

FRESH & EASY™ APPLYING FOR RESIDENCY IN SIERRA MADRE

By Susan Henderson

The international grocery chain, Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market has submitted a formal application to the City of Sierra Madre seeking approval to build and operate a store in town. The desired site is the corner of Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd., where Taylor's Meats currently resides.

According to Development Director Danny Castro, a completed application has been submitted and the city is now in the early stages of the environmental impact investigation. It is anticipated that neighborhood meetings and review by the planning commission won't happen until the fall.

Fresh & Easy, says on its website, "Your groceries cost less because we design stores to save money. We install LED lighting and energy-efficient refrigerator doors that use less. And by using less, we're able to pass more savings on to you. We keep our prices simple too. In our shops, you won't find confusing sales gimmicks; just honest low prices every day for everyone."

The company is a subsidiary of the British multinational grocery and merchandise retailer, TESCO, the third largest retailer in the world. It ranks behind Wal-Mart and Carrefour in revenues and is second only to Wal-Mart in terms of profit. The company was founded in 1919, however, the Fresh & Easy stores did not come to America until 2007. There are currently over 180 stores in California, Nevada and Arizona. In January of this year, however, they closed seven of their California stores.

Most of their stores are much larger than what is being proposed for Sierra Madre. If they move to the site at Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd. they will not utilize the back parking lot which belongs to the city.

The company has established a reputation for being 'green'. According to various sources, 'Fresh & Easy states it has made a commitment to building Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified buildings.' Stores are equipped with LED lights in freezers, coolers and for outdoor signage.

Almost two years ago, the company opened its first 'Green Chill' store in Rosemead. GreenChill is an EPA Partnership with food retailers to reduce refrigerant emissions and decrease their impact



Photograph of conceptual drawing of the new facility. The plans were submitted by Adolph Ziemba Aia and Associates Inc. of Burbank.

on the ozone layer and climate change. It is not known whether or not the proposed Sierra Madre facility will be a 'green chill' facility.

"Fresh & Easy's sub critical cascade CO2 refrigeration system, which is one of only four in the United States, reduces the impact of the store's refrigeration on the ozone layer by about 70 percent, compared to industry standards",the company said in a statement when it opened its Rosemead store. "By utilizing a natural refrigerant, the system has an estimated 50 percent lower Global Warming Potential than traditional refrigerants."

In addition to Fresh & Easy's efforts to reduce refrigerant emissions, it also focuses on system energy efficiency, including the use of energy efficient doors on freezer and dairy cases; Triple-pane glass with an anti-fog coating on refrigerator doors, eliminating the need for door heaters for icing or fogging; night curtains on refrigerators to conserve energy while keeping product at the appropriate temperature when stores are closed; LED lighting in all chilled cases.

"On average, our stores use 30 percent less energy than a typical supermarket, which helps our customers save money while also helping the environment," said Tim Mason, CEO of Fresh & Easy a few years ago. "We've worked hard to make sure we are thoughtful in the impact we have on the environment and we're excited to continue to innovate in this area."

Almost certain to be of greatest concern to most residents will be the fate of Taylor's

Meats. In a conversation with Mr. Taylor late Friday, he indicated that he "didn't want to give up" and that he definitely did not want to move out of Sierra Madre. He suggested that he would probably look for another site in town. Mr. Taylor, who has been operating his business in Sierra Madre for more than 47 years was aware that the site was slated for development by the owners for some time. He noted that the current owners of the property, The Montecito Development Group had been very considerate in all of their dealings with him.



LETTER CARRIERS COLLECT 17.000 POUNDS OF FOOD



The staff of the Sierra Madre Post Office coordinated a very successful food drive last week. They collected 17,000 pounds of canned food, 2,000 pounds more than last years. Residents filled bags that were distributed earlier in the week for food for the needy. Last Saturday, as carriers delivered the mail, they picked up the filled bags and brought them back to the station. The Christadelphian Southern California Boys and Girls Club volunteers (pictured above) unloaded, separated and packed the cans in boxes. All can goods will go to the Foothill Unity Food Bank in Monrovia. Local businesses provided support for the carriers with food and drink to eat while they collected the food. Donors included The Only Place in Town, Burger Continental, Albertson's, Podley Properties, Village Pizzeria and Sierra Madre Pizza, Starbucks, Beantown and Prudential Realty. The carriers would love to thank Sierra Madre for their wonderful support for our 2012 Food Drive. The drive was part of a National Letter Carrier Drive to help feed hungry families.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3208
Invites the Public
To
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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Fri:	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:
June 5, 2012 6:30 pm

June 3rd	General Plan Committee	10am - 4 p
June 7th	Senior Commission	- 3:00 pm
June 7/21	Planning Commission	@ 7:00pm
June 18th	Community Services Commission	@ 6pm
June 19th	City Council Meeting	@ 6:30pm
June 20th	Tree Advisory Commission	@ 7:00pm
June 21th	Green Advisory Committee	@ 7:00pm
June 27th	Library Board of Trustees	@ 7:00pm

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CALENDAR

Sat May 26	Mount Wilson Trail Race
Sat May 26 @ 7:45AM	MWTR Kids Fun Run
Sat May 26 @ 12:00PM - 01:00PM	Training for the Public - Search & Access City Agenda Packets
Mon May 28	Holidays CLOSED
Mon May 28	Library Closed
Wed May 30	Preschool Story Hour
Wed May 30	Teen Book Club

Thu May 31 @ 6:30PM	Parks & Facilities Master Plan Committee
Fri Jun 01 City Hall	Alternate Fridays CLOSED
Thu Jun 07 @ 6:00PM	Grand Opening Rotary Children's Library

Fri Jun 08 @ 7:45PM	Family Movie Fridays in Kersting Court
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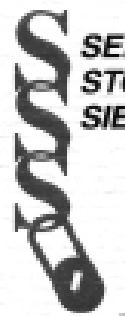
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

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FAMILY MOVIE FRIDAYS

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

Family Movie Fridays Line-Up:

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

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

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE SM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us and if you're looking for a good book to bring with you to the beach, the mountains, on the plane, or to that lawn chair under the tree in your back yard, the best place to find one is at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale. Held on Friday, June 1, from 3:00-7:00pm and Saturday, June 2, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Sierra Madre Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, the sale offers high-quality books that have been culled from the library's shelves or donated.

June's sale features a large collection of books about American Bungalows and the Arts and Crafts movement in home furnishings, many sports books, including several about the great American pastime, baseball, and an assortment of coffee table books about artists and art including a two-volume set of Landsdowne's Birds of the West Coast and Georgia O'Keefe: 100 Flowers. A diverse assortment of reference books from the Library's reference room and a collection of Life and Saturday Evening Post magazines in library bindings are also available. In addition, we have a large number of contemporary and classic fiction books, current non-fiction books, children's classics and pop-up books as well as DVDs, audiobooks, and collectibles. As always, in the back parking lot there will be \$1.00 books on every subject, together with paperbacks, 5/\$1.00, and children's books 25 cents each.

Proceeds from the Best Used Book Sales benefit the resources and programs of the Sierra Madre Public Library. For more information, visit our website at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call 626 355-7186.

REGISTRATION FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE IS NOW OPEN

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

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

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

Hardcopies of the application should be completed and return the form with entry fee to:

SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE c/o PARADE ENTRY
232 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD. SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024.

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

Sierra Madre's
Farmer's
Market
WEDNESDAYS

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market new location is in Downtown Sierra Madre on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue. The hours will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the summer with the exception of major holidays.

GENERAL PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING –
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012

The General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) will hold a special meeting on Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. At this special meeting, the GPSC will discuss and review a number of draft written language items for the new General Plan, including historic preservation, parking and traffic, dark sky provisions, economic development, building bulk and mass issues, seismic considerations for buildings, group living, and identification of opportunity sites for the land use projection/build-out to be prepared for the environmental impact report (EIR) associated with the General Plan.

The GPSC will also assign subcommittees to edit the new General Plan, create an implementation chart, and recommend revisions to the land use designation map. The meeting is open to the public and any public input is welcome. The meeting will also be broadcast live on SMTV-3 cable (Channel 3 for Time Warner customers).

SIERRA MADRE HOLIDAY CLOSURES MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012 MEMORIAL DAY

Please note Sierra Madre City Hall and Community Services will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012, for Memorial Day. Sierra Madre Library Holiday Closure

Please note the Sierra Madre Library will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012, for Memorial Day. Library materials to be returned may be placed in the outside Book Drop.

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Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.

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As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

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

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

SIERRA MADRE FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is open today and every Wednesday from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The location of the market is on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue, situated in the downtown area of Sierra Madre. The market has organic, fresh and locally grown produce. The farmers market is a great opportunity to come on down and meet the farmer directly. Dry Dock Fish has fresh and delicious wild caught varieties of fish. Rustic Loaf has your artisanal breads baked fresh that same day and brought to the market. Cutie Pie that has pies made with the fruits of our organic farmers, make sure you pick one or two up for desert. There are so many unique and amazing finds at the farmers market. Come on down to the Sierra Madre Farmers Market and shake the hand that feed you.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Melissa Farwell from Raw Inspiration at (818) 591-8161 Ext. 806. Raw Inspiration, Inc., is responsible for all management and marketing of the City's Farmers Market.



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Monrovia Public Library
Monrovia Post Office
Monrovia City Hall
Coffee Bean Monrovia (Foothill/Myrtle)
The Monrovia
Rudy's Monrovia
Monrovia Senior Center

Duarte Public Library
Duarte City Hall
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Starbucks Duarte
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Duarte Senior Center

Pasadena City Hall
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REMEMBRANCES

LUCILLE HOEGEE 1912-2012

Lucille "Nana" Meyers Hoegee died May 14, 2012 surrounded by her family at her granddaughter's home in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Lucille Meyers Rasmussen was born February 29, 1912 in Chicago, IL, but soon moved to Lancaster, California. She would spend her childhood there on her father's ranch and graduated from Lancaster High School in 1931. She then met and married the love of her life, becoming Mrs. Vinton A. Hoegee on Valentine's Day 1932.



Vint and Lucille settled in Sierra Madre, California, where, in 1907, the Hoegee family had opened Hoegee's Campground Resort in Big Santa Anita Canyon. Lucille was a talented painter, avid gardener and fantastic cook. She delighted in preparing large family meals and having everyone gathered in her home.

Lucille stayed busy as a member of many clubs and organizations, including The Elks, Emblem Club, Sierra Madre Woman's Club, Sierra Madre Historical Society, Republican Women's Club, San Gabriel Fine Arts, Garden Club and her Lutheran Church. She enjoyed camping, bowling and sewing, but more than anything she loved spending time with family and friends.

After her husband's passing in 1975, Lucille traveled the world, including many countries in Europe, Mexico and South America, as well as The United States and Canada. Lucille's beautiful blue eyes have been passed down as a distinguishing family trait and those that didn't get her eye color carry her genuine heart and zest for life.

Lucille moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon to be closer to family in February of 2012 after her family celebrated her 100th birthday at her home in Sierra Madre.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, her husband and her only child, Arnold. Lucille is survived by two grandchildren, Karen (Bob) Baker and David (Heather) Hoegee, six great grandchildren, Brandon (Alley), Justin, Jessica, Haley, Jake and Ben, and a great, great grandson Vinton Robert. The family is grateful to Heather, Lucille's granddaughter-in-law and her great, great grandson, Brandon and Alley, who provided wonderful loving care for the last three years of her life. Lucille was a truly amazing woman, loved deeply by her family and a blessing to those whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held at 7pm on Friday evening, June 8, 2012 at Turner & Stevens Live Oak Memorial Park, 200 E. Duarte Rd., in Monrovia.

JAMES DOUGLAS "DOUG" MOFFAT, SR. July 26, 1932---May 21, 2012



James Douglas Moffat, Sr., known as Doug to his friends and family, died Monday. Doug was born in Los Angeles to Jack and Florence (Stevenson) Moffat. He grew up in Sierra Madre, CA and attended Sierra Madre School. It was at Sierra Madre School that he met his wife Janice "Jan" Heasley. Their fathers were good friends that packed mules together in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Doug and Jan married December 14th, 1952 after Doug returned from fighting in the Korean War. They lived in Sierra Madre before moving to Fair Oaks, CA when Doug was hired at Aerojet. In 1969 Doug and his family moved to San Diego where Doug worked for Gulf Atomic for five years. The family moved to Halsey, OR in 1974 and started a mini farm raising pigs, chickens, and rabbits. Doug worked for REM Metals Corp. in Albany as a journeyman tool and die maker, and was a machine tool technology professor at LBCC in the 1980's. He also worked for White's Electronics until he retired in 2002.

Doug was once an accomplished pianist, playing since he was four years old. He once played the piano live on the radio in Pasadena, CA when he was 8 years old. He enjoyed photography and created many beautiful oil paintings from the photographs he took. Doug loved to cook gourmet meals for his family and had several recipes published in Sunset Magazine.

Doug is survived by his daughter Jennifer Gilbert and her husband Richard of Halsey, son Jeff and his wife Rhonda of Pueblo, CO, and son Jim and his wife Debbie of Albany; brother in law Russ Heasley of Grizzly Flats, CA; 12 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jan, and daughter Juliann Moffat.

A celebration of Doug's life is being planned for July 26th. Details will be announced at a later date. Because of Doug's love of music and art, contributions may be made to the Central Linn High School Music & Art Departments c/o Fisher Funeral Home, 306 SW Washington St., Albany, OR 97321. Online condolences for the family may be posted at www.fisherfuneralhome.com.



SIERRA MADRE WOMEN'S CLUB INSTALLS 2012-2013 OFFICERS



The Sierra Madre Woman's Club, founded in 1907, just completed a whirlwind 30 day stretch in which they granted scholarships to three outstanding High School Seniors, raised a record setting amount of money at their annual fashion show, and installed its new officers for the coming year.

The club, which has been a member of the International General Federation of Women's Clubs and the California Federation of Women's Clubs since 1909. AS GFWC/CFWC members, they are also members of the CFWC Area C, San Gabriel Valley District #20 (of 22 California districts) holding their 501(c)3 under the GFWC/CFWC umbrella. With over 100 members (all volunteers), they donate between \$13,000 and \$20,000 per year to community charities, as well as maintaining the historical ambience of Sierra Madre by maintaining the 1914 craftsman-style Essick House, which is available for rental, near the western entrance to Sierra Madre.

The 2012-2013 Board members (above), Left to Right: (front), Alma Mays (Auditor), Phyllis Chapman (Membership); (Rear) Mary Carney (President), Karlene (Essick House), Rosemary Morabito, 1st VP), Beverly Clifton (Treasurer), Anne Montgomery (Recording Secretary), Mike Ruggles (Tea Coordinator), Shahrzad Arzani (Community Events), Trini Ornelas (Rentals Coordinator), Elma Mays (2nd VP, Wistaria Shop), Mary Jane Baker (Corresponding Secretary). Missing: Denise Reistetter (Philanthropy Coordinator).

Also pictured on the right (above) is member Genevieve Stubbs as she modeled at the club's Luncheon of the Goddesses Fashion Show in April. The event, one of SMWC's major fundraisers, was chaired this year by Shirley Anhalt and Sheila Pierce.



GENE GOSS TO BEGIN POLITICAL TALK SHOW ON RADIOFISHBOWL.COM

By Bill Coburn

Gene Goss, who came seemingly out of nowhere to nearly find himself on the City Council in the April election, will begin hosting a political talk show on RadioFishbowl.com beginning Thursday night at 7pm. The show, "Village Intersections with Gene Goss", will air weekly, with a rebroadcast on Saturdays. To find the Saturday rebroadcast airtime, visit www.RadioFishbowl.com.

It's going to be a political talk show with a Sierra Madre flavor," said Goss. "(I) Hope you find it interesting and possibly entertaining. Please let me know what you think!" Goss added that he is looking for topics for future shows, as well, and hopes people will contact him with their suggestions, at hostvi@yahoo.com.

Goss has a Masters in Political Science, and for twenty-one years, has taught Political Science at Long Beach City College. He also chairs the History and Political Science Dept. at LBCC.



Gene Goss, host of new RadioFishbowl show "Village Intersections with Gene Goss", photo courtesy of RadioFishbowl.com
Photo courtesy of Radio Fishbowl

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY 2012 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

"Dream Big - Read!" is the theme for Sierra Madre's eight-week 2012 Summer Reading Program, which runs from Monday, June 18 through Saturday, August 11. There are programs for all age groups, including adults. Come in and register any time during this period and win prizes along the way.

In the children's program, each child will receive a reading log, bookmark, and a theme-related book bag at registration. Age-appropriate books, read at home, are recorded on the log, and a prize is awarded after the weekly reading requirement is met. Children may enter one of these divisions: **Night Owl**, for our very youngest patrons who do not yet read on their own; **Dreamer**, for school-age readers in Grades 1 - 6; **Challenger**, the most demanding division,

for children in Grades 2 - 6, in which 35 hours of reading must be completed in eight weeks.

"Own the Night" is the special theme for the teen division of the program. Participants read eight books by the end of the program and earn prizes for every two books read.

Library patrons 18 years of age and up are invited to join the **Summer Reading Program for Adults**. Participants will automatically be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing once they have submitted their first title read (book, eBook or audiobook) to Library staff. There will be weekly drawings for all participants with increased chances to win per number of books read. A book bag gift set will be given to the first 40 registrants. Drop by the Library for information on the program rules and guidelines.

Teen volunteers in Grades 7 and up are needed to help with the Summer Reading Program. Volunteers work at least two hours per week for eight weeks, helping with the program and performing other

light tasks during their shifts. Sign up at the Library between now and June 18. This is a great way to fulfill community service hours and meet new friends.

The Summer Reading Program is supported by the Friends of the Library and the Sierra Madre Firefighters Association; the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club sponsors the Children's Challenger Division.

The California Summer Reading Program is a project of the California Library Association, supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, a federal grant program administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, please contact Sierra Madre Public Library Youth Services Librarian, Meegan Tosh, at (626) 355-7186 or mtosh@cityofsierramadre.com. The Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.



Parolee in Custody on Suspicion of Murder

Police took a parolee on the run into custody Friday for the alleged shooting death of an Altadena man last year. Police said 41 year old Chauncey Hollis of Monrovia had been "at large" since October 2010 on an unrelated charge.

He was taken into custody in Pasadena without incident Lt. Tracey Ibarra said.

According to a press statement issued Tuesday, On December 27, 2011 at approximately 5:30 a.m., Pasadena Police Officers responded to a call of shots fired in the area of Marengo Avenue and Tremont Street. Officers located shell casings in the 1900 block of N. Marengo Avenue. While conducting their search of the area, officers located the deceased, victim Edward Santana, 43, in the area of Marengo Avenue and Dearborn Street between a wall and fence. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene.

There were no eyewitnesses to the shooting; however, a witness did see a vehicle leaving the area after the shooting. Investigators said Hollis may have connections to the crime scene. He is being held on a no bail warrant in the Pasadena Jail.

The case is still under investigation and will be presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office upon completion. Anyone with information regarding this homicide is asked to contact Lieutenant Tracey Ibarra at (626) 744-4522. An anonymous report can also be made through Crime Stoppers at: <http://lacrimestoppers.org> the word "Pasadena" must be inserted in the format.

Pet of the Week



Little Manny is a one-year-two-month-old tan Chihuahua. He loves attention and loves to sleep on pillows. He's been out to several of our Mobile Unit events and is a staff and volunteer favorite. Here's a link to a video so you can see him in action: <http://youtu.be/P5ezoySCmmU>.

Little Manny's adoption fee is \$120, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A303253 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.



Thousands Turnout for Marathon

By Dean Lee

Joking about the weather, race director Israel Estrada said they would have to make do with Sunday's picture-perfect blue skies as nearly 7,000 individuals took part in the fourth annual Pasadena Marathon.

In year's past, the events had been plagued with heavy rain, reschedules and even complete cancelation of the race due bad air quality as the result of nearby wildfires at the time.

Not this year.

The only reported injury came from a cyclist that crashed along the Marathon's 26.2-mile course and even that was unrelated to the race according to Kaiser

Permanente emergency personnel.

Kaiser was also the event's main sponsor.

The event's emcee also had to cancel just days before the race leaving organizers scrambling to find someone to lead the ceremonies. Southern California food critic, and KABC radio host, Peter Dills stepped in announcing the winners. Dills is also a columnist for this newspaper.

This was the second year Dan Springborn won the marathon overall with a time of 2:47:17 followed closely by Richard Ramirez with a time of 2:48:22. Rounding out the men's division,

Ryan Kammerman placed third with 2:54:35.

Pasadena resident Mandy Grantz took first on the woman's side. Grantz time, 2:58:44, would also put her fourth overall for the day. Elizabeth Jordan came in second with 3:16:58 and Nadia Ruiz came in third with 3:17:29.

Estrada said he invited a small number of teams to participate in a Marathon Relay as a trial to determine if they could make it a permanent offering next year.

The event also featured a Half Marathon, 10K/5K run, bike tour and kids run.

President to Talk at Town Hall Meeting



The Pasadena City College community is invited to come meet Dr. Mark Rocha, president of PCC, on May 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Center (1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103). This community outreach meeting, which is being organized by the President's African American Advisory Committee, will include a question and answer session with Dr. Rocha, as well as a discussion about how PCC can best serve the community.

Parking is available in the adjacent lot to the Center and on the street. For more information, please call (626) 585-7871.

Advisory Vote on Tax Assessor Called For

Supervisor Michael Antonovich introduced a motion directing County Counsel to prepare an advisory vote for the November election asking if the Los Angeles County Assessor should be an appointed or an elected position. He also directed County Counsel to report on what action is required for the Board of Supervisors to appoint an interim Assessor if the office is vacated.

On Monday, a former Los Angeles County property appraiser was arrested in Oregon and charged with falsifying department documents and unlawfully lowering property values of multi-million dollar homes and businesses in exchange for campaign contributions for the Assessor. He is currently being held on \$1.5 million bail. The Assessor and a tax lobbyist's home and office were searched in April pursuant to a warrant obtained by the District Attorney for suspected fraud.

Residents Invited To Sr-710 Open House

Local residents are encouraged to attend an informational Open House session from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 30 on the SR-710 Study Project hosted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The May 30 meeting will be held at Pasadena's Rose Bowl inside the Visitor's Locker Room, 1001 Rose Bowl Dr. Please park in Lot F and enter through Gate A.

Metro and Caltrans, as part of the ongoing Alternative Analysis phase of the SR-710 Study, are hosting a series of Open Houses in May 2012. The Pasadena meeting caps numerous such meetings held throughout the region. The Open House is not a public hearing and no formal presentation or administrative action is planned.

The SR-710 team is evaluating options to improve mobility and relieve congestion within the study area. Residents will learn about the multi-modal alternative concepts under evaluation in the SR-710 Study process, including, but not limited to, a "no build" alternative, improvements to local streets, expansion of transit systems and freeway options.

The public may come at



any time during the meeting hours. Information at all of the Open Houses is the same. The Open Houses are designed to provide one-on-one dialogue with the study team. This is a learning environment in which community members may engage at their own pace and in the subject matter that interests them the most.

The alternative concepts and other study process information will be available for viewing on large interactive boards staffed by multi-disciplinary team members.

For more information, please visit www.metro.net/sr710study or call (855) 4-SR-710-0, or (855) 477-1100.

Free Family Fun Day at La Pintaresca Park

Pasadena residents of all ages are invited to attend the free 18TH Annual Family Fun Day and Resource Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at La Pintaresca Park, 45 East Washington Blvd. Face painting, a skateboard competition, arts-and-crafts, a water splash pad, basketball tournament and moon bounce are just some of the many fun activities planned.

The event also showcases important information about Pasadena's neighborhood associations, health and safety services, the Pasadena Public Library, local non-profit organizations and summer

recreation opportunities.

"Family Fun Day is a great way for Pasadena residents to come together as neighbors and reinforce their community connections, enjoy the festivities and experience how our libraries and parks make life better," Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Director Mercy Santoro said.

This popular event is sponsored by the City of Pasadena's Human Services and Recreation Department, Pasadena Public Library, Neighborhood Connections, Monk Hill Neighborhood Association and the Armory Center for the Arts.

For more information Pasadena residents can call Efrain Montes at (626) 345-0708. For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

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Study Program; the Oregon Shakespeare Festival



Don't miss the opportunity to experience one of the oldest and most respected theater celebrations in America as Pasadena City College offers a study program at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., Aug. 4, through Aug. 11, 2012.

This year's tour marks the 33rd consecutive year that PCC has traveled to the festival. Participants will see seven plays, receive backstage tours of the Elizabethan Theater, and interact in personal class sessions with the actors and directors.

The 2012 festival features Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet; Henry V; As You Like It; and Troilus and Cressida. In addition, students will watch

Medea/Macbeth/Cinderella, by Bill Rauch and Tracy Young; The Very Merry Wives of Windsor Iowa, by Alison Caret; and All the Way by Robert Schenkkan.

The program cost is \$825 (based on double occupancy). A single supplement fee of \$985 is available for a private room. Cost also includes tickets to all seven plays and the class sessions with the actors and directors. Payment is due June 1.

All participants should enroll in either English 35 for credit or English 135 for non-credit through PCC. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held Friday, June 8.

Brochures and enrollment forms are available in the English Division Room C245.

Huntington Main Exhibition Hall to Close for Renovations



Photo credit, the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

The Huntington Library will shut the doors of the Main Exhibition Hall for the next year as part of plans to renovate and rebuild the building.

According to a statement released Wednesday, the Main Exhibition Hall will be closed from June 5, 2012, to the fall of 2013.

In place of the existing hall will be "a dynamic permanent exhibition designed to provoke visitors' sense of connection to history and literature and to better highlight the value and uses of the Library's incomparable collections of historical materials," the statement reads.

The new exhibition is expected to cost \$2.5 million. The statement goes on to say, one of the most treasured pieces in the collection, the Gutenberg Bible, will be moved to the Huntington Art Gallery on June 5 so that it can remain on view uninterrupted. The other items, including the Ellesmere manuscript of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, a double-elephant folio edition of John James Audubon's Birds of

America, and rare early editions of William Shakespeare's works, will come back on view late this summer in a portion of the Erburu wing of the Virginia Steele Scott Galleries of American Art that previously had been used for storage. This temporary installation will ensure that school programs, which serve about 3,600 children each year, can continue without interruption during the 2012-13 academic year.

"Scholars around the world are familiar with the depth and significance of the primary source materials at The Huntington, and now, with this thoughtful reimagining of the core Library exhibition, the public will be better able to explore one of our most crucial roles here—as a research center with glorious special collections," Huntington president Steven Koblik said.

The exhibition is being designed by Karina White working with Gordon Chun Design, based in Berkeley, Calif., who worked together on The Huntington's award-winning permanent exhibitions "Plants are Up to Something."

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



Recently the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department held its 35th Annual Memorial Torch Relay which was established in 1976 to honor the memory of those brave, dedicated peace officers in Los Angeles County who have sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties. The three-day run consists of 59 legs, each approximately 4 to 10 miles in length, totally 339 miles overall. Over 2000 runners, most of whom are peace officers run during their off duty time to honor the lives of the fallen. But there are also civilian personnel and volunteers, family members and friends who participate. The relay began Friday morning, May 18 at the Sherman Block Headquarters Building in Monterey Park and traveled to each mainland Los Angeles County Sheriff’s patrol station. On Catalina Island is the Avalon Station. Although this station is not on the mainland, they still wanted to honor their fallen brothers. Since no runner could bring the torch there, Avalon Station did their own run along Crescent Street from the Casino to the Catalina Express Dock. This year’s runners included Deputy Greg Salcido, who coordinated the run, Volunteer Tabby Vasquez, Wonder Dog Bandit, the station’s mascot, and Sergeant Bob Beradi. In the jeep following was Operations Sergeant Fernie Vasquez. These runners participated in memory of this year’s four honorees.

Sheriff Lee Baca began the event by speaking of the dedication of all peace officers and how they daily put their lives on the line. After the Sheriff spoke, the torch was lit and he led the first leg to East Los Angeles Station. After East LA, the runners were going to Temple Station. I arrived at Temple Station, and there were several Temple runners and a few bikers waiting. Among them were Lieutenant Tom McNeal, Detective Chris Zuniga, and Deputy Arlene Gray who had been involved with our “MAD” area over the years. Deputy Serano held a banner. On one side was “Deputy Dave March” and on the other, Deputy Blevens. Both were assigned to Temple Station when they died in the line of duty. The Sheriff led the East LA runners and the torch was passed to Temple runners. They proceeded down Las Tunas Drive to Live Oak Avenue and stopped at the Dave March Memorial where the banner was placed. Lieutenant Jacob thanked the participants and spoke of Dave and his great sacrifice. There was a moment of silence and the runners proceeded to San Dimas. Because of great distances between various stations, there were several stops at strategic streets along the way and the torch was passed. The Station Route was from San Dimas to Walnut/Diamond Bar, Industry, Pico Rivera, Norwalk, Cerritos, Carson, Lomita, Compton, Century, Old Lennox, Marina Del Rey, West Hollywood, Old Malibu, and then Santa Clarita. At

FALLEN HEROES HONORED IN THE 35TH ANNUAL PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL TORCH RUN



the corner of Stevenson Ranch and Poe Parkways in Stevenson Ranch is a beautiful memorial to Deputy Jake Kuredjian. Runners representing East Facility Pitchess Detention Center came to Jake’s Memorial first. Berj Parseghian ran for his cousin Jake and placed a flag at the Memorial. There also was a young man carrying a banner for his father, Deputy Shane. The runners then proceeded to Santa Clarita Sheriff’s Station and the torch was passed. Lieutenant Weiss came outside and thanked the participants. They ran for Constable J. Edward Brown, the first Santa Clarita Deputy killed in the line of duty on September 14, 1924, Deputy Arthur Pelino, March 19, 1979, Deputy Randy Hamson, October 24, 2008 as well as Deputy Jake Kuredjian, August 31, 2001.

From Santa Clarita Station, the runners traveled to Palmdale, Lancaster, and Cresenta Valley Sheriff’s Stations. The last stop was Altadena Sheriff’s Station. On Wednesday, May 23, the four new names were added to the Memorial, the torch lit by the Sheriff and doves released. What a beautiful tribute has been given to our fallen heroes! This three-day run happened during very cold late evening/wee morning hours or scorching hot days. But nothing could deter the runners’ spirits. This was something that must be done. We must NEVER forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Clockwise from the top: Runners from Avalon, the Temple City Crew and on the left, John Benedict at the end of the race in Altadena. Photos by Joan Clayton

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“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 ld Town Monrovia. Frank Mottek will host the KNX Business Hour from 1 – 2:00pm and Jim Thornton and Diane Thompson will anchor KNX’s news coverage from 2 – 7:00pm. Free coffee will be offered throughout the event.

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

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Pet Of The Week - CJ: Animal ID #A4425448

Meet a dog that could be a rising canine superstar with his handsome face, CJ (A4425448). CJ is a genial eleven month old tricolor male shorthaired Chihuahua puppy who was jettisoned at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center when his former owners moved and made no provisions for their dog. Weighing thirteen pounds, this little medium energy boy walks okay on the leash, but does not seem to have had any formal training. CJ is still a puppy, and with the right guidance and tactics, he will be an awesome companion for anyone! Great with children and other dogs, he seems to be scared of cats. CJ will make a wonderful companion for anyone in any living situation. To watch a video of CJ please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBT7lvfGiik



To meet CJ 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 CJ, please reference his animal ID number: A4425448. 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 Heidi or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at 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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COUNCIL
OVERRULES
HUNTINGTON
BUSINESSES

by Scott Hettrick

Over the objections of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and all 16 businesses on the south side of Huntington Drive between Santa Anita Avenue and First Avenue, the City Council voted Tuesday night to cut off all left turn access in and out of the alley to the parking lots of those businesses.

Citing a prevailing concern for safety and improved traffic flow, the Council unanimously approved the addition of a second left turn lane heading north on Santa Anita from Alta Street to Huntington Drive, creating a total of five northbound lanes, and thus creating the need, according to City staff, to close the frequently-used cut-through in the median.

The work is part of a plan to revise three intersections along Huntington Drive between San Rafael and Santa Anita in hopes of improving traffic flow on Huntington.

■ Adding another northbound right turn lane by shaving off a piece of the County's Arcadia Park property where Huntington makes a sharp turn to the east at the intersection with Santa Clara

■ Closing off another median cut-through for left turns at San Rafael near Citizens Bank and to the 100-to-1 bar (the City announced at the Council meeting Tuesday that this work will now be delayed since the Gold Line's impending closure of Colorado Boulevard over the next month to take down the train bridge would severely limit access to the residential area north of Huntington Drive and south of Colorado.)

■ Creating additional left turn lanes on southbound and northbound Santa Anita at Huntington.

Because there is no room to add lanes on busy Huntington Drive, the additional left turn lanes on Santa Anita are being built so that by shaving off a couple seconds of green arrow light time required to empty the left turn lanes on Santa Anita, those extra couple of seconds can be added to the green light phase for east-west traffic on Huntington, allowing more cars through on each sequence, according to City Engineer Phil Wray. The overall project, which has been in the works for some time, was initially budgeted at more than \$2 million but will now come in at closer to \$1.5 mil.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May13th, through Saturday, May 19th, the Police Department responded to 852 calls for service of which 111 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 13:

1. Around 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. A female suspect exited the store without making payment for the merchandise she concealed inside her purse. The 54-year-old Chinese female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 7:45 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a stolen purse report. In order to clean out her garage, the victim explained she parked her vehicle in the 1000 block of La Cadena Avenue but forgot to remove her purse from the front seat. No signs of forced entry were located and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.

Monday, May 14:

3. Shortly after 5:15 p.m., an officer responded to Aeropostale at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. The store manager noticed approximately 24 t-shirts missing from a display shelf, and confirmed through sales records that the merchandise had not been sold. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

4. At about 9:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of South Eighth Avenue regarding a residential burglary investigation. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a rear window and fled undetected. Cash, jewelry, and electronics were reported missing. The victim had no idea as to the suspect's identity.

Tuesday, May 15:

5. At about 9:15 a.m., an officer responded to a two-party traffic accident on Colorado Boulevard, west of Altura Road. While both vehicles were stopped for a red light, party-two was struck from behind by party-one. An investigation revealed party-one accidentally took her foot off the brake and rolled forward at approximately five miles per hour. Party-one complained of back aches.



A new median in center of Huntington at San Rafaelwill block left turns.

Having only recently learned of the planned construction to begin in July, the Chamber met with Wray and Arcadia Blues Club owner Robert Dahms Friday to discuss the impact of closing the median cut-through on Santa Anita, and the potential options (the Chamber did not know about the plans at San Rafael until Tuesday, so there has not been time for contact of business owners in that area). The first concern raised by the Chamber was safety for vehicles entering and exiting the alley across four lanes of northbound traffic. Wray said that records show 14 accidents between Huntington and Alta in the past five years, or an average of less than three per year, which is a number that begins to indicate a red flag for concern, he said. But he noted that the records do not indicate whether any of the accidents were specifically at or related to the alley access.

The City said it had notified all the affected businesses and residents near the alley but received no objections. With little time to react Friday afternoon, Dahms and the Chamber hastily went door-to-door asking each of the 16 open businesses — Chamber members and non-Chamber members — including everything from a florist to a dentist to the First Cabin bar to Chase Bank to flooring and hydroponic supply shops. Every one of them raised immediate and strong verbal objections to the closing of the cut-through and signed an informal petition to that affect, citing concerns about customer and delivery access, as well as the use of the left turns in and out of the alley by employees all day, every day.

Further, they noted that if vehicles cannot access the alley from Santa Anita, most of those vehicles will use Huntington Drive, causing more traffic on Huntington, which may wind up causing more traffic congestion than the additional left turn lane reduces. Many noted that this will be especially true when the two new two-story apartment

complexes are opened on Alta since the garages for all the units are accessible only from the alley.

Most of the merchants and local residents noted that the only time the left turn lane traffic gets backed up on the northbound side (south of Huntington) is for about 45-minutes to 90-minutes during rush hour on weekday mornings, and primarily during the school year. The rest of the times of the day the left turn lanes do not get backed up and the cut-through is used all day and evenings seven days a week.

The Chamber and the merchants requested that no change be made to northbound lanes on Santa Anita, even if the City wants to go ahead with the additional southbound left turn lane north of Huntington. If a second left turn lane is added, the request from the Chamber and merchants was to leave a cut-through (although that would require motorists to cross five northbound lanes, and adding the second left turn lane will eliminate the pocket needed to turn left into the alley from southbound Santa Anita).

City Councilman Gary Kovacic asked Wray at the Council meeting Tuesday if a compromise could be reached by creating signage indicating "No Left Turn" during peak traffic hours. Wray said that would not be practical.

The Council then voted unanimously to create the new left turn lane as planned.

Wray told the Chamber and Dahms last Friday that the City would look at additional signage at the alley entrance/exit to indicate where open parking may be found. He also said the City would look into a clearly dangerous pedestrian situation on the other end of the alley at First Avenue, where there is no visibility for pedestrians walking north or motorists exiting the alley to the east to see each other before it is too late.

The suspects asked the victim what gang he was from, and after the victim explained he was not from a gang, one suspect stabbed him in the chest with a knife. The suspects fled the scene on foot, northbound on Santa Anita Avenue. The victim revealed he drove himself home after the incident, attempted to treat his own injuries, and never contacted law enforcement. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Friday, May 18:

11. At approximately 6:57 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver Mustang for expired registration tags. A records check revealed the driver was never issued a license. The 25-year-old Hispanic male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and his vehicle was impounded.

12. Around 12:15 p.m., an officer responded to Hollister at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding two female adults detained for theft. The suspects removed the security sensors from various clothing, concealed the items inside their purses, and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed the suspects had also stolen from the Montebello Mall. Both Hispanic females, ages 26 and 27 respectively, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, May 19:

13. At approximately 1:43 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of West Duarte Road regarding a medical assist for a male subject who had fallen out of a second story window. The Arcadia Fire Department responded to the scene and provided treatment for minor scrapes. An investigation revealed the subject was under the influence of marijuana and had consumed a cookie laced with an undetermined hallucinogen. He explained he jumped out of the window because he believed he could fly.

14. Shortly after 12:25 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for suspended registration, in the area of Colorado Boulevard and Fifth Avenue. The officer discovered the male driver had a suspended license, and a search of the passenger revealed he was in possession of concentrated cannabis. The subjects were cited, released in the field, and their vehicle was impounded.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS CAUGHT

On May 23, 2012, at approximately 10:54 AM, the Arcadia Police Department received a call from a resident reporting a suspicious subject knocking on his door in the 900 block of Panorama. The resident noticed the subject was associated with an occupied vehicle on the street and watched as they continued knocking on other doors in the neighborhood. As officers arrived, the vehicle was located and a female adult driver was detained.

Moments later a second resident, who was working in his garage in the 1000 block of Panorama, called the Police Department and stated that two male subjects exited the rear door of his residence. One of the subject's descriptions matched that provided by the previous caller. The resident watched as the two subjects ran down his driveway toward the street at which time they saw the police officers. The two subjects then ran back to the rear yard and jumped over the wall. A police perimeter was established and the two subjects were located in a nearby construction site where they were taken into custody.

Officers discovered a burglary had been committed at the residence of the second caller. Both callers identified the subjects involved. They were arrested and transported to the Arcadia Police Department for processing. The arrested suspects are:

Brian Magallanes, 19 years old from Duarte
Eulises Andres 19 years old from La Puente
Stephanie Iraheta, 18 years old from La Puente.

The case is currently being investigated by the Detective Bureau and the loss is yet to be determined. Please direct all inquiries to the Watch Commander at (626)574-5156.

Robert T. Guthrie, Chief of Police
By: S. Flores #446, Sergeant Refer Case #12-2331

AAUW to End Year with
Melodies and Accolades

The Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will complete a year of successful meetings and events by enjoying a festive luncheon with entertainment by keyboardist Jay Munns. The event will take place on Monday, June 11, in the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Road (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.), Arcadia. Caterer Blennie Danielson, back by popular demand, is scheduled to begin serving at 12:30 p.m., with Jay Munns' performance to follow at 1:30 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley resident Jay Munns is known throughout the Southland for his television and radio performances that feature memorable songs from the Twenties, Thirties, and Forties. Even U. S. Presidents and celebrities have been in his audience. Munns plans to invite Arcadia AAUW members and guests to sing along from the song sheets he provides for his audience.

The Arcadia AAUW meeting will recap the year's events, such as the fund-raising luncheon for AAUW's Educational Foundation at which Pasadena author Lisa See spoke. The meeting will conclude with the installation of Arcadia Branch officers and Board of Directors. Past President Betty Harris will be honored with a certificate for her fifty years as an AAUW member. Finally, Arcadia AAUW's "Woman of Achievement-2012" award will be presented to a very deserving member.

Caterer Blennie Danielson has planned a delightful luncheon menu centered around her famous Sonoma chicken wraps, accompanied by salad, soup, and more. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$15. Reservations are due by June 6. To reserve, call Robin Graney at (626) 447-1169. Checks should be made payable to: **Arcadia Branch-AAUW**. You may make out your checks ahead of time, but please do not mail them to Robin. Simply bring checks or cash payments to the meeting on June 11. The June meeting is always a high point of the year.

FREE HANDS-ONLY CPR
TRAINING AT SANTA ANITA
MALL JUNE 7

Methodist Hospital will provide free Hands-Only™ CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training Thursday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall.

Part of a countywide event, the training will occur near the food court outside Johnny Rockets restaurant next to Methodist Hospital's Heart Check blood pressure center. About two dozen registered nurses will demonstrate the basics and proper techniques of the American Heart Association's Hands-Only™ CPR, and participants can practice on mannequins.

"It only takes a few minutes per person," said Ilene Frost, RN, Methodist Hospital instructor. "We want to encourage people to come out to the mall and take a few minutes to learn this vital skill."

Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency and the American Heart Association (AHA), have collaborated to promote this Sidewalk CPR event in communities throughout the county in observance of National CPR Week.

"We want to teach as many as we can how to use this method," Frost said. "Anyone can save a life simply by being aware of the CPR basics."

When performed by a bystander, this method has been shown to be as effective as "conventional" CPR in emergencies that occur at home or work or in public. There are only two steps to remember:

- 1. Call 911
- 2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest (to the beat of the song "Stayin' Alive).

Cardiac arrest is more common than you think, and it can happen to anyone at any time. Nearly 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually and only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander. Failure to act in a cardiac emergency can lead to unnecessary deaths. In fact, less than 8 percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive.

On the other hand, effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. And because 80 percent of cardiac arrests occur close to home, the life you save with CPR is mostly likely to be someone you love.

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About Methodist Hospital

Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital licensed for 596 beds serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, pediatrics, oncology, intensive care and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is an approved STEMI cardiac center, a certified stroke center and a center of excellence in bariatric services. The hospital's cancer center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission, which accredits and certifies more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. For more information, visit methodisthospital.org.

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DUARTE'S MARGARET FINLAY HONORED AS 2012 CALIFORNIA MOTHER OF ACHIEVEMENT BY AMERICAN MOTHERS INC.

By Mary Barrow-Hoffman

Margaret Finlay, of Duarte, was honored as the 2012 California Mother of Achievement by the American Mothers, Inc., at their annual Gala at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club in La Canada. This honor is given to a mother who has given outstanding service to the community.

Finlay was born in Monrovia Hospital to Ed and Helen Ferguson. Due to her father's occupation, she moved to seven different cities in the West before she turned 16. She graduated with a BBA in Marketing from St. Mary's College at Notre Dame and shortly after married Brad Finlay. They moved to Denver, Colorado, and 10 years later moved to Southern California. They have been married for 37 years and are the parents of five children, ranging in age from 21 to 32, and 4 grandchildren. Four of the five children have earned bachelor's degrees with the fifth still in college. Two have graduated with a law degree and a veterinary medicine degree, with one doing his residency and PhD at the City of Hope. Finlay has always been an advocate for education and to prove to her children that a person never stops learning, she returned to college and graduated with her Master's Degree in Public Administration from CSU, Long Beach, when she was 47 years old. She has done doctoral work at Claremont Graduate University, was educated at Harvard University in the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program, received the Coro Executive Fellowship and was an Adjunct Professor at CSU, Long Beach.

She and her husband have instilled their love for adventure and public service in their children by organizing humanitarian aid trips to many countries in Central America and Mexico, many times delivering an ambulance as part of their service. Over the years they have had 15 foreign exchange students live with them from countries including China, Italy, the Czech Republic, Poland, Brazil, and Holland. Their children have lived abroad, either studying, working for the European Parliament, or serving church missions. All three of their boys have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts program.

Finlay started out by volunteering in her children's schools and then became more involved as she became aware of changes she felt needed to be made. She is currently serving her 22nd year on the Duarte City Council and has served 4 terms as Mayor. Her list of government and civic activities is extensive including serving as a commissioner on the boards of the L.A. County LAFCO, Southern California Association of Governments, League of California Cities, National League of

Cities, NLC Small Cities Council, NLC International Council, NLC Program Chair for the Congress of Cities, California Contract Cities Association President, California Joint powers Insurance Authority, San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District, L. A. County Sanitation District, L.A. County Library Commission, Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee, Ettie Lee Family Services Foundation Board of Directors, and City of Duarte Route 66 Parade Committee.

Her public education activities include Duarte Education Foundation, Measure B School Bond Chairperson, PTA President Monrovia-Duarte PTA Council and Royal Oaks Elementary School, Duarte High School Academic Decathlon Team Parent, Edison Afterschool Program Coordinator and teacher and starting the Junior Paramedic Program. Under her leadership thousands of dollars have been raised to return to the community in college scholarships to students and grants to teachers to develop creative programs.

Finlay has also given service in her church as a Stake Girls' Camp Director for 12 years, leader in the women's and children's organizations, a teacher in an early-morning scripture class for youth and Sunday School, and she heads the Public Affairs Council.

Finlay notes, "My philosophy on parenting is fairly simple: Be strict with your children but let them know that they are the dearest treasures in the world to you. The tough part of me knew that accountability was all-important in raising responsible adults. I was aware that the world wasn't going to be easy on them so I had to prepare them to face this reality. But I also wanted them to understand that they had a home of love and kindness to return to."

Others honored were Darcy Spencer Ure, Stevenson Ranch, 2012 California Young Mother of the Year, Beverly Price



Duarte City Council Member, Margaret Finlay standing with her husband, Brad, was honored as the 2012 California Mother of Achievement by American Mothers, Inc. The honor is given to a mother who has given outstanding service to the community.

Nelson, 2012 California Mother of the Year, Sonja Eddings Brown, Northridge, Outstanding Service to Families, and Sara Vance, Carlsbad, Outstanding Service to Children.

Finlay, Nelson and Ure represented California at the annual American Mothers, Inc., National Convention held May 3-6 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., where a National Mother and Young Mother of the Year were chosen.

American Mothers, Inc., (americanmothers.org) is an interfaith, non-political, non-profit organization for women and men who identify with their purpose of strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of the family. For over 75 years, AMI has strived to reach, teach and honor mothers across the nation. Hillary Clinton was a Young Mother of the Year for the state of Arkansas in 1984.

From Monrovia's City Manager

CITY MANAGER ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO SHOP LOCAL

It is Memorial Day weekend, the traditional start to summer, but more importantly a time to remember the veterans and members of the military who served our country. I noticed as a drove through a few neighborhoods yesterday that many residents already have their American flags out, proudly acknowledging the holiday. To honor this day, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Allied Veterans Council will hold an event at Live Oak Memorial Park at 10:00 am on Monday, May 28.

This time of year, City departments are developing our budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Like most California cities, Monrovia's budget has been adversely affected by the loss of our redevelopment agency and other declining revenues, like the Community Development Block Grant program. It's particularly frustrating that municipal agencies- cities, school districts, and other agencies that provide specialized local services- continue to be financially pressed by the sluggish economy and competing state and federal government priorities at a time when residents rely on local services more than ever.

One way our residents and businesses can help us to minimize potential declines in revenue is to shop in Monrovia. Some of the sales tax you pay on your taxable purchases from our local retailers is returned to the City and can be used to fund police and fire services, recreation and library programs, park maintenance, and many other city services. It's an important way you can support your community and keep our local businesses strong and thriving.

This coming Monday is Memorial Day and a time to remember and honor those who gave their last full measure of devotion to their country. The City of Monrovia honors those who have served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces, and in recognition, all City buildings and Schools will be closed on Monday, May 28.

On Saturday, May 26, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich is hosting a special tribute to our Armed Forces "Honoring Our Veterans." Held at Arcadia County Park from 10a.m.- 3p.m., the event will feature skydivers, a flyover by WWII fighter planes, food and live music. Veterans and their will be treated to immunizations, haircuts, and health screenings, including booths with information on Veterans benefits. Click here to find out more.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, Live Oak Memorial Park will host an event to honor the memory of lives lost in service. The celebration will feature a special memorial service in conjunction with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Allied Veterans Council, including presentation of the colors, performance of the national anthem by the Monrovia High School Band a rifle volley and the playing taps against a backdrop of American flags in the veterans section of the cemetery. The Condor Squadron will perform a Fly Over, and several organizations will place their wreaths on the Veterans Memorial. The service will be followed by a free hot dogs, popcorn and drinks served by the Live Oak staff. Please join us for this special day of remembrance and celebration. Click here or call 626-359-5311 for more information.

I wish you a happy and safe holiday, and ask you to please continue to shop local!

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 478 service events, resulting in 92 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at www.monroviapd.org and follow us on twitter for police notifications.

Fire Assist / Gas Leak

May 21 at 1:33 p.m., police responded to assist the Fire Department on a reported gas leak. A contractor working at a location in the 100 block of West Colorado struck a gas line, causing a leak. Residents near the location were evacuated for their safety. The residents were sheltered at the Community Center and a secondary location in the 100 block of West Olive. The Gas Company responded and fixed the problem.

Residential Burglary

May 21 at 10:39 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Orange. The burglary occurred sometime between 3 and 9 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) entered through an unlocked rear window and jewelry was stolen. Investigation continuing.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

May 22 at 3:12 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 200 block of East Chestnut located a stolen vehicle parked in the alley. The vehicle is a 1996 Honda Accord that was stolen out of the City of Claremont. Residents in the area stated the vehicle had been parked there for about three days, and no one had been seen around the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered and Claremont Police Department was notified.

Commercial Burglary

On May 23 at 4:58 a.m., dispatch received a report of an alarm activation at a business in the 100 block of West Pomona. When officers arrived, they found the door to the business had been pried open. Copper wire and pipes had been stolen. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto / Vehicle Recovered

On May 23 at 8:47 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen in the 1200 block of Alta Vista. The Vehicle is a black 1996 Honda. There were no known suspects or evidence at the scene. The vehicle was later recovered in Victorville by San Bernardino Sheriff's Department who also printed the car for us. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Motorcycle

On May 23 at 7:28 a.m., a motorcycle was reported stolen in the 300 block of West Duarte Road. The motorcycle is a black 1988 Yamaha YSR. No known suspects or evidence found. Investigation continuing.

Commercial Burglary / Attempt Fraud

On May 23 at 4:55 p.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of Huntington Drive regarding a Commercial Burglary and Fraud occurring in three businesses. A female had used a fraudulent credit card two times prior and was recognized by the store staff when she attempted to buy products using a fraudulent card again. When they advised her they were calling the credit card company, she fled from the store. The suspect is described as a female white or Hispanic, 5-5, 25 years old, blonde hair and appears to be pregnant. As she fled she was joined by a Hispanic male wearing a sports type jersey. It was later determined that the male suspect had also attempted two fraudulent purchases in the 600 block of Huntington. The male suspect fled when officers arrived in the area. A search was conducted but the male and female were not found. A total of three incidents of burglary/fraud were established in which the male or the female were the suspects. Investigation continuing.

Medical Assist

May 23 at 8:31 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of North Alta Vista regarding a call of a male who collapsed and was possibly having a heart attack. When the officer arrived he administered CPR for approximately 2-3 minutes before paramedics arrived. As of this morning, the subject is recovering in the Intensive Care Unit.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

On May 23 at 11:04 p.m., an officer was in the 300 block of West Cypress on a different call when he observed a suspicious vehicle parked at the location and ran the plate. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Azusa.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Arrested

On May 24 at 3:24 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block of West Olive regarding subjects drinking in the park. Officers detained several subjects; one subject was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. The others were field interviewed and released.

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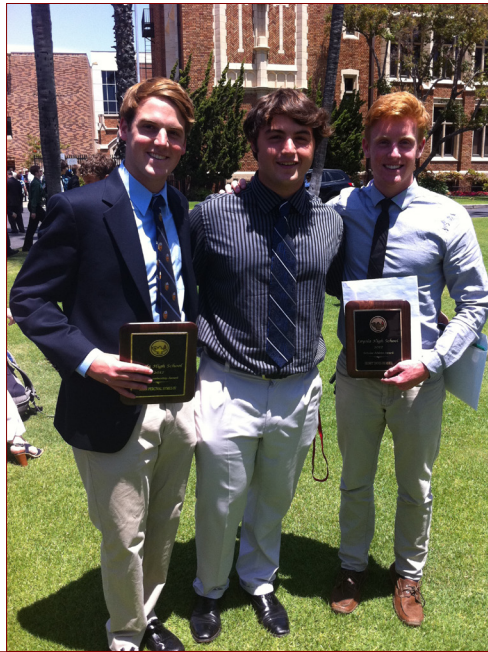
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PASADENA SENIORS TAKE TOP HONORS



Three Pasadena resident seniors have spent the past four years doing the "rush hour" freeway round trip to Loyola High School just west of downtown LA, but their freeway time has paid off. They were all rewarded on Wednesday May 23, 2012 with many of the school's highest honors.

John Percival Symes IV earned the coveted Senior Leadership award given to only one graduating Senior who has exhibited the highest level of leadership of his fellow students as recognized by the faculty.

Henry Herrill, formerly of Pasadena's Chandler School earned the prestigious "Scholar Athlete Award", as the student exhibiting the highest academic achievement, while at the same time excelling on the athletic field. Henry is heading to Stanford in the fall.

Nick Budincich, formerly of High Point Academy, and Loyola school record holder in the discus, weight throw, and hammer throw, won the Science award, as well as the Mathematics faculty achievement awards for his academic excellence. Nick will compete in the CA State Meet, and National Junior Track and Field Championships this June. He will join Henry by also attending Stanford University in September on an athletic scholarship.

From left: John Symes, Nick Budincich, Henry Herrill in front of Loyola Hall.

LA SALLE JUNIORS ARE PERFECT DUO

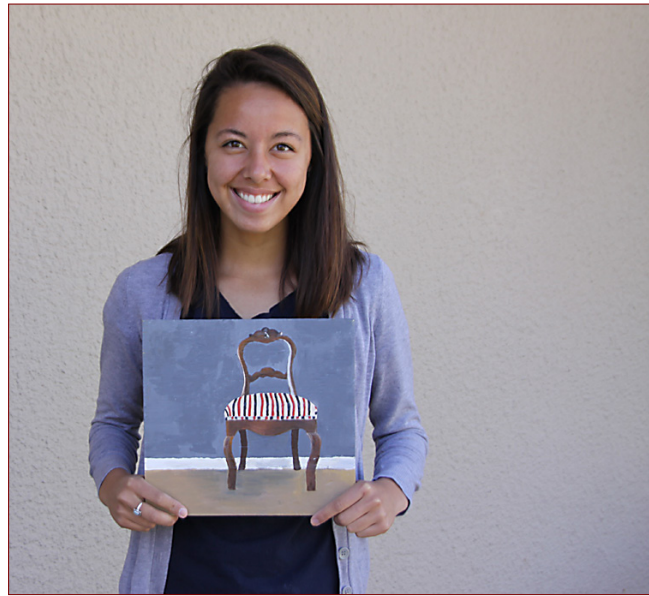


La Salle Juniors, Ryan Flynn and Andrew Lucas (pictured above) earned the highest composite score of 36 on the ACT college admissions placement exam. The ACT® test is a curriculum-and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college. Less than one tenth of one percent of the 1.6 million exam takers achieve a perfect score. This is truly an amazing accomplishment.

Both Ryan and Andrew are members of La Salle's robotics team. Next year, Andrew will supervise production and engineering and Ryan will be one of the main engineers as well as the robot navigator and spotter during robotics competitions. "These two are very creative and have a friendly, competitive spirit," commented Mr. Roy Chang, Computer Education teacher and Robotics Club moderator. Mr. Dave Desmond, AP Social Studies teacher and Chess Club moderator says, "Their Chess matches are extremely competitive, but they enjoy and appreciate each other's depth of logical thinking."

Both young men are members of Pi Alpha Chi Service Society, members of the National Honor Society and have qualified for the California Scholarship Federation. One small differentiation is that Andrew is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout while Ryan is a member of the Lancer swimming team. Yet, despite a rigorous schedule of AP courses, they have collaborated on a "Star Wars" fan-fiction book for the last two years.

JESSICA GARDNER'S PAINTING EARNS LA SALLE JUNIOR A GOLD MEDAL



Jessica Gardner, a junior AP art student at La Salle High School in Pasadena garnered a 2012 National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Gold Medal for her "untitled" painting.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, run by the nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, is the oldest and most prestigious national program offering early recognition and scholarships to creative teenagers. To advance to the nationals, a student must be named a regional Gold Key or Silver Key winner or Gold Key and American Visions nominee. This year's competition attracted 200,000 submissions in 28 categories of art and writing.

"I was surprised by how big a deal this Gold Medal is," said Jessica, whose painting, along with the works of other medalists, will be exhibited at Parsons, The New School of Design in New York City.

Jessica's painting, "Untitled," is of a Victorian-era chair, stark in its simplicity and yet highly detailed. An Advanced Placement Art student, Jessica chose to study the "household architecture" of chairs as her portfolio concentration. She created a series of 12 paintings of different types of chairs, using the chair "as a vehicle to express humanity in aloneness, not loneliness." Jessica came to AP art without the traditional prerequisite work. "She obviously had talent, but she had a lot of catching up to do," commented Ellen Slatkin, one of La Salle's AP art teachers. "She is working in metaphors - formal chairs, casual chairs. It's part of who she is."

Jessica did not consider herself an artist until just two years ago when she brought her own emotions to her work and began to work for herself and not to please her peers.

Her choice of subject matter is a natural outgrowth for Jessica, who intends to pursue an art/architecture major in college.

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

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

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Looking Into The Life Of A Teenager
By Meaghan Allen



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PIE N. BURGER

I thought I'd close May and National Burger Month with a Bang!! The day the earth stood still , was about forty years ago, that must have been when Pie N' Burger was first opened. This is the quintessential Hamburger Stand in Pasadena. For my memory they tried a few other locations but the Pasadena stood the test of time. Why? above average grub and some real how you doin... Darling type service. The owner "Mike" started working there as a cook and is a Trojan fan, so we'll go right to manager "Norma" sweet lady that runs the place like it was her own. They tell me that Norma drives up to Sierra Madre at least three times a week to Taylor's meats and buys the trimmings for those delicious burgers. (\$7.10) , Is it the best burger in Pasadena ? Arguably in the top 5 so says this restaurant critic. The burger is oh so juicy, and unlike the over ten dollar burger I have fallen in and out of love with up the street on Lake. this one is consistent!!! The cheese could be upgraded a little but heck it's just a few cents more.



Pie N' Burger is like that old couple that has lived in the same house for years; you just know you should stop in and see them. But pass by many times. I'm not a real big breakfast fan but I've been told by more than one person that when Orel Hersher is in town he and Fred Claire make that there stop for breakfast. If Orel likes it must be good. The dessert menu has pies, well duh... Pie n' Burger. I ordered the Pecan Pie, my lovely server forgot to warm it up, but no runs taken off the score board it was quite good. They even have the old school type of Coca Cola, hard to explain but they mix the syrup with the soda.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dill's
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On the side billboard it mentions the chili, hmm. Better order that next time. Yes, if you are looking for a good burger, I do recommend Pie N' Burger for sure!!!! I have read a few complaints about the price of the burger, but I think you get what you pay for. Sure you can get a \$3 burger somewhere else, but have you ever had a good \$3 burger, ok, maybe In' n out. The only thing I would change is the French Fries.(3.75) this would be the perfect restaurant if they made their own fries. Ahh. I can only dream.

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- 1 green apple, diced
- 1 cup red seedless grapes, halved
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 cup low-fat Greek yogurt, mixed well
- 1 tablespoon canola or peanut oil
- 1 teaspoon brown mustard seeds or cumin seeds
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 2 tablespoons roasted salted cashews, chopped
- Fresh cilantro leaves, for sprinkling

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Put the chicken breasts on the foil and drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and rub until coated. Pop the chicken in the oven and roast until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 150 degrees F, 15 to 20 minutes.

Switch the oven to the broiler setting. Brush 1 tablespoon marmalade on each chicken breast. Broil, brushing occasionally with the pan drippings, until the chicken is cooked through and golden, about 5 minutes. Let cool.

Meanwhile, build the salad: Toss the shallot, apple, grapes, lime juice, yogurt, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the remaining 1 tablespoon marmalade in a large bowl.

Heat the canola oil in a small skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the mustard seeds and garlic; cook until the seeds stop popping (cover if they're popping out of the pan). Quickly add the curry powder; cook, stirring, 30 seconds, then pour the spiced oil over the yogurt mixture. Stir until combined.

Once the chicken breasts are cool, thinly slice them. Fold into the salad and adjust the salt and pepper. Top with the cashews and cilantro.

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bleachers	batter	steal	bench
umpire	inning	team	catcher

fence
infield
outfield
foul line
first base
home plate
pitcher's mound

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Jeff's Pics

The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

SUPERFUEL: THORIUM, THE GREEN ENERGY SOURCE FOR THE FUTURE by Richard Martin

At the dawn of the atomic age, uranium and thorium were equally important as the element of choice in researching nuclear energy. Either one could have powered the world's reactors. But it was uranium that won out, and thorium, which is far cleaner, safer, and more abundant than uranium, was relegated to the dustbin. So went the possibility of creating a low risk nuclear energy source to power our planet. What might have happened had our scientists and our government, and the nuclear power industry invested the resources to develop this little known yet abundant element? Would we face a global energy crisis and the prospect of catastrophic climate change today? Why are countries around the world, including rising economic superpowers India and China, rushing to develop electricity from thorium while the United States, which studied thorium reactors extensively in the 1960s, plays catch up? Now, as the world searches for cheap, non carbon emitting energy sources, thorium is re-emerging as an overlooked solution. Richard Martin combines science, new historical research, and a gripping business narrative to tell the untold story of thorium power and show how we can wean ourselves off fossil fuels, deliver a safe energy source for a millennia, and avert the risk of nuclear meltdown. SuperFuel will change the discussion of our energy future.

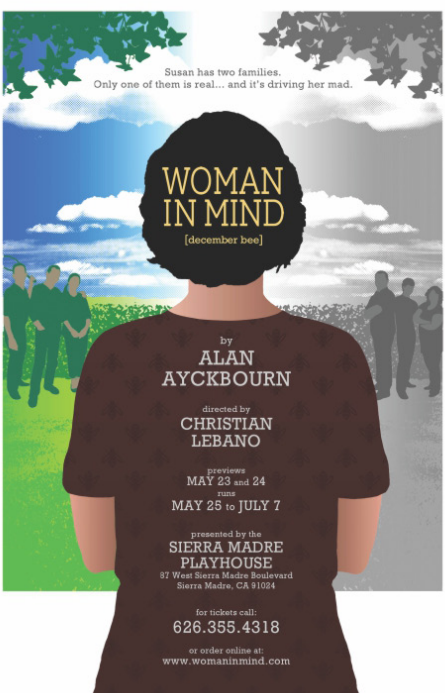
THE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY: ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE THROUGH SOLAR, WIND, BIOMASS, AND HYDROPOWER by Dan Chiras

The Guide will show you how to slash your home energy costs while reducing your carbon footprint. It describes the most practical and affordable methods for making significant improvements in home energy efficiency and tapping into clean, affordable, renewable energy resources. These measures will save the average homeowner tens of thousands of dollars over the coming decades. Focusing on the latest technological advances in residential renewable energy, this guide examines options available including: Solar hot water and solar hot air systems; Passive and active solar retrofits for heating and cooling; Electricity from solar, wind, and microhydro; Hydrogen, fuel cells, methane digesters, and biodiesel. Packed with practical tips and guidelines, it gives readers knowledge to hire and communicate effectively with contractors and is a must read for saving money and achieving energy independence.

THE DOOR INTO SUMMER by Robert A. Heinlein

Electronics engineer genius Dan Davis has finally made the invention of a lifetime: a household robot with extraordinary abilities, destined to dramatically change the landscape of everyday routine. Then, with wild success just within reach, Dan's greedy partner and greedier fiancée trick him into taking the long sleep, suspended animation for thirty years. They never imagine that the future time in which Dan will awaken has mastered time travel, giving him a way to get back to them, and at them plus many more amazing happenings. A wonderful science fiction book. Heinlein lived from 1907 to 1988 and is widely recognized as the most influential science fiction writer of the 20th century. Also fun is to see how one of our great science fiction writers saw the far distant future of 2000, from the vantage point of 1957.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

THE REST

Relatively obscure Canadian indie rockers, The Rest, are poised to drop their third record, Seesaw on June 12th. The band has had a tumultuous path leading up to this release since their friend and producer (of their first two albums), Dan Achen passed away. Additionally, the band suffered a hard drive glitch of sorts that completely wiped out everything that was recorded. This led to a two-month delay, but despite dire circumstances, The Rest pulled through the pain and suffering. Unbeknownst to the band's existence up until most recently, I've had the utmost privilege to discover one of the best under-the-radar indie acts in recent memory. "Seesaw" is a soaring, richly textured, emotive piece of art. To have been unaware of the existence of The Rest is a deep shame, but to those who read this and don't seek them out, consider yourself foolish. "Seesaw" will awaken your eyes in midst of a shutdown in your own life.

Irrefutably charming, utterly serene, and continuously inspiring, the album is as deeply intelligent as it is mesmerizing. Without offending any fans, you can hear hints of Radiohead, The Antlers, and Sigur Ros, but at any rate, The Rest is completely special.

Shifting from melodically driven tunes to swiftly paced ones, "Seesaw" proves to be a prime example of consistency and a well-balanced sounding album. Their exceptional ability to intrinsically develop tender pop songs is considerably effective. I don't recall the last time I was truly excited to listen to an album all the way through immediately after already doing so. The Rest has without doubt crafted an incredible, powerhouse record that can stand toe-to-toe with any album this year.

Every song off the record deserves praise and recognition to the maximum degree. The Rest will probably never reach the status it rightfully warrants, but don't let that stop you from listening to one of the best records this year will have to offer. It's always a great feeling to discover new, exciting, and fresh music, but with this particular breakthrough, the emotion is at its highest peak. Sure, The Rest won't be for everyone (as there is no such band ever to achieve such an accomplishment), however, if you're a supporter of the genre or seeking something quite moving, look no further than "Seesaw." It will abide as your go to record for anything that life throws your direction.

Key Tracks: "Who Knows", "Hey! For Horses", "Laughing Yearning", "John Huston", "The Last Day"

Grade: 9.1 out of 10

Artist:	The Rest
Album:	Seesaw
Label:	Auteur Recordings
Release Date:	June 12th, 2012



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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.

Looking Up with Bob Eklund

EXTREMELY RARE TRANSIT OF VENUS TO OCCUR JUNE 5



On Tuesday afternoon, June 5th, everyone in the United States will have a chance to witness one of the rarest celestial phenomena known: a “transit of Venus.” Such an event occurs when the planet Venus passes exactly between the Earth and the Sun, and these events are incredibly rare. Since first predicted by the German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler in the 17th century, only six transits of Venus have ever been observed. Weather permitting, the transit on June 5th will be the seventh.

Transits of Venus occur at regular intervals that repeat over a 243-year period. Intervals between successive transits are 8 years, 105.5 years, 8 years, and 120.5 years. The next transit of Venus won’t occur until December 11, 2117.

Kepler predicted the transit of December 7, 1631, but died before the event occurred. The next transit, on December 4, 1639, was observed by only two individuals, Jeremiah Horrocks and William Crabtree, from England.

In 1677 Edmond Halley (of Halley’s Comet fame) observed a transit of Mercury from St. Helena Island and realized that such events, if observed from many widely-spaced sites, could provide an exact geometric measure of the size of the solar system. His work led to several far-flung expeditions to observe the Venus transits of June 6, 1761 and June 3, 1769. One of the British expeditions to the latter transit was led by Captain James Cook and sparked Cook’s discovery of Tahiti and Australia. Scientific results from these expeditions were mixed, but enough experience was gained to attempt observations of the next series in the late 19th century.

The transits of December 9, 1874, and December 6, 1882, were met with an armada of scientific expeditions equipped with state-of-the-art astronomical instruments. The U.S. Congress funded and outfitted eight separate expeditions for each event



and placed overall scientific direction of these teams under the command of the U.S. Naval Observatory. Once again the results were inconclusive, but many of the instruments from these expeditions are still in the Naval Observatory’s possession.

The 20th century saw no transits of Venus; the next one occurred on June 8, 2004. By this time the size of the solar system had been well-established, so observing the Venus transit became more of an historical event than a scientific one.

HOW YOU CAN VIEW THE TRANSIT

In California, this year’s transit will begin at 3:06 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Mid-transit is at 6:25 p.m., and the Sun sets at 8:02 p.m.—before the end of the transit. **Do NOT look at the Sun without eye protection.** If you have eclipse-viewing glasses left over from the recent solar eclipse, they will provide the needed protection for viewing this event as well. However, Venus will be a very small dot on the Sun’s disk and a bit difficult to see without magnification.

A better way to see the transit is to go to Griffith Observatory, which will be set up to show and explain the event. It will be open June 5 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m., with viewing via the coelostat in the Observatory as well as telescopes on the lawn. Observatory staff will be giving talks and explanations throughout the event. Viewing filters and eclipse glasses will be available for purchase at the gift shop. Because of the large crowd expected, it would be best to check with Griffith for parking instructions.

Griffith Observatory information:
http://www.griffithobs.org/exhibits/special/Special_Event_Transit_of_Venus.html

More Transit of Venus information and graphics:
<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/news/transitofvenus.cfm>
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Even if you had been on a desert island, without access to any form of media for the last week, it would be hard to imagine that by now you hadn’t heard the big news.

Well, if you have been “out there”, let me be the first to tell you that Facebook has gone public. Investors in the new publicly traded company now own some 421 million shares in the single company that has come to define the term “social networking”. Shares in the initial public offering (IPO) had an offering price of \$38 per share. After trading at times above \$42, the price closed at \$38.23 Friday. Since that time the stock has been trending downward, closing at \$31 at the time of this writing.

The company was valued at \$104 billion at the opening of the IPO and raised \$16 billion, making it the third largest IPO in trading history. Skeptics argue the company’s staying power and profit potential have been overhyped, while fans see it as the world’s must-own social media stock. It may take a while to know which side is right.

On the “buy” side of this debate, Facebook has unrivaled clout in its market, with roughly 1 in 8 people on the planet using the site to swap photos and information and more are signing up every day. That’s a platform of activity that the company can monetize through advertising revenue and add-on services.

The negative view is that, while all that may be true, it may not justify the company’s current market value on Friday of close to \$100 billion. After an extraordinary growth surge since its founding in 2004, Facebook is now gaining customers and revenue at a decelerating pace. If future growth doesn’t come in strong, the share price could easily go down rather than up.

The tug-and-pull between those views seemed evident Friday. There was enthusiasm enough to push the stock above its offering price, but skepticism was strong enough to keep it from soaring and, based on all that the public has endured at the hands of the “market” over the last 10 years or so, one would wonder how so much enthusiasm could be ginnyed up for this deal.

It turns out that this IPO really wasn’t really the first time that shares in the company had been bought and sold. Microsoft purchased Facebook stock in 2007 and the company had been traded internationally for little more than a year before the American offering last week.

As with most deals of this type, the insiders made the big money - and it was made during the first few hours of trading. Publicity and hype will keep interest and trading activities for Facebook stock at a high level for a while. After that, who knows?



SQUIRREL SIMPLICITY

This past week in Sierra Madre was indeed a dog-walker’s dream! The weather has been absolutely gorgeous, the trees are either bearing succulent fruit or budding with a variety of brilliant colors, and there are countless birds flying and squirrels scampering about from one tree top to another, everywhere you look. Let’s face it, living in Sierra Madre (especially this time of year) is more than a little bit of heaven. With nature taking its course in such a gracious way these days, I am pleased to say that I have experienced a renewed awareness and appreciation for my surroundings and for life in general. Let me put it to you this way; right now it would be a tough task for me to find a reason to complain, and after all who wants to hear it any way?

One of the things that inspired me most in a relatively epic way this past week, was observing

a couple of squirrels chasing each other over the branches of the huge avocado tree in my front yard.

The fact is, I see squirrels nearly every day, running to and fro over the massive tree canopies and gallantly scaling the power lines in our community. I always enjoy watching them, but there are times when I get so used to seeing them, that I must confess I take them for granted and barely notice they are there.

For whatever reason, the two squirrels I saw scurrying about in my front yard last week reminded me of how fortunate I truly am and that life is indeed good! Those squirrels were having a great time. It was as though there was some kind of party going on in that tree, that only they had been invited to. They were somewhat startled when I emerged from the back yard gate, and approached their “playground“ but I stood very still and quiet for a moment, and soon they resumed their raucous routine of frolicking, chattering and flicking their big bushy tails.

As I stood there, spying like some kind of voyeur for several minutes, I thought to myself, “these little guys ‘get it!’” Slowly but surely, I snuck closer and sat beneath the tree, watching those cute little critters balance and bounce on the boughs above me and before I knew it, I noticed that I had tears running down my

KATIE TseThis and That



BONDERIZED!

Sometimes inspiration comes from the most unusual places. I was in the ladies’ room at work and, for the first time, actually read the label on the inside of the stall door. I’ve noticed the sticker before; it has a picture of the door with metal layers peeling off like an onion. It was probably meant to impress us. And indeed I am impressed, because I certainly wouldn’t know where to begin if I had to build a bathroom stall door by myself. Anyway, this time I read the label. “Bonderized,” it said. I’d heard of bonded, as in, “The step-father bonded with his wife’s son during their fishing trip.” And then there’s bonded like, “The miracle of triglycerides was discovered when scientists bonded hydrogen to carbon; laying ground for margarine and ‘Cheese Whiz.’” But “bonderized”... The first thing that came to mind was Bond. James Bond.

Working from this definition, to Bonderize something means to infuse it with stealth, danger, a Scottish accent, promiscuity, or all of the above. A Bonderized drink is shaken, not stirred. Since Agent 007 is known for nifty gadgets, dull or embarrassing housewares can be Bonderized to resemble something more fashionable. For example, you might cringe if your guests saw your nose/ear-hair trimmer lying in plain view on the bathroom counter. But if it looks like a remote control, they might think, “Ooh, I bet he has a TV or stereo system hooked up somewhere in here!”

The rest of the stall door sticker was worn with age, and I could barely read something to the effect of “Sanyware: Guaranteed life long quality.” I considered crouching down to get a better look, but was afraid coworkers would think I was weird for staying in there so long. Would someone recognize my shoes (nondescript flats from Payless)? Whenever I am in a stall next

cheeks.

At first I couldn’t figure out why I was crying, until I realized how long it had been since I had spent that much time just sitting quiet and still, observing the activity of nature around me. I spend most of my time telling myself to “keep moving”, and “get things done”, but there is always more to do. As I attempt to stay mobile on the “treadmill” of life, I end up frustrated, ultimately forfeiting the freedom of the celebration. What good is that? It is a human way of thinking and a human way of life, not to mention it is my way of asphyxiating on tasks that may or may not really matter.

That is not the way a squirrel lives its life. How can I let myself stress out over the simplest things in life when as a human I am in full control of my own schedule, I shop at a grocery store where my food is delivered to me, I don’t even have to take part in the pre-requisite farming, planting, slaughtering, and packaging process of what keeps me alive?

As a human, I have more advantages than any other creature on earth, yet I am capable of fretting and worrying in lieu of really living, the way squirrels do! The squirrel must forage for his own food, and when he is not foraging or hiding is bounty away for a later season, he is protecting the nest that he made of sticks and leaves, from

to someone whose feet aren’t moving, I always worry that they’ve had a stroke or something. Maybe I should bring my new, souped up phone and take a picture. It would be silent enough to not draw attention, but that particular day I had no pockets in which to conceal the phone. I worried that people would think I was a pervert or something. I considered asking one of the guys if their stall (assuming they had at least one) was “Bonderized.” No one at work knows I write for the paper, so I couldn’t say, “It’s for an article!” I’d have to come up with some plausible reason for taking interest in the gents’ room stall doors. I could see myself blundering, “It’s for a project I’m working on... about the relative durability of different metals... or something.”

I looked up “Sanyware,” and it appears that they’re still operating, specializing in different stall arrangements and galvanization. A teacher friend told me of a bathroom at her school that was built during the depression by the WPA. “Peter Goodwall” evidently made sure that his tilework would be

there for some time, because he engraved his name upon a floor tile --in one of the stalls. I’ve never designed or built a public bathroom, but perhaps if I did, I’d want to leave a lasting impression, too. Maybe I’d scrawl the rabbit at toilet eye level. I don’t know if I’d be bold enough to leave my name. I might just write, “This & that & the other.”

As if the idea of Bonderization wasn’t captivating enough, I then noticed the bottom of the sticker read, “To be removed after architect’s inspection.” Not only is this obviously a really old bathroom stall, but apparently it’s never even been inspected! I suppose the danger of using an uninspected stall adds a certain flair to using the ladies’ room. In that sense, it certainly is “Bonderized!”

predators and strong winds, yet he still finds time to celebrate life! The squirrel keeps it simple!

My dad was a missionary who held numerous speaking engagements throughout the southeast region of the US. As the youngest of 7 children, I got to travel with him quite a lot while my siblings were in school or working. I remember one of the acronyms dad used in many of his presentations; it was “K.I.S.S.”, which stood for “Keep it simple, stupid!” Although that may seem less than user-friendly or conventional in terms of semantics for a speech, the meaning is definitely clear. That silly sounding acronym somehow came to mind during my epiphany beneath tree and it was a very humbling moment for me. I believe that God speaks to us through His creatures and creations, and boy, did He ever deliver a message to me that day!

We all have responsibilities and commitments that may seem overwhelming at times, and we all have different ways of dealing with stress, but I feel it is important to take the time to be silent and observant, and enjoy the therapeutic virtues of nature. While the squirrel may seem like a pest to some, because it steals fruit from the tree, I say it can also act as a messenger, delivering a very important lesson from the Maker, to teach those of us who need to re-learn how to appreciate and enjoy life, simply like a squirrel!

THE JOY OF YOGA

MYTH OR REALITY?



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

There's quite a few myths and misconceptions about what yoga is - and isn't, so let's try to debunk a few of them:

Myth: I have to be flexible in order to practice yoga.

Fact: Whether you're flexible or not has nothing to do with the ability to practice yoga. Poses can be adjusted to your flexibility level. As you move into a regular practice of yoga, your flexibility will increase, as will your balance, range of motion and strength. Even if you are, as they say, "stiff as a board" this is definitely not a reason to shun yoga.

Myth: Yoga is just stretching.

Fact: Though yoga does indeed stretch your muscles, don't think it's a walk in the park! While some poses look simple and easy enough, they actually need balance, strength and stability, and a strong foundation. You'll soon realize that what looks like stretching from the outside requires you to build core muscles and endurance.

Myth: Yoga is a religion

Fact: No, it's not a religion, or even a doctrine. Yoga is a 5,000 year old practice of meditation and a path to spiritual consciousness or, if you prefer, a way to quiet the mind and connect with one's inner-self.

Myth: Yoga is for women

Fact: Wrong. Originally, yoga was developed by men, for men. Women were excluded from the practice of yoga. Now of course, more women attend yoga classes than men, to the ratio of about 4 to 1. So yes, the discipline tends to be female-dominated, but that is certainly not a reason for men to stay away from the joy and benefits of a yoga practice.

Myth: I can hurt myself or aggravate existing injuries

Fact: when done properly yoga does not aggravate your injuries or chronic pain. It can actually help manage the pain caused by existing

injuries. Your teacher is here to make sure you do not push beyond your limits and get injured, and most yoga poses have modifications to make it a bit easier and adjust to each person's limitations.

Myth: Yoga is for the young and fit

Fact: This stems from the common misunderstanding that yoga is merely a physical exercise. Then comes to mind the image of a Cirque du Soleil performer: slender and pretzel-like, bent in an impossible pose that makes your head spin and it actually hurts just to look... Well, yoga is for everyone. Yoga is not competitive or comparative. Each individual has different physical limitations, each of us like some poses better than others. Young or mature, thin built or heavier set, yoga does not discriminate. The only requirement is an open mind.

Myth: Yoga is just another exercise/workout.

Fact: Yoga is a complete discipline that includes physical, mental and spiritual practices designed to bring about a complete balance in a person for their well being. Depending on the style of yoga, the physical postures of yoga - called asanas - are demanding and challenging and will definitely cause you to burn a lot of calories. Many people start to practice yoga practice through the physical postures, and later on become interested in learning about its other aspects, but this is entirely up to you.

Myth: I have to be a vegetarian to practice Yoga.

Fact: You don't have to choose between your favorite hamburger and yoga.

Yoga is practiced by millions of people and a huge number aren't vegetarians. Usually people who turn to Yoga are looking for a healthier lifestyle and become vegetarians for the health benefits validated by the mainstream medical community to double it up with the health benefits of practicing yoga, but it is a choice, not a requirement!

...But really, the best way to find out what yoga is or isn't, is to simply to unroll your mat and try for yourself!

Namasté, René

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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

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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.

There will be a special intermission dessert & prize at the April 24th game provided by Angie Chen of Seniors Helping Seniors - In home services for seniors by seniors.

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Dear Savvy Senior:

Are there any types of financial assistance programs that can help grandparents who are raising their grandkids? I have two grandchildren who are about to permanently move in with my husband and me, and we could use some help. Parents Again

Dear Parents:

When it comes to raising grandkids, you definitely have plenty of company. Across the country about 5.8 million children are living with their grandparents, as the parents struggle with a variety of problems such as financial hardship, drug and alcohol addiction, prison time, domestic violence, divorce and more.

To help with the day-to-day expenses of raising grandkids, there are a variety of government programs and tax benefits that can make a big difference in stretching your budget. Here's where to look for help.

Financial Assistance

For starters, find out whether your family qualifies for your state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which may include cash assistance, food stamps and free or low-cost daycare. Or, if your household income is too high to qualify as a family, ask about the "child-only grant" for just the grandchild's support alone. Also, find out if your state offers any additional programs like guardianship subsidies, non-parent grants or kinship care. Contact your state TANF program (see www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa for contact information), or call your county social services office for more information.

You also need to find out if your grandkids are eligible for Social Security, including benefits for children, survivor benefits or SSI. You can find this out at your local Social Security office, or call 800-772-1213 or see www.ssa.gov.

And finally, use benefitscheckup.org, a comprehensive web resource that helps you search for additional financial assistance programs that you may be eligible for, such as lower energy bills, discounts on prescription medications and more.

Tax Benefits

In addition to the financial assistance resources, Uncle Sam offers some tax benefits that may help you too like the Dependency Exemption which allows you to deduct \$3,800 in 2012 on each qualifying grandchild.

There's also the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC which is available to those with moderate



to low incomes, or the Child Tax Credit if you make too much money to qualify for the EITC.

If you're working, and are incurring child care expenses in order to work, there's a Child and Dependent Care Credit that can help. And, if you choose to legally adopt your grandkids, there's an Adoption Credit that provides a federal tax credit of up to \$12,650 per child.

There are even education-related tax credits through the American Opportunity Tax Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit to help if your grandkids go to college.

To learn more about these tax benefits call 800-829-1040, or visit www.irs.gov. You can also call the IRS publication line at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you the following publications: 501, 503, 596, 970, 972, and Form 8839.

Health Insurance

If your grandkids need health insurance, depending on your income level, you may be able to get free or low-cost health insurance through your state's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. See insurekidsnow.gov or call 877-543-7669 for more information.

Legal Issues

You also need to talk to a family law attorney to discuss the pros and cons of obtaining legal guardianship, custody or adoption. Without some sort of legal custody, you may not be eligible for many of the previously listed financial assistance programs, and there can be problems with basic things like enrolling your grandkids in school, or giving a doctor permission to treat them.

If your need help locating affordable or free legal assistance use findlegalhelp.org, or call the Elder-care Locator at 800-677-1116 for referrals.

Savvy tip: To find support with other grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, visit the AARP Grand-Care Support Locator at giclocalsupport.org where you can search for support groups in your area.

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

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PINK TRANSFER: A LOCAL MOVING TRADITION 84 YEARS STRONG

When thinking of moving, the big flashy names seen on the sides of 53' semi trucks often come first to mind. The U-Haul and Ryder trucks for the do-it-yourselfers. For the long distance moves, those behemoth semis with national moving company names like United, Allied, Atlas and Mayflower are regularly seen powering down the country's highways. Mayflower's logo even recalls the Pilgrims' transoceanic moves, instilling confidence about the company's longevity and/or seaworthiness. Until recently, it never came up on my radar that there was anything in between.

A local, third generation, family-owned and operated mover, Pink Transfer Moving and Storage, has twenty trucks you'll likely realize you see frequently around the San Gabriel Valley, once you visualize their forest green trucks with bright pink lettering.

In my six years here in the San Gabriel Valley, I always thought the Pink name was somehow a contrived gimmick to make one remember the company. The brothers Pink, second generation movers, lay rightful claim to it as their real family name, memorable as it may be.

According to one of the brothers, Jeff Pink, "My grandfather, George Pink, settled in Pasadena in 1915. His family arrived in the US in the 1830's from Germany. The Gold Rush drew them West, and his family settled in Montana. I have visited my great, great, grandparents graves in Silver Star, Montana, and still have family that lives within twenty miles of Silver Star."

"The company was started by our grandfather, George Pink, in 1928," he continued. The company was run by our father, Howard Pink, and our uncle, Fred Pink. We're the third generation. The four of us boys, Doug, Bill, Matt and I took over the company in the late 1990's."

The company's first office was in George Pink's garage. "Later," Jeff Pink continued, "he rented the warehouse which is the current location of the Ice House Comedy shop in downtown Pasadena. That building truly was an ice house making deliveries to ice boxes prior to the invention of the modern refrigerator. George went on to purchase a Pasadena warehouse on Allen Avenue which was the location until 2000 when we moved permanently to our modern facility in Monrovia."

"Our grandfather started with one, hard tire, open model T truck," chuckled Pink, probably the truck pictured in the historic photo. "Most of the work in those days was unloading partial rail cars as they came into the Pasadena station located near Fair Oaks and Del Mar Blvd. As the San Gabriel Valley grew and matured, so did the moving company."

84 years later, Pink now has 60,000 square feet of warehouse space and more than twenty vehicles, based conveniently in Monrovia. The difference with a locally owned company like Pink, according to Matt Pink, is that "You always have an owner involved. We brothers all grew up in the business, and have performed every job from estimating to packing and loading and driving. We all have Class C licenses. If there's every a need, one of us are right there to pitch in. There's no estimator that came out of a thirty day training to calculate your move costs. It's our company, and we know every detail." Regarding noteworthy clients, the Huntington would be the ultimate best reference. Pink was chosen by the Huntington to move the famous "Pinkie" and "Blue Boy" after an elevator fire smoke damaged much of the gallery in the 1980's, requiring a million dollar cleanup and renovation. The Pinks were even featured on the cover the LA Times, actually carrying the legendary English paintings. Since then, Pink has been involved in hundreds of move projects at the Huntington, a testament to their integrity, professionalism and "kid glove" care.

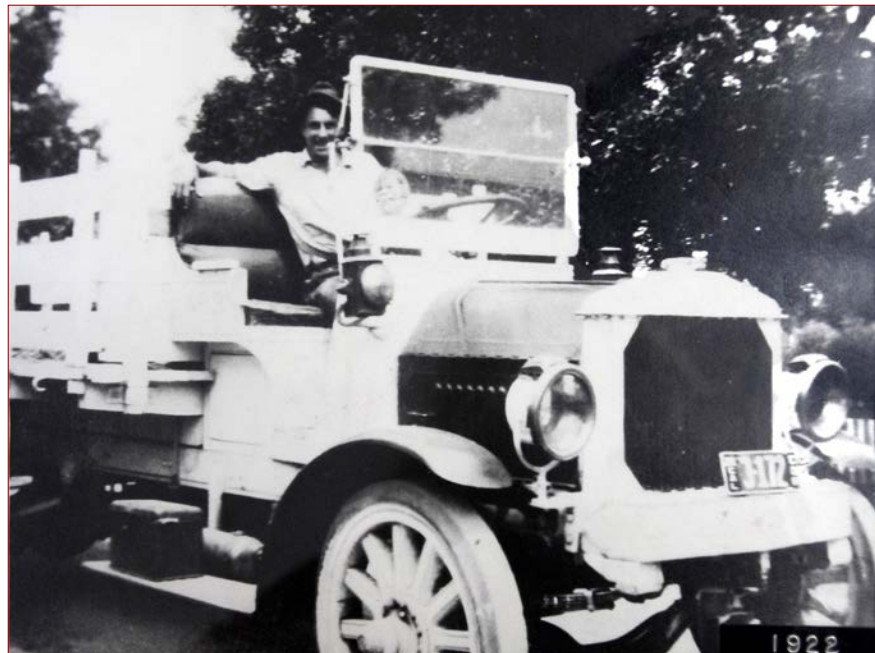
If name dropping is your thing, Pink also handled the move of Ronald Reagan's papers and belongings to the state capitol when he was elected governor. A photo proudly hangs in the office with the Pink truck backed up to the capitol building. Other celebrity names remain private, though the list is extensive.

Another famous Pink, Pink's Hot Dogs has recently been extensively visible on local media with their commercial about their business' banking relationship. The burning question, "Are you related to the Pink Hot Dogs royalty, Paul & Betty Pink? How many Pinks could there be?" At least two unrelated families, it appears. Matt Pink laughed, "I have been asked that one question more than any other question in my life!!! No relationship, but a similar family story!

The Pinks have a few tips for planning a move, whether across the street, or across the country. Jeff Pink sums up, "On any sizeable move, insist on a written estimate. If a moving company will not come out for a visual estimate, I suggest you contact a company that will. It is also a good idea to check with the Better Business Bureau (BBB), California Moving and Storage Association (CMSA) or Angie's List, for reviews."



Above, Jeff Pink and one of the Pink Crews; below, an early truck from Pink Moving



If your move takes you farther than just the Los Angeles Basin, Pink is also delighted to coordinate your west coast move, with their National affiliation, as well. Pink Transfer Moving and Storage survived and thrived through the great depression and continues strong today in the current economic conditions, through the careful management of a family that's been moving San Gabriel Valley residents for almost a century.

For more information about Pink, contact Doug, Bill, Matt and Jeff Pink in Monrovia at 1-888-PinkMove or visit their website, www.PinkMovers.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

DOLLARS VS. DAYS

After you've taken step one to decide to sell your home, step two is usually setting your asking price, striving for a balance between generating offers and receiving top dollar.

Your chosen representative will perform a Competitive Market Analysis (CMA) to produce an estimate of your home's "fair market value," or that price that educated buyers will pay based on listings and sales of homes similar to yours. The agent will not establish the price, but only provide the information you need to make that decision yourself.

In a hot market, you have the advantage, but would still want to avoid overpricing, which is always unproductive. However, in a neutral or buyers market, you'll have to be particularly cautious in your approach to setting a price.

In soft markets, price reductions become more common, as well as fewer offers and longer listing periods. You have to first establish your priority: is it more important for you to sell quickly or to get the most money possible? Like it or not, one option simply must be more critical than the other.

Have a third party, like your agent, help you see your home as a commodity, with positive and negative selling points. Price your home objectively and competitively, be prepared to negotiate to reach an agreement with buyers, and exercise patience as you prepare your move.

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

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REALTOR EMILY DUGGAN - TOPS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



Andy Bencosme, managing broker of CENTURY 21 Village in Sierra Madre, congratulated Emily Duggan for her sales production through the first 4 months of 2012. "With sales in excess of 5 million dollars not only did she lead our office in real estate sales she was also number 1 CENTURY 21 agent in the San Gabriel Valley and ranked 7th over all CENTURY 21 agents in the Coastal, Valley and Inland Region, which stretches from the 605 Freeway to Bakersfield" said Bencosme.

While industry awards are always appreciated, Bencosme has often noted that it's the extra effort and personal attention that Emily gives her clients that makes her among the most sought after agents in the area. She personally supervises everything from a home's preparation, staging and photography to guiding a client through inspections, loan and escrow requirements. As further proof of her success, Emily has repeatedly been voted real estate's "Best of the Best" REALTOR in a local newspaper reader's poll.

In today's tough market, pricing a home just right is more important than ever before. Emily believes pricing and presenting a home in it's best possible light are the key factors in selling a home today.

A long time resident of Sierra Madre and a real estate agent for over 20 years at C21 Village, Emily offers her clients the talents of a smart and savvy realtor who knows the foothill areas thoroughly. For both buyers and sellers, Emily also puts her experience and contacts to work. Contractors, handymen, painters, decorators and landscapers, Emily has all their names and numbers.

If you are buying or selling or just want to explore the possibilities, Emily can be reached 24/7 at 626 355-7201 or 626 695-1206. Why not call her today?

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LA CANADA HIGH SCHOOL WINS TOP HONOR AT SOLAR CUP



La Canada High School, as a veteran solar cup team, won top honors for the **Hottest Looking Boat** at the nation's largest solar-powered boat competition during Metropolitan Water District's 10th annual Solar Cup™ race held on May 18, 19 and 20. Students from 39 high schools throughout Southern California, during a seven-month program, participated in building, equipping and racing 16-foot, single-seat canoes powered only by the sun.

A series of qualifying events were completed by the teams with a technical advisory team from a few local colleges ensuring boats were both seaworthy and safe. The teams endured two, 90-minute, 1.4 kilometer endurance races.

The La Canada High School team was sponsored by Foothill Municipal Water District and La Canada Irrigation District. "We are proud of the accomplishments of the students at La Canada High School for winning the Hottest Looking Boat award for two years running. This is a great way for students to learn about engineering and solar power while learning about water resources," said FMWD General Manager Nina Jazmadarian.

Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill. Go to www.mwdh2o.com for complete Solar Cup scores.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR HILLSIDES OF PASADENA

Rallying support for the services provided by Hillside, a Pasadena charity, Rusnak/Arcadia recently presented the Mercedes-Benz Local Dealer Tennis Tournament. The tournament offered players an opportunity to serve both on the court and for the charity. Funds raised benefited Hillside, a premier service provider offering behavioral health care and education services to vulnerable children and families in Los Angeles County.

"A tennis tournament geared for women in our community is a fantastic and competitive way to raise awareness and funds for Hillside!" said Elizabeth Rusnak Arizmendi, vice president of public relations for Rusnak Auto Group. "The competition was fierce and thrilling to watch at Flint Canyon Tennis Club in La Canada Flintridge."

Rosa LeClerc of La Canada and Lourdes Gonzalez of Whittier earned a spot at The Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championships, a nationwide amateur-only tennis program for players age 21 years and older. Players competed to represent the dealer team that will advance to the Sectional Tournament in the fall in Turtle Bay Resort in Ohau, Hawaii.

The tournament was hosted at Flint Canyon Tennis Club (FCTC), La Canada's best kept secret nestled away in the foothills of La Canada.

Participants were able to bid on fun auction items donated by The Factory Hair & Makeup Salon, AsomBroso Tequila, Déjà vu Spa, RejuvaYou and Cortiglia Bags. The event was catered by Scarlet Tea Room and Fine Dining and cupcakes were donated by Ah, How Sweet!

Funds raised will support the services and programs offered by Hillside, serving more than 7,000 children and families annually. To learn more about the Pasadena children's charity, visit www.Hillside.org. To learn how you can also support Hillside, call Carrie Espinoza at (323) 254-2274 ext. 254.



Sports Columnist Harvey Hyde will be on vacation until the fall.

SIERRA MADRE 2012 SUMMER ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Grab your friends and neighbors and sign a team up for our 2012 Summer Adult Softball League! Games will be played on Sunday from 2:00pm - 10:00pm and Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Don't have a team? No worries! Sign yourself up as a free agent and we'll place you on a team. All players must be over 18 years of age to play.

The Sierra Madre Adult Co-ed Softball League is divided into an "A" league geared towards the competitive participants, and a "B" league for recreational competition. The champions of each league receive t-shirts! Due to the limited field space, registration is limited. Be sure to sign up early and don't miss out on the 2012 season! Please note that team sign-ups may have a free agent added to the roster. For more information contact 626-355-5278.

Season: Late June through August

Cost: \$320 per team or \$32 per player

Registration: Must be done in person at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Games Site: Heasley Field located at Sierra Vista Park

Deadline: Teams and players must register by Monday, June 4, 2012

SANTA ANITA PARK LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE THE 2012 BREEDERS' CUP

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From Arcadia's Best

SANTA ANITA DERBY WINNER ADDS PREAKNESS



I'll Have Another (left) passes Bodemeister at wire.

Photo by Patrick Smith/Getty Images, from Bleacherreport.com

Coming from fourth place to win by a neck at the wire, last month's Santa Anita Derby winner I'll Have Another notched the 2nd leg of the Triple Crown today by winning the Preakness in Baltimore in front of a record crowd of more than 121,000.

That sets up a chance to complete the Triple Crown at Belmont Park in New York three weeks from today on June 9. It's been 34 years since Affirmed became the last horse to win the Triple Crown in 1978. Big Brown was the last to have a chance by winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2008, but an injury prevented the thoroughbred from completing the Belmont race.

Today's Preakness was also a victory for Arcadia High School graduate Tyler Cerin, now a 24-year-old horse physical therapist living in Azusa who is one of several tending to the 3-year-old colt, as reported in today's Pasadena Star-News.

Jockey Mario Gutierrez moved his horse ahead of Mike Smith and Bodemeister for the first time just a few yards before the finish line. Bodemeister led a slow pace the entire race until that point. Both horses finished far ahead of the rest of the pack that included third place finisher Creative Cause. The top three finishers were all California horses.

It was the second disappointment in two weeks for famed Santa Anita trainer Bob Baffert, Smith, and Bodemeister, after losing to long-shot I'll Have Another by 1 1/2 lengths at the Kentucky Derby earlier this month.

I'll Have Another is owned by Paul Reddam and trained by Doug O'Neill. Reddam purchased the colt for \$35,000 at a 2-year-old in training sale in Ocala, Fla., in April of 2011. Prior to winning the Santa Anita Derby April 7 at 4-1, I'll Have Another won Santa Anita's Grade II Robert B. Lewis Stakes on Feb. 4 at odds of 43-1.

The horse became the first Santa Anita Derby winner since Sunday Silence in 1989 to win the Kentucky Derby. Prior to that seven other horses have parlayed victory in the Santa Anita Derby to the Kentucky Derby winner's circle: Winning Colors (1988), Affirmed (1978), Majestic Prince (1969), Lucky Debonair (1965), Swaps (1955), Determine (1954) and Hill Gail (1952).

Racing resumes at Santa Anita in late September and the 2012 Autumn Meet will be highlighted by the Breeders' Cup World Championships on Nov. 2 & 3.

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



The other day a Vietnam War vet friend of mine asked me if I'd ever written anything about Memorial Day. I replied that I had... but that it was back in 2007. I sent him the editorial. That night he called me on the phone and asked me if I could get it reprinted this year. Below is the piece as originally published. This was back when The Mountain Views News was called The Mountain Views Observer.

It's hard to believe it's been five years since I wrote that column. During this time there've been a lot of changes made at the paper-- all of them for the better, including its name change. I've seen a black-and-white weekly with a small readership of residents grow into one of the largest locally published weekly in the San Gabriel Valley with a readership of nearly 150,000.

That's an incredible accomplishment for such a short time, and it is all due to the leadership of its Publisher, Susan Henderson, and a loyal staff dedicated to making The Mountain Views News the great paper it is today. So this Memorial Day take a moment to commemorate the fact you have such a well-written local source of news and commentary. Our community is truly blessed. We should all be proud.

Patriotism is everywhere on Memorial Day. Flags fly and flowers decorate the graves of our fallen heroes. Red, white and blue bunting adorn the balconies of buildings and homes. Volunteers and Volunteer Organizations march in patriotic parades all across the nation. Patriotic speeches are made by politicians and military leaders. The President places a wreath of flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There are readings of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Memorial Day is also the start of the Summer Season. For most of us, however, Memorial Day means attending picnics and other outdoor activities, and consuming large quantities of hot dogs and beer.

But what does Memorial Day really mean? Is it only about flags, flowers, hot dogs and beer? Or is it about something much larger and more powerful in the American psyche?

Unfortunately, many of us have forgotten the true meaning of this important national holiday.

Memorial Day was originally called

COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY

Decoration Day and was established as a day of remembrance for those who valiantly died in the American Civil War. Although there is evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves of Confederate dead before the end of the war, Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by Lyndon Johnson in May 1966 a hundred years after the original commemoration. Of course at that time we were engaged in another civil war—one this fought in the streets of our nation over the war in Viet Nam.

How Memorial Day originated is uncertain. The planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor a community's war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor all the war dead, each gathering contributing honorably to the growing movement that culminated in General John Logan's official proclamation on May 5, 1868. Three weeks later on May 30, his General Order No. 11 was first observed when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873, in remembrance of the original 1866 commemoration at Waterloo.

So this Memorial Day, after consuming your allotment of hot dogs and beer, take a moment to honor the young men and women who throughout our history have answered the call to duty and sacrificed their lives on the altar of freedom. Reflect for a minute about the price these patriots paid with their blood, sweat and tears so we could enjoy this Memorial Day with our families and friends. Remember also that honor, duty and devotion to our nation in the defense of liberty is the price free men must pay to guarantee that freedom endures. As Lincoln said so eloquently at Gettysburg 144 years ago:

"...It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us— that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the Earth."

RICH Johnson DUMB THINGS



Have any *weird relatives*? My list of my *weird relatives* would take several pages. A shorter list would be my unweird relatives. Furthermore, I am sure I'm on every one of my relative's *weird relatives* list. Remember, we are not alone in this phenomenon.

In a related cultural uniqueness, let me ask you if you have ever said anything really dumb? As any regular reader of my column can attest, I have with relative frequency. We all do. Dumb statements are everywhere. Of course politics is a hotbed for dumb statements. Here are some of my favorites:

"We've got a strong candidate. I'm trying to think of his name." *Senator Christopher Dodd*
"China is a big country, inhabited by many Chinese." *Charles de Gaulle*
"People who like this sort of thing will find this is the sort of thing they like." *Abraham Lincoln*
"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur." *Al Gore*
"I don't intend for this to take on a political tone. I'm just here for the drugs." *Nancy Reagan (at a anti-drug rally)*
"The streets are safe in Philadelphia; it's only the people who make them unsafe." *Frank Rizzo, mayor of Philadelphia (special nod to a very dangerous woman I know from Philadelphia)*
Sports is another part of our society wherein the occasional faux pas rears its often humorous head:
"He must have made that {movie} before he died." *Yogi Berra (referring to Steve McQueen)*
"The doctors X-rayed my head and found nothing." *Dizzy Dean (famous pitcher in the 1930s and 40s)*
"I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first." *George Rogers, New Orleans running back*
"I've won at every level, except college and pro." *Shaquille O'Neal*
"It's almost like we have ESPN." *Magic Johnson on how well he and James Worthy play together*
Technology and industry have their fair share of blunders:
"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." *Ken Olson (Founder of Digital Equipment Corp. 1971)*
"We went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us?' They said no. So then we went to HP, and they said, 'we don't need you. You haven't got though college yet.'" *Steve Jobs (Apple Computer founder)*
"\$100,000,000 is way too much to pay for Microsoft." *Unidentified IBM executive in 1982 (Btw, As of February 2012, Microsoft was worth \$285,000,000,000. That's billion folks)*

And finally, does the name Dick Rowe mean anything to you? It probably won't but his quote certainly will go down in history as one of the dumbest.

Re: the Beatles in 1962: "We don't like their sound and 'guitar music' is on the way out." *Dick Rowe (Decca Records executive)*

In a follow up, Mr. Rowe was judging a talent contest along side George Harrison when George told him he should have a listen to these guys called the Rolling Stones. Without hesitation Mr. Rowe signed Mick Jagger and company.

So, if you ever say anything dumb ever again, just remember you are in good company.

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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



THE EMERGENCE OF THE UNCONSCIOUS

My birthday was about a month ago and both my wife and son gave me books as presents. I am just getting around to reading the books right about now as I have been struggling with another book for about 6 weeks. Hooray! I finished that book about a week ago and have acquired some new insights. This now finished book is called the *AGE OF INSIGHT, The Quest To Understand the Unconscious in Art, Mind, and Brain* written by Eric R. Kandel. Are you bored already? Really, you shouldn't be. First of all, the book is absolutely beautiful. It is a very large, over 600 page, book that displays on its dust jacket a large copy of Gustav Klimt's captivating, gold encrusted portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer. If you are disinterested in descriptions of portraits and are more interested in the hard-truths of reality please be aware that another Klimt painting, the "Kiss," was sold at auction in 2006 for \$88,000,000. That's right; eighty-eight million dollars.

Perhaps this dollar quote will make this article a little more palatable for you. The book's author is a Nobel Prize winning Neuro-Biologist with whom I first became acquainted on the Charley Rose program, wherein he was described as one of the smartest men in the world. Of course, also present with Kandel was another old scientist, James Watson, the co-discoverer of the structure of DNA, who was similarly described as one of the smartest men in the world. Unfortunately, soon after his appearance on the show Dr. Watson was interviewed and made some truly naïve and stupid remarks about people of African descent. These remarks totally ruined Watson's career and stand as a lesson demonstrating the incredible limitations often demonstrated by seemingly intelligent and respected scientists. I believe the acceptable term used today is "domain specific" which means that, outside of their own narrow field of expertise, scientists don't know nothin'.

This limitation of contemporary scientific knowledge is ironically appropriate to the thesis of Kandel's book. He asserts "that all visual art, from the ancient cave paintings of Lascaux to contemporary performance pieces, have important visual, emotional and emphatic components that we now understand on a new level". That level is the presentation of material reflecting the unconscious unfettered by the rational constraints of the aware and socially acculturated mind. Over forty years ago I was very privileged to enter the now closed caves at Lascaux in the Dordogne region of France. These paintings of ancient animals, painted twenty thousand years ago on the curved rock walls of the caves are the single-most evocative art I have ever seen. The paintings are more than alive

and contain a frightening naturalness that conveys the living experience of these pre-historic painters.

Last year I saw a 3-D movie by Werner Herzog which explored and presented the newly discovered Chauvet cave paintings which are thirteen thousand years older than the Lascaux paintings. These paintings were created by ancient Cro-Magnon men over thirty thousands years ago. The creators of these paintings arguably had no spoken language yet their paintings are expertly and magnificently executed. Some neuro-scientists assert that these paintings demonstrated that the human mind capacity had completely evolved more than thirty thousand years ago. Other researches postulate that these sophisticated paintings done prior to the time oral language evolved are a demonstration of artistic sensitivities and abilities, which were later lost with the coming language. Arguably man's creation and utilization of language had been at the expense of the artistic ability manifested by ancient cave artists..

The entire *Age of Insight* book is an exposition of the influence of the unconscious upon behavior. We may all think we are making decisions and exercising our volition, when actually the decisions to act have been made in our unconscious and have generally begun a full second before we have any awareness of our intention. Our experience of authorship is an illusion linked to our utilization of language, which fools us into thinking we are exercising free will.

In my May/June issue of *Ode Magazine* in an article entitled "Exploring the Promise and Perils of the New Unconscious" it is stated in big red letters:

"This reality is very hard for people to accept. People try to control their behavior by conscious decisions, but really it is only the illusion of control"

Okay, so what do we do; or better, what can we do? First we should maintain an awareness that we have been mislead by science. Our educational system, which mainly emphasizes language abilities like reading, has deprived us of an awareness of the unconscious forces that are actually calling the shots. I'm afraid that over-reliance upon limited scientists like James Watson has disempowered mankind and prevented us from making decisions with any real understanding of the way we function and how we have survived over the millennia. I believe it is the unconscious which links us all together and creates a community engendering mutual survival rather than a continuing state of war and destruction. Let's hope we can get it together and then have the time to enjoy the presents we give to one another.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



MAN SUES GOD, GOD COUNTER-SUES

Just when you think you have all of the idiots in the world organized

and in their proper place, someone comes forth to challenge the number one position there might an epidemic of idiots in our world because there sure is a large amount and it seems to be growing every day.

They come in a variety of sizes and shapes and dispositions. There are political idiots, religious idiots, celebrity idiots and just plain downright stupid idiots. Of course, the stupid idiots have somehow crossbred with all the other idiots.

I am not exactly sure what category the person is that I am about to tell you about because he could fit into many categories. A few years ago, a former senator from Nebraska (if you are from Nebraska you have my sympathy) announced that he was suing God. It really does not matter why he is doing God, I think it had something to do with terrorism in this world, but the fact that he is suing God for anything caught my attention.

I know what my mother used to tell me, that I should not call people names. However, I do not think my mother was including people such as I am talking about today. If it walks like an idiot, and thinks like an idiot, and talks like an idiot, it must be an idiot.

One of the first things that came to mind as I heard this story about suing God was, which God did this person have in mind?

Did he have in mind the popular conception of God? By that, I mean the God most people think of when they think of God. This God is a combination of Abraham Lincoln, good old Aunt Eloise who would not hurt a flea (much to the aggravation of her dog) and a series of fairytale characters that all end in "and they all lived happily ever after."

I would not mind suing this God myself. The philosophy of this God is "do nice things and you will feel better about yourself."

Or maybe he is thinking of the God of his own imagination. This may be closer to the truth. Most people make up an image of God in their own mind, which has nothing to do with reality. Most of these people if reality ever had the occasion to enter their mind the shock would kill them.

Of course, if he is suing the God of his own imagination, isn't he really suing himself? I am just wondering if this former senator from Nebraska has ever heard of a book called the Bible. And, has he ever read it?

It amazes me how many people form an idea about God and have never read the Bible. Consequently, they have no real

conception of God, only what they heard other people say.

For example, when things go bad people always blame God but when things go right they congratulate themselves on a job well done. If you want to blame God for the bad, then give Him credit for the good. It only makes sense, however when we are dealing with idiots common sense and sound reasoning are out the window.

As I was thinking more about this matter of suing God another thought hit me. How do you swear God in?

"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you...aaah... so help you...aaah... so help you, Yourself."

If somehow we can get past the swearing in, what idiot would accuse God of some atrocity and then want God to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

I have known many idiots in my day and I cannot think of any one that really want to hear "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." What they want to hear is what they want to hear, and they do not want facts to get in the way.

The other side of the matter is what if God would counter-sue? I mean, turnabout is fair play.

"Your Honor, I have checked My records and I did give this man brains. What he did with it only man knows. As far as My records are concerned he hasn't used his brain since the second grade."

God continues His argument, "I also gave this man other talents and abilities along with an instruction manual so he would know how to use them. According to My records, he has never read the instruction manual. As far as I can see he has used his talents and abilities for selfish purposes and not to glorify Me."

The question I want to pose to this former senator is, does he really want God to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"? Is he sure his closet is absolutely free of skeletons?

There must be something more idiotic than suing God, but at the moment, I cannot think of anything. No man ever born of woman will ever judge God, but God will judge every one.

Jesus said, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matthew 12:36 KJV).

Then the apostle Paul made this observation, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12 KJV).

I'm not too concerned about what people think about God, I want to know what God thinks about me.

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"We find it pretty hard to justify rich people figuring out clever legal ways to loot a company, leaving behind 1,700 families without a job."
- Former Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA)

"If you're a victim of Bain Capital's downsizing, it's the ultimate insult for Mitt Romney to come to South Carolina and tell you he feels your pain, because he caused it."
- Gov. Rick Perry (R-TX)

The last time we went from a \$236 billion surplus to a \$1.2 trillion deficit was also the last time we had a president with an MBA degree. This might suggest someone wasn't paying attention in class, but the Bush Administration was in fact a large-scale reflection of practices employed in the private sector by another MBA-holder who'd bring his "business experience" to government.

The policies under President Bush were those of Bain Capital under Mitt Romney; leveraging assets to incur debt, diverting proceeds to the pockets of well-placed principals at the top, then walking away leaving others (mainly taxpayers) to foot the bill.

Texas Gov. Perry described it as "vulture capitalism"; "... sitting out there on a tree limb waiting for the company to get sick and then they swoop in, they eat the carcass. They leave with that and they leave the skeleton."

Bain Capital leveraged an acquisition's manipulated value to facilitate massive borrowing, laid-off workers, looted pensions, stiffed creditors, and made sure their bounty was protected from ensuing bankruptcy proceedings.

The Bush Administration leveraged the full faith and credit of the United States to borrow \$1.8 trillion to finance tax cuts for those who didn't need them, and borrowed another \$1.47 trillion for discretionary wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mitt Romney made off with \$200 million from his time at Bain Capital. The top one-percenters made off with incomes that tripled from the Bush years, while most of the rest of us lost ground. Our troops were sent to war under-funded, under-supplied, and under-cared for when they returned home, while Vice President Cheney's firm Halliburton, through its former subsidiary KBR, made off with \$30 billion in war proceeds.

(I wonder if any Republican condemning Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin for renouncing his citizenship to escape U.S. obligations had anything to say when Halliburton relocated to Dubai for the same reason.)

Columnist Walter Shapiro writes, "What mattered at Bain Capital was the bottom line. Everything else was an extraneous detail and, in the case of job loss, collateral damage." The "bottom line" for Romney now is election, and a casualty of "collateral damage" is whatever might contradict the consensus message of the day.

That includes the record of Romney's 1994 Senate campaign against incumbent Ted Kennedy and for four years as Governor of Massachusetts. It's a record of advocating for gun control, gay rights and fundraising with Planned Parenthood. It's also one of enacting a healthcare plan that served as a model for the national Affordable Care Act.

When looked at within the context of a career, this record reflects not so much a set of principles, but of calculated adjustments to the realities of political survival in a "blue" state. Sen. Kennedy alluded to this in their 1994 debate, when he declared, on the subject of abortion, "I am pro-choice. My opponent is multiple choice."

(Unlike Romney, Sen. Kennedy never campaigned with a just-plain-folks pretense, attempting to mask a privileged background. At the debate, when Romney accused his opponent of involvement in a sleazy real estate deal, the Senator shot back: "Mr. Romney, the Kennedys are not in public service to make money. We have paid too high a price." Romney's poll numbers were even with Kennedy's before the debate. They dropped after.)

Now that his handlers have nixed campaigning on his record of public service, Romney is left to argue that because of his record in the private sector, "I know how to create jobs" - which comes off as convincingly as Sen. John McCain's assertion four years ago that "I know how to get Osama bin Laden".

After lauding President Obama on MEET THE PRESS last weekend, Newark Mayor Cory Booker (D) said, "I'm not about to sit here and indict private equity". He added that "this kind of stuff is nauseating to me on both sides". When Republican operatives gleefully ignored the "on both sides" part, Mayor Booker clarified that "Mitt Romney has made his business record a centerpiece of his campaign ... Therefore, it is reasonable for the Obama campaign to examine that record and discuss it."

That record was examined by laid-off workers from a Kansas City, MO steel plant in an ad discussed on the show with Mayor Booker. One steelworker of thirty years observed, "He's running for president, and if he's going to run the country the way he ran our business, I wouldn't want him there. He's so out of touch with the average person in this country, how could you care? How could you care for the average working person if you feel that way?"

President Obama weighed in by observing that with Romney, "He's not going out touting his experience in Massachusetts. He's saying, 'I'm a business guy, I know how to fix it,' and this is his business." He explained the job of a president "is not to simply maximize profits"; but rather, "Your job is to make sure everyone has a fair shot. ... If your main argument on how to grow the economy is that 'I know how to make a lot of money for investors,' then you're missing what this job is about."

NBC's Chris Matthews noted that Barack Obama "hasn't run a company, but he's shown he knows how to run a country." As I see it, the most compelling argument for being leery of electing a president with an MBA is that we know what happened the last time we did.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN AMERICAN? GREG Welborn



Every President that I've ever heard deliver a speech in my half century of life has ended his major speeches with "God bless the United States". But what do we really mean when we ask this? It's not that we're asking God to bless this piece of land which stretches between the Atlantic and the Pacific. Fortunately, the answer to this question has been eloquently and persuasively presented in the just-released book, *Still The Best Hope*, by Dennis Prager.

In the spirit of complete disclosure, much of my article today is drawn from Dennis' book, so all acclaim is his, and his alone. I am only summarizing some of his 12 years' of thought and effort. Additionally, my eldest son works for Dennis, so there are familial reasons for championing this cause as well as philosophical ones.

To answer the question I posed, Americans are not simply asking God to bless the land mass we call home. In our hearts, we know there is something unique and noble about what America stands for. We sense in our hearts that America is represented by a unique set of values - American values - and that they are uniquely moral and also universally applicable. Yet, most Americans would have trouble explaining concisely what these values are, and sadly would face a wave of liberal derision even if they were able to.

Our inability to articulate what American values are has meant for too long that we really aren't capable of defending those values. And today, more than ever, they need to be defended. That is a major part of what November's election is about. We used to teach this in our schools. But we've become so accustomed to being Americans and enjoying the fruits of American values that we've stopped formally teaching them at any level from kindergarten through the college years. We've treated them as if they are as natural as the air we breathe and warrant no further attention, even as we're finding that they are under increasing attack both from within and outside our borders.

So, what are these values? Dennis Prager separates them into three major principles, interestingly enough all found on our coins and paper money: "Liberty," "In God We Trust," and "E Pluribus Unum" - Latin for "From Many, One".

"Liberty" means exactly that: the freedom to conduct our life as we see fit so long as we do not infringe on our neighbor's freedom. But individual freedom can exist only where the power of the government is small enough not to threaten that freedom.

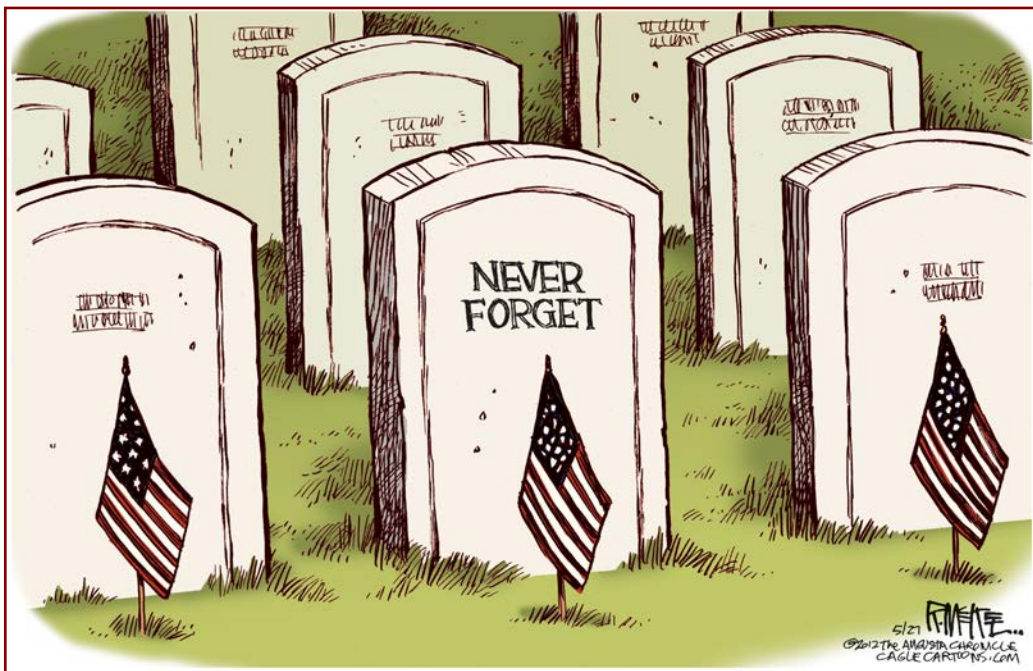
"In God We Trust" references the Judeo-Christian belief that a decent society is only possible when the citizenry feels morally responsible to a God who will one day judge our actions. Without a belief in a God who demands moral action, freedom would only lead to chaos. We can remain free only if we can control ourselves, and to do that we must fear either a moral God or a powerful central government.

"E Pluribus Unum" (From many, one) means that our individual ethnicities, race, or cultural heritage are not as important as the need for us to all become American first and foremost. The great irony here is that Americanism has succeeded in peacefully assimilating a greater number of people from a greater number of different ethnic, religious and national backgrounds than any other country in the world in history, while at the same time not erasing the unique cultural traditions of each participant. It may seem trite to say, but Spaghetti is as American as apple pie, even though it is a staple Italian meal.

American values stand in stark contrast to their philosophical competition which emanates principally from the left. Liberty is under attack from the left's belief that equality is superior. If we are all to be equal, there can't be any freedom. Belief in God is under attack from the left's insistence that all things religious be stripped from the public square. And "From Many, One" is under attack from the left's emphasis in multiculturalism, which insists that we identify as a member of an ethnic or racial group, not as an individual. In their view, rights should be awarded to groups, not to individuals.

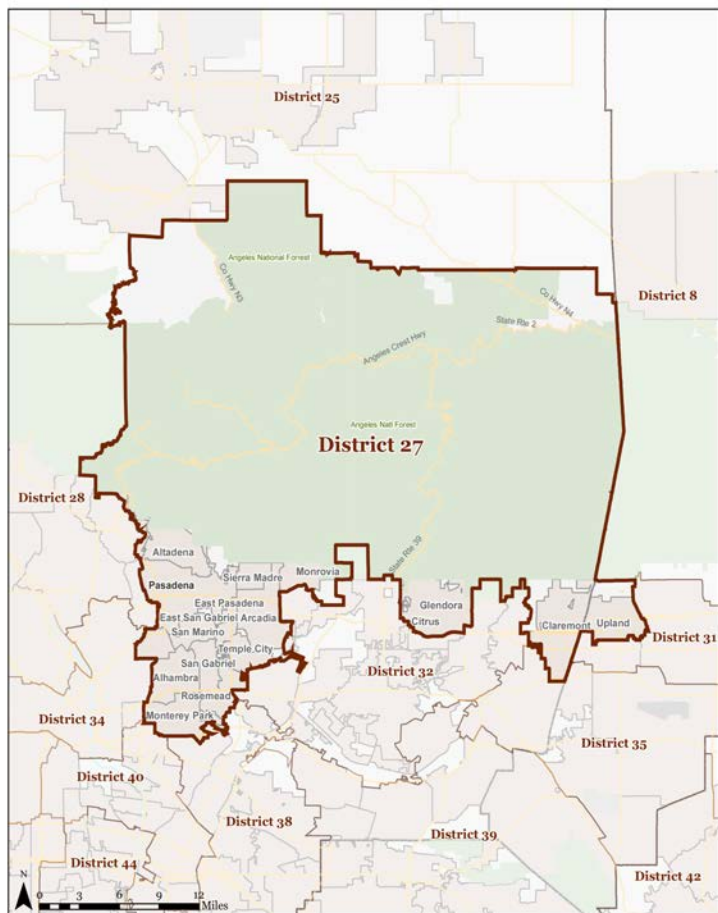
Americanism represents the last best hope of earth because it is the only set of values that has proven its ability to protect society from tyranny, peacefully enforce moral behavior and ensure that we willingly work together rather than fight one other. So, God bless The United States of America, God bless the value system we've created, and God help us if we ever let it slip away.

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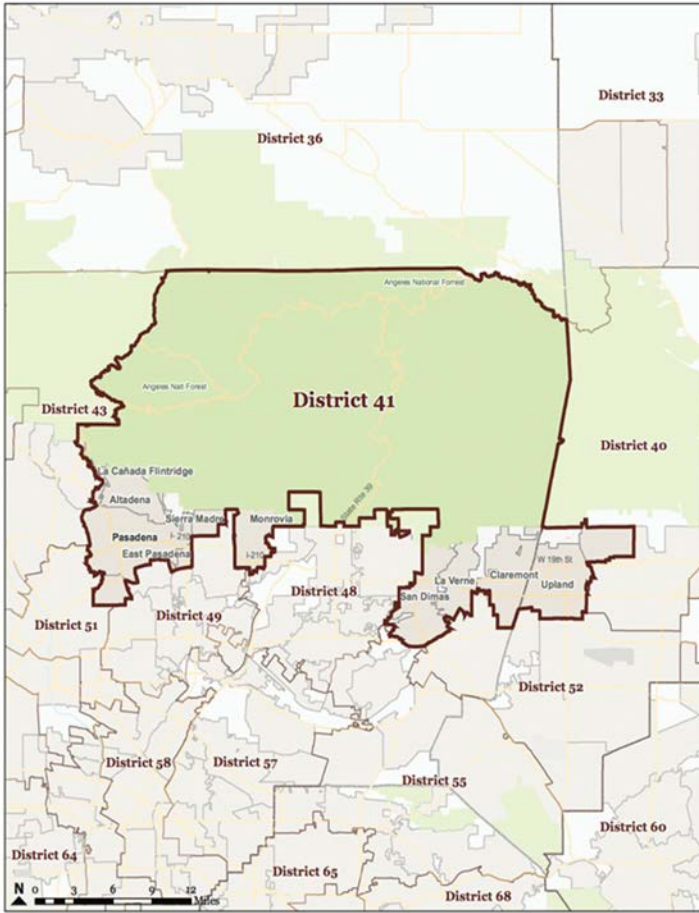


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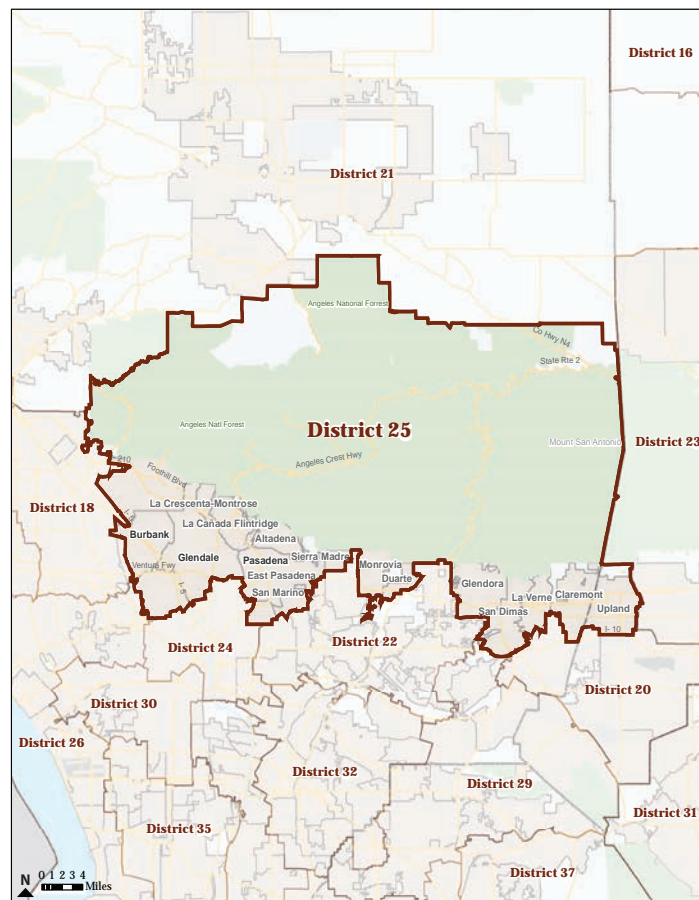
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BAD PRACTICES IN THE NAME OF GOOD CAUSES

Unfortunately, some non profit organizations operate as if their do-gooder missions to address worthy causes provide them with an exemption when it comes to adhering to ethical and legal business practices. This article is the first in an ongoing monthly series that will take a look at real life examples throughout 2012. The names of organizations have been withheld, but each article presents a factual nonprofit scenario.

Several years ago I was driving past the facility of a nonprofit organization in Los Angeles that I had been responsible for as a program officer of a major regional funding source. I had recently left to work on an 18-month contract with another organization and thought it was odd that the building appeared to be vacant. Just two months earlier, a co-worker and I had conducted an annual site review and program audit for a three-year grant that still had at least one year remaining. I knew the agency had been having some challenges and we had discussed their upcoming fundraising activities and other plans to get back on track.

Their executive director never disclosed they were facing eviction although she continued to send monthly reports along with invoices that always included a reimbursement request for rent. Their originally approved grant budget included a line item for rent that covered at least fifty percent of that expense each year. Since I knew the details of the grant, I called a colleague who still worked for the funder to ask if she was aware that the agency had moved. In a matter of seconds, she checked the records in the computer and informed me that the funder had just approved another invoice that included rent for the, now vacant, location.

The nonprofit had relocated to a smaller, more affordable building. That was actually a reasonable decision, however they had never informed the funder. Even worse, the executive director continued to submit invoices and accept funds for the larger, more costly building. This action was clearly misleading and a blatant violation of the terms of the grant agreement. The executive director had the opportunity could had just as easily approached me months earlier to discuss a modification of both the

program and the budget, as was noted in the written grant agreement.

In her attempt to juggle funds to keep the agency afloat, she crossed an ethical and legal line that has relegated the nonprofit to a permanent “do not fund”: status. As a member of the Southern California Grantmakers, a professional association for institutional funders, they share these types of experiences with their peers to ensure that no one else gets “burned” by an agency that doesn’t play by the rules.

When nonprofits agree to accept grant funds that have restrictions, they are legally obligated to spend the funds accordingly. This approach raises the question, “If an agency can’t be truthful with one of its major funding sources, how truthful are the wonderful reports they’re presenting to the general public?” Tax-exempt organizations are held to very high ethical standards, and those who do, deserve our financial and volunteer support.

Those that don’t, should not expect a free pass on violating professional standards and written agreements in the name of a worthy cause.

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Social Media
Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom

“ASKING” YOUR SOCIAL NETWORKS
CAN HELP YOU WITH MARKET RESEARCH

When I started writing this weekly column, the first thing I did was ask my Facebook network for topic suggestions. Why? Because they are people who use social media and they know what frustrates them and what has been helpful to know. They were full of great ideas that I will be using.

Market research can be expensive to a business. Why not use your social media tools to learn more about what people want, who they are and what’s important to them. As a business owner, isn’t it our job to know our customers and continue to learn about their needs? Here are some ideas for Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn:

Have you ever asked your friends on Facebook what they thought about something you are working on? One of our customers who is starting a dive company in Palau (Palau Dive Adventures) asked his fans on Facebook what their favorite Palau diving spot is. Almost 20 people piped in on his post with really great ideas. He gained valuable information for his new business from their answers. People love to feel like they are a part of something. It makes them feel part of a community. And, if you ask the right questions, the answers might give you great ideas for a project you are working on or a new product line you are launching.

Have you ever asked Twitter to do some market research for you? Say you own an ice cream store in Monrovia and you want to see if there has been any "ice cream" talk within a 15 mile radius. You can use the advanced search tool on Twitter (see screen shot below) and it will pull up all the posts of what people are saying about ice cream within a 15 mile radius. There are all kinds of filters you can give to Twitter to narrow your search. You could choose to follow some of these tweeters or you could use the information as part of your market research to gain valuable insight into what people think, want and chat about a certain topic.

Do you use "Ask and Answer Questions" on

LinkedIn? Once you sign into LinkedIn, select "More" from the menu bar and then select "Answers" (see screen shot). In this area, you can choose to ask a new question as part of a "Discussion" or you can lend your expertise by answering questions from others. The person who asks can even select who gave the best answer and give them an "Expert" ranking. LinkedIn posts a weekly list of top experts based on this ranking. This is a great way to establish yourself as an industry thought leader.

Next time you need to do some market research, try your existing social networks. Their response just might help you solve a problem, generate new ideas and help you think outside of the box.

About MJ:
MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business. They are known for eye-catching graphic design and web solutions but, that's not all they do! They teach businesses and nonprofits how to master the basics of online social media marketing tools. They have a knack for walking clients through the steps needed to feel comfortable with the full range of on-line social media tools, especially seasoned business owners who don't quite know where to start or what to do.

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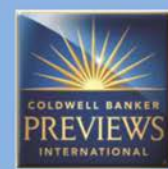



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