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CIRCUMSTANCES: On Thursday, (6/14/2012), at approximately 12:36 A.M. the above female stole a collectible statue of a cow which was on display in front of a business in Kersting Court. The statue is considered to be a company mascot for the establishment named “Mother Moo Creamery” located in the downtown area of Sierra Madre.

The identity of the suspect depicted in the above photo is unknown at this time.

The Sierra Madre Police Department Detective Bureau is asking for assistance with the identity of the suspect and the recovery of this collectible item.



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COUNCIL MEETING TAKES A STRANGE TURN

Councilmember Suggests Converting Green Advisory Committee to a City Commission will lead to “the United Nations calling the shots”. By Susan Henderson

When the Sierra Madre City Council had almost completed a rather lengthy agenda, what should have been a simple adoption of the council’s strategic planning objectives, turned into a sometimes emotional rant by Councilman Chris Koerber that included his offering the Mayor a copy of the U.S. Constitution and his suggesting that Sierra Madre would become part of a “big diabolical scheme to let the U.N. take over the United States.”

At issue was Councilman Chris Koerber’s objection to the inclusion of a future discussion on whether or not the city should convert the Green Advisory Committee to a city commission.

However, even though the Mayor, Councilmen Capoccia and Harabedian attempted to explain that the strategic plan objectives were simply the items that the council felt it needed to work on and the priority in which they should work on them, Koerber adamantly objected to the inclusion of the Green Committee/Commission in the report. The issue was to be put on a future council agenda which would give staff time to prepare the report and council would then review the item. The public would be given the opportunity to participate in the discussion at that time as well.

Councilmen John Capoccia indicated that his initial inclination was not to convert the committee to a commission for staffing and budgetary reasons, but agreed with Councilman John Harabedian that this discussion was premature.

Koerber continued, interrupting Mayor Josh Moran, trying to have the item completely removed repeating his concern that the suggestion was based upon the U.N.’s global action plan and that “making Sierra Madre an econom-

ically and environmentally sustainable community” was nothing more than attempt to have “the United Nations calling the shots”. He even went so far as to read an excerpt from Forbes Magazine but did not establish a relationship between the article and the adoption of the plan’s objectives, including the fate of the green committee and the agenda item before the council.

The Mayor reiterated, “We are not adopting the U.N. Accords which is why I find this a little bit over the top.”

For the last six years, the Sierra Madre elected leaders and management staff have participated in a strategic planning process that identifies and prioritizes what issues need to be addressed in managing the city. There are regular reviews to determine if the time lines that are established are being met and to confirm that the objectives and their priority are still relevant. At the last review/planning session held in April, both the outgoing council members and the newly elected council members participated. Koerber, who was in attendance accused the Mayor of ‘over talking him’ at the retreat when he objected to the discussion of the fate of the Green Committee at that time.

The plan calls for five key objectives for the council and staff:

1. Maintain and improve the city’s infrastructure;
2. Maintain the city’s financial stability;
3. Attract, develop and retain quality staff;
4. Preserve the city’s small town character with a vibrant downtown and
5. Make Sierra Madre an economically and environmentally sustainable community.

It is the last objective that Koerber wanted removed. It is in the context



Councilman Koerber is fearful of the city losing control to the United Nations.

of trying to address that objective, that the Green Advisory Committee and its future falls.

Koerber brought forth a motion that failed to get a second.

In the end, the council approved the report in its entirety with a 3 to 2 vote, Koerber and Capoccia voting against it.

The Green Advisory Committee and its fate will be agendized for the August council meeting.

You can view the entire council meeting by going to the city’s website, www.cityofsierramadre.com. You can also see the complete strategic plan report by going to: <http://66.92.220.85:8090/tylercml/ea-gleweb/viewDoc.jsp?node=DOC38S83>

LOCAL ARTIST BEGINS MATER DOLOROSA

PROJECT - George Rhodes To Paint Six Passionist Saints

By Susan Henderson and Chris Bertrand

Quiet, understated and assured, artist/muralist George Rhode has undertaken a new project in Sierra Madre. He has been commissioned to paint the six patron saints of the Passionist Fathers Retreat in Sierra Madre. Left you can see his work in progress on St. Paul of the Cross, the original Passionist Father. Other Saints that will be painted by Rhodes are:

St. Maria Goretti, St. Gabriel Possenti, St. Gemma Galgani, St. Vincent Strambi and St. Charles of Mount Argus

While completing a recent mural at the Bottle Shop, he was approached by Father Pat and asked if he would use his considerable talents to paint portraits of the saints on two of the arches at the Retreat at the top of Sunnyside. After several meetings going over the scope of the project, Rhodes agreed.

According to the artist, there are currently in the Chapel three arches, one of which has a contemporary tapestry of Christ’s Crucifixion without the Cross.

The new paintings will be on the remaining two arches.

Rhodes has a reputation for letting his experience with the paintbrush do most of the talking about his work. Rhode has etched his mark on hundreds of venues, both large and small.

His work can be found as the intricate ceiling mural at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas, a 60’s style diner wall at Harrah’s, a 27,000 square foot Hidden Valley estate, Jacaranda trees at the Four Seasons, a mural project for Dave Murdoch of Dell Corporation or a mood setting landscape scene at the new wine tasting room at The Bottle

Shop in Sierra Madre.

He began on the business side of art, as a graphic designer and worked in the corporate world on accounts like Taco Bell before venturing into the “finer” arts of mural and interior artisan wall projects.

Sometimes, you’ll find Rhode knee deep in the many step process of applying the artisan texture and mottled rich colors of Venetian plaster. Armed with a trowel, Rhode applies thin layers of a special plaster embedded with ground up marble. Then the walls are burnished to a rich sheen. Finally, some areas are sanded to mottle the color, texture and sheen. All this takes the careful artist’s eye.

Rhode noted that new Venetian plaster-like products are coming out with “faux” ingredients instead of marble, but says he is sticking to the natural, original formulation, for its superior end results.

Other times, he journeys to the Westside outlets that sell the large scale canvas for movie sets. These he uses to prepare applications that will be painted here in Los Angeles, dried, rolled and then shipped to a location elsewhere in the country, like the Harrah’s Casino project, the Aces Diner.

In order to create the mood for the 60’s diner motif, Rhode created a graphic photo mural printed on canvas for a whole wall of memorabilia of the era. He recreated Marilyn Monroe from the famous photograph of Monroe with Joe di Maggio... minus Joe. “I liked her pose in that photo,” he reflected. Adjacent to Marilyn is a slicked up Elvis and of course, a those old plastic discs called records. Puts one in the mood for a milk shake, fries and perhaps a poodle skirt.

Rhode’s Bottle Shop project which he just completed earlier this year,

shows his deep love and respect for the color palette and style of Diego Rivera. The scene merges two scenes; one a Tuscan vineyard scene in the foreground, appropriate for the wine tasting venue. At the owner’s request, the background is the panorama of the San Gabriel Mountains, as viewed from Sierra Madre Boulevard, including Jones Peak.

In the home setting, Rhode often uses the trompe l’oeil technique, which creates a three dimensional impression using line and shadow. Derived from the French, “to deceive the eye,” the method is often used to create the illusion of a larger room, or to take place of expensive, or space consuming elements like ornate pillars.

Venetian plaster and mural work in a Claremont home recently. His work there was extensively featured in a home design article in the October, 2011 edition of Inland Empire magazine.

In another residential project, he incorporated a stylized portraiture in an Anaheim Hills home, where he painted life-size rendition of the owner’s three sons, dressed in traditional Armenian folk attire and playing indigenous instruments.

Rhode was honored to be chosen to create two of the six lighthearted renditions of Botticelli’s iconic “Birth of Venus” paintings, commissioned by Caesar’s Palace. His versions offer a bit of humor with raining miniature Venuses in one, reminiscent of the tiny umbrellas in Rene Magritte’s famous work. In Rhode’s second work of this series, he pokes a bit of fun at Roy Lichtenstein’s pop art, with a cartoon-like Venus.

George Rhode, a Sierra Madre resident, can be contacted at 626-975-9367 or GeoRhode@aol.com.

Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
June 26th, 2012 6:30 pm

June 18th	Community Services Commission @ 6pm
June 20th	Tree Advisory Commission @ 7:00pm
June 21	Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
June 21th	Green Advisory Committee @ 7:00pm
June 26th	City Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
June 27th	Library Board of Trustees @ 7:00pm



Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
The Hart Park House



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.

While all Rotary Club memberships are by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chairperson at RudyHayek@Gmail.com.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

1630 AM

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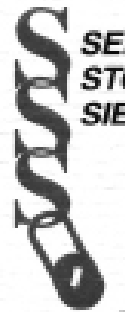
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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If you would like to make an appointment contact Marilyn McKernan @ marilyn@st-rita.org or (626) 355-1292

You can also visit WWW.redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code - *strita* to make your appointment.

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- Council member Harabedian
- Police Chief Giannone.

Who else would you like to see? Let us know!

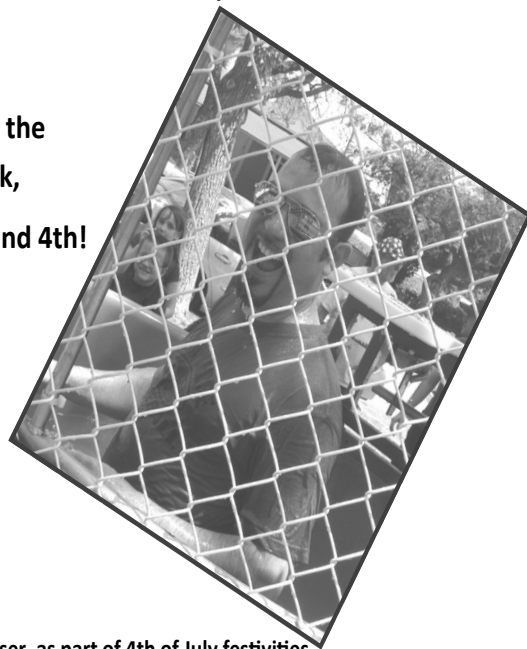
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Chamber fundraiser, as part of 4th of July festivities.

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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Tuesday, June 19th 12 Noon
Speaker: Sierra Madre Farmers Market
Management

The program is free and begins at 12:30
Lunch: \$10 per person (begins at noon)

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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, book-mark, and a theme-related book bag at registration. Age-appropriate books, read at home, are recorded on the log, and a prize is awarded after the weekly reading requirement is met. Children may enter one of these divisions: Night Owl, for our very youngest patrons who do not yet read on their own; Dreamer, for school-age readers in Grades 1 – 6; Challenger, the most demanding division, for children in Grades 2 – 6, in which 35 hours of reading must be completed in eight weeks. "Own the Night" is the special theme for the teen division of the program. Participants read eight books by the end of the program and earn prizes for every two books read.

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

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

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

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

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

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Monrovia

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE CIVIC CLUB GRANTS

The Sierra Madre Civic Club announced this year's recipients of their Community Grant awards. In one way or another, these organizations touch the lives of nearly everyone who lives in town. For instance, several departments in the City were granted funds for services that directly serve the community. Grants were also awarded to groups that serve our youth, seniors, the arts and that enrich our community experience.

Programs for our city's kids received funds for various needs. Sierra Madre Little League received a grant toward its scholarship fund and the Girls' Softball Association was granted funds for field maintenance. The Sierra Madre PTA received a grant for the Wolly Pocket Garden project at the elementary school, a project to bring back the traditional learning garden for the students. The Reading is Fundamental program was awarded a grant for children's books, and the City of Sierra Madre received funding toward the Kid's Fun Run.

In support of the arts, the Foothill Creative Arts Group was awarded a grant for a second grade art project and the Sierra Madre Playhouse was granted funds toward heating and air-conditioning upgrades.

Various City programs that provide services to the community were presented with grants. The Volunteer Fire Department was given a grant for its CERT (Certified Emergency Response Training) program which trains citizen volunteers to help in their neighborhoods in the event of a major emergency since first responders can't be everywhere at once. CERT volunteers identify critical needs, properly search damaged buildings and provide emergency first aid until help can arrive.

The Sierra Madre City Library received a grant for its One City One Book Project, and the City was also provided a grant for audio-visual equipment for the Sierra Madre room at the Recreational Center at Sierra Vista Park. The Senior

Lunch program at Hart House has a birthday celebration once a month for our senior folk and received a grant for supplies for the parties.

Organizations that provide support and relief for those who need a helping hand also received grants. The Convalescent Aid Society which provides free walkers, wheelchairs and other temporary medical devices free of charge was awarded a grant for durable medical equipment. Friends Indeed received a grant toward the Program Manager's salary for their Women's Room.

The Rose Float Association, a point of civic pride for us all, was awarded a grant for a new air compressor and the Sierra Madre Historical Archives received a grant for their Oral History Recording Digitalization project, a source of information and learning for generations to come.

In addition to the grants, the Sierra Madre Civic Club's philanthropy committee provided donations to several organizations. The City's rotunda at City Hall is maintained by the Civic Club and the Club donated funds for new plant material as well as holiday decorations. The Committee also made a "Partners" level donation to the Friends of the Library group, and supports the Halloween Window painting by providing the funding for window washing and clean up services.



Foothill Unity Center is also supported by funds donated by Civic Club members. In addition, the Club made donations to the food bank and for school clothing, as well as gifts for kids and families for the Angel Project at Christmas.

Philanthropy Co-chairmen Marcia Bent and Judy Webb-Martin would like to thank the citizens of Sierra Madre for their support and generosity that made these awards possible. They would also like to thank committee members Jacki Persing, Kathleen Coyne, Pat Krok, Jane Zamanzadeh, Judie Cimino, Suzanne Decker, Bonnie Gardner and Mary Beth Finnerty for all their work on the philanthropy committee. Civic Club meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 at Hart House in Memorial Park. Visitors are welcome!

SUMMER EXHIBITION & ARTIST RECEPTION

The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Commission and Arts Advisory Committee is pleased to present an art exhibition by Celeste Mendelsohn. Her art work is now on display through Friday, August 3rd in Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information on Celeste Mendelsohn's art please her visit <http://celesteintheround.com>.

Community members are invited to an Artist Reception on Friday, July 20, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre City Hall. The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more information please call the Sierra Madre Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT COMPLIANCE WITH CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Citywide

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to review the City's compliance with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Congestion Management Program pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council
 Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

rom: City of Sierra Madre

Subject:
Specific Plan No. 11-01- Kensington Specific Plan: A Specific Plan to govern the development and operation of an assisted living facility use on the subject property.
Municipal Code Text Amendment No. 11-04: An amendment to the Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to incorporate the Kensington Specific Plan regulations as a Congregate Care Overlay Zone on the subject property.

Applicant:
 Fountain Square Development West

Project Location: 225-245 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposal from Fountain Square Development West to construct and operate a two-story, 60,100 square foot assisted living facility on a 1.84 acre property located at 225-245 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. A Specific Plan is required pursuant to General Plan Land Use Policy I.3.1 which requires the adoption of a comprehensive plan or similar planning document for all developments on properties exceeding one acre in size. In order for such plan to have regulatory authority over the underlying zone(s), a Municipal Code Text Amendment to establish a Congregate Care Overlay Zone on the subject property will also be considered. At its June 11, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit and recommended approval of the Specific Plan and Municipal Code Text Amendment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An environmental initial study of the proposed project was performed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared indicating that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures. The initial study and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the City Council at the June 26, 2012 public hearing.

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 re-

sponsibilities 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!

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Police Partly Open Radio Frequencies

In a turn of events that started in January with the police department saying they had begun encrypting their emergency radio frequency as part of a system upgrade now has the department recanting by announcing Thursday the digital scanner codes for the public to listen to radio calls for service.

According to a public statement by the department, "The technical information for the Pasadena Police Department's talk group is 39760 or 2485, depending on the make and model of the digital scanner. The public will now hear the initial call for service broadcast; however, follow up transmissions will be encrypted."

Pasadena Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez also stated, "I am pleased to provide access to the department's information sharing networks, which includes the police radio talk group code. Listeners will hear the initial broadcast to include call type, location and time of occurrence. The technology solution strikes a balance between open communication, victims' rights and enhancing emergency response."

The rest of the statement reads as follows, "The Pasadena Police Department is also reminding citizens that crime data is available on the department's website. The community can check for specific crimes within a day of the reported incident on www.CrimeMapping.com. Information can also be obtained by viewing posted crime statistics on line at www.cityofpasadena.net/Police/Crime_Statistics/ or by subscribing to NIXLE. Closed calls will be updated twice daily and will contain information from the most recent five-day period. For safety and privacy reasons, incidents involving minors, sexual assaults and other sensitive call types will be excluded from the daily postings."

Pet of the Week



Alice is a one-year-old white Dalmatian/pit bull mix. She's gone out on our Mobile Outreach Unit and did very well with other people and dogs. She loves lying in the grass and playing with her tennis ball too.

Alice'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 A305402 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.



Postal Workers Rally Against Closing

Almost 100 Pasadena postal employees and residents rallied Wednesday morning, including 97 year old Joanna Foster who said she was personal friends with Mack Robinson, the very person The U.S. Post Office's processing plant in Pasadena, scheduled to close, as early as July 7, was named.

"My husband worked for the Post Office 32 years," Foster said. "He was a World War I veteran."

Although Foster said her husband Walter Carter did not know Robinson he was a good friend of hers, "I knew him well." Foster said Robinson was known in the 1940s for getting all the young people together and provide jobs. "That was a blessing," she said.

Community Coalition to Hold Identity Festival

The 2012 Armenian Identity Festival will again be held in Pasadena next month making, the now five year old festival, a tradition to the San Gabriel Valley. Organizers say last year's Festival was a success, with an attendance of over 3,000 visitors in a matter of eight hours. The event includes lively Armenian folk dancing and musical performances, delicious food of the Armenian and Mediterranean cuisine, colorful arts-and-crafts vendors, and an exotic Car show. Visitors of all ages can enjoy themselves they said. "To date, we have

Foster's comments echo sentiments of the 210 employees worried they will be reassigned outside of Pasadena as part of moving all Pasadena mail processing to the Los Angeles mail processing plant.

Michael Evans, President of the American Postal Workers Union, said at issue was that mail service in the area would be delayed.

"They have already taken out part of the mail service in 2006, it's what's called outgoing mail," he said. "What they are doing now is what is call incoming processing, any mail that comes into the processing center is what they want to take out."

Evans said those affected include everything from people who get Netflix to the elderly

already received numerous requests from additional vendors, performance groups, and the community, wishing to join and to be a part of this year's Festival."

This year the Pasadena Fire Department will bring a Robo Fire Truck and the Pasadena Police Department will bring us the New Helicopter to entertain our kids. As in previous years, we will have a petting zoo and moon-jumpers in addition to the great many wonderful activities.

For more information on the festival please visit: www.acc-us.org.

Public Invited To Forums on General Plan Update

Pasadena residents, business owners and all other stakeholders are invited to attend the community forums planned June 23 and June 26 to learn about the City's draft General Plan update.

Two sessions are planned for each day, June 23 and 26, where the same information and outreach materials will be available at all four meetings. Attendees will be able to learn about proposed, future growth areas and they can share their thoughts on the key elements of the General Plan update process, including the Draft Concept Map and the Land-Use and Mobility chapters.

On Saturday, June 23, two meetings will be held at Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd., at the Creveling Lounge, Building CC. The first session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by the second session from 11:00

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parking is available at \$2 per vehicle in the College's Lot 3, off Hill Avenue.

On Tuesday, June 26, two meetings will be held at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. Parking is available at Arroyo Parkway and Holly Street. The meetings will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"Community outreach continues to be the foundation for updating the General Plan, a process we began in early 2009," said Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning. "We've hosted more than 150 community meetings, workshops and other activities for more than 4,000 people. The draft map being presented now is a culmination of the community's vision developed at those meetings."

For more information on the community forums and General Plan update, go to www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan or call (626) 744-6807.

Portantino Honored For Health Legislation

Father of two daughters works for fertility preservation

Assemblymember Portantino was honored Thursday by Fertile Action in Los Angeles for his work in Sacramento dealing with cancer and fertility.

"We are thrilled to honor Assemblymember Anthony Portantino with our first-ever Advocacy Award," said Alice Crispi, founder of Fertile Action which honored Portantino. "He is the first legislator to author a bill that would provide insurance coverage for young adults with cancer to preserve their fertility. It takes courage to be the first to take a stand on anything and we are so inspired by his tenacity and support on this issue."

Last year, Assemblymember

Portantino authored AB 428 which called on insurers to provide fertility options for patients of childbearing age who face chemotherapy. Chemo often leads to infertility. Under Portantino's proposal, patients maintain the ability to have children after treatment. Although the bill was held in the Assembly, it brought nationwide attention to the issue.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award. As a father of two cherished daughters, I was concerned but not surprised to learn that some patients will forego or postpone a cancer treatment that might hinder future reproduction," Portantino said. "I wrote this legislation so these patients can choose the treatment option that is best for their own health while helping

such as Foster who might get medicine through the mail.

Although union organizers have threatened legal action, NAACP president Joe Brown said they needed to find another way saying a federal injunction could take years, "We have less than 30 days." He said. Brown suggested everyone call their legislative leaders from Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard to President Barack Obama.

Evans said the Mack Robinson Post Office on Lincoln Avenue would remain open for retail services and mail drop-offs. In 1936, Robinson won a Silver Medal in the Olympics. He died in 2000 in Pasadena at the age of 85.

Antonovich Criticizes Assistance Program

A U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announcement to modify its funding formula for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) to stop reimbursing the costs of those jail inmates that fall into the "unknown" category drew strong criticism from Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

"This decision will have a tremendous negative impact on the county," Antonovich said. "The federal government has failed to secure the borders yet forces counties to pay for the high cost of housing, food and medical care for illegals in the jails."

Prior to this announcement, SCAAP funds provided some reimbursement credit to states and counties for "unknown" inmates who were not in the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) database but were believed to be illegal. Eighty percent of the "unknown" inmates are estimated to be undocumented.

The county's cost for SCAAP eligible inmates is approximately \$70 million; however, the federal government reimburses pennies to the dollar which has been on a downward trend for the last three years. In 2009, the county received approximately \$15 million, \$14 million was received in 2010 and \$9.9 million in 2011.

The DOJ's announcement is a significant change in policy and will likely result in further funding reduction to Los Angeles County

them safeguard reproductive ability.

Each year, 140,000 men and women of reproductive age are diagnosed with cancer or other diseases that have treatments which affect fertility. Although most insurance covers the consequences of cancer treatments, such as reconstructive surgery, losing reproductive ability as a result of chemotherapy and other treatments is currently not covered.

"While I am disappointed that we couldn't get the Legislature to approve this bill, I am pleased that the fight for fertility preservation will continue in both the state and national level," concluded Portantino. "While out of office, I will continue to be an advocate for this issue."

Public Safety Committee Cancellations Questioned

By Dean Lee

Well known community leader Martin Gordon questioned the city council Monday night over why the Public Safety Committee, an advisory body made up of councilmembers that includes police oversight, has not met in months. Gordon said, at least, the committee should be looking into the McDade police shooting incident.

"While we are in the midst of a police department scandal involving allegations of fraud, misconduct and abuse, an ongoing investigation of the Kendrec McDade case, where the officers involved have been returned to work but the full investigation of their conduct has not been resolved," Gordon said. "This brings up the ongoing issue of the police, policing themselves."

City Manager Michael Beck said the Public Safety Committee would meet Monday at 4:15 p.m. An agenda has been posted which includes a discussion on Critical Incident Briefing Protocol to be given by

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez. It is unclear if Gordon's comments lead to the agenda item.

Also according to the agenda, the committee did hold a special May 7, meeting where Commander Chris Russ provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Parks After Dark youth program.

Gordon also said another body setup for community oversight of the police had also been shut down by Sanchez, who stated, that the meeting could not comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act which guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in public meetings. He suggested this also be looked at.

Gordon also suggested they investigate the use of \$2.5 million to police the city's schools.

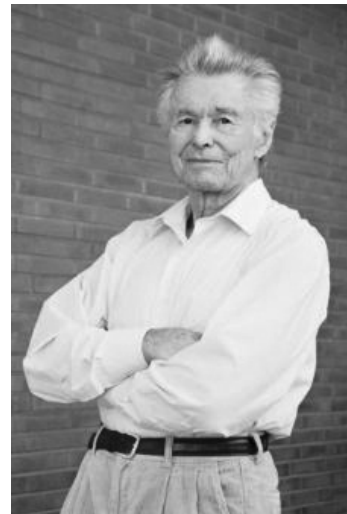
"Let's have some accountability to the community about what is going on in our police department," he said. "Where our priority spending should be, from the city, to help our youth succeed."

Former PCC Water Polo Coach Martin Makes News

Nicholas Martin, who spent 27 years as head coach of the Pasadena City College men's water polo team, will be profiled in the June 18 issue of Sports Illustrated. Martin participated in a video interview held at PCC's Aquatic Center as part of an in-depth feature by CNN/SI on the 1956 Hungarian Olympic team.

Martin, who in his 45th year at PCC, continued to instruct French this semester as a part-time associate professor in the college's Languages Division. He was a full-time faculty member for 44 years. He turns 81 later this month.

Martin was a member of both the 1952 and 1956 Hungarian Olympic gold medal-winning water polo teams. In 1956, he was one of many members of the Hungary Olympic team that chose to defect because of political unrest in his home



country. Martin defected to the United States and eventually received the first water polo scholarship offered by USC. The CNN/SI story features members of that team and their plight during the '56 Melbourne Games.

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 19 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.

NASA'S Nustar Black Holes Mission Lifts Off

NASA's Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR) launched into the morning skies Wednesday over the central Pacific Ocean at exactly 9:00:35 a.m., beginning its mission to unveil secrets of buried black holes and other exotic objects.

"We all eagerly await the launch of this novel X-ray observatory," said Paul Hertz, NASA's Astrophysics Division Director. "With its unprecedented spatial and spectral resolution to the previously poorly explored hard X-ray region of the electromagnetic spectrum, NuSTAR will open a new window on the universe and will provide complementary data to NASA's larger missions, including Fermi, Chandra, Hubble and Spitzer."

NuSTAR will use a unique set of eyes to see the highest energy X-ray light from the cosmos. The observatory can see through gas and dust to reveal black holes lurking in our Milky Way galaxy, as well as those hidden in the hearts of faraway galaxies.

"NuSTAR will help us find the most elusive and most energetic black holes, to help us understand the structure of the universe," said Fiona Harrison, the mission's principal

investigator at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

The observatory began its journey aboard an L-1011 "Stargazer" aircraft, operated by Orbital Sciences Corporation; Dulles, Va. NuSTAR was perched atop Orbital's Pegasus XL rocket, both of which were strapped to the belly of the Stargazer plane. The plane left Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean one hour before launch. At 9:00:35 a.m. PDT (12:00:35 p.m. EDT), the rocket dropped, free-falling for five seconds before firing its first-stage motor.

In addition to black holes and their powerful jets, NuSTAR will study a host of high-energy objects in our universe, including the remains of exploded stars; compact, dead stars; and clusters of galaxies. The mission's observations, in coordination with other telescopes such as NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, which detects lower-energy X-rays, will help solve fundamental cosmic mysteries. NuSTAR also will study our sun's fiery atmosphere, looking for clues as to how it is heated.

For more information about NuSTAR, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/nustar>.

"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

**Duarte's Four Shining Stars**
By Joan Schmidt

Last week, I wrote about Arcadia's Bright Star, table tennis whiz, Erica Wu who's headed to the Summer Olympics.

Now it's time to shift gears in another direction and meet four amazing young women from Duarte and Monrovia, who were recently recognized at the Duarte City Council Meeting. Their names are Lorilei Near, Dominique Stumbaugh, Faith Torres, and Amina Walker. These girls are members of Girl Scout Troop # 4541 from the Monrovia/Duarte Service Unit. As I have said before, you may have awesome youths, but you need an outstanding teacher/coach/leader to have them reach their potential. It is only fitting that these girls have remarkable Troop Leaders, Deanna Stumbaugh and Claudia Stumbaugh. If Deanna sounds familiar, she should. She teaches Special Education at Royal Oaks Elementary School in Duarte, and was the District's *Teacher of the Year*!



Troop #4541 is a long standing troop deeply rooted within the community. The four girls who achieved the Silver Award - Lorilei Near, Dominique Stumbaugh, Faith Torres, and Amina Walker, are all strong leaders within girl scouting, their schools, and in their community. In addition, all of the girls maintain high grades within the two school districts to include Northview Jr. High Valedictorian of last year.

To achieve their Silver Award, the girls' service project was a personal one. They voted to give back to the community. One of the girls had been a victim of domestic violence, so they chose an organization that helped her and her family as they navigated through the issues surrounding domestic violence to bring about a safe environment and violence free lifestyle.

The Santa Anita Family Service's Domestic Violence Program, located in Monrovia, is still dedicated to helping women and children who have been battered, recover and move on with their lives. Therefore the troop decided to hold a collection drive in which they collection donations to restock and update the children's therapy room and play center. Those donations included educational games, arts and crafts materials, therapy dress-up play station items, stuffed animals, and also butterfly-themed decorations for the newly painted room. The girls finished their project by delivering, cleaning, organizing and setting up the room to provide a fun, interactive, and inviting atmosphere.

Congratulations to Lorilei Near, Dominique Stumbaugh, Faith Torres and Amina Walker for their much-deserved Silver Award. So many victims of domestic violence will surely benefit from your hard work and dedication. And of course special thanks to your leaders who helped make this possible.

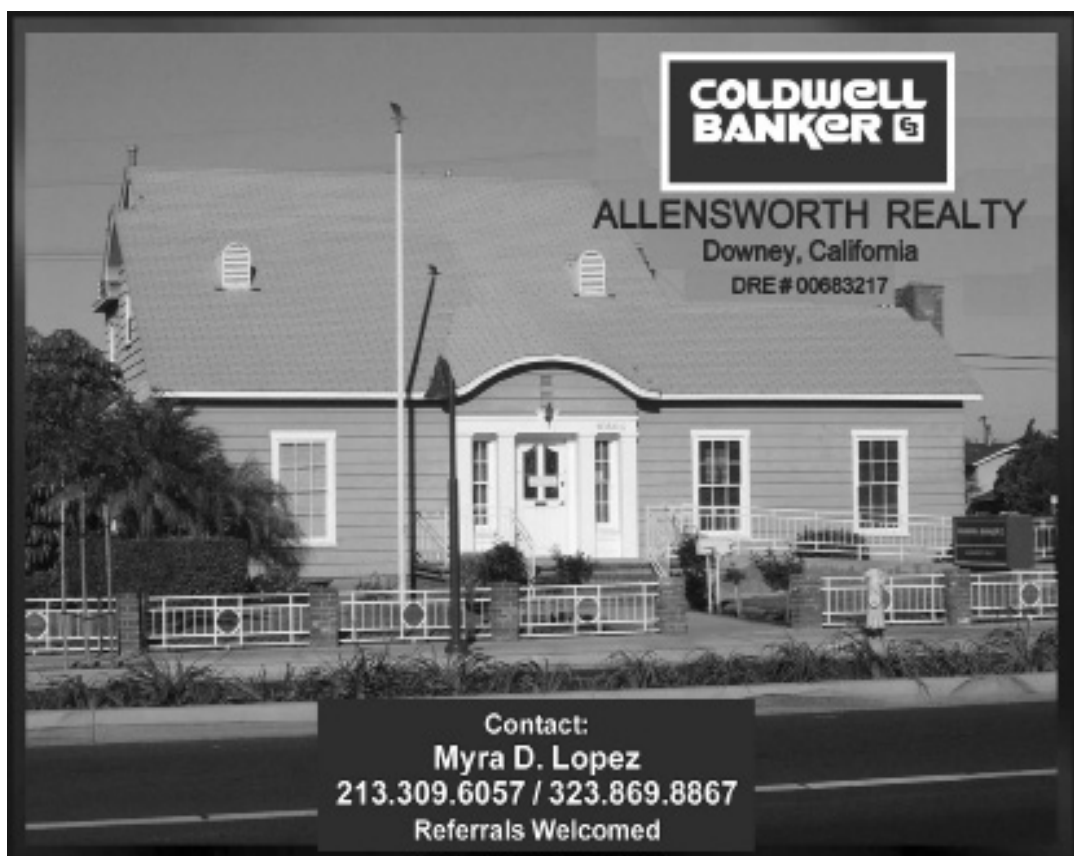
PET OF THE WEEK**CHA-CHA: Animal ID #A4433503**

Meet a friendly puppy that will dance her way right into your heart, Cha-Cha (A4433603). Cha-Cha is a mellow one and one half year old black and fawn female German Shepherd mix who was jettisoned at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on May 23rd because her former owner moved and made no provision for their dog. Weighing forty-six pounds, this well behaved girl walks okay on the leash and is very well socialized.



Good with other dogs, we think she will be very good with children. Cha-Cha is a gem of a dog that will make an outstanding indoor pet and companion for a family living in a private home. To watch a video of the beautiful Cha-Cha, please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjkH6GHeVc

To meet Cha-Cha 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 Cha-Cha, please reference her animal ID number: A4433603. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Juliette or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com 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/>.

**Monrovia Police Blotter**

Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website at www.monroviapd.org and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on twitter for police notifications.

Grand Theft

On June 7 at 7:43 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a transit lot in the 1600 block of South Primrose regarding a theft of property. The theft occurred sometime between 6 p.m. on May 22 and 5 a.m. on May 23. Small spools of copper wire and several car batteries were taken from the lot. Investigation continuing.

Sexual Battery

On June 8 at approximately 1:19 p.m., a 17-year-old female was walking south on Magnolia at about Cypress. She heard footsteps coming from behind her, but did not turn around. Suddenly, she felt someone grab her buttocks and crotch area from behind. She stopped, and the suspect ran past her on the left side. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, early 30's, 5 foot 7 inches tall, thick medium-length black hair, full beard, wearing a brown shirt and light blue jeans. Investigation continuing.

Deadly Weapon With Intent to Assault - Suspect Arrested

On June 8 at 7:15 p.m., officers responded to a park in the 300 block of South Myrtle regarding a suspicious person carrying a sword. Officers detained the suspect, who was carrying a two-and-a-half-foot-long metal sword. The suspect had been involved in an altercation with gang members at the park a week prior and had returned to the park with the sword. The suspect was subsequently arrested for the above listed charge.

Bear Incident

On June 9 at 2:00 p.m., a large bear was struck by a vehicle at Mayflower and Hillcrest. The vehicle was not damaged, but the bear had injuries that required him to be tranquilized by Monrovia Animal Control and the Department of Fish and Game. It was determined that the bear's injuries were minor, a broken nose and tooth, and should heal in a few days. The bear was released back into the wilderness area above Canyon Park.

Possession of Methamphetamine / Trespassing - Suspect Arrested

On June 9 at 6:22 p.m., police responded to the report of a subject entering a vacant and unlocked residence in the 1600 block of South Mayflower. The subject was arrested for trespassing and also charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Commercial Burglary / Possession of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested

On June 9 at 9:27 p.m., police responded to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington regarding a burglary. A female suspect entered a business with a box cutter and used it to cut the tags off of merchandise. She took several items of clothing and left without paying. She was arrested and taken into custody. During the booking process, methamphetamine was found on her person. The additional charge was added.

Residential Burglary

On June 10 at 8:30 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 200 block of West Palm. The victim left his residence for approximately two hours. When he returned, he found two computers and a backpack containing papers missing from his home. Nothing else was taken and the residence was not ransacked. The victim said he left his front door open, but the screen was closed and he believed it was locked. There were no signs of forced entry. A witness saw a male Black in his mid-30's and a female Hispanic in her mid-20's in the vicinity of the apartment during the time of the burglary. Investigation continuing.

Strong-arm Robbery

On June 10 at 9:17 p.m., a robbery of a cell phone was reported at California and Maple. The victim and two friends were eating at a fast food restaurant. The two female suspects were at the same restaurant. When the victim and her friends left, the female suspects left and followed behind them, east on Huntington and then north on California. When the victim began to make a call on her cell phone, one of the female suspects ran up behind her, bumped her and grabbed the phone. Both female suspects ran eastbound on Maple. The victim and her friends ran after the suspects, but lost sight of them. Investigation continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On June 12 at 5:12 a.m., a resident in the 200 block of South Primrose reported that someone had cut the window of his Jeep and ransacked the interior of the vehicle. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. Investigation continuing.



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LAZZARETTO SPEAKS TO CHAMBER by Joan Schmidt

Recently I attended the monthly Government Affairs Forum at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce where much information was provided. The Guest Speaker was Dominic Lazzaretto, the new City Manager of the City of Arcadia. His father was also a City Manager and Dominic is very excited to come to Arcadia, a strong thriving business community. In 2011, a budget was adopted with a \$900,000 deficit, but he hopes to end the year with an \$800,000 surplus. He mentioned the management team is phenomenal, and it was easy to step into his new position. He spoke of the death of the Redevelopment Agency and how it has hurt Arcadia, as well as all surrounding cities. Arcadia has a pro-active approach to redevelopment with continual outreach with the business community and concentration on local programs, working with downtown businesses. Arcadia has spent money in its community, so its situation is not as bad as other cities.

Mr. Lazzaretto went on, "Arcadia is a fantastic city. We plan to keep it that way... to make it a little better each day, to exceed expectations every day."

Other plans this summer include an adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan by the City Council. Also, many residents may not realize that ALL cities have to sell all Redevelopment Agency-acquired properties

because there are no more Redevelopment Agencies. This was the second reason everyone was upset when the Redevelopment Agencies had to be disbanded! There's worry that properties will be sold and be vacant for several months as owners are either out-of-state or even out-of-country.

After Mr. Lazzaretto's informative presentation, other information was shared. Hovaness Gasparian told us that Assemblyman Anthony Portantino's Tattoo Removal Bill AB 1956 "Help for Women Branded by Pimps" was approved by the State Assembly and now moves to the Senate for Approval.

There had been a special "Welcome Home" planned for "I'll Have Another" during which Mayor Bob Harbicht was going to present a special certificate. However, because of the champion's injury, it won't happen. His retirement ceremony was held at Hollywood Park instead. Of course everyone was upset and thought there was a Triple Crown Winner in California. But at least the injury is not life-threatening, so he will go into retirement and perhaps sire a champion! One interesting item mentioned was how the champ's name was chosen, not referring to another drink, but a cookie! The owner's wife likes to bake cookies! The owner was sitting on the couch, when his wife walked by with a plate of cookies and he said, "I'll Have Another."

Rodrigo Gonzalez gave an update on the **Metro Gold Line Project**. There is an opportunity to meet the Station artists at one of three upcoming community open houses. Arrive anytime, no formal presentation planned. The same information will be presented at all three events.

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 - Memorial Park Gymnasium, 320 N. Orange Place, **Azusa**, 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012 - Arcadia Library (Cay Mortenson Auditorium, 20 W. Duarte Rd. **Arcadia**, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28, 2012, Duarte Community Center, 1600 Drive, **Duarte**, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Becky Cheng and Rita Medina, representing Congress Member, Judy Chu came to the meeting for the first time. They introduced themselves because, since the redistricting, some residents under David Drier will now in her newly-formed 27th district. (I live in south Monrovia, so I will be in the 32nd district! I have kept my voting booklet because the back pages listed the various candidates for the newly formed districts!)

Richard Roche, Director of External Affairs for AT&T came to the meeting. It was probably fifteen years since I last saw him and his family. His young daughters are now a high school senior and recent college graduate! Rich has many Arcadia business friends and was given a warm welcome by everyone.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 3rd, through Saturday, June 9th, the Police Department responded to 1,011 calls for service of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 3:

1. At approximately 4:30 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, regarding a suspicious circumstances report. The officer located two juveniles of which one was carrying a glass bottle filled with gasoline. An investigation revealed the juveniles were attempting to commit arson. The 14-year-old Korean male and 15-year-old Asian male were arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to their parents.

2. Around 9:36 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A female suspect concealed various merchandise inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed she was also in possession of stolen merchandise from Macy's. The 37-year-old Chinese female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, June 4:

3. At about 4:14 a.m., officers were dispatched to AM PM, 625 West Las Tunas Drive, in regards to a hit and run involving a drunk pedestrian. The subject explained he was run over by the rear wheels of a tractor trailer; however, store video surveillance revealed the subject intentionally threw himself under the truck. The 20-year-old Hispanic male was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking after he received medical clearance.

4. Shortly after 8:25 a.m., officers responded to Yuexin Global Logistics, 800 West Duarte Road, in regards to a burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a locked deadbolt and fled with two laptop computers, a computer server, and other valuables. No one heard or saw anything suspicious.

Tuesday, June 5:

5. Around 5:07 a.m., an officer observed a large amount of smoke coming from the southeast corner of Santa Anita Avenue and Duarte Road. As he came across an alley way, he discovered a parked trailer was fully engulfed in flames. Arcadia Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. No evidence of arson was located.

6. At approximately 6:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to Arcadia Methodist Hospital regarding a battery that took place at 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Street. The victim explained another player became too aggressive while playing basketball and threw a ball at his face. After a physical fight ensued, the other player bit him in the back twice. The suspect is described as a black male adult, 5'9" tall, 180 to 200 lbs., athletic build with tattoos on his arms.

Wednesday, June 6:

7. At about 8:10 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a two-party traffic collision on Huntington Drive, west of Morlan Place. An investigation revealed party-one failed to stop for slowing traffic and struck the vehicle in front of her. No injuries were reported.

8. At approximately 10:06 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a Toyota for a warrant attached to the license plate, in the area of Highland Oaks Avenue and Sycamore Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed the 18-year-old White male was in possession of marijuana and alcoholic beverages. He was cited and released in the field.

Thursday, June 7:

9. Shortly after 9:20 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Alice Street regarding a theft from a vehicle report. The victim left her purse on the front passenger seat while she walked her son to school. When she returned, she discovered her front driver side window smashed and her Louis Vuitton purse missing. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

10. At about 2:58 p.m., an officer was dispatched to H&M at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A female suspect concealed several items inside a used shopping bag and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed she also stole from Zumies and Spencers. The 15-year-old Hispanic female was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to her mother.

Friday, June 8:

11. Shortly after midnight, officers located a damaged mailbox in the 500 block of West Longden Avenue. Further inspection revealed six other houses in the area had the same type of damage. None of the residents knew their mailboxes had been vandalized and they did not see anyone suspicious in the area.

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PLANNING COMMISSIONER AND FORMER MAYOR ERIC FAITH RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE



A new Council majority, front left, Ostrye, Ferguson, Faith, Bartlett and Mountjoy

Eric Faith began his service with the City of Monrovia in 1974, serving on the City Council for the first 10 years and going on to serve on the Planning Commission for the following 28 years!

From 1974-1984, Eric served on the Monrovia City Council. Taking his first elected position as Mayor, he became (at that time) the youngest Mayor in the State of California. In 1984, Eric was appointed to the Planning Commission and served tirelessly until his final Planning Commission meeting on June 13, 2012.

Eric's service to the community cannot be overstated. When he came to office as an elected official in 1974, Monrovia was suffering from a downtown that was nearly vacant. Businesses could not get out of town fast enough. Change was needed and that change came in the form of a "team of three" who ran for City Council seats and won. Together they helped initiate the change that led to Monrovia becoming a City envied by many of the surrounding communities. In addition to Eric the "team of three" consisted of former Mayors Bob Bartlett and Pat Ostrye.

Both Bob and Pat were in attendance at Eric's last meeting, each taking the podium to share a few fun and meaningful memories of their time as the "team of three." Steve Baker, City Treasurer and Monrovia City Historian, read a letter that elaborated on the impact Eric has had on the community. We ALL wish Eric the best. He leaves a very big void to fill.

Congratulations to Eric and a big thank you from the current and past City Employees who had the privilege to work with him.

Duarte Accepting Applications to Fill Opening On Economic Development Commission

The City of Duarte is accepting applications to fill one position on its Economic Development (EDC) Commission. The term expiration is Dec. 31, 2013.

Duarte citizens interested in serving on the commission will have until Monday, July 2, 2012 at 6 p.m. to apply. Applications must be submitted to the City Manager's Office at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. Application forms are available at City Hall, or on the City's website: www.accessduarte.com. City Council members will interview applicants beginning at 6 p.m. on July 10. The appointment will be announced at the next City Council meeting on July 24. The new commissioner will begin his or her term starting with the August EDC commission meeting.

The Economic Development Commission works with city staff in monitoring, evaluating and recommending modifications to the economic development program, which is aimed at attracting new businesses, retaining existing businesses, and stimulating the expansion of existing businesses within the City of Duarte. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Community Center.

For more information about how to apply for this commission or city commissions in general, call the Duarte City Manager's office at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY By Joan Schmidt



On Wednesday, the official ground-breaking ceremony for the new stadium at Duarte High school was held. Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent welcomed all present and acknowledged all the above-mentioned dignitaries, Brian Mejia from Supervisor Antonovich's office, and Kristi Lopez from Assemblyman Portantino's office. He said that today was a "dream come true," and the "beginning of a new era."

The keynote speaker was School Board President Reyna Diaz. Ms. Diaz told everyone this project happened because of the vision of School Board member, Frank Figueroa. She spoke of the hard work of many people. The principals stayed after school and worked for hours. These were tough economic times; families didn't have a lot of money. But the entire community was able to see the wonderful vision and the property tax, Measure E was approved by the voters. There also was mention of past school board member, Ed Fergusson. (He and his wife Helen are the parents of Council Member Margaret Finlay.) While Ed was on the school board, back in 1997, the First Bond Issue was passed.

School Board Vice President Ken Bell said this is a "Day of Celebration" and Duarte will have the "Best stadium in the San Gabriel Valley."

School Board Member Frank Figueroa felt that "On

this great day of celebration, we need to reflect on the past." All great things "begin with a thought, a dream." Frank went on to acknowledge "Ed Fergusson who had a vision how great Duarte could be. He has been a mentor, doesn't take credit, not in the limelight."

Brian Mejia from Supervisor Mike Antonovich's office came up to the platform and presented a Certificate, followed by Kristi Lopez from Assemblyman Portantino's office. Kristi called up a cheerleader, football player and band member to accept the Certificate. They were thrilled.

Dr. Nichols then introduced the Construction Team and gave an overview of the entire project. The crew includes Mr. Brad Patterson, Senior Director, DUSD; WLC Architects, Inc., represented by Don Rice; Vanir Construction Management, Inc., represented by Moshir Kellada; and Contractor, Bryon Davey Construction, represented by John Peris.

Dr. Nichols relayed that the stadium is only the first phase of projects from Measure E and should be complete in 2013. Other projects include a new cafeteria and locker room facilities for Northview Middle School, a new building for Maxwell, new environmental science lab, a new weight room, remodeled woodshop and new culinary arts room.

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ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CELEBRATE BACCALAUREATE MASS

Forty-five seniors celebrate their last mass as Alverno students

Sierra Madre, CA (June 14, 2012) – After their last week of finals and the celebration of their “Senior Farewell” the previous week, the Alverno seniors celebrated the annual Baccalaureate Mass at St. Rita’s Church in Sierra Madre on Thursday, June 7.

The mass was officiated by Father Ken Deasy of the Holy Child Association and featured Azure Antoinette as the keynote speaker. Azure, a performance poet previously commissioned by Maria



Shriver and Oprah Winfrey for “O Magazine,” addressed the graduates and shared her own personal journey and experiences with the audience. She spoke of trials, tribulations, and the ultimate successes that each of the graduates would face. Azure concluded her address with a poem that she had composed especially for the Alverno Class of 2012.

In addition to the address made by Azure, this year’s Baccalaureate Mass featured two special songs from the Class of 2012. The first song, “Count on Me” by Bruno Mars was sung by the entire senior class in recognition of their theme for the year and the second song was an original composition of senior Annela Flores. Annela’s song also touched upon the theme of “count on me” and recounted many of the memories the seniors had made over their past four years at Alverno.

The Baccalaureate Mass concluded with the presentation of awards and honor cords by Ann Gillick, Head of School; Julia Fanara, Assistant Head of School; and Cameron Gonzales, Dean of Students. Awards presented at Baccalaureate included the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Christian Service Award, Father Joaquin Masmitja Award for Lifetime Service, lifetime membership in the California Scholarship Federation, and lifetime membership in the National Honor Society.



In total, thirteen Alverno seniors were presented with the Father Joaquin Masmitja Award for Lifetime Service. Over their past four years at Alverno, these thirteen young women completed more than 6,102 hours of service in their local communities. Aliza Mariano, also one of the Salutatorians, was recognized with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Christian Service Award for her shining example of generosity and service. Thirteen were recognized as lifetime members of both the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society; six girls were recognized as lifetime members of the California Scholarship Federation; and one was recognized as a lifetime member of the National Honor Society.

The evening ended with the first Baccalaureate Ball, hosted by Azure Antoinette, in the Villa del Sol d’Oro on Alverno’s campus. Graduates and their families were treated to dinner, dessert, and dancing at the event as well as a showing of a special memory video made for the senior class. Seniors were gifted with a collection of inspirational quotes compiled by Maria Shriver and a copy of a book edited by Azure entitled, “If the World Were My Classroom.”

CLASS OF 2012

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Camille Amurao
Amanda Armas
Marina Banks ^
Alora Barrera *
Marisa Benavides
Shasta Cales
Carolyn Chalfant *^+
Holly Coates *^+
Madeleine
Daniels-Campos+
Annela Flores *^+
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Yasmine Ibrahim *^+
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Hana Lemseffer *^
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Nona Marquez
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^ Life Member of the California Scholarship Federation

* Life Member of the Daelmen Chapter of the National Honor Society

+ Fr. Joaquin Masmitja Lifetime Service Award

“Tonight, our seniors celebrated their last liturgy as Alverno students, tomorrow, they will be graduating and beginning new journeys in the world. I am confident in the young women they have become and have demonstrated this in their academic and service commitments. Tonight, more than half of them were recognized for these accomplishments and their true epitome of Alverno’s mission of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be,” said Ann Gillick, Head of School.



THANK YOU!

In second grade you picked me up every Tuesday after school and took me to Six Flags, playing “Two Tickets to Paradise” loud on the radio, because we had season passes – best birthday present ever. You have driven me thousands and thousands of miles across this country, visiting everywhere from Seattle to Little Suamico, WI to Spavinaw, OK, taking me on endless adventures whether we planned on them or not. And I can proudly say I have been to thirty-four states as of now, excluding Hawaii to which I haven’t yet been to with you. In first grade you helped me write my sentences (Barn in the USA) even when I protested.

You took me to ice skating lessons and bought me Ruffles Sour cream and cheddar chips at the end of every lesson, sometimes with a warm cup of hot cocoa. You have supported me in whatever I have chosen to pursue, whether it be cross country, softball (7 years), volleyball, water polo, drama, Mock Trial, or dance. You annoy the crap out of me half the time, but despite that you are pretty cool. You have endlessly fought for me and given everything for me. You are the most awesome, award-winning, potato-pounding father ever.

I LOVE YOU! LET’S GO PATRIOTS!

ST. RITA LAUNCHES JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Registration is now open for admission into the new Junior Kindergarten program at St. Rita School for the 2012-2013 academic year. The full-day program, available to 4 and 5-year olds, will prepare students for classroom routines with plenty of time for free-exploration.

The developmentally-based curriculum is designed for the “early 5-year old” who is ready to move beyond preschool. Teacher-directed and child-initiated activities will prepare students for kindergarten and foster development in the areas of language, math, literacy, imaginative play, social awareness, construction, technology, art and music.

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

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

St. Rita School, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, is a Catholic parish school, ranked fourth in the Los Angeles Diocese, with a focus on faith, stewardship and academic excellence.

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Mindspring’s three-course, three-week program will run Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon. Three sessions will be offered this year with the first one starting June 18.

Students can choose to take one, two, or three classes per session. Signing up for more than one session will benefit kids even more as the small class sizes allow them to progress at their own pace throughout the summer. Handwriting, Typing, and Journalism classes engage students in some of the most important tools for communicating their ideas.

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Direct sequel to the New York Times and USA Today bestselling A Dog's Purpose. Buddy is a good dog. After searching for his purpose through several eventful lives, Buddy is sure that he has found and fulfilled it. Yet as he watches curious baby Clarity get into dangerous mischief, he is certain that this little girl is very much in need of a dog of her own. When Buddy is reborn, he realizes that he has a new destiny. He's overjoyed when he is adopted by Clarity, now a vibrant but troubled teenager. When they are suddenly separated, Buddy despairs, who will take care of his girl? A charming and heartwarming story of hope, love, and unending devotion, A Dog's Journey asks the question: Do we really take care of our pets, or do they take care of us? More than just another endearing dog tale, A Dog's Journey is the moving story of unwavering loyalty and a love that crosses all barriers.

BEING: THE BOTTOM LINE by Nathan Gill

Spiritual' dialogues usually aim to guide the seeker towards enlightenment, towards escape from identification as a suffering individual. In Being: The Bottom Line, however, Nathan Gill points out that 'enlightenment' only appears significant from the viewpoint of 'me' - it's only the story of 'me' that requires enlightenment. Your true nature is Being, and Being is already all that is (even when there is seeming ignorance of that), with no requirements whatsoever.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

THE TALLEST MAN ON EARTH

Swedish folk singer Kristian Matsson who performs under the moniker, "The Tallest Man on Earth," has often been compared to Bob Dylan for his nasal, twangy, scraping vocals. While similarities are continually bestowed by critics, The Tallest Man On Earth has released "There's No Leaving Now", a narrower but equally as potent record to his two previous ones. Admittedly so, I'm not too keen on his previous work, but I am aware of the realm he works in. Despite prior acclaim and recognition, I've decided to leap into this latest album as a relative newcomer. With that being duly noted, I must say the first half of the record considerably impressed me in spite of my lack of interest in his previous material. It's toward the second half things get a bit shaky and stale where my interest quickly grows fainter. While many diehard fans may not take a liking to the purer sound and more straightforward approach, I found it to be reasonably suitable. "There's No Leaving Now" is an often exquisite, striking, and poignant album, but runs out of steam in the final innings.

This is the sort of easy listening type of album. Like many artists in his ilk, the lyrics can either mean so much to the listener or have no significant meaning whatsoever. I enjoy the sounds and laid back tempo of most of the songs as opposed to becoming spellbound with anything Matsson is proclaiming. Opening track, "To Just Grow Away," is an immensely beautiful vintage folk tune. It's followed by the wonderment that's "Revelation Blues". Matsson sounds different, speaking a bit faster and the higher tempo sound is a real treat. It's one of the strongest tracks the record has to offer and it's extremely peaceful and soothing even though the lyrics seem to be about a horse. The title track is beautifully sung over a delicate piano. I don't always follow what Matsson is trying to say, but just hearing him speak is enough enlightenment for me. Regardless of what the stories unfold, most of his music is lovely and comforting.

Like I previously mentioned, "There's No Leaving Now" stumbles to the finish line. It's far from egregious, but rather inadequate. The record kicks off valiantly and magnificently. Unfortunately, it drifts away from its greatness when we get in the concluding stages. "Criminals" is too bland even if it sounds comparable to some of the other tracks found here. The closing track, "On Every Page" doesn't quite do the trick. It's tedious, one-dimensional, and rather dull. Maybe others will find enjoyment, but these few final lackluster songs put a damper on what could have been an outstanding record. If this album were a two-act play, we'd be amazed with the opening first act and disappointed with what's to come in the end. My words of advice are to attend the wedding (first half) and sit out the funeral (second half). You won't be missing all that much.

Key Tracks: "To Just Grow Away", "Revelation Blues", "Leading Me Now", "There's No Leaving Now"
Grade: 7.4 out of 10

Artist: The Tallest Man On Earth
Album: There's No Leaving Now
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Break-away Collars: A special quick-release collar that will unfasten if a strong pull is placed on the collar. However, the collar will not unfasten when attached to a leash. This collar was designed after the inventor's dog choked to death because its collar got caught on something.

Choke Chains / Slip Collars: Metal choke chains are still being used as a training tool in traditional methods, where the dog is corrected by a quick snap of the leash if he doesn't obey a command. Slip collars are similar, except they are made of soft materials such as nylon or cotton. These types of collars should never be left on an unattended dog, and always removed when the leash is removed.

Electronic Collars: Often called remote or e-collars by advocates, and shock collars by detractors, these devices deliver an electrical stimulus causing pain to the dog when given a correction. It is my experience, when evaluating most dogs who have been trained using shock devices, that these collars can destroy a dog's self-confidence. I would never use nor do I advocate the use of shock collars as an obedience training device.

Head Halters: Head Halters are the latest in politically correct, morally proper tools that feed into owners' desire to treat their canine companions humanely. The halter is very effective in achieving compliance and obedience without excessive restraint, however some feel that the dog's personality is somewhat marginalized by its use. I personally feel this tool works better than most in controlling a dog's tendency to pull, without choking.

Prong or Pinch Collars: These collars may seem like a kind of medieval torture device, but they are actually humane when used properly. They should definitely be used for training "neck insensitive" dogs only.

I want to make it clear that this article is not meant to advocate the use of any particular collar type over another. A sincere, caring pet owner takes the time to try and understand how his or her dog(s) thinks, learns and bonds with human beings and the best candidate to determine which product works best for their pet is his owner. No training equipment can ever take the place of a strong, mutually respectful relationship between a dog and his master. Finally, do be gentle and loving in the way that you treat your dog and your dog will be gentle and loving in how he responds to you, of that I am sure!

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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

A NEW WAY INTO ORBIT

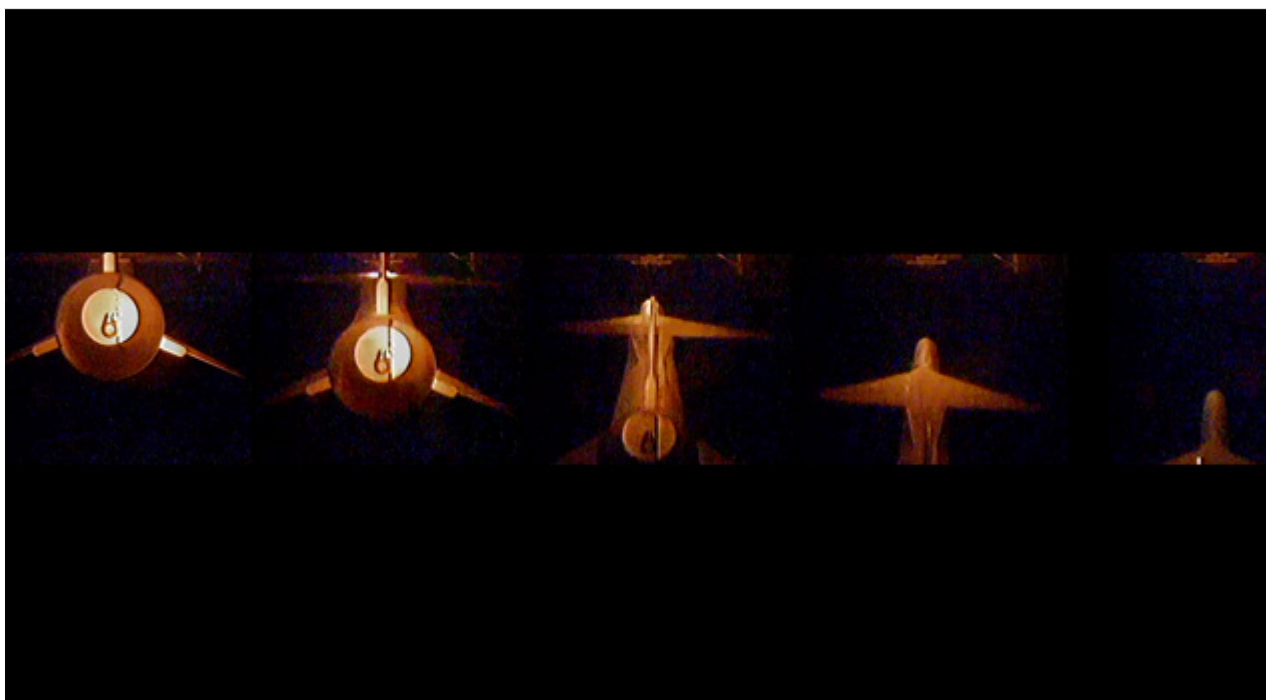
There's a new way to get a spacecraft into orbit, and it's a lot cheaper than the old. You just attach it to the bottom of an airplane, fly up to 39,000 feet, drop it, turn on its rocket engine, and it's off!

That's exactly what NASA did on June 13, when an orbiting X-ray observatory named NuSTAR was boosted into orbit from the skies above Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean, launched from a rocket carried by an Orbital Science Corporation L-1011 "Stargazer" plane.

When the L-1011 released its payload—a Pegasus XL rocket, also from Orbital Science—it was allowed to free-fall for about 5 seconds, then ignited, and propelled NuSTAR into space. A video showing a previous Pegasus launch is online at: http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/videogallery/index.html?collection_id=80521

About 13 minutes after the initial release from the Stargazer, NuSTAR separated from the Pegasus rocket's third stage. At this point, NuSTAR was in its final orbit—a low-Earth equatorial orbit at an altitude of approximately 340 miles and an inclination of six degrees. When NuSTAR separated from the Pegasus, the satellite's system that controls its orientation in space, or "attitude," began to stabilize it, and the spacecraft solar arrays were deployed.

Roughly one week after launch, engineers will command NuSTAR to deploy its lengthy 33-foot (10-meter) boom, allowing the telescope to focus X-ray light into crisp images. Unlike visible-light telescopes, X-ray telescopes require a



NASA's NuSTAR and its rocket drop from the carrier "Stargazer" plane.
Image Credit: Orbital Sciences Corporation.

long distance between the mirrors and detectors to focus the light. Science operations are expected to begin about 30 days after launch.

Why launch from the air? Airplane-assisted launches are significantly less expensive than those that take place from the ground. Less fuel is needed to boost cargo away from the pull of Earth's gravity. NuSTAR is part of NASA's Small Explorer program, which builds focused science missions at relatively low costs.

Fox and the movie "Prometheus." You can check out the archived webcast yourself at:

www.astronomerswithoutborders.org.

And if you missed this Venus transit, the planet's orbit will eventually carry it across the face of the Sun again—but you will have to wait 105 years! Perhaps your grandchildren will see that event...and Mount Wilson Observatory will no doubt still be there to welcome them!

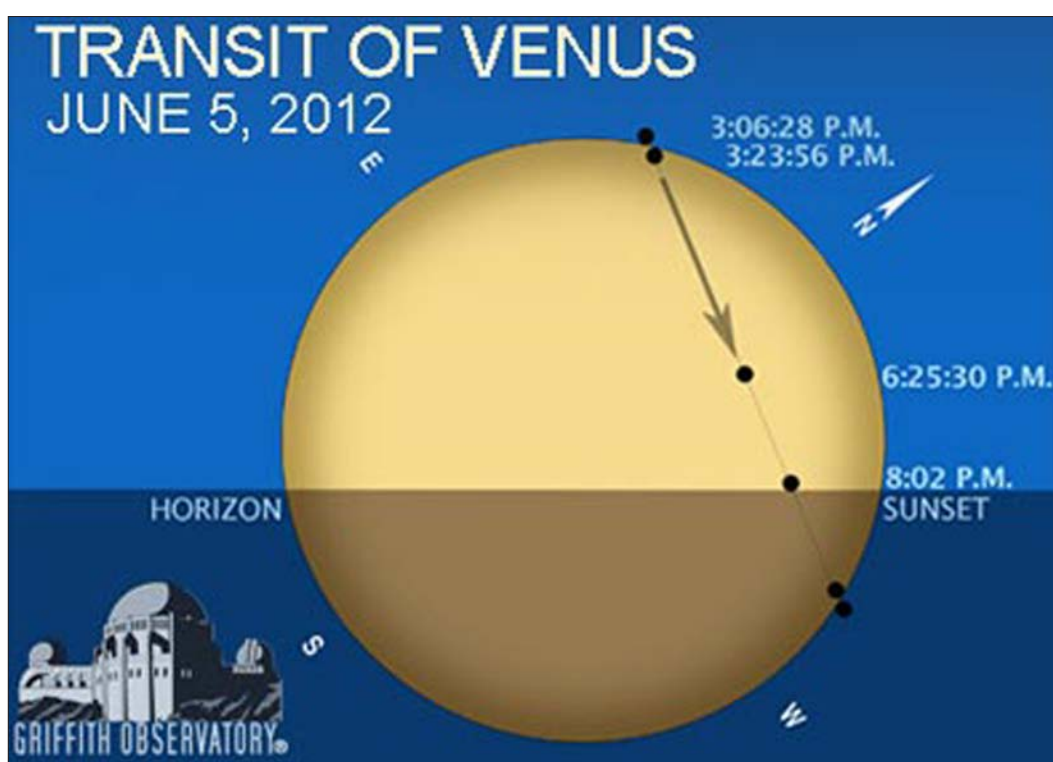
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SIERRA MADRE TEEN HOSTS VENUS TRANSIT VIEWING AND CAPTURES A MOMENT IN TIME WITH HIS TELESCOPES AND SPECIAL CAMERA

All Photos by Sean Nesler



Sean Nesler, far left, with the help of his father, Bob, was prepared to witness and capture the once of a lifetime transit of Venus and the Sun on June 5th. With specially crafted telescopes and equipment set up in his backyard, he invited friends and family over to share in the moment.



Above right, Mountain Views Editor and neighbor Susan Henderson takes a peek at the sun and was impressed with the clarity of the images through the telescope.

In a graphic courtesy of the Griffith Park Observatory, (left) one can see the orbit of Venus around the sun and the time frame in which the event occurred. The planet was first visible in California at 3:00 p.m. and that visibility lasted until sunset.

Both photos of the transit were taken by Sean.

Sean Nesler is an 18 year old Eagle Scout who currently attends Pasadena City College. He is also certificated special effects graduate and hopes to pursue a career in the entertainment industry.

On Line
By PJ Carpenter

GIVING IT AWAY



The signs of end-user outrage are most often found in the news and on the web whenever one of the Big Data behemoths (read: FaceBook, Google, etc) does something with the service that they offer the public and it trips the ever-so sensitive "Privacy" alarm that the general public seems to be attuned to.

This most frequently occurs whenever there's a change in the TOS (Terms of Service) that has to do with what the service provider will be doing with user data stored on their servers. We get free services in exchange for our personal information. That's the privacy bargain users all over the

Internet agree to every be the worst deal ever. are subject to change at user's consent.

Why do we seem part, it's because we are than once overridden replacing them with then responds to the restoring something slightly less private. And by adding a few more lines privacy policy but it doesn't since all users seem to want things were before the latest does read the fine print, awful at pricing out the whose consequences are far

No one would take up with the first puff. Most us in immediate physical or given a large population

single day and it could possibly The terms of this agreement any time, with or without the

to value privacy so little? In told to. Facebook has more its users' privacy preferences, new default settings. Facebook inevitable public outcry by that's like the old system, except then they cover their tracks to their already inscrutable really matter all that much to do is get back to the way privacy dust-up. Even if one we human beings seem to be net present value of a decision in the future.

smoking if the tumors sprouted privacy disclosures don't put emotional distress either. But making a large

number of disclosures, harm is inevitable. We've all heard the stories about people who've been fired because they set the wrong privacy flag on that post where they blew off on-the-job steam. The risks increase as we disclose more, something that the design of our social media conditions us to do.

When you start out your life in a new social network, you are rewarded with social reinforcement as your old friends pop up and congratulate you on arriving at the party. Subsequent disclosures generate further rewards, but not always. Some disclosures seem like bombshells to you ("I'm getting a divorce") but produce only virtual cricket chirps from your social network. And yet seemingly insignificant communications ("Does my butt look big in these jeans?") can produce a torrent of responses.

Behavioral scientists have a name for this dynamic: "intermittent reinforcement." It's one of the most powerful behavioral training techniques we know about. Give a lab rat a lever that produces a food pellet on demand and he'll only press it when he's hungry. Give him a lever that produces food pellets at random intervals, and he'll keep pressing it forever.

THE JOY OF YOGA

THE FOUR PILLARS OF WELLBEING



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

The tradition of yoga says that there are 4 pillars to our wellbeing. The first is a good diet consisting of foods that are sattvic, (steady, calm and peaceful) or in other words, nutritious, easy to digest, home-cooked and made with love. If your food is made with love – that love can be absorbed in your system. If your food is easy to digest, then it doesn't use as much of your vital energy trying to process it and the nutrients are more easily assimilated.

The second pillar is who you are hanging around with. It is important that we surround ourselves with others that are on the path of growth. We need to choose our friends and choose wisely. If we are hanging around with drama we will have to work twice as hard to keep from buying into it. Better to just stay away and focus on what is good. Keep company with those who have realized some measure of truth.

The third pillar is pranayama, or properly regulating the otherwise irregular and hurried breath. The aim of pranayama (breath exercises) is to gain control over the nervous system. By learning to regulate the breath we can learn to regulate the mind - our fourth pillar.

Asana practices (yoga poses) are designed to help us learn to breathe. We learn to breathe in challenging situations. Learning to breathe then enables us to control our minds and the thoughts we think. Our mind tells us how to feel. So we need to train the mind to create the life we want. When we can do this – we can choose happiness.

Sounds easy, right? It takes discipline. But there is only one place to start – the beginning. "Don't worry. Be Happy."

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HOW TO CREATE AN ETHICAL WILL

Dear Savvy Senior:

What can you tell me about ethical wills? My wife and I had to make some minor adjustments to our legal will last month, and our attorney suggested we create an ethical will as a way to explain our intentions and express our thoughts and feelings. We are interested in doing this but could use some help. What can you tell me? Planning Ahead

Dear Planning:

An ethical will can be a valuable complement to your legal will, as well as a wonderful gift to your family or other loved ones. Here's what you should know along with some tips to help you make one.



Ethical Wills

Unlike a last will and testament, which tells your loved ones (and the legal world) what you want them to have, an ethical will (which is not a legal document) tells them what you want them to know.

With an ethical will, you can share with your loved ones your feelings, wishes, regrets, gratitude and advice, as well as explain the elements in your legal will, give information about the money and possessions you're passing on, and anything else you want to communicate.

Usually no more than a few pages, the process of writing an ethical will can actually be quite satisfying. But be careful that you don't contradict any aspects of your legal will or estate plan.

And, if you're having trouble with the writing, there are professional ethical will writers you can hire to help you, or you can speak your wishes into a voice recorder or have someone video record you.

Where to Start

To craft an ethical will, start by jotting down some notes about what's really important to you and what you want your loved ones to know. Take your time, and remember that you're not trying to write for the Pulitzer Prize. The letter is a gift of yourself, written for those you love.

After you've gathered your thoughts you can start drafting your letter. You can also revise or rewrite it anytime you want. And for safekeeping, keep your ethical will with your other legal documents in a secure location but be sure your executor has access to it. A safe-deposit box or fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home is a good choice.

Get Help

If you need some help, there are lots of resources available like ethicalwill.com which offers practical information, examples of ethical wills, and lots of materials you can purchase to help you put one together, including the second edition of "Ethical Wills: Putting Your Values on Paper" by Barry Baines, M.D for \$16.

Another good resource is Personal Legacy Advisors (personallegacyadvisors.com), a company that offers coaching, editing, writing and/or audio or video recording ethical wills. Prices will vary depending on the services you choose. They also sell a do-it-yourself guide-book "The Wealth of Your Life: A Step-by-Step Guide for Creating Your Ethical Will" by Susan Turnbull for \$20.

You can also find help through the Association of Personal Historians. This is a trade association that offers a nationwide directory of professionals who can help you create an ethical will, memoir or a personal history. Visit personalhistorians.org to find help in your area.

You also need to know that many people choose to share their ethical will with their family and friends while they're still living so they can enjoy their reactions, while others think it should be read after their death. It's up to you.

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

THE GOOD LIFE
SENIOR HAPPENINGS

JUNE ACTIVITIES

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

Mondays: City Hall & Lunch Café
12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength Training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesdays:
FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital Nurse; 11 am to 12 noon.
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesdays:
11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

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

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

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

2012 EXCURSIONS

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

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

Registration can be done either in person or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration



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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PASADENA PATIO



The Laing family is well known as a longtime building materials supplier to the San Gabriel Valley. Their L and L Building Materials company (www.LLBM.com) has provided masonry, plastering, and landscaping products for contractors and homeowners from their Irwindale headquarters since 1993.

As an outgrowth of their flagstone, pavers, manufactured stone offerings, they began to serve the increased local demand for upscale outdoor kitchens and living spaces. When the interest and market for outdoor fireplaces, built-in barbecue stations and patio living continued to increase into demand for a coordinated, well designed space that seamlessly extended the style and quality of the

interior appointments, Pasadena Patio (www.Pasadena-Patio.com) was conceived.

Located at 78 S. Rosemead, almost across from the DMV, Pasadena Patio opened its doors just six months ago as an extended family, joint venture between in-laws, the Laings and the Jennings.

Manager, Ken Burrows, proudly noted that in this short time, they've already had repeat customers, who, after a first successful venture into upscale patio living, came back for a bigger second helping. "We want to be your full service, one stop outdoor living source, down to referring excellent contractors to perform the work if needed, through the Laing's years of interactions with the area's best contractors at L and L."

Burrows brings a wealth of industry expertise and entrepreneurial experience over nearly five decades to the new company. His outdoor living "pedigree" was truly a "coup" for Pasadena Patio, as was his extensive network in the Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley area, since he's born and bred here, and was even President of The Tournament of Roses.

One of the owners, David Laing, reflected that Burrows' extensive work at Brown Jordan, a luxury outdoor furniture manufacturer, and his co-development of Terra (www.TerraFurniture.com), a casual and outdoor furniture and accessories manufacturing company, in City of Industry, provided the perfect blend of knowledge and creativity.

"Every major manufacturer in this industry has immense respect for Ken Burrows," said Laing. "It has opened many doors for us," he continued, "to become more than just another patio or casual furniture store. We've become the WOW factor patio store," he chuckled.

Laing and Burrows find that many consumers who want to customize their outdoor living with beautiful choices from the nine upscale lines they carry, like Viking, Lynx and Tropitone, etc., are simply overwhelmed by the color, fabric and frame choices.

"That's where our design service comes in," said Burrows. "Our customers love being able to get design advice right in their home from our in house designer, Ginger Evans at no additional charge. She brings extensive experience from a number of top Orange County casual living stores, including as manager of the amazing Rogers Gardens. She is an integral part of our design team."

"If you already have a designer, we provide courtesy to the design trade, as well, so please consider us the headquarters for fleshing out the outdoor living chapter of your remodel!" encouraged Burrows.

One of the major local country clubs has also given the thumbs up to Pasadena Patio, as well, contracting them to replace all their outdoor furniture this year.

One of the favorite "gotta have" products Pasadena Patio offers is the Big Green Egg (www.BigGreenEgg.com), a smoker, cooker and even an oven for cakes, available in several sizes. Burrows laughed about an experience he had selling the product recently. An oral surgeon came in saying she didn't need the Big Green Egg, as she already had two barbecues at her Orange Grove condo in Pasadena. But... she'd just had dinner at the home of a prominent country club general manager, and couldn't get over the taste and juiciness of a wide array of smoked/ baked foods prepared in the Egg. I just have to have one!"

Another unique item is the "Balance" patio umbrella with fingertip control to raise, lower and adjust the angle to any level. Balance was designed by a German engineer, and manufactured by the company Burrows co-founded, Terra.

"The pricing is amazingly close to the high quality traditional umbrellas we offer," reflected Burrows. "The ease of control is very attractive, especially for locations requiring changes in the umbrella angle for optimal shade, throughout the day. Anyone who has struggled with opening or closing a nine or eleven foot umbrella will easily attest that this uniquely engineered product is a real find!"

Visit Pasadena Patio at 78 S. Rosemead in Pasadena or on the web at www.Pasadena-Patio.com.



Ken Burrows, top, at Pasadena Patio - 78 S. Rosemead, Pasadena. Above the showroom; right THE BIG GREEN EGG.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME

When you hear that someone managed to sell a home without representation, it's likely that the sale was to a family member, close friend, or a tenant who was already renting and living there. These exceptional cases are not the norm, and there are powerful reasons why it is so difficult to make a sale "by owner."

The biggest roadblock is that For Sale By Owners (FSBOs) aren't included in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) that licensed agents and organizations use. A sign in the yard and an ad in the newspaper are no match for the widespread exposure gained from a listing visible on the MLS.

Since the FSBO has no listing agreement providing for a sales commission, many agents won't show these homes with no promise of compensation. Again, this greatly reduces the number of potential buyers exposed to the offering, not to mention the fact that buyers who do express interest will not have been screened by a professional to determine their qualifications.

Perhaps the most hazardous aspect of selling "by owner" is the potential for legal oversights and complications. Real estate transactions are loaded with potential liability for unrepresented and unwitting sellers. One overlooked form or improper disclosure could generate an expensive lawsuit.

Just as you wouldn't enter the courtroom without an attorney, you shouldn't sell your home without professional representation.

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

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CREATIVITY AND QUALITY - A WINNING COMBINATION

Are you an entrepreneur who wants to stay at the front of the pack and steps ahead of the competition in your industry? If so, you can benefit by simply offering customers a unique experience with quality that is consistent.

Identifying and honing in on at least one thing that distinguishes you from your competitors can add to your bottom line. More than twenty years ago, news articles and celebrity interviews touted a most unique duck sausage pizza that was being served at Wolfgang Puck's Restaurant in Beverly Hills. Pizza was not new to the Southern California palette, but this celebrity chef was at the forefront of ushering in the age of designer pizza pies. Barbeque and chicken have been part of the human experience for thousands of years, but the merging of the two atop pizza dough was a anomaly until the mid-1980's.

Being different can help create a fascination, a curiosity that may prompt a new wave of customers to make their way to your door with money in hand. Zelo's Pizza in Arcadia puts a slightly different twist on

an old concept with a creative adaptation of the dough. Their signature cornmeal pizza crust serves as the foundation for combinations of toppings that are unique, like sweet corn kernels and mozzarella. The individual ingredients are not unique, but along with some familiar ingredients like pepperoni and sausage, their tasty, eclectic topping combos places them solidly in the gourmet pizza category.

The majority of new products are rarely new, most are created by taking existing items or concepts and combining them in a different way. For example, fruit baskets have morphed into revenues of almost \$200 million a year from a concept launched by brothers Tariq and Kamran Farid. In 1990 they opened the first Edible Arrangements Store in Hamden, Connecticut. They used fresh fruit in the place of flowers to create arrangements in baskets. Caterers and chefs have been carving fruit into interesting shapes for decades, but the Farid brothers took it to another level by combining several existing concepts, gift baskets, fruit, carving techniques and delivery services. Not only are the baskets eye-catching, but also they are tasty. They began franchising the concept in 2001 and by the end of 2011, the business had grown to more than 1,100 locations in the U.S. and five other countries.

Despite the many angst about the fast food industry, the major players provide examples of solid quality assurance (QA) systems and processes. That's why a Big Mac® prepared by a McDonalds in Duarte, California will taste the same as sold from one of their franchises at an airport in New York. A business might gain an advantage by offering something new and different, but customers must be able to trust that they will get the same experience each time they spend money with you. It is important to establish standards for what you want your customers to experience. Then, identify each of the major processes that lead to a customer purchase; quality of what you sell (inventory), shopping experience (website and online store or physical location and customer service) and pricing (discount, average or high-end). Survey your repeat customers to determine why they return and also, ask if they have any suggestions about how to improve their experience with you. Review the feedback to determine where the suggestions might be applied to your QA process.

It's often the simple things that can result in the greatest benefits. Deciding what to offering customer that is unique is a matter of brainstorming and thinking outside of the box about opportunities that are right in front of you.



OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU KNOW.....

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

I do not usually upgrade my QuickBooks to the newest version every year. That is not to say that I don't have every version because I do, dating back to 1999. As a QuickBooks Certified ProAdvisor I am required to have every version so that I can help my clients with their QuickBooks problems. So as you can see I probably have each version on at least one of my computers. What I am saying is that I don't upgrade my data file to the new version each year.

However, I just have to let everyone know that I have just upgraded to QuickBooks 2012 and I love it. Besides the new Lead Center that I discussed in last week's article, there is also a new calendar - think "Outlook" - users can choose to view a calendar layout of a company's important transactions (invoice, billing, to-dos), as well as overdue transactions, tasks to be completed and appointments. QuickBooks 2012 also allows you to drill down into transactions from this screen or create To Do's (such as appointments, and the application now allows you to specify the exact time). Past due transactions are automatically flagged.

You can access the calendar from either the Home Page (Company section) or the Company drop down menu. Until now there has never been one central place to see important dates and schedules (including the time of day!) in a company. Filing dates and due dates can now be kept inside QuickBooks for authorized persons to view, as opposed to recording them on an external calendar. The Alerts feature that indicates the overdue status of transactions can help keep a company's cash flow positive.

On another note the IRS says beware of Phish Scams.

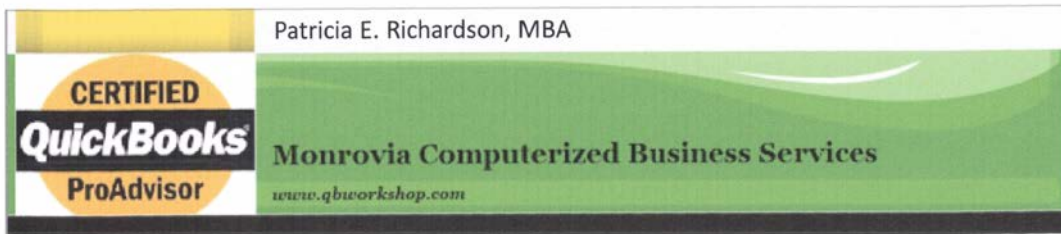
Nov. 10, 2011 — A suspected phishing email on the Employer Identification Number (EIN), claiming to come from the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility, is currently circulating. This email was not sent by the IRS. For more information, see "[Latest News from Office of Professional Responsibility \(OPR\)](#)" at www.irs.gov.

The IRS does not send unsolicited emails to taxpayers about their tax accounts, tax situations or personal tax issues. If you receive such an email, most likely it's a scam. IRS impersonation schemes flourish during filing season. These schemes may take place via phone, fax, Internet sites, social networking sites and particularly email.

Many impersonations are identity theft scams that try to trick victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to access their financial accounts. Some email scams contain attachments or links that, when clicked, download malicious code (a virus) that infects your computer or direct you to a bogus form or site that is presented as a genuine IRS form or web site.

Some impersonations may be commercial Internet sites that consumers unknowingly visit, thinking they're accessing the genuine IRS website, www.irs.gov. However, such sites have no connection to the IRS.

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WHAT IS MARKETING?

You have a business. You have a web site. You have a Facebook page. You tweet and send emails. You YouTube and you are LinkedIn. Are you marketing?

As business owners, we all know we need to do "marketing." But, do we really know and understand what that is. A while back I asked some business owners their definition of marketing. One of the best answers came from our good friend and printer, Jerry (printingcontrol.net). He said, "in order to understand what marketing is, you need to understand the difference between sales and marketing. 'Sales' is when you are calling on your prospects. 'Marketing' is when your prospects are calling on you because they heard about you." Brilliant!

Social media and email marketing is often called relationship and/or top-of-mind marketing. Staying connected with people who are important to your business keeps you present in their mind. If you make it easy for people to remember you, they will think of you the next time they need your product or service or when they are asked for a referral. This doesn't mean constantly posting "buy my stuff" messages on Facebook. We've found that just liking, commenting, listening and participating in social media helps remind people we're still here.

I read a study once that said we are all hit with over 3,000 marketing messages a day. Think of all the billboards, radio announcements, signs, bumper stickers, web pages, images and emails that go into our brains every day. Don't you want your message to be in there somewhere?

Staying in touch and messaging is only half of the marketing equation. If you don't have anyone to share your message with, you just have words. Marketing is also about building quality lists of people who want to stay in touch with you because they like you and your product and services. Build your lists on their terms. Some will prefer some of the social media tools and some may prefer emails. Don't let your own preference get in the way of where your followers prefer to be. When you adjust to their needs and preferences, you are connecting with them on their terms. Isn't this what good customer service is all about.

There are many tools that build lists; they just take different forms. In Facebook you build "likes" and "friends." In Twitter, you build "followers." In LinkedIn, you build "connections." If you use email marketing, you build a list of email addresses.

If business is a little slow for you right now, you might work on "getting list rich." Attend live networking events, join the chamber, attend meetings and exchange business cards. As you do, ask people if they would like to join your email list, let them know how often you send and what you send. Ask them if they would like to stay connected on social media, ask which one they prefer. Build your lists at every touch point of your business day. List building is an on-going process. Go for quality, not quantity.

If you are using Facebook and Constant Contact, cross promote. When you send out an email, encourage people to join your conversation on Facebook. On Facebook, add a "join my email list" tab to your page. In 2011, Constant Contact found that 1 million people joined their customer's emails through Facebook. (To add the custom Constant Contact tab, go to facebook.com/ctctjmm1.)

My definition of marketing is....Building a quality list of people and staying top of mind with interesting messages so they think of you when they need your product or service.

What's your definition? If you want to share it, please post your ideas at www.facebook.com/hutdogs.

For more tips on list building go to www.hutdogs.com/actionsteps.

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Tim Osti, right, and his buddy Ethan celebrate the Kings World Championship the morning after in Sierra Madre's Bean Town. Photo by S. Henderson

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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.
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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

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



SOUTHERN COPS DO HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS!

A friend sent me this. It's hilarious. I thought I'd share it with you. This not a work of fiction. These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos. Have a good laugh. I did. However, if you're from the South I offer the following standard journalistic disclaimer:

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1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document." (My Favorite)
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you." (LOVE IT)
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

RICH Johnson



BOB JACKSON

What about Bob? I like Bob Jackson. If you know Bob, then you know why I like him. If you don't know him, you need to meet him and shortly thereafter you will also know why I like him. You will like him too.

You can typically meet Bob somewhere in the vicinity of Kersting Court. He is the bespectacled guy wearing the uniquely labeled baseball caps. Bob is a retired Cal Poly Pomona faculty member. He specialized in teaching something or other. I do know I met him across the hearts table at Beantown. What's a hearts table? A table, any table where a group of manly men and womanly women play the card game, hearts.

Bob likes to spend a good portion of his evenings holding court right outside the Starbucks in, appropriately, Kersting Court. T'was there he witnessed the Friday Movie Night for kids. This is where the city blocks off the parking on Kersting Court, erects a giant movie screen and invites children and their parents to bring lawn chairs (in this case asphalt chairs) and experience a family oriented movie. There are 3 or 4 ice cream and yogurt places to provide instant refreshments for the kids. And Lucky Baldwin's and Starbucks to provide instant refreshments for the not-kids.

Back to Bob. Bob was dismayed to learn, because of budget cuts, there would be only three Friday Night Movie opportunities. So, Bob embarked on a campaign to raise money to sponsor at least one more movie night. I know personally of his campaign to raise money...if you know what I mean. But it was worth contributing just to see the look on Bob's face when he raised the requisite amount of cash for an added movie night. If you see him out there with a request for donations, he is trying to sponsor yet another night for families. Bravo Bob.

I asked only one favor of Bob. Since he is a retired smart guy (and by all accounts still smart) I have submitted a list of long time perplexing questions I would like him to ponder and get back to me on.

Bob: Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

Bob: Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Bob: Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto is on all fours?

Bob: If Jimmy cracks corn & no one cares, why is there a song about it?

Bob: Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Bob: Is there ever a day that mattresses are NOT on sale?

Bob: Can you cry underwater?

Bob: How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

Bob: Why is it that plastic bags won't open from either end on your first try?
Bob: If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Bob: What disease did cured ham actually have?

And finally, Bob: How do those dead bugs get into enclosed light fixtures?

Early notification that my 60's-70's music band, JJ Jukebox is fortunate enough to have been selected to perform at the Concert in the Park Series in Memorial Park. The date is Sunday, August 12th, from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Make plans to come join us and guest vocalists Jane Fuller, Amy Kafkaloff, and Lisa Bowman. Enjoy music from the Beatles to Roy Orbison to Nancy Sinatra to Johnny Cash to the Jefferson Airplane and much, much more.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



HOW DO WE BEST PROTECT OURSELVES?

Recently, I've had a couple of disturbing conversations relating to funerals and memorials. People that I respect have explained to me that they simply do not attend these events because there is simply too much sadness present on these occasions. Another person has told me that she does not even allow herself to read tributes regarding deceased friends and she simply does not want to go through any more sadness. She's had enough of that sadness already in her life. Currently, it seems very much in vogue to talk about the importance of surrounding yourself with happy, or at least outwardly happy people. We are told that being around depressed people depresses us. Put a smile on your face and act as if you're happy and presto you will be happy. Perhaps this explains the phenomena of people spending billions for cosmetological improvements. For whom are they trying to improve their appearance? I guess this answer is they just want to look in the mirror and see an attractive person and lead themselves to a better general overall feeling.

Probably the same thing is going on when people move to gated homogeneous communities. It feels good I guess to be in a place where all the homes are spacious and all the lawns are manicured and all the troubles of the world can be locked out. Of course, we all know that the fences and the gates are not that strong and that no matter how high the walls stress and trouble still manage to squeeze their way into every life.

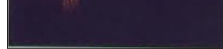
Recently I have been doing a lot of reading about the lives of the Jewish population living in Vienna at the time the Nazis took over the country. No, I was not reading this material to find something else to be sad about. Rather I was interested in the paintings by Gustav Klimt that had been taken from Jewish families by the Nazis and, now, after prolonged legal battles had been returned to a living Jewish relative residing in Beverly Hills. There is an even closer connection to me in that the book I am now reading entitled Lady in Gold was inspired by a Law Review Article written in conjunction with a friend of mine. I was led to purchase the book partly because of that connection and what did I find; Descriptions of the plight of the extraordinarily rich and seemingly secure Jewish families that lived in Vienna in the early 1900's.

Like many of our contemporaries these privileged people had worked hard to construct a way of life designed to avoid

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT'S NOT MY FATHER'S WORLD ANYMORE



Celebrating another Father's Day without my father I cannot help thinking how much has changed since he died. If he were to return today, he would find things quite different.

In all reality, this is not my father's world anymore.

I might just as well say it. This is not my father's country anymore, either.

The country my father loves seems to have all but disappeared. During his time, a deep-seated patriotic pride permeated throughout our country. We were proud of what our forefathers had accomplished and we were willing to die to preserve that heritage.

Today, it seems the past is simply the past and has no bearing whatsoever on the present. This may be why history books are being rewritten today. This, however, is a fallacy encouraged by those who do not know the right hand from their left hand. In our country today, you are either far right or far left and nothing in between. Whatever happened to people with common sense?

Perhaps that ancient anonymous philosopher was right when he said the problem with common sense was that it really was not that common anymore. Perhaps the demise of the common man explains this phenomenon. Or it could be that most people today have been educated be on their common sensibilities.

There was a time in my father's country when people were proud of what they did. A few tried to get money without working for it. In my father's country, there was a great deal of pride in working for what you had and not depending upon somebody with a handout. In my father's country, there was a deep sense of accomplishment in earning what you had by the sweat of your brow.

The only people sweating these days are politicians up for reelection.

In my father's country, there was no such thing as arbitrary handouts but plenty of hands out. It was considered our patriotic duty to help our neighbor when they were in trouble. Nobody looked to Uncle Sam to solve his or her problems. It was a community affair not a government mandate. In fact, if the truth were known, and an evidently it is not, they stayed as far away from Uncle Sam as possible, only communicating with him once a year on April 15.

In those days, they saluted the flag, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and were right proud to do so. Not one of them could imagine anybody ashamed of doing that in public.

Today a lot is being said about the separation of church and state. My father would not understand the way some people

unpleasantness. The formed a subculture which included gatherings of the most interesting and able people of the times. Freud, Rodin, Mahler, Wittgenstein—the great painters, sculptors, musicians, scientists, and philosophers coming to meet in the homes, of wealthy Jewish industrialists. These homes were more like castles and the Jewish wives and daughters who attended or even organized these salons were like mystical fairy princesses. Of course there were rumblings of possible problems connected to a take-over of Austria by the Nazis but many of the Jews simply ignored these rumors or considered them to be of little importance.

Looking back on it now we wonder how people with alternatives could have ignored the problem for so long. Many of this rich and privileged people met their deaths in the German concentration Camps. Some of those executed had convinced themselves that they were simply being moved to a resort of some kind and it was necessary that reservations be made to secure the best rooms. Why had they done nothing to protect themselves or even bothered to keep themselves reasonably informed about what was really happening. The Lady in Gold Book explains that people living the wonderful protected life filled with well-manicured, interesting friends and weekly celebrations simply refused to acknowledge the actual reality of what was going on around them. Refused to acknowledge it until it was too late—perhaps going to their death expecting a shower rather than an execution.

Am I saying that people today who spend much of their life refusing to acknowledge the sadness which is a part of life are on a path that leads to the Nazi Death Camps? Yes that is a bit extreme but really I often have that feeling. Many of us give lip-service to the economic, ecological, and political problems of our world but, really, we do the best we can to push it to the backs of our mind and to simply go on partying. Think about the Occupy movements. Many of us were sympathetic but few of us participated. It was all too uncomfortable, too dirty, too late at night: really just too plainly inconvenient. On page 1400f The Lady in Gold a simple question is asked, "How could the comfortable and prosperous Viennese Jews be expected to give up their lovely existence". A similar question might well be asked of us comfortable Sierra Madreans.

Well, that's enough. I have to go run and vote in today's primary election and then get back to work. That's enough, isn't it, to make me a good responsible citizen? Working and voting is all a person can really do, right? Of course not; there is so much more that could and should be done that it makes me uncomfortable to even think about it. I try and avoid such thoughts. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

are interpreting it. According to what is going on today they are trying to keep the church out of the state but make good and sure, the state runs the church. Isn't that why we had a revolution in the first place?

In my father's country, there was a separation between government control and people pursuing life, liberty and happiness. Oh, for those good old days.

Also, in my father's country baseball was a national sport, not a business. I am not quite sure when it became a business, but my father never thought it was. He often took me to the ball field on a Saturday afternoon to have fun, enjoy the game and eat the world's most delicious hotdog. At least he said they were the world's most delicious hotdogs.

Our purpose in going was just to have fun. He did his share of making fun and harassing the other team's fans but it never crossed his mind to physically beat one of them nearly to death. If I remember correctly, wedgies were the order of the day.

When our team won, we celebrated and high-fived everybody around us. When our team lost, we determined with everything within us to slaughter them the next week on the field. When we said "slaughter," we were talking figuratively.

Credit was something my father's generation frowned on. As a young person, I had in my mind to buy a bicycle. I took my father to the store to look at that prized bike.

"Well," my father stammered, as he looked the bike over. "How much money you've got saved for this bike?" I knew the lecture that was to follow. If you could not afford to buy something, you could not afford to have it. How many times have I heard that?

Perhaps if my father could come back for a day we could send him to Washington, D.C and explain to them this whole idea that if you cannot afford something you cannot afford something. It seemed to make sense to me and I was only a young person at the time. I guess when you get older you lose a lot of that good common sense. Then if elected and go to Washington DC, you leave all of that good common sense back home with your constituency, which then wonders what they elected you for.

The verse of Scripture that was very important to my father was, "And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" (Psalms 90:17 KJV).

It may not be the same country my father loved, but I can still operate on the same principles that made him a patriotic father, and pray, "Establish thou the work of our hands."

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"There isn't a journalist in the country who doesn't know what Obama meant."
- Howard Kurtz on CNN's "Reliable Sources"

Yeah, we know – President Obama was speaking of private sector job growth relative to the public sector when he said, "The private sector is doing fine." Within minutes of the president's press conference, though, the twitter-sphere was buzzing (tweeting?) with a new "gotcha!" for Republican operatives.

That very afternoon, Mitt Romney was asking, "Is he really that out of touch?" (The same Mitt Romney who a few weeks earlier told teachers at an inner-city Philadelphia school of a study showing class size doesn't matter, and of the benefits of two-parent households.)

Chances are there will be a new "gotcha!" dominating coverage by the time this column appears, but Romney promises the president's remark will "go down in history."

The president later clarified he was referring to the history of creating "3 million jobs over the last 27 months, over 800,000 just this year alone." Romney's own history shows Massachusetts ranking 47th out of 50 states in job creation during his governorship.

Bloomberg news went beyond the history of the two candidates and looked at private sector job creation over the past fifty years. That history shows that since the Inauguration of JFK, Republicans have been in office 28 years vs. 23 years for the Democrats. According to the Labor Department, 42 million private sector jobs were added during those 23 years under Democrats, vs. 14 million during 28 years under Republicans.

On a monthly basis, Bill Clinton comes in first, averaging 217,000 private sector jobs created per month during his two terms. Jimmy Carter is second at 188,000, with Ronald Reagan third at 153,000. During the eight years under George W. Bush, an average 6,700 private sector jobs were lost each month. (Public sector job growth has been about even – with an average 22,000 a month increase under Democrats, and 21,000 under Republicans.)

130,000 private sector jobs were created in April, surpassing the number created the month Obama took office. Total job growth, however, is slightly less – as the public sector shed over 600,000 jobs since the beginning of his term. At the state level, government employment was cut 1.2% in 2011 – the largest cut since they started keeping track in 1955.

Cutting public employment while coming out of a recession is unprecedented in recent history; with Presidents Reagan, H.W. Bush and Clinton all seeing growth in government hiring in recovering from the 1981, 1990 and 2001 recessions.

Under George W. Bush, the number of public sector jobs had increased by 3.7% at this point in his presidency. If public sector employment grew at the same rate under President Obama as it did under his predecessor, there'd be an additional 1.4 million Americans working, and the unemployment rate would be lower by a full percentage point.

Economist Paul Krugman took the comparison back further; "If it weren't for this destructive fiscal austerity, our unemployment rate would

almost certainly be lower now than it was at a comparable stage of the 'Morning in America' recovery during the Reagan era." Under Ronald Reagan, over twice as many government jobs were added (1.4 million) as have been cut under President Obama. There was the "stimulus" of a \$415 billion increase in government spending on goods and services during the Reagan years, compared to a \$114 billion cut in such spending over the last two years, as President Obama's stimulus program wound down.

Aside from employment, there are other signs "the private sector is doing fine." According to the U.S. Commerce Department, after-tax corporate profits are at an all-time high of nearly \$1.7 trillion, surpassing the pre-recession record of not-quite \$1.4 trillion. Corporate profits have also never been higher as a percentage of the country's GDP. The Federal Reserve reports U.S. corporations are currently sitting on \$1.74 trillion in liquid assets.

Under tax laws and (absence of) regulations championed by purchased Members of Congress, these profits and liquid assets are not going for hiring and business development, but for executive salaries that now average \$12 million a year for the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. According to a recent AFL-CIO study, the average CEO of an S&P 500 Index company pulls in a salary 380 times that of the average worker; in 1980, the salary of the CEO of a large company was about 42 times what the average worker made.

Those S&P 500 Index CEOs had salary increases of 13.9% in 2011, while the Index itself remained flat. Workers saw an average salary increase of 2.8%. In 2010, 93% of the country's income gains went to the richest 1%.

As President Obama made clear, the private sector may be doing fine, but the economy isn't. It certainly isn't helped by massive layoffs in the public sector, and the "multiplier effect" this has on private sector businesses – especially in an economy which is 70% consumer-driven.

A week before the president appeared at his press conference, Martin Bashir on MSNBC commented on House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's (R-VA) own declaration for the microphones, that "these job numbers are pathetic" and what's needed is the "right leadership":

"But Mr. Cantor is part of the leadership of this country ... Leader Cantor has done absolutely everything in his powers to be sure that not one of the president's policies on job creation have ever seen the light of day. Even when an independent analytics firm like Moody's estimates that the American Jobs Act would create about two million new jobs, and raise GDP by a full 2 percentage points, Mr. Cantor prefers his own form of leadership, which is designed to crush job creation ... You always wanted to undermine the President - but what you've done is undermine the country."

There might be those who misunderstood the point President Obama was trying to make. But I don't think anyone could miss the point Martin Bashir made.

BI-PARTISANSHIP AIN'T WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

GREG Welborn



Listening to President Obama's speech today, it seems his new campaign strategy is to mimic Truman and run against the "do-nothing congress". This of course assumes that the Congress isn't doing anything (hence they're doing nothing), but more importantly that when they do something it's actually a good thing. History pretty clearly tells us that this isn't necessarily true.

The opposite of a "do-nothing" Congress is bi-partisan cooperation in which lots gets done. But the record pretty clearly shows that what Congress does matters more than anything else. This should seem like a pretty obvious statement. If Congress and the President pass a bad law, then bad things come from bi-partisanship. On the other hand, if Congress and the President pass a good law, then good things happen. It's what's done that matters.

When it comes to the state of our economy the principal above couldn't be more true. President Reagan operated with a Democratic Congress to pass one the greatest tax reductions in our country's history, and the resulting boom repaired the years of misery under Carter. Many readers may not remember the "misery index", but it was the combination of the inflation index and the unemployment index. Yes, both were occurring at the same time – contrary to what Keynesian economists said was possible – and many media and political elites had written America off; our best days were supposedly behind us. Reagan offered a great solution, got cooperation from across the aisle, and America recovered and achieved new heights.

Bill Clinton ran into a bit of trouble with Americans when he had a Congress of his choosing – heavily Democratic. They didn't do such a good job, and the Americans took the opportunity of the mid-term elections to give Republicans control of the Congress for the first time in about 40 years. Clinton correctly read the voters' message and began to work with the Congress to implement real spending restraint, tax reductions, and welfare reform. The result was another economic boom and several years of Federal surpluses. Seems almost impossible to conceive of that now. They are possible, but only when economic policy moves in the right direction.

President George W. Bush decided he would be more cooperative with his Congress in the last two years of his second term. That proved to be a big mistake. Rather than move Congress to his side of the political debate, he simply joined the Democrats on their side. This is bi-partisanship, but it wasn't a pretty thing. We got a trillion dollar prescription drug benefit, abuse at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, resulting in the mortgage meltdown of the economy, and a \$700 billion TARP bailout, among other spending orgies. The economy tanked.

President Obama came into office with a heavily sympathetic Congress and doubled down on the TARP program, government spending, and pressed Obamacare on the nation. Congress cooperated right up to the point of creating the largest deficits we've ever seen and the largest federal debt we've ever carried. The economy almost imploded.

In concept, cooperation seems like a good thing. If we can all just get along, there's a lot less confrontation in the air, and humans tend to feel good about that. But cooperation is only a means to an end. The result still has to be good, or the cooperation is not beneficial at all. In fact, it can cause some pretty significant problems. Let's all hope that when Congress and the President (Obama or Romney) finally do something in 2013, they do the right thing, and we don't all just hold hands in bi-partisan fashion and jump off the fiscal cliff together.

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2nd Quarter Construction Update — 2012

Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project — Segments 7-8, 11

Project Update — Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors are continuing construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

Construction Activities — Upgrades to the electrical system will include the following: (Please note construction schedule is tentative and may change depending on weather and other factors)

Improvements to structure site access roads:

- **Segment 6**
Duarte: Adjacent to Van Tassel Motorway in northern Duarte, near the southern border of the Angeles National Forest
- **Segment 7**
Duarte: Adjacent to Van Tassel Motorway and also northeast of the northern end of Las Lomas Rd in northern Duarte
- **Segment 8 – Portions of Segment 8:** At or near multiple structure sites along Segment 8

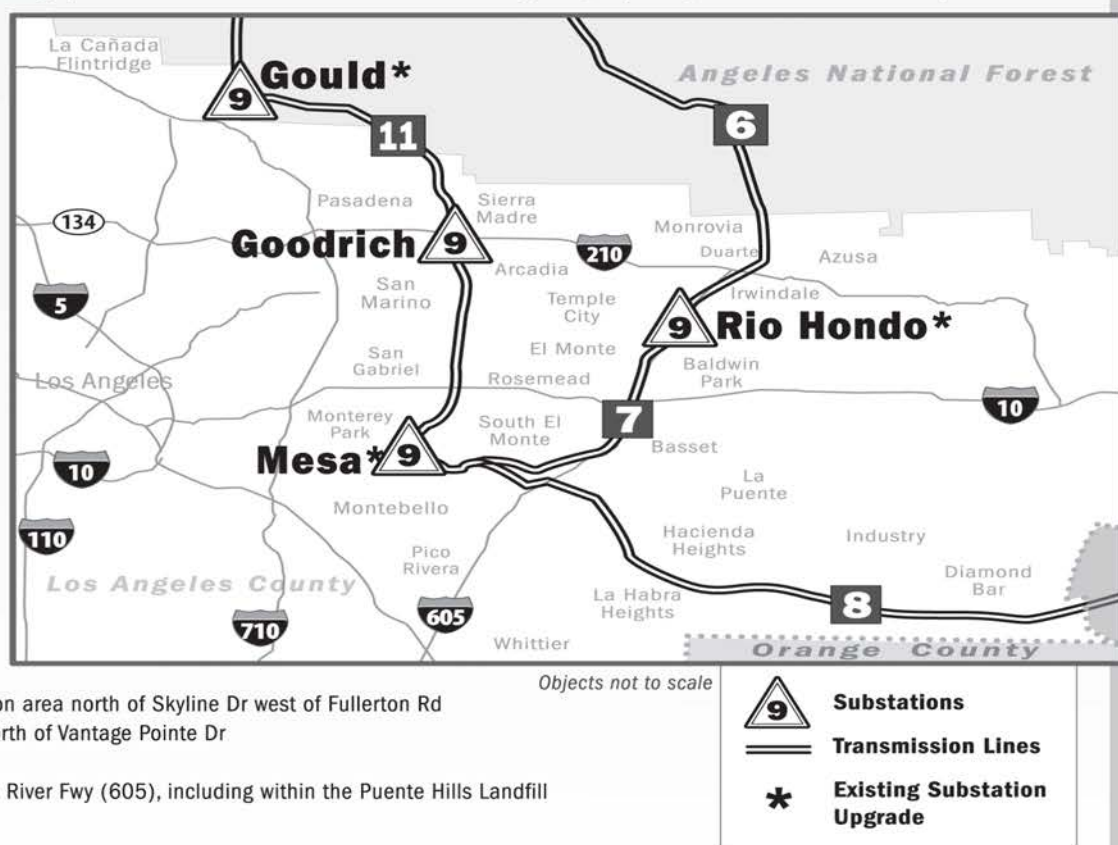
Installation of new foundations and electrical transmission structures:

- **Segment 7**
Duarte: Adjacent to Van Tassel Motorway in northern Duarte
South El Monte: West of the San Gabriel River Fwy (605), north and south of the Pomona Fwy (60)
Industry: Along the western side of the San Gabriel Fwy (605) south of Valley Blvd
Montebello: South of the Pomona Fwy (60), east of Paramount Blvd
- **Whittier Narrows Recreation Area:** South of the Pomona Fwy (60)
- **Segment 8**
Pico Rivera: West of the San Gabriel River Fwy (605)
Industry: East of the San Gabriel River Fwy (605) and south of the Pomona Fwy (60), in proximity to Peck Rd and Workman Mill Rd
Hacienda Heights: West of Colima Rd, adjacent to Holmes Circle, Metropoli Dr, Belle River Dr, Car Green Ave and Dolonita Ave; additionally, east of Colima Rd, adjacent to Skyline Dr and Viewfield Ave and east of Hacienda Blvd along the city's southern boundary
La Habra Heights: North of Skyline Dr both west and east of Hacienda Rd, and in the Powder Canyon area north of Skyline Dr west of Fullerton Rd
Rowland Heights: In the Powder Canyon area east over Fullerton Rd, and south of Pathfinder Rd, north of Vantage Pointe Dr
Whittier Narrows Recreation Area: South of the Pomona Fwy (60)
Additional areas of unincorporated Los Angeles County: Along Segment 8 east of the San Gabriel River Fwy (605), including within the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority area
- **Segment 11**
La Canada Flintridge: At SCE's Gould Substation located west of Angeles Crest Hwy (2) and north of Greenridge Dr (foundations completed)
Pasadena: Adjacent to Goodrich Substation located north of the Foothill Fwy (210), between Sierra Madre Villa Ave and Sunnyslope Ave (foundation completed)

Installation of new electrical transmission wires:

- **Segment 7**
Irwindale: Along the San Gabriel River Fwy (605) between Arrow Hwy and the Foothill Fwy (210)
- **Segment 11**
La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena and unincorporated Los Angeles County: Between SCE's Gould Substation in La Canada Flintridge and the Goodrich Substation in Pasadena, spanning the southern boundary of the Angeles National Forest and northern boundary of Altadena

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
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FILE NO. 2012-073734
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GROUP, 11116 MEADOWLARK LANE,
BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316. The fictitious business
name referred to above was filed on 10/19/2009, in
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of 2012/073734. The business was conducted by: CO-
PARTNERS. This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/01/2012. The business
information in this statement is true and correct. (A
registrant who declares as true information which
he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
SIGNED: ROBERT RUIZ/OWNER

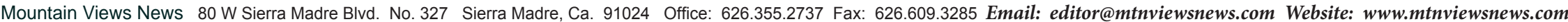
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File No. 2012-092563

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FUTURE TIME, 842 W. 40th PL., L.A., CA 90037.
The name of registrant(s) is (are) EARA JORDAN,
842 W. 40th PL., L.A., CA 90037. This business is
called by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EARA
JORDAN. This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/16/12. The
registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or names
above. This statement expires on 05/16/15. The
Name Statement expires five years from the date it
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File No. 2012-090132
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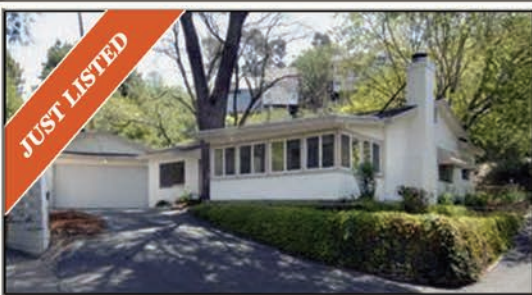
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