

# FIRE DESTROYS CARPORT AND VEHICLES



On Friday Morning, downtown Sierra Madre was filled with smoke, the result of a carport fire on Mariposa. At approximately 9:00 am, the Sierra Madre Fire Department responded to the call within minutes to find three vehicles and a carport in flames.

The fire was at 59 Esperanza, but at the rear of the apartment complex, abutting Mariposa. A pickup truck was on fire (origin under investigation) and it had spread to the carport structure for the complex. Eaves of the apartment complex had started to catch fire, and according to Fire Marshal Rich Snyder, the first hoses were directed at the eaves to reduce exposure and confine the fire to the carport.

With assistance from Arcadia (Engine 107, Truck 101 and Battalion 105), Pasadena (Truck 32, Engine 32 and Battalion 3), and Monrovia (Battalion 10), the fire was knocked down by 9:09.

There were no injuries. Numerous windows in the apartment complex burst during the fire. However, other than the burst windows and some damage to the eaves, the apartment building survived intact.



All hands on deck: Emergency Volunteer George Maurer and SMPD Officer Abbott were on hand to assist with keeping the public away from the scene (left). Above, Firefighters, prepare to return to the station.

A video of the incident can be viewed at [www.sierramadrenews.net](http://www.sierramadrenews.net)

Story by Bill Coburn and Susan Henderson Photos by S. Henderson.

## WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTED BIRD FOUND

County Officials have issued a notice that a dead crow from the city of Sierra Madre has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This is the first indication of WNV activity in the San Gabriel Valley this year. Mosquitoes trapped in the area today will be tested for virus. Results from this test will be available Monday, June 11, 2012.

Warmer temperatures provide ideal conditions for WNV amplification and transmission. Mosquitoes pick up WNV from infected birds and spread it to other birds when they bite again. People can also get WNV if bitten by an infected mosquito.

Dead birds are often the first indication of WNV activity in an area. Residents are encouraged to report dead birds to the State hotline (877)WNV-BIRD (968-2473) or online at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) and mosquito problems to their local District.

It is critical that residents survey their property and remove all standing water to prevent mosquito reproduction. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water sources such as neglected pools, buckets, misc. containers, puddles and ponds. Eggs can hatch and mature to biting adults in 5-7 days.

Since its introduction in 2003, there have been 3,146 reported infections and 110 deaths from WNV in California. West Nile virus is present and a risk to public health every year.

Throughout the summer, basic protective measures should be followed:

DRAIN: Check properties weekly and remove all sources of standing water. Report 'green' inoperable pools or other sources of standing water to the District  
DAWN AND DUSK: Wear effective repellents if outdoors when mosquitoes are present (between dusk and dawn)  
DEFEND: Ensure doors and windows are properly screened

The District encourages the public to help identify WNV "hot spots" by reporting dead birds to the WNV Hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or online at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov). We also urge our residents to call the District to report any mosquito activity.

The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District is a public health agency dedicated to the control of mosquito and other vector-borne diseases. The District can be reached at 626-814-9466 or on the web at [www.sgvmosquito.org](http://www.sgvmosquito.org)

## PLANNING COMMISSION POSTPONES ACTION

by Bill Coburn

The Planning Commission agreed last night to hold a special meeting on Monday, June 11th to consider the Kensington Assisted Living Facility project. Developer Fountain Square Development West had expressed concerns that failure to move the project forward would not allow the City Council to adequately review the project and determine the verbiage in time to have a ballot measure submitted to the County Clerk for the November election. FSDW had indicated that they might want the Commission to vote yes or no at last night's meeting

However, several commissioners were concerned that they had not had time to adequately review changes to the Specific Plan that had been submitted just hours before the meeting. The Specific Plan is one of four items the Commission was considering, along with a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate an assisted living facility, a Municipal Code Text amendment to establish an Overlay Zone for the property, and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to evaluate the proposed proj-

ect's effects on the environment.

The Developer had agreed to strike out several parts of the Specific Plan that Development Services Director Danny Castro had stated were of concern to City Staff, probably the most troubling of which (for staff and the Commissioners) was a formula for defining a dwelling unit that would have considered each bed in the facility to be .25 of a dwelling unit, which would have put the project in compliance with Measure V. Commissioner Vandevelde stated that this was the kind of measuring stick that he wanted to see, but wasn't sure that the ratio was what it should be, and that it needed more study. Other Commissioners also saw it as a concern, and the developer decided to pull it off the table.

Despite the concessions by the Developer, several Commissioners stated that they needed more time to review the Specific Plan, and in an effort to provide that time without requiring a vote at this meeting, the Commission agreed to meet in special session on Monday.

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## 5-Day Forecast

## Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
June 9, 2012 6:30 pm

June 3rd	General Plan Committee	10am - 4 p
June 7th	Senior Commission	- 3:00 pm
June 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  
Sierra Room of the Youth Activity Center

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

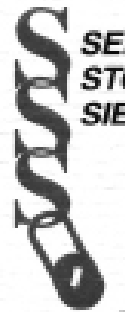
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

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## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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

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

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

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



## Dunk the Mayor!

## Commitments from

- Mayor Moran
- Council member Harabedian
- Police Chief Giannone.

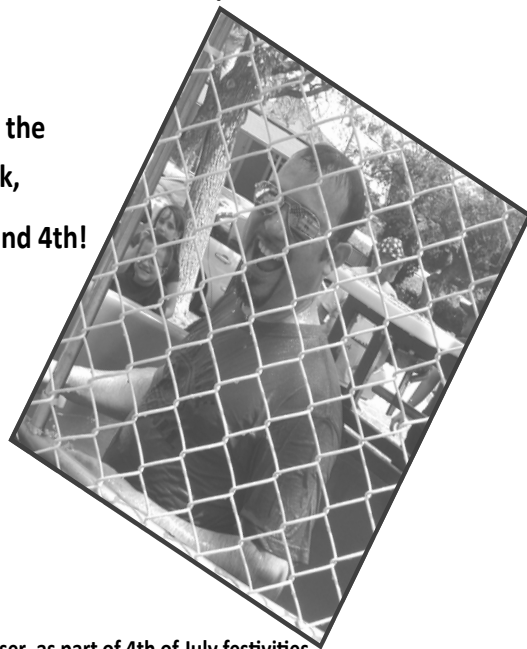
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EXCEPT FOR THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
WHEN WE MEET AT 7:45AM. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!  
JOIN US, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, HELP YOUR COMMUNITY,  
AND HAVE SOME FUN!

SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US:

Tuesday, June 12th 7:45 am Breakfast Meeting  
Speakers: Sierra Madre Mayor Josh Moran and

Sierra Madre Director of Development  
Services, Danny Castro

Breakfast is optional. Cost is \$5 per person  
Call 626-355-0728 for meal reservations

ST. RITA PARISH SENIOR MINISTRY  
Annual Luncheon (All are Welcome)

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Or Call to reserve and pay at the door.

## SIERRA MADRE FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is open today and every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 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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## REMEMBRANCE

### RAY BRADBURY

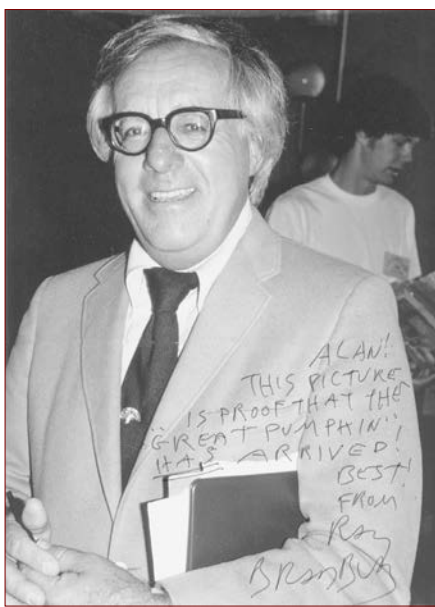
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Fremont Centre Theatre is saddened by the loss of playwright, producer and friend of the theatre Ray Bradbury. Through his production entity Ray Bradbury's Pandemonium Theatre Company, a dozen shows were presented at Fremont Centre Theatre, including "Fahrenheit 451," "Leviathan '99," "Dandelion Wine," "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit," "The Illustrated Bradbury," and the World Premieres of "Autumn People," "2116," "Green Town," "Invisible Boy," "Yestermorrows," "The Machineries of Joy" and "A Ray Bradbury Christmas."

One of the world's most honored and revered writers of fantasy, he wrote for every medium, including short stories, novels, screenplays, plays, teleplays, operas, and oratorios.

Among the many honors he received, he was especially proud of the two L.A. Weekly Theatre Awards that he received, one of them recognizing Lifetime Career Achievement in Theatre.

South Pasadena's Fremont Centre Theatre was his theatrical home from 2006 to 2010. He died June 5, 2012 at the age of 91. He will be sorely missed.



## ROTARY CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OPENS



President Tom Brady and Members of the Sierra Madre Rotary Club, along with Carolyn Jones, Library Director, Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian, Sierra Madre Mayor Josh Moran and Councilpersons Walsh, Harabedian, Capoccia and Koerber were all on hand for the Grand Opening of the new Rotary Children's Library Dedication. Once the ribbon was cut, while the adults observed the new facility, several children had their inaugural visit to the new room. The Rotary Club worked with the Library Staff for more than eight years to bring this dream to reality. Other sponsors included The Friends of the Library, The Partners of the Friends, Pat and Frank Hall, Margaret and John Quigley, The Mary Tumulty Endowment Fund, The Interact Club of Sierra Madre, Louise and Ward Calaway, Gloria & Robert Giersback in memory of Shirley McGillicuddy and the Sierra Madre Civic Club. (Partial Listing)

## SIERRA MADRE SEARCH & RESCUE

### RESCUE LOG

During the month of May, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to a dozen calls for assistance. A selected set of calls are described below.

**Missing Hikers, Big Santa Anita Canyon:** The Team was notified just before 1:30 in the morning of 2 missing hikers. The hikers had left late in the day to hike to a, "waterfall above Pasadena." The hikers were quickly located near Robert's Camp and it was found that one of the individuals had fallen attempting to walk out in the dark and suffered an injury above the right eye. Team members provided initial medical care before handing over care to Sierra Madre Fire Department paramedics.

**Missing Hiker, Anza Borrego State Park:** Personnel from SMSR joined personnel from Montrose Search and Rescue as part of the LASD's Underground SAR unit to respond to the Arroyo Tapiado mudcave area in Anza Borrego to assist the San Diego Sheriff's Department in the recovery of a hiker missing since Easter weekend.

**Injured Hikers, Big Santa Anita Canyon:** Sierra Madre Search and Rescue responded to reports of an injured hiker below Chantry Flat. Upon arriving on scene, it was determined that there were two hikers, both suffering significant injuries from a fall. The subjects were stabilized on scene and transported by helicopter to the hospital. It was determined that one of the hikers had fallen while attempting to carry the other hiker out. While self-rescue may be possible, seeking assistance is often the best course of action since moving a seriously injured party may make the situation worse.

**Critical Missing, Verdugo Hills:** SMSR joined other Los Angeles County Sheriff's search and rescue teams along with the FBI, Burbank Police Department and the LAPD in the search for a missing FBI agent. The search efforts extended over several days with no sign of the subject being located. The missing individual remains missing at this time.

**Missing Hikers, Switzer Falls:** SMSR provided mutual aid assistance to the Montrose Search and Rescue Team in the search for a pair of missing hikers between the Switzers picnic area and the JPL Arroyo Seco area. Field crews worked throughout the night searching before locating the hikers just before dawn.

Besides responding to various emergency calls, SMSR supported the annual Mt. Wilson Trail Race on Memorial Day Weekend. One of the premier trail races in the country, the MWTR is a Sierra Madre tradition that the Team looks forward to every year.

With school getting out for the summer and temperatures on the rise, outdoor recreationalists are reminded that being prepared is crucial for a safe trip into the mountains. Always carry the [10 essentials](#) and make sure someone knows where you've gone and when you will return. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's [Hiker Plan](#) is a good way to document your plans.

For 60 years the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team has been responding to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Funded entirely by private donations, SMSR provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. The Team never charges for any of its services.

For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit [www.smsr.org](http://www.smsr.org).

### 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)
- Preces 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).

### VOLUNTEER FACILITY ATTENDANT TRAINING

On February 8, 2011 the Sierra Madre City Council adopted the Facility Attendant Policies and Procedures to be implemented by the Community Services Department. Part of that policy incorporated a Volunteer Facility Attendant Program enabling local organizations/nonprofit groups like yours to designate 2 or more persons to serve as Volunteer Facility Attendants rather than pay for a staff Facility Attendant (rate as of July 1st will be \$50 per hour).

The training will take place in two parts: First Aid and CPR/AED training on Monday, June 25th – 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. (upstairs in the Youth Activity Center) and Facility Procedures on Monday, July 2nd – 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Sierra Madre Room (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.). The two part training will cover the opening/closing and monitoring facility procedures for the Sierra Madre Room, YAC & Hart Park House Senior Center, Facility Attendant responsibilities as

well as First Aid and CPR/AED training.

Please note, both trainings are required for someone to be considered an official Volunteer Facility Attendant, but if a volunteer can produce a valid First Aid/CPR certification card they will not need to attend the June 25th training. Those volunteers taking the First Aid/CPR/AED training will be asked to pay \$27 for the cost of the certificates; this is an American Red Cross fee. All other portions of the training are provided to the volunteers free of charge.

Please have your organization's volunteers complete the attached application and return to the Community Services office, 611 E. Sierra Madre or to City Hall, attention Susan Clifton by June 18th to confirm your participation in the training. If your organization already has one or two Volunteer Facility Attendants, you are welcome to send one or two more this year. If you have any questions regarding this memo or would like more details about the Facility Attendant responsibilities before the July 2nd training, please feel free to contact me at (626) 355-5278 ext. 227. Thank you!

### THANK YOU ANN - Sierra Madrean Ann Luke Leaves Senior Commission



Senior Commissioner Ann Luke, seated, was congratulated for her years of service on Thursday. Luke served as Chairperson for two consecutive terms and has been a member of the commission since 2006. Standing behind her are, l to r, Commissioners Nina Bartolai, Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator, Councilman John Capoccia, City Manager Elaine Aguilar, Commission Bill Nelson, Councilwoman Nancy Walsh, Commissioners Amy Putnam, Alice Holtzman and Alan Leahy. Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre.

## SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY 2012 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

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

In the children's program, each child will receive a reading log, bookmark, and a theme-related book bag at registration. Age-appropriate books, read at home, are recorded on the log, and a prize is awarded after the weekly reading requirement is met. Children may enter one of these divisions: Night Owl, for our very youngest patrons who do not yet read on their own; Dreamer, for school-age readers in Grades 1 – 6; Challenger, the most demanding division, for children in Grades 2 – 6, in which 35 hours of reading must be completed in eight weeks.

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

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

Teen volunteers in Grades 7 and up are needed to help with the Summer Reading Program. Volunteers work at least two hours per week for eight weeks, helping with the program and performing other light tasks during their shifts. Sign up at the Library between now and June 18. This is a great way to fulfill community service hours and meet new friends.

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

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

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

### ST. RITA PARISH

Senior Ministry 2nd Annual Luncheon on Sunday, June 19 at 1:30pm, after 12:00pm Pass in O'Malley Hall. Presenting St. Rita's very own speaker, Lisa Bowman, radio and singing personality. All are welcome and reservations are required. Lunch is \$10 per person which can be delivered to the St. Rita Parish Office at 50 E. Alegria Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information call 626-355-1292 c/o Senior Ministry.

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## Bird Causes Power Outage, Snarls Traffic

By Dean Lee

An estimated 460 residents were without power Thursday morning after a bird flew into critical electrical equipment run by the city's department of water and power electrocuting the animal instantly. City officials said more than 25 traffic signals were affected causing gridlock along North Allen Avenue, from Orange Grove Boulevard to Colorado Boulevard. Parts of East Walnut Street to Hill Ave were also without traffic lights. Part of Pasadena City College was also, at one point, without power. Officials said the outage began at 9:40 a.m. lasting until midafternoon. Water and power crews were still repairing equipment at 4 p.m. It took crews over an hour to place temporary stop signs at all the major intersections; no accidents were reported although employees at this newspaper saw a number of near misses along Allen Ave. The bird, reported as a 9-inch-long crow, flipped a circuit affecting an area bound by Las Lunas Street, Colorado Boulevard, Chester Street and Altadena Drive.

## Council to Consider Support of Guns Act

Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez is recommending that the city council express formal support for the Prevent Illegal Guns Act of 2012 (S81366), a bill that would require every person, with exceptions, to report the theft or loss of a firearm to the local law enforcement agency within 48 hours.

In a report, Sanchez said, "a requirement to report lost or stolen firearms would assist in the identification and prosecution of 'straw buyers, individuals who purchase guns legally, then sell them to people who cannot legally purchase firearms such as gang members, criminals or minors. When crime guns are traced to straw buyers, they often claim the firearm was lost or stolen." The council will take up the issue Monday night during their regular meeting at city hall starting at 6:30 p.m.

## Pet of the Week



Coco is a one-year-seven-month-old long hair black cat. She's aptly named as she is very sweet and affectionate. She can be quite the talker too! She loves being petted and will sit in your lap all day.

Coco's adoption fee is \$70, which includes her spay 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 A304044 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).

## Helicopter Open House



The Pasadena Police Department's Air Operations Team touched down for a free Open House event Saturday giving residents a close-up look at the helicopters and other police equipment. Residents also got a

chance to learn how Air Operations protects and serves the public.

The all-day event attracted hundreds of visitors to the city's Benedict Heliport next to the 210 freeway in Altadena.

On display included motorcycles, an armored rescue vehicle, crime scene Investigations and a mobile command post. Visitors also meet some of the department's most popular officers, the K9s, and their human partners.

Those interested in a law enforcement career also were able to speak with representatives from the Pasadena Police Employment Services Unit. Police also present a different demonstration of techniques involving SWAT, K9s and motorcycles.

## Humane Society Announces New Animal Care Campus



The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA announced this week plans of expanding its role as a leading animal welfare provider in Los Angeles County by constructing a new \$20 million Animal Care Campus on the corner of Raymond Ave. and Del Mar Blvd. The state-of-the-art facility may open as early as January 2014.

The 35,000 square-foot expansion includes, A Wellness and Spay/Neuter Facility, A Behavior, Training and Education Center, An Outdoor Enrichment Area, A Larger Retail Store, Subterranean parking and 36 new kennels.

"This is the next step in

continuing to provide excellent programs for the animals," says Steve McNall, President and CEO of the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. "No one else is doing this in the area, especially during these rough economic times. The Animal Care Campus will be a viable community resource that will help us reach our goal of zero euthanasia of adoptable animals."

A public groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 20 at 11 a.m. at 361 S. Raymond Ave. For more information and to make a donation, visit [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).

## Proposed Rate Change to Go Before the Council

Residential and commercial customers may soon see a change to rates for the Distribution and Customer Charge of their electric bills from the City's Water and Power Department. The Pasadena City Council will consider amending the Light and Power Ordinance (P.M.C. 13.04) at its next regular meeting, beginning 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 11.

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) is proposing to increase the Electric Distribution and Customer (D&C) Charge to generate an additional \$3.75 million in annual revenue. The additional revenue will fund capital investments and cover increased operational expenses.

The City's electric utility identified the need for the proposed rate adjustments during the Fiscal Year 2013 budget presentation at the May 21 Special Joint Meeting of the City Council/Finance Committee. The City Council last approved an increase to the D&C Charge about five years ago in October 2007. If approved, PWP would apply the new rate to the first bill issued after July 1, 2012. All customer groups will be subject to the increase.

If the new rate is approved by the City Council, residential customers using about 500 kilowatt hours per month would see their monthly D&C

charge increase by about \$2.52. Residential customers using about 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month would see their monthly D&C charge increase by about \$4.73.

The D&C charge for most small commercial customers using about 2,000 kWh would see a change of about \$7.68 per month; and about \$15.36 per month for customers using around 4,000 kWh.

The monthly D&C charges for commercial customers are based on their peak demand on the distribution system. Distribution rate increase for most medium commercial customers will average \$0.82 per kilowatt (kW), or \$82 per month for a 100 kW customer. The average distribution rate increase for most large commercial customers will be \$0.79 per kW, or \$790 per month for a 1,000 kW customer.

The D&C Charge is one of four components of the electric rate paid by PWP customers. The D&C Charge is for the operational costs of distributing power to customers, including repairs and maintenance to poles, cables and vaults, capital improvements to improve reliability, meter reading, billing and customer service.

For more information on the rate changes please go to PWP website at [www.PWPweb.com/](http://www.PWPweb.com/) YourPower or call Customer Service at (626) 744-4005.

## NASA Invites Social Media Fans To Event

NASA will host a 3-day NASA Social for 25 of its social media followers Aug. 3-5 at the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The NASA Social is scheduled to culminate in the landing of the Mars Science Laboratory's Curiosity rover at Mars' Gale crater. The landing is anticipated at approximately 10:31 p.m. PDT Aug. 5 (1:31 a.m. EDT Aug. 6).

The event will offer people who engage with NASA through Twitter, Facebook, Google+ and other social networks the opportunity to tour JPL, speak with scientists and engineers, participate in news conferences and, if all goes as planned, be at the media site when the first signal of the rover's landing is detected by JPL mission control. The event also will provide participants the opportunity to interact with fellow tweeps, space enthusiasts and members of NASA's social media team.

## National HIV Testing Day - Old Pasadena

Join Assemblymember Portantino June 23 at noon as he and other officials take HIV tests.

Thousands of Californians are unaware that they are living with HIV - that means thousands of people who are not getting treatment and who are potentially infecting others. HIV screening is important to identify those infected, get them into treatment, change their behaviors and prevent further transmission of HIV.

Getting tested for HIV is easy. The pain-free test will be administered by health department workers using a quick-result swab that provides results within 20 minutes.

National HIV Testing Day: Saturday, June 23 from 11am to 3pm  
Mercantile Place, Old Pasadena Between Fair Oaks Ave. & Raymond Ave just below Colorado Blvd.

For further information, please contact Office of Assemblymember Portantino at 626.720-3409

## Democrats Win Big in Local Elections

Local Democrats won across the board during Tuesday's California Primary in which the top two winners in each race will again face each other come November.

Pasadena city councilmember Chris Holden beat out all five candidates for the newly created 41th Assembly District seat getting 34 percent of the vote. Holden will face Tea Party candidate Donna Lowe who came in second winning 21 percent of the vote. The two will face off again during the General Election Nov. 6.

Incumbent Adam Schiff dominated the race for the newly created 28th Congressional District seat beating Republican Phil Jennerjahn with almost 60 percent of the vote. Jennerjahn got 17 percent of the votes.

Other winners include incumbent Carol Liu in the state 25th Senate District race. She will now face Gilbert V. Gonzales for the

seat. Democratic incumbent



Chris Holden



Donna Lowe

Judy Chu also won big getting over 60 percent of the vote. She will face Jack Orswell in the new 27th Congressional District.

## Fourth Annual 'Juneteenth' Festival and Open House

Enjoy an afternoon of wonderful entertainment, games, Pasadena history telling and fun for children at the 4th Annual Juneteenth Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 16 at Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

This special event will showcase information about Jackie Robinson Community Center and the history of Juneteenth, with storytelling by Pasadena residents. Children can also participate in arts and crafts activities provided by the Amory Center of the Arts.

This year's festivities will focus on promoting the Jackie Robinson Community Center, Neighborhood Connections and Northwest Programs and the many programs and services they offer.

"Our Juneteenth Festival

is a great way for Pasadena residents to come together and celebrate the Jackie Robinson Center's 38 years of service to the community and learn how Pasadena's parks make life better," said Mercy Santoro, Pasadena's Human Services and Recreation Department Director.

On-site entertainment will include Anthony Hicks of the Chi-Lites; the Bobby Wilkerson All Star Band; Rhythms of the Village Drum and Dance Circle; Calvary C.M.E. Church Gospel Choir; Jazz & R&B singer Kim Burgin and a Youth Talent Showcase.

This free and popular event is sponsored by the Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department and the Jackie Robinson Community Center. For more information call Jarvis Emerson at (626) 744-7300

## 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](http://pasadenan.com).

## JPL June Events Calendar

*Some events subject to change*

**JUNE 10-14: IT'S THE COSMIC VERSION OF 'AVENGERS ASSEMBLE'**

The 220th meeting of the American Astronomical Society will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center.

Astronomers from around the globe, including those from JPL, will discuss the current state of our universe in news conferences, science talks and poster sessions.

**JUNE 13: NEW BLACK-HOLE HUNTER TELESCOPE TO LAUNCH**

NASA's Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array, or NuSTAR, is scheduled to launch no earlier than June 13 from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The first-of-its-kind telescope, with a 33-foot (10-meter) deployable mast, will observe the highest energy X-ray light in the universe with the greatest precision to date. It will probe everything from supermassive black

holes to shattered stellar remains to our own sun. The launch will be broadcast on Ustream, with a moderated chat available, at <http://www.ustream.tv/nasajpl2>.

**JUNE 21-22: FREE LECTURE - MELTING SNOWS: THE THREATENED LIFEBLOOD OF THE WESTERN U.S.**

Snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada and the mountains of the Upper Colorado River Basin provides the water upon which Western society is built. In recent years, increases in population and drought have pushed water demand past snowmelt-dominated supply. Climate change and dust deposited from disturbed lands have already begun the encroaching on this precious resource. JPL is developing the Airborne Snow Observatory and other systems to bolster U.S. snow resource monitoring capabilities that can anchor cutting-edge science and water management in an uncertain future. Free lectures to be held June 21 at JPL; June 22 at Pasadena City College; both at 7 p.m.



## "What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



### SHERIFF BACA HONORS FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS

Recently at the Sheriff's Training Academy and Regional Services (STARS) Center in Whittier, Sheriff Lee Baca presided over the 43rd Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony to commemorate the lives of those officers who died in the line of duty while serving the residents of Los Angeles County. Among the distinguished guests were U.S. Marshall David Singer, Claude Arnold from US Immigration, Postal Inspector B. Ferguson, Supervisors Mike Antonovich, 5th District and Don Knabe, 4th District, Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich, Signal Hill Police Chief Michael Langston, Hawthorne Police Chief Robert Fager, and Alhambra Police Chief Mark Yokoyama.

The program began with a special welcome from Captain Mike Parker, followed by the Presentation of Colors the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Color Guard, Sgt. Gordon Crowl, Sgt. Tracy Crow, and Deputy Brian E. Anderson. A beautiful rendition of the National Anthem was performed by Sergeant Bryon Ward. (Later in the Program, he sang, *My Creed*, which he had written for our Deputy Dave March, which brought tears to everyone's eyes.) The Invocation was read by Rabbi Ben-Tzion Kravitz, LASD Chaplain.

All of the above-mentioned guests spoke eloquently at length, but I will try to highlight key points. US Marshall Singer knew Signal Hill Tony Giniewicz as a patrol officer who ran toward gunfire to protect others back on February 19, 1985. Although off-duty, he ran after the suspects because "I'm a police officer and it was my job." He was only thirty-one at the time, married with children. He would never walk again and endured much pain till his death on December 7, 2011. (His son and stepson were among those who attended.) District Attorney Steve Cooley felt all the honorees were heroes, not only by their untimely deaths, but by doing their daily jobs. Supervisor Knabe reminded us that most people got to work and expect to come home that evening. They don't go to work every day and put their lives on the line. Supervisor Antonovich spoke with sympathy for the officers and their families over these senseless deaths. Supervisor Antonovich is very concerned and worried about current trends in our state. He pointed to a spike in crime since October when the state began transferring prisoners.

As part of the memorial ceremony, Sheriff Baca accepted a torch delivered by members of various law enforcement agencies. (This followed the three-day Memorial Torch Relay Run which the *Mountain Views News* covered in a previous issue.) Andrew Garton's young son came forward and assisted the Sheriff in igniting the Memorial Flame.

During the Memorial Service, a short account of each officer's death was given. Their family members bravely processed up the aisle. There they were met by their loved one's Chief of Police, and together they released a dove.

Hawthorne Police Officer Andrew S. Garton died on May 26, 2011 as a result of injuries he sustained when his motorcycle collided with a motor officer from another police agency during a funeral procession for another fallen officer.

Hawthorne Police Chief Robert Fager assisted with the dove release.

Alhambra Police Officer Ryan E. Stringer died on July 10, 2011, when he was involved in a traffic collision with another patrol car responding to the same robbery in progress. Assisting was Alhambra Police Chief Mark Yokoyama.

Officer Anthony A. Giniewicz, Signal Hill Police Department, died on December 7, 2011 after suffering complications from gunshot wounds he suffered on February 19, 1985, when he and his partner were involved in an off-duty gun battle with three robbery suspects. Signal Hill Chief Michael Langston assisted with the dove release.



Lastly, historical research determined that Deputy Constable Ed Brown, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who tragically died on September 14, 1924, when he was shot in the abdomen while responding to a disturbance call, was deserving of his place on the Memorial Wall. Sheriff Baca released a dove for him.

Four plaques have been added to the Memorial Wall, representing these fine officers. There also was a Wreath Presentation for each fallen officer. A 21-gun salute, the playing of Taps, and closing Benediction by LASD Chaplain, Reverend Manton Daley concluded the ceremony.

Many representatives from various Police Departments, California Highway Patrol, and the Sheriff's Department were in attendance besides family members. Remembering Sheriff Motor Deputy Jake Kuredjian were his mom, Annie, brother Garo, and aunt, Virginia Parseghian. (It has been almost eleven years since Jake died, but his family will never forget him.) So many former Temple Station personnel came to support fallen officers and their families. They included Chief Richard Barrantes, Chief Roberta Abner, Captain Dave Silversparre, Lt. Brian Moriguchi, Lt. Miko Robles and Lt. Linda Roth. San Fernando Chief of Police Gil Carrillo, whom everyone's remembers as the homicide detective from the Night Stalker Case, and Burbank Chief of Police Tom Angel (He was Captain at East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station when Deputies Drew Burtness and Vince Romero began the Vida Program) also attended. It was heartwarming to see so many attend such a beautiful ceremony. I also met the parents of fallen Deputy David Piquette. But that is another story.

## PASADENA CITY COLLEGE ROCKED BY INVESTIGATION

### High Ranking Officials Have Homes, Offices Searched

On Thursday, the President of Pasadena City College, along with two Community College Trustees held a press conference and publicly announced that two high ranking officials at the school were under investigation by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Vice President of Administrative Services Richard Van Pelt and Facilities Supervisor Al Hutchings have been the subject of a criminal investigation by the DA's Public Integrity Unit since March.

On Wednesday, law enforcement raided the homes of both men and their PCC offices, confiscating computers and other items that may aid the investigation. Van Pelt lives in Altadena and Hutchings resides in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Deputy District Attorney Dave Demerjian, who is the head of the Public Integrity Division said in a telephone interview on Friday that "No arrests have been made at this time" and did not indicate whether there were immediate plans to file criminal charges against the two.

Demerjian did indicate that the investigation was the result of an a tip from an informant several months ago. Conflicting statements have been attributed to the DA's office first alleging that the probe centered around Van Pelt and Hutchings taking bribes from construction contractors. Another statement indicated that the investigation is centered around bribes associated with the purchase of a building.

The following is from a statement released by PCC President Mark Rocha Thursday afternoon: *We come today to announce news that has angered and saddened all of us, as I know it will for all of you who care about Pasadena City College. The day before yesterday, June 5, 2012, the college was formally notified by the Los Angeles County District Attorney that it intended to serve search warrants at the homes of two employees, Richard van*



At the press conference on Thursday, l to r, Dr. Jeanette Mann and Geoff Baum (PCC Trustees) and PCC President Mark Rocha

*Pelt, Vice President of Administrative Services, and Alfred Hutchings, Facilities Supervisor. These search warrants were served early this morning in connection with an ongoing criminal investigation into allegations against these two individuals related to violations of conflict of interest and similar laws. Because this is an ongoing criminal investigation and because these individuals have rights of due process, we are unable to comment further on this investigation. Further information about this investigation will come only from the District Attorney's office.*

*Here I want to thank the Los Angeles County District Attorney for bringing this matter to our attention. From the moment the District Attorney contacted us we have cooperated fully in their investigation. The record will show that the District Attorney's office first contacted us with regard to its investigation on May 7, 2012. Since that time we have worked openly and fully with their investigator. We will continue to do so until this case is concluded.*

*We are able to say that Mr. van Pelt and Mr. Hutchings were the only two employees identified by the DA's office as targets of the investigation.*

*Suffice it to say, that the potential charges against these two individuals are very serious and require vigorous and immediate action by the District.*

*Therefore, both Mr. van Pelt and Mr. Hutchings, were placed on administrative leave this morning. If our own investigation reveals improper conduct or violations of District policy, then I will recommend to our Board of Trustees the termination of these two employees.*

*We will also use this as an opportunity to review all of our operations and learn how we can improve oversight and insure full compliance. A preliminary internal review of our books indicates that all funds are intact and properly accounted for. The District is financially strong and stable. But we cannot let the matter rest there.*

*We have therefore engaged an independent accounting firm, Vicenti, Lloyd, Stutzman, to perform an internal forensic audit of all business and fiscal operations, and to act as interim finance staff. They will conduct an independent audit and will serve as supervisors pro tem for fiscal and accounting operations. The auditors will be given full and free access and a report of their work, when completed, will be shared with the public.*

*The college is moving forward and continuing all normal business and academic activities. Thank you for your time and support.*

S. Henderson, MV News

## POLICE ALERT: Residential Distraction Burglaries

Over the course of the last year or two, we have seen an increase in reports of residential distraction burglaries. This type of residential burglary is not unique to Arcadia, and has been reported throughout the San Gabriel Valley to other police agencies. However, it is always good to remind our community about these crimes in order to increase awareness and help prevent them from occurring in the future.

These distraction burglaries are usually committed during daytime hours and the victims are older in age. The primary suspect will contact the victim, either outside in the yard, or at the door. The suspect will state they are from entities such as the water company, a construction company, or perhaps even the City. Many times, the suspect

will say they need to check on water faucets and ask to enter the home, hoping to gain the trust and cooperation of the victim. Once inside, the suspect will distract the victim and take items themselves, or perhaps have an accomplice enter the home to commit the crime.

Anytime someone approaches you, or comes to your residence asking to come in or perform work, obtain identification and confirm their identity. There may be times when a City employee, gas, electric, telephone, water, or other service worker may require entrance to your exterior property. Legitimate service workers should be in some form of uniform, have identification, and most likely be driving a clearly marked company vehicle. Unless you placed

the service call, do not allow anyone access to your home. If the person is suspicious or uncooperative, immediately call the police, or dial 9-1-1. Our dispatchers can be reached at (626) 574-5123.

If you have older neighbors, friends, or relatives, please share this information with them and help increase their awareness to this type of crime.

Anyone with information on these crimes is asked to call the Arcadia Police Department at (626)574-5156. You can also submit crime tips and information via text, phone, or web to [LA Regional Crime Stoppers](http://www.la-regional-crime-stoppers.com), 800-222-TIPS (8477).

Robert T. Guthrie, Arcadia Chief of Police

## METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Construction of the 11.5-mile Foothill Extension light rail project from Pasadena to Azusa will begin in earnest later this year. Attend an upcoming community open house to view the latest designs, learn about the construction schedule and meet the six station artists. Staff from the Construction Authority and the design-build team (Foothill Transit Constructors, a Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture) will also be available to answer questions about construction and how it may affect you.

Attend any of the three events and arrive any time. No formal presentation is planned.

Wednesday, June 20, 2012  
320 N. Orange Place, Azusa

Memorial Park (North) Gymnasium  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
20 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia

Arcadia Library (Cay Mortenson Auditorium)  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28, 2012  
1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte

Duarte Community Center  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn more about the project and sign up to receive e-newsletter updates or construction alerts at [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org).

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

Meet the sweet, petite and lovely Jolene (A4434383). Jolene is a timid two year old tan female shorthaired Chihuahua mix who was found as a stray and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on May 24th. Weighing seven pounds, it is hard to tell if Jolene has had any training because she is absolutely terrified at the shelter. She clung to a volunteer the entire time she was out of her cage. What is known, however, is that she gives lovely kisses once she warms up to a new person. This sweetheart does well with other dogs. Jolene will be the perfect pet for a quiet adult household in an apartment or condo, and she would love to be a companion to a senior or retired person. To watch a video of Jolene, please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiENRZdm0u0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiENRZdm0u0)



To meet Jolene 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 Jolene, 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 Jolene 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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## TRIBUTE TO JACKIE FAUST-MORENO

by Scott Hettrick, *Arcadia's Best*

You may have noticed the City's flags flying at half-staff this week. It's a generous and fitting gesture in honor and recognition of the unexpected death of a highly-regarded current head of a City Department while still in office, a rarity. Jackie Faust-Moreno, the Director of Arcadia Public Library and Museum Services, died Saturday morning at Methodist Hospital less than three days after suffering a heart attack in her office early Wednesday evening.

The Library Board of Trustees, including myself as Chairman, along with Meredith Brucker, Dorothy Denne, Anne Joseph, and Ron Larson, will hold an emergency meeting to name an interim Director of Library and Museum Services. A permanent Director is expected to be named in the near future. The Library's deep pool of skilled and experienced staff ensures the transition will be smooth and stable.

Just hours before she was found slumped over in her office chair moments before she was to leave work for the day, Jackie was out walking during her lunch break on another of her recently initiated daily exercise strolls down Santa Anita Avenue to Longden Avenue from the Library at Duarte Road. On this day, which would be her last, she said she felt so good when she got to Longden that she kept walking down to Live Oak. But her return trip proved to be more strenuous than she expected; her staff told her she didn't look good, and she conceded that maybe she overdid it. It turned out she had nearly complete blockage in two arteries.

Less than 24-hours earlier at a budget study session that was challenging for all City department heads, Jackie was holding her ground during some pointed questions by the City Council. That was so typically Jackie, and I was very proud of her during that session.

It was less than a year earlier that the five of us on the Library Board unanimously agreed to promote Jackie to the top spot. (Unlike the City of Arcadia's other Commissions, which are primarily advisory, the all-volunteer Library Board has full and sole responsibility for the hiring and firing of the Library Director, any changes to the Library's By-Laws, and oversight of the budget.)

Despite Jackie's 28-year career at the Arcadia Public Library and ten years in what would become the co-Number Two role as Library Services Manager, a couple of us on the board, including myself, only knew Jackie as something of a quiet tech-geek (she ramped up the Library's web site and blogs and launched the Library's Twitter feed, as well as the massive new open-source Koha online catalog system). We also knew she loved vampire novels and foreign language films (she initiated the Library's regularly-scheduled Adult Foreign Language film program).

At least a couple of us were not familiar enough with Jackie to be 100% certain that she had the experience to handle all the budgeting and myriad management aspects of the job, or the strong and strategic personality required to be the public face of the Library and deal with the political side of the Director position – managing our personalities on the Board of Trustees and pushing for approvals needed from the City Manager and City Council.

Boy, did Jackie quickly lay our fears to rest.

We interviewed numerous highly-qualified outside candidates but Jackie made it an easy choice for us, demonstrating her tenacity and subtly gregarious public personality during the interview process. Her candor was also refreshing. She was nearly 63 years old at the time – she would have turned 64 this month. Despite knowing that we would prefer to have someone commit to the job for at least 3-5 years, since she would be the third Director in less than three years after a long run of stability in that position, she boldly told us without hesitation that she planned to retire in about 2 ½ – 3 years. But she promised to be aggressive during her term and not simply ride out her time, that is, except for a previously planned extended overseas vacation in November/December (she wound up being gone right when the catastrophic windstorm hit Arcadia on Dec. 1, 2011).

While those two revelations might have dissuaded some of us from choosing another candidate, it was charmingly frank and somehow

reassuring coming from Jackie.

She wasted no time in implementing ideas she had for changes at the Library. She felt passionate about making sure pre-teens and teens had a place to call their own so that they didn't feel like they didn't belong. She opened up the auditorium to high school students in the afternoons and expanded and redesigned the teen area to be more tailored to their interests. Recently, she also proudly showed me how she had begun to bring in new furniture and signage in the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room area that would be clearly dedicated to middle school students who often feel like they don't fit in anywhere.

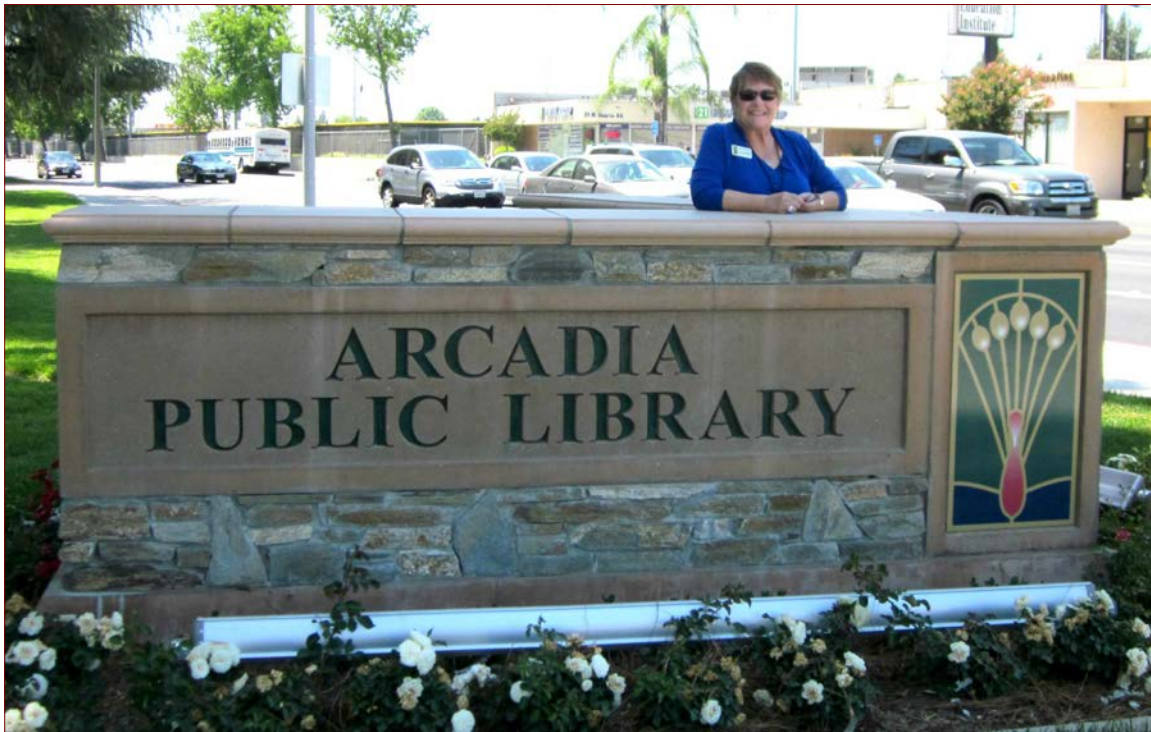
Jackie also set all the preliminary work in place to completely upgrade and modernize the well-used auditorium, pending spending approvals. And the Library's recent debut of the first e-books came under her watch.

Shortly before she was taking on her new role, I had embarked on a new job as Executive Director of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, and shortly after her promotion, the Library board elected me to be the Chairman for 2011-12. Jackie understood the importance of being an ambassador for the Library and together we saw the potential for synergy in our new jobs. We jointly decided to have the Library host the Chamber's monthly board meeting in January. More than two dozen movers and shakers stepped foot in the Library for the first time in years, or ever. Jackie and Library Services Manager Darlene Bradley offered a short pitch about the Library's vast array of services and provided materials for the visitors to take with them. After the meeting, Darlene gave an illuminating walking tour of the entire facility. Jackie also eagerly offered the Library as the venue for the Chamber's first official City Council candidates forum in March. In her additional role as head of the Arcadia Historical Museum, Jackie made it one of her first priorities to be an effective liaison between the City-run Museum and the separate non-profit volunteer group, the Arcadia Historical Society. That effort was very much appreciated.

After graduating Hollywood High School and majoring in Theater Arts at Los Angeles City College and UCLA, Jackie received her Master of Library Science degree from USC and began her career as a librarian at USC. In 1984, she began her long employment with the Arcadia Public Library as a Reference Librarian before becoming supervisor of Cataloging and Information Services.

In 2001 she became the Library Services Manager for Materials and Information Management, where she oversaw a variety of technology upgrades, including the recent migration to the Koha online catalog system.

Jackie was due for her first annual review by our board this month. It was already informally clear amongst all of us that Jackie was about to receive the highest praise for what she accomplished in the job she aspired to and, gratefully, lived to achieve.



Jackie proudly showing off the new Library marquee at Santa Anita Ave. and Duarte Rd



Jackie (center) as host of Chamber board meeting at Library January 26, 2012, with then-Chamber President Bob Hoffman and Library Services Manager Darlene Bradley

The suddenness caught everyone by surprise. Most of her staff, family and friends remain in a mild state of shock and disbelief. The Hollywood resident is survived by her husband Dave, two daughters and a granddaughter. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to:

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Police Department responded to 1,070 calls for service of which 105 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 27:

- At approximately 1:51 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a Toyota Camry for speeding in the area of Duarte Road and Baldwin Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer smelt an odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and person. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence and was never issued a license. The 20-year-old Vietnamese male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Around 5:23 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a male adult in custody for theft. The suspect grabbed two watches and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed he was also in possession of stolen property. The 22-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, May 28:

At about 3:23 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a traffic collision on Baldwin Avenue, north of Huntington Drive, where a vehicle had veered into the center median and hit a City light pole. The driver was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital and treated for neck pain. An investigation revealed the driver lost control of his vehicle, possibly due to falling asleep. Sobriety tests revealed alcohol was not a factor.

3. Shortly after 7:50 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a black Honda Civic in Gate 10 of the Santa Anita Mall, near Baldwin Avenue. Dispatch advised mall security saw the occupants drinking and driving in the parking lot with an infant unrestrained inside the vehicle. Upon contact with the driver, the officers observed an infant sitting on the female passenger's lap. An investigation revealed the female was breastfeeding the infant while drinking and at one point, held a beer bottle against the infant's lips. The Hispanic driver and passenger, 28 and 29-years-old respectively, were arrested for DUI and Child Endangerment. During the booking process, officers discovered the passenger had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and the driver's license was expired. Their 7-month-old son was released to a family member and the case was forwarded to the Department of Child and Family Services for further investigation.

Tuesday, May 29:

Around 9:56 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, in reference to a student detained for possessing a knife on campus. The 18-year-old Asian male explained he carried the weapon in case he needed to defend himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At approximately 5:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to Faschings Car Wash, 425 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a theft of service. Workers finished detailing a vehicle and released the keys to the owner after directing him to make payment at the Cashier's Desk. The subject entered the vehicle, a 2007 Ford Expedition with Arkansas license plates, and drove off southbound on Santa Anita Avenue without making payment. He is described as a White male, approximately 40-years-old, 5'11" tall, 165 lbs., with curly brown hair and a goatee, wearing a t-shirt and blue jeans.

Wednesday, May 30:

- At about 8:05 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a Dodge Dakota pick-up truck for expired registration, in the area of First Avenue and Haven Avenue. One of the passengers gave the officer a false name; however, a warrant check revealed she had an outstanding felony no bail warrant and a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest. The 31-year-old White female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At approximately 10:40 p.m., officers made consensual contact with a subject standing in the middle of Huntington Drive, west of Santa Anita Avenue. A records check revealed a felony no bail warrant and a \$30,000 warrant for his arrest. The 23-year-old White male was placed on a parole hold for pick-up by the California Department of Corrections.

## FIRE BLAZES AT FOREST HQ IN ARCADIA



Twenty-six structures were consumed in a major blaze just after midnight Tuesday night/Wednesday morning at the headquarters of the United States Forest Service (USFS) west of Santa Anita Avenue just south of the 210 freeway.

The former office buildings had been vacated and were being prepared for removal as part of a major renovation at the facility. There were no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters. The fire is currently still under investigation, but preliminary findings indicate the cause of the fire to be accidental in nature.

The Arcadia Fire Department responded to a call at 12:40 a.m. regarding a strong odor of smoke in the 600-block of Cornell Drive. A single Engine was dispatched to the reported location for investigation. Upon arrival, fire personnel determined the smoke was originating from the United States Forest Service (USFS) site located in the 700-block of North Santa Anita. A full structure response was initiated with the Incident Commander requesting a 2nd alarm to obtain additional resources.

Units responded from Arcadia, Monrovia, Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Los Angeles County Fire Departments. Fire personnel discovered 26 modular structures placed together fully involved with fire. The structures were primarily used as office spaces, but, per USFS representatives, they were vacant at the time of the incident and in the process of being removed from the property for use elsewhere.

Suppression personnel determined the structure was dangerously unstable due to heavy fire activity and were unable to make entry. Fire personnel utilized defensive tactics to extinguish the fire with large diameter fire hose, ground monitors, and an aerial ladder pipe.

The fire was contained to the structure of origin with no damage to the surrounding structures or neighboring properties. The subject structure, which had been previously vacated, was completely destroyed from the fire.

Property loss is still being estimated by Arcadia Fire Department and the United States Forest Service personnel.

– By Scott Hettrick from Arcadia Fire Department media release



# MONROVIA - DUARTE

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## COUNCIL RECAP: FROM REDEVELOPMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The elimination of redevelopment, a major contributor to the physical improvement and economic development of the City, has brought on a new set of rules, acronyms, titles and bureaucracy that makes describing the City's role as a Successor Agency very confusing. Redevelopment Agencies, created by the State, could acquire land, sell or lease property, clear land, construct infrastructure and undertake improvements in an earnest effort to revitalize project areas. The Agency also provided financial support through pass through payments to local entities like the Monrovia Unified School District and Citrus College- nearly 37% of those funds. Twenty percent of the Agency's increment was also diverted to affordable housing programs. As part of the new law, housing assets and funds were transferred from the Successor Agency to the Monrovia Housing Authority.

The City and the Successor

Agency have two roles: unwinding the former redevelopment agency, and continued economic development. The Successor Agency is required to provide a list of redevelopment bills the Agency is obliged to pay, and provide this to the County, who will send us money to cover the bills. Any money left over from tax increment that would have normally gone to Monrovia, is now retained by the County Auditor-Controller. The recently created Oversight Board's role is to supervise the actions of the Successor Agency, approve the list of bills and direct the Agency to sell assets or end contracts that are not enforceable.

The Oversight Board is made up of two County-appointed, two Mayoral-appointed, one MUSD appointee, one Citrus College appointee and one from the County Flood Control. To date, the Successor Agency holds 27 properties, all part of an existing con-

tract or used for government purposes.

So how do we make the transition from our classic idea of redevelopment to the next generation of Economic Development? We do it by utilizing existing resources to attract, retain and grow Monrovia business. Through the online Business Resource Center, the Business Blog and collaboration across departments, Monrovia was named Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles in 2011.

Moving forward is the launch of the Business Visitation program, the Fill Up Old Town Campaign and increased partnerships with brokers and the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce. As we look ahead, it will be more important than ever to build and maintain relationships, continue to enhance a business attraction strategy and develop a more comprehensive job development program.

## REMEMBRANCE

### DONALD EDWIN YOST

Donald Edwin Yost, 72, of Monrovia passed away on June 5, 2012 after a brave & valiant fight with cancer. He was born on June 12, 1939 to Vernon & Ardis Yost. In 1932 his Dad started Yost Printers in Monrovia. Don worked beside him & his twin brother for over 50 years. He was also a real estate agent & broker for the past 10 years.

From 1962 to 1964 Don served in the United States Navy & fought in the Vietnam War. When he returned home Don joined & became an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Monrovia. For the past several years he served as the club's secretary/treasurer. Other than the love he had for his Lord & his family, his other love was Kiwanis & the many friendships he made through the years. Don will be remembered for his generous heart & his warm smile.

Don is survived by his wife, Linda, his son, Greg, & daughters, Julie Scoon, Kimberly Cameron, & Michelle Grosse. He was also blessed with nine awesome grandchildren. He's also survived by his brother, Darrell.

Services will be at First Presbyterian Church, 101 E. Foothill Blvd. Monrovia on Tuesday, June 12 at 2 PM. Burial will be at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside on Wednesday, June 13 at noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kiwanis Club of Monrovia, P.O. Box 258, Monrovia 91017, First Presbyterian Church of Monrovia or VITAS Hospice Care, 1343 N. Grand Ave. Covina 91724.



## MONROVIA FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS CPR TRAINING

By Joan Schmidt



If you happened to drive by Myrtle Avenue last Thursday between 9:00 am and noon, you might wonder what the Monrovia Fire Department was doing. If you slowed down and asked, you would have found out that they were offering a CPR refresher course, and if you belonged to an organization, or worked at an office with several people, you were also given an opportunity to set-up a group class at a later date.

In the short twenty minutes I was there, three people came by and went through the training. One woman was already certified, but when asked a question, she couldn't remember the number, so she decided to have a "refresher" lesson. There also was a gentleman who was pleased to go through the procedure. I can't imagine ANYONE who has a swimming pool not going through this course and reviewing it every spring before summer swimming begins. You can have a gate around your pool, but it takes one second for someone to open the gate, a child go through the opened gate and a tragedy occur. People can suffer heart attacks, someone can be choking-there are so many potential breathing emergencies that can happen. It is essential for people to know CPR.

Very special thanks to the Monrovia Fire Department for providing this invaluable service to the community. Those participating were Division Chief Chris Fabrizio, Captain Brannigan Scott, Firefighter Michael Bailey, Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Gallegos, Firefighter/Paramedic Christian Vasquez, and Engineer Dave Phillips.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 479 service events, resulting in 92 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, see crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at [www.monroviapd.org](http://www.monroviapd.org) and follow us on twitter for police notifications.

### Vehicle Burglary

June 4 at 5:24 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 400 block of West Colorado. The vehicle, a Toyota Corolla, was parked in the victim's driveway. The victim did not remember if the vehicle was locked. In the morning, the victim noticed money and a phone charging cord was taken. There was no damage to the car. Investigation continuing.

### Vehicle Tampering

June 5 at 5:19 a.m., an officer responded to a hotel the 900 block of Huntington regarding vehicle tampering. A guest at the hotel walked out to his parked vehicle and found a man inside his car. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, approximately 30 years old, 6 foot tall, thin build, brown hair, full beard, long single braid to the middle of his back. The victim's vehicle was unlocked and there was no loss.

### Vehicle Burglary

June 5 at 6:42 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 200 block of East Walnut. A suspect(s) broke the driver-side window of the victim's van. They stole the victim's iPad that was left visible on the inside of the van. The vehicle was parked in an assigned parking space in the complex. Investigation continuing.

### Theft From a Vehicle

June 5 at 7:23 p.m., a theft from an unlocked vehicle was reported. The victim lives in the 200 block of East Lime, but he is unsure where the theft occurred. His golf GPS was taken from his vehicle console. Investigation continuing.

### Residential Burglary

June 6 at 8:39 a.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Royal Oaks. Suspect(s) entered an unlocked storage garage and stole the victim's road bikes.

### Vandalism in Progress

On May 31 at 10:23 p.m., an officer responded to the report of vandalism in progress in the 1300 block of South Shamrock. The reporting party was on the southwest corner of Shamrock and Evergreen when he saw a male subject vandalize the city mural under the freeway overpass. The witness was able to get the license plate number of the suspect's vehicle and called police. An officer responded to the address where the vehicle is registered, but did not find the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

### Fire Assist

On June 1 at 9:44 a.m., fire and police personnel responded to a business in the 800 block of Royal Oaks regarding a possible Hazmat situation, resulting from the mixing of chemicals. Employees were evacuated and the Monrovia Fire Department checked the building. The area was contained by the Fire Department and Los Angeles County Hazmat was requested and responded to the incident.

### Vehicle Burglary

On June 1 at 11:18 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 100 block of North Myrtle. The female victim had parked and locked her vehicle in her assigned parking stall in the rear of the complex on May 28. When she returned to her vehicle on May 30, she found the rear passenger-side window had been smashed and her green purse had been taken from the rear floorboard. Investigation continuing.

### Vandalism - Suspects Arrested

On June 2 at 1:38 a.m., an officer was on patrol heading eastbound on Evergreen towards Myrtle when he saw a vehicle stopped by the freeway onramp. A subject exited the passenger side of the vehicle, tagged the wall, stepped back into the vehicle and the driver drove away. The officer conducted a traffic stop and arrested the two suspects for vandalism; one of the suspects was also charged with transporting a controlled substance and open container.

### Vehicle Burglary

On June 2 at 8:27 a.m., the victim of a vehicle burglary came to the Monrovia Police Department lobby to file a report. An expensive pair of shoes were stolen from her vehicle. She parked and locked her vehicle in her assigned stall in the 200 block of South Primrose. When she returned to her vehicle the next day, she found the shoes had been stolen from the vehicle. Investigation continuing.

### Theft from a Vehicle

On June 3 at 9:48 a.m., a vehicle theft was reported in the 200 block of El Nido. The victim parked his vehicle in the driveway, but could not remember if he locked the doors. When he returned to his vehicle about three hours later, his trunk was open. He did not think anything of it until later in the day when he noticed several items missing from inside the car. Investigation continuing.

### Detective Bureau Case Follow-up

The Home Depot has had several commercial burglaries occur over the last two months. These burglaries were committed by a group of females who would enter the store carrying large empty shoulder bags. The females would fill the bags with merchandise, one female would fill a shopping cart and then they would all proceed to walk out of the store without paying. They did not try to conceal their actions and would confront employees if they were approached. This was caught on surveillance video, but the females were not identified and were gone by the time police arrived.

Detective's spoke with other agencies in the area to see if they were experiencing similar thefts and discovered Arcadia, Pasadena, and Glendale were having the same crimes occur. All three agencies compared leads, and several arrests were made implicating a Pasadena gang and nine female gang members. Two of the three females who were involved in the Monrovia incidents have been identified and arrested.

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## Jeff's Pics

## The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

## ONE SHOT AT FOREVER: A SMALL TOWN, AN UNLIKELY COACH, AND A MAGICAL BASEBALL SEASON by Chris Ballard

The Inspirational Story of a Coach, a Baseball Team, and the Season They'll Never Forget. In 1971, a small-town high school baseball team from rural Illinois playing with hand me down uniforms and peace signs on their hats defied convention and the odds. Led by an English teacher with no coaching experience, the Macon Ironmen emerged from a field of 370 teams to become the smallest school in Illinois history to make the state final, a distinction that still stands. There, they would play a dramatic game against a Chicago powerhouse that would change their lives forever. In a gripping narrative, Sports Illustrated writer Chris Ballard tells the story of the team and its coach. Beloved by students but not administration, Sweet reluctantly took over a rag tag team, intent on teaching the boys as much about life as baseball. Inspired by Sweet's unconventional methods, the undersized, undermanned team embarked on an improbable postseason run that infuriated rival coaches and buoyed an entire town. Engaging and poignant, One Shot at Forever is a testament to the power of high school sports to shape the lives of those who play them, and it reminds us that there are few bonds more sacred than that among a coach, a team, and a town.

## FREEDOM'S FORGE: HOW AMERICAN BUSINESS PRODUCED VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II by Arthur Herman

Remarkable as it may seem today, there once was a time when the president of the United States could pick up the phone and ask the president of General Motors to resign his position and take the reins of a great national enterprise. And the CEO would oblige, no questions asked, because it was his patriotic duty. In Freedom's Forge, Arthur Herman takes us back to that time, revealing how two extraordinary American businessmen, automobile magnate William Knudsen and shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser, helped corral, cajole, and inspire business leaders across the country to mobilize the "arsenal of democracy" that propelled the Allies to victory in World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt enlisted "Big Bill" Knudsen, a Danish immigrant who had risen through the ranks of the auto industry to become president of General Motors, to drop his plans for market domination and join the U.S. Army. Commissioned a lieutenant general, Knudsen assembled a crack team of industrial innovators, persuading them one by one to leave their lucrative private sector positions and join him in Washington, D.C. Henry J. Kaiser was a maverick California industrialist famed for his innovative business techniques and his can-do management style. He, too, joined the cause. His Liberty ships became World War II icons and the Kaiser name became so admired that FDR briefly considered making him his vice president in 1944. Together, Knudsen and Kaiser created a wartime production behemoth. In four short years they transformed America's army from a hollow shell into a truly global force, laying the foundations for a new industrial America and for the country's rise as an economic as well as military superpower. Featuring behind the scenes portraits of FDR, George Marshall, Henry Stimson, Harry Hopkins, Jimmy Doolittle, and Curtis LeMay, as well as scores of largely forgotten heroes and heroines of the wartime industrial effort, Freedom's Forge is the American story writ large. It vividly recreates American industry's finest hour, when the nation's business elites put aside their pursuit of profits and set about saving the world.

## POPS &amp; HAMLISCH ARBORETUM DEBUT

By Scott Hettrick, *Arcadia's Best*

The inaugural season of Marvin Hamlisch and the Pasadena Pops at the L.A. County Arboretum



kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, with guest artists Lucie Arnaz and Robert Klein joining the orchestra with their unique blend of comedy and musical theatre.

The artists will perform a concert version of Hamlisch's Broadway musical They're Playing Our Song, a musical tribute to Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, selections from musicals by Irving Berlin, Lerner & Lowe, and more.

Hamlisch, now in his second season as Principal Pops Conductor, is widely recognized as one of America's greatest musical talents with Grammy, Emmy, Tony, Oscar, Golden Globe, and Pulitzer Prize awards among his many accolades. The prolific composer and arranger is known for bringing the music of Scott Joplin back to popularity with his score for "The Sting" starring Paul Newman, writing the smash Broadway hit A Chorus Line, creating unforgettable songs such as "The Way We Were," "Nobody Does It Better," "What I Did For Love," "One" and many more.

Klein and Arnaz both starred as the lead roles in They're Playing Our Song when it premiered on Broadway in 1979. Arnaz, the daughter of Hollywood icons Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, is in award winning actress, singer, and comedienne. She has starred in musicals ranging from the hilarious "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" to the evocative "Witches of Eastwick," appeared on screen in many of her mother's timeless comedies, and co-starred opposite Neil Diamond and Laurence Olivier in "The Jazz Singer." Klein, a veteran of the famed Second City comedy troupe, played a pivotal role in TV and comedy history as the first comedian to appear in concert on HBO; since his debut in 1975, he has performed nine specials for the channel earning multiple Emmy nominations.

Tickets to They're Playing Our Song with Marvin Hamlisch and the Pasadena POPS at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, on Saturday, June 16 are on sale now. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets begin at \$10 for children and \$20 for adults. For tickets or more information, contact the Pasadena Symphony and POPS Box Office at [www.PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org](http://www.PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org) or call 626.793.7172.

- Cost: Children tickets start at \$10, adult tickets start at \$20
- Parking: Free parking is available at the adjoining Westfield Santa Anita shopping center (complimentary shuttles will provide service between Westfield and the Arboretum's main entrance).
- Dining Options: Catered meals may be pre-ordered in advance from Julienné, Marston's, or Porta Via. Onsite purchase options will include an array of gourmet food trucks and a cash bar. Guests may also bring a picnic and beverages.

## SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE OFFERS SPECIAL EVENTS

## WINE TASTING SATURDAYS

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 winemakers 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,

## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden



## THE TEMPER TRAP

Australian indie rockers The Temper Trap return with the release of their sophomore eponymous album. The band is coming off their 2009 critically and commercially successful debut record, "Conditions". When it was released, the stand out track of the summer, "Sweet Disposition" dominated the airwaves and was arguably the best pop-rock song out during that time. Now three years later and refusing to rest on their laurels, The Temper Trap try to capitalize on the accomplishment of their debut with twelve brand new tracks. Unfortunately, the slow-burn record falls short of completely wooing me over and feels rather flaccid in comparison to their debut.

When a band releases a record under a self-title, it generally means the band is saying this is their defining and signature sound. If that's the case here, The Temper Trap doesn't live up to their lofty ambitions. This argument comes in the form of how their first album felt relatively fresh and inventive at the time. Lead vocalist Dougy Mandagi still has a tremendous angelic voice. There's no denying that. However, the music behind him doesn't always match up so well. Some peculiar choices were made on this album like the completely out of place "London's Burning," a complete train wreck that is neither original nor a satisfying replica of something sounding much better. "Where Do We Go From Here" has a great start, but painfully falls into the depths of formulaic. It's a shame because it could have been something truly special rather than glaringly second-rate. The album oscillates from sounding fairly decent to a middling mainstream pop-rock experience. Finding something to connect with isn't always easy here, but the first single, "Need Your Love" is an unambiguous standout. The blissful pop track becomes the closest song one is going to get in recapturing the magic of "Sweet Disposition". "I'm Gonna Wait" is an appealing, soaring tune that strives on being the obligatory feel good love song the album has to offer.

Artist: The Temper Trap  
Album: The Temper Trap  
Label: Glassnote Records  
Release Date: June 5th, 2012

Despite some pleasant arrangements, the record feels visionless. Without a distinctive goal in reach, it's difficult to support the band for what they're unknowingly going for. Inconsistent, lacking any gratifying surprises, and catering to the mainstream masses, The Temper Trap doesn't demonstrate the growth fans may have been anticipating. In the end, I wouldn't be all too surprised if the record vanishes quicker than the time it takes to read this review.

Grade: 6 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Need Your Love", "I'm Gonna Wait", "This Isn't Happiness"



Margot Lennartz, oil

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Sammy Ross' lighting design ingeniously reflects the mood and tone of each scene, including a vivid sunset that realistic and poetical

- Eric Marchese, Backstage

... the play must be seen to be appreciated, for this trip down the rabbit hole with Alice can only be believed by sitting in the theatre and enjoying every twist and turn....The acting is superb and the staging uncanny

- Gayle Pool, American Chronicle



"Now, after a long absence, Ayckbourn's play has returned to Los Angeles with a dazzling performance by Sharon Sharth in the leading role, along with a gifted supporting ensemble and excellent direction by Christian Lebano."

- Hoyt Hilsman, Huffington Post



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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



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Astronomers at Arizona State University have found an exceptionally distant galaxy, ranked among the top 10 most distant objects currently known in space and the faintest galaxy ever observed. Light from the recently detected galaxy left the object 13 billion years ago—only 800 million years after the beginning of the universe.

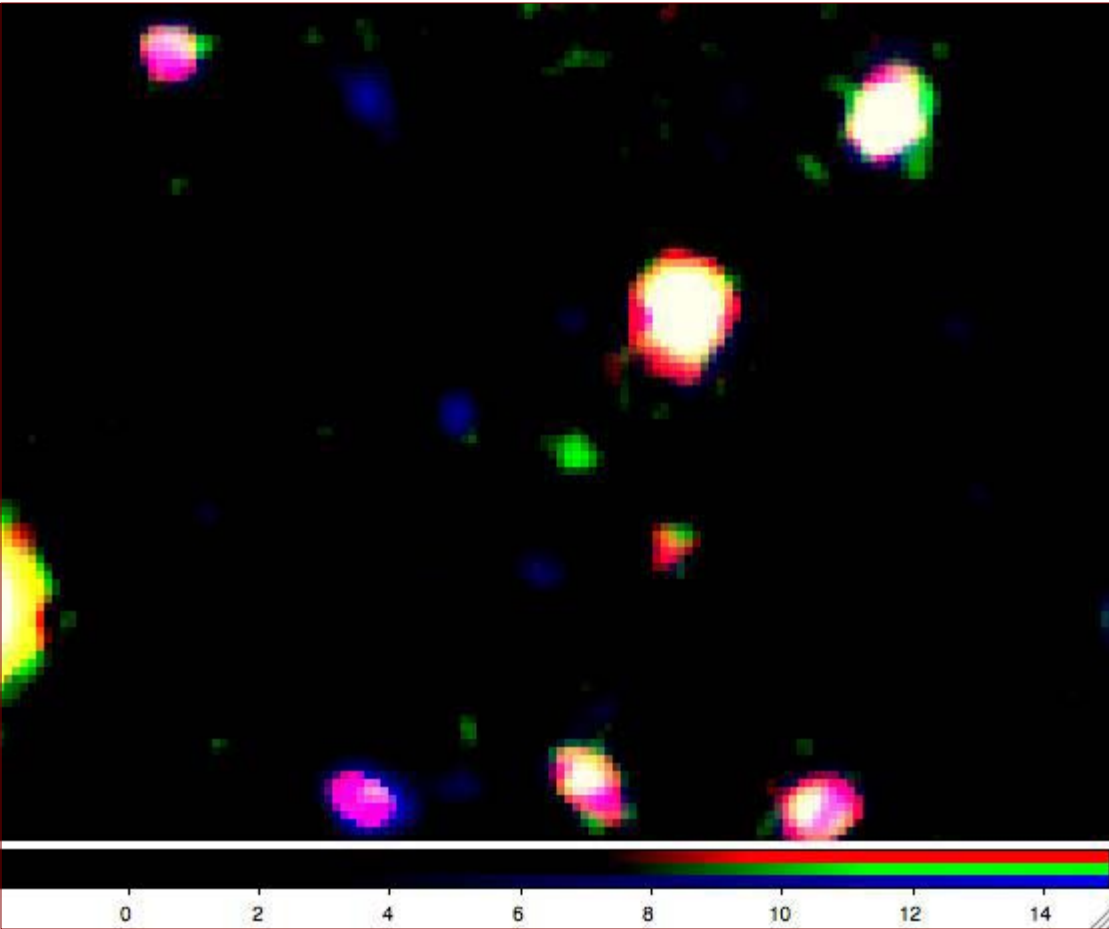
A team of astronomers, led by James Rhoads, Sangeeta Malhotra, and Pascale Hibon of the School of Earth and Space Exploration at ASU, identified the remote galaxy after scanning a Moon-sized patch of sky with the Magellan Telescopes at the Carnegie Institution's Las Campanas Observatory in Chile. Their research was published in the June 1 issue of *The Astrophysical Journal Letters* [http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.3161].

The observational data reveal a faint infant galaxy, 13 billion light-years away. “This image is like a baby picture of this galaxy, taken when the universe was only 5 percent of its current age,” says Rhodes.

A special filter fitted to the telescope camera was designed to catch light of narrow wavelength ranges, allowing the astronomers to conduct a very sensitive search in the infrared. “We have been using this technique since 1998 and pushing it to ever-greater distances and sensitivities in our search for the first galaxies at the edge of the universe,” says Malhotra. “Young galaxies must be observed at infrared wavelengths and this is not easy to do using ground-based telescopes, since the Earth's atmosphere itself glows and large detectors are hard to make.”

To be able to detect these very distant objects which were forming near the beginning of the universe, astronomers look for sources that have very high redshifts. They refer to an object's distance by a number called its “redshift,” which relates to how much its light has been stretched to longer, redder wavelengths due to the expansion of the universe. Objects with larger redshifts are farther away and are seen further back in time. The new-found galaxy has a redshift of 7. Only a handful of galaxies have confirmed redshifts greater than 7, and none of the others is as faint as LAE J095950.99+021219.1.

“As time goes by, these small blobs which are forming stars, they'll dance around each other, merge with each other and form bigger and bigger galaxies. Somewhere halfway through the age of the universe they start looking like the galaxies we see today—and not before. Why, how, when, where that happens is a fairly active area of research,” explains Malhotra.



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**FROM THE FARTHEST GALAXY TO A DEWDROP IN THE GRASS** seems like a long leap, but the same laws of physics prevail in both. The other day, I stopped on my morning walk to take a long look at a small point of brightness in a grassy lawn. It turned out to be a drop of dew reflecting—and refracting—the sunlight, creating a rainbow-like spectrum. As I sat on a wall beside it, I found that when I moved my head ever-so-slightly, the gleam changed from red to green and back again.

Just as raindrops in the sky can make a rainbow for all to see, that dewdrop was making a spectrum of light just for me. It was my own personal rainbow, and I had the power to change its color by just moving my head. Gazing at this gave me a feeling of wonder, and I longed for a telescope—or microscope—that would let me look deeper inside that drop. Whether it's in far space or on a blade of grass, I thought, science is all around us, just waiting to be seen, understood, and loved.

MAGNIFY  
Hint of a rainbow  
On a very small dewdrop...  
Waiting to see more.

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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

WEB FOCUS: Experts-Exchange

Experts-Exchange (<http://www.Experts-Exchange.com>) is a membership-based online “ask an expert” site for technology, computer and IT related questions. Founded in 1996, the company has gone through a few re-makes and has emerged as a profitable, premier IT expertise site in a very crowded field. At Experts-Exchange, users are awarded points for answering questions asked by other users or writing articles for the general community. This often results in a points-gathering competition for obtaining more points in order to achieve one or more of the various member rankings.

The site offers a paid subscription service that offers full access to those who primarily use the website to get their IT and technology questions answered. By answering questions posted by other users, participants can win points in order to

get a paid subscription. Those users who earn a minimum of 10,000 points are given access to all features of the web site in what is known as the “Premium Services Package”. Additionally, they also need to obtain at least 3,000 points each month to keep these privileges. “EE” also offers subscribers access to the extensive knowledgebase of answers they’ve accumulated over the years and this feature alone has proven very useful to many a weary system-admin looking for an online solution to a vexing technical issue. This knowledgebase is divided into sections covering such areas as Microsoft, Apple, Networking, Database, Security, Hardware, Software, Storage, Programming and Web Development. The site also features a Blog section and an Articles section for further search options for users who can't find what they're looking for in other areas of the site.

If a user seeking answers is unable to find a resolution to their problem he/she can post a question directly to the board and wait for answers from the community. When posting a question the user is directed to assign the question to a pre-selected category for easier classification. The wait time for responses to posted question tends to be short, as the competition for points can be described as nothing short of intense, but the technical accuracy of the answers received tend to be right on the money. The user has the option of awarding points for accepted solutions or dividing awarded points between partial answers accepted.

So the next time you find yourself in need of an answer to a particularly challenging technical issue and a plain old Google search just isn't doing it for you, swing by Experts-Exchange.com.

KATIE Tse .....**This and That**  
**SAILING WITH THE PATHOGENS**



Summer's here! Yay! Are you planning any vacations? It's hard, but try not to worry too much about the insane gas prices. Just remember, in Norway and the Netherlands they're paying over six bucks a gallon. (But then again, they probably rely more on water-guzzling huskies to pull them from place to place than on gas-guzzling SUVs.) I haven't traveled much, but there's one trip I think I'd pass up -- a cruise. Granted, I shouldn't judge things I haven't tried. But on the other hand, I don't need to perm my hair or go bungee jumping to know I'd regret it. Every so often, the topic of cruises comes up with my family, or at work, or more often on the news. None of my immediate family have been on a cruise. We're very low key and usually stick to places like Solvang or Cambria, aka “Sierra Madre by the sea.”

The thing I think I'd like least about a cruise ship is that there's no escape. Of course most of the cruise liners are huge, and you can probably easily avoid certain people if you want to. However, you're often forced to eat with strangers (I've been told). Perhaps the ritzier boats accommodate eating in privacy, but I believe lesser ships require you to eat at certain times, with other passengers assigned to your table.) I'm all for making new friends, etc. But if I'm on “vacation,” I don't want to have to worry about making small talk and acting charming. This attitude might just be the introvert in me. Maybe lots of people like being thrown together with unknown individuals. It makes dinner all the more exciting.

Once a friend described the fabulous annual family cruises they take. She listed some beautiful, exotic locations in the Caribbean. I made some comment like, “Oh, I've always wanted to go there!” She gave me a funny look, “Go there?” she said. “I never leave the boat!” Oh my gosh! Are you telling me that you prefer the ship to some of the most beautiful places on earth? The destinations she named are all politically stable, non-scary places like Saint Martin and the Cayman Islands. It's not as if she were turning down Kingston or a port in Mexico, which I wouldn't argue against. But why on earth would you camp out in your state room if there's Antigua to explore? At least take advantage of the duty-free shopping. Heck, I'd just be happy to get off the boat!

Like I said, cruises are essentially communal. Any pathogen that gets loose is going to be there for the remainder of the voyage. To me, the grossest things are the pools and water activities advertized on TV. All that water's being recycled, and anyone with a communicable disease is capable of spreading it to everyone who visits that pool. You must also consider that all the ship's drinking/cooking/bathing water is coming from one, limited source. If it becomes compromised, you've got an epidemic on your hands.

If the daytime activities aren't scary enough for you, the ocean is creepy at night. There are no lampposts that rise out of the ocean after sunset. It's just one big, spooky sea of darkness. Another problem is the high number of “accidents” that occur on cruise ships. Summer just wouldn't be summer if there wasn't at least one story about someone (usually female) disappearing off a boat. I'm sure cruise ships have all sorts of high-tech safety features, but unless they line the decks with 7 foot fiberglass walls, there will always be the potential for danger. One of my mom's friends went on a cruise where a lady got mad at her husband and jumped into the drink. What is it about the open sea that bring out the drama in some people? Have they seen “Titanic” too many times? I think this particular lady had enjoyed a few too many grasshoppers at the bar that evening. There's another thing: alcohol and boating don't mix. Look at Natalie Wood. These sort of situations dampen the party spirit to say the least.

Although I might be totally misinformed about cruises, these are my opinions nonetheless. Of course if I could take a week at work for a weeklong cruise and still get paid, I'd try it. But since that's unlikely, I think I'll stick with Solvang. Besides, I already know where all the great aebleskiver places are.



Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

“TWO FUR TWO”  
**A Second Dog in the Household**

There are various reasons why people choose to find a companion for their existing furry, four-footed friend. Among the most common reasons are companionship for their canine, and another is hoping the new dog will act as a help-meet in buffering the blow of saying goodbye to the older dog, when his time comes. These are reasons why people **choose** to adopt a second dog, but the fact is, such a scenario can play out for reasons other than intention or choice. As of 8 weeks ago, I have had a second dog in my home, due to the unexpected passing of a very dear friend, and I have learned some amazing lessons through the experience.

When my next door neighbor called saying he felt sick and asked me to come over, so I did. At the time, I had no idea he would be rushed to the hospital, never to return home, leaving his 3-year-old dog “Molly” in my care. I never gave it a second thought as to whether or not I would take care of Molly, but I would be lying if I said I wasn't a bit overwhelmed by the sudden loss of my friend and the addition of a second dog to my home. You see, I already have a 10-year-old bloodhound named “Tatertotts”. I adopted her 8 ½ years ago. Tater was adoptable because she was too aggressive for the show ring. Her unpredictable behavior is apparently the result of in-breeding, or at least that's what I think caused her social short-comings. For this

reason, Tater has always been a challenge when it comes to social interaction. She is fine at home with me and my husband, but as soon as she is forced to share her space with others, trouble ensues.

For the first two weeks, Tater and Molly got along fine and I was so happy for Tater, as I had thought she would live out the rest of her life lonely with no social interaction other than me and my husband. Unfortunately, the fun-loving ended about halfway through the third week of having Molly in our home. I guess Tater got tired of sharing her space, and decided it was time to put her foot down! (And, in case you haven't met Tater, I'll tell you now, she's got a big foot to put down!). Well, that's when the “fun” started for me. I soon found myself rotating 2 dogs in my home to avoid confrontation and potential blood-shed. Finally, I called my vet and asked her what I should do to help facilitate the new relationship, and her first bit of advice was that I continue giving Tater lots of positive reinforcement, and allow her to be the “top-dog” in her own home.

My vet gave me some very specific tips on how to go about dealing with Tater and Molly to ensure the best outcome. First of all, she said that if a fight should break out, I should not yell or get excited (easy for her to say), rather I should keep an even tone and talk to Tater calmly, saying such things as “it's ok, girl, I know you are just protecting your territory, and we know you are number one, now come on and let Molly have a little space too, just be yourself and she'll know you're the boss”. It may sound silly to talk to your dog like a person, but they pick up on the vibes you are sending out, so it really does help to tell them what they need to hear.

The bottom line is I must confirm Tater's position of hierarchy over Molly, and not reprimand her for protecting her territory. Well, I'll tell you right now, that is a challenge when my 108-pound bloodhound is standing over Molly, who weighs about 40 pounds! Still, I get the logic behind my vet's advice

and I trust her opinion, so I am doing my best to carry it out. I still keep Molly and Tater separate most of the time, but I am working toward allowing short, closely monitored visits together in the back yard. I'm just not confident enough to allow a potential confrontation between them yet, although I am told it is necessary in order to let them work things out and establish their respective roles. My situation is one in which I did not choose to adopt a new dog, but I love Molly and I made a promise to Fred that I would always be there for her if she needed me, so I am committed to making it work.

Many pet owners are making the choice to adopt a second dog, and with so many in shelters these days, I think that is wonderful! In this case, it is important to find the best match for your existing pet. Although each dog is an individual, some handle change better than others. There are some basic considerations to be made before adopting dog # 2. Age, gender, size and energy level are among the most important variables to be considered. It is also important to recognize the fact that, unless the existing dog allows otherwise, the new dog will most likely have to play 'second fiddle'. If your dog has lived in your home for quite a long time, unless he happens to be very passive and allows the new one to dominate, he will assume the position of “top dog” when you bring another one home.

Another important thing to be considered is that the new dog should not be too energetic or hyper-active, compared to the energy level of the existing dog. For example, bringing a rambunctious puppy into the

home of an elderly, perhaps even deaf or blind dog could create a disaster for all involved. If the purpose is to find a friend for an older dog, do your best to find a younger dog that will show full respect to the elder. In fact, regardless of age, energy level is a very important issue to be aware of in general. Also, dogs are very territorial, so if a dog has lived in it's home for many years, naturally he will defend his territory against a potential predator, even another dog. Be aware of your dog's level of territorial tendencies, do not punish him for such behavior, and try to find another dog who will respect those boundaries.

There is much more to know and prepare for before adopting a second dog, so take the time to research the issues and ask questions. The more you know and understand about the nature of dogs and how they interact, the better your chances of maintaining an harmonious home with more than one pup on the premises! So far, in spite of the challenges, I think we are making progress here at the Leclerc home. I love Tatertotts with all of my heart, and I love Molly, too. They both bring so much joy to my life that I refuse to give up on helping them get along. They are teaching me so much through the process, I feel like I'm back in school! I guess you could say I am 2 for 2 as a dog lover and pet owner at this point. I wish the best to those of you who wish to add a second dog to your home. Try to understand the reasons behind their behavior, stay positive and above all, don't give up!



## THE JOY OF YOGA ANXIETY & DEPRESSION



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

Here I go again, claiming that yoga can make you calm and happy. But now science is behind the 5,000 year old practices. A 2010 12-week study compared walking and practicing yoga to see which had a greater impact on overall mood. Yoga was the big winner with significant results in mood improvement. The study showed that yoga increases your mood and decreases anxiety by increasing GABA, the relaxation neurotransmitter in the brain. (Yoga International Magazine, summer 2012)

But this is not news to the yoga community. We are all here to tell you that we feel better. Ask anyone that has a regular practice.

Then there is yoga for cancer and yoga for back pain and yoga for autoimmune diseases. There is yoga for weight loss. What comes first? The inner feel good or the stronger back? Who cares! Our society is filled with anxiety. We can't even tell we are anxious anymore because it has become our normal state. We are driving and flying in planes. We are on the computer and texting and getting immediate gratification and waiting for the next thing to make us anxious. Sometimes we even think that it makes us feel good. That is adrenaline. It is not until we really calm down and can still experience happiness that we realize the difference.

According to yoga science anxiety is a call to action. A feeling to listen to that says: 'change your situation, you may be in danger'. But since we are so used to the feeling we don't act anymore. Prolonged anxiety leads to depression. Depression is even harder to overcome. The science of yoga was designed to help us find happiness. The easiest way to get there is yoga asana, pranayama and meditation. So open up your mind and get into class. You will be so HAPPY that you did!

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## HOW TO CHALLENGE YOUR MEDICAL BILLS

Dear Savvy Senior,

*I need some help understanding my medical bills from my knee replacement surgery earlier this year. My wife and I live on a pretty tight budget so I like to keep track of our costs as closely as possible. But the bills I've received are vague and confusing, and we think we're being overcharged. What can you tell us? Trying To Recover*

Dear Trying,  
Errors and overcharging have become so commonplace on medical bills today that double-checking them is a very smart move that may save you some money. Here are some tips and tools that can help.

### Challenge Your Bills

According to the Medical Billing Advocates of America, nine out of 10 hospital bills have errors on them, most of which are in the hospital's favor. Bills from doctor's offices and labs have mistakes too, but they tend to be fewer and further apart.

To help you get a handle on your medical bills and check for costly errors, the first thing you need to do is request an itemized statement from the hospital or health care providers detailing the charges of the procedures, supplies, tests and services they provided you. They are legally required to provide you with this information.

If the statement contains confusing billing codes or abbreviations that you don't understand, call the billing office for an explanation. You can also look up most medical billing codes online by going to any online search engine and typing in "CPT" followed by the code number.

Once you receive and decode the statement, review it carefully and keep your eyes peeled for these mistakes:

- Double billing: Being charged twice for the same services, drugs, or supplies.
- Typos: Incorrect billing codes or dollar amounts.
- Canceled work: Charging for a test your doctor ordered, then canceled.
- Phantom services: Being charged for services, test or treatments that were never received.
- Up-coding: Inflated charges for medications and supplies.
- Incorrect length of stay: Most hospitals will charge for the admission day, but not for day of discharge. Be sure you're not paying for both.
- Incorrect room charges: Being charged for a private room, even if you stayed in a semi-private room.
- Inflated operating room fees: Being billed for more time than was actually used. Compare the charge with your anesthesiologist's records.

To make sure the charges on your bill are reasonably priced, use the Healthcare Blue Book at [healthcarebluebook.com](http://healthcarebluebook.com). This is a free resource that lets you look up the going rate of health care costs in your area.

If you find errors or have questions about charges, contact your provider's billing office and your insurer. If they don't help you and the discrepancies are significant, you should consider getting help from a trained professional who specializes in analyzing medical bills and negotiates with health care providers, insurers and even collection agencies.

Most medical bill reviewing professionals charge an hourly fee – somewhere between \$50 and \$200 per hour – for their services, or they may work on a contingency basis, earning a commission of 25 percent to 35 percent of the amount they save you.

To find help, check out resources like Medical Billing Advocates of America ([billadvocates.com](http://billadvocates.com)), MedReview Solutions ([medreviewsolutions.com](http://medreviewsolutions.com)), Hospital Bill Review ([hospitalbillreview.com](http://hospitalbillreview.com)) and Medical Cost Advocate ([medicalcostadvocate.com](http://medicalcostadvocate.com)). You can find others by doing an Internet search under "hospital bill review."

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, another resource that may help is your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). They provide free personalized counseling and may be able to help you get a handle on your medical bills and Medicare coverage. To find a local SHIP counselor visit [shiptalk.org](http://shiptalk.org), or call 800-677-1116.

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

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# 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/online-registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration)



**June Birthdays**  
Pat Fujiwara, Nellie Haynes, Mary Carney, Theresa Daley, Ann Disbrow, Ann Durgerian, Joan Ellison, Ruth Kirkby, Irene Kudirka, Marilyn McKernan, Anne Montgomery, Dollie Morant, Trini Ornelas, Martha Spriggs, Pat Starkey.



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

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



### 2012 ARCADIA BEAUTIFUL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Local residents had the opportunity again to nominate neighbors and businesses that help make Arcadia a beautiful place to live by their distinctive, carefully manicured front yards. From those nominations, fifteen properties were chosen as the "best of the best" this year.

According to Connie Schacatano at the city of Arcadia, "Judging criteria included the overall appearance as well as all the elements relative to the general beautification of the property, including general property maintenance, design, architecture, color plus improvements to the structure and landscaping. Other things that the judges look for is originality and "eye catching appeal. The property should upgrade the image of the neighborhood and add to the beauty of the community." Homes can win only once every four years. The recognized homeowners will be recognized at an awards ceremony on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Arcadia City Council Meeting.



On a pleasant tour of this year's winners, our Mountain Views News "judges" chose a few favorites: 30 W. Orange Grove Avenue, 1220 Rodeo Road, 1055 Panorama Drive and 440 S. Old Ranch Road.

I routed the homes in a somewhat logical sequence for those who might enjoy a tour of lovely front yards:

1. 30 W. Orange Grove Avenue
2. 322 Arbolada Drive
3. 1220 Rodeo Road
4. 440 S. Old Ranch Road
5. 1055 Panorama Drive
6. 333 Fairview Avenue
7. 170 W. Sandra Avenue
8. 471 W. Winnie Way
9. 410 E. Camino Real Avenue
10. 917 E. Camino Real Avenue



11. 1800 Louise Avenue
12. 1666 W. Las Flores Avenue
13. 1608 Holly Avenue
14. 2530 Lee Avenue
15. 1811 S. Seventh Avenue

Come December, the city also gives out its Holiday Awards for outstanding exterior decorations. So Arcadia residents, keep your eye out for great decorations in December and send in those nominations to the City Manager's office 240 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007!

*Have an interesting home or garden that might interest our readers? Send the details to [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com)!*



## VACATION TIME HOME SECURITY

It's summertime, and before you decide to pack up the family and go on vacation, take a few precautions to keep your home safe while you are away. Be cautious of who you tell about your vacation. It's okay to let a trusted neighbor know when and where you are going, just don't broadcast it to your whole neighborhood. And don't post the fact that you are going on vacation on social network sites for anyone to see; a friend of a friend of your friend just could be a burglar.

Also, take a few steps to make potential burglars believe someone is actually home. Hook up a timer to lights, televisions and radios, so they go on and off while you are away. Adjust the time setting to your normal routine. Make sure that everything is locked up and secure before you head out; double check sheds, windows, garage doors, and any other opportunistic locations. Have the post office hold your mail or have a trusted neighbor collect your mail for you, as well as your newspaper. Don't allow newspapers to stack up in your driveway; an obvious clue to thieves that no one is home.

Another precaution you can take is to turn off the ringer to your phone. An unanswered phone might tip off a prowler that you are away. Don't leave a message on your answering machine announcing your vacation to callers. If you have a home security system, call your company and let them know you will be on vacation and notify local law enforcement, as well, so they can keep an extra eye on your home while you are away.



### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

## BUY, SELL, WIN, WIN

Buyers, sellers, the time for hesitation is over for both of you. Home sales are rising, inventories are shrinking, and even though home values fell dramatically in the last few years, the good news is that houses are now more affordable than they have been at any time during the last twenty years.

If you are buying, now is the time to make your move, literally. As the market recovers, the scales are still tipped in your favor. There are still many "distressed properties" (foreclosures and short sales) on the market, and other homeowners are entering the selling field as improving conditions increase their confidence.

You can still expect competition for lower end, entry-level homes, but demand is softer in the middle to upper end property market, so you could be in a stronger bargaining position in those two tiers.

If you're a seller, don't be alarmed by the good news for buyers. Buyer confidence and strength makes it more likely that you'll enjoy a sale. Don't try to compete against short sales and foreclosures when you're pricing, though, because that's a tough game to win. Just complete any needed repairs, get your home into great showing condition, and emphasize your home's strengths and features. We're in an interesting transitional phase where both buyers and sellers can be winners with the right attitude and representation.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA

### NONPROFIT BOARDS THAT DON'T GIVE, WON'T GET

Raising funds is one of the most important roles played by a nonprofit board of directors. Agencies of all sizes recruit members in hopes of establishing the type of board that takes a leadership role in raising funds. It is important that each boardmember makes an annual pledge for some level of cash donation. A minimum amount is usually determined by a board vote and may be adjusted as times and situations change. Some boards ask that members personally "give" or take responsibility to "get" the minimum pledge from some other source, contact or fundraising activity.

Nonprofit boards with a track record of effectiveness in fundraising demonstrate an understanding of a basic premise, "A board that will not give is a board that will not get." A board filled with individuals unwilling or uneducated about the necessity of committing to some level of personal financial commitment is not empowered to encourage others to give at any significant level.

Organizations with development professionals on staff are better equipped to assist and support the board with systems and processes to follow through with their financial commitments. Preparing solicitation letters, accompanying members to pre-arranged meetings to request donations from prospects, or grooming members on how to contact and communicate with foundations on behalf of the agency are some of the tasks routinely carried out by development personnel. One or more members routinely serve as chair or co-chairs for the board's development activities. They work with the executive director to determine annual fundraising plans, campaigns and fundraising events.

Raising funds to support programs is an ongoing challenge for all nonprofits, but many smaller organizations never invest the time needed to lay the foundation that would increase returns from their fundraising efforts. Most of their boardmembers sign on without any basic orientation regarding the agency's expectations of them as a donor. This results in a board that "does not give" and therefore "cannot get" funds from others on behalf of the organization.

The community is better served when nonprofits have expectations of the board as volunteer-donors. Nonprofits that operate without this expectation will need one or more boardmembers willing to take on this issue as a project. An outside consultant experienced in providing training to the group in this area is worth the investment. A board properly educated, equipped and supported as a fundraising body frees the staff to focus on programs and services, thereby increasing the overall quality and value of the agency to the community.

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by Patricia Richardson, M.B.A., Intuit Certified ProAdvisor

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Please feel free to join me on Friday mornings from 9:00 – 9:30am online at [www.QBworkShop.com](http://www.QBworkShop.com) for a free QuickBooks question and answer session (requires 24 hours notice for registration).

#### ...Tax Credit for Hiring U.S. Veterans?

Your company still has time to qualify for a Federal tax credit of up to \$9,600 for each qualified veteran hired after November 21, 2011 and before January 1, 2013. Under the U.S. Department of Labor's "Vow To Hire Heroes Act" signed by President Obama on November 21, 2011, Congress expanded this incentive to encourage the hiring of individuals who have returned from serving in the armed forces.

The WOTC is a Federal tax credit incentive that is currently available to employers for hiring individuals from eight certain target groups, including veterans from the Armed Forces. In order to claim the tax credit, an employer must comply with a pre-screening and certification process to ensure that a (potential) employee is a member of the targeted group.

Normally, an eligible employer must file Form 8850, Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit, with their respective state workforce agency within 28 days after the eligible worker begins work. **But under a special rule included in IRS Notice 2012-13, employers have until June 19, 2012, to complete and file this newly-revised form for veterans hired on or after Nov. 22, 2011, and before May 22, 2012.** The 28-day rule will again apply to eligible veterans hired on or after May 22, 2012.

For information, visit the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration Website at <http://www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax/>. For professional services to implement a screening and certification process for your company, contact Patty Richardson at [patti@qbworkshop.com](mailto:patti@qbworkshop.com)



## Social Media

*Tips & Tricks*

By Merri Jill Finstrom



### SCHEDULING TOOLS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

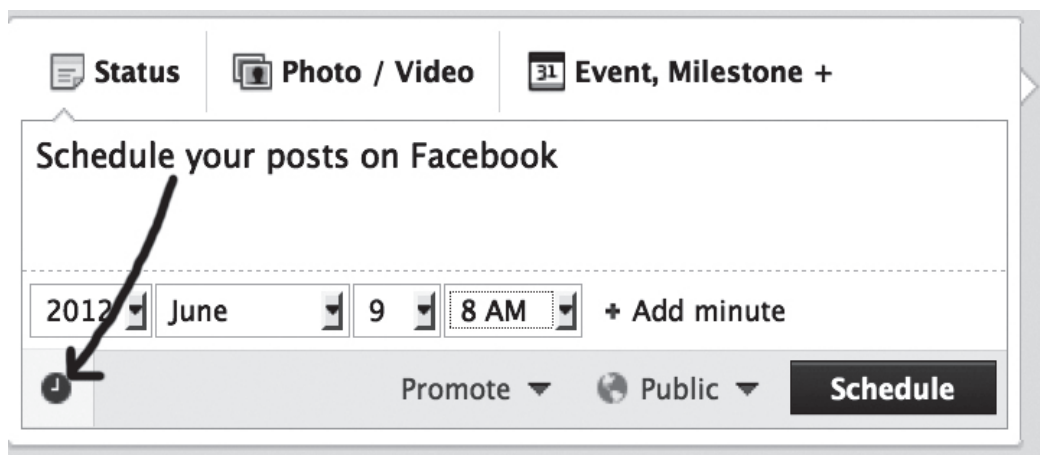
"Who on earth has that much time in their life for all this social media stuff, Argggghhhh!" If I had a dollar for every time I heard that from a seasoned, savvy business owner, I'd be writing this from a villa in Italy.

Most business owners are in the same boat. They come into the era of Social Media Marketing kicking and screaming but they know it's important. They realize Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest and email are where their customers are hanging out.

Marketing has changed dramatically since Social Media and Email Marketing have come on the scene. If you don't have an extra 10 hours a day to give to it, there are a lot of ways to streamline. Technology is your friend. Let me repeat, "technology is your friend." Use it.

Here are a few tools that will save you time:

- **Hootsuite ([hootsuite.com](http://hootsuite.com))** is a social media dashboard. It allows you to schedule posts to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, WordPress and others. You manage your social networks in one place. You can even respond to others through this system. It even provides you with measuring tools. They have mobile so your dashboard goes with you in the palm of your hand. Depending on your needs, they have a paid version and a free version of this tool.
- **Facebook** now allows you to schedule posts. Look for the clock in the lower left corner of the publisher (the place you write in your post, *see screen shot below*). You can schedule posts up to 6 months out. You can see all of your scheduled posts under the activity log of your page. Make a list of good quality information that you can post and spread it out over the next 6 months. There are lots of ways you can use this new feature. It will help you keep your page up to date. If you have a blank page on Facebook, people might assume you have gone out of business, especially in this economy. Try to post (or schedule) something at least 3 times a week.
- **Simple share tool in Constant Contact.** If you are using Constant Contact for your email marketing, you can extend the reach of your emails by sharing them to your social networks. When you schedule your email to deliver to your list, you can push one button that will also schedule your email to post on Twitter or Facebook.
- **Use voice recognition on your smart phone.** Do you know Siri? She has become my new best friend. Siri is the voice recognition tool on the iPhone (other phones have something similar). It allows you to compose a message with your voice instead of your thumbs on your smart phone (you speak and it translates it into type). You can compose an email or a social media post just by talking in your phone. I like to demonstrate this trick in our workshops. I've been able to update my Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and my web site from a remote location in 14 seconds! Who says it should take 10 hours?



Do you have any questions about Social Media or Email marketing you would like me to answer in this column? If so, message our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/hutdogs](http://www.facebook.com/hutdogs).

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## ARCADIA'S SHINING STAR, ERICA WU

**Bound to London for Summer Olympics** By Joan Schmidt

In the City of Arcadia, a bright star shines. Her name is Erica Wu. She is fifteen years old and her proud parents are Johan Pao and Sheng Cheng Wu. Erica is going to the summer Olympics, participating in table tennis.

Our story begins when Erica was seven years old and began to play table tennis for fun. Then when she reached nine, it became a more serious activity. She has been practicing seven days a week, two hours each day- and that is only the table tennis aspect. She also does physical training each day. Activities include running, jumping jacks, sit-ups, push-ups and weights. You certainly would need to build up strength in your arms to endure the long grueling hours of practice.

I don't believe the average person has any idea of the longevity of training and practice involved to become an Olympian. Several years ago, I taught Jean Han and she went to the Junior Nationals in Ice-Skating. Not only did she practice skating every day, but there were also gymnastics and even ballet! And Triple Olympian Medalist, El Monte's own Kim Rhode spoke of her endless hours of practice!

Erica's parents have supported her so much. They have spent tens of thousands of dollars on equipment, travel and summer training camps in China and Taiwan. About \$3000 a month goes to a coach and a live-in partner from China.



Erica has worked with one of her Chinese partners at the Gao-Jun Tennis Club in El Monte. It's a refurbished warehouse with fluorescent lights and posters of Chinese table tennis taped to the walls. Jay Yuan gives Erica tips of her returns.

The Club that Erica practices at, is run by Jun Gao. She's a former Olympian, who has represented both China and the United States in the Olympics. What is surprising is that Gao doesn't feel that homegrown American Olympians can beat international players who have been training in special school since early childhood.

That kind of rationale doesn't faze Erica, her parents, trainers or any of her many fans. Erica just wants to play.

"I shout. I smash balls and I have to fight for every point, and so it's really nice to have that kind of a feeling of 'I'm trying to beat you, I know you're trying to beat me,' let's see who wins," says Erica.

However, there is much more to Erica than table tennis. She excels in academics at Westridge School in Pasadena. It is only fitting that Mayor Bob Harbicht of Arcadia presented Erica with a Special Certificate in recognition being an Olympian. Way to go Erica! Arcadia and the entire San Gabriel Valley will be routing for you. Above, Erica shows off her Resolution from the City of Arcadia. Left, Erica and her parents in Mexico Mom- Johan Pao and Dad, Cheng Sheng Wu



## SIERRA MADRE 2012 SUMMER ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

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

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

Season: Late June through August  
Cost: \$320 per team or \$32 per player

Registration: Must be done in person at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Games Site: Heasley Field located at Sierra Vista Park

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

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

This is your chance to be part of the action by welcoming thousands of guests to Santa Anita Park for the world's greatest races! The Breeders' Cup takes place November 2 and 3, 2012. Please contact Connie Russell to register or get more information at 626-574-6664 or crussell@santaanita.com.

## ARCADIA RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPORTS CAMP

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 to register.

For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113

## Burger Shack Classic Car Show



The 1st Monthly Burger Shack Classic Car Show filled the parking lot of Burger Shack Monrovia with a lot of classic cars and people. The Classic Car show had everything that would certainly be interesting for the casual auto enthusiast and enough historic cars for the hardcore to drool over. Special thanks to everyone who brought their cars and motorcycles, and the great music provided by the Rudy Benavidez Band aka The Burger Shack Band. Come join us on the 1st Saturday of each month for great food, music, and of course classic cars.



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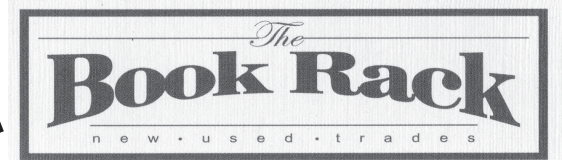
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn

### The Case Against the CAHSEE



should be maintained and expanded to include all high school students, in particular special education students who were being allowed to graduate without having passed the test. Now, almost two years later, I have changed my opinion. It is now my opinion that the CAHSEE should be immediately dropped as a graduation requirement.

The reasons for my change of mind are simple: The most recent review of research on exit exams, done by researchers at the University of Texas, concluded that high school exit exams do not lead to higher graduation rates, more college attendance, increased student learning or higher employment. In fact, researchers all across the nation have yet to discover any benefits of having a high school exit exam. Whatever lies the public has been told, the simple fact is the CAHSEE is not a high school exit exam at all. It is really a middle school exit exam that tests only beginning 9th grade English and math skills.

More important is the cost. In these times when teachers are being asked to take pay cuts and layoffs due to a lagging economy, should California tax dollars be wasted on a test that isn't worth the paper it's printed on? Don't get me wrong. I still believe that if high school diplomas are to be worth anything at all, students must be held accountable by demonstrating a basic mastery of English, and mathematics. However, I no longer believe the CAHSEE is the way to go to realize this goal. Let me explain.

In California, it has been estimated that the exit exams cost about \$60 per exam. This amounted to nearly \$73 million this past year simply to have the tests written up and distributed. This does not count the time spent by teachers in test preparation or the expense of retesting and remediation after testing.

So how much does the CAHSEE cost? Here's what I found out. I looked it up the line items in the 2011-2012 state budget to find out just how much we are currently spending on the high school exit exam in California. You can do the same by using your "find" or "search" option on your computer to find each of these sections within the budget. But do it while you're sitting down - 6110-204-0001 CAHSEE Instructional support (test prep!!) \$58,314,000 6110-204-0002 CAHSEE Test Appropriation \$72,752,000 --- (the cost actual CAHSEE test booklets)

## RICH Johnson GIVING PILLS TO PETS



A relatively new phenomenon in the world of pets is the advanced medical care and attention paid to family pets. I know of 3 good

friends who give their diabetic cats daily insulin shots. A friend of mine, Cindy (who happens to have a small Maltese dog) passed along this information describing administering a pill orally to both cats and dogs. Thank you Cindy for this valuable insight.

Giving a pill to a cat  
Pick up your cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position your right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding the pill in right hand. As your cat opens his or her mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.  
Okay, pick up the spit out pill from the floor and bring back the cat from behind the sofa. Again, cradle your cat in your left arm and repeat process.  
Retrieve the cat from bedroom, and throw away the now soggy pill.  
Take a new pill from its foil wrap, again cradle the cat in your left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.  
Retrieve the newly regurgitated pill from the goldfish bowl and grab the cat from top of wardrobe. Also, call in the spouse for assistance.  
Kneel on the floor with your cat wedged firmly between your knees holding its front and rear paws. Ignore the low growls emitted by cat. Get your spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into the cat's mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

Have your spouse get a ladder and retrieve the cat from the curtain rail. Get another pill from the foil wrap. Make a note to buy new a ruler and repair the curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing and repair later.

Now, wrap the cat in a large towel and get your spouse to lie on the cat with the cat's head visible from below the armpit. Put the pill in end of drinking straw. Force the cat's mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

The total of these figures is a whopping \$131,066,000! But that's just what's printed in the budget; there are also hidden costs in the CAHSEE that are not included in the budget and these costs are enormous.

According outspoken CAHSEE critic Jo Ann Rupert Behm: "Starting in 2006, \$56.4 million a year is awarded to help special ed seniors pass CAHSEE. \$72.4 million a year gives general ed seniors additional CAHSEE tutoring. Add \$5.5 million for intervention materials and \$2.5 million for revised workbooks. Raising the number of times seniors can re-take CAHSEE from 3 to 5 times added \$5.1 million. \$275 million is spent yearly for "focused" CAHSEE tracking and test prep starting in 7th grade for poor testers identified through STAR tests. "The CAHSEE office at the California Department of Education [CDE] with a staff of 7 costs an estimated \$2 million. The independent contract including travel to/from Virginia to deliver glowing CAHSEE reports to the State Board 2-3 times a year costs about \$3 million. Educational Testing Service has a 3-year contract for \$55.1 million to produce and score the CAHSEE. At least \$10 million from taxpayer coffers has been sunk defending and settling the exit exam against four class action lawsuits.

"There is a lot of waste, too. School officials reported to the State Board in May 2007 that over \$920,000 worth of exams had to be shredded because students who failed earlier never returned to retest.

"Even more eye-popping, Adult Education bill [AB 2532] analysts estimated during an August 2006 Appropriations Committee hearing that non-credit test prep courses for "continuation" seniors denied diplomas [due to CAHSEE] would cost taxpayers \$33.5 million for every 12,000 rejected graduates entering Adult Ed. In 2006, 25% or 12,000 out of the 48,000 seniors denied diplomas were expected to enroll."

In other words, last year California taxpayers spent an astronomical \$583.5 MILLION on the CAHSEE -- a test proven to be of no educational value whatsoever (except as a huge source of easy money for the test makers). This outrageous sacrifice of human and economic capital is one more example of the wrongheaded gimmicks driving California schools further in the hole financially while discouraging quality learning and durable school reforms.

Check the pet medicine label to make sure the pill is not harmful to humans and drink one beer to get rid of the taste. Apply neosporine and a band-aid to your spouse's forearm and remove the blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

Fetch your cat from the neighbor's shed. Get another pill and open another beer. Place the cat in the cupboard, and close the door onto cats neck, leaving only the head showing. Force tabby's mouth open with a dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

Find a screwdriver from the garage and put the cupboard door back on its hinges. Drink the beer. While you're at it, fetch a bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Repeat. Apply cold compress to your cheek and check records for the date of your last tetanus shot.

Call the fire department to help retrieve the damn cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to your neighbor who crashed into their fence while swerving to avoid the cat.

Take last pill from foil wrap. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from the shed, tie the little \*&#%'^s front paws to his or her rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold the cats head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

Consume the remainder of scotch. Get your spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while the emergency room physician stitches your fingers and forearm and removes the pill remnants from your right eye. Call the furniture shop on the way home to order a new table.

Arrange for ASPCA to collect mutant cat from hell.

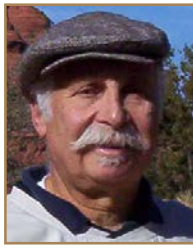
NOW, how To Give A Dog A Pill

1. Wrap the pill in a slice of bacon.
2. Toss it in the air....DONE!

I hope you have found these pet owner's experiences helpful.

*Thank you Cindy and Sparky.*

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE JUST DO YOUR BEST



Last weekend my daughter flew back to her college for a fifteen year reunion. While there she began the process of setting up a scholarship in the name of her college friend who became her roommate while my daughter attended Law School and her friend pursued a graduate degree. This friend, politically active leader while in college, was a vivacious, attractive woman spoken of highly by all those who knew her. In retrospect it was realized that she knew many people but was not really close to anyone. This young woman, of great potential if that makes any difference, committed suicide. My daughter feels that helping to endow a scholarship will make it possible for her to maintain a kind of bond which she formerly took for granted but now has begun to treasure.

Really, I don't know very much about how my daughter feels about her lost friend. I know the woman was an African-American from a broken home but that's about all. I think my daughter wants to help establish a scholarship for minority person from around the local area of the college. We didn't talk much about her purpose in doing this because such things are usually left unsaid. I think she knew that I was very proud of her for considering the idea but I think she also knows that it is not necessary for her to do anything more to be proud of her. I am proud enough already and have been for many years

A couple of years ago I had become friendly with a novelist who lived up the block. He was very supportive to me about my desire to write articles and we talked a little about writing. I probably ignored most of his advice or more honestly simply did not feel comfortable in following the advice he gave me. That advice was mainly, "Hit them over the head with it". He explained that most readers would just sort of skim the articles and if the writing was too deep or too complicated or too obscure it simply would not be worth their time to take the trouble. Mainly, he told me not to skip from one topic to another and to just keep it simple.

I hated this advice because it simply is not what I wanted to do. I want to

share myself with my unknown invisible readers. I want that reader to be my friend and to understand me and to care about what I am saying. I've been writing these articles now for about five years and I think I've learned a little something in the process. Being a friend is a two-way street. My novelist friend was right in that it was unfair for me to expect readers to willingly jump around in my head with me and follow me from topic. At the same time I have learned that if I make a little more effort to connect the dots, so to speak, some readers will take the trouble to follow my path and will go so far as to extend that path which results in my learning a little bit more about myself. These dialogues are really fulfilling and feel like lessons in human relations. If someone today asked me the question, "What are other people for?" I would answer there are no other people. Probably my questioner would not know what I was talking about but if we could find the time to talk more together I would try and explain that the separation between ourselves and others is illusory. Every other person we meet has something to tell us about ourselves and we have something to tell them about themselves. Each of our lives is an ongoing process of learning. It never stops unless we stop it. How do we stop it? By refusing to be aware—and that's what most of us do most of the time.

Yes, I've done it again. I've jumped from my daughter's desire to endow a scholarship, to a discussion of my intent in writing articles, to a final esoteric reference to a kind of new-age world view. How does this all connect or does it? I think in considering my daughter's mention of the scholarship I became aware that she experienced some sadness at taking her friend for granted and not getting to know her better. Perhaps she could have been more aware and perhaps have been of some help to her friend. She wants to do better and maybe the establishment of the scholarship and her connection to it will help her to stay aware of that continuing desire to be of help and will allow her to assist other people. If you got this far maybe you can figure out the other connections and then explain them to me. Just kidding I think; but I can always use a little more understanding, explanation, and attention.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### I CRY AT WEDDINGS, TOO



June is quite famous for the variety of nuptial activities. I am not sure exactly why

June is the month of choice for these couples; I just go along with the flow. Consequently, through the years, I have officiated at many weddings during the month of June.

I must confess that weddings are not my favorite form of activity. I had much rather be doing something else, anything else, than officiating at the wedding ceremony of a young couple who are in love.

When I first began this area of my pastoral work, I was very nervous. I was concerned that people were watching and judging me and therefore I needed to have everything perfect. The day of the wedding found me an absolute nervous wreck. If it was not for several Apple Fritters that morning, I am not sure how I would get through the day.

I feel that my personal inconvenience at these nuptial ceremonies qualified me to indulge in eating several, if not many, Apple Fritters. Everybody needs something to help endure the inconveniences of life. Apple Fritter is my chosen remedy.

I remember when I came to the shocking conclusion that nobody at the wedding ceremony was watching me. The wedding ceremony was concluded and the reception was over and I was in the restroom washing my hands when I happened to look into the mirror. There to my chagrin I discovered that the back of my collar was not covering my tie. Nobody even hinted that I had a wardrobe malfunction.

It was then I realized that nobody was paying any attention to me. I could come to the wedding ceremony in a swimsuit and nobody would notice. Not that I have been tempted in this area, mind you. After all, the focus of the whole affair is the bride.

Since this amazing discovery, weddings have not been quite so difficult for me. I do not worry about my appearance because nobody else is worrying about my appearance.

I often counsel young grooms who seem quite nervous that nobody is even aware of their presence. Nobody comes to a wedding to see the groom. The only thing that really matters is the bride.

After a wedding everybody always says, "Wasn't the bride beautiful?" Or, "Didn't the bride look beautiful in her wedding dress?"

I have yet to hear somebody say, "Wasn't that groom handsome?" Or, "I loved the groom's tuxedo." It just never happens. This is the reason why every groom wears a rented tuxedo. Nobody is admiring him or his attire.

The wedding dress is something alto-

gether different. Very few brides rent a wedding dress. Even though they are only going to wear it, supposedly, once in their lifetime, they all want to buy that special wedding dress.

One reason I am not so very fond of weddings is the premarital counseling involved. Of all the counseling I have given through the years, I am wondering if anybody ever paid attention to what I said. I think I could do the whole counseling session in pig Latin and the couple would sit there smiling at me as though they understood every word I was saying.

With that in mind, I have tried through the years to make the counseling sessions as long and painful as possible. If they can survive a series of premarital counseling sessions from me, then they deserve a lifetime of holy matrimonial bliss.

One strange phenomenon I have seen in weddings throughout the years is the number of people who cry at weddings. For some it may be overwhelmed with happiness. Others may be overwhelmed with memories of their own wedding. But the father of the bride is the one I watch.

It is very hard for some of these fathers to keep back the tears, not because they are losing a daughter, or because they are gaining a son-in-law, but because they are losing a whole lot of money on this wedding.

Then it got me thinking. Most weddings cost a small fortune. Of course small is a relative term. A young bride coached by her mother will find ways to burn through the father's bank account. "No price is too much to pay for this daughter of ours," the mother explains. "She's worth everything it costs."

And the father weeps some more. Especially if there is the younger daughter in the wings.

Looking into the situation the more I discovered just how much people pay for their weddings.

When anybody asks me about performing the wedding ceremony and how much I charge, I always say that I do not charge anything. What I am really saying is that I would prefer cash. I always leave that to the discretion of the groom. Usually, the groom is so discreet in paying me that I actually never see any money.

When I discover how much the wedding has cost and how much I was not given as an honorarium for my services, I too, weep at weddings.

Occasionally, I meet a young couple who understand the importance of a Christian marriage. Although it is viewed as old-fashioned, I like to reflect what the Bible says. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24 KJV). *This kind of a wedding calls for tears of joy.*



HOWARD Hays As I See It



“As people do better, they start voting like Republicans - unless they have too much education and vote Democratic, which proves there can be too much of a good thing.” - Karl Rove

Those who saw a ballot in Sierra Madre last week realized that come January, no matter how we vote in November, we'll have new representation in the California State Assembly, the State Senate and in Congress (though it seems unlikely our Sen. Dianne Feinstein will lose her seat).

In Wisconsin, Republican Gov. Scott Walker survived, with a majority of voters, including large numbers from union households and supporters of President Obama, stating they disapproved of recall elections as a means of changing leaders. Despite this, voters turned the Wisconsin State Senate over to Democratic control.

With all that's in the news, I almost missed an update on a story I wrote a column on three years ago; it was a story that followed upon the mass firings of federal prosecutors and politicization of the Justice Department during the Bush Administration:

Former Alabama Governor (Don) Siegelman earned his law degree at Georgetown, was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, and served as Alabama's Secretary of State, Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor before being elected Governor in 1998. He was instrumental in expanding auto manufacturing in his state and was a tireless advocate for universal education. A close race for re-election in 2002 ended with the Associated Press declaring Siegelman the winner and a victory speech.

Shortly after midnight on Election Day, however, Republican election officials in Baldwin County discovered a «technical glitch» and found that Republican Bob Riley had in fact won with less than one-quarter of one percent of the vote. Although Siegelman's allies found it odd this «technical glitch» affected only the governor's race among all the other measures on the ballot, the governor eventually declared, «I've decided that a prolonged election controversy would hurt Alabama», and conceded. That same year, Siegelman was indicted on federal fraud charges, which were dismissed when the judge threw out the prosecutor's evidence.

Republican lawyer Dana Simpson signed a declaration that she'd heard Bob Riley campaign strategist Bill Canary assure other supporters that «Karl» was working with U.S. Justice Dept officials to make sure Siegelman wouldn't present a threat, and had herself been ordered by Karl Rove to «catch Siegelman cheating on his wife». (Soon after making these charges, Simpson's house burned down and her car was driven off the road. «Anytime you speak truth to power, there are great risks. I've been attacked.»)

As Siegelman campaigned to reclaim the governorship from Riley in 2006, he was indicted and tried on charges of fraud, bribery and obstruction of justice. It was

alleged that while in office, Siegelman traded a seat on a state regulatory board for a contribution to the (unsuccessful) campaign for a state lottery to fund education, though the donor had already been serving on that board under three previous Republican administrations. Although supposedly having recused herself, the prosecution was guided by U.S. Attorney Leura Canary, wife of Republican strategist and Rove associate Bill Canary. There was talk that presiding judge Mark Fuller, appointed by President George W. Bush a few years earlier, would «hang Don Siegelman».

A major prosecution witness was convicted of extortion, and it was confirmed he'd not been present at a key event (the writing of a check) he claimed to have witnessed. Prosecutors failed to turn over to Siegelman's defense team notes from interviews held with this witness. Risking her job, a Justice Department staffer turned over documents confirming the prosecution's inappropriate contact with jurors - allegations Judge Fuller refused to pursue. Leura Canary continued to advise subordinates handling the case, arguing that Siegelman's charge that his prosecution was politically motivated was grounds for a stiffer sentence.

Prosecutors asked for a sentence of thirty years, but Judge Fuller sentenced Don Siegelman to more than seven years in federal prison and a \$50,000 fine. Siegelman was denied the customary 45 days to «get his affairs in order» and was led out in shackles to a maximum security prison, with much of the time spent in solitary confinement.

In July 2007, a petition signed by 44 former states Attorneys General, Republicans and Democrats, petitioned Congress to investigate the matter. They noted that in the case of Alabama Governor Guy Hunt, a Republican accused of pocketing \$200,000 (no one was accused of profiting in the Siegelman case), the same prosecutor had recommended probation. In March 2008 the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals approved release during appeals, but a year later upheld most charges - though agreeing to review the sentence.

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Last Monday, despite support from over 100 former top states' attorneys and election law experts, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Don Siegelman's appeal.

A total of \$63.5 million was raised by both sides in the Wisconsin recall effort, with \$30.5 million raised by Gov. Walker (vs. \$3.9 million raised by his opponent), of which three-quarters came from out-of-state.

As of last March, the two super-PACs controlled by Karl Rove had over \$70 million on hand, after announcing a \$25 million ad buy. He plans to launder \$240 million in buying the next election.

Over a decade ago, a hospital executive donated \$500,000 to an Alabama state lottery measure, and was re-appointed to a seat on a state board.

For that, former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman will spend the next six years of his life in prison.

VOTERS TAKE A STAND GREG Welborn



Scott Walker's victory in the Wisconsin recall election is being heralded as a precursor of what will come in November. Pundits on both the right and left have described it in alternating tones of awe and disdain, both contrary emotions stemming from a common sense that Wisconsin voters were telling the American public something important about voter frustration with the state of affairs and their determination to alter that state of affairs. Perhaps that's true, but only so in the context of other important election results which evidence a deep-seated and widespread angst that spans from coast to coast and from blue collar to white collar. Americans have simply had enough.

Scott Walker became Wisconsin's governor in 2010 on the promise that he would fix the fiscal mess that was Wisconsin at the time. What prompted the recall campaign against him was his desire to strip government unions of the right to collectively bargain against the very politicians to whom the unions have contributed so much in campaign donations. In addition, Governor Walker sought to reform education by insisting that teachers earn their pay and be held accountable for the quality of the education they actually delivered in the classroom. Both issues were union hot buttons, and so the public employee unions decided to go thermonuclear in their defense of their power.

Walker's actions to bring reforms to education and budgeting were the place where public employee unions decided they would make their stand. They were confident that with enough money thrown against the Governor and with enough lies about what the reforms really meant, they would be able to preserve their political power and send a message to any other reform-minded governor in the other 49 states.

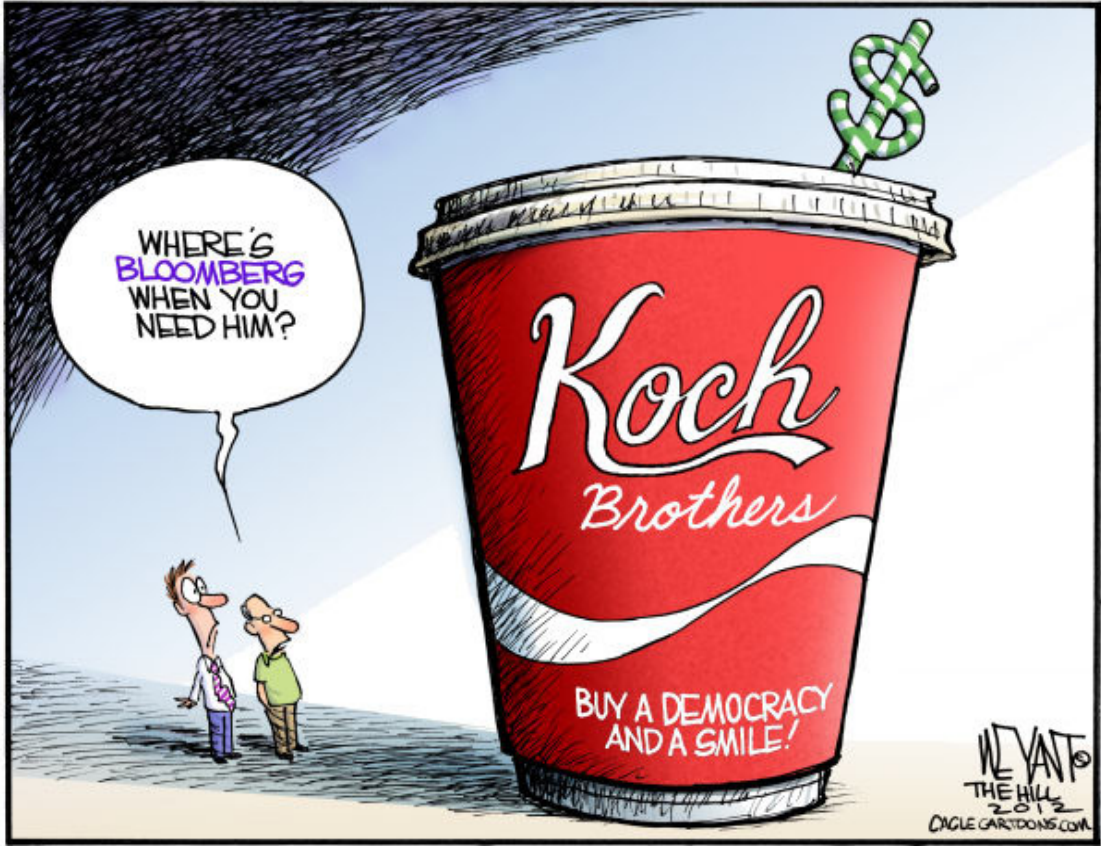
In their own words, Democrats described the recall effort as "a dry run" of their "massive, significant dynamic grass-roots presidential campaign". This was a national election. But so was the "local" election in San Diego, CA and San Jose, CA. Both cities had ballot measures which targeted the overly generous pensions promises made to public employees. In both instances, the voters moved in decisive majorities to curtail the excessive pension benefits. California also witnessed

the defeat of a new cigarette tax initiative. Wisconsin and California are both blue states, and they are both symbolic of the damage leftist, Liberal economic policy can cause. They are representative of a growing voter backlash that is sweeping the country. There is a sense in the land that Liberal economic policy is ruining us, and the statistics bear out that feeling. Government spending, now at 23% of GDP, is at its highest point since WWII. Federal debt is projected to hit 70% of GDP by the end of this year and 100% within a decade.

The percentage of Americans who have been out of work a long time is the highest since the Great Depression. 30% of young adults generally and 37% of young blacks specifically are unemployed. Almost 16% of Americans are poor, and the number of people receiving food stamps is at an all-time high.

U.S. Treasury debt has been downgraded once, and may fall further shortly. The list could go on, but all it would do is further corroborate the legitimate sense that we're not doing well and we're certainly on the wrong track. In response, Liberal politicians have urged more spending and more taxation, while they've stood in the way of every meaningful and common sense reform of public pensions. It's no wonder that Republican, Democratic and independent voters are striking back - in homogeneous states like Wisconsin and in heterogeneous states like California, and ultimately every where in between.

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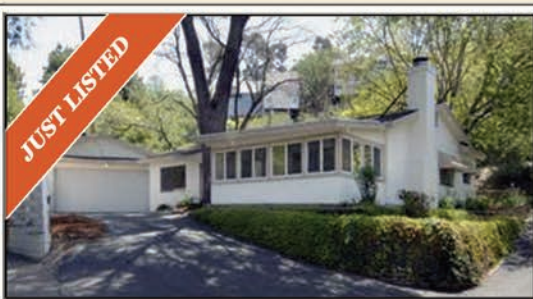






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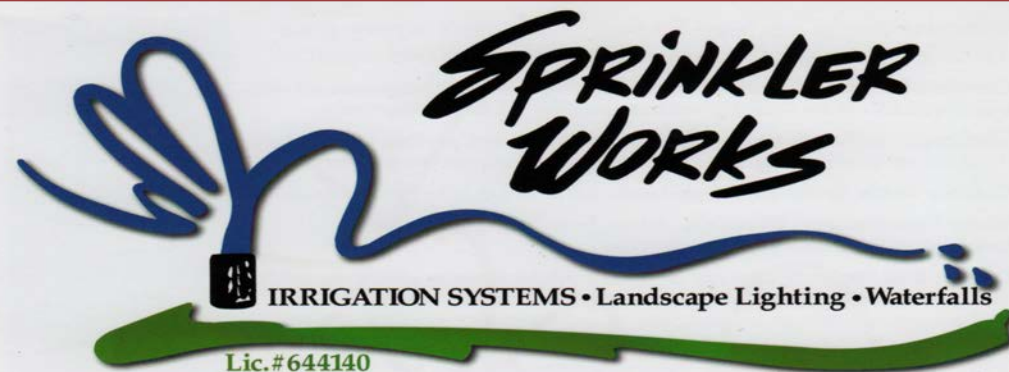


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