

## Breaking News:

### NELL AND BOB SOLT, WISTARIA VINE OWNERS NAMED FOURTH OF JULY GRAND MARSHALS

The volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is excited to announce that the 2012 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal will be Nell and Bob Solt, the Wistaria Vine Owners. "The Grand Marshal is a person's whose efforts over a long period of time has been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person's volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our city."

Since 1972, when they purchased the property at Hermosa and Carter Ave, Nell and Bob Solt have graciously opened their property to allow thousands of people to visit the world-famous Wistaria Vine during Sierra Madre's signature event, the Wistaria Festival, held each March. For forty years, not only have they opened their property to outsiders on the day of the festival, but for days in advance, with media day, docent training day, equipment drop off and pick up day, and more.

## CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS MADE

Mayor Josh Moran started his tenure as head of the council with a very long council meeting Tuesday night. The agenda included amendments to the FY 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 budgets, fee changes and more. However, one of the most anxiously awaited agenda items, Council assignments to various committees and organizations did not happen until almost midnight.

The following council liaison appointments were made:  
(Alternates are in parenthesis)

Planning Commission  
Senior Community Commission  
Community Services Commission  
Tree Commission  
Library  
Green Advisory Commission  
SM Volunteer Fire Department  
Chamber of Commerce  
Sierra Madre School  
Sanitation  
SM Police Department  
Council of Governments (COG)  
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Josh Moran (Harabedian)  
Nancy Walsh (Capoccia)  
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John Capoccia (Koerber)  
Josh Moran (Harabedian)  
John Capoccia (Moran)  
Chris Koerber (Capoccia)  
Nancy Walsh (Moran)

Council members will serve a term of 1 year.



Foothill Unity Center Deputy Director Betty R. McWilliams has been chosen from a field of over 20 candidates to assume leadership of the organization effective June 4. She succeeds Joan E. Whitenack, who is retiring after nearly 17 years as head of the agency.

As a key member of the Center's management team for 14 years, McWilliams has played a pivotal role in its growth into one of the most effective nonprofit agencies in the area. In partnership with Whitenack, she led the expansion of its program service area from three cities to eleven, now providing services to more than 4,000 unduplicated very low income local families and homeless each year.

### BETTY R. MCWILLIAMS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER, INC.

She was instrumental in securing the Center's federal designation as Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area and in the success of its major annual fundraising event, the Golden Plate Awards Dinner. In addition to overseeing the Center's day-to-day operations, McWilliams has helped to develop many of its client programs, including Health Services, Pet Food Bank, Senior/Disabled Home Delivery, case management and much more. She has also been instrumental in the planning and execution of its annual Back to School, Thanksgiving and Holiday Distributions. Prior to joining the Center, McWilliams served as Executive Director of the Pasadena Senior Center for six years and held other administrative positions in the private sector.

"After a months-long search and the review of a strong field of final candidates, Betty emerged as the hands-down choice of our Executive Search Committee," said David Steinmeier, President of the Center's Board of Directors. "As Foothill Unity Center enters a new era of helping local families in need, we are fortunate and proud to

have Betty's exceptional leadership skills, seasoned experience, caring and passion at the helm."

NOTE: A retirement party for Joan Whitenack is planned for Thursday evening, June 28, 5 - 8 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in Monrovia. For information and reservations (\$10 per person), contact Barbara Rolf at the Center, 626.358.3486 or email barbara@foothillunitycenter.org

**About Foothill Unity Center**  
Foothill Unity Center helps local low-income families and individuals get the food, health care and crisis assistance they need to survive, and hopefully get back on their feet. In 2011, the nonprofit Center, the Community Action Agency for the Foothill area, provided more than 35,000 family food services - including monthly groceries, weekly perishable foods, bag lunches for the homeless, homebound delivery and more. The organization also supplies access and referrals to health care services, plus referrals to over 100 local organizations and partners for other crisis services.

### SIERRA MADRE'S OLDER AMERICANS OF THE YEAR: NAN AND JERRY CARLTON



On Friday evening, The City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department and the Senior Community Commission bestowed the honor of Older Americans of the Year for 2012 on Nan and Jerry Carlton. 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.

The award was presented at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Sierra Mayor Josh Moran presented

a Proclamation from the City of Sierra Madre. Special presentations were made by Mark Harmon from Congressman Dreier's office, and Rita Hadjimanoukian from Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office.

The Carltons are longtime active volunteers in the community and been involved in numerous activities, including (partial listing) the Sierra Madre Friends of the Library, the Mt. Wilson Trail Race, the Wine & Jazz Walk, the Sierra Madre Civic Club & Senior Lunch Program, the Little League and much, much

more.

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.

Photo by Bill Coburn

## Don't Forget: Letter Carrier Food Drive TODAY

The Foothill Unity Center is partnering with the US Postal Service for the Letter Carrier Food Drive. Put all your non-perishable goods in a bag for your letter carrier to pick up on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

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\*proceeds to fund Paul Magaris mini-grant programs and other charitable activities

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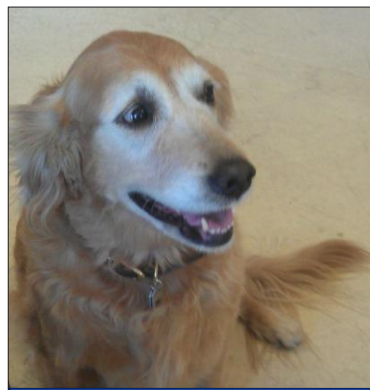
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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at  
City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca.  
626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
May 22nd, 2012 6:30 pm

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

MAY CALENDAR OF SIERRA MADRE  
CIVIC EVENTS

5/12 Sierra Madre Playhouse Sorcerer's  
Apprentice

5/12 - Kiwanis Chili Cook-Off and  
Fundraiser

5/12 - Woman's Club Mother's Day Tea

5/12 - Foothill Unity Center Food Drive

5/18 - Alverno High School Spring Dance

5/19 - Sierra Madre Little League Closing

5/23 - Alverno High School Coffeehouse

5/24 - Alverno High School Choral Concert

5/24 - Garden Club Luncheon

5/24 - Sierra Madre Library Third Thursday  
Book Club

5/25 - Mount Wilson Trail Race Pasta Dinner

5/26 - Mount Wilson Trail Race and  
Activities

5/25-5/26

Sierra Madre Playhouse Woman in  
Mind

## 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  
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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 As-  
sociations 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 fami-  
lies 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!)

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission pre-  
sents 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 pro-  
grams 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.cityof-sierramadre.com/online-registration](http://www.cityof-sierramadre.com/online-registration) or in person at the Com-  
munity 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 provid-  
ed. Live animals, large canopies, and selling of food or drinks are  
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## 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 partici-  
pants 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](http://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 ac-  
cepted. For more information please call the Community Services Department at (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](mailto:henryeng@aol.com). Training  
will be provided, and it's fun...you might discover a new career!

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 Boul-  
vard to Mariposa Avenue. The hours will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m.  
during the summer with the exception of major holidays.

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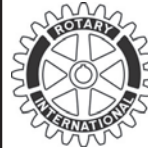


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essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation  
causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for  
worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and  
donates hundreds of service hours to community events 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](mailto:PeggyBeau@GMail.com).

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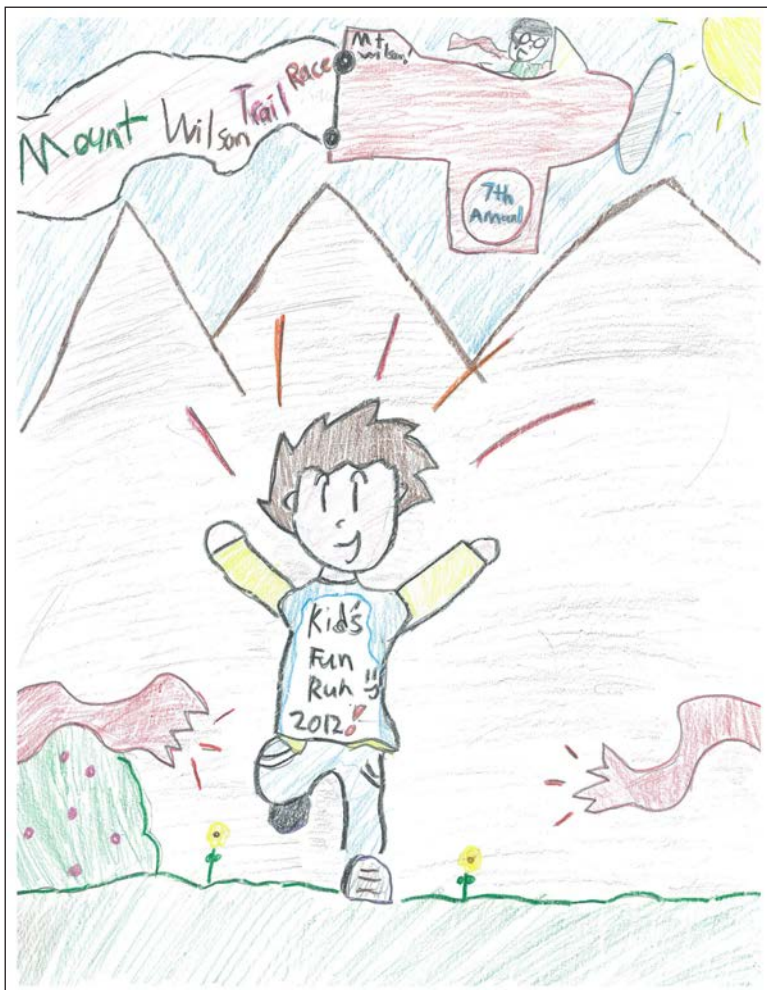
## ISAIAH RAYA WINS KID'S FUN RUN T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

A winner has been selected in the Mount Wilson Trail Race Kid's Fun Run T-shirt Design Contest.

The winning artwork is titled "The Joy of Running: Having a Winning Attitude" and was submitted by Sierra Madre Elementary School student Isaiah Raya.

Isaiah's artwork will be featured on the back of the MWTR Kid's Fun Run T-shirt. He will be recognized for his accomplishment on Saturday, May 26th at the Mount Wilson Trail Race prior to the Kids' Fun Run.

Approximately 40 youth submitted their artwork for this new contest held by the City of Sierra Madre's Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee. Submitted pieces of artwork had to include a depiction of Mount Wilson in their design. For more information on the Mount Wilson Trail Race and activities please contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-5278.



## An Extraordinary Woman

By Anne Montgomery

*Anne Montgomery is a member of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club and recent recipient of two regional writing awards. This inspirational story should remind us all that it is never too late.*

Lucile Pepper Bailey was the youngest of four girls who grew up in a household of women because her father died when she was six. At that time, my mother was the oldest at 18 and she went to work in the local school as a teacher to help support the family. They lived in the little town of Salem, West Virginia. At 18 she graduated from high school and began teaching in Salem. She continued to take classes at Salem College with a degree in English and a minor in French and Social Studies. After graduation, she was hired to teach fifth and sixth grades in Williamson, West Virginia and was there for the next three years. In those days, she would have been considered a "women's libber." She decided that life had more to offer and went to George Washington University in Georgetown where she got her degree in Library Science. The next year she was hired as an English teacher in Bridgeport High School in Bridgeport, West Virginia. A year later she became the school's Librarian where she spent the next four years.



Anne Montgomery addresses the Sierra Madre Woman's Club at a recent luncheon.

She married Harry Miles Bailey and eventually, in the early 1940's, they moved to Richland, Washington where miles worked at the top secret Hanford Nuclear Plant. Soon after their three children were born, Lucile went back to work as the Librarian of the local High School. She loved books and felt they were a world to explore. Her inquiring mind kept her informed on a myriad of subjects.

As the years went by, she became the matriarch of our family. She loved to play word games and when we had family gatherings, there were many games of Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble or Perquacky and Aunt Lucile could trounce us all.

When she was 90, she bought a computer and went to school to learn how to use email and to surf the internet. She wanted to keep informed and to be able to communicate with her family in various parts of the United States. She was an excellent driver but at 96 she decided it was time to quit driving and use Dial-a-Ride to do her errands. That same year she had her ears pierced because she wanted to have diamond earrings before she died.

On her 100th birthday, the family gave her a huge party. Many of her family attended, coming from all over the United States. There were also some of her former students in attendance, as well as those friends who were still living. Amazingly, she could remember them all.

When she was 102, her mind was still strong but her legs forced her to navigate in a wheelchair. One day she told her daughter, Mary, that she would like to learn how to play gin. A few days later, they were eating dinner and Mary said, "After dinner we will have a game of gin." As Mary was helping Aunt Lucile into her wheelchair, suddenly she slumped over and died. She left a gaping hole in our family but an extraordinary example to follow.



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## RENATTA COOPER, ED HONOWITZ RE-ELECTED TO LEAD PUSD BOARD FOR SECOND TERM

Pasadena, CA - The Board of Education of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) voted unanimously to re-elect Renatta Cooper as board president for the 2012-2013 school year. Ed Honowitz was also re-elected as vice president at the annual organizational meeting held Monday, May 7. The board elects officers for one-year terms.

"I'm honored to be reelected unanimously," said Cooper, who will serve her second consecutive term as president. "I hope to work closely with Superintendent Jon Gundry and Chief Academic Officer Brian McDonald to implement 21st century learning in our classrooms, work to close the achievement gap and continue to strengthen our child development program."

Since her election to the board in 2007, Cooper has focused on early childhood education, closing the achievement gap between groups of students, English learners and stronger engagement of parents and the community. She was recently named one of this year's Women of Influence by Pasadena Magazine for her advocacy for the education of all children. An expert on early childhood education, Cooper formerly taught graduate-level child development programs at Pacific Oaks College and has been a member of the First 5 Los Angeles Board of Commissioners. This is her second term as president of the board of Education.

Board members also re-elected Ed Honowitz by a vote of 4-3 to serve in the role of vice president.

"It is an honor to be re-elected to help move the board forward to educate all students," said Honowitz, who served as vice president in 2011-2012. First elected to the PUSD board in 2001, Honowitz also served as president of the board for two years. He is an alumnus of Pasadena public schools and his children attended PUSD schools as well. He has been elected twice to serve as a member of the California School Boards Association delegate assembly.

Board member Kim Kenne was elected as clerk of the board of education. The board clerk certifies actions taken by the board, maintains records or reports as required by law and serves as the presiding officer in the absence of the president and vice president. Kenne was elected to the board in 2011.

The board named Kim Kenne as its delegate to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, Ed Honowitz and Ramon Miramontes as delegates to the Five Star Coalition and Elizabeth Pomeroy and Ramon Miramontes as representatives to the Pasadena Educational Foundation.

School liaison assignments for each board member remained the same with the addition of charter schools and the separation of the Center for Independent Studies from Pasadena High School.

Regular board meetings will continue to start at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, with some exceptions.

## HEALTH INSURANCE AND YOU

### Luncheon Forum Sponsored By The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club

On Tuesday, May 15, 2012 the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will host a public forum on the topic of Health Insurance and you. The event will afford attendees the opportunity to hear the latest information on Health Insurance programs, their relationship to Medicare, Billing Practices and more.

The speaker for the event will be health insurance advisor John Barrett. Barrett is the founder of Health Insurance Brokers. The firm was created in 2004 to capitalize upon the upheaval in the health insurance industry, and the subsequent trend toward consumer driven health care. The mission of the firm is to meet the needs of individuals, business owners and their employees seeking affordable health insurance and related employee benefits. Mr. Barrett also is the Founder and President of Palisades Capital Group, a Southern California investment banking advisory and valuation firm.



The event will be held at The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Parking is available in the rear of the building.

Lunch will be served at noon. The program will begin at 12:30. The program is free, however the cost of lunch is \$10.00. Reservations are required.

If you would like to attend, please call Susan Henderson at 626-355-0728.

### Primary Election Forum Planned for May 22nd

The following Tuesday, May 22nd, Kiwanis will sponsor a Candidates Forum featuring those running for seats in the newly created 27th Congressional District, the 25th State Senate District and the 41st Assembly Districts. For more information, please contact Clem Bartolai at 626-355-0757.



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## Roommate Admits to Care Center Murder



By Dean Lee

A Pasadena Residential Care Center resident was arrested Monday after leading police to the body of another patient, not breathing, he later admitted to killing. Police said no motive was given for the alleged murder.

According to police, on Monday, at approximately 5:48 p.m., Pasadena police officers were conducting an investigation at the Pasadena Residential Care Center, 1400 block of North Garfield Avenue, when resident Paul Lopez, 38, approached them admitting to killing 61-year-old Pasadena resident George Schatford.

Police said they were first approached by an employee who asked for assistance regarding a patient not breathing. Officers found Schatford in a room within the facility unresponsive. The Pasadena Fire Department responded to the scene, but they were unable to revive Schatford they said.

Police said marks were found around Schatford's neck leading they to believe has was strangled

Lopez was transported and booked for murder at the Pasadena Police Department. Pasadena Homicide/ Assault Detectives and the coroner's office responded to the location. The California Health & Human Services Agency was advised of the incident according to police.

Lopez is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

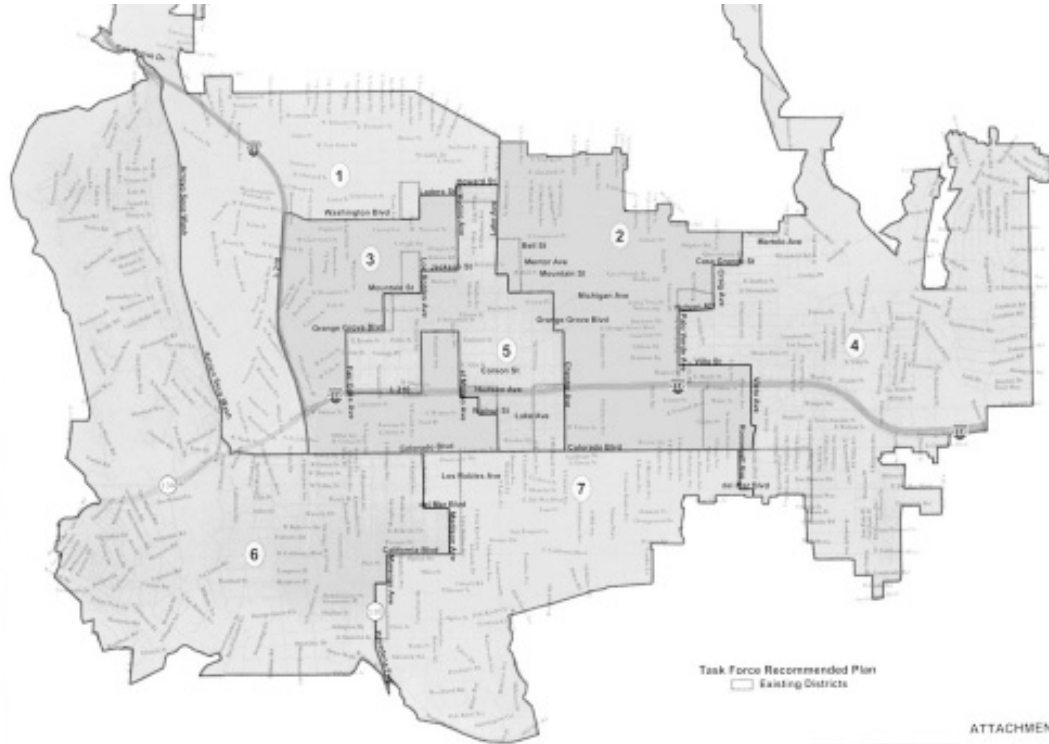
## Pet of the Week



Chapa is an 11-year-old cream Pekingese. He takes some time to warm up so a loving, calm and caring household would be great for him.

Chapa'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 A304683 or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



## New Council Districts Approved

By Dean Lee

The city council approved an amendment Monday night that alters the boundaries of the seven districts from which council members are elected. District 4 Council Member Gene Masuda was the only no vote saying that stripping thousands of residents from his district was unfair.

Both council members, Steve Madison and Chris Holden were absent.

Redistricting occurs, by law, every 10 years and uses the most recent U.S. Census figures. Between 2000 and 2010 Census records show the city grew by 3,186 residents putting the population at 137,122. According to city staff about 11,000 residents will be affected by changes.

Although District 4 grew slightly by 475 residents, a little less than 2,000 of those were shifted west of Mentor Avenue, and 2,395 residents were added south of Colorado Boulevard.

"The problem that I had with this whole thing, when you strip 2,000 people from District 4 and then on a staff report, and then quotes in the newspaper, I've been hearing," He said, "they are comparing population numbers or impact of population numbers after the stripping of 2,000 people... I find that really insulting because that is not what we were talking about."

Masuda said the issue was not crossing Colorado Boulevard.

"By the time they went across

adjusting the numbers, by the time they got to district 5 and then 2 they needed 2,000 people, instead of crossing Colorado, he fixed that problem through district 4."

Districts 2 and 5 also had major changes according to staff.

The city has a long standing rule that all district touch a part of Colorado Blvd., at first, in part dealing with the Rose Parade although later more to do with the popularity of businesses along the boulevard.

The council also rejected The Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association proposed new district arguing that downtown Pasadena is currently split up between four different council districts that, they say, should be one.

At the council's April 30 meeting, Jonathan Edwards, speaking on behalf of The Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association reasoned that downtown Pasadena residents have different needs and should be represented by a council member with their goals in mind.

"Sustainability, leadership, innovation, urban walk-ability, a vibrant street life, these are themes that are founded throughout the redistricting discussion that we have had with you, and the task force," he said. "And they are themes that are still relevant tonight. We're here, The Downtown

Pasadena Neighborhood Association united by common characteristics, We're here because we enjoy urban way of life."

Edwards said that most residents in the downtown live in condominiums and apartments, ride bikes and use public transportation making it a unique neighborhood. He had proposed a one downtown district plan something the council rejected.

A number of council members, including Victor Gordo and Holden, had said that council district boundaries do not define neighborhood going so far as to say that the downtown benefits from being split four ways.

City Clerk Mark Jomsky said the new district lines are expected to be submitted to Los Angeles County by May 15.

## Northwest Commission to Reexamine Community Role

Pasadena's Northwest Commission, the City Council-appointed advisory body regarding services and activities for the city's northwest community, will hold a special community meeting to discuss potential restructuring in response to the dissolution of community redevelopment agencies and the City's two redevelopment project area committees (PACs): the Fair Oaks PAC and the Lincoln Avenue PAC.

The public is invited to share opinions and ideas with the Commission regarding what role it might play in regard to economic development at the special meeting set for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, at Jackie Robinson Center Auditorium, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information, please contact Lola Osborne, Northwest Programs Manager at [losborne@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:losborne@cityofpasadena.net) or (626) 744-6879.

For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).

## On Your Mark, Pasadena Marathon Coming May 20

The Pasadena Marathon presented by Kaiser Permanente is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 20th. The event will feature a full & half marathon, bike tour, and 5k community run/walk. For detailed information about course maps, registration, etc., please log-on to [www.pasadenamarathon.org](http://www.pasadenamarathon.org).

The event will start and end at Pasadena City College with a day-long Finish Festival at that site. An estimated 6,500 people are expected to participate. The route will take participants past our City's renowned cultural landmarks and through many of our scenic neighborhoods and vibrant commercial districts. Parking for the event is free and will be located at the Pasadena City College Campus and nearby Caltech.

Event Schedule  
5:00 am Secure Route

5:45 am Bike Tour

6:30 am Marathon/Half

7:30 am 10k/5k

9:00 am 1k Kids Run

7:00 am Finish Line Festival

Open to Public at PCC

1:45 pm Rolling Closures with Final Mile Re-Opening by this time.

Street Closures

Beginning at 5:00 am on race day, Pasadena Police will assume control of the streets with restricted vehicular access only through designated intermittent traffic control points and those streets not affected by the route. Residents and visitors to the City should be advised to expect delays when traveling within the City. Streets will re-open according to a 15 minute per mile time clock. Please visit [pasadenamarathon.org](http://pasadenamarathon.org) for street closure map to see when streets will re-open in your neighborhood. The Pasadena Police Department reminds residents to remain patient when driving in the City.

## Fire Officials Offers Brush Clearance Tips

The hills and wild areas are lush with vegetation now due to the recent damp weather, but that brush and grass will dry out soon, increasing the chance of wildfires. Pasadena firefighters are inspecting brush-prone areas through June and reminding property owners of the following responsibilities they have under the city's Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance to help prevent fires.

Remove all dead trees and keep grasses and weeds mowed within 100 feet of any building (including those on adjacent property) and within 10 feet of any roadway used for vehicular travel. This does not apply to ornamental shrubbery, trees or cultivated ground cover. In extremely hazardous areas, distances up to 200 feet from a structure and 50 feet from a fence or roadway may be required by the Fire Department.

Grasses and other vegetation located more than 30 feet from any building and less than

18 inches in height may be maintained where necessary to stabilize soil and prevent erosion. Large trees and shrubs in that area should be 18 feet apart.

Remove leafy foliage, deadwood, combustible ground cover, twigs or branches within three feet of mature trees located within 100 feet of any building or within 10 feet of any roadway used for vehicular travel.

Remove dead limbs, branches and other combustible matter from trees or other growing vegetation adjacent to or overhanging any structure. Remove any portion of a tree which extends within 10 feet of a chimney or stovepipe. Trim and maintain all vegetation away from curb line up to a height of 13.5 feet to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Maintain five feet of vertical clearance between roof surfaces and any overhanging portions of trees.

## City Manager Appoints Wells New Fire Chief

As anticipated, Calvin Wells became the city's new fire chief. City Manager Michael Beck made the announcement Monday. Wells had been Interim Fire Chief since September, following the retirement of former Chief Dennis Downs.

"Chief Wells is a career firefighter with more than 30 years of experience serving our community. He has extensive experience with the Pasadena Fire Department's operations and administration. He is the right choice to continue making Pasadena Fire a model fire department for others to replicate and look up to," City Manager Beck said.

According to Beck Chief Wells joined the Pasadena Fire Department in 1979 and has served in numerous positions here during his 32-year fire service career, including, Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Engineer, Fire Investigator, Fire Captain I, Fire Captain II, Battalion Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Bureau Chief and Deputy Fire Chief.

"It is an honor to be appointed as the next permanent Chief of



the Pasadena Fire Department," Wells said. "Pasadena Fire has a great legacy of public service, saving lives and protecting property. As Chief, it will be my privilege to advance that commitment." Wells has overseen the Department's Operations Bureau where he was responsible for all aspects of emergency service delivery. He also holds the title of Fire Marshal, overseeing the Prevention, Operations and Administration Bureaus Beck said.

## Guns, Cash Seized in Welfare Fraud Investigation



By Dean Lee

Police took three people into custody Tuesday in connection with a yearlong sting operation on an East Pasadena liquor store thought to be a front for a massive welfare fraud operation. A fourth unnamed suspect is still outstanding police said.

According to police, search warrants were served at Sunshine Liquor Store, 3360 E. Colorado Blvd., as well as five other locations in Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale. The raids netted nine weapons and \$298,716.00 in cash.

Three adults, including Sunshine

Liquor owner George Kerio, 38 of Glendale and two clerks, Nassib Shankour, 43, Daniel Bonilla, 29, both from Pasadena were arrested for conspiracy to commit welfare fraud.

The investigation was led by the Pasadena Police Department in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the US Secret Service, and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Police say the investigation started after receiving complaints last year about possible welfare fraud at Sunshine Liquor.

## Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed



to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is May 15 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

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

## Voter Registration Deadline Is May 21 for Primary Election

Whether you're voting interest in the upcoming June 5 California Primary is the Pasadena Unified School District charter amendment creating sub-districts, races for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the California Legislature, or the U.S. Senate and presidential contests, you first have to be registered to cast your ballot.

With the June 5 primary election just a few weeks away, Pasadena City Clerk Mark Jomsky reminds the public that the registration deadline to vote next month is May 21.

Voter registration in Los Angeles County is open to any county resident age 18 or over, or who will be 18 by the time of the election, who is not currently in custody or on parole for a felony conviction.

Registrants must fill out a hard-copy form and return it to the County Elections Office, Jomsky said. Registration forms are

available at most government buildings in Los Angeles County, including all Pasadena city offices, public libraries and community centers. Forms also can be downloaded from the California Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/register-to-vote/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/register-to-vote/).

In addition to federal and state elective-office races and the Pasadena Unified School District sub-district proposal, Measure A, this year's primary ballot includes state measures dealing with legislator term limits and the cigarette tax as well as county tax measures related to hotel occupancy and landfills.

For more information about this year's elections, including finding your polling place and options for casting your ballot, visit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net).



## “What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO MY SPECIAL MOM  
ANGELINA(JULIA) MARY PALMA ALLEGRI  
OCTOBER 4, 1918- DECEMBER 2, 2010**



Mom and Mayor Sheng Chang

I don't remember how old I was when I realized I had an amazing mom who could do about anything. The house I grew up in was a large tutor back East and had 4 stories! Laundry facilities were in the basement and the attic was converted into a huge bedroom suite. The house was spotless and every night when Dad came home from work, my mom had a home-cooked meal ready and we ate together as a family.

Mom's story began on October 4, 1918 in Waterford N.J. Because of the influenza epidemic, she was delivered by her father, Philip. Perhaps he looked at an angelic face and chose that name- it certainly described my mom. However, her older brother Frank couldn't say "Angelina" and somehow Mom was dubbed, "Julia." They shortly moved to South Philly and my grandfather worked on the railroad.

Mom's childhood was hard, because her mom was sickly. As a ten-year-old, my mom got up and even mopped floors for her mom before school. She had five siblings: Frank, Mary, Micky, Joe and Rita, and they all remained close throughout their lives. They were a loving family and their mother, Susan was special.

When Mom was 17, her Dad left home. Although her brother Frank had a scholarship and both she and Frank had excelled in school-they were in the National Honor Society, they went to work. They gave their Mom their paychecks to help keep the family together. My Mom told me this after I was married and she felt so lucky to have my Dad. She felt God gave my Dad to her because she had helped her own Mom.

There are so many qualities to describe my mom. She was a hard worker. Even though my Dad had a good job, she still mopped the floors. To this day it amazes me how she kept the four story house spotless and cooked everything from scratch!

My mom was a very intelligent woman. She went to South Philadelphia High for girls and always made Honor Roll. Although she didn't go to college, she loved to read and watched the news. She was a knowledgeable woman.

My mom had a deep faith in God and practiced what she preached. She was always kind and generous to others and willing to help anyone in need. Although my older sister was divorced from her first husband, my mom sent him a "Get Well" card when he had a bout with cancer. It also was my mom and sister who visited my sister's former mother-in-law in the nursing home. We were taught never to hold grudges and to be kind to others.

She was the best Mom we could ask for. Once she and my dad drove all the way to Newburgh NY from Westfield NJ just to bring me a gown for a dance at West Point. She handed me the gown, jacket and gloves, kissed me, and then they drove all the way back to Westfield.

My Mom was devoted to my Dad. She always made his pasta on Sundays and holidays. She took care of him for one-and-a-half years after his first strokes. Then he had to go into a Nursing Home. Every day, she got up, ate breakfast, and went over there for the day. She fed him and visited him. Then she came home at 5pm because she didn't like to drive in the dark.

After Daddy passed away, Mom did not feel sorry for herself. She joined Women's and Church's group and was "Miss Sunshine"- she did birthday cards and other special things for the ladies in the group. She traveled to CA to visit us and Massachusetts and Arizona to visit Mary and her family. She always was ready to try new things and brought sunshine everywhere she went. When she came to California, I was still on The Monrovia-Arcadia -Duarte Town Council. We went to Sheriff's Headquarters to drop off a homemade pie for the late Sheriff Sherman Block and we also toured the Emergency Operations Center. She met my friends Natalie Salazar, Director for Community Policing with the Sheriff's as well as Margaret Finlay from the Duarte City Council. Captain Sam Dacus was at the Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Station and Sgt. Gary Thorton took us on a boat ride that she loved! Another happy memory-guests of former Mayor Sheng Chang at a "real" Chinese restaurant. Mom loved all new adventures.

If I could be half the person she was and touch so many lives in a positive way, I would be grateful. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! I love you!

## Pet Of The Week - SKIP: Animal ID #A4418567

Meet the most exuberant, joyful boy at the shelter, Skip (A4418567). Skip is a cheerful two-year-old black male Labrador Retriever mix who was discarded at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on April 18th because his former owner's other dog attacked him. Weighing sixty pounds, Skip is okay on the leash although he doesn't seem to have had formal training. Very playful, he loves other dogs and is quite well-socialized. Skip will be the perfect indoor pet for an active individual or family living in a private home, and we think he would be an exceptionally great family dog. He is sure to bring lots of laughs to anyone who adopts him. In his debut video, one can see what a hilarious character he is! To watch a video of Skip please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAwQQkLZE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAwQQkLZE)



To meet Skip in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Skip, please reference his animal ID number: A4418567. 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 Skip or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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## Celebrating 30 Years of Service



Last weekend, the Altadena Senior Center celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Nearly 100 people attended the celebration including State Senator Carol Liu, 5th District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich said the center's Director Cynthia Banks. (Director Banks is pictured above on the far left.)

The Altadena Senior Center is operated by the Department of Community and Senior Services. The Center is a community focal point where seniors can come together for services, programs and activities to enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage community involvement. Numerous classes are offered such as in contemporary art, ballroom, folk and line dancing, Chinese brush painting, computer training, memory, sewing and needle craft, quilting, Spanish, exercise, strength training, and yoga. A wide range of employment services is provided as well as legal services and case management. In addition, the Center is a senior nutrition site serving daily lunches. Photo by Dean Lee



## “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](http://www.cbsLA.com/onyourcorner).

## SOCALGAS TO MAKE CUSTOMER'S MOVING EXPERIENCE SMOOTHER WITH “ONE-STOP SHOP” SERVICE

**Southern California Gas Co.** (SoCalGas) has launched a free service that will help customers simplify their moving process. SoCalGas' mover services program is a “one-stop shop” for shopping, selecting, and scheduling important home services like satellite or cable television, Internet, telephone service and more. With just one call to SoCalGas or one visit to SoCalGas' [website](http://www.socalgas.com), customers will be able to shop a variety of companies to get the best deal, sign up for their preferred service, and schedule a convenient time for installation.

“What normally requires multiple phone calls and hours of time by our customers now can be accomplished with one call that gets virtually all of their home moving transactions done,” said Hal D. Snyder, vice president of customer solutions for SoCalGas. “We're always looking for ways to offer additional services and products that will provide value and convenience to our customers.”

Customers can visit [socalgas.com](http://socalgas.com) to start or transfer their natural gas service. Once they're done, they can click on the mover services link to see all of the options available, including prices for their current providers and potential alternatives. If customers prefer, they can call SoCalGas' Customer Contact Center to start or transfer their gas service and then, once the customer service representative has completed their gas start- or transfer-service transaction, they will be offered the option to be transferred to make selections for move-related home services. By making one call to SoCalGas, customers will avoid the hassle of calling multiple providers to start services at their new home.

SoCalGas is working together with Allconnect to offer this service to customers. Allconnect, a leading consumer services company based in Atlanta, Georgia, helps consumers make informed, cost-effective decisions by explaining the service plans, pricing and promotions available across a broad array of home services. Allconnect works with major service providers across the country and will consult with the customer to identify the services that are right for their unique needs.

For more information about SoCalGas' mover services program, please visit [socalgas.com/moving](http://socalgas.com/moving) or call 1-800-427-2200 or 1-800-342-4545 in Spanish.

About Southern California Gas Co.  
**Southern California Gas Co.** has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 20.9 million consumers connected through nearly 5.8 million meters in more than 500 communities. The company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia to the Mexican border. SoCalGas is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE).

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# LAWN BOWLING IN ARCADIA

By Joan Schmidt



Are you looking for a sport that is low-impact, low-cost with no age or skill requirement? If so, lawn bowling may be for you. The American Heart Association has recommended lawn bowling as a positive aid to maintaining a healthy heart.

Right here in Arcadia is the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club. It is located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue on the east side of Arcadia Park in Arcadia.

Just recently the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club of Arcadia hosted 400 lawn bowlers from around the world during the Southwest Division Open, where top men and women bowlers from all over the country competed. If that wasn't enough, there were different food trucks available each day during the tournament. They included Komodo, Flying Pig, Round Burger, No Tomatoes and Slamminsliders!

This year, the Santa Anita Bowling Club is celebrating its 75th year in Arcadia! Not only does the Club have some of the premier greens in the country, but It is only one of two clubs in the country that has four greens! That is why it is such a popular site for tournaments! There are lights on two of the greens. This permits us to play in the evening. Beginning this month, there is social bowling on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday morning.

To find out more about Santa Anita Lawn Bowling, please visit our website at: <http://www.lawnbowling-arcadia.com>. You may also "like" the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SantaAnitaLawnBowling>, and schedule a free lesson by emailing: [lawnbowling4U@yahoo.com](mailto:lawnbowling4U@yahoo.com). Perhaps I'll see you there!

Photo courtesy Gene Plunkett

# Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, April 29th, through Saturday, May 5th, the Police Department responded to 936 calls for service of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

- Sunday, April 29:
1. Around 4:21 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Arcadia Avenue in regards to an attempted theft. The victim observed a male subject rummaging through his carport and detained him until the officer arrived. An investigation revealed nothing was missing; however, the subject was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 26-year-old Asian male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
  2. At approximately 8:05 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Supermarket parking lot, 645 West Duarte Road, in regards to a shooting that had just occurred. An unknown male suspect, accompanied by a group of males, confronted the victim as he was standing in the parking lot. After an exchange of words, the suspect fired several rounds toward the victim of which one bullet entered the victim's leg. A bystander transported the victim to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. Video surveillance revealed the suspects fled the scene in three vehicles, and further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.
- Monday, April 30:
3. At about 4:36 p.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Encino Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) shattered the victim's sliding glass door, ransacked the residence, and fled undetected. Cash and jewelry were reported missing, and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.
  4. Shortly after 6:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a physical altercation. Mall security detained a 25-year-old Hispanic female for public intoxication. Officers determined she was unable to care for herself and transported her to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Tuesday, May 1:
5. At about 11:43 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of South Fifth Avenue regarding an attempted residential burglary report. The victim discovered his rear door window had been shattered. The officer determined the locked wood shutter covering the window opening prevented the suspect(s) from further entry. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.
  6. At approximately 11:38 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for illegally tinted windows, in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Lemon Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was never issued a license and she had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 19-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Wednesday, May 2:
7. Around 11:30 a.m., an officer responded to New Orleans Corner, 411 East Huntington Drive, regarding a battery report. After being terminated from employment, the suspect threw a pitcher of eggs on another employee and attempted to hit her. The Hispanic male suspect was escorted out of the location, and the victim was not desirous of prosecution.
  8. At approximately 3:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a fraud report. The victim responded to a Craigslist advertisement for a rental property and was directed to make a deposit through Western Union. After completing the transaction, the victim researched the property online, and discovered the listing was a scam. The victim suffered no monetary loss as she was able to cancel her deposit in time.
- Thursday, May 3:
9. Shortly after 1:45 a.m., an officer observed a black Nissan Frontier speeding on Live Oak Avenue and conducted an enforcement stop near Tyler Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of marijuana and alcohol. The 33-year-old male of unknown race was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
  10. At about 6:30 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A female subject concealed merchandise inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. The 19-year-old Chinese female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail.
- Friday, May 4:
11. At approximately 10:25 a.m., officers responded to the area of Second Avenue and Longden Avenue regarding a call of a suspicious juvenile walking through the neighborhood. Officers made contact with the subject who explained he was just walking home from school. A search of his person revealed he was in possession of mushrooms containing a controlled substance. The 15-year-old Hispanic male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to his mother.
  12. Around 10:00 p.m., a house in the 000 block of West Live Oak Avenue was engulfed in flames while the resident was at work. Officers evacuated surrounding houses while the Arcadia Fire Department put out the fire, which caused significant structural damage. The owner believed the fire may have been caused by an electrical shortage.
- Saturday, May 5:
13. Just after midnight, an officer responded to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, in regards to a battery report. The victim explained he attended a house party in the 2000 block of South Holly Avenue, where an argument ensued between two parties. Shortly after, he was hit in the face and head with a wine bottle by an unknown male. The suspect is described as Hispanic, approximately 16-years-old, 6'0" tall, 130 lbs., with black hair.
  14. Around 8:10 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. Unknown suspect(s) opened two credit card accounts in the victim's name, and charged over \$5,000 at various stores. The victim has no idea how her personal information was compromised.

# BARK FOR LIFE – A Canine Event to Fight Cancer

## Sunday May 20, 2012 10am – 1pm

The City of Arcadia along with the American Cancer Society is sponsoring Bark for Life. This is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Bark for Life is directly related to Arcadia's Relay for Life and shares the theme, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." So bring your best canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games.

Please remember dogs must be on a leash and please be ready to clean up after your four legged friends.

By supporting Bark for Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

WHERE: Arcadia Dog Park (Eisenhower Park) located on the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Second Avenue: 601 N. Second Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006.

WHO: All dog owners and (and lovers) and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life & the City of Arcadia's Recreation and Community Services Department.

WHEN: Sunday May 20, 2012  
Registration begins at 9:15am; Opening Ceremonies start at 10:00am  
Earlybird registration: \$10.00 per dog, \$20.00 per dog day of event!  
For information and to register visit the website at [relayforlife.org/barkarcadiaca](http://relayforlife.org/barkarcadiaca).

## ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

May 22 at 10:00 a.m. and May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

The Adult Book Discussion group will meet to discuss Imperfectionists: A Novel by Tom Rachman. No registration is needed. This free program is a great way to meet new and interesting people and share in a lively discussion.

For more information, please call (626) 821-5569 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia.

## TECH TALK – INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department Senior Services Division is excited to be offering a free new program for adults, 50+ years of age called "Tech Talk." This will pair up tech-savvy "Volunteens" with older adults looking for assistance and help to overcome phobias with the operation of devices such as cell phones, tablets, e-readers and computers.

The kickoff orientation to this new program will be held Thursday, May 17 from 3pm-4pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. For more information or to register, call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130

## NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT!

If you have the urge to make music but never had lessons as a kid — or quit before you got any good — don't despair. This summer Arcadia Recreation will be offering lessons in Guitar, Drums, Piano, Violin and an all inclusive Rock Academy with instruction in electric guitar, keyboards, drums, Bass and Vocals. Most classes are for students of all ages and are held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia.

Students can learn basic foundations of reading music, proper techniques and music theory as well as making new friends in a fun, friendly, non-competitive environment.

All classes are taught by different instructors. Prices range from \$30 to \$125 for 5-8 week sessions depending on the instrument and most classes require a materials fee payable to the instructor.

Go to the City of Arcadia's website: [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us), to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive. For more information, consult The PeacockBuzz brochure or contact the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

# 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](http://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.

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department Summer 2012 Registration Begins in May!

Pick up the latest copy of "The Peacock Buzz" to find out what is going on in the City of Arcadia! Copies are available at the City of Arcadia Recreation Office, Library and City Hall or by going to the city website at [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us) under the Recreation and Community Services Department.

On-line registration for classes and activities begins May 7th for Arcadia residents ONLY at [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us)! May 14th open registration begins which includes online non-resident registration along with ALL walk-in, mail-in and fax-in registration. Summer activities fill up quickly so get your registration requests in to assure your spot! For new registrants, please remember to include your proof of residency/child's birth with your forms and on-line submittals. This information is required and will delay the process if not provided.

For questions and on-line Log-in ID information for active accounts, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113

## AMUSING ARTIFACTS & PUPPETS

Families are invited to find out which artifacts "amuse" Arcadia Historical Museum puppets Harriet, Feathers and Teddy on Saturday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m. Program runs approximately thirty minutes. Seating is limited so come early.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free. For more information, please call (626) 574-5440, visit our website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or follow us on Facebook.

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From Monrovia's City Manager

## REVVING UP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

It's a question we get asked often... Redevelopment ended, now what? Rest assured, the end of Redevelopment in Monrovia does not mean the end of Economic Development- we still have plenty of tools left in the toolbox. While Redevelopment funding is gone- it's gone for everyone throughout the state of California. That puts our City at a great advantage because one of Monrovia's greatest strengths is our penchant for productive relationships, and those relationships will hold the key to successful economic development.

Over the past few weeks, our Economic Development staff has started conducting business visitations with local Monrovia businesses. The goal? To learn what business are looking for, what they need, and how the City can help. Even if the businesses are not currently in a drastic situation, these visits allow them to meet the Staff they may call down the road when something does come up.

The City of Monrovia represents the largest area of economic potential along the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension due to the vast area of land slated for development. Establishing a strong economic development push now is essential in capitalizing on our potential once that train starts coming down the tracks.

If you have question or comments about our Economic Development programs, please contact Darlene Sanchez at (626) 303-6604 or by email at [dsanchez@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:dsanchez@ci.monrovia.ca.us)

## Monrovia Police Blotter

### HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEKDAYS OF MAY 7-9, 2012

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 435 service events, resulting in 93 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemap-ping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at [www.monroviapd.org](http://www.monroviapd.org) and follow us on twitter for police notifications.

#### Vehicle Burglary

May 8 at 4:20 a.m., dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a cell phone. When the dispatcher answered, she could hear an open line with suspicious background noises. The noises varied from the sound of something being dragged, to papers being shuffled through, to a door chime from a vehicle. The dispatcher used GPS to plot the location of the cell phone to the 500 block of King Street. Officers responded to the area and located a female subject hiding in a vehicle. She had stolen property from at least three different vehicles in her possession, two of which were locked. It appears the suspect accidentally dialed 9-1-1 while she was burglarizing cars. Investigation continuing.

#### Injury Traffic Collision - Vehicle vs. Pedestrian

May 7 at 12:50 p.m., officers responded to a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian in the area of Ivy and Walnut. When officers arrived, they found a subject in the street who had been riding a motorized scooter. The subject was riding east on Walnut and failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection. He was struck by a motorist traveling south on Ivy. The subject suffered a deep laceration to his left leg, but was responsive and appeared to be okay. He was taken to an area hospital to treat his injury.

#### Commercial Burglary

May 9 at 5:00 p.m., two male Armenian suspects, one in his 20's and the other in his 40's, stole \$500.00 worth of wire from the Home Depot. An employee obtained a vehicle description and license plate number. Investigation continuing

#### Critical Missing Person

May 9 at 8:06 p.m., a 12-year-old girl was reported missing from her foster home in the 500 block of East Walnut. Earlier that day, she was caught stealing money from another foster child. She said she did not want to live at the location and apparently ran away. She is not from the area and has no connection to anyone locally. Patrol and Special Enforcement Team officers conducted an extensive search. Officers went door-to-door attempting to locate the missing girl or witnesses, but the subject was not located. She was entered as a missing person in the computer system and a teletype was sent to notify surrounding agencies. During the investigation, it was learned that the missing girl had been entered into the system as a runaway from a group home and has an outstanding protective custody warrant. Investigation continuing.

#### Recovered Stolen Vehicle

May 10 at 12:28 a.m., a resident in the 600 block of Hacienda reported that a male subject parked a vehicle in front of her house, left the door open and ran northbound down the street. Minutes prior to the resident's call, Sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of a similar vehicle, which had been stolen the City of Rialto. The deputies lost the vehicle in the area of Evergreen and Buena Vista. Officers responded to the location on Hacienda and searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. The vehicle was confirmed to be stolen. Investigation continuing.

#### Detective Bureau Case Follow-Up

A case of child molestation was brought to the attention of the Monrovia Police Department Detective Bureau and an investigation was launched. The child molester in this case started molesting his 15-year-old second cousin many years ago. The suspect was arrested, charged and convicted for the ongoing molestation, and he was sentenced to 18 months in prison in April of 2010.

The suspect in this case was released in early 2012, and he reestablished a relationship with the victim. The victim is now over the age of 18, but the suspect was specifically ordered by the judge in this case to not contact the victim when he was released. Monrovia Police Detectives went to a location in the City of El Monte and arrested the suspect for violation of court order. He was brought before the judge and sentenced to 3 years in State Prison.

#### Tip of the Week

### VEHICLE BURGLARY PREVENTION

Thieves look for easy and inviting targets when it comes to selecting a vehicle to burglarize or steal from. It is up to you to make every effort to prevent your car from being targeted. Here are some basic tips that will make your vehicle a little less inviting to a thief:

Most importantly - LOCK your vehicle!

Always park in well-lighted areas.

Install motion lights in your driveway.

Install and use a vehicle alarm.

DO NOT leave valuables in plain view.

Leave all items of value at home if possible.

Look around when you park. Notice anyone or anything suspicious? Write down license plates and descriptions. Alert on-site security or staff and call the police.

Many auto burglaries or thefts from cars occur right in a residential driveway, and too often it is because the vehicle was never locked. Suspects will often target cars that are left unlocked, walking up and down a street trying car doors all the way. Take the time to secure your vehicle.

Other thieves target victims by watching what is placed inside a trunk or hatch. If you plan on stopping by the gym, park, or elsewhere after work, take the time before you leave to place your belongings safely in the trunk. Don't wait until you park to then transfer your laptop, purse, bag, or briefcase to the trunk. Thieves may be watching and targeting your car.

These are just a few tips to help prevent you from becoming a victim of vehicle burglary. Be proactive, look around, and most importantly, don't hesitate to call the police if you see something or someone suspicious.

## DUARTE RELAY FOR LIFE SET FOR JUNE 9TH

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](http://www.relayforlife.org/duarteca), or call Katherine Whatley at (626) 404-3537.

## BRUSH CLEARANCE

### Program Information Reminder

### INSPECTIONS BEGIN

# MAY 15, 2012

## TRIM SMARTER, NOT HARDER

### The Monrovia Fire Department is offering FREE brush consultations!

Fire zone residents are beginning their defensible space work, in preparation for brush inspections to begin later this month. Some residents have taken advantage of our offer of pre-work consultations. These are free and confidential and they are designed to help you "trim smarter, not harder" so that you can accomplish the following goals:

Comply with Monrovia's fire safety code

Prepare for brush inspection

Protect your Home Ignition Zone, minimizing your risk of loss in a wildfire

Reduce disposal costs and effort

As a bonus, possibly reduce your environmental impact on water supply, soil and habitat  
You can schedule a consultation by calling (626) 256-8109 or emailing [rwing@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:rwing@ci.monrovia.ca.us).

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## Theatre Americana's USO Show

Sponsored by Monrovia League



Join us for an old-fashioned, patriotic and heartwarming tribute to our service men and women, past, present and future, who defend our freedoms at home and abroad. Theatre Americana's USO show weaves historical narration through musical numbers to take audiences on a nostalgic journey. This special Library program is a proud part of Monrovia Day activities and celebration. Don't miss it.

**Saturday, May 19**

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Library Park Bandshell**

**FREE**



## ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

*Alverno mothers and daughters celebrate their bond with a tea in the Villa*

There is no doubt that mothers and daughters share a special bond and on April 21, Alverno students and their mothers got to celebrate that bond with a special tea and fashion show in the Alverno Villa. The annual event, put on by Alverno fathers, is a time-honored school tradition.

This year mothers and daughters were invited to wear hats or fascinators and then strut their stuff in a special fashion show. Categories for the fashion included "Most Alike," "Most Retro," "Most Spring," "Most Modern," and "Most Sophisticated." A special prize was also given to the youngest participant in the fashion show, the 4 year old daughter of an Alverno alumna.

"I'm so glad that Makayla got to attend the event and participate in the fashion show," said Sophia Calles, Class of 1999, "She's a future member of the Alverno Class of 2025!"

Following the fashion show, daughters were invited to read special letters they had written to their mothers. The afternoon concluded with a raffle for the antique teapots on the table that had diligently been collected by the Alverno fathers in the weeks leading up to event.

"Our mothers are the first and most important role models we have in life," said Ann Gillick, Head of School, "It is a pleasure for me to see so many young women and their mothers who treasure the special relationship they have with one another. I am grateful to these mothers for raising such incredible young women and sharing Alverno's mission of empowering their daughters to be exactly the person she wants to be."

### About Alverno High School

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



Gay and Johanna Obedicen Photo courtesy Belle n' Beau Photography

## LA SALLE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT SHARES WYLAND MOBILE LEARNING LAB WITH LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.



Students from local elementary schools prepare to enter the Wyland Mobil Learning Lab on the La Salle campus. Photo courtesy John Blackstock

On a recent rainy day, the La Salle Science Department hosted more than three hundred third and fourth grade students and teachers from St. Andrew, Assumption, Saint Rita and Saint Elizabeth elementary schools to explore the Wyland Mobile Learning Lab.

Members of La Salle's Science National Honors Society acted as hosts to our grammar school guests escorting them through the Wyland Clean Water Challenge and encouraging children to become "Water Warriors" and take the pledge to protect this most valued resource.

The La Salle students guided the school children through activities that demonstrated various aspects of our California Water System including: Estuary Food Webs, Pollution Run-off Wetland Succession, The Wheel of Water Misfortune and Engineering and Water Management. Science Honors students also taught students about the distribution of water on Earth and provided coloring packets for the grammar school students to enjoy. Photo courtesy LaSalle High School



My dad and I saw it at the fair this fall, and it wowed us. The magical blending machine that could make ice cream, cabbage-ino coffee that is downright delicious, a tortilla soup that is bomb, and so, so much more. It is the blender that Starbucks uses to make their frappuccinos and Jamaba Juice their smoothies. This amazing machine is called the Vita-Mix, and after the fair I knew I had to have one. I told everyone about the Vita-Mix, even my interviewer for UChicago – I had almost become an unofficial spokesperson I told so many people. Whenever my dad and I would go into Bed, Bath, and Beyond we would check out the Vita-Mix, saying 'one day', because this blender isn't cheap, but it sure is worth the price.

Last week my dad and I are watching TV after getting our cable installed, and, what do you know, a Vita-Mix infomercial is on QVC with a deal for the newer, better machine. We watched the hosts make sorbet, macaroni and cheese, and three types of soup. I was foaming at the mouth. My dad turns to me and asks, "Want to get it?." I was in shock, I knew that he was going to get me one eventually for graduation, but not now, and not the best one. Naturally, I said yes, and five days later my Vita-Mix arrived. Since getting my Vita-Mix I have made tortilla soup, vanilla ice cream, smoothies, avocado chocolate pudding, vegan chocolate truffles, blueberry sorbet, and I have only just begun. For anyone who wants to eat healthier and have a machine that can do it all,

I highly recommend the Vita-Mix, because it's fantastic.

### ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

The 2012 Pasadena Engineering and Science Expo will celebrate the Engineering and Science community, bringing together local innovators to inspire the next generation in a day of interactive engineering and science fun. Presented by the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) and hosted by Pasadena City College (PCC), the Expo will feature the Innovation and Opportunities Fair and will culminate in the Third Annual Middle School Robotics Competition of the Pasadena Unified School District. The free event, open to the general public, takes place Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pasadena City College.

"The Expo will provide an exciting day of demonstrations and hands-on workshops and a glimpse of state-of-the-art technology being invented in our own neighborhood" says Erik Dreyer, Director of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Programs for the Pasadena Educational Foundation. PEF supports the PUSD Robotics Program, offered in every middle school. "Inspiration is the name of the game," says Dreyer, "If we succeed at inspiring the next generation, we turn them into their own lifelong self

advocates."

### Innovations and Opportunities Fair:

The Fair will showcase innovations from the engineering and science community, educational opportunities for students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and hands-on workshops. Companies presenting include Idealab, Honeybee Robotics, Trash for Teachers, PCC STEM, and The Hybrid Group, among many others, and CODA Automotive will bring their new all-electric vehicle to show Expo attendees. Educational opportunities from kindergarten through college will be presented, including the PCC STEM departments and PUSD College and Career Pathways. Workshops offered all day and for all ages will include Ruby and Javascript programming, robotics, electronic circuits, and others. No experience necessary for workshop participation. The Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the W Building of PCC and is open to the public.

### PUSD Middle School Robotics Competition:

Hundreds of robotics students from all seven PUSD middle schools will compete against each other as they race to build and program their LEGO Mindstorms Robots to solve challenges in limited time. The competition takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Hutto-Patterson Gym of PCC and is open for public viewing.

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### Norma Coombs Alternative School

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(626) 798-0759 Principal: Dr. Vanessa Watkins  
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### Odyssey Charter School

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## 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](mailto: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.*

## 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](http://www.pasedfoundation.org) or call (626)396-3625. Scholarships available.



## THE PARTY CONTINUES AFTER CINCO DE MAYO

Just this past week I had the opportunity to sit down with one of the most determined and dedicated restaurant owners that we have in Pasadena area, Blair Salisbury owner of the El Cholo Café. Though, his restaurant is well known, Blair still looks after his baby with the greatest of care.

Self described as “nuts and crazy,” Blair’s lineage is that of a restaurateur. The Borquez family launched the Sonora Cafe in 1923 in a small storefront on Broadway and Santa Barbara Ave. After a patron doodled a picture of a man and called him El Cholo (the name commonly known for a field hand at the time), Alejandro Borquez loved the picture of the man so much that he changed the name of Senora Café to El Cholo in 1925. The following year, George Salisbury meets Aurelia Borquez and they fall in love and decide to open their own El Cholo. Racing ahead to the year 2000, Blair, the grandson of George opens El Cholo Cafe in Pasadena, on Fair Oaks. For those of you old enough to remember, it was once the John Bull English Pub. I found out that Blair was determined to open in Pasadena, he was a moment away from Old Town Pasadena, but the Cheesecake Factory beat him to Colorado and Fair Oaks location.

Blair still desired to move into the heart of Old Town and his hopes were realized with the opening of the restaurant at the Paseo. Blair said, “It feels as though it has been here all along. It just felt like the staff and surroundings didn’t miss a beat.” Truly Pasadena feels like home to El Cholo Café, and Blair wouldn’t have it any other way!!!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

The restaurant is expansive, with a patio that overlooks Colorado Blvd. and the snow capped San Gabriel Mountains. They offer two different bars, one as you walk in, akin to a service bar, and a great place to wait for a table and enjoy a “Killer” Margarita, and a back bar just next to the Patio. Offering large screen TV’s and perfect for slumbering and enjoying the show as they make your Guacamole tableside. The menu is full of different combinations, Blair believes that the more selections there are.... the better, and he tries to give a little bit of selection for everyone. I descended upon the PLATO DE CARNITAS, roasted pork, served with fresh avocado relish, Pico de Gallo, Nopales, rice and beans (\$12.75). When I go to a Mexican Restaurant I always try the pork. It was stunningly tender and fresh, and may be the best that I have ever tasted. My dinner companion gave two thumbs up to the Shrimp Sizzling Fajitas (\$14.75). I was just about stuffed when Blair brought out the Blue Corn Chicken Enchilada for us to try. It is item that made El Cholo famous. A must try for anyone eating at the restaurant. Of course I had a Margarita. A Single Margarita that seemed to have the power to bust a piñata. If you love Mexican Food like I do, or just want to spend a sleepy Sunday at the bar with guacamole and chips. Save a seat for me.

Join me this Sunday Night at 8 PM on Talk Radio 790 AM KABC, or email me thechefknows@yahoo.com



## INGREDIENTS:

1 pound uncooked pasta  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
1/2 cup chopped red onion  
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast meat - cut into bite-size pieces  
1 (14 ounce) can marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped  
1 large tomato, chopped  
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
salt and pepper to taste  
2 lemons, wedged, for garnish

## DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente; drain.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and onion, and saute for 2 minutes. Stir in the chicken. Cook, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink and the juices run clear, about 5 to 6 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium-low, and add the artichoke hearts, tomato, feta cheese, parsley, lemon juice, oregano and cooked pasta. Stir until heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove from heat, season to taste with salt and pepper, and garnish with lemon wedges.



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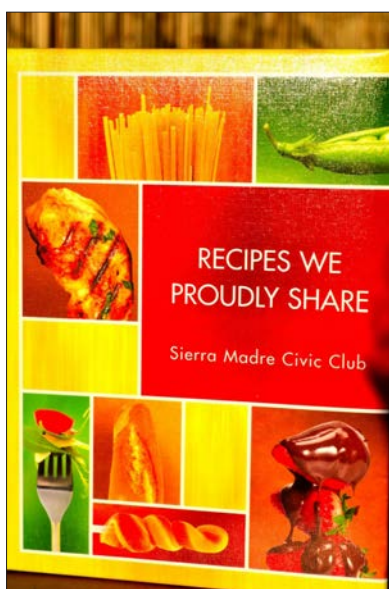
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## CIVIC CLUB ASKS 'WHAT'S FOR DINNER?'



*The answer is easy if you have your own copy of the Civic Club's Cookbook "Recipes We Proudly Share"*

Every delicious recipe is a time-tested, family-approved dish of love passed from friend to friend, family to family and generation to generation. The test kitchens were those of grandmas and aunties, friends and neighbors and are included in this collection because they are requested repeatedly at celebrations, holidays, and gatherings.

For example there's Grandma's Chicken Casserole contributed by Jeanne Peterson. According to Jeanne, "Virginia 'Grandma' Peterson's family is a direct descendant of the Mayflower and... her family settled in Sierra Madre 70 years ago. According to Grandma, this recipe is about 80 years old.... This recipe is always a hit with kids... It's really good!"

For an easy BBQ recipe try the Bourbon Glazed Salmon submitted by Gail-Ann Skiles. Made with Alaskan wild salmon, marinated in a blend of lime juice, bourbon, brown sugar, ginger and other savory seasonings, grilled up and then topped with sesame seeds, tomatoes and onion, she says, "One of our

favorites – great for entertaining."

Or serve up some award winning 5-Alarm Texas Red Chili submitted by Amy Putnam. Elmer Dills picked this as his favorite at the 2006 Sierra Madre Chili Cook-off. "I used Taylor's meat, Miller High Life because it was the only beer in cans in Billy's Bottle Shop's cooler. I used conventional chili powder but I added unadulterated New Mexico red chili powder." Stand by to sound the alarms!

Comfort food abounds in this book, both in taste and memories. Linda Wochnik contributed her recipe called Mom's Spaghetti Sauce, an easy, from-scratch sauce that brings back tasty times. "Mom's spaghetti sauce was delicious – only to be matched by the tantalizing aroma while it was cooking." There's Tagliarini, a casserole dish of ground beef, noodles, vegetables and cheese added by Sue Quinn. "This was a favorite of my aunt, Alice Jones, and I enjoyed it many times at her home on Orange Grove."

Is crunch what you want? Gloria Giersbach's Killer Coleslaw will fill the bill with a blend of crunchy cabbage, apple, pineapple, cranberries and a handful of sunflower seeds, pine nuts or walnuts, sure to satisfy. Gloria notes "This is a favorite that is served during family reunions in Vancouver BC each visit."

You'll find many more recipes for appetizers through desserts and beverages, all presented with pride and warm affection by the members of the Civic Club, and just in time for summer entertaining! You can find "Recipes We Proudly Share" on sale for just \$15.00 at Savor the Flavor and Arnold's Hardware or by calling 792-0852 or 355-7880. All proceeds from the sale of the book go back into the community in the form of educational scholarships and community grants.

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## Jeff's Pics

## The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

## Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948

by Madeleine Korbel Albright

Before Madeleine Albright turned twelve, her life was shaken by the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, the country where she was born, the Battle of Britain, the near total destruction of European Jewry, the Allied victory in World War II, the rise of communism, and the onset of the Cold War. Albright's experiences, and those of her family, provide a lens through which to view the most tumultuous dozen years in modern history. Drawing on her memory, her parents' written reflections, interviews with contemporaries, and newly available documents, Albright recounts a tale that is by turns harrowing and inspiring. The book takes readers from the Bohemian capital's thousand-year-old castle to the bomb shelters of London, from the desolate prison ghetto of Terezín to the highest councils of European and American government. Albright reflects on her discovery of her family's real heritage many decades after the war, on her Czech homeland's tangled history, and on the stark moral choices faced by her parents and their generation. Often relying on eyewitness descriptions, she tells the story of how millions of ordinary citizens were ripped from familiar surroundings and forced into new roles as exiled leaders and freedom fighters, resistance organizers and collaborators, victims and killers. "No one who lived through the years of 1937 to 1948," Albright writes, "was a stranger to profound sadness. Millions of innocents did not survive, and their deaths must never be forgotten. Today we lack the power to reclaim lost lives, but we have a duty to learn all that we can about what happened and why." At once a deeply personal memoir and an incisive work of history, Prague Winter serves as a guide to the future through the lessons of the past, as seen through the eyes of one of the international community's most respected and fascinating figures.

## The First 20 Minutes: Surprising Science Reveals How We Can: Exercise Better, Train Smarter, Live Longer

by Gretchen Reynolds

At one point or another, nearly every person who works out wonders: Am I doing this right? Which class is best? Do I work out enough? Answering those questions and more, The First 20 Minutes helps both weekend warriors dedicated to their performance and readers who simply want to get and stay fit gain the most from any workout. With the latest findings about the mental and physical benefits of exercise, personal stories from scientists and laypeople alike, Gretchen Reynolds shows what kind of exercise and how much is necessary to stay healthy and get fit.

## Blowback: A Thriller by Brad Thor

Scot Harvath's counterterrorism career has just crashed and burned, thanks in part to a ruthless senator with her sights set on the White House. But when the war on terror takes a chilling turn, the president has no choice but to secretly bring Harvath back inside. Deep beneath an Alpine glacier, an ancient weapon designed to decimate the Roman Empire has been unearthed, and a shadowy organization intends to use it for America's downfall. Racing across Europe, Harvath must secure the ultimate instrument of destruction before it brings the United States and the rest of the world to their knees. A real page turner from this best selling author!!

## WOMAN IN MIND @ SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

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*Susan has two families, two gardens, two lives. In one, she is married to a debonair husband, has a delightful brother, and a beautiful and devoted daughter. In the other, she is married to a bland clergyman, her dotty sister-in-law lives with them, and her son is difficult and distant. Only one of these families is real... and it's driving her mad. This twisted comedy with a twist is by Alan Ayckbourn, one of Britain's most acclaimed playwrights and is directed by Christian LeBano.*

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Sierra Madre Spring Art Exhibition:  
HILDA PITTMAN

The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Commission and Arts Advisory Committee is pleased to present an art exhibition by Sierra Madre resident Hilda Pittman.

The art work is now on display through Friday, June 8 in Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

For more information please call the Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

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## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden



## BEST COAST

Best Coast, fronted by songstress Bethany Cosentino, return with their sophomore LP, "The Only Place". The band's first album, "Crazy For You" garnered a lot of attention both with critics and fans. Two years later, the current sound of Best Coast is both refiner and shaper. The lyrics are similar to the ones found on "Crazy For You" as they equally deal with breakups, love, and relationships. With the help from mega-producer Jon Brion, Cosentino and company drop their fuzzy fidelity for elevated production values and a polished soundscape. In translation, Best Coast really hasn't sounded any better than they do now. Their surf-pop resonance is blithe and dreamlike. While some fans may show dissatisfaction with the change, those who can embrace it will be captivated. Granted, Best Coast may not transform your life, but their latest songs will be the soundtrack to your summer, no matter the results.

"The Only Place" zips by fairly quickly. At shy of 35 minutes, the eleven estival induced tracks are fun and pleasing to the ears. Nonetheless, besides the closing track, "Up All Night", the rest of the songs never really stick with you. Nearly all the songs here are gems, but despite having the shiny demeanor there's not much else to report on. Sometimes you don't need to be completely moved or enthralled by the music you listen to. If you simply find contentment with Best Coast's elegant surf-pop sound and their lyrics about yearning for past lovers, then you'll be overwhelmingly satisfied.

Artist:	Best Coast
Album:	The Only Place
Label:	Mexican Summer
Release Date:	May 15, 2012

Best Coast never come up short on making the listener either singing along, bobbing their head, or even dancing to their joyous material. The title track plays out like a cheesy love letter to California. It's harmless, but quite good. "How They Want Me To Be" is the centerpiece for the record. It's a dance ballad that shows the ultra sensitive side to Best Coast even if most of their songs already deal with mixed emotions. At any rate, the above-mentioned song is one of the finest off the record. In the end, nothing beats "Up All Night" the longest song off the record. It closes out this occasionally uneven affair and leaves you contemplating many things. It's distressing, painfully nostalgic, and wonderfully beautiful. It kind of makes you take a step back and recognize why the rest of album doesn't give off the same everlasting appeal. Even with some minor blunders along the way, "The Only Place" secures a spot as a definite summer album to listen to even if fades away faster than the season itself.

Grade: 7.5 out of 10

Key Tracks: "The Only Place", "My Life", "How They Want Me To Be", "Up All Night"

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Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund

## VISTA VIEWS A VAST BALL OF STARS



A new image of Messier 55 from the European Southern Observatory's VISTA infrared survey telescope shows tens of thousands of stars crowded together like a swarm of bees. Besides being packed into a relatively small space, these stars are also among the oldest in the universe. Astronomers study Messier 55 and other ancient objects like it, called globular clusters, to learn how galaxies evolve and stars age.

Globular clusters are held together in a tight spherical shape by gravity. In Messier 55, the stars certainly do keep close company: approximately one hundred thousand stars are packed within a sphere with a diameter of only 25 times the distance between the Sun and the nearest star system, Alpha Centauri.

About 160 globular clusters have been spotted encircling our galaxy, the Milky Way, mostly toward its bulging center. The two latest discoveries, made using VISTA, were recently announced (<http://www.eso.org/public/news/eso1141/>). The largest galaxies can have thousands of these rich collections of stars in orbit around them.

Observations of globular clusters' stars reveal that they originated around the same time—more than 10 billion years ago—and from the same cloud of gas. As this formative period was just a few billion years after the Big Bang, nearly all of the gas on hand was the simplest, lightest and most common in the cosmos: hydrogen, along with some helium and much smaller amounts of heavier chemical



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elements such as oxygen and nitrogen.

Being made mostly from hydrogen distinguishes globular cluster residents from stars born in later eras, like our Sun, that are infused with heavier elements created in several generations of stars. The Sun first began to shine about 4.6 billion years ago, making it only about half as old as the elderly stars in most globular clusters. The chemical makeup of the cloud from which the Sun formed is reflected in the abundances of elements heavier than hydrogen and helium (such as oxygen, carbon, silicon, and iron) found throughout our Solar System—in asteroids and in the planets—as well as in our own bodies.

The new image was obtained in infrared light by the 4.1-meter Visible and Infrared Survey Telescope for Astronomy (VISTA) at ESO's Paranal Observatory in northern Chile.

In addition to the stars of Messier 55, this VISTA image also records many galaxies lying far beyond the cluster. A particularly prominent spiral galaxy, seen edge-on, appears to the upper right of the center of the picture.

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Social Media giant Twitter is actively and legally resisting an attempt by prosecutors in New York to gain access to the “tweets” and message history of an activist who was arrested during the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations last fall. The popular micro-blogging service has asked a judge to squash a subpoena in which prosecutors had ordered Twitter to produce several months worth of old “tweets” sent and received by an activist who was arrested during a march on the Brooklyn Bridge on October 1<sup>st</sup> of last year.

Prosecutors are alleging that the activist in question had been complicit in organizing an unauthorized march that resulted in hundreds of protestors being arrested. A review of the messages in question might reveal whether or not the activist in question was aware that police had ordered the protestors not to march on the bridge.

The activist at the center of the inquiry had already tried to fight the request for records on his own in the courts. However, the presiding judge ruled that the activist had no standing to fight the request as he did not actually own the requested “tweets”, that once he posted his messages they became the property of Twitter and that any constitutional protection he had over their disclosure disappeared. In the judge’s reasoning Twitter was free to redistribute its customers’ tweets to anyone, any way and

for any reason it chooses.

Twitter was quick to respond to the ruling by positing that the judge was mistaken in his ruling due to the fact that he was mistaken in exactly how the micro-blogging service worked. According to Twitter, customers don’t relinquish ownership of their messages or photos by posting them on the service. The company also argued that a federal law, the Stored Communications Act, expressly gave users of services like Twitter the right to challenge demands for their account records.

Prosecutors are contending that the activist in question had no proprietary or privacy interest in tweets that he broadcast to every person with access to the Internet and, as such, his records are not covered by the provisions of the Stored Communications Act.

This case has the potential to set precedent for the digital communications central to the social media services used daily by billions of people worldwide, every single day. While different online services proffer different terms and conditions of services to their respective customer bases, in this particular case the technology company at the center spoke up for customer rights and is giving the little guy a leverage that he normally lacks in these situations. We will see what the little guy does with it from here.

walls? Wouldn't they rather be out enjoying the fresh air, sunshine, sounds and smells of nature? And finally, would the freedom they so naturally long for give them a healthier, more balanced, satisfying experience in life, and perhaps even prolong their lives by instilling in them a stronger will to live? These are very good questions to which I do not claim to have the correct answers, however I will admit that my experiences with cat ownership have always included a “kitty door”, and up until earlier this year, I was very lucky to never have lost any of my cats to a coyote or a car, nor did any of them simply go missing...until earlier this year. For the first time in my long life of owning pets, I lost a kitty to the great outdoors, and it broke my heart.

I found “Schatt” in the garden department at Home Depot one Saturday morning while shopping for flowers to plant in the yard. I kept hearing a high pitched screech coming from somewhere in the corner of the warehouse where they keep all the gardening supplies, and at first I was sure it was a bird in distress. I followed the sound until I discovered the tiniest black kitten I'd ever seen, yelling at the top of his lungs from inside a shopping cart covered with cardboard. Apparently one of the ladies who worked in the garden department found him wandering in the parking lot when she arrived early that morning, and put him in the cart to keep him safe until someone came along to take him home.

When I opened the cart, that tiny kitty jumped up on my chest and put his nose to mine with his brilliant green eyes bulging desperately. He then proceeded to crawl up on my shoulders and wrapped himself around the back of my neck. He didn't scratch

KATIE Tse .....This and That  
PET UNDERTAKER

The only thing sadder than watching a pet die is watching your loved ones watch a pet die. Fred, our beloved parrot of 20-odd years passed last week. Although I'm sad about Fred, I'm grateful my parents didn't have to see him like that. They left for a short vacation and asked me to watch the house and feed the birds. My dad jokingly said, “If a check from the IRS comes, let me know. If a notice from the IRS comes, or if Freddie dies, lie to me.” Fred had been declining for some time, but I hoped he'd make it a few more years for my parents' sake, and also because Jocko, his cage-mate, was so attached to him. Unfortunately, I returned to find him stretched out under a hanging food bowl the second afternoon. Jocko didn't seem bothered, and probably thought Fred was practicing self hypnosis or got stuck in a weird yoga position.

It was a little difficult removing him from the cage, because Jocko has a nasty tendency of lunging at me with his needle sharp beak (I like him, but the feeling isn't mutual). He squawked and squawked as I removed Fred wrapped in a paper towel to the backyard. The whole scene must've really confused him. I came straight from work and had to dig a little pit wearing my fake leather flats. I packed down the dirt to make sure no night animal would try to steal the body, and lied to my parents when they phoned that night, “Everyone's fine...”

When they returned, my parents sorrowfully thanked me for doing the grim job. “Gee, how many animals have you buried?” they asked. Too many to remember. Maybe my family assumes I have a cold heart, because I'm always the one they ask to bury the dead animals. I buried my grandma's dog in her rose garden (that was the only available soil in her yard). The ground was hard and digging among the American Beauties was difficult. Eventually I cleared a spot and inserted Benji under a strong rose root (figuring that would keep him from bobbing up to the surface during the next rainfall). “Are you sure he's dead?” Grandma asked me. The dog was stiff as plywood. “Yes,” I answered, “I'm sure of it.”

My dad and I have buried numerous cats, ducks, rabbits, and birds in the backyard. We joke that one day we'll hit a skeleton while burying another pet. Fish got flushed down the loo, although I always thought it disrespectful. I suppose a lot of people take their animals to the vet to dispose of them. Somehow that seems even sadder to me, having a stranger destroying the cat or dog you've loved for so long.

Since Fred's passing we've spent a lot more “quality time” with Jocko. We were afraid he would die of a broken heart, but he appears to be taking the loss quite well. Maybe he thinks Fred went on a long vacation. There are times when you wish animals could talk, but I'm glad we don't have to explain Fred's absence to Jocko. Perhaps we humanize the animals too much. I do believe they experience empathy, but maybe they don't dwell on things as much as we do. Who knows? If Jocko could speak he might just remark, “Oh, I see you bought the cheaper seeds this week. What's up with that?” Jocko isn't spoiled per se, but he's demanding. Yes, taking care of pets can be a handful at times, but I'd prefer that to burying them any day!



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## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



## THE INS AND OUTS OF FELINE FRIENDSHIP

Several months ago, after all the excitement of having seen 2 enormous mountain lions sitting on the front porch of my neighbor's house, the question as to whether or not kitties could be kept in became much more pertinent to me, than ever before. Whether or not domestic cats should be indoors “24-7”, versus being allowed to wander in and out of the house at will, has been an on-going debate for many years. As for me, I guess you could say that I am still sitting on the fence.

On one hand, I acknowledge that our furry feline friends are safer from harm and more secure indoors than out, but on the other hand I also realize that cats, even those domesticated and bred to be pets, possess the natural instinct to want to explore the great outdoors. Are cats really happy being pent up in a home constantly? Are they ever truly content with taking part in the daily life activities of only the human being? Or, are they quite frustrated living the domestic life, looking through a glass window and seeing trees, grass, and other creatures, including neighboring cats, scampering about outside while they sit idle within the confines of four

me at all, he just muscled himself up under my chin, then slid behind my neck with his face hidden under my hair, as if he knew he'd found the right person to take him home. I was immediately smitten by that little kitten, I must say, so I didn't even bother calling my husband to ask if it was OK. I just carried him out to my car and off we went! In case you're wondering why his name became “Schatt”, it was inspired by a little accident that happened on the back seat during the ride home - use your imagination!

Schatt lived indoors for the first couple of days, then in keeping with my philosophy that a cat must be a lot happier when allowed to roam outdoors, I decided I would have to trust this new found friend to stick close to home, and I opened the bathroom window just enough to allow him to go out during the day. For several years it proved to be a successful setup. That little cat lived a very exciting life. He was quite the hunter, bringing home all sorts of trophies such as mice, rats and unfortunately a bird or two now and then. As he grew older, he would leave the house for longer periods of time, but he always came home for dinner. Then, one day he did not return home, and I called to him until midnight. The next morning and called to him again, but there was no sign of my precious cat. After the second day of his absence I started making calls to my neighbors and placing “LOST” signs around the block, hoping that someone had found him and taken him in, but unfortunately I never saw Schatt again. He was such an important part of our lives for several years, and he will always be missed in our home.

At first I struggled with the guilt factor of having allowed him to run free, but I

eventually had to let it go, knowing that I rescued him from a parking lot. What kind of life would he have had, if not for me taking him home to begin with? I would love to have another cat, but I hesitate to adopt one because I am not fully comfortable with the idea of keeping it inside on a constant basis. So, therein lies my dilemma.

There are a few facts that I think should play an important part in deciding whether or not to keep an open door policy with a feline friend. I believe that each cat should be understood and treated like an individual. Some felines have a stronger sense of danger or risk when wandering outside, while others have a more trusting spirit and are less likely to be aware of their surroundings. Also, some feline breed characteristics are more conducive to handling the challenges of nature than others. These variables should be considered when the final straw is drawn. Another part of the equation is whether or not the cat has been de-clawed. This brings on a whole new subject matter that is constantly under debate, I know, but one thing is for sure, no de-clawed cat should ever be allowed to roam free.

Every cat owner must make their own decision as to whether they will allow their pet to enjoy the great outdoors, or be kept inside. Take the time to get to know your pet, and do what you feel is right. Use consistent commands such as the cat's name, a specific whistle call or a yelp that he or she gets to know well enough to respond to. And, in the worst case scenario that your cat does go missing, don't beat yourself up for it. Give them the best life they could possibly have, and enjoy them while they are there.



## THE JOY OF YOGA

### YOUR LIFE OR THE REFLECTION OF IT?



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

So we live in an image-conscious world. From fashion magazines to billboards and ads on the street, in stores and everywhere else, it has become impossible to avoid the constant reminder of what we are expected to look like and what is considered "beautiful" by today's standards.

Do you find this annoying? Pervasive even? Personally, I do. One reason is that behind this never ending visual assault hides a simple purpose: to make us buy stuff. Stuff we don't necessarily need, but we buy it anyway, because - ever so briefly - it'll make us feel good.

Another reason is the pressure to be perfect. Perfection is a self-defeating goal that takes us away from what is truly essential: who we really are.

Look at yourself in the mirror: who do you see? Mirrors can be deceptive: while we're caught up in the reflection, we don't see the person, just the image that's projected. It's the same with life. Are you really living your life as you want it? Or are you so caught up in trying to live up to standards that perhaps are not completely yours, that somewhere along the line you have lost sight of what's truly important: you?

In your yoga practice, there's no room for that. No competition, no standards, no being judged and looked down at.

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So stop looking at yourself in the mirror! Live your life, not the reflection of your life. And if you're not sure where to start, may we suggest: your yoga mat? Namasté, René

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### HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DOCTOR'S VISIT

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you write a column educating patients on how to prepare for doctors appointments? I manage a number of small health clinics, and have found that patients – especially seniors – that come prepared when they visit our doctors are much more satisfied with the care they receive. Thanks for your help. Patient Educator



Dear Educator:

You're right. Studies have shown that patients who help their doctors by providing important health information and preparing themselves for appointments tend to get better care than patients who don't. Here are some simple things we can all do to help maximize our next visit to the doctor.

#### Before Your Appointment

Gathering your health information and getting organized before your appointment are the key steps to ensuring a productive meeting with your doctor. This is especially important if you're seeing multiple doctors or are meeting with a new physician for the first time. Specifically, you need to:

Get your test results: Make sure the doctor you're seeing has copies of your latest X-ray, MRI or any other test or lab results, including reports from other doctors that you've seen. In most cases, you'll need to do the leg work yourself which may only require a phone call to your previous doctor asking them to send it, or you may need to go pick it up and take it yourself.

List your medications: Make a list of all the medications you're taking (prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements) along with the dosages and take it with you to your appointment. Or, just gather up all you pill bottles and put them in a bag and bring them with you.

Gather your health history: Your doctor also needs to know about any previous hospitalizations, as well as any current or past medical problems, even if they are not the reason you are going to the doctor this time. Genetics matter too, so having your family's health history can be helpful. The U.S. Surgeon General offers a free web-based tool called "My Family Health Portrait" (see familyhistory.hhs.gov) that can help you put one together.

Prepare a list of questions: Make a written list of the top three or four issues you want to discuss with your doctor. Since most appointments last between 10 and 15 minutes, this can help you stay on track and ensure you address your most pressing concerns first. If you're in for a diagnostic visit, you should prepare a detailed description of your symptoms.

#### During Your Appointment

The best advice when you meet with your doctor is to speak up. Don't wait to be asked. Be direct, honest and as specific as possible when recounting your symptoms or expressing your concerns. Many patients are reluctant or embarrassed to talk about their symptoms, which makes the doctor's job a lot harder to do. It's also a good idea to bringing along a family member or friend to your appointment. They can help you ask questions, listen to what the doctor is telling you and give you support.

Also consider taking some notes or ask the doctor if you can record the session for later review. If you don't understand what the doctor is telling you, ask him or her to explain it in simple terms so you can understand. And if you run out of time and don't get your questions answered, ask if you can follow up by phone or email, make another appointment, or seek help from the doctor's nurse.

**Savvy tip:** The National Institute on Aging offers a booklet called "Talking With Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People" that provides great information including a variety of questions to ask that can help you be a more informed patient. To get a free copy mailed to you, call 800-222-2225 or visit [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov).

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.

# THE GOOD LIFE SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## MAY ACTIVITIES

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

MondayS: City Hall & Lunch Café

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

WednesdayS:

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

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

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

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

Thursday:

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

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

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

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

## 2012 EXCURSIONS

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

Friday, June 8th - Nethercutt Collection & lunch at the Bear Pit BBQ restaurant. June's adventure takes you to the San Fernando Valley to see the museum that houses over 200 classic cars, antique furniture and musical instruments. After the guide lead walking tour of the collection participants will then enjoy lunch (please bring additional money for lunch). Bus will depart at 8:45 am and return around 3:30 pm. Cost per person is \$12 for transportation & driver's tip.

Friday, July 13th - Laguna Beach Pageant of the Masters. This annual trip will be leaving Sierra Madre at 4:30 pm and return around 11:30 pm. Tickets are limited to the first 40 registered participants and the cost per person is \$55.

Registration can be done either in person or online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration)



### May Birthdays

Juanita Loera, JoAnn Serrato-Chim Barbara Soulanille, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Dorothy Murphy, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck, Jayne Thomas,



## Meals-On-Wheels

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

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

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## P.E. DEANS OPENS ITS DOORS

*New Sierra Madre Retailer Combines Upscale Furniture Consignments, Accessories & Gifts*

Sherry and Cesare (Chez) Grossi have become beloved pillars of the Sierra Madre business community in the last five years. "Can you believe it?" chuckled Sherry Grossi. "In November, Zugo's Cafe (their restaurant originally named Ugo's) will celebrate its fifth anniversary!"

The energetic couple, who began their popular Italian bistro in 2007, has branched out across the street from their restaurant with Sherry's new venture, P.E. Deans. Named after her mother, the store celebrated its official ribbon cutting on May 4, two weeks after its soft opening on April 21.

Located in the space formerly occupied by Iris Intrigue, P.E. Deans features carefully selected, quality consignment furniture and accessories, interspersed with brand new gift items. As opposed to the Bay Area, which features a plethora of strong consignment furniture stores, the San Gabriel Valley seems to have been ripe for Grossi's new business.

"Things have been flying off the shelves," said Grossi, very pleased and almost startled at the very brisk response to the new business. In this reporter's several visits to the store, merchandise is definitely turning over daily, even hourly. Items on display just hours before the ribbon cutting on Friday were already gone by late afternoon.

Grossi says realistic pricing keeps the inventory moving quickly. After agreeing on a sales price with a buyer, Grossi pays her consignors 55%, a higher split than many other consignment retailers. She says items will have a wide range of value, from about \$25 to \$2500.

With her critical eye toward value and quality, Grossi has already offered high end furniture items at aggressive prices, like eight Kreiss Collection dining chairs offered at \$1920, a Biedermeier chest and an Italian game table, to a charming hand painted, two-tiered table for \$45.

Grossi brings a wealth of retail and home goods experience to her new Sierra Madre store. Her career spanned both sides of "the pond" in Boston and Italy, with corporate, VP and Senior VP positions at major retailers including the home products division at Filene's Department Store in Boston.

Known even more widely across the country is Filene's Basement. According to Wikipedia, Filene's Basement "was founded in Boston in 1909 by Edward A. Filene as a way to sell off excess merchandise from his father's department store upstairs. Before long, other retailers and manufacturers were bringing their unsold goods to him to sell, and the concept of the "off price" store was born."

A six year stint as a luxury lingerie manufacturer in Italy also gave both Grossis European business experience in Chez's home country. After moving back to the states in 2001, they eventually tired of snow shovels and inclement weather, heading for LA... and the rest, they say is history.

For more information about evaluating potential consignment furniture, art or accessories, stop in the store on Tuesdays through Sundays.

*P.E. Deans is located at 49 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. Contact Sherry Grossi at 626-355-0400 or at [Consignments@PEDeans.com](mailto:Consignments@PEDeans.com). Their [www.PEDeans.com](http://www.PEDeans.com) website is still under construction, and will be live soon. In the meantime, you never know what "must have" sofa, oil painting, fine china or dining table will appear in the window at P.E. Deans!*



Above, Sherry Grossi, proprietor P.E. Deans in Sierra Madre. Below, Kreiss Collection dining chairs offered at an incredibly reasonable price.



## Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

### A CHORE NEXT DOOR

*While not a very common problem, if you've got it, it can have a terrible impact on your listing: The Messy Neighbor. If you live next door to a "neglected" property, you might lose up to 20% of your home's market value, particularly with buyers looking for any excuse to reduce their offer.*

*It's technically not your problem, but ask not for whom the bell tolls. It's well worth your time and effort to resolve this situation amicably. Always be respectful, and don't let your emotions get the best of you.*

*Unless you believe your neighbor is "unhinged," you should begin with a visit to their home and a positive attitude - no name-calling or finger-pointing. Don't grab everyone on the block and gang up on your neighbor - you'll get better results if you go alone or with one other person.*

*If you find your messy neighbor is unwilling to take care of their maintenance, it may still be in your best interest to do the work yourself or with the help of other neighbors. No, it's not fair, but if you want a fair sales price, this may be your only option.*

*Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in the Greater San Gabriel Valley. Luther Tsinoglou has again been named a top producing sales agent with Podley Properties for 2011, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at [luther@tsinoglou.com](mailto:luther@tsinoglou.com)*



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## BLUME-TRUONG REAL ESTATE GROUP JOINS CENTURY 21 VILLAGE REALTY

Andy Bencosme, Managing Broker of CENTURY 21 Village in Sierra Madre recently welcomed Roy Blume and Irene Truong, partners and co-founders of the Blume-Truong Real Estate Group to CENTURY 21 Village Realty. "I am happy to have Roy and Irene join our office. Their hard work, professionalism and dedication to their clients is evident in everything they do," Bencosme said.



Roy was formerly a corporate executive for a major retailer for nearly 30 years and transitioned to real estate a few years ago. He was involved in new store openings, store build-outs and the liquidation of assets along with many other duties. He gained valuable experience in retail real estate during his retail tenure and has used his contacts to build Blume-Truong's commercial business. He has lived in the San Gabriel Valley since 1972 and knows the area well. Roy has been married for 28 years and has 2 daughters.

Irene has been in the HR industry and uses her mediation experience to make sure all parties of the deal are more than happy. She lives in the area and is excited about her new alliance with CENTURY 21 Village. Irene works tirelessly to make sure their clients find exactly what they are looking for and has built many long lasting relationships with her clients. Irene is also married and has 3 children.

Roy and Irene service all areas of Metro LA and the Inland Empire. Their business is built on referral and the "It's what we do..." mantra. They travel to all areas and never say no to satisfy their client base.

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By Harvey Hyde

## UCLA REVIEW



Three weeks ago I gave my review of USC Spring Football. As I said, their "spring" started with the announcement that Matt Barkley and TJ McDonald would return to USC.

"Spring" for UCLA began with the announcement of a coaching change. For the first time in a long while, the new head coach was a non-UCLA graduate. Jim Mora, a football coach and the son of a football coach -- with coaching experience at the NFL level and a brief stint at Washington State as a Graduate Assistant.

Emphasis at UCLA needed to be put on talent. Mora said that one of his main objectives was to select a recruiting staff who were not only familiar with southern California, but also with the PAC 12 and the competition.

His first recruiting class appears strong, demonstrating that his new coaches (who I cannot mention here individually) went out and competed aggressively. This first class will not be tested or really evaluated until September when Fall camp opens. Coach Mora no doubt hopes that some of this talent will assist the Bruin football program immediately.

Most of the suspense this spring centered around who would be the starting QB. My opinion, is that over the last few years UCLA has not found the general needed in the QB position. Either that, or the offense run has not suited the skills and talents of the quarterbacks they had.

I attended Saturday's Spring Game Scrimmage at the Rose Bowl. It was hard to determine whether the offense was that good, or the defense was that bad. I understand that the defense had many defensive starters missing. But throughout the scrimmage the offense dominated.

The offensive coordinator, Noel Mazzone, demonstrated at least to me, that he had a plan of attack which seemed to be lacking over the last several years: Spread the field, throw the ball and the run comes off of the pass.

All spring, the quarterbacks, Hundley, a redshirt freshman, Kevin Prince, Richard Breihault and the rest of the UCLA QB's including Rich Neuheisel's son, Jerry rotated with equal reps. In fact, in the scrimmage, Coach Mora was smart in keeping the competition equal so each QB had an opportunity to show what he could do.

Brett Hundley showed through his athletic ability that he could be the QB of the future. Great potential, runs the ball well, and fits into the scheme of the offensive look. His lack of experience and improvement of his passing ability will be two main issues for the Fall. Richard Brehault had a great scrimmage throwing for 200+ yards, as did Kevin Prince also a senior. Both have playing experience, but I think the future is moving towards Brett Hundley.

Ron Franklin ran the ball well, One of the most impressive newcomers, was number 33, Steven Manfro, a freshman redshirt running back from Valencia High School. Haven't heard many details about him, but Mora's been raving about him. This kid did surprise me with his ability. It was hard to evaluate the competitive skills of the offensive line since there were so many injuries to the defense.

The defensive line should be one of the strengths of the defense of UCLA. They have returning players, Jones, Marsh and Brandon Willis. They seem to have depth at those line positions. The three starting linebackers missed the scrimmage due to injuries, but from last season's performance, I consider them tough hard-nosed kids.

The Secondary has some gifted athletes. Aaron Hester will be a starting corner, and should be one of the leaders in the secondary. It's difficult for me to evaluate the defense since I wasn't sure of the level of the match-ups: (ones against ones or ones against threes.) and to assess the effectiveness of the offense over the defense in running the football and passing deep routes.

For you who can remember the Arizona State offense over the past several years, this is the same offense they used with Brock Osweiler, their outstanding 6' 8" quarterback who was drafted by the Denver Broncos.

I will have to hold my prediction for UCLA. I'm sure they will be an improved team and are hoping that their recruiting class can contribute and fill holes in their depth. However, that doesn't mean they will win more games.

Why? Competition. The Pac 12 will be a better conference this year with new coaches at Washington State, Arizona and Arizona State. There's no question that Colorado, Utah, Washington, Cal, and Oregon State will be better as well. Don't forget Oregon (they're one of the best teams in the country) or the USC Trojans.

About 6000 attended the UCLA scrimmage. 15,0000 attended at USC. Now add both together. Oregon had 44,000. I doubt if the total attendance of all PAC twelve spring games equals 44,000 in attendance.

But really, Spring doesn't count. Each team has 12 regular schedule games coming up. What a great season all you college fans have to look forward to.

One thing for sure, I know fans will be impressed by UCLA's home at the Rose Bowl. The new construction going on is big time. The Rose Bowl press box and improvements are fantastic. Wait until you see it. Get to a college football game!

You can hear Coach Harvey Hyde on Las Vegas radio station KSHP am1400 via the Internet ([KSHP.com](http://KSHP.com)) and on [www.uscfootball.com](http://www.uscfootball.com) (in the Peristyle)



## CITY OF ARCADIA STANDSOUT AT SCMAF

### San Gabriel Valley Association Track Meet Results



The City of Arcadia was represented by 119 participants in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation SCMAF-San Gabriel Valley Association track meet on Saturday, May 5th, 2012. These athletes competed against nine other cities from across the valley. Arcadia had 73 participants qualify to advance to the SCMAF track meet finals which will be held on June 3rd, 2012, at Warren High School in Downey. Overall, athletes representing Arcadia finished as follows:

- 21 first place
- 28 second place
- 24 third place
- 11 fourth place
- 16 fifth place
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Fr. Pat Brennan, Retreat Center Director, Pat Wickhem, Tournament Chair, and Claire Brewer, Tournament Secretary get ready to tee it up for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual golf classic on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. Tournament Chair, Pat Wickhem, has planned an exciting day of events, including a round of golf, golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, hosted bar, a delicious dinner with wine, awards, tee prize and an auction.

Entry is \$200 per person, of which \$50 is tax deductible. Foursome special is \$700 if paid by May 10, 2012. Win \$25,000 with a hole-in-one on the seventeenth hole.

Golf check in begins at 10:00 a.m. at Brookside. The social, dinner, awards presentation and auction will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, 700 N. Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, operated by the Passionist religious order, is funded solely by donations and active fundraising efforts. Each year, the Retreat Center quietly offers thousands from many faiths the unique opportunity for day, weekend or longer retreats to reflect and refresh both the body and soul on its 80 pristine acres, tucked away above the charming community of Sierra Madre.

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For more information please call Pat Wickhem at 626-416-8824 or visit our website at [www.passionist.org/materdolorosa/golfclassic](http://www.passionist.org/materdolorosa/golfclassic). Registration is available online.



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In conjunction with its current exhibition, "Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick," the Baseball Reliquary presents "VeeckFest," an in-depth look at the life and times of Bill Veeck, on Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Arcadia Public Library Auditorium. The event will include a panel discussion, film screening, and book signing.

"VeeckFest" will begin at 1:00 p.m. with opening remarks by author and historian Paul Dickson, whose biography, *Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick*, was the inspiration for the exhibition of the same title. A panel discussion between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., including Q&A, will include Dickson; sportswriters John Schullian and Ron Rapoport, who covered Veeck for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and other publications; and screenwriter/filmmaker Ken Solarz, who owns the movie rights to Veeck's 1962 autobiography, *Veeck—as in Wreck*.

A film screening will be held between 3:00 and 4:00 pm, which will include *Veeck: A Man For Any Season*, a 28-minute documentary produced and directed by Tom Weinberg and Jamie Ceaser, and originally broadcast on WTTW/Chicago in 1985. Produced the year before he died, the documentary is an intimate portrait of the man and his world, narrated by Veeck's wife, Mary Frances. In addition to candid interviews with Veeck revealing his indomitable spirit and zest for life, the film incorporates historic footage of Comiskey Park, Wrigley Field, and many of the promotions that Veeck was famous for creating. Other film footage to be shown includes a collection of commentaries Veeck did from a bar stool on the Emmy Award-winning television show, *Time Out*, in 1984-85, and clips from a rare interview with Veeck in the 1960s filmed at his home in Easton, Maryland by a Cleveland television crew.

A book signing will conclude the day's festivities from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Authors featured will include Paul Dickson, signing copies of *Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick*, and John Schullian, signing copies of *Sometimes They Even Shook Your Hand: Portraits of Champions Who Walked Among Us*, which includes an essay on Bill Veeck.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. All attendees are encouraged to arrive by 12:30 p.m., when the doors to the auditorium are opened. For further information, contact the Baseball Reliquary by phone at (626) 791-7647 or by e-mail at [teryamar@earthlink.net](mailto:teryamar@earthlink.net). For directions, phone the Arcadia Public Library at (626) 821-5567 during library hours.

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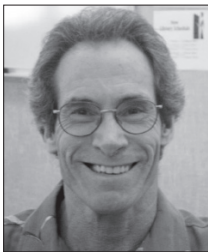
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn Operation "Geronimo" Coverup Continues



A year ago, President Obama announced: "I can report to the American people and to the world that the United States has conducted an operation that killed Osama bin Laden, the leader of al-Qaeda and a terrorist who is responsible for the murder of thousands of innocent men, women and children."

But does anyone still believe the official story of Osama bin Laden's death?

It's been a whole year since Osama bin Laden was allegedly assassinated in a Pakistani Navy Seal raid, Operation "Geronimo," but that hasn't stopped the corporate media and the White House from ratcheting up fears of terrorism, painting the potential for an "anniversary attack."

Not surprisingly, a federal judge recently ruled, because of "national security," the Obama Administration does not have to release photos or video of the raid. We were told by the White House the Seals had helmet cams running in real-time during the operation. However, now they claim that no video exists because the feed allegedly, and coincidentally, experienced an apparent "black out" during the actual raid itself.

In a 2011 *60 Minutes* interview, a week after the raid, Obama said, "We have done DNA sampling and testing... we are absolutely sure it was him." If they've done DNA testing to prove it, why can't they show us that evidence? Perhaps because it raises more questions; for example, why would they need to do DNA testing at all, unless his body was unidentifiable to the naked eye.

Two weeks ago, an Obama-appointed federal judge ruled in favor of the government in a national security case, when he denied a FOIA request to obtain all photos and videos taken during and after the raid in Pakistan that resulted in Osama bin Laden's death. The DOJ responded to the lawsuit by arguing that the requested materials "are classified and are being withheld from the public to avoid inciting violence against Americans overseas and compromising secret systems and techniques used by the CIA and the military."

Among other things, disclosure of these materials would have helped resolve the seriously conflicting statements made by White House officials about what happened during the raid and what its actual goals and operating rules were. But while the Obama administration has insisted to the court that all such materials are classified and cannot be disclosed without compromising crucial National Security secrets, the President's aides have been continuously leaking information about the raid in order to create politically beneficial pictures of what happened.

Last August, The New Yorker published what it purported to be a comprehensive account of the raid, based on mostly anonymous White House claims, that made Barack Obama look like a mix of Superman, Rambo and Clint Eastwood; The Washington Post called it "a fascinating, cinematic-like account of the operation that killed Osama bin Laden."

The coverup appears to be continuing. Pentagon officials recently disclosed to the Associated Press that they could not find any photo or video evidence to confirm that Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden was killed in the Navy Seal raid in Pakistan a year ago.

Moreover, in February "bin Laden's compound" was totally demolished. On February 27th, it was reported that "Pakistani authorities began tearing down the house on Saturday night, working under floodlights, with the local population subject to a strict curfew and Pakistan Army soldiers and police personnel reportedly deployed in large numbers", and how the "total destruction of the death scene makes it much less likely independent verification of the official narrative will ever be established".

President Obama said a year ago after the raid, "We have put out the results of the DNA testing as well as the facial recognition." Have we all been asleep for a year? The government hasn't "put anything out," nobody has seen the DNA tests or the facial recognition results. Nada!

We may never know whether it was really Osama bin Laden we killed. But one thing is certain, the Operation "Geronimo" coverup continues....

## RICH Johnson 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD



Remember the 7 wonders of the world? Before you answer you should know there are really at least 28 wonders of the world, not counting Barry Schwam. Also wondering what you are going to have for lunch is not considered one of the 7 wonders of the world unless you are Neil the Pig. Then really the shorter list is to wonder what Neil is NOT going to have for lunch.

There are 4 generally accepted sets of 7 wonders of the world. They are: The 7 Wonders of the Ancient World; the 7 Wonders of the Medieval World; the 7 Wonders of the Natural World; and finally the 7 Wonders of the Modern World. If you ask me nicely, I will tell you what all these wonders are. In my minds eye I can see my Fresco's friends Linda and Bob asking me nicely. Thank you. So I'll tell you the wonders and where they are in case you want to arrange a vacation.

### The 7 Wonders of the Ancient World

1. Great Pyramid of Giza (*Egypt*)
2. Hanging Gardens of Babylon (*Iraq*)
3. Statue of Zeus at Olympus (*Greece*)
4. Temple of Artemis at Ephesus (*Turkey*)
5. Mausoleum at Halicarnassus (*Turkey*)
6. Colossus of Rhodes (*Greece*)
7. Lighthouse of Alexandria (*Egypt*)

### The 7 Wonders of the Medieval World

1. Stonehenge (*England*)
2. Colosseum (*Rome*)
3. Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa (*Egypt*)
4. Great Wall of China (*China*)
5. Porcelain Tower of Nanjing (*China*)
6. Hagia Sophia (*Turkey*)
7. Leaning Tower of Pisa (*Italy*)

### The 7 Wonders of the Natural World

1. Grand Canyon (*United States*)
2. Great Barrier Reef (*Australia*)
3. Harbor of Rio De Janeiro (*Brazil*)
4. Mount Everest (*Nepal*)
5. Auroras Borealis and Australis (*The Sky*)
6. Paricutin Volcano (*Mexico*)
7. Victoria Falls (*Zimbabwe/Zambia Border*)

### The 7 Wonders of the Modern World

1. Chunnel (*English Channel*)
2. CN Tower (*Canada*)
3. Empire State Building (*United States*)
4. Golden Gate Bridge (*United States*)
5. Itaipu Dam (*Brazil/Paraguay Border*)
6. Zuiderzee Works (*Netherlands*)
7. Panama Canal (*Panama*)

And of course, out of the mouth of babes: An elementary school class was asked to list all the wonders they could remember. One young gal brought the last list to the teacher. She wrote, "the 7 wonders of the world" are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To Laugh
7. To Love"

And then of course, there's Barry Schwam. Thanks for wonderin'.

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE STAYING IN TOUCH



A couple of days ago I had this dream that I was standing on this corner and an old classmate from Law School passed by in a car. I chased the car and I was sure it contained my old friend but I couldn't catch him. After I awoke I tried to locate the guy on Face Book and have now heard from him. I have learned that he does some work in an attempt to assist people in African villages and I kind of imagine that I will connect with him and start doing something honorable and significant. It probably won't happen but I certainly can feel the need.

This morning my cousin in Arizona sent me an e-mail containing a You Tube of a more than thirty year old Johnny Carson show. In viewing the old show there was mention of other old Johnny Carson shows which reminded me that I had briefly appeared on the show in 1965. Now I am immersed in the adventure of trying to find the record of that show in some sort of wild attempt to locate myself in the world. I think this attempt at reconnecting with my past has something to do with the fact that I have reached retirement age even though I am still working. My birthday was last week and driving the Freeways in an attempt to get to Court on time is becoming more and more arduous. I was reminded of my advancing age as I drove home tonight after a Doctor's appointment and passed the now closed Café 322.

Really it's upsetting to notice this formerly vibrant restaurant now empty and dark. Just a couple of Tuesdays ago the last game of Trivia Pursuits was played there and my wife and I and my fellow columnist Rich Johnson had been the winning team. Now I hear that the landlord raised the rent. Who knows? It all just emphasizes the horrid truth that what was is no more and that it is all inevitable and undoubtedly will also happen to me. This is one of the most unfortunate aspects of being a non-believer. I don't need a belief in the metaphysical world of talking snakes and everlasting Fathers to accept the reality of this troubled and at the same time utterly miraculous opportunity for life that has come my way; but in retrospect it seems like it has lasted for such a short time.

Just yesterday I was a kid finishing my paper route and riding my bike to Little League tryouts and being afraid that

I wasn't good enough. Well, in a way, I still fear that I am not good enough but when I look in the mirror I expect to see the same kid. Instead, what do I see? Some sort of almost unrecognizable weird old man with my eyes is grinning back at me. Yesterday my friend Charles came over to watch the basketball game and while we were having dinner he noticed a picture of me sitting with three old friends. "It's almost iconic," he said. "You all look like John Lennon." Well, it was the 1970's and I guess that was about when Charles was born; a long time ago for him and just yesterday for me.

I don't relate very much to thoughts about my body after I die. Burial seems like a waste of space and cremation or being tossed into the sea and melting or burning away seems fine. Actually, to me, my body has always just felt like a carrier for my head. And my head is just a carrier for my thoughts. That's where my real world is, in my awareness and I hate the idea of my awareness disappearing. Maybe instead of storing decaying dead bodies it would be possible to retain the awareness of people. Maybe there's a way of downloading all of a person's thoughts and memories and storing it somewhere in cyberspace. I never saw the movie the Matrix but I have heard that the film contains the concept that information can simply be uploaded into a person's brain while that brain continues to exist in a vat someplace.

I admit that this idea of a brain in a vat is not very attractive but it's no less attractive than the thoughts of bodies decaying in coffins. Maybe our individual awareness could be stored in some way such that if anyone, at some future time, wanted to converse with us a conversation would still be possible. Maybe information about this future present world could be uploaded into whatever was containing our old awareness and in that way we would still be made aware of what was happening after the death of our bodies.

Okay, maybe this is all getting a bit far-fetched but really is it any crazier than me dreaming about someone I haven't seen for forty-five years and then presto, after pressing a few letters on my key board, we are reconnecting. All right, it's not eternal life but still it is more than I ever expected to be possible. We now all take it for granted that we can reconnect with the past so WHY NOT THE FUTURE?

Well, let's stay in touch.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## MY MOTHER WAS WRONG ABOUT SPINACH



One of the great joys of getting older, and there is at least one joy involved in this grueling process, is discovering that you were right all the time. I try not to boast here because, well, that's just the kind of person I am. And, I'm not going to make a list of all of the things I was "right" about. No sense in boasting, but I just can't resist one.

Some of these things centered on my relationship with my mother. One advantage a mother has over her children is that sense of authority and being right all the time. Looking back, I can see that she was not right all the time.

As a young person, my mother told me things I have since learned not to be true. For example:

It takes more than clean underwear to survive an accident.

The boogieman under my bed does not exist... any more.

None of my friends wants to jump off a bridge.

I will grow up even if I don't clean up my plate.

And, it's almost impossible to behave yourself and have a good time simultaneously.

My mother, like other mothers, was not a bad mother. She just had bad information, much of which she got from her mother. I'm not sure where grandmother got her information, but it too was wrong. And, when you have bad information, there is nothing more you can do but inflict it upon your children. And my mother inflicted away at us children.

This week another one of these "not true things," was revealed. This one was the mother of all untrue things mothers tell their children.

I must confess there is a bittersweet sense of victory in this recent announcement.

I can't tell you how many times my mother told me to "Eat your spinach. It's good for you." When I would protest she would further admonish me by saying, "Finish all of your spinach on your plate, it won't kill you."

Boy, was she wrong. I hate to say, "I told you so." However, the temptation is beyond my ability to resist. After all, I'm only a man. I guess I never ate enough spinach for the strength to resist everything.

For years, I told my mother that spinach was not good for me. Now, I have scientific proof as well as verification from the United States government that spinach can kill you.

Where was all this information and government verification when I was young and being force-fed spinach? Some things should be retroactive. If I could find a way to give back all the spinach I have eaten from my mother's table I certainly would do it right now. (Could someone find me a porkbarrel?)

Of course, there is always the idea that my mother knew this and was simply trying to kill me. No, after further thought, I'm sure that is far from being true. But don't think I haven't been pondering this, lately. She had plenty of evidence to incite this kind of attitude toward me, I assure you.

My mother used everything she could think of to get me to eat my spinach. She used intimidation, arguments and a good old-fashioned thrashing. None of it seemed to make her spinach taste any better.

One of the arguments my mother used to get me to eat spinach was good ole Popeye. "Popeye eats spinach," my mother would taunt me. "Look at all of the things he does because of eating spinach."

Of course, from my observation, Popeye only ate spinach when he was in extreme trouble and his life was being threatened. I tried to have an agreement with my mother that I would eat spinach every time my life was threatened. Then she threatened my life.

Her arguments continued. "Certainly you want to be like Popeye, don't you?" my mother pleaded.

To which I responded, "Yes, and he smokes a pipe too. Can I smoke a pipe?" I did not think it fair for my mother to make me eat spinach and then not allow me to smoke a pipe. If you choose one the other comes too.

At the time, my mother was not too amused with my argument concerning Popeye's pipe. I tried explaining that Popeye's use of spinach was only occasionally but his use of the pipe was continuously. This argument had no effect upon my mother, but it did cause severe pain in my left ear as she led me by my ear back to the table to finish my spinach.

At the time, my mother had a one-track mind, which led to a plate of spinach. I, on the other hand, had a one-track mind, which led as far away from that plate of spinach as possible. Nothing would do but clean up my plate of spinach. Only one mind could win, and it sure wasn't mine.

I listened with amusement to all this news concerning spinach this past week. Reflecting upon this incident from my past, a verse of Scripture came to my mind. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17 KJV).

At the time of my spinach eating frenzy, my mother thought she was doing the right thing. At the time she was, much to my consternation. It's not so much, what we do, as it is what we know.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"Give no bounties; make equal laws; secure life and prosperity and you need not give alms."*  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

I didn't know colleague Greg Welborn had advance notice that I wouldn't have a column last week. Rather than his usual fare of conservative viewpoint, he covered for me by instead devoting his column to describing how liberals look at things. He even began his column, as I occasionally do; by commenting on recent observations by Bill Maher. (I wonder if Greg includes me in his category of "hip-left-media types".)

In Greg's column last week, the subject was "charity". The conflict arises from differing definitions. For most of us hip-left-media types (I'm beginning to like that phrase), charity can be defined as selflessly helping out someone in need.

For far-left-ex-hippie types like me, you can take it further and relate it to the concept of "karma". One of those riddles from ancient Buddhist literature (stop me if you've heard it) goes, "How can a cupful of water be more powerful than a whole ocean?" The answer is that a cupful of water given in an act of selfless kindness to a thirsty elderly or sick person creates a karma that lasts long after the oceans have dried up.

A more contemporary story is of the guy who contributes \$2,000 to his temple, then finds a misprint in the monthly bulletin where his gift is listed as only \$20. He goes to complain to his Sensei, asking that a correction be printed the following month. The Sensei responds, sure – they'll be happy to do it. But his wanting to make sure he gets credit just wrecked whatever good karma he might have gotten from the act.

The definition of "charity" for others is less nuanced. For Mitt Romney, charity is what you get a tax deduction for.

What set Greg off was Bill Maher's ridiculing of Mitt Romney's characterizing his regular donation to the Mormon Church as charitable giving. To make his point, Maher held up a picture of a storefront HIV/AIDS clinic and said, "Giving to this is charity". He followed that with a picture of a huge Mormon temple, looking like something out of Frank Capra's LOST HORIZON, on a mound of real estate that would make the Beverly Hilton seem low-rent, and said, "Giving to this is not".

Greg accuses liberals of having difficulty separating the personal from the political. I'd say it's more of a concern about separating the sort of activity warranting taxpayer subsidies from those that don't. I couldn't denigrate the value of world-wide health and literacy programs sponsored by the Mormon Church. Four years ago, the Mormon Church contributed some \$8.4 million in support of Proposition 8, to overturn the California Supreme Court ruling permitting gay marriage.

Greg might argue a church is a charity, no matter how it decides to spend its money. I'd suggest it's one thing to work towards alleviating poverty in third-world countries, and another thing to establish statutory bigotry here at home.

What's most puzzling is Greg's suggestion that different racial and religious groups take care of "their own". He further suggests that without government efforts to alleviate poverty, there would be more private efforts.

This brings up other philosophical differences: Conservatives see an amalgamation of separate and often competing religious and ethnic groups. Liberals see America. Conservatives see government as a distant, distinct body threatening the private sector. Liberals see "We the People". Conservatives see charity as a noble gesture by our betters towards the less fortunate. Liberals see getting together to help our fellow Americans as an expression of who we are as a people – regardless of whether we can write it off on our taxes.

On a personal note –

When my family and I first moved to Sierra Madre, I stopped by this club called the Sunset on Sierra Madre Boulevard. It had black walls, and I thought if I ever felt twenty years younger, I'd stop by again. It didn't happen.

At that time, we enjoyed a restaurant on Baldwin called the Pepper Tree – especially for breakfast. When it relocated to Sierra Madre Boulevard, we stopped by on a night they featured an improv comedy troupe. I commented to a performer my problem with improv was that it never seemed well-enough rehearsed. She gave me a weird look.

Then, another transformation. There was Dixieland. There were big bands. There was jazz, Western swing, Flat-Top Tom, quiz night on Tuesday and Opera on Sunday. There were the dulcet tones of V.R. Smith and the piano artistry of Jon Mayer. There were students from the jazz programs at PCC showing the future of jazz to be as bright as its past.

Visiting my son in Prague while in his "study abroad" program, I tasted absinthe for the first time. I got home, and Mario poured me a glass at 322.

With friends who were unfamiliar with the town, I'd show them around and they'd be impressed. I'd take them to Café 322, and their jaws would drop.

When friends from out-of-town (like in-laws from Japan) said they wanted to visit and asked what would be a convenient time, we'd check online to see when Jack Sheldon and his California Cool Quartet was playing. No matter what they saw on their trip to California, we knew family from Tokyo would be talking about having heard the trumpet solo line for "The Shadow Of Your Smile" played by the fellow who first recorded it over forty years ago.

A great place for celebrity-sightings. Last time I was there, famed columnist Rich Johnson sat at the very next table. He acted like he recognized me, and my wife hasn't looked at me the same way since.

When I heard of Café 322's closing, I wondered if its replacement would be even better. I then thought, if the replacement is nearly as good, we should all be thankful. Café 322 is a tough act to follow.

## MARRIAGE AS A POLITICAL STUNT GREG Welborn



President Obama's statement that he now supports gay marriage should be complimented for its honesty and abhorred for its rank manipulative timing. Everyone already knew that President Obama's true beliefs lay. After all, his Attorney General refused to defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act. So there's some other reason for the announcement's timing, and, as with so much from this President, it has little to do with what's good for the nation and more to do with what's good for him politically.

Some political observers have floated the theory that Vice President Biden's earlier public comments were meant to force Obama's hand. Even if true, this only affirms the rank political manipulation of the move, although it does so by crediting Biden with more political chops than the President. No, it is much more likely that this came from the top. Biden's earlier comments must have been sanctioned. His were the opening salvo. More than plausible, in fact overwhelmingly probably because Team Obama, if nothing else, has shown itself to be amazingly political in its policy calculations.

Gay marriage is an issue which promises to energize flagging components of his base without much damaging support among the President's black and Hispanic constituencies. Even though a large majority of blacks are morally opposed to gay marriage, interviews this week with several prominent black religious leaders made it clear that disappointment with this decision won't translate into disaffections. So on a worst case basis, Obama captures 93% instead of 2008's 94% of the black vote. The same loyalty seems to be present among Hispanics that voted for him in 2008.

It is the rest of the liberal base that needs to be rallied. The economy, the failed stimulus, the amateur mistakes and foreign policy blunders have taken a heavy toll on many traditional Democratic constituencies. This is especially true among younger voters. As bad as the economy has been for the rest of us, unemployment among young adults is about 30%. Young adults also happen to have a more uniform view of marriage. To the extent that conservative opposition to gay marriage can be portrayed by the Obama election team and mainstream media as ignorance, bigotry and homophobia, young adult turnout in November could be reinvigorated.

Team Obama is clearly counting on the uninformed to be riled up and turned out to stand against conservative bigotry and hatred. Allow me therefore to quickly recap the importance of maintaining marriage as it has been defined by all major religions and cultures for more than 2,000 years – as if that fact alone were insufficient to warn people against tampering with so significant and foundational an institution.

1. If love becomes the sole basis for marriage, which is the reasoning offered by gay activists, marriage will be weakened. Why shouldn't 3 people who love one another get married? Why shouldn't a brother and sister marry? If marriage between one man and one woman isn't uplifted as special, the crazy combinations we'll see will cheapen the entire institution.

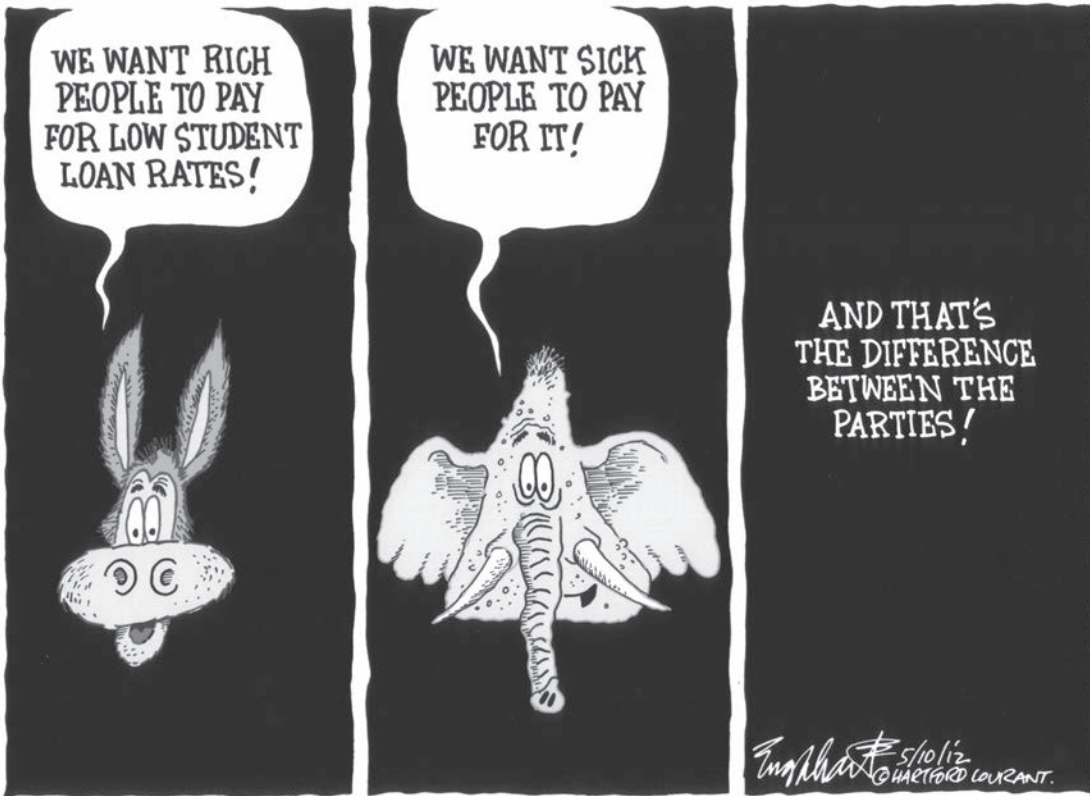
2. Traditional marriage is better for children. A mother and a father each give something different to a child. There's simply no way for either to be an equal substitute for the other.

3. Traditional marriage is also better for men and women because each complements the other, making them whole, in a way that a relationship with the same sex cannot.

4. Traditional marriage is critical for the health of society. Society is strong only when its basic building block – the family – is strong. Experience in Europe (where gay marriage is allowed) shows that more people simply choose to form a "family" based on a vague commitment to stay together. Most break apart, resulting in greater psychological dysfunction, personal unhappiness and greater poverty for women and children.

Marriage is a foundational element of society. Redefining it bears risks that threaten us all – gay and straight. Obama is to be commended for his honesty, even though it is motivated solely by his desire to stay in power. Whatever the outcome of the 2012 election, nobody can deny the significance of the choices before us.

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## Tyree's Tyrades!

## Mother's Day: No Ifs, Ands Or Buts

By Danny Tyree

*"Mom, I love you, BUT..."*

I wonder how many times a day that phrase (more ominous than heartwarming) is uttered in this great land.

Certainly there is a lot to be said for putting things in perspective, softening the blow of unsolicited advice and practicing diplomacy – but in too many families the love and the "but" seem inextricably entwined, always leaving the mother feeling "battered up" and anxiously waiting for the other shoe to drop.

I realize that many of us feel awkward about Public Displays of Affection, but it's downright sad that we also struggle with PRIVATE displays of affection. The Hand That Rocks The Cradle deserves more than occasional watered-down dollops of tenderness that have been hopelessly amalgamated with mundane considerations and petty complaints.

Cards (handmade or store-bought), rose bouquets, leisurely Mother's Day brunches, spa certificates and collectible figurines are all admirable choices for acknowledging mom on Her Special Day; but what a change there would be in the national mood if just a few more of us adopted a year-round practice of spontaneous, heartfelt, no-strings-attached expressions of "I love you"!

To be sure, it is a tribute to mom if you use the wisdom she instilled in you and discern when to be firm and when to be sentimental. The "buts" may well be justified when you have hard evidence that mom's new beau is a chiseler or when you and your siblings are in consensus that the family matriarch needs assisted living.

Still, "but" should not be your default value, your "go to" reaction. Shaking your "but" doesn't have to be intimidating; it may be necessary to start out small with your attitude adjustment. Perhaps just one extra time a month, show a little deference to mom. Hold your tongue and listen when you'd really rather "lovingly" express yourself about Needing My Own Space, Finally Finding Mr. Or Ms. Right (and the warden gives such a glowing endorsement!), Waiting For Just The Right Job To Come Along Before I Get Off This Sofa or Being Able To Handle These Substances, No Problem.

Thank goodness moms -- infused with unconditional love and a spirit of sacrifice -- use the "buts" so sparingly. (I'm speaking of mothers in a fairly normal, healthy relationship here. Toxic relationships and estrangement are a topic for another day.) What a dreary place the world would be if children were told "Son, I love you, BUT that ugly crayon drawing would void the warranty on my refrigerator" or "Janie, I love you, BUT I think I can monitor your raging fever just as well from my Pilates class as by hovering over your bedside" or "I would love for you to use my wedding gown, BUT I don't know if I can trust you to pay the dry cleaning bill"!

I grew up in a family where Mushy Stuff was something to make family members squirm, so I can understand the awkwardness of openness. But "I love you" needs to be more than an obligatory preface. Say it proudly, without corollaries, codicils, disclaimers or sales pitches. Embrace saying those three little words – before you find yourself apologizing, "Mom, I love you – but your cemetery plot is way on the other side of town."

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## Independent's Eye by Joe Gandelman

## SOME CERTAINTIES ABOUT THE 2012 ELECTION

Who needs TV with its bad acting when we can watch the Oval Office race between President Barack Obama and presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney? The overheated rhetoric and overdramatized outrage on each side is now in full gear. Suspense is injected by perpetually see-sawing polls: the latest two show them in a dead heat nationally and Obama losing ground in 12 key swing states.

Amid the suspense and question marks there are some certainties in this race. Here are a few:

The Republic will survive: although 21st century politics and its new and old media thrive on apocalyptic rhetoric, much of what's predicted will never come to pass. Each Presidential election year our rhetoric seemingly goes further over the top.

On the other hand, some fears are realistic. Republicans fear a second-term Obama will not need to woo independent voters and could be more liberal (likely). Democrats fear that despite his moderate past Romney has not shown the political courage or convictions to resist demands from his party's far right and will give them what they want (likely).

The Republican Party of Teddy Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon is dead. Thomas Wolfe had it right – "You Can't Go Home Again." Those expecting the GOP to shift more towards the center if polls this fall show a backlash against its 2012 conservative orientation will be disappointed. And if Romney loses, hardline conservatives won't just hand Jeb Bush the keys to the party in 2016. The Tea Party movement and conservative talk show hosts will have "won" the battle for the Republican Party.

Centrists are being weeded out in both parties. Uh, oh, here come tiresome accusations of "false equivalency," a phrase as grating as chalk on a blackboard. Several factors (including his residency) played a role in Indiana Republican Senator Dick Lugar's political demise, but a big one was his being targeted by Tea Partiers for being too moderate. Utah's Sen. Orrin Hatch will face a primary challenge due to his (gasp!) reaching across the aisle.

The Daily Beast's John Avlon correctly points out that while hunting RINOs (Republicans in Name Only) is a popular GOP sport, "DINO hunting is starting to catch on in Democratic circles," and two Democratic centrists were defeated in the recent primary in Pennsylvania. The trending is NOT towards moderation or non-lockstep partisans in Congress or in the country.

Expect a close election and dirty campaign: The wildcard of the uncertain economy adds volatility. Some GOPers are already trying to "Swift Boat" Obama on his role in the killing of Osama bin Laden, while Team Obama has made it known it has lots of material on Romney that'll be released at key moments of the campaign.

Independents will be needed even if partisans continue to disparage them: The award for the silliest statement about independent voters goes to MSNBC's Ed Schultz who recently suggested independent voters are not flocking to Obama because they don't like Obama's gun stand. If Democratic strategists are as insightful as Schultz, then get ready for President Romney. P.S. Independents aren't monolithic.

Anything smug analysts predict could prove wrong: Who ever would have thought that the Oprah Winfrey Network would lose nearly \$330 million? Or that in the end, New York Rep. Anthony Weiner would not only live up to his name but actually embody it? As I always say: beware of the conventional wisdom, because if it's suddenly shattered all evidence of it will be discreetly swept under the rug.

But the odds are that after the votes are counted many certainties on this list will have held up. Just as there is this certainty: 2012 is unlikely to be an uplifting election that will leave the country more unified and informed on issues.

And if I'm wrong? There is a lot more room under that conventional wisdom rug...

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MANAGEMENT TOOLS CAN HELP ELIMINATE UNWELCOMED SURPRISES

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*“One of the true tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.”*  
- Arnold H. Glasgow

One of my colleagues who works in a high-growth industry was recently faced with having to layoff almost 20% of the employees in her department after being informed that the company had suffered a sizeable loss in profit during the recent quarter. Apparently everyone in the organization was caught by surprise, including the top brass. Accusations and finger pointing ensued, unfortunately with most of the fingers pointing downward from the highest levels of management. It is clear that the individuals with the biggest paychecks either didn't understand, or didn't care about the importance of putting management information systems in place to provide the types of reports that would have provided them with information needed to monitor and measure key business activities and revenue. Unanticipated and unplanned employee layoffs were the collateral damage resulting from a lack of adequate planning and management.

I had a couple of question for my colleague, “No one saw this coming?” She responded, “No, everyone in the office was still excited after being told that we had a strong financial performance after the previous quarter.” My next question, “What does the company have in place to monitor and track its operations and flow of revenue?” Based on her response, apparently little to nothing. In an era of technology that supports “real time” feedback, it is unfathomable that any company would find itself having to lay employees off with virtually no advanced planning. In the absence of some unforeseen act of God or other catastrophe like a major customer leaving or an important vendor going out of business, it's absolutely amazing that someone wasn't aware of a decline in revenue.

More than 25 years ago, I read about the “real time” management information system (MIS) that was being used by Mrs. Fields Cookies. The data for all key business activities was integrated to the point that Debbie Fields knew the number of cookies sold, and the quantity of flour, sugar and other ingredients per store, per day, per hour. QVC and other television shopping programs have thrived with their mastery of MIS to drive the timing of exactly how many minutes a product is promoted on the air – solely based on how well it is selling. The tools of technology allow virtually any business to immediately gather data and analyze data to make timely and decisions.

M.IS quickly evolved to include peripheral tools like bar codes, scanners and other technology to make it useful for many processes. Special applications were developed for retail sales, and for the first time information from the cash register was could be linked to accounting and inventory records. Just In Time (JIT) systems for production and inventory management evolved as a best practice method for doing business. JIT is defined as a demand driven inventory system in which materials, parts and support items are delivered just when needed (“just in time”), with the objective to eliminate unnecessary product inventory from the supply chain, thus reducing expenses related to warehousing and personnel needed to stock, retrieve and secure the inventory. JIT is also referred to as the Toyota Production System, as the corporation is credited with developing and perfecting the method during the 60's and 70's to meet fast changing consumer demands for electronics and automobiles.

Human beings will inevitably make mistakes, and each mistake presents an opportunity to learn and make improvements. Some mistakes and oversights can be avoided by adopting one of the numerous MIS systems available for businesses, large and small.

“It always flows downhill,” is an adage that I was first introduced to by a professor in the late 70's during my undergraduate studies in business. He shared that the root of any problem that is recurring or pervasive, is always the result of what is happening (or not) at the top level of the organization. A recent scenario shared by a colleague who works in management at a corporation with revenue in excess of \$20M sheds some light on the adverse impact of poor management and leadership.

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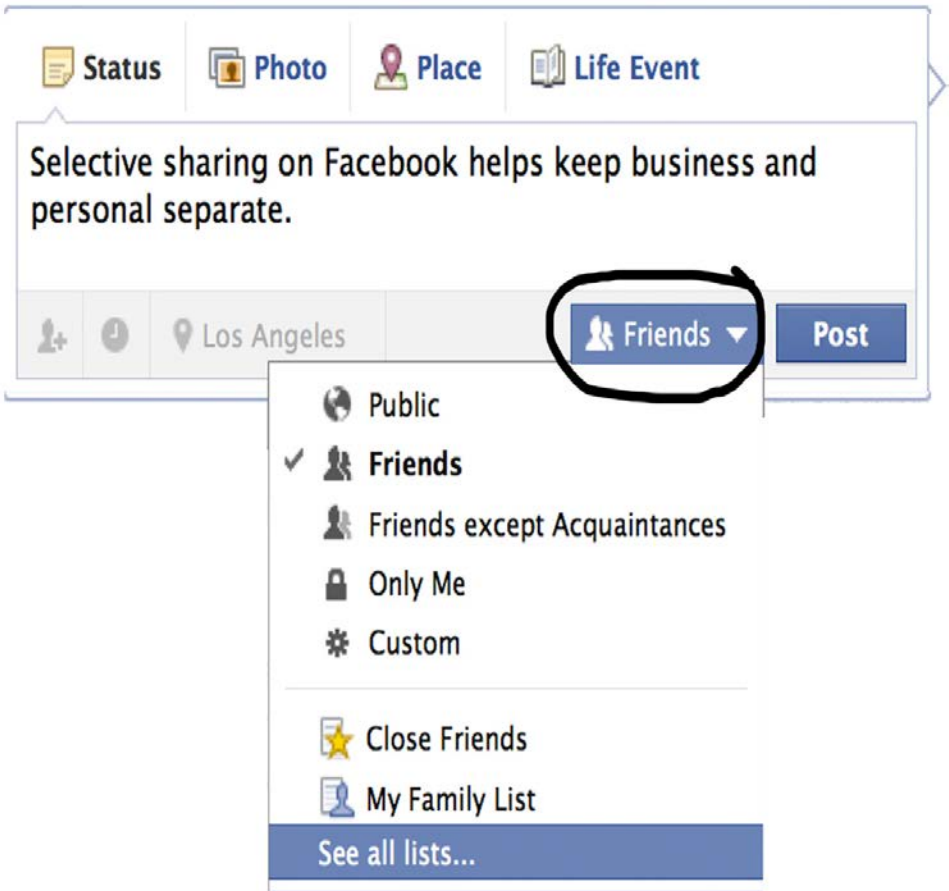
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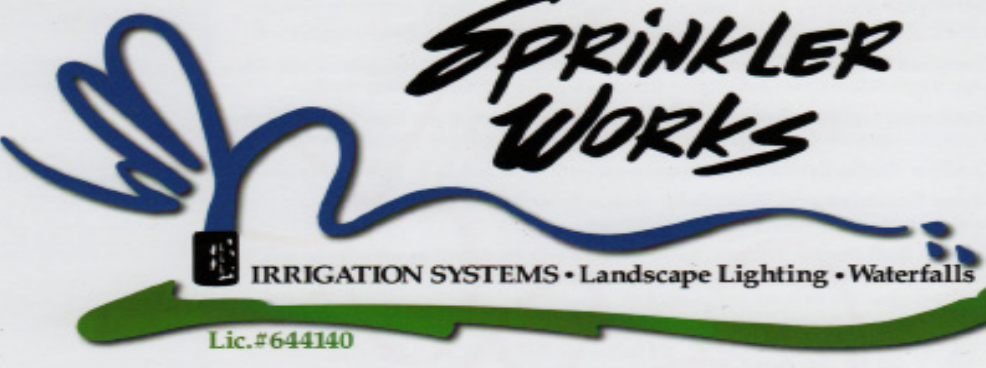
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