

# 2012 MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE ANOTHER SUCCESS

This past Saturday, May 26th celebrated the 104th anniversary and 46th running of the Mount Wilson Trail Race. It was another successful year with great weather, stellar finishing times, and a lively crowd. Friday night race festivities included the Pasta Dinner and runner check-in. The Pasta Dinner was catered by Zugo's Café with desserts provided by Sierra Madre Civic Club. The Kids' Art Show was on display as well as a race video from the prior year. Attendees were able to purchase Mount Wilson Trail Race merchandise.

Saturday activities included the Race, Kids' Fun Run, Kids' Art Show, Beer and Wine Garden, and vendor booths. The Race started off with a bang from official race starter, Dr. William White. This year 165 youth participated in the Kids' Fun Run which was sponsored by CATZ sports and started by Kids' Race Starter, Alice Heefner. Proceeds from the Pasta Dinner and Beer and Wine Garden totaled \$1,503 and were donated to Sierra Madre Search and Rescue to thank them for their support.

The City of Sierra Madre and Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for making the 2012 Mount Wilson Trail Race such a success: Run With Us, Asics, Methodist Hospital (Dr. Ken Wogensen M.D.), Zugo's Café, CATZ Sports, Team Crossfit Academy, Santa Anita Park, First Wilshire Securities, Sierra Madre Rotary Club, Sierra Madre Civic Club, Faulkner Design, Lucky Baldwin's, Colby Red, North Coast Brewing Co., Lost Coast Brewery, Weihenstephan Brewery, Matt Duda, Tommy Marshall, Healthcare Partners, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Judy Webb-Martin, Mountain Khakis, Farm Fresh to You, Matt Denny's

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The 2013 Mount Wilson Trail Race will be Saturday, May 25, 2013. Be sure to check out [www.mountwilsontrailrace.com](http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com) for the 2013 MWTR registration information. Registration will take place in early March 2013. In 2012 the trail race sold out in less than 8 hours, so sign up as early as possible!

## 2012 MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE WINNERS

This year the 8.6 mile race was ran in 1 hour, 2 minutes, and 53 seconds by the 1st place finisher, Jon Clark. Medals were awarded to runners in the following categories: Top 5 Overall Male Runners, Top 5 Overall Female Runners, Top 5 Sierra Madre Male Residents, Top 5 Sierra Madre Female Residents, Top 3 Couple Teams, and Top 3 Family Teams. Medals were also awarded to the top three finishers in each age category for male and female runners. Those results can be found online at <http://results.bazumedia.com/event/results/event/event-1304>.

### Top 5 Overall Male Runners:

- 1st – Jon Clark
- 2nd – Aaron Zambrano
- 3rd – Eli Rodriguez
- 4th – Robert Brandt
- 5th – Alan Reynolds

### Top 5 Overall Female Runners:

- 1st – Michelle Barton
- 2nd – Mireya Vargas
- 3rd – Trish Marshall
- 4th – Lori Zanteson
- 5th – Donna Walters

### Top 5 Sierra Madre Male Residents:

- 1st – Aaron Zambrano
- 2nd – Simon Cooper
- 3rd – John Vandevelde
- 4th – Patrick Rini
- 5th – Jim Liston

### Top 5 Sierra Madre Female Residents:

- 1st – Trish Marshall
- 2nd – Monya Moyer
- 3rd – Jill Liston
- 4th – Shannon Vandevelde
- 5th – Rika Saito

### Top 3 Couple Teams:

- 1st – John and Shannon Vandevelde
- 2nd – Jim and Jill Liston
- 3rd – Michael and Christine Lopez

### Top 3 Family Teams:

- 1st – John Howard and John Howard III
- 2nd – Wayne and Robert Brandt
- 3rd – Aaron and Matt Duda

## This Week's Highlights:

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Above, The Kids Race takes off on Baldwin. Photo by Lina Johnson; Below, SMPD leads the way for the adult race. Photo by Dave Felt



Below, Doctor White, assists MWTR Chair Pete Siberrell, right, as he announces the start of the race. Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre



### A Special Thanks:

Congratulations to Jon Clark of Rancho Santa Margarita (1:02:53) and Michelle Barton (1:19:38) for winning the male and female divisions respectively, of Saturday's 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race.

However, the whole field of nearly 300 runners should be recognized for its ability to make the 8.6 mile trip from Kersting Court in Sierra Madre to Orchard Camp and back, a vertical climb of 2,100 feet!

The race is in part what makes Sierra Madre the charming town that it is. The trail was expertly prepared to be race ready by some 50 volunteers. Cub Scout Troop 110 and Boy Scout Troop 110 were on the mountain to offer water to the runners. A group of 27 members of Sierra Madre Search & Rescue were also along the trail to keep participants safe. And city staff, including members of the Community Services Department, Sierra Madre Police and Sierra Madre Fire helped the event go smoothly.

Finally, a throng of friends, family, well-wishers and Sierra Madre residents turned out to cheer both adults and kids in their respective races to the finish line. Money from the pre-race pasta dinner and MWTR beer garden will be donated to Sierra Madre Search & Rescue.

The Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee would like to thank everyone involved in putting on this unique community event, one that both celebrates the Mt. Wilson Trail and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Pete Siberrell  
Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee  
Sierra Madre



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## Sierra Madre, Ca.

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<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	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.  
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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 Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.

631 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard  
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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](mailto:PeggyBeau@GMail.com).

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

## 1630 AM

## Free on-air publicity for local events

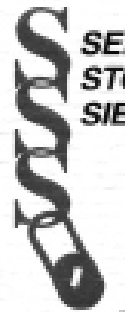
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).



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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](http://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](http://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](http://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 MON-  
DAY, 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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SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US:

Tuesday, June 5th Noon  
Speaker: Jennifer Sullivan, YMCA  
Topic: Youth Activity Center Programs

Tuesday, June 12th 7:45 am Breakfast Meeting  
Speakers: Sierra Madre Mayor Josh Moran and  
Sierra Madre Director of Development  
Services, Danny Castro

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## 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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Susan Henderson,  
Publisher/Editor



*As if your future  
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This Tuesday, June 5th, California's will participate for the first time in an *Open Primary/Voter Nominated Offices* election.

What does that mean, well, according to our Secretary of State, "On June 8, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14, which created a "top two" or "open primary" election system. Except for the office of U.S. President and county central committee offices, offices that used to be known as "partisan offices" (e.g., state constitutional offices, U.S. Congress, and state legislative offices) are now known as "voter-nominated" offices. What used to be known as a "political party affiliation" is now known as a "political party preference." Prior to the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election, with the same political party affiliation, were placed on a partisan ballot to be voted on by voters of the same political party. The top vote-getter from each qualified political party would move on to the general election. At the general election, candidates could gain access to the ballot using the independent nomination process and other could run as write-in candidates. Under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election, regardless of their party preference, will appear on a single primary election ballot and voters can vote for any candidate. The top two overall vote-getters – not the top vote-getter from each qualified political party – will move on to the general election."

So the votes you cast should, theoretically, yield the two most qualified, electable candidates to go on the November Ballot. Theoretically.

Further, this new method of voting comes at a time when all of our voting Districts have been changed - renumbered and realigned. We will be electing all new representatives to Congress, the State Senate and the State Assembly. That is also another reason why we need to take this primary very seriously.

Now, despite what you may have heard in our last municipal election WE DID NOT HAVE A 60% TURNOUT. In a response to a request from this paper on May 16, 2012, our City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger confirmed that the final tally for our April election was only 38% - and that is shameful!

Regardless of what your political persuasion, we can't change anything if we don't participate in the only process that is available to us. And every election is important. What happens on Tuesday will determine who our final choices will be in November. That's the bottom line. So please, vote on Tuesday and let your preferences be known.

Having said that, here are the choices and our preferences for this area on Tuesday. (Excluding the Presidential Race - but in case you were wondering, our Candidate is President Barack Obama.)

For U.S. Senate, we have a total of 23 candidates challenging incumbent Senator Dianne Feinstein. (*The Mountain Views News choice*).

For the newly created Congressional District 27 our choices are:

Jack Orswell	Party Preference Republican	(Currently in Congress) Tea Party Endorsed
Judy Chu	Party Preference Democrat	
Bob Duran	Party Preference Republican	

*The Mountain Views News preference in this race is Jack Orswell.*

For California State Senate 25th District:

Carol Liu	Party Preference Democrat	(Currently in Congress)
Gilbert V. Gonzales	Party Preference Republican	
Ameenah Fuller	Party Preference Democrat	

*The Mountain Views News preference in this race is Ameenah Fuller.*

For California State Assembly 41st:

Chris Holden	Party Preference Democrat	Pasadena City Councilman
Donna Lowe	Party Preference Republican	Tea Party Endorsed
Victoria Rusnak	Party Preference Democrat	
Ed Colton	Party Preference Republican	
Michael A. Cacciotti	Party Preference Democrat	Mayor, South Pasadena

*The Mountain Views News preference in this race is Chris Holden. Michael Cacciotti is also a good choice in our opinion.*

Recently, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club held a public forum for the candidates for Congress, Assembly and Senate. If you would like to hear what the candidates had to say, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/mountainviewsnews>.

*Other Mountain Views News recommendations:*

Los Angeles County District Attorney: Supervisor 5th District:	Jackie Lacey Michael Antonovich
State Measure 28 Term Limits:	NO
State Measure 29 Tax on Tobacco	YES
LA County Hotel Occupancy Tax	YES
LA County Landfill Tax	YES
Pasadena Unified Measure A	YES

I encourage all of you to turn off your televisions and telephones and do a little research on all the people and measures on the ballot. Then use your own good judgment to make a decision.

But most importantly, I encourage you to VOTE.....as if your future depended on it!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Regarding Fresh & Easy:

Dear Editor:

Upon hearing about Fresh & Easy's desire to open a store in our little town my first reaction was, Oh no, there goes the neighborhood! However upon giving it more thought and going beyond fear, the idea of a smaller town size Fresh & Easy is a wonderful idea. To have this great market with its many discount prices(which only a chain can have), its abundance of wonderful fresh healthy food choices within walking distance or a short drive is a marvelous thing. If kept to a reasonable size befitting our town I say yes yes! So I ask our City Gov't, let's work with them to fit within our small town location so we can all share and benefit in this convenient healthy one stop market!!!!  
*J.Allen, Sierra Madre*

## SM PLAYHOUSE RECEIVES GRANT FROM T OF R FOUNDATION

Pasadena Tournament of Roses® Foundation President Jacqueline Howard distributed grant checks totaling \$100,000 to 27 civic, educational and cultural organizations in the San Gabriel Valley at the Tournament of Roses Foundation Grant Award Reception held May 23 at Tournament House.

Seven of the 27 organizations funded are first-time grant recipients. These organizations are A Noise Within, A Step Ahead, College Access Plan, Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development, Monrovia Association of Fine Arts, Neighborhood Urban Family Center and Sierra Madre Playhouse.

Established in 1983, the Tournament of Roses Foundation is a non-profit corporation that manages charitable contributions on behalf of the Tournament of Roses. The Foundation assists charities in the Pasadena area by funding sports and recreation, visual and performing arts, and volunteer motivation and leadership development. These grants, ranging from \$1,400 to \$10,000 will help support new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors.

The Playhouse grant relates to American Sign Language Translators.

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## GARDEN FROM THE HEART

Story and Photos by Lina Johnson

On Saturday, May 26, 2012 Sierra Madre School Girl Scout Troop 11711 shared with me the community service project they had chosen to earn their bronze award. The location was a nursing care and rehabilitation facility for senior citizens located at 4800 Delta Avenue in the city of Rosemead. The center named, "The Mission Care Center" was familiar to one of the scouts, Maddie Rahn because her grandfather Leroy Rahn at one time resided there. The project, a hand built and painted garden box with dimensions of 9ft by 2ft was to be placed on a patio just outside of the room that Leroy Rahn had stayed in but has since moved from.

My arrival at the nursing home was about 10:30. There wasn't a sign of the Girl Scout troop. The project was unfamiliar to the nursing home administrator. Just as I was about to leave, I spotted a few scouts with some parents unloading bags of soil from a truck. After re-parking my car, I dashed over to follow them as they began working on their service project. The troop was very excited and happy to be at the facility. They hauled a large amount of soil and various other supplies through the buildings and to the designated patio spot.

Not all of the scouts had arrived at the same time. As they waited for the others to appear and for the delivery of the wooden garden box, I inquired about their undertaking. They told me that there were many suggested service projects. This one was chosen through a voting process. Some of the girls experienced a bit of disappointment when their particular project was not chosen. Once the vote was over, they were all excited to begin this project. They knew it was a good one.

I felt the troops' excitement about the work they were doing and the work that was already completed. They explained to me the method in which they had stained the wood for the box and the benefit of using stain on the wood over paint; that stain allows the wood grain to be seen through the finish. The thoughtfulness that took place as the girl's fulfilled their community service project was a joy to hear about and a pleasure to be a part of.

As the rest of the troop arrived I was introduced to each of them and I could see that the girls were united in this project and it's completion. When the box arrived, a few of the fathers assembled it. The scouts observed eagerly. Once the box was completed the parents moved out of way. The girl's vigorously opened the soil bags with a trowel and poured it exuberantly into their beloved "garden box". Soil flew into the box and all around it. This included the ground, my eyes and some of the scout's hair. The girls were stabbing the bags vigorously. There were so many bags of soil needed to fill the box. I was skeptical that so many were necessary. The assistant troop leader, Blue Sandefur informed me that they had done their research. To ensure that an accurate amount of soil and plants were going in the box they read a book



called "Square Foot Gardening" by Mel Bartholomew. This book served as a reference guide.

It was so much fun to be a witness to Troop 11711's community service project for their bronze award because I could see that they were doing this project from their hearts. As they were stabbing the bags open they expressed how it was a good way for them to take out their anger. I stated that they must have a lot of anger and Sophie Sandefur expressed that "the 5th grade was very cut throat". The honesty of these girls and their ability to express their emotions and thoughts made me smile. Maddie Rahn and all of the other scouts agreed that the project would benefit the senior citizens by "helping to build a sense of community and giving them something to do and look forward to, an activity to participate in".

It was wonderful to see the troops excitement and energy for wanting to make a difference in the lives of other people. It was hopeful to see that they recognized that seniors want to feel cared for by the young and that the young people are strong and can make a difference if they follow what is in their hearts. Thank you Sierra Madre School Girl Scout Troop 11711 for sharing and following your hearts!

## ASCENSION CHURCH EVENSONG

Sierra Madre's Village Church – Ascension - invites the community to a Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m. **Evensong or Evening Prayer** is a traditional service in use in the Episcopal Church which is celebrated in the late afternoon or evening. It is commonly known as **Evensong** when most of the service is sung. Many of our finest church composers have written music for this specific service. For the June Choral Evensong, Dr. Debora Huffman, Ascension's Director of Music and Organist, has chosen selections written by a variety of composers including The service will be sung by the amazing Ascension Church Choir, directed by Dr. Debora Huffman. Music to include:

- Come Down, O Love Divine (William H. Harris)
- Precies and Responses (Craig Phillips)
- Phos Hilaron (Robert Lehmann)
- Magnificat/Nunc in C Major (Sir Charles Villiers Stanford)
- Like As the Hart (Herbert Howells)
- Keep Watch, O Lord (Craig Phillips)

Come, share with us the beauty of this traditional service.

The Church of the Ascension is located at 25 East Laurel Avenue in Sierra Madre. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: [www.ascension-sierramadre.com](http://www.ascension-sierramadre.com).



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## Red Light Cameras to be Turned off Citywide

By Dean Lee

City Manager Michael Beck confirmed Wednesday that the city is in fact turning off all the red light cameras in the city as of June 30 saying that the decision was made as a way for the city to spend money more efficiently.

"The staff inclination was to eliminate the red light cameras and put the dollars that were allocated to the red light cameras into additional motor enforcement," he said explaining that the city council had requested a report to the city's Public Safety Committee in December.

Beck said the decision was not to renew the current \$350,000 contract with American Traffic Solutions Inc. He said the issue did not need city council approval.

"Technically we are not making a new decision we're keeping with the previous decision which is to let the contract expire," he said. "We're not doing anything affirmatively to extend the agreement."

In a report, Director of Transportation Frederick Dock said that although long term trends show a reduction in broadside collisions, the amount was slight compared to areas without cameras. He said safety could be improved though signal timing adjustments and expanded enforcement.

A decision last year by the courts also gave drivers who were caught by the cameras an out by suggesting that because motorists received tickets by mail they there not obligated to show up in court. City staff said this makes enforcement voluntary and nearly impossible to collect on.

Dock said there was also an increased amount of officer participation needed in the program, something he said could be better spent by having officers in the field.

Other cities, such as Los Angeles, have also shut off their red light programs citing similar reasons.



## City Nudges to have Last 710 Meeting

By Dean Lee

The seventh and last informational open house on the SR-710 Study Project Wednesday was done at the request of the city said Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck. A number of councilmembers and Mayor Bill Bogaard attended the event held at the Rose Bowl hosted by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority and Caltrans.

"We requested that Metro hold an open house in Pasadena so that are residents, could very efficiently and effectively comment and communicate and learn and share their viewpoints," Beck said adding that Metro was responsive.

Beck said the city's Transportation Department was monitoring the event closely.

"From the city's perspective, we're really going to wait and see," he said. "We really view this as an opportunity for the community to come in and share their dialog."

Councilmember Terry Tornek said he found residents to be open minded towards the 710 extension.

"What I found when I went door to door a couple of years ago, at least in my district, I would say it's pretty evenly split, he said. "In terms of people being for some linkage, so I'm very interested in this whole discussion. Tornek added that many of the ideas were new, "I'm going to go online and look at some of this stuff more carefully."

Bogaard said he thought the idea of using magnetic rail could

be explored.

"I think probably train transport of the goods that arrive at the ports in Long Beach are a much reputable way to go than just adding more trucks to the road, he said."

Bogaard said that, in his opinion the extension would bring traffic into the area something Pasadena and South Pasadena does not need.

Officials said the SR-710 team is evaluating options to improve mobility and relieve congestion within the study area. Residents learned 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.

## City Loses Legal Fight over Redevelopment

A judge in Sacramento sided with the state of California Wednesday giving the go ahead to the state redistributing hundreds of millions of dollars to schools and counties leaving local cites feeling short changed strapped with redevelopment debt—in what officials said was previously approved "enforceable obligations" after the passage of AB 26.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, at press time, called the ruling to deny an injunction request a major setback going against ensuring that city's rights are upheld.

Bogaard said Pasadena was one of nine cities that asked for a writ of mandate be issued while the amount of payments to redevelopment successor agencies is in dispute.

Other cities named in the lawsuit include, Inglewood, Hayward, Palmdale, Imperial Beach, National City, Huntington Beach, Culver City, and Glendale.

Last week, City Manager Scott Ochoa, issued the following statement explaining why the injunction was needed.

Since the February 2012 legislation to dissolve California's 400+ Redevelopment Agencies, cities have struggled to create Successor Agencies and balance their newly unstable budgets. AB 26 states that "enforceable obligations" are lawful and valid obligations of the former Redevelopment Agency and thus a continued responsibility of the new Successor Agency. Because the State has already stripped all additional funds from cities, money to pay for these legally binding "enforceable obligations" must first be retrieved from the State, given to the County Auditor-Controllers' offices and finally be turned over to the cities. The first transaction is scheduled to occur on June 1, 2012 so that cities may meet their required payments to bonds and contracts. The State Department of Finance has recently issued conflicting statements, raising significant concern that cities will not receive the funding they require to meet their "enforceable obligations."

## Astronomer Who Dethroned Pluto Awarded Kavli Prize

Mike Brown, the Richard and Barbara Rosenberg Professor and professor of planetary astronomy at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), has been named a co-winner of the 2012 Kavli Prize in Astrophysics for his efforts to understand the outer solar system -- work that led to the demotion of Pluto.

Brown shares the award with David Jewitt (MS '80, PhD '83) of UCLA and Jane Luu of MIT's Lincoln Laboratory; in 1992, Jewitt and Luu discovered the first object in the Kuiper belt, a collection of more than a thousand objects beyond the orbit of Neptune. Brown, who joined Caltech's faculty in 1997, has since become a leader in the search for planet-sized objects in the Kuiper belt. According to the prize citation, the three received the prize "for discovering and characterizing the Kuiper belt and its largest members, work that led to a major advance in the understanding of the history of our planetary system."

Brown's most well-known discovery came in 2005, when he found a Kuiper-belt object, later named Eris, that is about the same size as Pluto but 27 percent more massive. That finding caused astronomers to rethink the definition of a planet, resulting in the reclassification of Pluto as a dwarf planet.

"Mike spent years acquiring a massive number of images and learning how to process them to accurately detect objects that subtly shift in the sky over successive days



-- without knowing whether there was anything interesting to be discovered," explains Kenneth Farley, the W.M. Keck Foundation Professor of Geochemistry and chair of the Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences. "But that dedication was rewarded by the discovery of several fascinating Kuiper-belt objects, and just as important as their discovery was Mike's effort in understanding them -- where they came from, how they formed, what they are made of, and what they tell us about our solar system. It is wonderful to see Mike recognized for these contributions."

The Kavli Prize, which includes a scroll, a gold medal, and \$1 million, recognizes scientists in astrophysics, nanoscience, and neuroscience, and has been awarded every other year since 2008.

## Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

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



the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is June 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

## Pet of the Week



Jessie is a four-year-old brindle and white Australian Shepherd mix. She's very calm and mellow and loves attention. She's been out on our Mobile Outreach Unit and is a staff and volunteer favorite. She loves belly rubs too!

Jessie's adoption fee is \$120, which includes her 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 A304987 or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



The annual Pasadena Chalk Festival, recipient of the 2010 Guinness World Record for the Largest Display of Chalk Art, will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Father's Day Weekend June 16 and 17, 2012 at Paseo Colorado. Each year thousands of spectators enjoy the annual festival that is open to the public and free of charge. Paseo Colorado's outdoor setting with fountains and garden promenades provides a venue for the Pasadena Chalk Festival to continue the legacy of the street painting art form by offering festival visitors an opportunity to shop, dine or see a movie as the works of art come to life.

Hundreds of artists come from all across Southern California to spend two days on their hands and knees creating spectacular chalk murals on concrete areas in every style imaginable. In addition to the extraordinary opportunity to watch artists at work, guests are treated to live music an entertainment throughout the weekend.

## Dream Big This Summer at the Public Library

Keep kids reading skills up this summer by participating in the Pasadena Public Library's annual Summer Reading Club, June 9 to August 4. Sign-up at Central Library or any of the nine Pasadena Public Library branches. This year's theme "Dream Big READ!" features a variety of free shows and activities for children 12 and younger.

Participation in a summer reading program generates interest in reading and books, encourages reluctant readers to participate through fun shows and activities and encourages lifelong learning. Visit your neighborhood

Families shared the day with each other as children create their own chalk artwork in KIDS CHALKLAND, a designated area for the children.

The Pasadena Chalk Festival benefits the community arts programs of the Light Bringer Project, a Pasadena-based nonprofit arts organization founded by local residents who were interested in the role the arts, architecture and design played in the growth and development of their community. For more information on Light Bringer Project programs and partnerships, please visit [LightBringerProject.com](http://LightBringerProject.com).

Paseo Colorado is located at 280 East Colorado Boulevard (between Marengo and Los Robles Avenues) in the heart of Pasadena's historic downtown Civic Center. For more information on Paseo Colorado, visit their website at [PaseoColoradoPasadena.com](http://PaseoColoradoPasadena.com). Paseo Colorado is owned and managed by Cleveland-based DDR Corp. For directions and parking information, please click

library any time starting Saturday, June 9, and pick up a free summer reading starter kit for your child.

Children will use the reading log to record the books that they read or that were read to them throughout the summer, bring their record to the library to receive special prizes and enjoy reading, wonderful programs and fun activities.

The 2012 Summer Reading Club is sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. For more information call (626) 744-4045 or visit [www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net/librarykids](http://www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net/librarykids).

## Disaster Preparedness Bill Passes Assembly

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino's bill to improve emergency and disaster preparedness in California was overwhelmingly approved today in the State Assembly on a vote of

AB 1650 public utilities to hold comprehensive disaster preparedness meetings every two years with the counties and cities they service in order to improve readiness and better prepare for natural disasters. In addition, the California Public Utilities Commission will help set standards for each utility to meet.

"In the wake of the fierce winds and power outages that caused so much damage in Southern California late last year, we need to be better organized for the next disaster," explained Assemblymember Portantino. "The purpose of these meetings is to inform local and county governments and the public about emergency preparedness plans and give them the opportunity to review and improve those plans. In this last disaster, communications were often incomplete or confusing and much of the public had no idea what was going on. Valid questions were raised whether our local utilities were ready. We all know another disaster will hit our communities and we need to be prepared."

A recent report commissioned by Southern California Edison said the utility could be better prepared for a major disaster and could have cut its response time to the wind disaster if it had been.

Under AB 1650, investor owned utilities will be required to begin their disaster preparedness meetings within three months of the legislation becoming law.

## Councilmembers to Dig the Dirt at Community Gardens Groundbreaking

The public is invited to join Pasadena city officials at the new Pasadena Community Gardens for the special groundbreaking event at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9 for the City's first public community garden site with individual plots for growing fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison are scheduled to be among the first to help dig the dirt that officially opens the public gardens at 721 Pasadena Ave., between Bellefontaine

Street and California Boulevard, on the historic ranch site of former California Gov. Henry Harrison Markham.

They will be joined by Pasadena Community Gardens Co-Chairs Cathy Morrison and Jody Hudson, along with representatives from the Los Angeles Community Garden Council, Pasadena & Foothill Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Caltrans. Live music and refreshments will be available until noon.

The groundbreaking ceremony

will help kick off a fundraising campaign needed to complete the garden project, garden officials said.

The Pasadena Community Gardens is helping to provide an eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable location for residents to grow and enjoy local fruits, herbs, flowers and vegetables. On-site programs to teach gardening techniques and environmental conservation are also planned as part of the new gardens.



**"What's Going On?"**

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

**HOW "DECORATION DAY" EVOLVED INTO "MEMORIAL DAY" AND MORE**

Several years ago, my late mother-in-law would mention "Decoration Day" and putting flowers on graves. She was born in 1909 and remembered this custom going back to early childhood. Along with her grandparents and other relatives, they would make the long trip to the old country cemetery near Crestline, Ohio. First and foremost they placed flowers on all Veterans' markers. Then they did so to deceased relatives because it was such a long trip only done once a year.

Today we now celebrate *Memorial Day*. How, where, and when did this happen? Can you believe that **twenty-four** communities nationwide claim to be the **birthplace** of the first Memorial Day celebration? Officially President Lyndon Johnson, on behalf of the United State Government, sanctioned **Waterloo, New York** as the "official" birthplace of Memorial Day because their observance in May 1866, was considered so well planned and complete. However **Boalsburg, Pennsylvania** won't back down. Their first remembrance was in 1864 and the following year, 1865, a large community observance occurred.

In **October, 1864**, in Boalsburg, PA, Emma Hunter and her friend, Sophie Keller picked flowers to place on her father's grave. Her father, Dr. Ruben Hunter, had died of yellow fever while working at a hospital in Baltimore. On their way to the cemetery, they met Elizabeth Meyers who had lost her son Amos during the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Elizabeth asked to join them, and they decorated the graves. Then they agreed to return the following year to decorate not only Dr. Hunter's and Amos', but also others who might not have someone to remember them. This event emerged into a village-wide event, and on **July 4, 1865**, each grave was decorated with flowers and a flag. So Boalsburg DID have an observance before Waterloo! (Anyone traveling through Pennsylvania **must** visit this small town. It also has the Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum. Although Christopher Columbus never made it to Boalsburg, the Columbus family Chapel which dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century was shipped from Spain to Boalsburg in 1909 after a descendant of Columbus married a member of the town's founding Boal family!)

Did you know that the Charleston Race Track in Charleston, SC was the site of a Union Soldier Prisoner-of-War camp, and at least 257 were buried there in a mass unmarked grave? Freed Blacks in **Charleston** organized a Ceremony in **1865**. The freedmen had cleaned up and landscaped the burial ground, building an enclosure and an arch labeled, "Martyrs of the Race Course". Nearly 10,000, mostly freedmen gathered on May 1 to commemorate the dead. Involved were 3,000 schoolchildren newly enrolled in freedmen's schools, mutual aid societies, Union troops, Black ministers, and White Northern missionaries. Most brought flowers to place on the burial field. (You can refer to **David W. Blight**, Yale Professor, an authority on the Civil War for a lot more details)

Among the twenty-four "first cities to observe Decoration Day" are **Columbus, MS** and **Carbondale IL**. On **April 25, 1866**, women gathered to decorate graves of fallen soldiers in Columbus MS. Four days later, on **April 29, 1866**, General John Polk spoke at a city-wide memorial event in Carbondale, IL.

Two years later, in **1868**, a Remembrance Day was observed in **Waterloo, NY**. General John A. Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in his *General Order 11*, officially proclaimed Memorial Day on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It was officially observed on May 30, 1868, 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. By 1980, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I when the holiday changed to honor ALL Americans fighting in ANY war.

In May, 1966, President Lyndon Johnson bestowed the title "Birthplace of Memorial Day: upon Waterloo, NY, and in 1967, Memorial Day became an official federal holiday.



Supervisor Antonovich and Sheriff Lee Baca



This past weekend, Supervisor Antonovich held his annual Veterans Fair for Veterans and their families at Santa Anita Park, Arcadia. It lasted from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. There were several display/information booths, and services for the Vets and their families. The ceremony began at 11:30 with the posting of colors by the Veterans, a gun salute, and rendition of taps. It was beautiful. The Supervisor spoke of the great sacrifices made by our Vets and their families and we should never forget this. On hand were Mayor Bob Harbicht and Council Member Peter Amundson from Arcadia (far left), Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Council Member Becky Shevlin from Monrovia (not pictured), Mayor John Fasana, Mayor Pro Tem Liz Reilly and Council Member Phil Reyes from Duarte (right), and Mayor Joe Santoro from Glendora (centered).

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION "2012 SUMMER DAY CAMP"**

It's Summer Time and The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation offers a fun-filled Day Camp program consisting of nine week sessions at Pamela County Park. This program provides children ages 7-13 years old with complete supervision amid an exciting array of activities. Trained recreation staff will lead arts and crafts, singing, water games, team sports and dramatic play. Each week will have a different theme that will keep things interesting. Sign up soon because we anticipate a waiting list. The program is starting June 25th and runs until August 24th. We do Monday through Friday from 9AM-6PM and the registration fee is a \$25 (paid once) with \$45 per week. Extended hours are also available for an additional fee.

For additional information please contact Pamela Park at (626) 357- 1619

**Pet Of The Week - Juliette: Animal ID #A4429939**

Meet a pure sweetheart, the lovable Juliette (A4429939). Juliette is a five year old black and fawn female German Shepherd mix who was found with her companion Misty Blue (A4429936) in El Monte on May 16th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing sixty-seven pounds, Juliette walks okay on the leash but pulls a bit and could use additional training. She is very well-behaved. She adores other dogs, and we are confident she will be good with children. Juliette will be the perfect indoor companion for an individual or family living in a private home, and while we would love to see her and Misty Blue adopted together, it is not imperative. To watch a video of Juliette and Misty Blue please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o5ZvA9L804](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o5ZvA9L804)



To meet Juliette in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Juliette, please reference her animal ID number: A4429939. 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 Juliette or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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## A LITTLE MAGIC IN ARCADIA AND CLOUDY SKIES DON'T HURT MAGIC FIELD DAY

By Joan Schmidt

Friday, May 25th was a very exciting day in Arcadia for the Immaculate Conception-Annunciation students. The day's festivities began with "Anthony's Magic Show" in the Annunciation Parish Hall. After doing so well on the "World's Finest Candy Sale", the students are rewarded with a special assembly. Anthony the Magic (Hernandez) thrilled them with all the tricks he had up his sleeve!

The show began with a dove, that becomes two right before your eyes! At one point, the dove was in a cage, you saw fire & then the dove again! Then out of his sleeve he pulls out a blue scarf, then a yellow one, pink, green, orange and purple ones! It was awesome! Then from the scarfs, he pulls out a rabbit! The students loved it. The rabbit is placed into a cage, a small cloth put over the cage, and when he removes the cloth, a darling Chihuahua, "Anthony Jr." is there instead!

Anthony is internationally known. Originally he hailed from Georgia. His partner is Dawn and together they put on quite a show. He has appeared at the Ice Palace, and they are working on a contract at Lego Land. Please go to "Anthony the Magic" on line. You can view one of his shows on you-tube and if you are interested in booking a really entertaining act, call (951-538-4221) for more info.

When the Magic period for recess and In the school, there are three eighth graders. Each The Faith Families meet Mass, and then it's off to they have made cards at special events, Valentines soldiers, decorations for Families provide an grade students to bond, friendships.

For Field Day, family participates at each does an outstanding job obstacle course, shooting toss, and other neat

At the end, the was Mrs. Morales' went to Miss Vasquez' 3rd grade class. Well done,



Show was complete, there was a brief then the Field Day Fun Activities began. several *Faith Families* headed by two or family has students from all grade levels. once a month. Usually the School attends the Moderator's Classroom. Over the years, Christmas for the homebound, banners for for Assisted Living residents, cards for the Fiesta and much more. These *Faith* opportunity for the lower grade and upper to work together and promotes lasting

there are several different events. Each event and scores are tallied. The 8th Grade of setting up all the events. Some include an basketballs, dodge ball, short run relay, bean games. results are given. This year's first place kindergarten class. Second place honors grade, and 3rd place to Mrs. Friedman's 5th Grizzlies!

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 1,056 calls for service of which 134 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 20:

1. Around 2:15 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a black Mitsubishi for lane swerving, in the area of Foothill Boulevard and San Carlos Road. The officer discovered the driver and passenger were under the influence and unable to care for themselves. The suspects, both 20-year-old Hispanic females, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Their vehicle was impounded.
2. At approximately 6:56 p.m., officers were dispatched to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. Two females, 29 and 30-years-old, concealed merchandise inside their purses and exited the store without making payment. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, May 21:

3. At about 12:42 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Bradford Avenue regarding a burglary that had just occurred. Officers conducted an area check for the suspects described as two young adult Hispanic males but were unable to locate them. The elderly victim walked to her living room after hearing a loud noise and saw the suspects trying to climb inside through her window. Once the suspects saw the victim, they fled the scene out of sight. No property was taken.
4. Shortly after 2:25 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a fraud report. The victims discovered unknown suspect(s) opened approximately twelve credit card accounts from multiple businesses under their names. They had no idea how their personal information was compromised.

Tuesday, May 22:

5. Around 9:18 a.m., an officer responded to the bus stop on Huntington Drive at Golden West Avenue regarding a subject drunk in public. The officer discovered the subject drank a pint of Vodka and was unable to care for himself. The 45-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
6. At approximately 6:52 p.m., officers were dispatched to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. Two female suspects exited the store without making payment for merchandise they concealed inside a used shopping bag. An investigation revealed the suspects were also in possession of stolen merchandise from Nordstrom Glendale. The two 19-year-old White females were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, May 23:

7. At about 12:00 a.m., officers conducted a subject check on a suspicious male walking through the residential area of Foothill Boulevard and North Baldwin Avenue. An investigation revealed the subject was in possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia. The 25-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
8. At approximately 10:55 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 000 block of Panorama Drive regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle. The reporting party explained an unknown Hispanic male knocked on her door, asked for an unknown resident, and then left in a grey Volkswagen Jetta driven by a Hispanic female. As an officer arrived on scene, the same Jetta flagged him down to ask for directions to an unknown Arcadia address. Upon contact with the driver, the officer observed two laptops and a Playstation in the backseat. Meanwhile, another resident nearby ran through his front yard and shouted that his house had been burglarized by two Hispanic males. The officer detained the 19-year-old female driver for suspicion of burglary.

A short time later, officers located and detained two Hispanic males hiding in a residential construction site located in the 000 block of Paloma Drive. The suspects were positively identified as those seen fleeing from the Panorama residence. An investigation revealed the male suspects forced entry through a window, stole numerous items, and fled in the Jetta. While attempting to burglarize a second home, the suspects left the suspect vehicle and fled on foot. The 18 and 19-year-old Hispanic males and the female driver were arrested, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, May 24:

9. Shortly after 10:35 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Colorado Street and Michillinda Avenue regarding a subject check request on two suspicious males in the area. Upon arrival, the officer observed two male adults walking in lanes of traffic. An investigation revealed one subject had a large dagger concealed inside his pants pocket. The 23-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail.
10. Between 6:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a white Honda Civic from the Olive Garden parking lot, 430 East Huntington Drive. The victim had no idea who took his vehicle, and no one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

Friday, May 25:

11. At approximately 2:00 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a white GMC for a warrant attached to the license plate, at Baldwin Avenue and Harvard Drive. An investigation revealed the outstanding misdemeanor warrant belonged to the driver who also had a suspended license. The 58-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. Around 6:47 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall security office, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. As the victim was exiting Wet Seal, an unknown male elbowed her in the left side causing her to stumble over and hit her hand against a display rack. She had no idea who the man was or why he assaulted her. The suspect is described as a White male in his thirties, about 6'0" tall, 160 lbs., wearing a black backpack, dark t-shirt, and khaki colored shorts. Mall security conducted an area check but met with negative results.

Saturday, May 26:

13. At approximately 3:40 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of East Pamela Road in regards to a residential burglary report. The victim explained he discovered two laptops and one Kindle tablet missing from his home on May 17. The reason he waited so long to file the report was unknown. The officer was unable to locate any signs of forced entry.

14. Shortly after 4:50 p.m., an officer responded to Fairview Park, 542 Fairview Avenue, in reference to a bush on fire. Arcadia Fire personnel responded to the scene and extinguished the flames. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) ignited three pine cones inside a barbecue which caused 250 square feet of adjacent bushes to catch fire from the debris. Residents nearby did not hear or see anything suspicious.

### YOGA IN THE GARDEN AT THE ARBORETUM –

Thursday mornings and Tuesday evenings

Certified yoga instructor Candyce Columbus will take students on a 10-15 minute warm up stroll through the garden prior to an hour-long rejuvenating traditional Indian Hatha yoga class. Each session will include asanas (yoga poses), pranayama (breathing exercises), vinyasa (yoga flow series), mudras (yoga in the hands), meditation (guided) and relaxation. Students should bring a substantial yoga mat and blanket or towel for extra-padding as needed, and wear comfortable clothes.

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00-7:15pm

June 5, 12, 19, 26 - July 10, 17, 24, 31- August 7, 14, 21, 28

Sept 4, 11, 18, 25 - October 2, 9, 16, 23

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6:00pm-7:15pm: Please meet PROMPTLY at 5:45pm in front of Main Entrance, outside Membership / During this after-hours dusk time in the Arboretum we will experience this wonderful environment in a whole new way, sharing it only with the peacocks, squirrels and other resident critters. End your day in a relaxing way with a short stroll, multi-level Hatha yoga practice, mudras, self-healers and final relaxation. Be sure to layer your clothing. Bring a blanket or towel, your yoga mat and water to sip.

Thursdays mornings: 9:30-10:45am

June 7, 14, 21, 28 - July 5, 12, 19, 26 - August 2, 9, 16, 23

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## 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.

Don't be a helpless bystander. If you have two hands, you have what it takes to help save a life with Hands-Only CPR.

### 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](http://methodisthospital.org).

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## From Monrovia's City Manager

Hello Monrovia,

Coming up this weekend, Monrovia Public Library is sponsoring a fund raising event for literacy programming. "Tea in the Garden" will be on Sunday, June 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Monrovia Public Library. Tickets at the event are \$35 per person. Literacy programs in many communities across the state have been shuttered because of funding cuts, and while the program in Monrovia is still serving many citizens, some funding sources have become less reliable or have simply evaporated. Literacy is critical for our residents to compete successfully in the workplace and to negotiate the complexities of modern society. So, for residents that receive the benefits of the program, new opportunities for economic and social prosperity open up in ways that were previously unimaginable. The success of our literacy program is due in great part to the staff and volunteers that administer the program and devote their time and talent to the participants. However, they can't do it without our support. The "Tea in the Garden" fund raiser is a way that you can show your support of literacy programming in our community while enjoying an afternoon of fun at the library.

Thursday afternoon, I had the privilege of visiting Roncelli Plastics, one of Monrovia's long-time successful businesses. Roncelli Plastics, located on Duarte Road, has been in business over 40 years and manufactures highly specialized components for a variety of high-tech industries, including a number of high profile Southern California aerospace companies. While their clients are frequently characterized as "high-tech," let me assure you that Roncelli Plastics is equally as technologically forward. Their processes and equipment are state of the art and they are a shining example of Monrovia's high-tech future. Luckily, we are blessed with a great number of innovative, industry-leading businesses, providing excellent jobs for our residents. In fact, several of the Roncelli employees I spoke with are Monrovia residents, who live, shop and work here. It's our goal to not only keep all employers like Roncelli Plastics, but to see them grow and continue to flourish here.

Although the City's Redevelopment Agency was eliminated by the State, our Economic Development efforts are as strong as ever, and we are as focused on retaining our existing businesses as we are on bringing new businesses into the City. We are showcasing various local businesses on the City's Business Blog, so be sure to look there to learn what new businesses are coming to our fair city, and more about the wonderful businesses we currently have.

Regards, Laurie

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 487 service events, resulting in 109 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at [www.monroviapd.org](http://www.monroviapd.org) and follow us on twitter for police notifications.*

### Domestic Battery

May 28 at 9:21 a.m., a caller reported a male subject assaulting a female subject in the area of Madison and Colorado. Officers arrived and spoke to both subjects. Through investigation it was learned that the male subject is the ex-boyfriend of the female and he was forcefully pushing her to walk with him to the store. She was resisting him, so he clamped his hand on the back of her neck and pulled her hair, trying to force her to walk with him. The victim was not injured, but does desire prosecution. An Emergency Protective Order was issued and served.

### Residential Burglary

May 28 at 1:20 p.m., police responded to the report of a residential burglary in the 100 block of Spanner Street. A female Hispanic suspect, approximately 50 years old, approached the front door of the residence, which is occupied by two elderly women and one of the women's daughters. Only one of the women was home at the time and her daughter was sleeping in her room. The suspect spoke to the resident and told her she had purchased the property behind the victim's house and there was a tree problem that she wanted to show her. The suspect and the victim walked to the rear of the property. As they did so, the suspect was on the phone the entire time. Once the suspect left, the victim went back inside her home and found it ransacked and her wallet, cash and jewelry were taken. The victim observed a dark colored, 4-door vehicle in front of the house during this incident. Investigation continuing.

### Commercial Burglary

May 28 at 3:13 p.m., a burglary was reported at a business in the 100 block of East Lemon. The suspect(s) forced a gate and used a pry tool to enter a side door to a conference room. The alarm sounded and the suspect(s) forcefully tore a flat screen television from its mount and fled the scene. Investigation continuing.

### Grand Theft Auto

May 28 at 7:55 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 400 block of West Foothill. The victim parked and locked her vehicle in front of the business where she works and left it there over the weekend, as she went out of town. When she returned on Monday evening, the vehicle was gone. The vehicle is a white, 2009, 4-door BMW with paper plates. Investigation continuing.

### Grand Theft Auto

May 29 at 7:59 a.m., a grand theft auto was reported in the 300 block of East Lemon. The victim parked his ATV, a green, 2008 Honda Foreman, in the bed of his pickup truck in his driveway. Suspect(s) removed the ATV from the bed of the truck sometime overnight. Investigation continuing.

### Daytime Residential Burglaries

Three daytime residential burglaries occurred in the morning and afternoon hours on May 29. Two occurred in the 100 block of North Alta Vista and one in the 600 block of Terrado. The victim of the first home on Alta Vista is in the process of moving out and had most of her belongings out of the home. She was not able to respond, so a family member secured the house. A list of stolen items will be provided upon her return. Suspect(s) entered the home by prying open a bathroom window. Suspect(s) entered the second home burglarized on North Alta Vista by removing three glass louvers from the window and then opening it. The victim's house was very full of personal items and it was hard to determine what was taken from the property. The victim reported cash taken.

The third home burglarized is in the 600 block of Terrado. The victim is an elderly female. She left the location at 7:45 a.m. and returned at approximately 1:25 p.m. The suspect(s) went into her garage and obtained a screwdriver and ladder. They made entry through a front window. The house was ransacked and the loss was cash and jewelry. It is unknown if these three burglaries are related. The investigations are continuing.

### Stranded Hiker Rescued

May 29 at 8:01 p.m., dispatch received a call from a 43-year-old female. She said she was hiking near the Trask Boy Scout Camp when she saw a bear on the road. She said she was hiding from the bear in some bushes. Her cell phone signal was breaking up and dispatch lost phone contact with her. Officers responded and began a search of the area. The Foothill Air Support helicopter also responded to assist.

After searching the area for approximately one hour, the woman was found 20 feet below the road at the bottom of a steep hill. She said that when she saw the bear, she panicked, backed up and fell down the hill. She was unable to get back to the road without assistance. The Fire Department responded and assisted her up the hill to safety. The woman was not injured.

### Theft From a Vehicle

May 30 at 3:26 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of East Hillcrest saw a tall male suspect wearing dark clothes tampering with his unlocked car. The resident yelled at the suspect, who walked away, east-bound on Hillcrest. The loss was a small amount of change.

### Grand Theft Auto

May 30 at 7:04 a.m., a green Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 200 block of West Pomona. The victim had parked and locked his vehicle in front of his house in the evening. The vehicle was taken sometime overnight. The El Monte Police Department called later in the day and advised they had recovered the vehicle. It had been stripped and abandoned in their city. Investigation continuing.

### Burglary / Possession of Burglary Tools - Suspects Arrested

On May 24 at 4:12 p.m., a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain reported three suspicious subjects, two males and a female, inside the business that have stolen merchandise from several of their store locations. An officer responded and detained one male subject, who consented to a pat-down search. The suspect had wire cutters and a magnetic decoder to remove security tabs on his person, along with items of store merchandise he had taken without paying. As the female suspect exited the business, she was detained and was also found to be in possession of a magnetic decoder. The third male suspect exited, but did not have any items on him. The first suspect admitted he had gone into the store to steal, but claimed the other two did not know. He and the female were arrested and taken into custody. The other male subject was identified and released.

### Gang Injunction / Warrant Arrest - Suspects Arrested

On May 25 at 1:52 a.m., officers were conducting extra patrol behind a business in the 1100 block of South Magnolia when they saw an opening in the perimeter gate. While checking the area, three subjects were found sleeping in some abandoned apartments. One subject was arrested for the gang injunction, one subject was arrested for a warrant, and the third subject was identified and given a warning to stay out of the location.

### Fight in Progress - Suspects Identified

On May 25 at 6:22 p.m., a caller reported four subjects fighting in the street at Myrtle and Pomona. As officers were responding, dispatch advised the suspect vehicle was attempting to flee, but the engine hood flew open. This caused enough delay for officers to locate the vehicle as it drove onto the westbound 210 Freeway. Officers conducted a traffic stop on Santa Anita, just north of the freeway, and detained three male subjects and one female. Officers attempted to locate the victim, but he was not found. The suspects were identified and released.

## DUARTE KIWANIS CLUB GETS FIELD TRIP TO VISIT MOOSE PROGRAM AT MT. OLIVE

When the Duarte Kiwanis Club made their first donation to the M.O.O.S.E. program at Mt. Olive High School, they really didn't know the extent of the vision and creativity of the students in the program. The club took a "field trip" to see first hand what was happening in the program. Principal, Kevin Morris, shared a great informational overview of the program. It turns out that the M.O.O.S.E. program (Mt. Olive Outside Science Experience) was really born out of necessity. Since there wasn't enough classroom space for a science lab, they created a hands-on experiential program through M.O.O.S.E. The program really focuses on environmental opportunities and concerns, and provides a true career path for those interested in "green jobs". Their current projects include Aquaponics – tilapia breeding, Composting, Rain gauge studies, Vermiculture (worm farming), Production of worm tea as a pesticide, herbicide & fungicide, Vegetable beds, fruit trees and flower beds, Pond biome – fish and turtles studies, and Elementary school field trips. One of their future programs will be Garden to Lunch Table – providing fresh vegetables to go right into school lunches in the cafeteria!

Most Recently, the M.O.O.S.E. program has been recognized as the second place winning school for the Huntington Gardens Fairchild Challenge. The Challenge is a free contest for high school students that fosters interest in the environment by encouraging students to appreciate the beauty and value of nature, develop critical thinking skills, understand the need for biodiversity and conservation, tap community resources, become actively engaged citizens, and recognize that individuals do indeed make a difference. In addition to taking second place for Mt. Olive, four of the M.O.O.S.E students won 1<sup>st</sup> place awards in their categories - Xavier Delgado – Beautiful Science, Lionel Silva – Editorial Cartoon, Blanca Garcia – Play with Your Food, Nick Perez – Short Story. The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com).



## DUARTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM HAS NEW EXHIBIT

The bronze statue of Andres Avelino Duarte has resided on Huntington Drive in Duarte across from City Hall for five years. The saga of its origin, the fundraising campaign, the creation of the statue and its debut are depicted in a new exhibit.

The statue exhibit is located in the Museum's Citrus Room along with continuing exhibits on the famed bandleader Glenn Miller, the Citrus Industry, a display of citrus labels and citrus industry utensils from the collection of Pauline and Mark Montgomery and Duarte family heirlooms.

The museum is located at 777 Encanto Parkway in Duarte and is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. It is closed on holiday weekend. Admission is free. For details call the museum at 626 357-9419. The Museum website is [www.duartehistory.org](http://www.duartehistory.org).



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## 195 LANCERS GRADUATE AT LA SALLE'S 53RD COMMENCEMENT

La Salle High School graduated 195 seniors at its 53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement on Friday evening, May 25. Commencement Exercises took place at the Church of the Nazarene, next-door to the School. Sheyda G. Pejoumand received the La Salle High School General Excellence Award and will attend the University of California, Berkeley in the fall. Sheyda also received the Excellence Award for Spanish. The General Merit Award went to George J. Pearman who will also attend the University of California, Berkeley.

Claire C. McCarthy and Mathew Godshall received the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Christian Service Award. Chelsee J. Grover-Odom was selected by her senior class peers to receive the Pro Deo et Patria Award. The De La Salle Service Award went to Vincent Delgatto and Manuel M. Sariano. Francisco Luna and Arolyn D. Basham received the Brother Celestine All Around Athlete Award.

Meaghan E. Allen gave the Welcome Address and Katrina A. Dela Cruz was chosen by the Faculty Commencement Committee for the honor of delivering the Commencement Address.

100% of La Salle's graduating class will attend college or post graduate academics next year, and 91% of the class will matriculate to four-year institutions.



Above, LaSalle High School Class of 2012. Photo by John Blackstock. Below, left, Meaghan Allen, graduate and Mountain Views News Teen Columnist welcomes the class. Photo by Hoang Nguyen. Katrina Dela Cruz (bottom right) delivers the Commencement Address. Photo by John Blackstock

## ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TAKE ON NEW PROJECTS

*Right before graduation Alverno seniors learn new skills and conquer new feats.*

Sierra Madre, CA (May 30, 2012) – On May 22, 2012, twenty-five Alverno seniors presented their "Senior Projects" to the student body and members of the local community. These projects were an opportunity for these young women to explore a passion or future career path before they graduate from Alverno.

This year projects ranged from archery to sewing to cinematography to veterinary medicine. Each student was given the opportunity to select a project that they were passionate about and complete it over a semester long period. These were presented on Tuesday to the student body and evaluated by a panel of judges that included Alverno alumna Terry Traver '65; past Alverno employee Cathie Snyder; and past parent from the class of 2001 and current member of the Sierra Madre City Council, John Capoccia. These three judges determined which students would be selected to receive the prizes for their incredible work.

In the end, Samantha Lorey received the \$150 first place prize for her project, "Time to Sparkle." Samantha published her own book on make-up application and created her own environmentally friendly make-up line of eye shadow and lip gloss. Hana Lemseffer took home second place and \$100 for her cinematography project of a senior memory video to be gifted to her classmates. The third place and \$75 winner was Laura Mejia for her analysis of women's role in the media. In fourth place, Marina Banks won \$50 for learning how to play softball by joining Alverno's 2011-2012 Horizon League first-place team.

Four honorable mentions and gift cards were also awarded to Amanda Parlee for learning how to sew, Karen Halim for examining the difference in culture between America and Indonesia, Carolyn Chalfant for learning archery, and Aliyana Franklin for a marketing and branding study.

"These students have worked exceptionally hard over the past semester on these projects," said Carla Tomaso, Alverno English Department Chair. "Many of them went above and beyond what was required and truly developed new skills, passions, and interests that will carry them beyond their time at Alverno."

"Our seniors will be leaving us in a short two and half weeks," said Ann Gillick, Head of School. "These projects are not only an opportunity to build new passions and skills but also the opportunity to demonstrate their preparedness for life after Alverno. Each of these young women have proven that they have the skills, knowledge, and poise to succeed and thrive in whatever they choose to do—they are true examples of Alverno's mission of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be."

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



## ST. RITA LAUNCHES JR. KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Registration is now open for admission into the new Junior Kindergarten program at St. Rita School for the 2012-2013 academic year. The full-day program, available to 4 and 5-year olds, will prepare students for classroom routines with plenty of time for free-exploration. The developmentally-based curriculum is designed for the "early 5-year old" who is ready to move beyond pre-school. Teacher-directed and child-initiated activities will prepare students for kindergarten and foster development in the areas of language, math, literacy, imaginative play, social awareness, construction, technology, art and music.

"We're delighted to fill this long-standing need in our community," said Principal Joanne Harabedian. "We are looking forward to launching a program that will bridge the transition from nursery school to formal schooling, while focusing on the children's social, physical and cognitive development." The Junior program's day is from 8am to 3pm with after-school care available. Enrollment packets are available in the school office for students who will be 4 1/2 by September of this year. Contact the school office at (626) 355-6114 for more information. St. Rita School, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, is a Catholic parish school, ranked fourth in the Los Angeles Diocese, with a focus on faith, stewardship and academic excellence.

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## MEMOIRS OF A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

I am sorry that I neglected to write a column last week, but I was so caught up and overwhelmed with graduation practices, Grad Night at Disneyland, preparing my Welcome Address, finals, family, parties, saying goodbye to La Salle, and filled with excitement for GRADUATING that I couldn't find time or remember. However, this week, my first week as a high school graduate, I have heaps of time because it is summer! Time to sleep in and let the good times roll.

Having graduated, I expected some great shift in my life; a new feeling now that I have crossed this great line in my life that you only experience once. But, I feel the same. Actually, I feel as though some grand joke has been played on me, and I am waiting for a phone call from my Principal beckoning us seniors back to school for another three months. I had a dream a few nights ago that I didn't finish my AP English exam, and I woke up with a start sweating and panicking before I realized that I am never going to deal with APs again. And I will never have those heavenly 25-cent cookies from the cafeteria again, or take a test in Mr. Williams' class. Truth be told, although I was more than ready to graduate, I am actually going to kind of miss high school because as I look forward at college, I see the Real World smirking immediately behind – credit scores, rent, taxes, etc.

But right now, for the next thirteen weeks, I am going to soak up the sun, read several books, prepare for Air Force ROTC, speed study a little Russian (long story), and enjoy the simplicity of pre-college summer life.

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## JUNE IS FULL OF SEAFOOD !!!

As much as I love a good burger, my waist band was expanding after having consumed as many burgers in the month of May -- you knew it was National Burger Month, right? Now, June is National Seafood Month and I hope to get some relief (at least my pants certainly do!!!) The Discovery Channel is full of great shows, and I turn to it when I have exhausted my usual programming, such as that critically acclaimed "Dining with Dills".



One show that has increasingly captured my attention is "The Deadliest Catch". I'm not moving from restaurant reviewer to TV Critic, mind you, but there is something about the show that just keeps my interest. I have no idea who the stars are, but it appears to me the treacherous weather is one of them. The entire show is dedicated to the life-threatening pursuit of catching crabs off Alaska and the Russian Border - the Baltic Sea to be exact. The ships are equipped with every technical gadget in the business, but like so many things in life, it comes down to instinct and, in this case, it is the captain's instinct that directs the ship to fortune, failure or even death. Unlike the "Bachelor," here I don't have to wade through 10 episodes for the count or the discard, as nearly every episode they are pulling up crabs in five minute intervals.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
[thechefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:thechefknows@yahoo.com)

Crew members battle the crippling Eskimo-like conditions and sheer walls of mountainous sea to bring up a treasure chest of crabs that is as welcome as gold to the pirates of a distant

age. The harvesting season is brief so each mistake, each lost moment of time is magnified as the crew must force themselves through fatigue and lack of sleep to race against the ticking clock. Maybe I find a special delight in the show, since I love king crab, but it is more that the show turns my stomach in knots as I watch with childlike fear and anticipation as the crew of the boats challenge the harshest elements of nature.

Here is a sample of the show's description: "Relive the dangers, adventures and disasters of the original mini-series. Meet the salty sea captains and greenhorns who risk their lives on the job to earn part of a 90-million dollar King and Opilio Crab payoff. Set sail and learn all about crab fishing." Yea, that's the whole premise and I can't get enough of it!!! If they are willing to risk their lives for this, I feel obligated to support these courageous soldiers and their imprisoned catch. This week is dedicated to those crews and their delicious prisoners, so let's see where we can catch our own crab and not lose a life or wallet in the process.

King crab legs can be very expensive, so I suggest checking out Albertson's. Typically, they have a great selection at a very reasonable price. If you are a Costco member they have some of the freshest crab and some of the lowest prices anywhere. On sale, you can expect to pay about (\$11.95) per pound.

How about crab cakes? If done right they can be very tasty, but many restaurants do not use the traditional method or lack the special quality in their crab cake to capture the heightened glory that this dish can achieve.

The traditional crab cake method is made with lump Dungeness crab meat. Some places to find them in our region are: Cameron's Restaurant, San Marino Seafood, McCormick and Schmick's, and Ruth's Chris. For this crab lover though, the very best crab cake by far is at The Front Runner Restaurant located at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia. There they use real lump crab meat with a light breaded cover. With this dish, all those thoughts of slow horses disappear in a Heaven-filled plate of crab cake.



What's your favorite place for crab cakes? Send me an email to the [chefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:chefknows@yahoo.com). Please listen to my radio show on KABC Radio Sunday evenings 790 AM KABC.



### INGREDIENTS

2 lbs of firm, fresh red snapper fillets (or other firm-fleshed fish), cut into 1/2 inch pieces, completely deboned

1/2 cup of fresh squeezed lime juice  
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1/2 red onion, finely diced  
1 cup of chopped fresh seeded tomatoes  
1 serrano chili, seeded and finely diced  
2 teaspoons of salt  
Dash of ground oregano  
Dash of Tabasco or a light pinch of cayenne pepper  
Cilantro  
Avocado  
Tortillas or tortilla chips

### DIRECTIONS

In a non-reactive casserole dish, either Pyrex or ceramic, place the fish, onion, tomatoes, chili, salt, Tabasco, and oregano. Cover with lime and lemon juice. Let sit covered in the refrigerator for an hour, then stir, making sure more of the fish gets exposed to the acidic lime and lemon juices. Let sit for several hours, giving time for the flavors to blend.

During the marinating process the fish will change from pinkish grey and translucent, to whiter in color and opaque.

Serve with chopped cilantro and slices of avocado with heated tortillas for ceviche tacos or with tortilla chips.

Serves 4-8.

*\*Ceviche (also spelled cebiche or seviche) is a seafood dish popular in the coastal regions of the Americas, especially Central and South America, and the Philippines. The dish is typically made from fresh raw fish marinated in citrus juices such as lemon or lime and spiced with chili peppers. Additional seasonings such as onion, salt, coriander/cilantro, and pepper may also be added. Ceviche is usually accompanied by side dishes that complement its flavors such as sweet potato, lettuce, corn, or avocado. As the dish is not cooked with heat, it must be prepared fresh to minimize the risk of food poisoning. (Definition From Wikipedia)*

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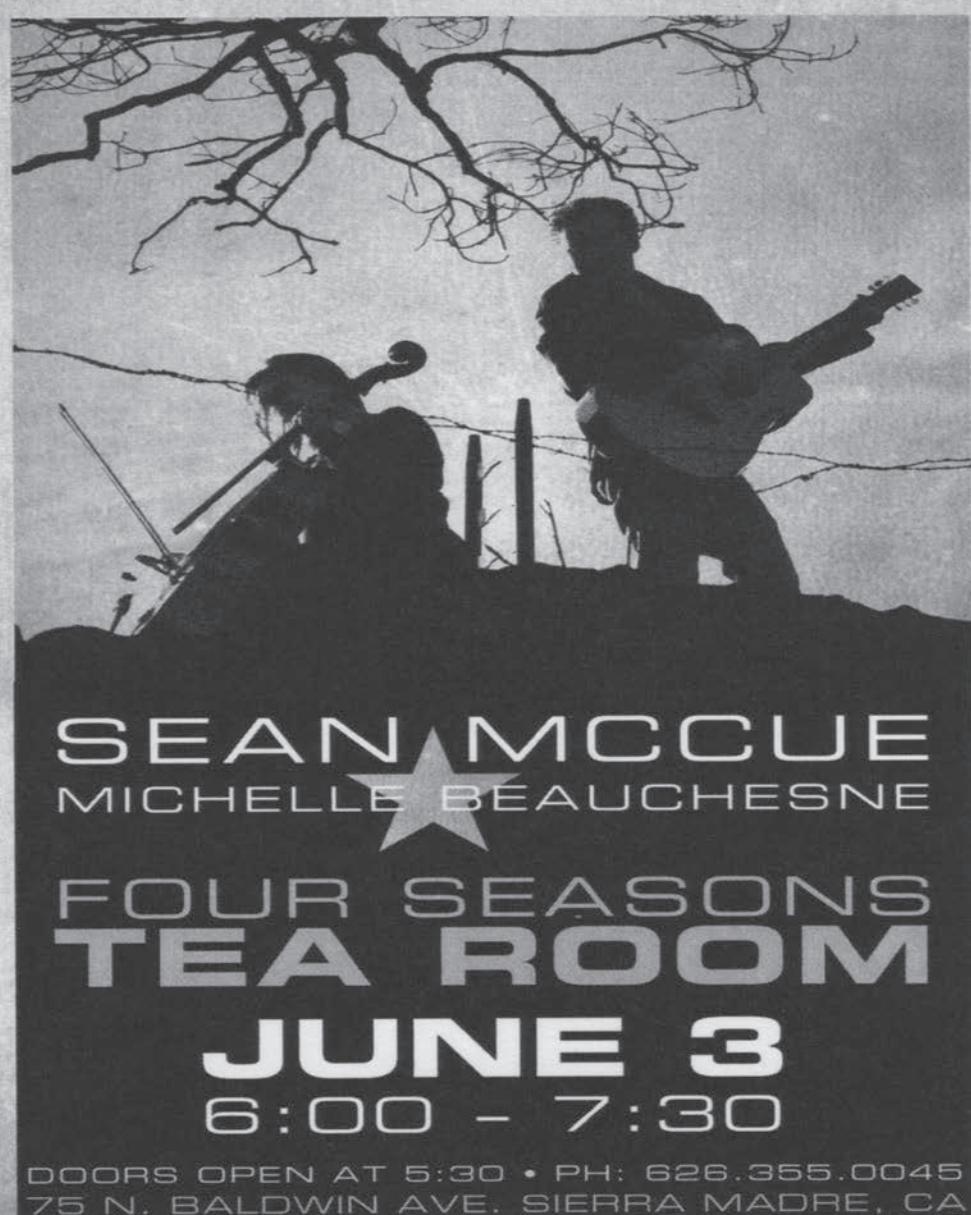
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## Jeff's Pics

## The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

IT WORKED FOR ME: IN LIFE AND LEADERSHIP  
by Colin Powell & Tony Koltz

*It Worked for Me* is filled with vivid experiences and lessons learned that have shaped the legendary public service career of the four-star general and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. At its heart are Powell's "Thirteen Rules", notes he gathered over the years that form the basis of his leadership presentations given throughout the world. Powell's short but sweet rules -among them, "Get mad, then get over it" and "Share credit" - are illustrated by revealing personal stories that introduce and expand upon his principles for effective leadership: conviction, hard work, and, above all, respect for others. In work and in life, he writes, "it's about how we touch and are touched by the people we meet. It's all about the people." A natural storyteller, he offers warm and engaging parables with wise advice on succeeding in the workplace and beyond. "Trust your people," he counsels as he delegates presidential briefing responsibilities to two junior State Department desk officers. "Do your best—someone is watching," he advises those just starting out, recalling his own teenage summer job mopping floors in a bottling factory. Powell combines the insights he gained serving in the top ranks of the military and in four presidential administrations with the lessons he's learned from his immigrant family upbringing in the Bronx, training in the ROTC, and his growth as an Army officer. The result is a powerful portrait of a leader who is reflective, self-effacing, and grateful for the contributions of everyone he works with. *It Worked for Me* will inspire, move, and surprise readers.

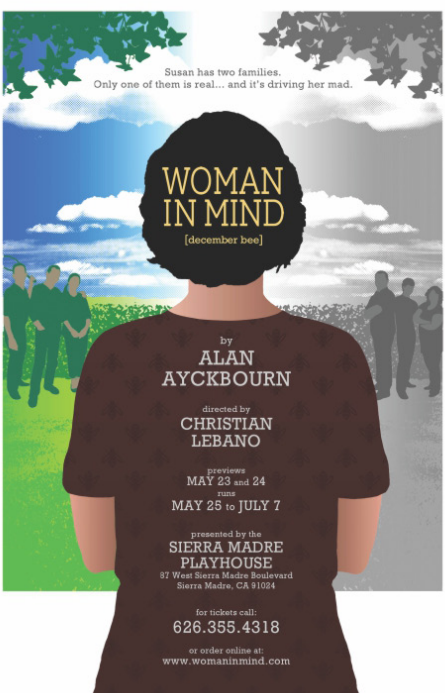
THE POWER OF NOW: A GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT  
by Eckhart Tolle

It's no wonder that *The Power of Now* has sold over 2 million copies worldwide and been translated into over 30 languages. Much more than simple principles and platitudes, the book takes readers on an inspiring spiritual journey to find their true and deepest self and reach the ultimate in personal growth and spirituality. In the first chapter, Tolle introduces readers to enlightenment and its natural enemy, the mind. He awakens readers to their role as a creator of pain and shows them how to have a pain-free identity by living fully in the present. The journey is thrilling, and along the way, the author shows how to connect to the indestructible essence of our Being, "the eternal, ever-present One Life beyond the myriad forms of life that are subject to birth and death."

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by Bernie Carr & Evan Wondolowski (Illustrator)

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS  
REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

## CATCALL

The debut LP from Australian singer Catherine Kelleher, under the moniker Catcall, can compete with any pop album this year. "The Warmest Place" is a mainstream record that unlike its counterparts has undeniable depth, tremendous value, and profound sincerity. Flooded with 80s dance beats and utterly contagious hooks, "The Warmest Place" makes it mark as not only one the finest pop records this year, but also as an indelible listening experience. Forget what you think is cool in pop because Catcall is the next big thing (or at least rightfully deserves to be).

Four years ago, Catcall released the hip-hop infused EP, "Anniversary", but to say she's mature would severely be an understatement. Instead of focusing within the boundaries on one playing field, her latest release is spread across the board. Pop, hip-hop, electronic, you name it, a distinct sound can be found here.

<b>Artist:</b>	Catcall
<b>Album:</b>	The Warmest Place
<b>Label:</b>	Ivy League Records
<b>Release Date:</b>	May 4th, 2012

Kelleher's voice is electrifying, grand, and empowering. She just may possess one of the best vocals in pop music. This new affair touches base on all kinds of themes—sex, heartache, bereavement, delightfulness, and love. Nothing on the album is disposable, which is incredibly impressive for a pop record. Arguably the best song is "Satellites", which occupies a dreamy jubilation. "That Girl" is pure 80s from head to toe and it's so damn slick, velvety, and polished. It needs to be in a movie worthy of its true awesomeness. In the end, you'll be hard pressed to find a bad song on "The Warmest Place".

The only tracks that didn't win me over completely were "Paralysed" and the closing track, "I'm in Love With a German Film Star". They're not necessarily egregious in any way, but simply fall short of what all the other songs have going for them. Other than that, I personally fell in love with this unexpected release. It's unabashedly poppy, evocative, and catchy. With everything that's going for it, "The Warmest Place" is also both impressively poignant and downright glorious. This listening endeavor is the key ingredient to kick off your summer escapade in the best possible way.

Grade: 8.7 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Satellites", "On My Own" "The World Is Ours", "That Girl", "Shoulda Been"

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A special Saturday evening wine tasting at The Bottle Shop's newly opened Wine Tasting Room across the street from the Playhouse at 58 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. For those theatre patrons who show their confirmation of attendance at that evening's performance, owner Bill Sullivan will provide a complimentary tasting of several wines of women wine-makers and owners.

Every Saturday through July 7, wines developed by women will be presented for our patrons' sampling. We will post the featured wineries every week on our Sierra Madre Playhouse Facebook page and the production website <http://www.womaninmind.com>. You may also purchase a glass of wine and linger in this newly created wine tasting room that is but one of the several pre-show amenities that makes for a leisurely evening of theatre in our lovely town of Sierra Madre.

In addition there will be regular talk backs with the cast after our Sunday matinee performances. On June 3rd we will acknowledge Queen Elizabeth's birthday and Diamond Jubilee.

## ACCESSIBILITY NIGHT - FRIDAY, JUNE 15

ASL Interpretation will be provided at this evening's performance. Sierra Madre Playhouse is only one of two theatres in San Gabriel Valley that provide this service to the Deaf community. Supported in part with funds received from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation. More information about Sierra Madre Playhouse's accessibility programs should be directed to our Accessibility Coordinator, Maria Zuccarello at 626-429-3414 or [mariazu@prodigy.net](mailto:mariazu@prodigy.net).

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre,

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

## NASA PREPARING TO LAUNCH ITS NEWEST X-RAY EYES

NASA's Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array, or NuSTAR, is being prepared for the final journey to its launch at Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean. The mission will study everything from massive black holes to our own Sun. It is scheduled to launch no earlier than June 13.

"We will see the hottest, densest and most energetic objects with a fundamentally new, high-energy X-ray telescope that can obtain much deeper and crisper images than before," said Caltech's Fiona Harrison, the NuSTAR principal investigator, who first conceived of the mission 20 years ago.

The observatory is perched atop an Orbital Sciences Corporation Pegasus XL rocket. If the mission passes its Flight Readiness Review on June 1, the rocket will be strapped to the bottom of an aircraft, the L-1011 Stargazer (also operated by Orbital) on June 2. The Stargazer is scheduled to fly from Vandenberg Air Force Base in central California to Kwajalein on June 5 to 6.

After taking off on launch day, the Stargazer will drop the rocket around 8:30 a.m. PDT. The rocket will then ignite and carry NuSTAR to a low orbit around Earth.

"NuSTAR uses several innovations for its unprecedented imaging capability and was made possible by many partners," said Yunjin Kim, the project manager for the mission at JPL. "We're all really excited to see the fruition of our work begin its mission in space."

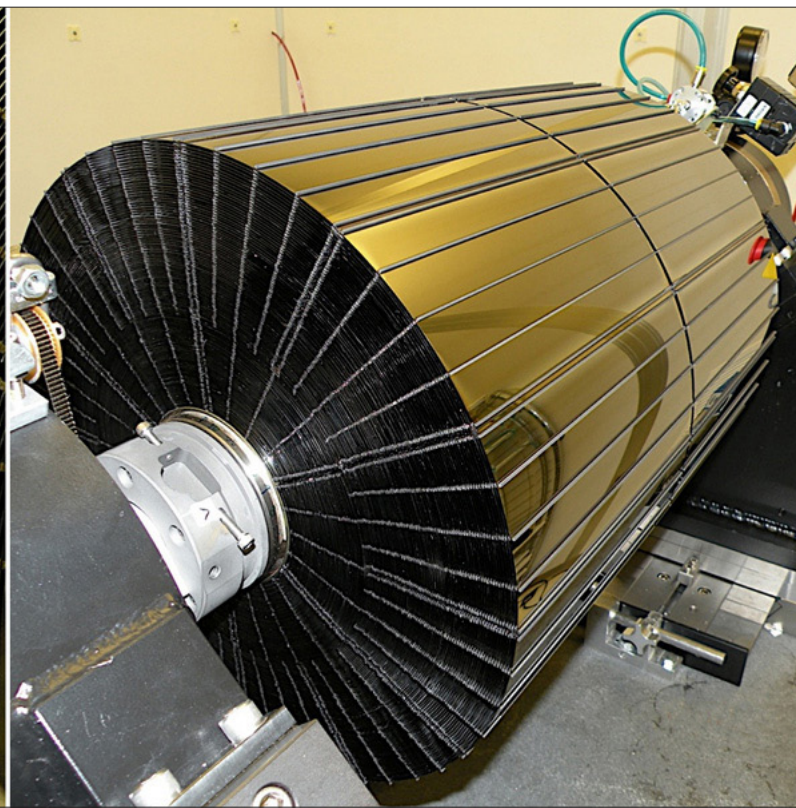
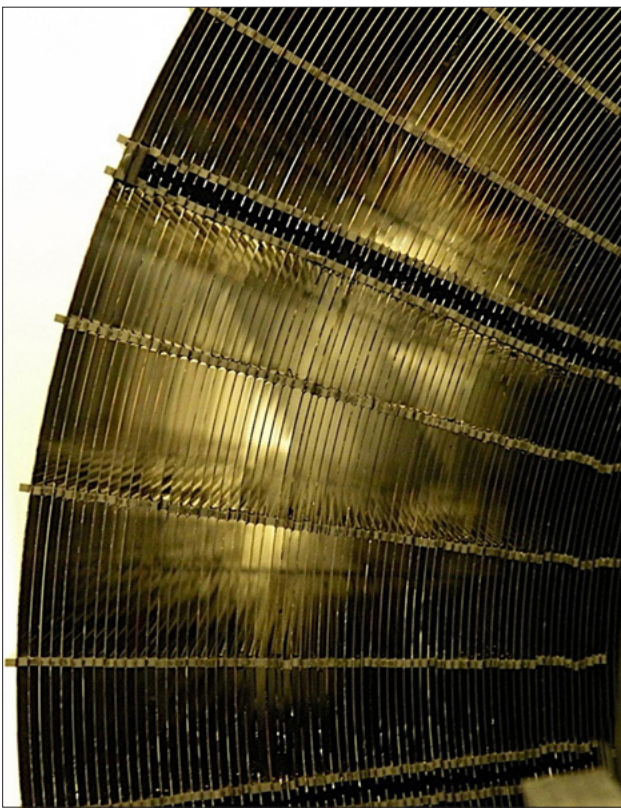
NuSTAR will be the first space telescope to create focused images of cosmic X-rays with the highest energies. These are the same types of X-rays that doctors use to see your bones and airports use to scan your

bags. The telescope will have more than 10 times the resolution and more than 100 times the sensitivity of its predecessors while operating in a similar energy range.

The mission will work with other telescopes already in orbit, including NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, which observes lower-energy X-rays. Together, they will provide a more complete picture of the most energetic and exotic objects in space, such as black holes, dead stars and jets traveling near the speed of light.

"NuSTAR truly demonstrates the value that NASA's research and development programs provide in advancing the nation's science agenda," said Paul Hertz, NASA's Astrophysics Division director. "Taking just over four years from receiving the project go-ahead to launch, this low-cost Explorer mission will use new mirror and detector technology that was developed in NASA's basic research program and tested in NASA's scientific ballooning program. The result of these modest investments is a small space telescope that will provide world-class science in an important but relatively unexplored band of the electromagnetic spectrum."

NuSTAR will study black holes that are big and small, far and near, answering questions about the formation and physics behind these wonders of the cosmos. The



NASA's Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array, or NuSTAR, has a complex set of mirrors, or optics, that will help it see high-energy X-ray light in greater detail than ever before. These images show different views of one of two optic units onboard NuSTAR, each consisting of 133 nested cylindrical mirror shells as thin as a fingernail. The mirrors are arranged in this way in order to focus as much X-ray light as possible. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

observatory will also investigate how exploding stars forge the elements that make up planets and people, and it will even study our own Sun's atmosphere.

The observatory is able to focus the high-energy X-ray light into sharp images because of a complex, innovative telescope design. High-energy light only reflects off mirrors when parallel angles.

this problem with nested shells of mirrors. It has the most nested shells ever used in a space telescope: 133 in each of two optic units. The mirrors were molded from ultra-thin glass similar to that found in laptop screens and glazed with even thinner layers of reflective coating.

The telescope also consists of state-of-the-art detectors and a lengthy 33-foot (10-meter) mast, which connects the detectors to the nested mirrors, providing the long distance

required to focus the X-rays. This mast is folded up into a canister small enough to fit atop the Pegasus launch vehicle. It will unfurl about seven days after launch. About 23 days later, science operations will begin.

More information:

<http://www.nasa.gov/NuSTAR>  
<http://www.NuSTAR.caltech.edu>

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On Line  
By PJ Carpenter

## A FLAME WAR

A very sophisticated piece of malware has been making the rounds in the Middle East and is believed to be the work of a well-run, and well-financed, state-run cyberwarfare operation. The malware, which was discovered by Kaspersky Labs, has been found to be an espionage kit and has done considerable damage to computers and industrial systems in Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan, the Israeli Occupied Territories and other surrounding areas for just about the last two years.

The malware, dubbed "Flame" by security researchers, bears little resemblance to another piece of cyberwarfare code called "Stuxnet". Last year the "Stuxnet" malware made headlines when it was revealed that the malicious code had wreaked havoc on the Iranian Nuclear program in 2009 and 2010. It was groundbreaking in this respect as it was the first of its kind and is widely believed to have nation-state support.

Deep programming analysis of the Flame malware has revealed that the malware is a full-blown espionage kit that was designed to collect information on the infected computer and forward that information, in an encrypted format, to command-and-control servers located outside of the compromised network. The malware also contains functionality that opens a backdoor on the infected system and the malware can also be modified by adding or removing programming modules to customize the capabilities of the malware.

Among Flame's many modules is one that turns on the internal microphone of an infected machine to secretly record conversations that occur either over Skype or in the computer's near vicinity; another module turns Bluetooth-enabled computers into a Bluetooth beacon, which scans for other Bluetooth-enabled devices in the vicinity to siphon names and phone numbers from their contacts folder; and a yet a third module grabs and stores frequent screenshots of activity on the machine, such as instant-messaging and e-mail communications, and sends them via a covert SSL channel to the attackers' command-and-control servers.

The malware also has a sniffer component that can scan all of the traffic on an infected machine's local network and collect usernames and password hashes that are transmitted across the network. The attackers appear to use this component to hijack administrative accounts and gain high-level privileges to other machines and parts of the network. From just this cursory review, it's quite clear that quite a bit of technical know-how went into the production and dissemination of this sophisticated malware. No one, at the moment, knows where this started; and some say it's really anyone's guess as to which nation-state may be responsible for this targeted attack.

## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

UNITED HOPE FOR ANIMALS  
A More Humane, Holistic  
Approach to the Pet  
Overpopulation Problem

According to statistics reported by Los Angeles Animal Services during the short 12 month period from April 2011 to March 2012, a total of 57,640 cats and dogs were taken in at LA animal shelters alone, 22,569 of which were euthanized, including puppies and kittens. This does not include all of LA County, this is just in the city of Los Angeles. In a highly developed, educated, sophisticated society with so many advantages, how on earth can that possibly be? I just don't understand why people are still breeding and/or failing to neuter or spay their pets, with these statistics in mind. I feel very strongly that there should be a law against breeding altogether, until we can get this thing under control. The simple fact is that there are far too many homeless animals with far too few good homes to place them in. When will the madness end? Unless we make some radical changes in our animal rights and protection legislation, thousands more innocent, defenseless pets will perish at the hands of the senseless human being. We should be ashamed of ourselves for allowing this to happen.

Fortunately, not everyone is turning their back on this important issue, in fact many are uniting to help provide more humane conditions and a second chance for life. United Hope for Animals (UHA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization committed to community-based solutions to animal welfare issues. Through three programs, they take a holistic approach to ending and preventing suffering. Two of their programs are in Mexico. Through the 'Perrera Program', UHA provides drugs to Baja pounds (perreras), to humanely end the suffering of pets who have no other options. Before UHA established relationships with the pounds in Baja, dogs were euthanized through electrocution. In partnership with their sister organization, Animal Advocates of the United States, they have succeeded in reaching all of the perreras in Baja, which are now electrocution free! UHA also sponsors a monthly spay/neuter clinic in Ensenada and surrounding communities to prevent suffering due to pet overpopulation. At the last spay/neuter clinic, 92 animals were altered and won't be contributing to the overpopulation problem.

Here in Los Angeles, UHA sponsors what they call the 'Shelter Support Program' wherein they work with the Baldwin Park Animal Shelter to facilitate pet adoptions. Baldwin Park is an LA County shelter that manages animal control for several different cities. On any given day, they have up to 350+ dogs and 250+ cats. They intake as many as 50-70 pets a day, and even more during the summer months. UHA works very hard in partnership with the staff at the Baldwin Park shelter, to reduce the euthanasia rate. They do this in a few ways. First, they hold "Glamour Shot Days" at the shelter every two weeks. Their dedicated volunteers go to the shelter, get to know

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



## 200 WORMS AND NOT A PAPER UMBRELLA IN SIGHT!

If you were at the Buccaneer Lounge on May 21, please don't think that the middle-aged lady asking for a paper umbrella was crazy. She's not nuts --she's just my mom. Let me lead you down the winding trail of how my mom found herself in the Buccaneer on a Monday afternoon. It all started on Sunday, the day of the solar eclipse. I've heard that eclipses bring out the weirdness in people and animals. Maybe that's why something seemed off kilter when I left for a jog around town. Passing Alverno, I couldn't help but notice a little gray fluff ball perched on a twig in the middle of the sidewalk. On close inspection, two beady eyes gazed out of the feathers as if to ask, "What 'choo lookin' at?"

Some people are dog people. Some people are cat people. And then there are bird people, who are, at least stereotypically, a bit weirder than their mammalian counterparts. (Apologies to all my fellow bird people, but you must admit it's true...) Locked in a staring contest with the finch, there was no use denying it now --our paths were crossed.

Had the encounter occurred closer to my apartment, or if I had been carrying my cell phone, things would've been easier. Nevertheless, there I was with Finch, and what bird-loving person wouldn't try to rescue him out of harm's way? (By "harm," I mean cats, dogs, coyotes, etc.) Seeing how comfortable Finch was on his twig, I cupped my hands over him and the twig and began the trek to my parents' house, because they have cages and baby bird food.

I felt a little funny walking with my hands clasped together against my chest, the long ends of the branch sticking out on either side like awkward curb finders. Having finally arrived at my parents', we shortened Finch's stick and put him (still attached to the stick) in a cage. My parents are retired, so they were able to watch Finch when I went to work the next day. Or rather, they didn't have a good excuse not to watch him.

Work passed uneventfully, but when I called my parents, they explained their day was anything but ordinary! Apparently Finch was suspicious of his semi-liquid food, and refused to open his mouth to be fed. They tried waiting until he peeped to shove in the food. But he became very good at peeping through a closed beak, like a bird ventriloquist. Fearing that he'd die of starvation, my mom decided to find a more palatable food for him. "Worms! We'll try feeding him worms!" So she and my dad went to Pet Smart for worms. Wouldn't you know? They didn't have any. Then they went to the Pet Surplus store. No luck there, either. So they drove up and down Foothill in Monrovia, trying to find the new location of "Highlander Pets," a reliable worm supplier. At last they found it. Unfortunately, the owner was out of the containers of 25 meal worms, and the smallest quantity she had was 200. Desperate, my parents bought it. Back at the house hours later, Finch was even less interested in the worms than he had been in the formula. He looked at the squirming

worms with repugnant disdain.

Meanwhile, my parents were hustling to finish an "End of School" series for their online teachers' resource store\*. They had nearly everything ready except the sample photo for a pop-up summer/math coloring card. The finished product involved a bear holding a paper umbrella. Unbeknownst to me or my dad, my mom took it upon herself to rustle up a paper cocktail umbrella for this photo.

She tried Albertson's, they scoured the liquor department, but came up empty-handed. Rite-Aid, too, was a bust. (A pharmacy isn't the first place I'd think to go looking for cocktail ware. But I think she was there to pick up dental floss anyway.) Back in Sierra Madre, my mom tried Happy's. Several different people there tried to interest her in bloody mary mixes and margarita salt, but the paper umbrella remained elusive. At the end of her tether, my mom decided to try the Buccaneer's. She was parked in back, so as she walked towards the rear entrance, she noticed a group of men smoking and lounging around in the back. (A familiar sight to anyone who parks behind those shops.) But my mom felt self-conscious, and went through the Mail Boxes store to enter through the front of the Buccaneer.

The Buccaneer's a great place. I haven't been there in a few years, but I remember it was great, and I assume it still is. However, my mom didn't quite fit in with its usual crowd. And as if being a middle-aged, teacher-type lady wearing flip flops in the Buccaneer Lounge on a Monday afternoon wasn't enough --she had to ask for a paper umbrella to top it all off. The bartender looked around. "Nope. Sorry, I've run out." At this point, the guys at the bar had taken a keen interest in this novel visitor, and started making suggestions. "Did you try Albertson's?" "What about Highland Liquor? Oh wait... they closed." Embarrassed and umbrella-less, my mom thanked everyone and left as quickly as possible.

I said that my mom went on this excursion without letting me or my dad know. So, you can imagine her surprise when my dad went to the garage and returned momentarily with a paper umbrella. (Apparently he had one stuck in a tool on his work bench, just because it looked cute). Then when I called, I told her I had half a box of paper umbrellas in my office (don't ask). Needless to say, my mom now has enough paper umbrellas to last her way into next year. The bird finally started eating the formula, with gusto. So, let us know if you need any meal worms.

\* (My mom's a newly retired third grade teacher of 37 years! If you teach grades 1-3, or know anyone who does, please visit her website [www.teacherspayteachers.com/store/Mary-Hopkins-11](http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/store/Mary-Hopkins-11). Even if you don't have any educational connections, please visit and like her on Facebook! Thanks!)



about 80 pets, mostly dogs but some cats too, take studio quality photos and videos and write a bio on each one, after which the photos, videos and bios are compiled and networked to the rescue community and adopting public. Next, UHA's volunteer adoption coordinators interface with potential adopters, to help identify and match them with the pet that would best fit their home and lifestyle. They also assist the new pet owners in navigating through the adoption process, to help make it an easier, more positive experience.

UHA's goals with their Shelter Support Program are two-fold: First, to bring identity, dignity and hope to the lives that would otherwise pass anonymously through the city/county animal control system, and second, to educate the public. Many people are not even aware of the magnitude of the pet overpopulation problem, and are surprised to learn about Baldwin Park, which is just one of several shelters in this city. They recently worked with a couple of classes from Cal State LA, and the students found the experience quite illuminating. Most of them, professed animal lovers, had never been to a shelter and had never heard of a microchip. Many even said that the experience with UHA helped change their view

of animals. In addition to advocating adoptions at the Baldwin Park shelter, UHA also holds a mobile adoption event once a month at the PetCo store in La Canada. Their volunteers also take on personal rescue projects such as fostering and placing dogs and cats in loving homes. The Shelter Support Program has recently been expanded to the Downey area, and will soon be expanding to Carson as well. The ultimate goal for UHA, with sufficient funding, is to expand this excellent program into every city they possibly can.

If this article had ended after the first paragraph, it would be pretty depressing. But, thanks to the animal-loving, hard-working volunteers at United Hope for Animals, it will end as a much happier tale. UHA advocates approximately 160 shelter pets a month, with a 94% success rate, and as an avid animal lover myself, that makes me very happy! For more information about how you can volunteer or support United Hope for Animals through the a donation, please visit their website at: [www.unitedhope4animals.org](http://www.unitedhope4animals.org). It is through the generosity of donors such as yourself that they are able to carry out their good work on behalf of the animals. Many thanks to the beautiful people at UHA. My heart goes out to you!



## THE JOY OF YOGA

### THE “ME” FACTOR



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

You hate to think of yourself as selfish. You are a generous, caring and loving person, and place the needs of the people you love before your own. Even when you're tired to the breaking point, and just want to lie down with a book and a cup of tea and forget about everything else, if someone needs you, they can count on you. Right? If that sounds like you, keep reading.

It's time to be selfish. Not a lot, not all the time, not for everything. But still, a little selfish. You need to give yourself “me” time **every single day**.

The “me” time is the time you give yourself permission to think of yourself exclusively, guilt free. It's when you say to your loved ones, who have come to rely on you for everything big and small, “sorry, not right now.”

The “me” time is when you leave your to-do list and go to a yoga class, meditate or have lunch with a friend. It is the thing you do each day to replenish your energy stores. Yoga offers many, many ways to do this. If we do this every day – we are full of love and energy to give to those we love. If we are spent, we are grouchy and no fun to be around. So taking “me” time every day benefits everyone.

The “me” *day* is the day you no longer postpone, that spa day you've been yearning for, that trip to the museum on the other side of town, that stroll in the park, that yoga class you've been meaning to try, whatever it is you've been wanting to do for so long and have never found time, because there's always someone who needs you for something and you just don't have the time.

It's a lazy, no pressure day. Everything you do today is for your own sake, for your own fun. Try it. It feels wonderful, doesn't it?

Sometimes we need to think of ourselves first in order to keep on giving to others. We need to relax, restore and rejuvenate. Because if we are drained and depleted, how can we give what we don't have?

So go ahead and give yourself permission to be selfish; every once in a while take a “me” day - day for you, about you and nothing but you. Enjoy it to its full extent. Don't feel guilty. It's good for you. It's healthy. You'll feel better, energized, renewed. And ready to offer even more care and attention to your family and loved ones, who will love you back for it.

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## TOP SENIOR-FRIENDLY CELLPHONES

Dear Savvy Senior:

What types of simple cellphones can you recommend to seniors that are easy to use, without all the bells and whistles? My 77-year-old mother has had a cell phone for two years but never uses it because she finds it too confusing.

Shopping For Mom

Dear Shopping:

While smartphones garner most of the attention in the mobile phone world today, there are still a number of companies that offer simplified cellphones that are specifically designed for boomers and seniors who want one for the primary purpose of making and receiving calls. Here are some top options to consider.

### Senior-Friendly Phones

Created by GreatCall nearly six years ago, the Jitterbug (greatcall.com, 800-733-6632) continues to be the best senior-friendly cellphone on the market. This custom designed Samsung flip-phone offers a big numerical keypad that lights up, extra-large text on a brightly colored screen, and “YES” and “NO” buttons to access the phone's options versus confusing icons.

It also offers voice dialing, an ear cushion that cups around your ear to improve sound quality, a powerful speakerphone, a 24-hour Jitterbug operator who can place calls for you, and optional features like voicemail, texting, medication reminders, 5Star personal security service, a live nurse service to answer your health questions any time, night or day, and more. The Jitterbug J sells for \$99 with a one-time \$35 activation fee, no-contract, and calling plans that start at \$15 per month.

If you're looking for something a little less expensive, the Doro PhoneEasy 410 sold through Consumer Cellular (consumercellular.com, 888-345-5509) is also an excellent option. This flip phone offers a large separated keypad, with a bright easy-to-read color display screen and huge text. Other features include a vibrating ringer, easy text messaging, a two-way speakerphone, and a one-touch emergency SOS button on the back of the phone to contact help when needed.

The Doro 410 sells for \$25 with service plans starting at \$10 per month, a one-time \$35 activation fee, and no long-term contract. They even give a 5 percent monthly service discount to AARP members.

Two other senior-friendly phones to check out are the Just 5 (just5.com, 800-709-0509) that costs \$90, and the new Clarity Pal (clarityproducts.com, 800-426-3738) for \$100. Both of these cellphones have big buttons, amplified sound, a “talk back” feature that speak the numbers as their dialed, an “SOS” button that can automatically call your emergency contacts if needed, and they're both sold as “unlocked” phones, which means they can be used on any GSM network like AT&T and T-Mobile.

### Shared Plan Options

Another option you might want to consider is to get your mom a simple cellphone through your cellphone provider. Most carriers – including AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile – still offer basic cell phones for people who like things simple.

This option is also very affordable. An extra line can be added to your family shared plan for around \$10 per month, and the cost for these phones is very low. Here are some of the best basic cellphones that are recommended by the different carriers.

If you're an AT&T customer, the Pantech Breeze III, which costs \$30, is a good choice for seniors. It has a big spacious keypad, a bright display screen, large fonts, and offers voice command capabilities, and three “one-touch” easy access keys located below the phone's display screen. It also has both an easy and advanced mode to suit customers with different comfort levels.

For Verizon users, consider the LG Reveré. Retailing for \$80, this is a basic flip-phone that has a bright 2-inch display screen and offers one-touch access to three emergency numbers, voicemail, speakerphone and voice commands.

If you're a Sprint customer, the M370 by Samsung is recommended, and it's currently free. And T-Mobile users should consider the \$30 Samsung t259.

# THE GOOD LIFE

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### JUNE 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.

Thursdays:

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.

Fridays: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

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

### 2012 EXCURSIONS

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/onlineregistration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration)



**June Birthdays**  
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### Meals-On-Wheels

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

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## One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them* Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand.



### 1924 COLONIAL REVIVAL REBUILT FROM THE GROUND UP

When homes go into foreclosure, the neighbors often worry about the future of an investor purchasing the property to rehab and “flip” it. It was, and is a home worth saving. The nearly nine decade history of the home includes the saga that Sierra Madreans “saved” the home for its Japanese owners, who were interned during World War II, along with many other Japanese from this tight knit community.

When 164 Grove in Sierra Madre fell into foreclosure, a seasoned investor, careful about the high community value and strong real estate values, purchased the home to rehab. Using his proven formula for what buyers are looking for in a home these days, the new owner performed both the hidden structural, system and the “wish list” cosmetic upgrades needed.

The tired little blue house now proudly stands, refurbished and redone, from plumbing, electrical, cable, appliances, roof, fireplace, HVAC, hardwood floors, garage, you name it... it's probably been beautifully and carefully redone, down to the universally appealing, red front door. Every inch of the floorplan has been carefully utilized, making it appear and “live” like a much larger home. A computer station area at the top of the stairs provides a separate place for study, out of the busy-ness of the main floor, yet within earshot for parental monitoring. A big plus is the main floor bedroom and bath, also perfect for use as a home office or den.

Crisp white siding, black shutters, a generous front porch with pillars and slate flooring, plus that sweet red door now welcome guests in a city that's famous for its walkability, likability and the feeling that LA has been left behind in favor of small town life in the foothills.

Inside, the seller incorporated soothing soft mossy hue on the walls, complemented by bright white crown and base molding, cabinetry and fireplace surround. All three bathrooms feature top drawer amenities including gorgeous stone work, plus dual sinks in the master suite.

The footprint of the home hasn't changed, but almost everything inside indeed has changed. Walls were moved or removed. A back porch is now the laundry area extension of the kitchen. The oppressively low ceilings on the second floor were raised. Extensive recessed lighting throughout provides wonderful accent and task illumination. The sleek kitchen offers awesome black, polished concrete counters, stainless steel appliances and glass front cabinets.

Out back, the huge back yard offers ample room for a pool, a sport court, garden, patio... or all of the above, with room to spare! The space just begs for playing fetch with the puppy, or barbecues with friends, a fierce game of croquet or just quiet decompression and enjoyment after a long day.

164 Grove Street in Sierra Madre is offered at \$799,500 by Carol Canterbury at Prudential Real Estate. For more information, contact the agent at 626-252-6322 or flag her down in her signature three wheeled cycle (in the Prudential blue color, of course!) as she pedals through town.



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## TREE IDENTIFICATION BOOKLET FROM THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION MAKES IT EASIER TO RECOGNIZE TREE SPECIES IN CALIFORNIA

The Arbor Day Foundation has a booklet that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The booklet, *What Tree is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the non-profit tree-planting organization.

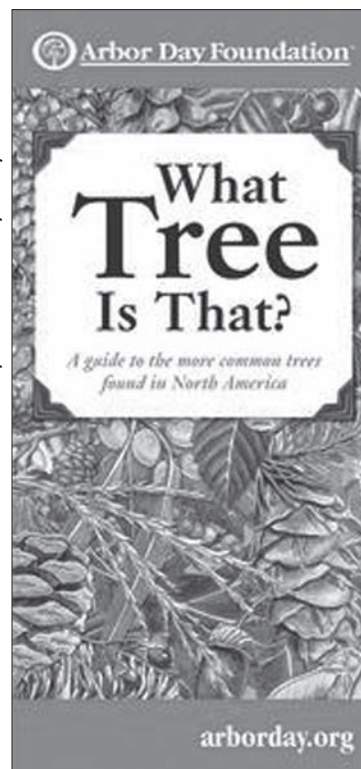
*What Tree Is That?* is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinct characteristics of many tree species. Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide one of the most user-friendly resources to have. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail to depict natural colors, shapes and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this booklet to help people identify trees in California and throughout the Western region of the United States. “*What Tree Is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach to identify the species of each tree. The booklet explains what to look for in the shape of the leaves and differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, specifics on the fruits and flowers and the details of buds and bark.

Our “*What Tree Is That?*” pocket brochure is an ideal resource to help people develop a greater appreciation for trees,” said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that.”

*What Tree is That?* is also available as an online interactive version at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org). The Arbor Day Foundation offers this unique, one-of-a-kind online tool so people can identify trees using the internet.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name and address and \$5 for each guide to “*What Tree Is That?*”, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



## Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

## LUTHER DON'T RISK IT

When listing your home, you may need to move before a sale takes place. If you vacate the home, it's very important that you notify your insurance company, because many home-owner policies have a “vacancy clause” that goes into effect once the home is unoccupied, usually for more than 30 to 60 days.

Insurers see different risks in vacant homes, like vandalism, systems failures, or other liabilities. In most cases, you'll simply purchase an endorsement to your existing policy, but different insurers have different options, and if an endorsement is not available, you can get a separate “vacant-home” policy.

It may be an additional cost, but it's called “insurance” for a reason, and could save you a lot of money down the road. If you don't notify your insurance agent about vacating your home, they could reject any claims you file for property damage or liability, or accuse you of insurance fraud.

It may be tempting to just hope that your home will sell within 30 to 60 days after you have to move out, but it's critical to speak with your insurance agent before you move to discuss your options. They may even pro-rate and refund part of your premium if you sell before the end of the policy's term. It's a small price to pay to protect your home and your peace of mind.

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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

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Sports Camp is held at Dana Middle School and offers three weeks starting August 6 to August 24. Weeks one and three are for youth entering grades 5-9 and week two is for youth entering grades 1-4. This camp utilizes the Dana Gym and features a variety of fun sports activities for youth including swimming, flag football, basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball and other fun group games. Each week there is an excursion and three swim days.

Sports camp is \$110 per week. To register in person come by our office located at 375 Campus Drive. You can also go to the city's website at [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us) to register.

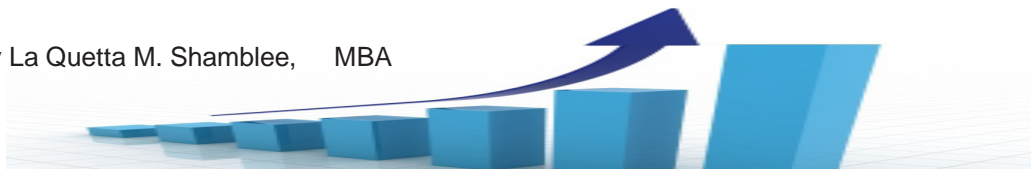
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# BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



## IT'S MID-YEAR. ARE YOU AT LEAST HALFWAY TO YOUR GOALS?

As the saying goes, "Time flies" and the second half of the year is now upon us with the summer solstice approaching quickly. The age-old tradition of making New Year's resolutions often becomes a haunting experience after the passing of twelve months as many of us look back to examine the progress – or lack thereof. Now is an ideal time for all of you entrepreneurs to revisit your lists of year-end resolutions to see how closely you have come to hitting your marks.

Congratulations for those who have remained focused and disciplined. You now serve as role models for the rest of us who still have a chance to evaluate, adjust and proceed with plans to achieve items on our lists before the end of the year. Fortunately, there are at least 180 days remaining before the start of the new year – that represents at least 180 new opportunities to get back on track or to get the ball rolling in the right direction.

Perhaps a new tradition of establishing mid-year resolutions will help salvage some of the key goals that might otherwise derail some of our dreams that had us excited in January. There are countless examples of professional athletes finding themselves far behind their opponents on the scoreboard at the halfway point during a game. "It ain't over till it's over" is the reality that inspires those athletes to plan the next move and execute the next play to keep moving toward the goal of a win. We've all witnessed the elation of athletes who have come from behind after a devastating or lackluster first half to take the win.

In the game of business, you have made it to June with the rest of us. What do you want? A new website? Learning how to use Facebook to make your business grow? What is your plan? Are you going to invest time to learn how to build a website or will you hire someone so that you can focus on building your business?

Taking time to develop or revise a list of mid-year resolutions for your business success can result in very positive results. However, a plan will be needed to bring the list to life. The plan can serve as your guidepost and measuring stick. Be prepared to use it to conduct an honest assessment of your progress. Just like an athlete at halftime, take a look at where you are, determine what you need to do or stop doing, and make the necessary changes. It's a three-step process to evaluation, adjustment and execution.

For those who have worked their game plans successfully since the start of the year, there is an added benefit of momentum. Take advantage of it by fine-tuning your game plan with this mid-year exercise. For the rest of us, it's time to get back into the game so that we can get some points on the scoreboard by the end of this year's game.

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## Social Media Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



## 5 WAYS TO BUILD YOUR "LIKES" ON FACEBOOK

After you have created a Facebook page for your business, you want to focus on building your "Likes." Think of your Facebook page as your newspaper that people subscribe to by "Liking" it. When people "Like" your page they are saying they want to stay connected to your brand and receive your updates. Think about building a quality list of subscribers; people who are important to your business, people who give you good word of mouth, prospects, vendors and people you network with.

You also want to give people a good reason why they should like your page. Will you provide exclusive opportunities for your people on Facebook? Will you provide valuable information? Ask yourself, what's in it for someone to connect with your brand on Facebook. As you promote your Facebook page, let people know what to expect when they "Like" your page and subscribe to your information.

Here's 5 ways to help you build your "Likes" on your Facebook page:

1. Promote your page on your web site, business card, signs, brochures, in your email signature and other social media networks (twitter and LinkedIn, YouTube). Go to [www.facebook.com/username](http://www.facebook.com/username) to obtain a unique facebook url for your page that is easy to promote in your printed collateral.
2. Use the "Build Audience" tool in the admin panel of your Facebook page. You can "Invite Friends," "Invite Email Contacts," and even upload an email list (csv or excel file).
3. Use the Facebook event tool. Send your friends an invitation to "like" your page. Be creative, call it an open house for your new page. You might also consider using Facebook ads to promote your "open house" to a wider audience.
4. Send an email to people who are the most supportive of you and your business. You could use language like... "Did you know we are on Facebook? Give us a 'Like' and join our conversation." Make sure to provide a direct link to your page.
5. Gate an offer. Drive traffic to a tab on your Facebook page that promotes a special offer, coupon, information download etc. Before they can access the offer, they must "Like" your page. Once they hit the "Like" button, the offer is revealed. Constant Contact has a new social campaign tool that can help you build a gated tab. They offer a trial.

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HAIL Hamilton

## My Turn

### A PARAPROSDOKIAN A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY



When I was a kid my dad taught me that laughter is the best medicine for whatever ills you. When other boys got hurt doing whatever it is that young boys do, their fathers would tell them to pick themselves up and "shake it off." Crying, of course, wasn't allowed -- at least for boys growing up in the 1950s.

My father, on the other hand, was a comic at heart and a firm believer in the power of humor. When my brother or I got hurt, he would also tell us to pick ourselves up the same as other fathers, but instead of saying "shake it off," he would tell us "laugh it off." And to make his point, Dad would invariably follow up his advice with a figure of speech that always made us laugh.

I've since learned that these figures of speech have a name: "paraprostdokian." A **paraprostdokian** is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part.

It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect. For this reason, it is extremely popular among comedians and satirists. For example, "Where there's a will, I want to be in it," is a paraprostdokian used for humorous effect.

Here are just a few of these humorous figures of speech. I'm sure you can think of many more. Use them whenever possible. They can make life a whole lot more cheerful.

1. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
26. It ain't over until it's over.
27. You can observe a lot by watching.
28. If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be.
29. If you can't imitate him, don't copy him.
30. When you get to a fork in the road, take it.

Does anybody out there remember Yogi Berra? Yeah, that's right, the famous *New York Yankee* catcher. You folks will undoubtedly say that some of these paraprostdokians sound a lot like something Yogi might say. And you'd be right. Yogi was the all-time master of the humorous or satirical paraprostdokian. Not all were amusing however. At least one of his sayings has sadly been proven to be true: "A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

**RICH Johnson**



### WHY IT'S STILL GREAT TO BE A GUY

I ran this column four years ago or so and figured it was time to remind us of this truth. I've added some new reasons so this is an update from that last column. You know, men are just naturally happier people. Then again, what do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put.  
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds.  
You know stuff about tanks.  
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
Your bathroom lines are 80% shorter.  
You can open all your own jars.  
You can go to the bathroom without a support group.  
You can leave a hotel bed unmade.  
You can kill your own food.  
The garage is all yours.  
You can be showered and ready in 10 minutes.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Your underwear is \$10 for a three-pack.  
None of your co-workers have the power to make you cry.  
You don't have to shave below your neck.  
If you're 34 and single nobody notices.  
Chocolate is just another snack.  
You can be president.  
Flowers fix everything.  
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.  
You can whip off your shirt off on a hot day.  
You don't have to clean your apartment if the meter reader is coming by.  
One mood all the time.  
You don't mooch off others' desserts  
If you retain water, it's in a canteen.  
The remote is yours, and yours alone.  
You needn't pretend you're "freshening up" to go to the bathroom  
You don't have to clean your apartment if the meter reader is coming by.  
The same hair style lasts for decades  
You can do your nails with a pocket knife  
If you don't call your buddy when you say you will, he won't tell your friends you've changed.  
If another guy shows up at a party in the same outfit, you might become lifelong buddies.  
There's always a game on.  
Your last name stays put.  
When changing channels, you don't have to stop at every shot of someone crying.  
You don't have to lug a bag of useful stuff around everywhere you go.  
When your work is criticized, you don't have to panic that everyone secretly hates you.  
And finally the greatest reason it's great to be a guy:  
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

So guys, I encourage you to cut this column out and put it on the refrigerator door, bathroom wall, or in the garage. I do want to give a simple truth I may or may not have learned, but that was shared with me in very succinct language. It's regarding arguments with women:

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument. Capiche?

The Fairy Tale Theatre is starting up again this week with "The Wizard of Oz" at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Saturdays at 11:00am. The entire play last about an hour and the real joy of these plays is to come, bring children, and enjoy the interaction between the cast and the kids. It runs starting June 2 and continues through June with the last performance July 7. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. Reservations can be made at (626) 355-4318. I hope to see you there.

STUART Tolchin.....**On LIFE**



### HOORAY FOR WEAK MALES AND LOYAL FEMALES

I have this tendency to believe that "what is" is what ought to be. Take marriage for instance. For most of my life I believed deep in my heart that the system of pair-bonding between one male and one woman together for the purpose of raising and nurturing their children was divinely established and had always been the way human beings conducted themselves. To me marriage was part of a fantasy of living happily ever after in bliss with an attractive spouse who would never age and would always faithfully be my lover, confidant, and mate. Notwithstanding all of my life experience and cynicism, I still get all teary-eyed at weddings. I root for married couples to make it through the world and am generally quite sad when the marriages fall apart, as some inevitably seem to do.

Well, my concept of marriage took another blow this morning as I read the article in the LA TIMES entitled *Untangling the Evolutionary Toots of Monogamy*. The story which began on the front page of the LA EXTRA section (I guess it was some recent news-flash) was continued on to the second page of the section beneath the large headline "Weak males and the females who opted to be faithful to them." The primary researcher Owen Lovejoy, a biological anthropologist (I'm not making this up folks), explains that the original pattern of bonding displayed by our nearest simian ancestors is for a few superior alpha males to dominate other males in the group and, "by dint of their superior fighting prowess, freely mate with the females. Lower status males are largely shut out from mating opportunities."

So that's the way it was for millennia. The big time male studs impregnated the females and everybody else had to put up with it. This pattern has not completely disappeared but over time some changes did occur. The stud like males had no time or interest in being part of the child-rearing process. They were busy vigorously participating in the creation of new babies who would perpetuate their presence in the future gene pool. This keeping your own personal DNA present in future beings is what makes the world go round, evolutionarily speaking. However, as modern big-brained man evolved, a new problem arose. Little human folk take years and much energy to raise to independence. It is hard for a mother to go it alone.

Neotony is the term used to describe this prolonged dependence of a human child, and it made all the difference. The non-alpha males who previously were foreclosed from participating in the mating game negotiated a deal with the females. These males would provide food for the females and their offspring, provided they could be sure that these little ones were actually their biological offspring. The only way the males could be sure of the female fidelity was for the males to hang around the nest a lot and participate in domestic chores so as to keep the females away from the stud males, still probably the females preferred inseminators. Eventually these non-superior type males came to recognize the characteristics of the loyal females who valued the food and attention given to them by the weaker males and - presto - marriage was institutionalized.

Well, alas; it all seems to have broken down. The females are no longer dependent on the males for economic sustenance and understandably have adapted to new opportunities in the outside world. The stud-males are still roaming around, irresponsible as ever, and incapable or just uninterested in maintaining any commitments. Really, the breakdown of the nuclear family from an evolutionary perspective seems inevitable. We need something new and a possible alternative was suggested to me by my recently rediscovered old friend who has made several trips to Malawi. He observed that because of disease, war, and economic hardship the nuclear family almost has ceased to function. Children are raised collectively by the tribe. I think us family-destroying Western folk must come to realize, in accord with Hilary Clinton, that it does take a village to raise a child.

Isn't it the responsibility of the tribe, of the community at large, to insure that children are nourished, educated, medically cared for and, above all, loved? As families continue to breakdown, other resources in the community can be utilized. Really, there are a lot of us with time on our hands who could really be helping out if we were given the right guidance and told it was okay to care. There are still many of us weak males and faithful females who want to make positive contributions to the next generations, whether or not we have already screwed up our own kids. Maybe a little experience will help us weak males and loyal females to do a better job and maybe we could celebrate the formation of a caring tribe for each new-baby with a solemn ceremony promising commitment and continued presence. We could all get a little teary-eyed at the ceremony and in a wonderful way it could keep us all more active and responsible in the game of life even though we produce no more children. Who needs evolution?



### OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

#### MY GRANDFATHER AND THAT NEW CONTRAPTION, THE TELEPHONE

I was sitting in a restaurant on a Friday afternoon enjoying a leisurely repast with some friends. Somewhere in the middle of our conversation, my cell phone went off. Without even thinking about it, I reached into my shirt pocket, pulled it out and answered it.

It was then I was struck with an awful thought. I am now a child of this contemporary technological world. I never thought I would succumb to this sort of thing. But here I am; I'm not the man I used to be, and I'm not even sure I'm the man I want to be. On my way home, I thought about how far I have come in this modern world. Then, for some reason I thought of my old grandfather. He died in 1974 and every once in a while I think about him. This was one of those times.

What came to my mind this particular time was when my grandmother got a new contraption for their home. Grandfather was not enthused about some of these modern advances.

My grandfather allowed grandmother to get electricity in the house, but when it came to indoor plumbing he was dead set against it. He had used the old outhouse in the back as far as he could remember. His father had used it before him. As far as grandfather was concerned, he was going to use that outhouse until he died. He did not need any of this newfangled indoor plumbing. And that was that.

My grandmother said to him at the time, "Pap, is that your last word on the subject?" "It sure is," my grandfather responded.

Grandmother looked at him and said, "Great, the plumber is coming tomorrow and I won't have to put up with any more of your guff."

The next morning, right on grandmother's schedule, the plumber came and fitted the house with indoor plumbing. Just to be spiteful, my grandfather never used the indoor plumbing. He showed grandmother that he was boss in some certain regard, and used the outhouse for the rest of his life.

Then the time came when the telephone line went down the valley where grandmother and grandfather lived. Knowing the hard time grandfather gave her with the indoor plumbing, she decided not to tell him about the installation of the telephone. She knew he would disapprove, so why ask.

Grandfather came home that night, as usual, and sat down to a very nice supper. So far, he had not noticed the addition in the living room. Grandmother, the diplomat that she was, did not bother to point it out to him.

Grandfather, as was his custom, settled down to read the evening newspaper in the living room completely unaware of the change that had come to this sanctuary of his.

Grandmother was in the kitchen busy cleaning off the table, washing the dishes and getting her kitchen back into shape before retiring to the living room for an evening of relaxation.

Suddenly, a ringing noise exploded in the living room. Grandfather, not knowing what had happened, jumped out of his chair and exited the living room faster than he had ever done so before.

In the kitchen, grandmother had been so busy with her work she forgot about this new contraption. She too was scared.

The ringing continued without stopping. Grandfather was beside himself and considered getting his shotgun not knowing who or what had invaded his living room.

Then it dawned on grandmother. "Oh," she said with a sigh of relief. "That's the telephone ringing."

"The what?"

"Telephone."

"Who's Phone, and what the world do you want to tell him?"

"No," grandmother said and ran into the living room to answer the phone. "It's the telephone ringing."

By this time, she had got to the telephone and had answered it. My grandfather stared at her as she talked into the telephone receiver. "Woman," he said with a great deal of alarm, "what in the world is wrong with you?"

Grandmother ignored him and continued talking on the telephone.

Now grandfather was worried. Watching his wife talk to someone who was not there and even at times laughing when there wasn't anything funny, caused him alarm.

Finally, out of sheer desperation, he went over, took the contraption out of her hand and taking her by the arm and, "Now, dear. There's nothing to worry about. Just come over and sit down here in your chair and everything will be all right."

"But I'm talking to."

"I know, I know. But you see, dear, there's nobody there. You're just having one of your spells."

Grandfather never came to terms with grandmother's newfangled contraption. To my knowledge, he never used it, never spoke to anybody on it, never listened to anybody talking to him on it. As far as he was concerned, it was one of grandmother's hallucinations.

It has been a long time since I thought about grandmother's telephone. On my way home from my luncheon meeting I thought about all the inventions that have come into our world. I thought of what the Bible said, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Ecclesiastes 7:29 KJV).

We seem to be quick on our inventions, but rather slow on connecting with God. With all our inventions, are we any better off? Instead of seeking inventions, we would be better served in seeking God.



## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"Every citizen of this country who is registered to vote should be guaranteed that their vote matters, that . . . their vote has as much weight as the vote of any Senator, any Congressperson, any President, any cabinet member, or any CEO of any Fortune 500 Corporation." - Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA)*

*"It's not the votes that count. It's who counts the votes." - Josef Stalin*

Bill Internicola is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. In the winter of 1944-45 he was a 23-year-old in the mountains spanning France, Belgium and Luxembourg fighting against the last major German offensive of World War II. For his fellow Americans, it was the largest and bloodiest battle of the war. Of the 610,000 of his countrymen who participated there were 89,000 casualties, and 19,000 killed. He returned with a Bronze Star for Bravery from the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Internicola is now 91 years old and living in Florida, and for the past 14 years has voted in Florida elections.

That may change. He recently received a letter stating, "The Broward County Supervisor of Elections' Office has received information from the State of Florida that you are not a United States citizen . . ." Mr. Internicola is given 30 days to "request a hearing with the Supervisor of Elections, for the purpose of providing proof that you are a United States citizen." Failure to comply within the time limit "may result in the removal of your name from the voter registration rolls. You will no longer be eligible to vote . . ."

Maureen Russo is a 60-year-old native of Akron, Ohio who's really into dogs. For the last forty years she's operated a dog boarding and grooming business with her husband in Ft. Lauderdale. And, for the last forty years, she's voted in the polling place at the church around the corner from their home.

Three weeks ago, she received a letter stating the State of Florida had information she wasn't born in this country. She had 30 days to request a hearing; otherwise, she would no longer be allowed to vote. Ms. Russo immediately answered with a registered letter and copy of her passport. As of May 25, she's received no response.

We remember "hanging chads" and "butterfly ballots" from the Florida 2000 debacle. What turned that election, though, were the "scrub lists". For the first time, the task of identifying ineligible voters was contracted-out to a private firm - in a no-bid contract with Atlanta-based ChoicePoint, an outfit with strong Republican ties. It was an outfit that refused to divulge its methodology for compiling the lists, and had been accused of selling confidential government information on individuals to private firms.

Some county officials relied on the lists without question to determine voter eligibility. Others saw them as so riddled with error they were completely ignored. (The election supervisor for Madison County scrapped the lists after finding herself wrongly identified as an ex-felon ineligible to vote.) Some sent out advisory letters to those on the list - with the burden of proof on the individual to show why they shouldn't be on it, rather than on the State to show why they were. Others waited until Election Day to inform those who showed up at the polling place they wouldn't be able to cast a ballot.

The make-up of the lists was largely black and Hispanic. A white person who showed up and complained he'd been wrongly identified as a black ineligible voter with a similar name would be given a ballot. A black person who showed up with the identical complaint would be turned away.

An estimated 15% of the names on the "scrub lists" were in error, with 7,000 Floridians wrongly denied their right to vote - 13 times the reported margin of victory of Texas Gov. George W. Bush over Vice President Al Gore.

Whatever the complaints, it worked - and, with an assist from the United States Supreme Court, Bush became president. With some predicting another close election, Florida's current governor, Republican Rick Scott, hopes it will work again.

Gov. Scott, who made his fortune as head of a hospital chain implicated in the largest Medicare fraud case in U.S. history, ordered Secretary of State Kurt Browning to prepare new "scrub lists" of ineligible voters for the upcoming elections. Browning complained the resultant list of 182,000 names was based on unreliable information, and refused to release it. Gov. Scott went ahead anyway, and Browning resigned.

In Miami-Dade County, 1,638 letters were sent similar to those received by Mr. Internicola and Ms. Russo. 385 recipients have since established their citizenship and eligibility, an error rate of 24%. In Polk County, 9 of the 21 on the list have been shown to be eligible, an error rate of 43%. Those who've moved or never got the letter, or those who simply don't respond within 30 days, are removed from the voter rolls.

An analysis by The Miami Herald finds, "Hispanic, Democratic and independent-minded voters are the most likely to be targeted", while "whites and Republicans are the least likely to face the threat of removal."

Rep. Ted Deutsch (D-FL) calls for the "immediate suspension" of this purging based on "a list of names with questionable validity - created with absolutely no oversight", warning it will "further undermine Floridians' confidence in the integrity of our elections." Regarding WWII vet Bill Internicola, Iraq vet Jon Soltz of VoteVets.org says, "When someone who put their life on the line to protect the right to vote from fascists and empires is denied the right to vote, and is purged from voting rolls, there is something horribly, horribly wrong. Anyone who would stand behind an action that threatens the right to vote of a WWII vet is someone I would call un-American."

As I see it, there's something horribly wrong, and un-American, with any party that bases its election strategy on making it harder for people to vote.

## CONSERVATIVE COURAGE AND OTHER MYTHS

By Cliff Schecter



Courage is a word we often hear bandied about in our modern age, but it is as much in vogue as a mullet or Mel Gibson. It can be defined in a variety of ways, but they all have something in common: a willingness to sacrifice one's own life, wealth, status or something of great import for the greater good. While this trait may be lacking in our society as a whole, it is even further into remission among our elected political leaders. Which is a shame, because we're in desperate need of it.

Scholars Thomas Mann, of the centrist Brookings Institution, and Norman Ornstein, of the conservative American Enterprise Institute, recently came out and said the dysfunction, polarization, and toxicity of our Congress the no longer the fault of both major political parties. These days this is the singular accomplishment of the Grand Old Party, who sees compromise as weakness, thinks science is for suckers and has turned legislating in Washington into one long Gingrich marriage, without the open part, of course.

In fact, it is the singular lack of courage of any major Republican elected officials in calling out their own party that has helped get us into our current age of The Real Housewives of Congress.

It hasn't always been like this. Back in the 1950s, in a serious act of bravery at the time, Senator Margaret Chase Smith authored a Declaration of Conscience with six other Republican Senators, chastising Senator Joseph McCarthy for his paranoid delusions about those sneaky Communists hiding inside his empty bottles of Bushmills. In later years, many Republicans rebuked the extremist (and Koch-daddy founded) John Birch Society, and then-Senator Barry Goldwater himself expressed his desire to kick the Reverend Jerry Falwell in a rather rotund part of his exterior when the good preacher attacked Ronald Reagan's choice of Sandra Day O'Connor as Supreme Court Justice. This served an important function. An actual Republican Establishment helped reign in the radicals and ensure their conservatism was not so influenced by the far-right to embrace the outright nihilism of today's version of the party. These elected officials told their fellow public servants--as well as commentators--what was acceptable, making it clear that country came before party, our commonality as a people before their campaign contributions.

Today, however, only two groups point this out: pundits and former politicians with nothing left to lose. While it was refreshing to hear George Will call Donald Trump a "bloviating ignoramus," which was perhaps a tad too kind, that should be Mitt Romney's job when Supercuts Trump carpet bombs the truth like he has the institution of marriage. Meanwhile, where was Speaker of the House, John Boehner, or Senator Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell?

While many on both sides of the aisle have been lionizing Senator Dick Lugar (when not feeling terrible that he lost his primary to a guy who likely needs his food cut into tiny bites for his own safety), what about Lugar's responsibility to call out the Tea-Party trend in his party over the last few years? Where was Olympia Snowe, who as a female Senator from Maine built a reputation as a Margaret-Chase-Smith-like legislator, but couldn't be bothered to really attack her own party's extremism until she decided to retire?

Eyal Press, whose recent book, "Beautiful Souls," is all about those who choose to "break rank" and "heed their conscience" during trying times, lamented this lack of courage when we spoke. He shared with me that "someone writing an updated version of "Profiles in Courage" would be hard pressed to find a character in today's GOP for such a book. It speaks to the striking lack of willingness to speak out, that unfortunately characterizes our politics generally and right wing politics specifically in Washington today."

The President's birth certificate is questioned, admitted torturer Allen West calls fellow members of the House "Communists" and Michele Bachmann runs for President praising the hometown of John Wayne Gacy because she just doesn't know the difference. As Kurt Vonnegut might say if he were still with us, so it goes.

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