Players!** Admission is free as usually is the case with the *Homestead Museum's* special events! Victorian attire is encouraged.

If you cannot come to the *Victorian Fair*, there are still are many reasons to visit the museum. It's a place to explore the history of the Los Angeles region from the 1840's when it was still part of Mexico, through the 1920's, when Los Angeles was known around the world as a metropolitan city.

The *Homestead Museum* encompasses six beautiful acres and actually has three sites to visit. The first is the **Workman House**. This was built by William (Don Julian) Workman who was born in England, but migrated to the states with his parents and his wife, Nicolasa (Urioste) Workman. Their quarters began as a simple 3-room adobe, which was added on to as they prospered. By 1870, it had evolved into the now

A VICTORIAN FAIR AND MORE AT HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

Victorian-style two story home, the **Workman House**.

The second site to visit is **La Casa Nueve**. (New house) This was built by Walter P. Temple. He is the son of FPF (Francis Phinias Fisk) Temple who came from Massachusetts and Antonia Workman; and he is the grandson of William (Don Julian) and Nicolasa Workman. Walter Temple and his wife Laura Gonzalez made a small fortune from an oil discovery. They repurchased seventy-five acres of the family's original rancho, and commissioned LA architects Walter and Elsen to construct "La Casa Nueve". It took five years to build the magnificent Spanish Colonial Revival Mansion, but they lived there only fifteen years.

The last site is **El Campo Santo**, the cemetery. Pio Pico, the last governor of Mexican California and many members of the Workmans and Temples are interred there.

Free guided tours are available Wednesday through Sunday at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. There is also a designated picnic area with eight tables and a large koi pond. Once I met a woman who came during her lunch break-it is such a beautiful peaceful area.

For much information, please call (626) 968-8492 or visit homesteadmuseum.org.

Remembering Deputy Dave March...*Ten Years Later* By Joan Schmidt

April 29, 2012. Has it really been ten years since that fateful day when we lost our special deputy Dave March? It seems like yesterday. I was working in my Sixth Grade Classroom, but the sirens seemed endless and then Annunciation School went on lockdown. One call to Temple Station confirmed my biggest fear and worst nightmare. A coward, pulled over for a traffic violation, ended the life of a man loved and admired by many.

In 1989, the Sheriff's Department hired Deputy Dave March. After his graduation from the Academy, his custody assignment was Pitchess Honor Ranch, North Facility for five years. Deputy March was a "good friend, easy to talk to, outgoing and balanced." At Pitchess, he saved a partner's life. From there he went to Palmdale Station and then arrived at Temple Station, July 1, 2001, and after training was assigned to our area-57-the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Unincorporated area.

Prior to his law enforcement career, he grew up in the Santa Clarita Valley, playing football and baseball for Canyon High School and longed for a career in law enforcement.

The day that Deputy Dave March was laid to rest is almost a blur to me. It was so upsetting and I tried to take some notes. Temple Station Commander was Captain Roberta Abner. She was in a patrol car followed by two busses with Temple Station Personnel and City/Town Council Members from areas served by Temple Station. I set with the Mayor Blanca Figueroa from South El Monte and we cried during the journey. Dave's home town was out in support. The sidewalks were overflowing with people. There were salutes, thumbs-up, banners and posters for Dave and ALL law enforcement members. A six mile procession of law enforcement members from all over California followed us. It was unbelievable.

The services were beautiful; Sheriff Lee Baca spoke first followed by Capatin Abner. I remember her words, "This is a time of sorrow and grief for us. In one horrific moment, our comrade, friend and hero was brutally murdered...that Monday morning is forever etched in our hearts."

Deputy Jorge Zamora, the last to be trained under Dave recalled his sense of humor and his great love for his wife, Teri. He also said that everything he knew he learned from Dave.

There were also doves released, helicopters flew overhead and a bagpipe rendition of taps. So many attended-family, friends, all personnel from Temple Station, our neighboring Police agencies and from all over California!

At the end of services, the Sheriff gave Teri, Dave's widow, the American flag. Chief Mike Brown from the Southern Division of the California Highway patrol assisted him. There were also a state flag from the Governor and Proclamations from the California Assembly and Senate. A year later, there was a memorial at the Irwindale Speedway. The Sheriff spoke and promised justice would be done. Dave's widow Teri, parents, John and Barbara and his sister, Erin also attended. Our Firemen from Station 169 as well as members of neighboring law enforcement agencies attended. A special "Thank You" to Irwindale Police Department for the beautiful memorial plaque on Live Oak Avenue a s attribute to Dave. They did this shortly after his untimely death.

The funeral photos I have were taken by retired Sheriff Photographer Buddy Fowler. I couldn't. But I had forced myself to go to the site of where he died and took photos of the beautiful posters and flowers left by residents and our wonderful neighboring city police. They work with Temple Station and they too were very upset.

This past Sunday, we were out of state (Wisconsin) on Dave's 10th Anniversary. Temple Station held a special ceremony and Captain Nee spoke. For twenty-four hours, there was an honor guard and my daughter told a photo of the Honor Guard to share with all who could not attend.

Dave's murderer has been captured, but it doesn't bring him back. Many officers die in the line of duty. Let's not forget them and the sacrifice they and their families have made for our safety.

**"KNX ON YOUR CORNER" TO EXPLORE THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOOTHILLS ON JUNE 1***Station will broadcast live from Old Town Monrovia*

"KNX on Your Corner" will take an in-depth look at some of the foothill cities of the San Gabriel Valley on Friday, June 1 as part of KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO's ongoing look at Southern California's diverse regions.

KNX's programming will focus on a group of communities set between the San Gabriel Mountains and the 210 Freeway in the 200 square mile valley: Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, Bradbury and Glendora. A series of special features and news reports will examine the area's rich history, including its transition from farmland to the suburban bedroom communities of today. Featured on-air guests throughout the day will include civic and business leaders.

News anchors Dick Helton and Vicky Moore will kick off the live broadcast from 5:00 – 9:00am from the Monrovia Coffee Company at 425 Myrtle Avenue, in the heart of Old Town Monrovia. Frank Mottek will host the KNX Business Hour from 1 – 2:00pm and Jim Thornton and Diane Thompson will anchor KNX's news coverage from 2 – 7:00pm. Free coffee will be offered throughout the event.

"KNX on Your Corner" is presented by The Monitoring Center. Complete details are posted at www.cbsLA.com/onyourcorner.

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Pet Of The Week - ROSCOE: ANIMAL ID #A4414882

Meet the star pupil of the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, the young and intelligent, Roscoe (A4414882)! Roscoe is a well-socialized one-year-old black and brown male Shorthaired Chihuahua puppy who was found in El Monte on April 8th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing seven pounds, Roscoe has clearly had training – he walks beautifully on the leash and seems to be housebroken. This is a smart dog, ready and willing to learn even more. He is friendly and good with other dogs and has a moderate energy level. Roscoe will be the perfect pet for any household in any living situation at all – he is an absolute gem! To watch a video of the young and bright Roscoe please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aq01bxzr7IQ



To meet Roscoe in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, 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 Roscoe, please reference his animal ID number: A4414882. 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 Roscoe or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samantha@hope4animals.org or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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MAD MEN SHOW AT ROD'S GRILL



The episode of AMC's "Mad Men" that was filmed at Rod's Grill on Huntington Drive last October was featured this past week on the network.

An extensive amount of footage at Rod's is featured in this season's episode called "Far Away Places," in which star Jon Hamm's Don Draper character is featured in a tense discussion with his TV wife Megan (Jessica Pare) at a Howard Johnson's motor lodge — motel and restaurant.

Many minutes of the episode takes place inside Rod's from the entry area to the counter to the booth in which Don and Megan sit and eat before Don leaves angrily. There are more scenes later in the entry and near the restrooms when Don returns to the restaurant looking for Megan.

In Hollywood fashion, several scenes that take place immediately outside the Howard Johnson's in the parking lot were shot elsewhere by an actual orange-roofed Howard Johnson's building.

Rod's is frequently used for filming locations, including the recent HBO series "Luck," for which a mild earthquake took place as stars of that series were eating at the diner.

Rod's Grill was closed for three days last October when "Mad Men" was shooting there. Rod's owner Manny Ramirez said that there are downsides to allowing such filming at his diner. His employees potentially lose pay and he can alienate and potentially lose his regular customers, some of whom eat two or three meals at Rod's every day. To compensate Manny and allow him to pay his employees their regular salary without working, Manny says TV production companies pay him as much as \$10,000. — By Scott Hettrick

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, April 22nd, through Saturday, April 28th, the Police Department responded to 1,045 calls for service of which 128 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 22:

1. Around 2:53 a.m., officers responded to a two-party injury traffic accident in the intersection of West Huntington Drive and South Baldwin Avenue. Two drivers collided in the intersection, causing one vehicle to overturn and the other to spinout. Four passengers were treated at the scene by the Arcadia Fire Department of which three were transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital. An investigation revealed one of the drivers was under the influence of alcohol, and failed to stop at the red traffic signal. The 27-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At approximately 1:17 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 5000 block of North Baldwin Avenue regarding an unauthorized yard sale. The resident did not have a yard sale permit as required by the City of Arcadia Municipal Code. An investigation revealed the resident had exhausted the maximum number of yard sale permits for the calendar year. She was issued a citation.

Monday, April 23:

3. At about 4:00 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of East Rodell Place in regards to a burglary investigation. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the victim's rear door, ransacked the location, and fled undetected. Several items were reported missing, and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.
4. Shortly after 7:20 p.m., an officer was dispatched to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft of two iPhones. While the victims left their gym bags unattended in the basketball court, a witness observed an unknown male subject rummaging through their property. The suspect is described as a Hispanic adult with long hair and a goatee, wearing black shorts and a black shirt.

Tuesday, April 24:

5. At about 6:46 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a three-party traffic accident on Huntington Drive, west of Old Ranch Road. As party-one proceeded west on Huntington Drive, he collided into party-two as she reversed into his lane from her driveway. Party-one then collided into an unoccupied parked vehicle. No injuries were reported.
6. At approximately 5:36 p.m., officers responded to JCPenney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. Two Hispanic male suspects concealed fifteen pairs of jeans inside a bag, and exited the store without making payment. Video surveillance revealed the suspects fled the location in a tan colored Chevy pick-up truck.

Wednesday, April 25:

7. Around 10:00 a.m., officers responded to the 000 block of West Camino Real Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. A male adult lured the victim outside her home by explaining her water hose was possibly contaminated – due to a broken water pipe nearby. A short time later, the suspect received a phone call and immediately fled the location. The victim discovered another suspect entered her residence while she was distracted, and stole approximately \$20,000 in jewelry. The male adult is described as Hispanic with dark complexion, 5'9" tall, clean shaven, with short black hair, and wearing dark colored clothing.
8. At approximately 1:44 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the bus stop located on the southwest corner of Santa Anita Avenue and Huntington Drive, in reference to a vandalism report. An investigation revealed three juveniles tagged the bus bench with yellow paint markers. A 14-year-old Hispanic male and two 15-year-old Hispanic males were arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to their parents.

Thursday, April 26:

9. Shortly after 3:20 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. A female adult was observed concealing merchandise inside her purse, and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed the suspect also stole from another store. The 19-year-old White female was arrested, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. At about 8:50 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of Diamond Street regarding a theft investigation. The victim explained he let two friends stay inside his apartment while he left for a meeting. When he returned, he discovered his friends had left and noticed his laptop was missing. An attempt to contact the subjects by phone met with negative results.

Friday, April 27:

11. At approximately 00:36 a.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Badminton Club, 12336 Lower Azusa Road, in regards to female subject inside the location not wearing any pants. An investigation revealed the subject was intoxicated and unable to care for herself. The 24-year-old Hispanic female was arrested, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. Around 7:31 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for two broken stop lights, in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Fairview Avenue. The officer discovered the driver was never issued a license. The 34-year-old Hispanic male was cited, and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Saturday, April 28:

13. At roughly 10:29 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect(s) made a fraudulent purchase using his American Express credit account. The victim had his credit card in his possession at the time of the report, and he had no idea how his information was compromised.
14. Around 4:40 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a red Mazda Protégé for a broken tail light, in the area of Second Avenue and Santa Clara Street. A records check revealed the passenger, a 41-year-old Hispanic female, and the driver, a 50-year-old Hispanic male, had outstanding felony warrants. The suspects were also in possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia. They were arrested, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS WINS BRONZE

By Joan Schmidt

Could you answer questions about our US Constitution or explain how it works? A group of AWESOME Arcadia High School Seniors from Mr. Kevin Fox's Advanced Placement Government course recently competed in the 25th Annual We the People National Finals. Over 1300 high school students and teachers from the fifty states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands participated in this great event. The three-day competition on the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights was held on the campus of George Mason University and in the US House of Representatives hearing rooms on Capitol Hill.

For Arcadia High School, it's been a long journey with a lot of preparation and hard work. Their first hurdle was in Bakersfield when they placed first in the California State Finals held February 10-11. How did they achieve this? First take thirty awesome students in Mr. Fox's Advancement Government Course who were willing to give up over three hours every Monday evening! They were at City Chambers by 7pm and often there till 10pm! These thirty students were divided into six "units" or groups of five students and every week given a specific area to do research on. The second component of this winning team is their teacher, Mr. Kevin Fox. You may have brilliant students, but you must have a strong teacher who not only gives you knowledge, but inspires you, encourages you to seek more knowledge and does so with much enthusiasm. Then there are their coaches, Council Member Gary Kovacic, who has volunteered for sixteen years, attorney and former school board member Jim Romo, attorney Bob Garrett, attorney Carl Nielson, attorney and member of Arcadia High School's 1996 Constitution

Team Karyn McCreary, and Arcadia High School teacher and Softball Coach, Megan Leahy. These fine volunteers came Monday evenings prepared to work. They closely listened to presentations, asked questions and offered constructive criticism. Lastly I need to mention these students' families. The students were able to make this commitment because their families are behind them 100%! Many students don't own cars, but their parents dropped them off. The evening I observed the practice, the City Chambers was filled with parent supporters who were recording or taking photos. Student Kim Selinski not only had her brother and parents on hand to cheer her on, but also her grandparents!

How did the preparation session work? First all the students come in at various times prior to 7pm. Anu Shah arrived with his Boy Scout uniform on. He recently earned the Eagle Scout Award and had been at a Scout meeting. His project had involved his Hindu Temple in Rosemead. Everyone cheered when Anu entered. Soon it was time to begin.

The students formed a circle and sang, "There Ain't No Mountain High Enough" and then did their cheer. Everyone took seats and one group at a time was called up on stage. They introduced themselves individually and then each one gave a presentation on their topic. (Each "unit" or group had a different topic.) Then each volunteer asked questions or



Anu Shah, Eagle Scout

made suggestions. I stayed for two groups. One group dealt with an immigration issue. After their presentation, Ms. McCreary suggested more concrete data/statistics to back up what they said. I told them that Brain Mejia from Supervisor Antonovich's office had just given information at a meeting I attended the previous week. The next day in class, the group went on line to Supervisor Antonovich's pages and found a lot of data. For instance, the exact amounts of money spent for certain services were given.

This past Monday, April 29th, in the final round, all six units put in their best effort of the year at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. Monday evening they were awarded the Bronze Medal as the third best team in the National; Oregon came in first and Virginia, second. Although disappointed they had a great three days of competition and enjoyed visiting Washington, D.C. In addition to their teacher, Mr. Kevin Fox, all five volunteer coaches and many parents and some alumni of the Arcadia program, who attend school or work in the D.C. area were on hand to support them.

Opening Night at the Hollywood Bowl Friday, June 22, 2012 6-11:30pm!

Come celebrate one of the most talked about highlights of the upcoming summer! Join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department as we kick off the 2012 summer season with our annual adult excursion to the Hollywood Bowl on Friday, June 22, 2012 from 6-11:30pm. Enjoy an evening of spectacular fireworks and music with Conductor Thomas Wilkins and Inductees Reba McEntire and Chaka Khan! Tickets are \$40.00 per person and participants meet at the Arcadia County Park parking lot (near the fountain) on Santa Anita and Huntington at 6pm.

Please register by Thursday, May 10th on-line, by fax 626.821.4370 or in person! Go to the City of Arcadia's website: ci.arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

"Second to None" Documentary To Be Featured at Arcadia AAUW Meeting

A documentary celebrating the achievements of American women will be presented at the Monday, May 14, meeting of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The film contains episodes that follow American women through the Suffragette Movement up to their modern-day involvement in business and entrepreneurship. Some of the stories featured in the documentary are told by the women themselves who overcame odds to do great things. The documentary was produced by Farmers Insurance as an outreach to the education community.

Arcadia AAUW meets at the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.). Socializing and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. with the program to follow at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is free, and ample parking is available in the church parking lot.

Membership in the American Association of University Women is open to women and men university or college graduates, as well as to those holding an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent. For more information, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

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.

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Monrovia A City Council Recap

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, the City Council voted unanimously to renew the Old Town Franchise Agreement with Athens Disposal Services for waste services in the Old Town district. The agreement, which was set to expire this year, has now been renewed through 2016. In an effort to comply with State regulations surrounding Assembly Bill 341, the new agreement features several new initiatives to help promote recycling and the reduction of landfill waste. Starting July 1, recycling will be offered to all Old Town business, in accordance with our new business recycling ordinance, and 50% of Old Town businesses will participate in mixed waste processing, as opposed to the 2% that participate now.

As part of the new franchise agreement, business can expect their rates to remain the same through July 1, 2013 and Athens is offering two Old Town restaurants the opportunity to participate in a food waste composting pilot program. While the approved agreement only applies to commercial and industrial properties, it puts Monrovia one step closer to achieving the goals set forth in our Environmental Accords.

THEFT OF CITY PROPERTY - POLICE REQUESTING PUBLIC'S HELP

Over the last several months, a number of city sprinkler valves have been cut and the brass fittings have been stolen. These valves operate the city sprinkler systems for the parkways along our city roads. The valves are most likely being stolen for the value of the brass. Suspects are cutting the brass out with a Sawzall type tool.



City signs are also being stolen at an increasing rate. Suspects are stealing stop signs, street name signs, street sweeping signs and speed limit signs. Police are requesting help from the public to report crimes and help catch these thieves. These suspects may even appear to be contractors servicing the equipment.

If you see individuals tampering with any of these items, please call police immediately.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 413 service events, resulting in 86 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at www.monroviapd.org and follow us on twitter for police notifications.

Vehicle Burglary

April 30 at 5:16 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 100 block of West Lemon. The victim's car was parked on the street near their residence. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle and took a laptop computer and other miscellaneous property. Investigation continuing.

Drunk in Public / Resisting Arrest / Warrant Arrest - Three Suspects Arrested

May 1 at 2:30 a.m., an officer observed three male subjects drinking alcohol in front of an apartment complex. He attempted to detain all three subjects as they walked down the driveway. One subject stopped and the other two fled. Officers made a thorough search of the area and located the two subjects that ran. One subject was arrested for drunk in public and an outstanding warrant; the other two were arrested for resisting and delaying a police officer.

Grand Theft Auto

May 2 at 6:19 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 300 block of West Lime. The reporting party parked his vehicle, a red, 1988, Toyota Tacoma truck in front of his residence, locking the vehicle. The following morning he discovered the vehicle missing. There was no evidence at the scene to indicate a window had been smashed. Investigation continuing.

Detective Bureau Case Follow-Up

Gang Association Search Warrants

On April 26, Monrovia Special Enforcement Team officers and detectives were assisted by several outside agencies in serving "gang association" warrants at multiple locations from Pasadena to San Dimas. The results were positive and many of the objectives of the search warrants were met. The warrants were served in connection to gang related crimes.

Tip of the Week

Get Home Safely From Your Cinco de Mayo Celebration - Stay Safe and Sober

If you are hosting a party for Cinco de Mayo:

Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you serve is involved in an impaired driving crash. Make sure all your guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers. Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party. Keep the phone numbers for local cab companies handy and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving impaired.

If you are attending a Cinco de Mayo Celebration Party:

Designate a sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys. If you do not have a designated driver, call a cab, sober friend, or family member to pick you up. Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive drunk. Always buckle up.

Alcohol not only dangerously impairs your driving skills, it impairs your judgment. If you see a friend under the influence of alcohol - don't let them get behind the wheel.

FOUR DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOLD MEDALISTS IN LOCAL NAACP ACT-SO COMPETITION TO ADVANCE TO NATIONALS JULY 6



Gold Medalists in the local competition of the (ACT-SO) Afro Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics for African-American youth, sponsored by the Pasadena branch of the NAACP, are flanked by Joe Brown, president of the Pasadena Branch of the NAACP and co-chair Lois Gaston. Showing off their gold medals are Phillip Glover, Abryanna Howard, Tylen Kelly, and Dominique Rogers, all of Duarte High School. The students will advance to the National ACT-SO competition to be held in conjunction with the NAACP's convention in Houston, Texas on July 6.

Four students from Duarte High School will advance to the NAACP's national (ACT-SO) Afro Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics for African-American youth after winning gold medals in the local ACT-SO competition presented by the Pasadena Branch of the NAACP.

ACT-SO, founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett, is an enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. There are 25 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, performing and visual arts. A total of 18 students, 17 from Duarte High School and one student from Monrovia High School competed in the local competition held at the Duarte Senior Center on April 28. Gold Medal winners were: Tylen Kelly, Oratory, Dominique Rogers, Original Essay; Abryanna Howard, Dramatics; and Phillip Glover, Music Vocal Contemporary. The four gold medalists will travel to Houston, Texas to compete in the Nationals to be held on July 6 in conjunction with the 103rd NAACP Convention. Chrystiana Howard of Duarte High School was awarded a Silver Medal in the Music Vocal Contemporary category, while Nasha Ervin of Duarte High School won a Silver Medal for Dramatics. Six other Duarte High School students came away from the competition with Bronze Awards. They are Cea Lynch, Computer Science; Essence Berry, Dance; Rhena Kelly, Photography; and Taylor Shelton winning Bronze in both the Poetry and Filmmaking categories, and Deanna Armstead, Music Instrumental/Contemporary. Other categories of competition included Drawing, Medicine, and Health.

Duarte Teen Center Director, Marilyn Mays, who once served as president and executive administrator of the NAACP in Eugene, Oregon where she oversaw the ACT-SO program for eight years, served as chair the Pasadena NAACP's ACT-SO competition. Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera, Duarte Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist, Aida Torres and former Duarte Mayor, Lois Gaston served as co-chairs.

The ACT-SO program is intended to be a learning experience. The focus is on enrichment and mentorship. Students work with ACT-SO volunteer mentors who are professionals in their field who serve as coaches in promoting academic and artistic excellence among African-American youth. High school students of African American descent, who are citizens of the United States, enrolled in grades 9-12 and are amateurs in the categories of competition are invited to participate.

Famous ACT-SO alumni in the performing arts include John Singleton, Kanye West, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Roy Hargrove, Michael Bard, and Anthony Anderson.

Duarte Relay for Life Set for June 9-10 at Northview Middle School

Cancer never sleeps and neither will participants of the 24-hour long Relay for Life event to be hosted by the City of Duarte and the American Cancer Society on June 9 and June 10 on the campus of Northview Middle School, 1401 Highland Ave.

Participants of the 3rd Annual Duarte Relay for Life will honor cancer survivors and pay tribute to lives lost by the disease while striving to raise \$50,000 to help fight cancer in the community. Mayor John Fasana will kick off the event, hosting opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. on June 9, while Mayor Pro-Tem Liz Reilly will preside over the closing ceremony at 9 a.m. the next morning.

Last year more than 20 teams participated raising more than \$30,000 for the fight against cancer. Event Chair, Katherine

Whatley, a Duarte Walmart employee, said she is expecting another record year.

"We are so excited to be working with so many groups in the community again. I'm sure we will have even more participation and exceed our goals once again."

This year's theme, "Mardi Gras," will provide the teams with lots of inspiration for creative décor and activities throughout the Relay. Teams will maintain a 24-hour community presence, camping out overnight on the field at Northview Middle School. The event will feature food, games, tributes and fellowship. Every penny earned will go toward cancer research. The City of Duarte itself is sponsoring a youth team consisting of representatives from Duarte's Promise —The Alliance

for Youth, Northview's Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (C.H.Y.L.L.) and Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), who are gathering donations by selling "Feet" and Luminaries which represent people who have been diagnosed, died, or have beaten cancer.

The Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, the Relay has grown from a single man's passion into the world's largest movement to end cancer.

For more information about how to start a team, join a team or volunteer, visit www.relayforlife.org/duarteca, or call Katherine Whatley at (626) 404-3537.

Duarte Lemonade Brigade Fresh Lemonade

Named the Official Beverage of the City of Duarte

DUARTE, CA - The City of Duarte now has an official beverage. It's lemonade. But not just any lemonade. The Duarte City Council voted to name the fresh, hand-squeezed lemonade made by the Duarte Lemonade Brigade, an enterprise owned and operated by a group of students at Mount Olive Alternative High School, the official drink to be available at all City functions.

The young entrepreneurs were mentored in their efforts to launch their own business by another successful local entrepreneur, Robin Salzer of Robin's Wood Fire BBQ and Grill. Duarte Mayor John Fasana and members of the City Council pose following the vote with Renee Reyes and Sarah Perez of the Lemonade Brigade and Mount Olive Principal, Kevin Morris. Proceeds from the business are applied towards scholarships for the seniors and college field trips, sending home the message that through volunteerism and hard work they can begin to invest in a successful future together.



LA SALLE'S CRYSTAL BALL HONORS IT'S PRINCIPAL PATRICK BONACCI

Pasadena, CA – La Salle High School held its 13th Annual Crystal Ball, titled “Bootleggers Ball,” on April 27 at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. Crystal Ball Chair, Tess Crabtree P’12, ’14, chose the theme that spanned the time from the Roaring Twenties to the end of prohibition in the Thirties. “That gave us a lot of fun options for decorations and props,” she said, standing next to a stack of oak whiskey barrels. The night was filled with fun, fellowship, dinner and dancing, but there was also the thrill of the pursuit as guests bid on several dozen items during the live and silent auctions.

Auction items included tickets to the “American Idol” season finale taping, a trip to the 2013 Masters Golf Championship, a six-night South African safari, or VIP tickets to see the Lakers play at home in a private luxury suite in the Staples Center.



Brother Christopher Brady, FSC congratulates the Hawaiian Vacation winner, Christine Marez P’14



Pat Bonacci holds the 2012 Lasallian Award with, from left, Dr. Richard Gray, President of La Salle, Brother James Joost, FSC, Auxiliary Visitor and Gery Short, Director of Education for the De La Salle Institute.

Over 400 guests came to congratulate this year’s Crystal Ball honoree: La Salle’s Principal, Patrick Bonacci, AFSC, P’94, ’97. Pat was selected as the recipient of the 2012 Lasallian Award. Pat served at La Salle for the past 27 years, initially as Assistant Principal and then as Principal for the last 15 years. Pat will become the Vice President for Mission on July 1, 2012.

“Oh what a night!” exclaimed Tess immediately following the event. “I just want to thank each and everyone on the committee for giving their time and talents for the sake of all the students at La Salle. Our Bootleggers Ball team of volunteers and staff took care of everything from the littlest detail to the largest undertakings...every piece of the puzzle came together perfectly. Simply saying thank you does not seem to cover the sincere gratitude that I feel,” she said.

The Crystal Ball is La Salle’s largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from the evening help support our academic, athletic, student life, arts and financial aid programs.



PROM

It’s that time of year – prom season. All around the area high schools are hosting their biggest dance of the year, giving students the opportunity to create new memories and live life to the fullest at least one night. And this year’s prom isn’t only prom – it’s Senior prom, Roaring Twenties themed. To me, this doesn’t seem like that big of a deal as I am not much of a dance person, but to some of my friends it is a Big deal.

Yes, I have been concerned about a dress that fits just right and what we are going to do after, but it is almost cruel how much this annual event consumes our minds. At school all we talk about is “Prom. Graduation. Prom. Hunger Games. Prom.” It is a little excessive. Not to mention that it’s a little weird to think prom is here because I didn’t go last year and I’ve been planning it on class council since August. So the reality that it is here is just another step closer to college – whoa. In approximately 16 weeks I will be somewhere else in the country, heading to my new home at Syracuse University.

Prom to me has then become this event that brings closer the imminent end of my high school career more than this night of great adventure and partying. But that approach is too solemn, sober as some would say. I guess this is the time to enjoy what is left of ‘childhood’, let the good times roll, and dance the Charleston like there is no tomorrow.

EARN CREDITS FOR GRADUATION

PUSD high school students can earn credits for graduation, for “a-g” requirements for admission to UC/CSU, or learn new skills through the Pasadena Educational Foundation’s 2012 Summer Program.

Classes available for 10 units of credit include: Spanish I, Geometry, Algebra I, History and PE. Program will run from June 13 to July 17, 2012 at Marshall Fundamental High School.

For registration forms and a complete course listing, including a variety of other 5- and 10-unit elective classes, go to: www.pasedfoundation.org or call (626)396-3625. Scholarships available.

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.

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.

BOSCO TECH OFFERS SUMMER CLASSES FOR SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADERS

Don Bosco Technical Institute will offer academic enrichment and review courses and Advanced Placement preparatory summer classes, as well as sports camps, to boys and girls in middle school through high school. Six-week high school courses begin on Monday, June 18, while five-week middle school courses begin on Monday, June 25.

High school students may choose to take intensive “get ahead” courses, allowing them to complete a semester or a full year’s course work and credits over the summer, while preparatory classes in Pre-Calculus, AP U.S. History and AP Spanish Literature will provide students entering those classes in the fall the chance to begin their studies early. SAT prep in both Math and English are available. Also offered are review classes in a variety of academic subjects, and enrichment courses such as Android Apps design, watercolor painting and drama. Driver’s education classes will also be offered.

Middle school students enrolled in enrichment classes can have “fun with electronics” or build and program

their own robots. Students can learn the basics of guitar or participate in a science workshop. Young actors can develop their skills in the drama and performance class and all students can refine their study habits in Bosco Tech’s study skills class.

In addition to the classes, high school and middle school sports camps will be offered for strength and conditioning, basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis, cross country, cheerleading and golf. Football conditioning, track and field, basketball and soccer training for Bosco Tech students will also be offered.

The deadline for summer school registration is Friday, June 1. Walk-in registration, on a space-available basis, will be conducted on Wednesday, June 13, and Thursday, June 14, in the school library from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For the complete summer school schedule, registration forms and class fees, visit www.boscotech.edu. For further information about Bosco Tech’s high school summer program, contact Summer School Director Richard Ronan at (626) 940-2020 or rroman@boscotech.edu. For information on the middle school summer program, contact Admissions Director Rudy Herrera at (626) 940-2009 or rherrera@boscotech.edu. Contact Athletic Director Chris Shockley at (626) 940-2101 or ishockley@boscotech.edu for information about sports camps.

Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school combining college-preparatory and technological education. The science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) curriculum allows students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five technologies: Architecture and Construction Engineering; Computer Science and Electrical Engineering; Integrated Design, Engineering and Art; Materials Science, Engineering and Technology; and Media Arts and Technology. For more information about Bosco Tech, call (626) 940-2000.

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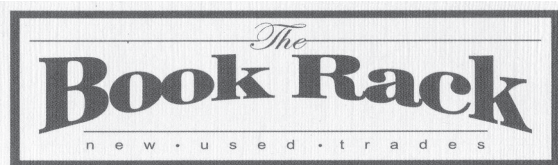
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SIERRA MADRE CHILI COOK-OFF

No Beans about the Annual Sierra Madre Kiwanis Chili Cook-Off is just around the corner. I am an old hand at these events, you see I put on the very popular Pasadena Chili Cook-Off for some 12 years. At one point we attracted some 30 cooks and 1200 attendees. I invite all of you to this event, I judged last year and I was absolutely impressed with the quality of entrants. My idea of a true chili is one that has no beans, but I have a feeling that there will be all sorts of entrants that I will state "This is Chili?"...I did a little research on how this Chili Craze got started, and these are the two that make the most sense. See everyone Saturday Night at the Sierra Madre Room 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre.



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

There is little doubt that cattle drivers and trail hands did more to popularize the dish throughout the Southwest than anybody else, and there is a tale that we heard one frosty night in a Texican bar in Marfa, Texas, about a range cook who made chili along all the great cattle trails of Texas. He collected wild oregano, chile peppers, wild garlic, and onions and mixed it all with the fresh-killed beef or buffalo - or jackrabbit, armadillo, rattlesnake, or whatever he had at hand - and the cowhands ate it like ambrosia. And to make sure he had an ample supply of native spices wherever he went, he planted gardens along the paths of the cattle drives - mostly in patches of mesquite - to protect them from the hooves of the marauding cattle. The next time the drive went by there, he found his garden and harvested the crop, hanging the peppers and onions and oregano to dry on the side of the chuck wagon. The cook blazed a trail across Texas with tiny, spicy gardens.

The other story I like as well, is that a small Rio Grande Jail in Texas was home to the original chili, the story goes that the inmates gathered scraps of meat, any kind of spices or anything that was left over and made a thick soup, as they added vegetables the "soup" got thicker and thicker. The inmates added gruel, bread and water to thicken it up. By the 1850's each Texas Jail was rated by the chili that was served!!

Join me this Saturday May 12th. And decide for yourself, is this the stuff that legends are made from? For more info call (626) 355-8333

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2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3/4 cup cholesterol-free egg product
1 pound lump crab meat

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet.
2. Combine bread crumbs, baking powder, parsley, mustard powder, pepper, and seafood seasoning; set aside. Stir together mayonnaise, butter, Worcestershire, and egg product until smooth. Fold in crab meat, then fold in bread crumb mixture until well blended.
3. Shape mixture into 12 crab cakes, about 3/4 inch thick, and place onto prepared baking sheet.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, then turn the crab cakes over, and bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes, until nicely browned.

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Jeff's Pics

The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

TWELVE DESPERATE MILES: THE EPIC WORLD WAR II VOYAGE OF THE SS CONTESSA by Tim Brady

Twelve Desperate Miles is the incredible story of the SS Contessa's role in the opening salvo of World War II. This unremarkable ship, crewed by seamen from twenty-six different nations and eighteen sailors pulled from the Norfolk County jail, became the focus of the first invasion of the war as it was rushed to Virginia at the insistence of George Patton and quickly retrofitted for war. Patton needed five hundred tons of highly volatile airplane fuel and nine hundred tons of bombs delivered to a Moroccan airport to supply his planned air campaign against Casablanca, but he faced a major challenge: the river from sea to airport city was too shallow for any available transport ship in the entire Allied fleet. As the clock ticked down on the invasion, the War Department searched every harbor and cove in the Atlantic; only at the last moment they turned up the Contessa, a salt-caked, rust-stained Honduran-registered civilian freighter that had spent most of her undistinguished career hauling bananas and honeymooners from New Orleans to the river port harbors of the Caribbean. Too late to join the safety of the massive convoy sailing for Africa, the Contessa set out on her own through the U-Boat-infested waters of the Atlantic to the shores of Morocco, where she faced her final and most daunting challenge: the twelve-mile voyage up the shallow and well-defended Sebou River, carrying an explosive cocktail of gasoline and bombs in her holds. Veteran history writer Tim Brady chronicles one of the great untold stories of the war.

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE by Kate Dicamillo

Age Level: 9 and up | Grade Level: 4 and up. The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket and comes out with a dog. A big, ugly, suffering dog with a sterling sense of humor. A dog she dubs Winn-Dixie. Because of Winn-Dixie, the preacher tells Opal ten things about her absent mother, one for each year Opal has been alive. Winn-Dixie is better at making friends than anyone Opal has ever known, and together they meet the local librarian, Miss Franny Block, who once fought off a bear with a copy of WAR AND PEACE. They meet Gloria Dump, who is nearly blind but sees with her heart, and Otis, an ex-con who sets the animals in his pet shop loose after hours, then lulls them with his guitar. Opal spends all that sweet summer collecting stories about her new friends and thinking about her mother. But because of Winn-Dixie or perhaps because she has grown, Opal learns to let go, just a little, and that friendship and forgiveness can sneak up on you like a sudden summer storm. Here is a funny, poignant, and utterly genuine first novel from a major new talent.

REVIEW OF THE "HUNGER GAMES" MOVIE

By Christopher Nyerges

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The "Hunger Games" books were top sellers, and more and more teens coming to my classes have been telling me to see the movie. "But read the book first," one girl told me. Well, I haven't read the book yet, but I did go to see the movie anyway.

By now, we've all heard the story. A futuristic North America is divided into 12 districts. The ruling district is extravagantly rich, while the other districts are impoverished, barely surviving. In order to maintain control after an attempted rebellion, the ruling district takes two teens from each district annually, quickly trains them, and then releases them into a controlled wilderness arena. There they fight to the death until only one winner emerges. They call these the Hunger Games, and the movie depicts the 74th annual event.

It's a disturbing futuristic glimpse of a world where everyone watches the kills and the strategies for survival. The president states that the use of fear helps to control people, and the games are taken very seriously. The president adds that the only emotion greater than fear is hope, and the people from each district hope that their candidate will emerge a victor.

But the death of each youth is not without its consequences in the territories. Even the way in which the game can be played, and won, is not without the higher manipulation of the winner.

Woody Harrelson plays Haymitch Abernathy, a mentor for the star Katniss Everdeen (played by Jennifer Lawrence). Abernathy, a past winner of the games, seems broken by the games and his society, but he knows the rules and he coaches Katniss well.

Katniss, who grew up hunting and foraging in order to survive, is well suited to emerge victorious. And she has a soul, a fact that throws a few screws into the machinery of the game-makers.

Some friends told me that the movie was both boring and pedestrian, tired old concepts that we've seen before. Maybe, and maybe not. I didn't evaluate the film based on how the camera was held, or even originality of plot. We've heard there are only a dozen or so basic plots, but it's the way you spin it that makes it good and noteworthy.

I asked myself, how can seeing this movie improve my character? What are the elements of true survival and even spirituality that I should embrace in order to be a better person? I wondered as I watched, what are the higher traits that I should always embrace regardless of my gender, race, or era in which I'm born?

There are a lot of historical analogies you might read-into the Hunger Games, such as the decadent Romans who delighted in feeding Christians to the lions. Or, closer to home, the manner in which we hoop and cheer at the brutality of football and soccer games. Or, after the Lakers win a playoff, how the local teens go out onto the streets of Los Angeles, "having fun" and "celebrating" by smashing windows and burning police cars!

The Hunger Games has violence and blood, though not as much as you'd expect. Still, leave the very young children at home since this is a dark and disturbing movie.

I'd recommend the Hunger Games. It is full of useful lessons, but you have to work to find them.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

SUCKERS

Brooklyn art rockers Suckers strive for more of a straightforward record this time with their sophomore release, "Candy Salad." The band's debut album, "Wild Smile" was critically acclaimed and an undeniably bold, albeit inconsistent, experimental opus. I was somewhat of an ardent fan of their first record, despite the irregularity of each consecutive track. The songs off "Candy Salad" are definitely more communal than the ones from its predecessor. The follow-up release may not be what diehard fans of the band have come to expect, but Suckers have successfully grown both lyrically and musically. The latest collection of tunes consists of tight arrangements, catchy hooks, and an overall sprawling soundscape. It's hard to knock the band for taking a different direction with this newest effort. They've stepped out of their own comfort zone even though they've seemed to enter a zone of slight familiarity within the confines of the genre.

Artist:	Suckers
Album:	Candy Salad
Label:	Frenchkiss Records
Release Date:	April 24 th , 2012

There is a sufficiency of things to enjoy from "Candy Salad." The popper resonance, the anthem-like tunes, and consistent vibe throughout are anything to snarl at. The band even slows the tempo down a bit with "Leave The Light On." It starts off with a dreamy, twinkling cadence and then sails into a peaceful chorus. Toward the end, we have "Roses," an exquisite, bare bones piano-driven song. A lot of the songs off "Candy Salad" are really beautifully arranged. The reason that "Candy Salad" may not be as critically acclaimed as "Wild Smile," is because they've taken a so-called safe route. They took bold risks with their first endeavor and right out of the gate people were talking about this much-buzzed about band back in 2010. Now that two years have past, the tides have certainly changed. The hype became calm on the front end and Suckers were in need of making some waves again. The way they went about it may upset their avid supporters from the get-go, but don't be fooled by their own frustration. Suckers have successfully avoided the common sophomore slump curse and, I believe, appear to be further complete than before.

The closest tune you're going to get to the likes of something off "Wild Smile" is "George." The tribal resonance within the song's instrumental aspect will transport you back to the days of Suckers circa 2010. In the end, album number two is an entirely comprehensive, ebullient, elated experience. It's a happy record that will guide you into the summer effortlessly with its pure sunshine tunes. I commend Suckers for mixing things up. Sure, it's not groundbreaking in the overall soundsphere, but a significant leap forward for a band that undoubtedly possesses a copious amount of raw talent.

Key Tracks: "Going Nowhere", "Figure It Out", "Leave The Light On", "Charmaine"
Grade: 8.5 out of 10

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund

HUBBLE IMAGES “SEARCHLIGHT BEAMS” FROM A PREPLANETARY NEB



The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has been at the cutting edge of research into what happens to stars like our Sun at the ends of their lives. One stage that stars pass through as they run out of nuclear fuel is called the preplanetary (or protoplanetary) nebula stage. A new Hubble image of the “Egg Nebula” shows one of the best views to date of this brief but dramatic phase in a star’s life.

The preplanetary nebula stage is a short period in the cycle of stellar evolution, and has nothing to do with planets. Over a few thousands of years, the hot remains of the aging star in the center of the nebula heat it up, excite the gas, and make it glow as a planetary nebula. The short lifespan of preplanetary nebulae means that there are relatively few of them in existence at any one time. Moreover, they are very dim, requiring powerful telescopes to be seen. This combination of rarity and faintness means they were only discovered comparatively recently. The Egg Nebula, the first to be discovered, was first spotted less than 40 years ago, and many aspects of this class of object still remain shrouded in mystery.

At the center of this image, and hidden in a thick cloud of dust, is the nebula’s central star. While we can’t see the star directly, four “searchlight beams” of light coming from it can be seen shining out through the nebula. It is thought that ring-shaped holes in the thick cocoon of dust, carved by jets coming from the star, let the beams of light emerge through the otherwise opaque cloud. The precise mechanism by which stellar jets produce these holes is not known for certain, but one possible explanation is that a binary star system, rather than a single star, exists at the center of the nebula.



The onion-like layered structure of the more diffuse cloud surrounding the central cocoon is caused by periodic bursts of material being ejected from the dying star. The bursts typically occur every few hundred years.

The distance to the Egg Nebula is only known very approximately, the best guess placing it at around 3,000 light-years from Earth. This in turn means that astronomers do not have any accurate figures for the size of the nebula (it may be larger and further away, or smaller but nearer).

The Hubble Space Telescope is the first major optical telescope to be placed in space. It is named for Edwin Hubble, a staff astronomer at Mount Wilson Observatory, who in the 1920s used the 100-inch Hooker Telescope—the world’s largest telescope at that time—to measure the expansion of the Universe by observing galaxies beyond our own.

The Hubble Space Telescope has a diameter almost exactly the same as Mount Wilson’s 100-inch, but its location in space—in an orbit more than 100 miles above Earth’s atmosphere, with its image distortion, rain clouds, and light pollution—places it on the “ultimate mountaintop.”

Both the Hubble Telescope’s launch in 1990 and Edwin Hubble’s work at Mount Wilson Observatory were among the most significant advances in astronomy since Galileo first pointed a telescope toward the sky in 1609. They changed forever our perspective of the universe and our place within it.

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On Line By PJ Carpenter

The Information: A Theory, A History, A Flood



The Information: A Theory, A History, A Flood, by James Gleick (Pantheon March 1,2011- 544 pages), attempts to take on the daunting task of surveying the history and development of two of the most significant tools used by humans during our short time on this planet: information technology (IT) and communication. While there have been many other developments that have assisted humankind to flourish here on Earth, these two tools in particular have allowed us to organize and coordinate action at a distance far better than any other species that has lived on this planet. The book covers most mediums of communication used by humans, beginning with one of the earliest forms, the talking drums of Africa. I thought the author did an especially thorough job on the analysis of drum communication, specifically in highlighting the built-in error correction techniques used by the drummers to ensure that the message sent rose above the noise of the communication channel to ensure that the message received was an exact copy of what was sent. The simple concept of message integrity still forms the basis of modern cryptography.

Next, the author takes on spoken language and our difficult transition to becoming a literate species. This trek takes us from the earliest known human efforts at translating internal thought into physical form to be observed and interpreted by other humans, to the latter stages of codifying spoken language into physical form. This forms the beginnings for the programming of computing machines and information technology as we know it.

The introduction of Charles Babbage and the difference engine is the very first look at what we might recognize as a modern computer in its most primitive form. The author spends a great deal of energy in demonstrating the inner workings of Babbage’s mind as he worked to produce coding for a machine that could manipulate logical symbols. Some of his most ardent struggles consisted of convincing a mathematical community that hadn’t the vision to see the potential the new machine promised. This is also another in-depth look in computer programming.

Subsequent chapters cover such wide-ranging topics as Genetics, Physics (Entropy), Cybernetics and even Memes. While these subjects may not appear to have many traits in common to the layperson, the author endeavors to show how all of these subjects, including the very essence of our persons, are composed of, and exist for the purpose of, the manipulation of information.

Criticisms of this book fall mainly into 2 categories; too technical and not technical enough. To ‘Information Theory’ junkies, the book does not go far enough into the meat of the science but, in the author’s defense, the book was not meant to be yet another textbook presented for peer review.

The audience is the modern person living in a technologically-advanced society and attempts to explain how we got here. For the non-Information Theorist reader there is plenty to grab on to in this book, as long as one remembers not to get too intimidated by the science that is necessary to explain the concepts presented by the author. The well-detailed 50-page notes section is a nice guide for keeping tracking of the many concepts, quotes and characters that traverse the pages of this book. Highly enjoyable reading for the geek in you or in your life.

Happy Tails by Chris Leclerc

BIRD BRAIN BRILLIANCE

I remember as a kid hearing the term “birdbrain” often used in a derogatory manner, directed at someone who’d just done something really stupid or absent-minded. To me, it seemed like a rude thing to call someone, but unlike many other words that we kids could have used to convey the same sentiment, birdbrain was one we knew we could get away with in front of the adults. The teasingly taunting term, “birdbrain” is assumed to have been derived from a similarly insulting moniker, “bird-witted”, which dates back to the early 1600’s. The earlier, original term was used to describe a person with what we might call today, ‘attention deficit disorder’, presumably applicable because a bird appears to lack focus when flying to and fro in rapid motion, with no apparent direction. Ironically, in reality, this notion could not be further from the truth.

The presumptuous premise behind the use of the ill-mannered idiom, “birdbrain” is based on the human’s erroneous perspective that birds have proportionately small brains, and appear to lack intelligence. In applying that thoughtless theory to calling someone a birdbrain indicates that a person who acts foolishly must have a small brain like a bird, and therefore he must be stupid. The remarkable irony behind the use of the term “birdbrain”, lies in the fact that birds are far-and-away

more focused than the average human believes or perceives. As a matter of fact, some species of birds are even considered to be among the most intelligent wild creatures in the animal kingdom, and certain species of birds possess some amazing brain capabilities that God apparently did not see fit to instill in the human being. I’m not talking about instinctual behaviors only, I am referring to scientifically proven facts about the biological properties of a bird’s brain that equate to higher intelligence as we humans define it.

The most blatantly obvious example of ‘bird brain brilliance’ was proven through an experiment conducted by animal psychologist, Irene Pepperberg at Harvard University. Doctor Pepperberg purchased an ordinary pet-store parrot that she named “Alex” (a cute, catchy acronym for Aviary Language EXperiment), and went right to work, teaching and observing him. By the end of the experiment, Pepperberg wrote in her book, Alex & Me that Alex could identify 50 different objects and recognize quantities up to 6; that he could distinguish 7 colors and 5 shapes, and understand the concepts of “bigger”, “smaller”, “same”, and “different”, and that he was learning the concepts of “over” and “under” when he passed away on September 6, 2007. Yes, it is true that a parrot will sometimes simply mimic sounds and words with no knowledge of what they mean, but they are also capable of learning a wide vocabulary of terms and concepts with a complete understanding of what they mean

and how to appropriately respond to them.

In case the brain power of a parrot does not convince the average human that a bird’s brain, though indeed small, is yet brilliant, a particular very remarkable trait possessed by the pigeon is enough to turn any human green with intelligence envy. What might that be, you say? Well, I’ll tell you. The pigeon has an internal GPS (global positioning system) inside his ‘tiny little’ bird brain. The results of a recent study conducted by Drs. Le-Qing Wu and J. David Dickman was published in Science, the world’s leading journal of original scientific research (April 26, 2012), describing the fact that “neural responses in a pigeon’s brain stem show how single cells encode magnetic field direction, intensity and polarity - qualities that are necessary to derive an internal model representing directional heading and geosurface location.”

To put it in a nut shell, the pigeon possesses a unique neural substrate for a vertebrate magnetic sense. In other words, a bird-brained pigeon is capable of finding any location he wishes to find on the earth’s surface without having to strap on a Tom-Tom! Now run and tell that, Getting, Parkinson and Easton! Oh, and by the way, that thoughtless theory about birds lacking focus and direction? It goes right out the window when it comes to the common park pigeon.

So, the next time you are tempted to call someone a birdbrain when they’ve done something stupid, think again. In fact, our seemingly flighty feathered friends have truly got it going on when it comes to brain brilliance!

KATIE TseThis and That



REVENGE FROM BEYOND THE POT

The number of accommodations required to do something is directly proportional to God’s intention for you not to do it. For example, man must wear a special suit and breathe pressurized air to explore the deep sea or outer space. Therefore, we can assume God didn’t intend for us to live in either location. This is also true of climate zones. I love Southern California, the weather has spoiled me for anything cooler. Let’s compare our temperate weather to that of, say, Ukraine. There, you have to shovel snow before leaving leave home, use cigarette lighters to defrost car locks, and risk vitamin D deficiency from lack of sunlight. Clearly, cold weather living was not in God’s original plan.

This basic concept can also be applied to food. Take the banana. In three deft strokes you have the thing peeled and ready to eat. Its soft texture requires minimal chewing, making it perfect for infants, the elderly, and everyone in between. The only precaution is to avoid slipping on the discarded peel. Pomegranates, on the other hand, present a labyrinth of fibrous chambers encapsulating seeds coated with delicate flesh. Eating a pomegranate is an exercise in dexterity and patience. I can appreciate the high antioxidant value of pomegranate juice, but isn’t that what red wine is for?

Working off the premise that the path of least resistance is the best in terms of living conditions and food, you might be able to guess my attitude toward lobster. I believe in veganism, but have yet to adopt that lifestyle. Occasionally I eat chicken, salmon, and shrimp. Regarding shellfish, there’s a wide spectrum of difficulty ranging from the clam (one hinge to open) to the lobster (a test of aquatic anatomy). Last week, my husband thought it would be nice to have lobster for dinner, since it has been relatively cheap lately. We’ll call our late lobster “Pat.”

We’ve done crab before. My husband is an old hand at it. But I’ve never been much good at extracting tiny bits of flesh from bony crevices. Usually I end up with cold crab water running down my arm as I chew and suck a leg that promises an eighth of an ounce of meat at best. The energy expended versus the caloric returns is similar to that of a fox chasing a rabbit --at some point it’s better to just let the thing hop away instead wearing yourself out chasing it. I don’t care how big the crab is, I’m still going to be hungry when everything’s said and done.

Getting back to Pat. I’ll spare you the details of his/her journey from market to plate. Let me just say the pot wasn’t big enough to fit the thing whole, so we had to make some last-minute “adjustments.” After cooking, we finally got Pat and its appendages on our flimsy cutting board, and it was time for further dismemberment. Several Internet sources described the interesting things inside the head and torso including (but not limited to) tomalley (the liver and other digestive organs reduced to a chartreuse, semi-liquid) and coral (lobster roe, if you are fortunate to get a pregnant Patricia instead of a Patrick). Sources say both taste good on toast. It appears a loaf of sourdough and a toaster is enough to rival a nice bottle of chardonnay, as far as lobster is concerned.

After a little battle in the kitchen with Pat’s tail, we finally brought out all its parts on plates ready to eat. Pat’s tail was easy enough, because all the grunt work had been done earlier, but the rest of it proved unwieldy. At one point, my husband asked if we had a mallet like the ones at the seafood restaurants. No... but we had a hammer, like the kind you use to pound nails. That’d do, he said. “That’s so unsanitary!” I protested, as he poised the bare hammer head over one of Pat’s claws. “We’re not eating this part anyway,” he said. At the seafood restaurants, you smash crustacean on sturdy, wooden tables. We, however, were using flimsy TV trays. When it was my turn to demolish Pat’s other claw, I wrapped it in a dish towel and set it on the floor. Needless to say, the tables, couch, and floor were riddled with spilt butter, bits of flesh, and shell particles by the end of the evening. (A note to my landlord --Don’t worry, we cleaned it all up!).

Yes, lobster is a bit more challenging, my husband admitted. Personally I think the fuss involved in eating lobster is part of its revenge. I suppose if I were boiled alive I’d want to get even, too!



THE JOY OF YOGA

THE BALANCING ACT



By Rene Quenell, Founder/Owner
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The day hasn't started yet and you're already thinking about all the things you need to do to make it through. It seems like such a long list, how are you going to make it all happen? The day hasn't started, and you're already feeling overwhelmed. Well, it doesn't have to be that way.

Life is a balancing act. There are poses in your yoga practice designed to help you find balance. The secret is core, located in the abdominal region of the body, the literal center of our strength. By "core" we mean building a strong foundation that will sustain you through a challenging pose or situation.

One such pose is Vrikasana - Tree pose. Basically, you're standing on one leg, the other leg bent at the knee with the foot resting on the inner thigh of the standing leg, arms stretching upwards. Sounds rather improbable, right? But with a strong core, this particular pose becomes surprisingly easy.

So it goes with everything. Find balance, in your body, in your life. Next time you're facing a challenge - big or small - picture yourself in tree pose. Why? Because a tree has roots deep in the earth and they help it grow tall and stand up straight with branches and leaves extending to the skies. Imagine yourself as that tree. A graceful tree, maybe a bit swaying in the wind, but firmly planted in the ground. Reach your arms up, lift your head, look up... all of a sudden, you realize you're doing the balancing act just fine... Enjoy the day ahead! Namasté, René

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HOW TO TRACK DOWN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior:
What resources can you recommend for locating government assistance programs for seniors? My husband and I have been helping support his mother for the past three years and we can't afford to do it any longer. Tapped Out



Dear Tapped:
Locating government benefits and financial assistance programs for seniors is actually pretty easy to do thanks to two key resources created by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). Here's where you can turn to for help.

Online Search
If you have access to the Internet, the easiest and most convenient way to search for benefits for seniors is at benefitscheckup.org.

Created by the NCOA 10 years ago, BenefitsCheckUp is a free, confidential web-based service that helps low-income seniors and their families identify federal, state and private benefits programs that can help with prescription drug costs, health care, utilities, and other basic needs. This site contains more than 2,000 programs across the country.

To help identify benefits that could help your mother-in-law, you'll need to fill out an online questionnaire that asks things like her date of birth, zip code, expenses, income, assets, veteran status and a few other factors. It takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Once completed, you'll get a report detailing all programs and services she may be eligible for. You can also apply for many of the programs online, or you can print an application form, fill it out and mail it in.

Phone Assistance
If, however, you don't have Internet access you can also get help over the phone by calling the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will assign you a counselor to review your mother-in-law's situation, and provide you with a list of possible programs she may be eligible for, and who to contact to get the ball rolling.

Types of Benefits
Depending on her income level and where she lives, some of the different benefits that may be available to your mother-in-law include:

Food Assistance: Programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help pay for her groceries. The average monthly SNAP benefit is currently \$119 for seniors living alone. Other programs that may help include the Emergency Food Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

Health Assistance: Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs can help or completely pay for out-of-pocket health care costs. And, there are special Medicaid waiver programs that provide in-home care and assistance.

Prescription Assistance: There are hundreds of programs offered through pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and charitable organizations that help lower or eliminate prescription drug costs, including the federal Low Income Subsidy known as "Extra Help" that pays premiums, deductibles and prescription copayments for Medicare Part D beneficiaries.

Heating and Cooling Assistance: There's the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), as well as local utility companies and charitable organizations that provide assistance in lowering home heating and cooling costs.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI provides monthly payments to very low income seniors, age 65 and older, as well as to those who are blind and disabled. The average SSI payment is around \$500 per month.

In addition to these programs, there are numerous other benefits such as HUD housing options, home weatherization assistance, tax relief, various veteran's benefits, transportation, respite care and free legal assistance.

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

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Folts House: Cyril Bennett Designed *Lovingly Preserved Home Just Listed*

Completed in 1923, the Folts House was designated a Pasadena Landmark in 2008, due to its exemplary Italian Renaissance Revival designed

by Pasadena "favorite son" Cyril Bennett. After apprenticing with Greene and Greene, architects of the Gamble House in Pasadena and many other beloved Pasadena architectural treasures, as well as Sylvanus Marston, Bennett, 1891-1957, was soon recognized for the inspiration and attention to detail in his own designs.

Bennett, who went on to craft many noted residential and institutional buildings in Pasadena and the region, is particularly known for his design of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and the Raymond Theater.

1155 N. Hill in Pasadena, offers a 3266 square foot (per assessor) main home with five bedrooms and two baths, a guest house with bath, pool and a vintage, Chinese style, redwood gazebo.

Named for the original owner H.C. Folts, an "electricist" of his era, an expert in all things electrical, the home was constructed by an elite group of contractors active in the Pasadena community at the time. They were a civic minded group, and actively involved in the Tournament of Roses.

The beautiful front door includes Italianate pillar, pediment and millwork detailing indicative of Bennett's quality design. Hexagonal Batchelder tiles outside the front door blend this sought after, period signature material with the Mediterranean flavor and presentation of the home. Inside, intricate Batchelder tiles adorn the fireplace.

In a tribute to the current owner's respect and devotion to preserving the home's architectural integrity the tiles were carefully detached and numbered for re-installation when they undertook earthquake retrofitting work during the 1990's.

Original wall sconces hardwood floors, french doors and built-ins have been lovingly preserved and, if needed, restored throughout the home. Even the heat registers have been carefully returned to a beautiful brass finish by a local Pasadena brass polishing service.

The original five furnace, gravity system, built by Ohrmund Brothers of Pasadena, is a true piece of mechanical art. Though it is nearly ninety years old, it is fully functional

and an elegant, exemplary component of the home's craftsmanship, with zone heating and temperature adjustment by a button system in the hallway.

Bennett and Folts collaborated to create a floorplan that accommodated Mrs. Folts' piano teaching business. The room currently configured as a family/media room, purposely provided students easy access and minimal intrusion on the family's lifestyle. A private telephone room in the main floor hallway, preserved today, was designed, as Folts also believed that telephone conversations should not disrupt the family.

The second floor balcony remains a favorite place for relaxation and entertaining, and family members of former owners happily recall watching Independence Day fireworks displays from the Rose Bowl.

A guest house was fashioned from a large utility area attached to the garage, and now includes a kitchenette, bath, plus living or entertaining area adjacent to the back yard pool. A redwood lath gazebo, very similar in design and materials to another Pasadena structure built by Greene and Greene, still stands today, honoring the quality and integrity of both its design and original materials.

When applying for Pasadena's Landmark status as part of the Mills Act, the current owner chuckles that the garage's original and beautifully intact bran-style garage doors engendered particular interest and delight by city officials at a site visit before approval. "I thought the Batchelder tile work would be the focus of their interest. No... it was the garage doors!" so they are still part of the property, as they can be seen from the street.

Katherine Lippincott, co-listing agent, explained the importance of the home's property tax status in the Mills Act. "With its Declaration of Landmark Designation, this property has qualified for the Mills Act which provides substantial property tax savings. The Mills Act program allows owners of designated historic properties to enter into a contract with the City to reduce their property taxes in exchange for agreeing to maintain the historic character of their property in accordance with established guidelines. Past participants have saved between 20% and 75% on their property taxes, with an average savings around 50%."

Pasadena mayor, Bill Bogaard reflected, "In



my view, the granting of landmark status to a home in Pasadena is a cause for celebration. It spotlights the City's historic architecture, it preserves the home as a community resource, and it benefits the owner and the neighbors who are attracted to the beauty of the home. I am always grateful to property owners who seek landmark designation for their property."

For more information on the Mills Act, please visit the California State Parks Office of Historic Preservation website (http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21412) and the

City of Pasadena Planning Division website (<http://www.cityofpasadena.net>).

Folts House, located at 1155 N. Hill in Pasadena, is offered at \$1,250,000 by Katherine Lippincott and Barbara Wheeler at John Aaroe Group Real Estate. For more information, call 626-818-3914 or visit either www.FoltsHouse.com or www.LippincottGroup.com. Photos courtesy of Lippincott Group.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

HARDER THAN IT LOOKS

With markets so rapidly changing, it's easy to imagine how property appraisers might sit in a darkened room, waving their hands over a crystal ball, and producing the mysterious and all-powerful document of a home's value. Let's dispel the notion of magical figures and look more carefully at the process.

When comparing against similar properties, it's not just the final price that counts. Appraisers also factor in any "incentives" offered, such as sellers who pay closing costs or remodeling allowances.

Perhaps the most important factor that lenders review in an appraisal is the closing dates of the "comparables" (other homes by which yours is measured). Unfortunately, with today's stricter lending requirements, most "comps" must have sold within the last 60 or even 45 days to carry weight. Markets change so quickly that any sale price over two months old may be completely irrelevant.

Now a few words about how foreclosures in a neighborhood affect determination of value. Technically, appraisers shouldn't consider them, because they don't fit the Appraisal Institute's definition of "a property reasonably exposed in a competitive market." However, if several area homes have been abandoned, we know the negative effect that can have on a home's "perceived" value.

If you're planning to sell, express your concerns about the appraisal process to your representative, who will offer explanations and suggestions for improving your report's results.

Luther Tsinoglou has just been named a top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2011, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com

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HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

"TAKING CARE OF THE FUTURE"

Last week was a big week for the NFL and for college kids who've dreamed of having the chance to play on Sunday. Moving from high school to university was a big dream. Going on to the NFL is an even greater dream and the odds of reaching that dream were slim.

Last weekend, in 7 rounds, 253 players were drafted by the 32 NFL teams. Immediately following the draft, players not drafted had an opportunity to sign as free agents. Sometimes this is even better for players, for they may have a choice of which team is the best fit for them.

Looking at draft results, everyone has an opinion about who got what they needed in the draft class. In college recruiting or NFL drafting, a selection mistake could cost years of rebuilding (especially if your #1 choice doesn't pan out.)

If you're a fan of the Cincinnati Bengals, I give them an A on their draft class. I gave Cleveland, New England, Pittsburgh, and Minnesota an A minus. Grade of B+ goes to Miami, Dallas, Detroit, Green Bay and San Diego.

The Indianapolis Colts get an A+. Their first 3 choices were fantastic for their offense. Look for the Colts to run an offense very similar to that of the New England Patriots, with two very active tight ends causing mismatches in the secondary.

When watching the draft I couldn't help noticing the entourages that many players had surrounding them in the Green room and in the auditorium at Radio City Music Hall. This surely included travel and accommodations and celebrations for families and friends

I'm concerned for those who may not be properly advised before and after this big day. I worry if they are not counseled about the financial aspects of their new status. And if they realize that expenses and fees are now part of their responsibility. I hope they realize that agent commissions and reimbursements, (and the big one that most people forget,) taxes are also coming up.

Theirs could have a long career, or unfortunately a very short one. However, they have a chance to set up a great standard of living from this opportunity and with careful management should be able to maintain it. So it is important that expenses are watched carefully.

I am so saddened when successful big name athletes go bankrupt due to poor money management. But we see it all too frequently. I tried to teach my players and my own children that money saved is money earned. Be aware of your own money from the beginning and you might have some at the end. These young men should understand that no one does something for nothing. Especially when it comes to money. Spend wisely, save carefully. Congratulations to all these new NFL players This is a dream come true. Take care of it.

Want to mention the new High School CIF rule passed by the southern sections 41-40. This says that a student athlete can transfer from one school to another with the stipulation that they sit out for 30 days before playing. I'm not sure of all the details, but transferring was pretty regulated in the past. This proposal says athletes don't have to change residence. This still needs to be passed by the other regions in California.

I think there's more to this proposal. I believe that some districts are considering dropping their athletic programs and this would allow athletes to move to another school so they could continue with sports.

Dropping these programs could be the worst thing to happen to a high school. The student body, parents, and boosters rally around sports. School spirit is generated. Other activities are certainly important. But athletics are the last disciplined activity left in a high school. If this happens, our schools and students will suffer.

Students need opportunities for more than just college-oriented academics. Let's be realistic, today even professionals are changing their occupations due to lack of clients and business to sustain them.

We should strive to maintain educational excellence, for it is the foundation for our future. But beyond academics, there is social and vocational learning which is achieved only through athletics and other extra curricular events. The discipline required for these is also critical for our future and for the future of our young people -- whether that includes medicine, music, law, mechanics, athletics or simply good citizenship.

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

THE BASEBALL RELIQUARY ANNOUNCES DR. FRANK JOBE, JIM "MUDCAT" GRANT, AND LUIS TIAN ELECTED TO THE SHRINE OF THE ETERNALS

The Board of Directors of the Baseball Reliquary, Inc., a Southern California-based nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering an appreciation of American art and culture through the context of baseball history, is pleased to announce the 2012 class of electees to the Shrine of the Eternals. The Shrine of the Eternals is the national organization's equivalent to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Dr. Frank Jobe, Jim "Mudcat" Grant, and Luis Tiant were elected upon receiving the highest number of votes in balloting conducted during the month of April 2012 by the membership of the Baseball Reliquary. The three electees will be formally inducted into the Shrine of the Eternals in a public ceremony on Sunday, July 15, 2012 at the Donald R. Wright Auditorium in the Pasadena Central Library, Pasadena, California.

Of the fifty eligible candidates on the 2012 ballot, Dr. Frank Jobe received the highest voting percentage, being named on 34% of the ballots returned. Following Jobe were Jim "Mudcat" Grant with 33% and Luis Tiant with 33%. Runners-up in this year's election included Lefty O'Doul (32%), Dizzy Dean (30%), Manny Mota (29%), Don Zimmer (29%), Steve Bilko (27%), Charlie Finley (25%), and Glenn Burke (24%). Voting percentages for all fifty candidates appear at the end of this announcement.

Elected to the Shrine of the Eternals in his tenth year on the ballot, **DR. FRANK JOBE** is a renowned orthopedic surgeon who revolutionized the medical care and prolonged the careers of baseball pitchers with his groundbreaking tendon transplant procedure now known as the "Tommy John" surgery. In 1974, Dodgers pitcher Tommy John was diagnosed with a torn ligament in his left (pitching) elbow, apparently ending his career. In an experimental surgery, which he estimated at the time as having 1% odds for a successful outcome, Jobe transplanted a tendon from John's right forearm to his left elbow, turning him into the game's first "right-handed southpaw." After more than a year of rehabilitation, John and his "bionic arm" returned to the mound, where he pitched for 14 more seasons and racked up 164 of his 288 career victories before retiring at the age of 46. Today, the procedure is commonplace among professional and amateur pitchers. It has been estimated that Jobe performed more than 1,000 Tommy John surgeries himself and that nearly 200 major leaguers – not all of them pitchers – have had their careers extended by the procedure. Some have even reported that they had more velocity after coming off the operating table than before, although Jobe attributes this more to stronger rehabilitation. Now 87 years of age, Jobe has retired from his medical practice but still consults with patients and doctors at the famed Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic in Los Angeles, and serves as special advisor to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Elected to the Shrine of the Eternals in his eighth year on the ballot, **JIM "MUDCAT" GRANT** has become one of baseball's greatest ambassadors. If all you know about Grant is that he was the first African American to win 20 games in a season in the American League (21 wins in 1965 for the AL champion Twins), you're missing the rest of a great story. During a 14-year major league career (1958-1971), spent mostly with Cleveland and Minnesota, Grant won 145 games and saved 53 others, but the Lacochee, Florida native was as prized for his community leadership, social grace, and cultural ability as he was for his competitive skills. Sporting a killer set of muttonchop sideburns, the stylish swinger led his own musical group called Mudcat and the Kittens. Grant has written and published his own poetry, in addition to a book, *The Black Aces*, which chronicles outstanding African-American hurlers and their stories of triumphs over racism. He tirelessly promotes baseball, education, and multiple charitable and community causes nationwide.

Elected to the Shrine of the Eternals in his tenth year on the ballot, **LUIS TIAN** was one of the most popular Boston Red Sox players ever, renowned for his practical jokes and post-game cigars in the locker room and for his natty leisure suits and mod hairpieces on the town. The son of Luis Tiant, Sr., one of Cuba's greatest pitchers, Luis, Jr. won 229 games in a 19-year major league career (1964-1982), baffling hitters with an unorthodox delivery which saw him swiveling practically all the way around to center field before unleashing pitches from different release points. His breakthrough season came in 1968 with Cleveland when he went 21-9 with an AL-leading 1.60 ERA. He won 20 games three times for Boston, and helped the Red Sox to the pennant in 1975, winning two games in the World Series, including a five-hit shutout of Cincinnati in game one. The gregarious "El Tiente" was one of the most respected players of his era, not only by his teammates and opposing players, but by the media and fans. In recent years, the Luis Tiant Charitable Foundation has provided much-needed financial support to a variety of children's



charities, and youth and family assistance programs.

Dr. Frank Jobe, Jim "Mudcat" Grant, and Luis Tiant will join 39 other baseball luminaries who have been inducted into the Shrine of the Eternals since elections began in 1999, including, in alphabetical order, Jim Abbott, Dick Allen, Roger Angell, Emmett Ashford, Moe Berg, Yogi Berra, Ila Borders, Jim Bouton, Jim Brosnan, Bill Buckner, Roberto Clemente, Steve Dalkowski, Rod Dedeaux, Jim Eisenreich, Dock Ellis, Mark Fidrych, Curt Flood, Ted Giannoulas, Josh Gibson, Pete Gray, William "Dummy" Hoy, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Bill James, Bill "Spaceman" Lee, Roger Maris, Marvin Miller, Minnie Minoso, Buck O'Neil, Satchel Paige, Jimmy Piersall, Pam Postema, Jackie Robinson, Lester Rodney, Pete Rose, Casey Stengel, Fernando Valenzuela, Bill Veeck, Maury Wills, and Kenichi Zenimura.

In the coming weeks, leading up to the Shrine of the Eternals Induction Day on Sunday, July 15, 2012, further details will be announced, including the Keynote Speaker and the recipients of the 2012 Hilda Award (named in memory of Hilda Chester and honoring a baseball fan's exceptional devotion to the game) and the 2012 Tony Salin Memorial Award (presented annually to an individual dedicated to the preservation of baseball history).

THE SHRINE OF THE ETERNALS: 2012 VOTING PERCENTAGES

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 Vic Power – 18%
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 J.R. Richard – 16%
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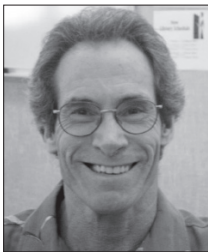
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



Church Ladies With Computers

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with desktops and laptops. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services. A friend sent this to me last Saturday. Since we have so many churches in Sierra Madre and so many ladies spreading the Word in town I thought you would get a chuckle out of this:

The Fastings & Prayer Conference *includes meals*.
The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: *'Searching for Jesus.'*

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. *Bring your husbands.*

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. *Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.*

Don't let worry kill you off - *let the Church help.*
Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' *giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*

For those of you who have children *and don't know it*, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. *They need all the help they can get.*

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. *So ends a friendship that began in their school days.*

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' *Come early and listen to our choir practice.*

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and *to the deterioration of some older ones.*

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. *Proceeds will be used to cripple children.*

Please place your donation in the envelope *along with the deceased person you want remembered.*

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and *gracious hostility.*

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and *medication* to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. *They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.*

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. *Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall *after the B.S. is done.*

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their *electric girdles* for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. *Please use the back door.*

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. *The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.*

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. *Please use large double door at the side entrance.*

Perhaps there's a lesson to be learned from all this. You can never be too careful about making sure what you say is what you really mean. Once it's out there you can't take it back!

RICH Johnson



BIG LOSERS

It may be an exaggeration to say that everyone is struggling in this economy. But it's not an over exaggeration. Times are tough for most all of us. There are stretches in all of our lives,

seasons of good times, and seasons of not so good times. The folk rock band, the Byrds borrowed words out of the Bible (Ecclesiastes 3:1) to tell us "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

I want to encourage you as well as myself during these turbulent seasons. I thought maybe the best way to spur us all on is by sharing select turbulent episodes of financial hardship experienced by people we consider successful. You may be surprised at what you read.

Famous entertainers who have filed for bankruptcy protection include (year of bankruptcy in quotes), Willie Nelson (1990), Elton John (2002), Tom Petty (1979), talk show host Larry King (1971 & 1978), and Burt Reynolds (1996).

Presidents Abraham Lincoln (1833), Thomas Jefferson (several times), Ulysses S. Grant (1884), and presidential wannabe George McGovern (1993) all faced bankruptcy. Remember Dutch painter Rembrandt (1656), Mark Twain (1884), Henry Ford (1903), and Walt Disney (1921), while you are at it. Food multi-millionaires Milton Snavely Hershey (1880), and Henry John Heinz (1875). L. Frank Baum, author of "the Wizard of Oz", filed for bankruptcy in 1911.

Donald Trump and companies have sought Chapter 11 protection four times (1991, 1992, 2004 and in 2009). Director Francis Ford Coppola (1990).

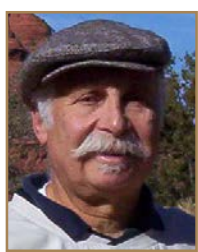
A common thread connects most, if not all those famous people listed above. That thread? They were, and some still are, doers, achievers. In fact, I ran the word "achiever" through the Thesaurus and guess what synonym popped up? "Risk-taker." To accomplish anything significant you must be willing to take risks.

Am I suggesting we all go out and file bankruptcy? No, not at all. Just use the energy you have to invest in your future not lament about your past and present. Many, like Henry Ford and Walt Disney, went bankrupt before they achieved greatness. They just kept on slugging. So, let's keep on slugging.

May I recommend an hour diversion from the slug this Saturday, May 12th? It will be the last performance of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Yes, it is geared for children, but you adults will find it funny and uplifting. I have seen it several times and watching the young children interact with the cast during the performance is heartwarming.

Saturday, May 12th, 11:00 am at the Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Call (626) 355-4318 for reservations \$18 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. And like you, I am a paying customer.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



NO, WE DIDN'T GET A PICTURE

Okay, I already answered your question. That was the first thing my daughter asked when my wife called her. "No ", my wife answered. Your father was so busy yelling at me I couldn't think straight." Actually, she got one picture but it only shows his shadow against the wall and you can't really tell it's a good-sized bear.

Yep, that's right! A BEAR, a pretty good-sized brown bear, somehow got into our house through the doggie-door in back and was running around downstairs eating our dog's food. Yes, of course the dog, let's call him Milo, was upset and was barking like mad. Of course I wasn't paying very close attention to Milo's barking as I was engrossed in the Oklahoma City Dallas NBA Playoff game. It was the crucial last second moments and although I wasn't really rooting for either team I was still very engrossed because Derek Fisher, the ex-Laker and a particular favorite of mine, was in the game and had sunk a crucial jumper for Oklahoma City. Meanwhile the live Angel games and Dodger games were playing on different channels and I was trying to watch all 3 games at once. I was very occupied and the dog was going nuts and my wife was keeping him locked up in the bedroom and opening the bedroom door a tiny bit and looking down the stairs.

I couldn't help noticing as she opened the door and ran out on to the landing for a second and then ran back into the bedroom and slammed the door closed. Exasperated I finally looked away from the TV and addressed a question to her.

"What's going on?", I said with some annoyance.

"There's a giant bear in the house and I've got to get a picture."

"What...where...when...how?" I said, not necessarily in that order. "Get away from that door."

Honest to God, she kept creeping out of the bedroom, camera-phone in hand, trying to get a picture of the bear.

Okay, I admit it. I too kind of snuck to the edge of the stairs to take a look and thought I saw a giant bear poking his nose up the stairs. I think he had the tupper-ware canister with the dog food in it in his mouth but I didn't look too closely because I was petrified. I don't know why my wife wasn't afraid but she wasn't. She had turned into an anthropologist-photographer and I screamed at her to get back into the bedroom and close the door and to tell Milo to stop barking

I then did what any brave experienced canyon dweller would do in such a situation. I called 911 and almost immediately got a response. The operator who was named Mary was great and supportive except for one thing. She kept laughing and saying, "are you sure there's a bear in your house?" How did he get in—what's he doing—how big is he? Questions, questions and I began to feel embarrassed. What happens if I was wrong and there really wasn't a bear in the house?. At this point I cleverly switched to the hand-held phone and opened the door and walked down a step and there right downstairs, there he or she was a LARGE BEAR IN THE HOUSE.

"Yes Mary", I said. "There's definitely a bear downstairs in our living room." Mary was very helpful and said she was sending the police right over. She already knew our address without me telling her which was pretty scary. Soon three police cars with giant policemen appeared. One carried a menacing looking gun and they came into the house and went downstairs. "Yes, he's here" they said.

"Don't hurt him", I said, which somehow sounded ridiculous. I heard a bunch of sounds which I really couldn't interpret. The policemen went back to from of the house and while I stayed up on the upstairs balcony they explained they had to shoot him in the forehead with some sort of pepper-spray bean bag thing. He had been hit in the forehead and fled through the doggie-door and had gone down the hill. They suggested that we close the doggie-door but they did not expect the bear to return.

I'm still coughing from the fumes left by the pepper-spray but I'm sure the fumes will dissipate in a bit. The bear, I guess did pee all over the wooden floor and he did mess with the trash and maybe did some other stuff. What I learned should not have come as a big surprise. I ain't no hero but next time I think I'll be more ready and will have a camera handy.

You know this newspaper has a police blotter and I am eager to learn whether or not this incident will make the paper. If I can read about it maybe it will confirm my own existence and I will stop watching other people play games and instead go out and have my own adventures. Nope, now that I think about it that was enough adventure for this year and tomorrow the Lakers and Clippers will play, my teams! Really, that's enough excitement for me.

Oh, oh. My wife just said he's back.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column

by Rev. James Snyder



KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT — JUST A PLAIN CUP OF COFFEE, PLEASE!

Through the years, I have discovered two important facets of husbandship that has stood me in good stead for many years: a vigorous nod of the head and a rhapsodic "Yes, dear." Flowers don't hurt either.

When our recent visit in Ohio concluded, we headed for the airport. I do not mind traveling, but my least favorite mode is the airplane. The reason being, of course, is the airport itself.

In my opinion, someone devised the modern airport to intimidate the average traveler. Arriving at the airport, we immediately headed for the ticket counter where we received our boarding passes. Then we surrendered our luggage to the personnel behind the counter, not knowing if we would ever see that same luggage again in our lifetime.

Someday I hope to visit all the places my luggage has seen.

Next, we made our way through the security booth.

As you know, they do not permit metal through this gate. If a passenger passes through and a buzzer goes off, he is summoned back for guards to examine his personal effects to detect the offensive object. I went through about 17 times. Not until I got down to my underwear did the security personnel determine there must be a defect in the radar detection equipment. (I plan to file my briefs in a Florida court this week.)

Finally, we left the security area and I started feeling a little more confident until we came to a big sign over the entryway. My wife and I found little comfort in the words written: Terminal Entrance. Contrary to their "friendly" little sign, I did, in fact have plans of returning.

Our flight plan called for a two-hour stopover before arriving at our final destination. Nothing quite compares to spending a free hour or two at an airport. Did I say "free?" Allow me to recount that opinion.

There is absolutely nothing free at an airport. I cannot prove it, but I am sure they have figured out a way to charge for the air we breathe.

For instance, a 15-cent cup of coffee can cost in the neighborhood of \$17.95. I don't even like visiting that neighborhood. If I lived there, I would move.

However, being the good natured, charming individual that I am, it does not take much to make me happy. All I need to allay any stress is a simple cup of coffee. Have you ever noticed how things seem to go a lot easier with a steaming jolt of java?

With a full hour to spare at the airport, my wife and I looked for something to occupy our time. Then I espied the perfect diversion. With a mischievous twinkle in my left eye, I looked at my wife and said, "Let's get a cup of coffee and relax a while."

One thing I can always count on my wife, she knows a good thing when she hears it. Unfor-

tunately, she does not hear it too often from my lips. Walking over to the coffee shop and, being the man, I approached the counter to place our order. "I would like two regular coffees," I said with anticipation to the young woman behind the counter. The thing that makes a man a man is that he always knows what he wants. It is that confidence that separates the men from the boys.

The young woman looked at me, snapped her chewing gum several times and said in a monotone, "Marvelous, you want espresso or cappuccino?"

"No, Miss," I replied as cool and sophisticated as any gentleman you will ever meet. "No, Miss. We just want two plain coffees."

She looked at me as only a waitress behind a counter can and rattled off names I have never heard before. As best I could understand, they were flavors or kinds of espresso coffee.

Finally, when she took a breath I jumped in and said with all the confidence I could muster without compromising my good nature, "No, Miss. I don't want any espresso, just a regular cup of coffee."

"Exactly," she said with a falsetto smile. "Most people enjoy our cappuccinos. What kind of cappuccino would you like." Then she rattled off an endless list of cappuccino flavors, most I had never heard of before.

About this time, the caffeine deficiency began seeping into my attitude. I think that somewhere in our constitution is the right to order regular coffee at a price that does not compromise the mortgage on my home.

"Young lady," I said as calmly as possible under the circumstances, "listen to me very carefully. I want coffee. Not espresso. Not cappuccino. Just two cups of plain, regular, good old American coffee."

"Oh," she said in a burst of enlightenment. "You want coffee. Why didn't you say so in the first place?"

There is no satisfaction more fulfilling than finally getting through and arriving at a common understanding.

"Now," she said in a confidential tone, "what flavor coffee do you want? Columbian, French Vanilla, Cinnamon, Chocolate Mint, Swiss Mocha ..."

There is only one place I know where I can get exactly what I need. Jesus put it this way; "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14 KJV).

If you need anything from the Lord, just ask.

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A House Divided?

By Cliff Schecter



In the wake of the 2004 presidential election, a satirical map of “red” and “blue” states became an instant online hit. On it you could find “Jesusland,” or the states where George W. Bush somehow convinced the populace that his part Calvin Coolidge, part Kardashian-marriage presidency deserved four more years (Mission Accomplished!).

Meanwhile, mostly to the north of these states, “The United States of Canada,” was born, where Senator John Kerry windsurfed his way to victory. For those well versed in American history, the state-by-state breakdown possessed an eerie resemblance to another more somber map: That of the free states, slave states and territories permitting slavery just before the Civil War.

President Barack Obama shook up this equation somewhat in 2008, winning back some antebellum “free states” in the Midwest (Iowa, Indiana, Ohio). He also carried Southern (Virginia, North Carolina, Florida) and Southwestern (Colorado, Nevada) swing states that have seen their electoral leanings migrate leftward due to a large influx of Hispanics, youth and Northeastern snowbirds retiring to their environs.

Yet, it is still somewhat dispiriting to look at the map from pre-1860 and realize how relevant it is today, when predicting who will have racially-tinged immigration laws, collective bargaining rights, kill-at-will Stand Your Ground laws or comedy clubs where people actually laugh at Jeff Foxworthy.

In fact, as blue states move in the direction of progress while those of a more crimson hue embrace antediluvian delusion, it would almost be irresponsible not to wonder what, if anything, will hold the United States together in 20 years time?

The answer used to be simple: the federal government. But with a right-wing assault on the very concept, from Justice Scalia's self-satisfied, blarney-based reading of the Constitution that state's rights make might, to the Republican default position that the federal government has no role in protecting women from workplace discrimination or violence, times have clearly changed.

This is no hyperbole. Two thirds of the Republican Senate Caucus voted against reauthorizing The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) last week, because according to Senator Mike Lee of Utah, “...the real danger is of the federal government unduly interfering with the ability of states and localities to address activities and concerns in their communities.”

Of course, if you were a woman and potential victim of a violent assault you might see things differently. You might--and I'm just spitballing here-- view “the real danger” as coming more from someone about to beat or kill you than the federal government's “interfering.” But hey, all 31 Republican Senators who opposed VAWA were men, so you know, no worries bro!

While Oklahoma and Tennessee were working on legislation to actually ban the teaching of global warming and evolution, Connecticut was abolishing the death penalty. While “Republican legislators in Texas have voted to eliminate funding for any women's healthcare clinic with an affiliation to an abortion provider -- even if the affiliation is merely a shared name, employee, or board member,” the California state legislature is pushing to liberalize abortion laws, increasing the eligible pool of those able to assist a woman in exercising her right to choose.

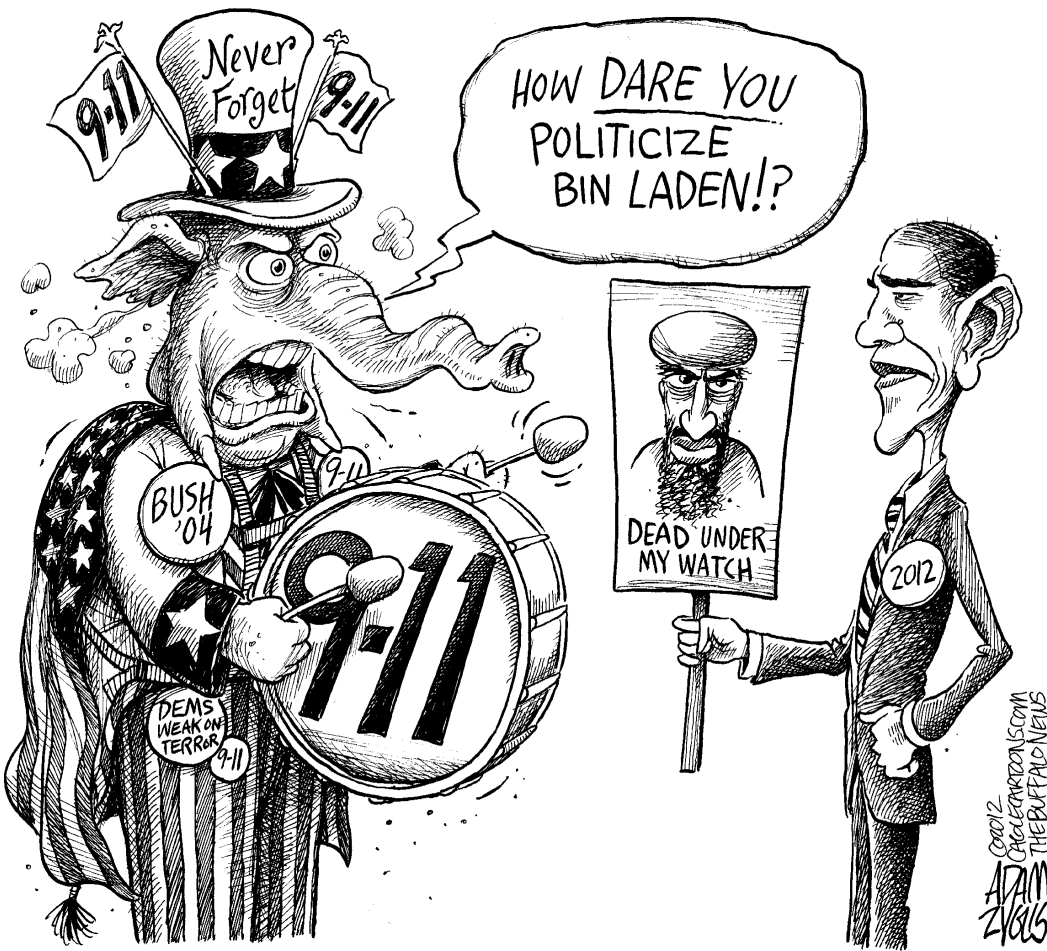
Meanwhile, Arizona, not one for being shy about their crazy, has passed legislation (which is clearly unconstitutional) saying, “life begins at menstruation” for potential mothers-to-be. I hear next they're looking to change the standard to “when she has that gleam in her eye” or after the first Milwaukee's Best at a frat party.

States have a common history, but a very different view of it. We do share language, but then again, we also share a basic dialect with New Zealand. Blue states might even start questioning why their tax dollars disproportionately fund red, welfare-hating, “welfare” states that take in more federal dollars than they send back to Washington.

Of course the only answer is to push back against assaults on the federal government. Just as it was needed to end slavery and enact civil rights, is the only force that can give this country a common cultural understanding of what is acceptable and what being a democracy means.

We must either defeat the ideology of anti-government zealotry ascendant among today's right-wing Randoids, or I don't see what will be holding us together a generation down the road.

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GREG Welborn

HYPOCRISY AND MITT ROMNEY



This past week, we received yet another forewarning of the left's ugliness, ignorance and hypocrisy, which will characterize this November's presidential election. Bill Maher, popular comedian and poster child for hip-left-media types, was served a softball question on Romney, the man, not the candidate. Asked about Mitt's substantial charitable contributions, Maher could easily have taken the high road -- disagreeing with conservative policies and positions but graciously acknowledging what the man has given back to the country he loves. Instead, Maher put on center stage for all to see the lengths to which liberals will twist fact and principles to retain power.

In response to the question about Mitt Romney's charitable contributions, Maher proceeded to tell a national audience that they don't count. The gifts were given to the Mormon Church, which is a cult, so the gifts don't count. Secondly, even if gifts to this church did count, they still wouldn't count because none of them actually went to the poor. Strange as it may seem, Liberals don't think that any Mormons are poor. Rarely, do you get as stellar an example of the flawed Liberal world view.

Let's take the most obvious issue which troubles the left: the separation of the personal and the political. To Liberals, there is no such separation. Everything is political, so there is no room for acknowledging political differences and yet complimenting a fellow human being on his or her good deeds. Liberals don't just have policy arguments. They have personal arguments with their political opponents. Conservatives aren't just wrong; they're evil. They have to be demonized, not just debated and beaten in a fair political contest.

Second, Liberals like Maher just ignore facts which are inconvenient or contradictory to their beliefs. Liberalism is based on feelings, not on logic. Conservatives are mean-spirited in their view, so it can't be possible that conservatives might actually give to charity. In fact, study after study points out that Conservatives are several times more likely to give to charity than Liberals. The reason is simple. When people believe taking care of the poor is the government's role, they naturally act less charitably. Those who see charity as an individual obligation naturally give more. The greater the role we give the government in caring for our neighbors, the less individual citizens will care for their neighbors.

Third, Liberals tend to draw the wrong conclusions, even about the facts they think they know. Let's for a moment grant Maher's “fact” that Mormons aren't poor. The overwhelmingly Liberal audience to his show applauded this insight but failed to realize that it was a tremendous compliment to Mormonism. If indeed Mormons are so good at teaching their members to work hard and to take care of each other to the point where no Mormon is poor, wouldn't we want that same ethic practiced across the ethnic and religious checkerboard? How great a world it would be if blacks took care of their own, Catholics took care of their own, or Muslims took care of their own to the point where there were no poor blacks, Catholics or Muslims. Wouldn't that be a good thing? Wouldn't you want to encourage other ethnicities and religious groups to follow the Mormon example? Of course you would, unless you were Liberal.

Last, but certainly not least, is the rank hypocrisy exposed by the left's reaction to Maher's statements. Prejudice and bigotry is OK so long as the target is acceptable to Liberals. Imagine the fallout if Maher had called Islam a cult, or if he had criticized a prominent black for giving to a black church, or a prominent Muslim for giving to his Mosque. Maher's entertainment career would be over and his life in danger. But because Maher's target was on the right, it probably got some pretty good ratings.

Someone once said that being a Liberal means never having to say you're sorry. You can implement policies that are injurious to the poor, castigate whole religions as cults, and slander a decent man's character so long as you do it in support of the right Liberal cause. I'm getting tired of saying it, but this election offers yet another stark choice: between the decent and indecent. Gregory J. Welborn is an independent opinion columnist. He writes and speaks frequently on political, economic and social issues. His columns have appeared in publications such as The Los Angeles Daily News, The Orange County Register, The Wall Street Journal and USA Today. He can be reached at gwelborn@mvoobserver.com.



JACKPOT WIN NO TAX WIN

By Tom Purcell

Sheesh! People who hope to win the lottery sure are stingy about paying their “fair share” of taxes. I refer to a fascinating Motley Fool article by Rich Smith.

Say you win big and take a \$100 million lump-sum payout. The highest federal tax bracket, which kicks in at about \$388,000 in income, is

now 35 percent.

You will owe roughly \$35 million in federal income taxes. But you'll also owe state and local taxes that can exceed 10 percent in some states. Thus, you'd pay about 45 percent to 50 percent of your windfall in taxes. Out of your \$100 million jackpot, you'd get to keep \$50 million to \$55 million. Most folks would be happy to receive \$50 million. And to hand over half their jackpot to various governments. Right?

Wrong.

According to a recent poll by the Hoover Institution, average Americans believe lottery winners should not be required to pay more than 10 percent or 15 percent of their windfalls in taxes -- well less than what they must pay now. But Smith points out something even more interesting: Most average Americans also support “raising” taxes on America's wealthy. The Hoover Institution also finds that 62 percent of respondents support the “Buffett Rule,” which would require that millionaires pay at least 30 percent in taxes.

That is, average Americans want people who earn big money to pay higher taxes than people who win big money in the lottery should have to pay. However, I think many average Americans are confused about how much the well-off are actually paying in taxes.

The rich already pay the lion's share of taxes in America, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The top 10 percent of income earners pay more than half of all federal taxes and more than 70 percent of federal income taxes.

According to the Tax Policy Center, those making more than \$1 million already pay, after deductions, 30 percent of their income in total federal taxes (income, payroll and other taxes).

There are about 1,500 Americans who earn more than \$1 million from investments. On that income, they're paying only the long-term capital gains tax of 15 percent -- and no federal income taxes. That's how Mitt Romney earns most of his money and why his effective tax rate is relatively low.

President Obama has been talking about such people a lot of late. But even making them pay 30 percent on their capital gains would generate only about \$5 billion a year -- a paltry sum when you consider America is spending hundreds of billions of dollars more than it is taking in every year.

Meanwhile, says USA Today, households that make between \$50,000 and \$75,000 pay an average of 15 percent of their income in federal taxes. Households making between \$40,000 and \$50,000 pay an average of 12.5 percent in federal taxes. Households making between \$20,000 and \$30,000 pay 5.7 percent.

Those percentages are considerably less than what the “rich” are paying. If Obama wants to fix our messy tax system, he could embrace the recommendations of his self-appointed Bowles-Simpson deficit commission.

It recommends that taxes be simplified, that rates be lowered and that most deductions be removed -- which would result in the “rich” paying more. Sure, big-time lottery winners would still have to pay a top income-tax rate of 28 percent. That is a far cry from the 10 percent or 15 percent that average Americans want them to pay, but it sure beats the current 35 percent rate.

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BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee,



WHEN PAYING LESS COSTS YOUR COMMUNITY MORE

I firmly believe in supporting local independently owned businesses, which I demonstrate by patronizing and referring customers to them on a regular basis. It made my heart proud recently when I received the type of feedback that shows the positive impact one person can have on creating new customers and sales for one local business. About seven months ago, my partner and I invited her nephew and his wife to join us for lunch at The Loose Teas Café & Gifts in Monrovia. They live in the neighboring City of Duarte and the four of us can usually be found dining at a restaurant in Monrovia, Sierra Madre or Pasadena during our routine Friday evening get -togethers.

Apparently, Loose Teas has become one of their regular spots when he picks his wife up from work each Wednesday to treat her to lunch. Whenever we go in now, the owners always ask us about the nephew and his wife. All resulting from that initial invitation to a place that we knew they'd enjoy since they both like tea. The nephew informed me that he was interested in purchasing one of the tea brewing containers that he saw on display at Loose Teas, but the price was \$25. Being the conscientious person he is, he decided to check online to see if he could find a better price. "Wow! Here it is at Amazon.com for only \$13 plus shipping and handling, so I'll save a few dollars," he thought to himself. He told me that he stopped shortly before processing the online purchase and thought about the wonderful reception that he gets each time he enters Loose Teas business and decided that a few extra dollars would be better spent supporting this local businesses

It's a no-brainer that saving money makes sense. It can literally make cents add up to dollars (pun intended). However, it is also important to look at the bigger picture when considering how our individual purchasing choices contribute to, or take away from the local economy. For purposes of this discourse, the local economy is loosely defined as your residence (or business) as the epicenter of a local economy that spans out in all directions within a five to ten minute drive.

The internet has evolved as one of the most important pit stops to find the best possible prices for numerous products and services. Americans have become conditioned to discounts at megastores like WalMart, Costco and Sam's Club. It is obvious that the majority of small businesses are not able to compete with these pricing strategies. However, the owners of small businesses are the ones most likely to support local nonprofits and schools with generous donations for a variety of community activities and organizations. The person with the authority to make decisions about whether a donation will be made and the nature of the donation is often working onsite in the local business on a routine basis, which makes them readily accessible to approach.

Megastores and corporate chain stores that make donations always require some type of formal application process that requires the expenditure of time or the hiring of a professional to prepare the application or written request. Most often the applicant will be directed to a website to complete an online process. This is always followed by a waiting period to allow time for some type of review process to determine if the community event or organization has been selected to receive a donation.

Small businesses often charge more for certain items because they don't benefit from lower prices of large chain stores that purchase in massive quantities. In turn, it is important to encourage more of our neighbors to become more frequent patrons of small independent businesses, even when it might cost a bit more. Not only will we support their efforts to stay in business by generating a reasonable profit, but collectively, we help to create the financial means that allow them to contribute more to the activities and events that contribute to our quality of life.

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A NEW BEGINNING: P. E. Deans

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Following a soft opening on Saturday, April 21st, Sierra Madre's newest downtown business, P.E. Deans, a furniture and houseware consignment store at 49 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., will hold its Grand Opening celebration on Friday, May 4th at 5pm with a traditional ribbon-cutting by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, followed by a reception in the store.

Featuring fine quality furniture, decorative accessories, glassware and gifts, P.E. Deans is named for the owner's mother, Patricia Elizabeth Deans, said owner Sherry Grossi, who, with her husband, Cesare, also own Zugo's Café across the street. Having spent much of her life in the retail industry, Ms. Grossi is excited to offer contemporary and traditional furniture by some of America's finest manufacturers, with the current inventory including merchandise by Baker and Kreiss, among others, at very affordable prices.

P.E. Deans is open from 11 to 6 on Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 6 on Saturday, and 10 to 3 on Sundays. They are closed on Mondays. The website, currently under construction and coming soon, is at www.PEDeans.com. If you have some quality items you'd like to consign, please call Sherry at (626) 355-0400.



THE LAST CALL: CAFE 322 CLOSES



On Sunday, the last note was played, the last meal served at one of Sierra Madre's favorite 'spots'. Owner Mario Lalli (above) says he will return his full attention to his music, his true love. On Sunday numerous bands and patrons came out to wish him well. Photo by Dean Lee

We're making breakfast for Mom...

...and packing a picnic for the park.

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with all the things our Moms do:

1. _____ her bicycle on the path

2. _____ in the lake

3. _____ and folds laundry

4. _____ stories with us every night

5. _____ the flower box

6. _____ sure we do our homework

7. _____ cookies

8. _____ me to feed our pet

9. _____ us even when we make mistakes

10. _____ the bushes

11. _____ us how to take care of our things

12. _____ at a business

13. _____ at town events

14. _____ us to the bus stop on time

15. _____ for our groceries and clothes

16. _____ and kisses us goodnight

17. _____ summer vacations

18. _____ picnics

19. _____ us to the doctor or dentist

20. _____ in the road race

21. _____ and mops floors

22. _____ flower bulbs

23. _____ mini golf

24. _____ the bills

Mail a card!

Write a note!

Give hugs and kisses to Grandma!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-055176
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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-057100
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THUNDERBOLT MESSENGER SERVICE, 6602 KELTONVIEW DR., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRISTOPHER PAIVA, 6602 KELTONVIEW DR., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRISTOPHER PAIVA. 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. 2012-058137
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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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 Schnaider, 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 Schnaider,
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.

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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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