



This year's parade was opened by the Girl Scouts in perfect weather! (above). Photo by Dean Lee

Below, Mama Pete. Right, an unidentified toddler rides along too! Photos By Lina Johnson



Parade Grand Marshall's Bob and Nel Solt, owners of the Wistaria Vine Photo By Lina Johnson



Mayor Josh Moran, seated, and family members including his Mom Toni (also seated) Photo by Teri Buchanan



Sierra Madre resident Katrelya Angus By Lina Johnson

It's been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so we have decided to let the pages of this edition describe the July 4th festivities as celebrated in the City of Sierra Madre. Sierra Madre residents and visitors lined the streets from Mariposa and Sunnyside, up Sunnyside to Sierra Madre Blvd., and down the boulevard to Sierra Vista Park on Wednesday, watching more than 60 entries make their way to the end of the route. Participants included the young and the old, including Mama Pete who is soon to celebrate 96 years of good living. The parade ended with a community picnic at the park. Right, VFW 3208's Honor Guard set the pace. Photo By Lina Johnson



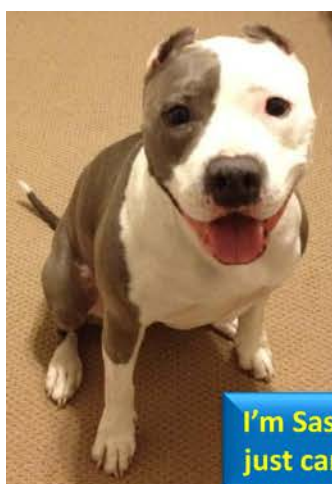
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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

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:
July 10th, 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

Free on-air publicity for local events

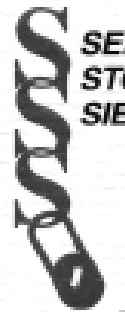
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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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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All participants will receive a coupon from Chili's for a Free Queso Appetizer,

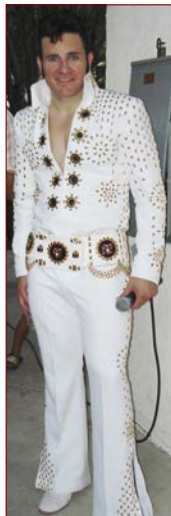
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You can also visit WWW.redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code - *strita* to make your appointment.

HE'LL BE BACK!

Elvis will kick off the 2012 Sierra Madre's Concerts In The Park next Sunday. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre.



Come early to get a spot to watch Harry Shohanian as Elvis who will again appear on July 8, 2012 in the Sierra Madre Memorial Park bandstand, 222 W. Sierra Madre, Bl, Sierra Madre. Rotary of Sierra Madre has sponsored Elvis for the enjoyment of the community for many years. Elvis brings in a special guest for each show. Last year the guest was Rod Stewart. Another great guest in the past was Roy Orbison of the Traveling Wilburys. The In N Out truck will be serving Burgers from 4:45 to 6:45pm on Sunday and the concert will begin at 6 pm and last til 8 pm. Tickets for the In N Out meals run \$8.50 to \$10.50. Go to the Rotary Booth for purchase. Ice cream bars will be sold also. The concert is free. Please come and have fun. Bring your blanket, chairs and wear sun screen.

Radio Fish Bowl to Broadcast 10-11 All Star Championship Game Live!



*Scheduled at 6:00 pm This Saturday, Radio Fishbowl will be broadcasting Live the 10-11 yr. old Little League All Star Championship game featuring our Sierra Madre team!

Gene Goss will give a play by play account of the game and will be joined in the booth by other Little League volunteers.

So set your smart phone or computer browsers to www.radiofishbowl.com to hear the game! *There is a chance that the game time could be moved to later in the afternoon so please go to the Sierra Madre Little League web site for the final scheduled game time.

NATIONAL PARKS EXPERT TO SPEAK AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

If you are one of the many area residents who will travel to one or more of the 397 national parks, monuments, battlefields, and historic sites in the National Park system, then you need to start your trip at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Christopher K. Jarvi, former Associate Director for Partnerships and Visitor Experience for the National Park Service (NPS), will share little known facts and unique personal stories at 10 A.M. on Saturday, July 14 at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Blending his experiences with beautiful visuals of the National Parks, Jarvi will take his audience on a behind the scenes tour of our most important natural sites, relating stories of their colorful history and their future challenges. July is National Parks and Recreation Month.

Jarvi has personal ties to Sierra Madre. His mother grew up in a house on the corner of Sierra Place and San Gabriel Court, his grandmother Ethel Davis owned the building in which the Safeway store was located, at about where Windsor Lane intersects Sierra Madre Blvd, and his uncle Loren Krabill ran the Green Frog Market, now known as Howie's Market.

During his tenure with the NPS he had nationwide responsibility for Partnerships and Philanthropy, Interpretation/Education, Media Development, Volunteerism, Tourism, Youth Programs, Technical Assistance, Long Distance Trails, Wild and Scenic Rivers and, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Jarvi served as the president of the California Parks and Recreation Society and the president of the National Recreation and Park Association.

The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For more information please call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website: www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.



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COMMISSION APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The City Council is still looking for interested people looking to serve on a City Commission. There following Commissions have vacancies as of July 1st:

Planning Commission - Two Seats
Senior Commission - Two Seats
Tree Advisory Commission – One Seat

Anyone interested in volunteering on a Commission, should visit the City's website or the City Manager's office.



Above, SM City College Students by Dean Lee

Looking For The Mountain Views News?

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Denny's Arcadia

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Above Councilman John Harabedian and family. Photo by Teri Buchanan; Below, Councilman Chris Koerber top and Councilman John Capoccia - bottom Photo by Bill Coburn



A Very Special Thanks to the July 4th Committee

The Fourth of July 2012 Committee members are:

Meredith Keith - Co-chair
Lisa Carlson - Co-chair
Steve Tanner
Laura Mitchell
Kelli Artinian
James Annes
Chuck Dorest
Michelle Keith - sponsorships
Tracy Higgins
Laurie Tortell
Debbie Keith

And many volunteers from the community that stepped up to help us with the parade operations, SPERO Foundation Fun Run.



Above, Councilwoman Nancy Walsh - Photo by Teri Buchanan; Below, VFW 3208, the SMRFA and The Unknown Band. Photos by Dean Lee



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Red Light Cameras Turned Off Citywide

By Dean Lee

Officials did not renew the contract for the red light cameras throughout the city effectively ending the program Saturday launched in 2003 — a decision made as a way for the city to spend money more efficiently.

“The staff inclination was to eliminate the red light cameras and put the dollars that were allocated to the red light cameras into additional motor enforcement,” City Manager Michael Beck said month explaining that the city council had requested a report to the city’s Public Safety Committee in December.

Beck said the decision was not to renew the current \$350,000 contract with American Traffic Solutions Inc. He said the issue did not need city council approval. According to reports, the program was running at a \$4,487 deficit.

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

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

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

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

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

Pet of the Week



A.J. is a spunky three-month-old red tabby kitten. He’s very curious of his surroundings and loves to play with other kittens.

A.J.’s adoption fee is \$70, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A308467, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday –Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Residents Fear Second Walmart

By Dean Lee

Calling themselves Save Altadena a group of residents met twice in the last week to discuss future issues surrounding a new proposed Walmart focusing on what they thought best for the area including how to attract small businesses and a boycott of Walmart Neighborhood Market.

Organizers said they had a four part mission, first was to Keep Walmart from opening at 2408 Lincoln Ave. Residents said they also fear another second Walmart possibly in Altadena. Next was to organize a community boycott. Third included supporting small businesses, and fourth was attracting desirable businesses to Altadena.

“Walmart is playing this game,” Steve Lamb said. “They have figured out the zoning codes, they have figured out how to get around the zoning codes so there is no public comment. They have found over 200 sites in Southern California where they are going to try and do this.”

Although his opinion, Lamb said he thinks he has a good idea of where a second site might go. “There is only two possible sites [in Altadena] that you could put a grocery store in,” he said. “One is own by the same landlord [as 2408 Lincoln Ave.] right down on Lake Ave. by Ralphs and the other is the abandoned Kidney Dialysis Center at Washington Blvd and Altadena Drive.”

Lamb said a Washington site

would make sense being farther away than the Lincoln Ave. site. He said all of the areas were General commercial zoning (C-3).

According to a flyer circulated by the company, the new Neighborhood Market would be approximately 28,000 square feet and would feature mostly food products although have pet supplies, household supplies and a pharmacy.

The flyer also claims the new store would create 60-65 jobs. The group, at a meeting Friday, looked at designs for yard signs and flyers, and watched the anti-Walmart documentary “The High Cost of Low Price.” Organizers said they would most likely continue meeting Fridays at either Webster’s Fine Stationers or the Coffee Gallery. They also plan a website at www.savealtadena.com.

Disaster Planning Bill Passes Legislative Hurdle



Assemblymember Anthony Portantino’s bill to improve emergency and disaster preparedness in California was approved today in the Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee. AB 1650 requires public utilities to hold comprehensive disaster preparedness meetings every two years with the counties and cities they service in order to improve readiness and better prepare for natural disasters. In addition, the California Public Utilities Commission will help set standards for each utility to meet.

“In the wake of the fierce winds and power outages that caused so much damage in Southern California late last year, we need to be better organized for the next disaster,” explained Assemblymember Portantino. “The purpose of these meetings is to inform local and county governments and the public about emergency preparedness plans and give them the

opportunity to review and improve those plans. In this last disaster, communications were often incomplete or confusing and much of the public had no idea what was going on. Valid questions were raised whether our local utilities were ready. We all know another disaster will hit our communities and we need to be prepared.”

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

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

The bill now goes to Senate Appropriations before going on to the full Senate later this summer.

Find Summer Fun in the City

Summer fun for all ages can be found inside the Pasadena Public Library or at Pasadena’s great local parks where a myriad of activities are being offered by the Human Services and Recreation Department.

The Pasadena Public Library’s annual Summer Reading Club runs June 9 to August Aug. 4. Youths can keep their reading skills sharp by joining this year’s popular reading adventure program, so be sure to sign up now at the Central Library or any of the nine Pasadena Public Library branches.

This year’s theme “Dream Big READ!” features a variety of free shows and fun activities geared especially for children 12 and younger, Library Director Jan Sanders said.

Sanders said children will use a reading log to record the books they finish or that were read to them throughout the summer. Their log books will allow them to receive special prizes as they participate in the Club’s wonderful programs and other fun activities. Beginning June 9, parents can stop by the Central Library or the branch libraries to get the free Summer Reading Club Starter Kit for their children.

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

Looking for some outdoor fun? Check out the Human Services and Recreation Department’s brand new 56-page Summer Recreation Guide online at www.cityofpasadena.net/HumanServices. Click on summer recreation guide icon to see all of the fun available.

“From art to Zumba, and everything in between, the summer guidebook is full of indoor and outdoor summer recreation opportunities at very modest prices for children, teens, adults and seniors,” said Mercy Santoro, Human Services and Recreation Department Director. “We’ve got dance and music classes, swim lessons, arts and crafts, baseball, computers labs, soccer and all kinds of fun fitness classes.”

Reservations can be made online at www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or by stopping by one of the City’s Community Centers to register in person. Or call (626) 744-4386 for more information.

Airport Authority Elects Holden President



The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, owner and operator of Bob Hope Airport, has elected new officers to head the Authority Commission for a one year term from July 2012 through June 2013. The Commission elects officers each July.

Pasadena Commissioner Chris Holden was elected President. Commissioner Rafi Manoukian of Glendale was elected Vice President, and Commissioner Susan Georgino of Burbank was chosen Secretary.

Holden has been an Authority commissioner since 1993 and served as Vice President in 2011-2012, Secretary in 2010-2011, and has twice served as President. Manoukian has served on the Authority since 2006 and served as Secretary and Treasurer in 2011-2012. He was also Secretary in 2008-2009. Georgino has served on the Authority since October 2011.

In related actions, the Authority appointed Burbank Commissioner Bill Wiggins as Auditor, Pasadena Commissioner Terry Tornek as Treasurer and Executive Director Dan Feger as Assistant Secretary, and left intact the existing assignments for the various Airport Committees.

The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority is a joint powers authority formed by the three cities to own and operate Bob Hope Airport. The Authority is governed by a nine-member commission, and each of the three cities appoints three commissioners to the panel.

In addition to the officers, the other current commissioners are: Don Brown of Burbank; Dave Weaver and Frank Quintero of Glendale; and Steve Madison of Pasadena.

Woman Pulled to Safety During House Fire

A police officer and three other people were injured Tuesday during a house fire near the Rose Bowl that gutted the residence causing an estimated \$175,000 in damages. All four suffered smoke inhalation trying to pull a 60-year-old resident from the home.

Investigators said the fire was likely caused by an electrical malfunction.

According to fire spokesperson Lisa Derderian, firefighters responded a reported house fire in the 700 block of Palisade street shortly after 10 p.m. En-route they received several calls reporting persons trapped inside the structure.

Derderian said neighbors

used a garden hose to try and rescue a woman trapped in the back of home but failed do to heavy smoke. She said firefighters, once on scene, immediately began rescue of the victim, which they established was in the rear bedroom. All of the department’s ambulances were called along with six engines and three trucks. Glendora and South Pasadena fire departments assisted she said.

Derderian also said City Manager Michael Beck was on-scene to assist.

Firefighters were on scene over three hours. Derderian said there were no serious injuries although reports suggested the woman and another person were held at the hospital as of Wednesday.



Community Meetings on Hahamongna Draft EIR

The public is invited to attend one or both of the upcoming meetings July 12 and July 14 regarding preparation for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by the City’s Public Works Department on the Hahamongna area of Upper Arroyo Seco.

The City of Pasadena’s Public Works Department will prepare the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and community participation is a critical part of the EIR process.

These meetings are being held prior to drafting the EIR document to maximize public participation and community input. The two meetings are planned for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 12 and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 14. Both meetings will be held at the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall, 960 East Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91106. Parking is available on Mentor Avenue, south of

Walnut Street.

The previously approved Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) Master Plan, one of the City Council-adopted Arroyo Seco Plans, outlines a number of projects for the park, but the environmental review needs to occur before those projects can proceed.

For more information on the proposed Hahamongna projects or the draft Environmental Impact Report, go online to www.hahamongna.com/mbmu or call (626) 744-4321. Comments can be submitted by email to: mbmuproject@cityofpasadena.net, or in writing to City of Pasadena, Public Works Department, Attn: Engineering Division – MBMU Project, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

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 July 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. this week, on location at KPCC Crawford Family Forum 474 South Raymond Avenue. For more info see announcement below, or call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Hosoi: Pro Skateboarder, Inmate Junkie, Pastor

Meet Christian Hosoi at the Crawford Family Forum Tuesday night as he talks about his dramatic rise and fall on the board and off – with punk-rock and entertainment lawyer Joe Escalante, host of “Barely Legal Radio,” and co-author of Hosoi’s memoir, surfing and skateboarding writer Chris Ahrens.

Z-Boys were his idols, skateboarding his god and gravity his nemesis. A professional by the age of 13, Christian Hosoi was a bad-boy rock-star athlete celebrated as the best vertical and aerial skateboarder in the world. His only real rival, Tony Hawk, admits, “Christian was my biggest competition and when he was on fire, he was unbeatable.” But his fast life in the celebrity spotlight led to drug addiction, arrest, time



in prison and ultimately a commitment to Christianity and return to success in the skateboarding world.

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. – Program starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission is FREE, but RSVPs are required by visiting scpr.org/events.

ANTONOVICH COMES OUT SWINGING:

“U.S. FOREST SERVICE FAILURE TO APPROVE AERIAL FIREFIGHTING POLICIES IS STUPID”

LOS ANGELES COUNTY —In the attached letter to the United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich expressed his disappointment in the 3-year delay by U. S. Forest Service to change its ban on nighttime water-dropping flights to combat wildfires.

“It has been nearly three years since the Station Fire devastated most of the Angeles National Forest and killed two Los Angeles County firefighters, and the U. S. Forest

Service continues to ignore experts’ recommendations to change its nighttime aerial fire-fighting policy,” Antonovich said.

Recently, Tom Harbor, the Forest Service’s National Director of Fire and Aviation Management, said that his agency was reevaluating a policy change to determine if it would be “the right kind of investment” for taxpayers. “This delay is stupid and making it worse as we are on the brink of the fire season and another potential for catastrophic losses,” Antonovich added.

In the letter, Antonovich refers to the Los Angeles County Fire Department’s Station Fire report that recommends the Forest Service utilize nighttime air attacks to prevent future catastrophes as well as procedural changes, tougher brush clearance requirements and the use of mechanized firefighting equipment.

Antonovich also noted that Congressional hearings and the Government Accountability Office concluded that the Forest Service’s procedural and communication failures during the Station Fire forced other agencies to delay their fire-fighting operations.

“Ineffective at fighting wildfires on the urban-wildlife interface, their prohibition of night-flying aircraft prevented early containment as County Fire pilots waited anxiously on the tarmac,” Antonovich said. “It is imperative that significant structural changes are immediately made before the next major wildfire destroys more lives, personal property and our national forest.”



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Left, Supervisor Antonovich and above the Metropolitan Rapid Transit Company car in the Sierra Madre July 4th parade. Photos by Lina Johnson Below, Former Mayor George Maurer leads to Kiwanis Brigade and the Rotary Club trolleys along. Photos by Bill Coburn

A NIGHT AT THE L.A. ADVENTURER'S CLUB Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the director of the School of Self-Reliance, and the author of “How to Survive Anywhere,” and many other books. He can be reached at Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

In May, I gave a talk at the Los Angeles Adventurers Club, which was billed as a presentation on primitive weapons and urban survival, which is sort of what I talked about. After hearing about some of the truly hard-core mountain climbs and boating trips with accompanying deaths, I felt that my little presentation was a bit tame. I began by briefly sharing my recent series of adventures with Helen, which we call “In Search of the Nipton Troll.” (More on that later). I also shared some discoveries about the Maya during visits to Mexico and Guatemala. (Nope, there are no “prophecies” about “the end of the world” in 2012). Then I explained my recent appearance on the National Geographic’s television show called “Doomsday Preppers.” I said I was preparing for an earthquake, and I demonstrated how to make fire with a hand drill, how to forage in L.A., and I showed the contents of my “survival pack.” I then discussed how such concerns about the world ending tend to distract us from dealing with the very real here and now concerns. I shared the nine ways in which two recent authors suggested that the world might end with mass deaths or extinction of the human race. However, most of those scenarios cannot be prepared for. If a comet hit the earth with L.A. at the point of impact, there would be no survivors and your survival kit would be irrelevant. So my perspective is that we have many very real concerns which we can and should deal with, without being distracted by 2012 fears or aliens invading from Mars.

In general, these concerns can be divided into those that are man-made, and those that are natural. The mad-made are such things as war, nuclear accidents, terrorism, economic disasters, massive pollution of the water due to fracking, etc. The natural disasters, which are usually exacerbated by man, are such things as famine, flooding, earthquakes, tornadoes, tsunamis, an ice age, etc.

I’m a big fan of deriving lessons from literature and movies, so I recommended books such as “Hole in the Sky,” “Earth Abides,” and “Lucifer’s Hammer.” Each depicts some sort of disaster or survival situation, and how the people dealt with it.

I also suggested movies such as “Book of Eli,” “Hunger Games,” even “Mad Max” which provide some clues as to what a post-cataclysmic world might look like.

So how does one prepare for such possibilities? I suggested that primitive survival skills will never go out of style. These are skills such as wilderness first aid, making tools from stones, making fire from sticks, making fibre from plants and then making things from that fibre, and many more.

But I strongly encouraged the audience to not get into a typical “survivalist” trap, where you are wholly focused on physical skills and acquiring objects like knives and guns and food.

I read from my “How to Survive Anywhere” book, and my “Extreme Simplicity” book, where I suggested that we should all spend equal time on developing not just our physical skills, but also our health, our economic integrity, our moral and spiritual health, and our sense of being a positive contributing factor in our society. The negative stereotype of a “survivalist” is the guy who is a loner and who thinks he can do it all alone, and to hell with everyone else. By contrast, to consider how to think about the long-term sustainability of our culture and our species, we should examine at least some of the methods used by the so-called primitive cultures for millennia. Among the many lessons we can learn from studying the more advanced “primitive” cultures are cooperation, realizing that your neighbor’s survival is your survival, learning to do more with less, and learning how to work with the land and ecology, and not against it.

Of course, this is the tip of an iceberg. I welcome your comments and questions.



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Arcadia City Council Votes On Two Major Issues at July 3rd Meeting

By Joan Schmidt

1101 San Carlos Road: The question was, "To build or not to build". At the Arcadia City Council meeting two weeks ago, a debate of the future of 1101 San Carlos Road began. (The house is on the northwest corner of San Carlos Road / Foothill Boulevard. I listened to many arguments from area residents. One forty-year resident was quite adamant. She said she had always lived in areas with an Architectural Review Board and that "the value of a neighborhood can be judged by the design and appeal the homes." She continued saying, "Arcadia has good schools, low crime, and character and charm-which must be preserved." Other statements were that the "proposed house is three times larger than the average of other homes in the immediate area."

Residents voiced concerns that their area would be another "South Arcadia". One resident mentioned that on April 19th, the Architectural Review Board had said its design doesn't meet the guidelines. An appeal of that decision by the 1101 San Carlos property owners was denied by the City Planning Commission. Both the Architectural Review Board and the City Planning Commission were against the proposed new house, so the City Council should step up and do the same. However, there was a deadlock and the issue was to be resolved at the July 3rd meeting.

When I had left the meeting two weeks ago, I was determined to see the area. My husband drove me up there. Quite frankly, there were other large homes nearby - right in that area. (That was NOT what I had heard at the meeting). Also the new owner said the current home is in such terrible shape. I expected a lot worse. It could use paint and landscaping but wasn't as bad as I anticipated.

Last night, there were five voting city officials present: Mayor Harbicht, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Segal, Council Members John Wu, Peter Amundson and Gary Kovacic. There was much discussion. Neighbors to 1101 San Carlos HAD APPROVED the new home! Residents against the house said, "Those neighbors were *only* shown photos of the proposed house. They had no idea of the size of it and the scale in relation to other homes."

The new property owner and his daughter both spoke and said they didn't understand what residents wanted.

When it was time for discussion, there was mention of an area having a certain "design of homes" and these were all "ranch". Then Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Segal said, "After the last meeting I did my homework...the first time in ten years that I've been on the Council...I drove up to the area and looked at all the neighboring houses."

Mr. Segal then provided a slide show and there were at least TWO LARGE homes close by! He also said, one resident complained, "We made a mistake before. We don't want that to happen again." (This refers to a large home in that immediate area that is NOT ranch style.) Mr. Segal pointed out, you just can't allow one large home and not another. You'd be asking for a lawsuit.

Mr. Segal also looked directly at the owners and said, "I told you two weeks ago to meet with residents and try to work something out...You still should"

Among the comments to the owners was "Quite frankly I wouldn't want to put up a house so many people are against."

The Council voted 3-2 to grant the appeal and pave the way for the new house to be built at 1101 San Carlos. (Mr. Wu, Mr. Segal and Mr. Harbicht voted "yes" for the appeal. Mr. Amundson and Mr. Kovacic voted "no".) I may not live in Arcadia, but Mr. Segal would have my vote in the next election. He thoroughly researched the issue, showed everyone the results, and voted for the unpopular but fair decision. That took a lot of guts.

The other important issue pertains to the number "4" in addresses. In Mandarin, it sounds something like "death". Months ago, I read that many Asians are against buying a house with the numeral "4" in it. I did my homework and drove over to the house that wouldn't sell because of the number 4. The owners were not home or not answering the door. Their next door neighbors were, and they gave me an earful. They also were Asian, but they said, "The house number 4 has NOTHING to do with this house not selling. The owner is asking much too high of a price!" I can't remember the house or price, but its listing price was ridiculous-way too high! It was older and not in great shape anyway!

These two important issues were resolved and I guess one must do a little legwork to see what really is going on!



By Lina Johnson



ARCADIA – FAMILY FLICKS ON THE PROMENADE WEDNESDAYS!

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Grand Theft Auto - Suspects Arrested

July 2 at 12:37 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of West Duarte Road to take a stolen vehicle report. A 1997 Honda Accord was stolen from the residence sometime between 7:25 and 11:18 a.m. The West Covina Police Department made a traffic stop on the vehicle and found three occupants inside. While investigating, they were able to establish that the vehicle did not belong to the occupants. They contacted the victim, who confirmed the vehicle was in fact stolen. The suspects were arrested.

Criminal Threats

July 2 at 2:33 p.m., a male subject who lives in the 900 block of West Colorado called police to report he was being threatened by his ex-girlfriend. She left a recorded message in which she stated she was going to kill him. The investigating officer was able to listen to the message. The victim desires prosecution and said he feels threatened and is fearful she will make an attempt to harm him. A wanted person entry was made in the system for the suspect. Investigation continuing.

Attempt Robbery

July 4 at 10:56 p.m., an attempt robbery was reported in the 100 block of Fig. A male victim was leaving his girlfriend's house when he was confronted by a male, African-American suspect who asked him for money. When the victim said he did not have any money, the suspect began grabbing at the victim's pockets. The victim hit the suspect several times. The suspect continued trying to reach into his pockets and the victim was hitting his hands away when the suspect grabbed hold of the victim's left hand and bit him. The victim yelled out to his girlfriend, who came over and hit the suspect several times until he let go of the victim's hand. The suspect then left the area walking south to Central and out of sight. The victim was treated at a hospital for his injury. Investigation continuing.

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“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



Our Annual Mayflower Village Parade may not be the largest or most spectacular. But it has a unique history and it began in 1987 when Liz Alonso decided, “I want my children to grow up without an attitude, without saying things like parades are dumb, without the cynicism. I want them to grow up to be better people.”

The 25th Annual Homegrown Mayflower Village Parade



On that Independence Day, Liz dressed up 2-year-old Eric and 3-year-old Karen in paper hats, gave them flags to wave and walked them around the block. Since then the community’s homegrown expression of love of country has blossomed into an annual event.

Back in the 90’s, when I served on the Town Council, it seemed like EVERYONE in the neighborhood participated. Not only did children decorate their bikes, and parents decorate strollers or wagons for the little ones, but even the family pet was decorated! There were tee shirts designed and signed by the neighborhood kids like the Vallejo’s and Randals; these were sold to raise



money for the red, white and blue popsicles handed out after the parade. Lois, the puppeteer did a show. (Long-time residents may remember her Beauty Salon in the old Mayflower Market Complex) There even was a talent show.

Life goes on. People move on. After Liz stepped down, her sister Kathy Robbins oversaw the parade for a while. Then Kathy moved out of state. Currently it is Carrie De Ritter in charge and the parade is great as ever! This time I had my young grandchildren, so we drove down Camino Real, parked, and enjoyed the Parade. This year was the 25th year for the parade, and it was spectacular as always. Thank Carrie, for a job well done, and thanks to your Dad, Mr. Baggett for directing traffic! Thanks to the many volunteers and participants who made this such a unique parade! All who came out had a great time!



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MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES SEVERAL PEOPLE AND LARRY SPICER APOLOGIZES TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

By Joan Schmidt

When I arrived at the July 3rd Monrovia City Council Meeting, it was a “full house”. This was appropriate as the City Council was honoring a few vital retirees, and also Gloria Huss/Monrovia Floral and Chris Shevlin, who had received awards.

The first honoree was Eric Faith from the City Planning Commission, who served from June 1984 - June 2012. The Mayor gave him a special plaque with “tons of love”, and thanked him for the much needed guidance over the years. (Eric responded that between his wife and him, fifty years were provided to the City.)

Also mentioned was retiring Planning Commissioner, Susannah Culp, who had served six years; however, she was not present.

Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Council member Gloria Huss (Monrovia Floral) received a special Certificate of Recognition for being chosen as the Small Business Leader in the 44th Assemblyman District by Assemblyman Anthony Portantino. Mayor Lutz said the award was overdue; Gloria has been working in the city twenty-five years as owner of Monrovia Floral. “Gloria is an integral part of this community”; the “Old Town Merchants Association”, and assists merchants when they deal with film/production crews.

Mayor Lutz then called up retiring Crossing Guard, Robert Whisenant, whom she called an “Angel”. He has protected our children on the way to school and has protected our motorists by directing traffic. Countless hours have been spent to provide a safe route for our children on their way to school.

After these presentations, Mayor Lutz proclaimed July as “Parks and Recreation Month”. She reminded residents of all the great area parks and that they should be used and enjoyed in the summer.

Chris Shevlin, husband of Council Member Becky was unable to attend the meeting. However there was a special Certificate acknowledging that he was recipient of the Citrus College Alumni Achievement Award. (See last week’s Mountain Views News.)

The best was saved for last: Joan Whitnack of the Foothill Unity Center was honored. What started as a small closet operation has ballooned! Currently ELEVEN communities are served! In seventeen years, Joan has done so much. Notable projects include “Back to School Event”, “Thanksgiving Give-away”, and “Holiday/Christmas Give-away”. After given her Certificate, Joan went to the podium and said she couldn’t have accomplished all she did, unless she had such wonderful support from the community.

When it was time for Council Members to speak, Larry Spicer opened up. He apologized that he had not given the information before, but it had been expunged. Thirty years ago he had made mistakes. There also was mention of incidents in 1998, involving his wife and daughter, but they were reduced to a lesser charge. Mr. Spicer said, “My past has allowed me to become a better person, a better spouse, a better father, and it has groomed me to be a mentor and community servant.”

He admitted he made “poor choices”, but “has worked continuously to atone for those choices and hope the Council and community will allow me to continue to serve.”

Former Monrovia Mayor Bob Bartlett spoke in defense of Spicer, “I know him to be a good man and a good father.”

Mr. Barlett asked Council Member Tom Adams if he still wanted Spicer to resign. Mr. Adams responded, “No, I actually don’t...I appreciate Mr. Spicer’s comments this evening and accept his apology.”

Former Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston also stepped up to plate for Mr. Spicer. She spoke of his community work and how he has worked with neighbors to improve the neighborhood. Lois said, “People can fall down and be productive.”

Council Member Joe Garcia acknowledged Mr. Spicer’s apology and hopes the city will move on. “No one’s perfect...I do know he (Spicer) has done a lot of good for the community.”

Mayor Lutz, eloquent as always, said, “We all need to be forgiven, and all need to forgive.” There is no one out there who has not made mistakes. We all have, and we regret them. But we admit them, pay our dues, and go on with our lives.

All I heard at the meeting were words of praise and support for Mr. Spicer, in particular, from former Mayor Monrovia Bob Barlett and former Duarte Mayor, Lois Gaston, two people I greatly admire. It is time to move on as Council Member Joe Garcia suggests.



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Madelynne Jensen has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for Spring 2012. Jensen is from Sierra Madre, CA. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

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TIPPING ABROAD

Hope you enjoyed last weeks travel article of my trip to Greece. As I suspected the interest poured in about the tipping portion of the article. Here in the states it is customary to tip your server, carwash person, hairstylist, and just about anyone that provides a service. Tipping the bartender that owns the bar or the stylist that owns the saloon, or even the delivery person that owns the florist. My research tells me that they want to be tipped as we. After all, we are tipping for those who provide a service, however if they own the establishment I never feel that bad about lowering the tip or rounding it down. I know that won't get me front row seats, but I have found that tipping a \$1 at Starbucks at the end of the week is sufficient.

Now the question is do you tip in Europe? In my first trip to Athens as an adult I lavished 20% tips on waiters and service people and was rewarded on the end of my trip for that indulgence. I will explain later. In ten days of vacation we never really got outstanding service. We never got bad service but the server's job was to get the food to the table and that amounted to it. I found it curious coming from California where we expect plenty of up sell and a full glasses of water that Europe did not shower

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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me in attention as I am accustom to in the states. Another restaurant, but the same medium of the road service greeted me. So I started tipping 10%. I asked our tour guide as to the policy of tipping. She said that everyone in Greece works at what is called a living wage and that any gratuity is welcome. So, what about other parts of Europe, or was this just in Greece? The rule of thumb is to check your bill, and look for a service charge. Believe it or not many restaurants don't allow the workers to keep their tips.

I have three suggestions:

1/ Round up the amount; say it's 35 Euro, round it up to 40.
Leave the tip portion as cash.

2/ Give tip directly to your server

3/ Check the bill and if there is a Tax or Service charge and you feel that you got great service, by all means leave a few more Euros.

Now back to my story on the 20% tip, we went back to the original restaurant in Athens that we started out trip at, the one I gave a full 20% tip to. After such a journey, now I know why he was so happy to see me. The beer, and the desserts were all on the house, so maybe the 20% did pay off!

Listen for more tips this Saturday evening on KABC Radio AM 790 or call in at 800-222-5222. My website is www.peterdills.com



Ingredients

4 bulbs garlic
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6 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 leeks, chopped
1 onion, chopped
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
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1/3 cup dry sherry
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice, or to taste
salt to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

Directions

1. Cut off top 1/4 inch of each garlic head. Place in a small, shallow baking dish. Drizzle olive oil over. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) until golden, about 1 hour. Cool slightly. Press individual garlic cloves between thumb and finger to release. Chop garlic.
2. Melt butter or margarine in heavy large saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic, leeks, and onion; saute until onion is translucent, about 8 minutes. Add flour and cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in hot broth and sherry. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool slightly.
3. Puree soup in batches in a blender or food processor.
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In a press conference June 28 at the California Academy of Sciences, the B612 Foundation unveiled plans to build, launch, and operate the first *privately funded* deep space mission. A space telescope named "Sentinel" will be placed in orbit around the Sun, ranging up to 170 million miles from Earth, for a mission of discovery and mapping.

"The orbits of the inner solar system where Earth lies are populated with a half-million asteroids larger than the one that struck Tunguska (June 30, 1908), and yet we've identified and mapped only about one percent of these asteroids to date," said Ed Lu, Space Shuttle, Soyuz, and Space Station astronaut, now Chairman and CEO of the B612 Foundation. "During its 5.5-year mission survey time, Sentinel will discover and track half a million near-earth asteroids, creating a dynamic map that will provide the blueprint for future exploration of our solar system, while protecting the future of humanity on Earth."

Asteroids are a scientific and economic



opportunity in that they contain the original building blocks of the solar system. They are targets for future human exploration, and may contain valuable raw materials for mining. They are also a threat, in that they can pose great risk to humanity here on Earth. To take advantage of these opportunities and deal with this threat, we need to know not only where each of these asteroids is now, but also to project where it will be in the future.

"For the first time in history, B612's Sentinel mission will create a comprehensive and dynamic map of the inner solar system in

which we live—providing vital information about who we are, who are our neighbors, and where we are going," said Rusty Schweickart, Chairman Emeritus of B612 and Apollo 9 astronaut. "We will know which asteroids will pass close to Earth and when, and which, if any, of these asteroids actually threaten to collide with Earth."

The B612 Foundation is working with Ball Aerospace in Boulder, CO, which designed and will be building the Sentinel infrared space telescope with the same expert team that developed the Spitzer and Kepler space

telescopes. It will take about five years to complete development and testing to be ready for launch in 2017–2018. The launch vehicle of choice is the SpaceX Falcon9.

Sentinel will scan the entire night half of the sky every 26 days to identify every moving object with repeated observations in subsequent months. Data collected by Sentinel will be sent back to the Earth via NASA's Deep Space Network, which also will be used for tracking and navigation. JPL will conduct a comprehensive hazard analysis, making orbit determinations and threat assessments.

The B612 Foundation is working with the California Academy of Sciences and the Planetary Society in the development of education and research programs during the next decade, and encourages all interested parties, including students, to contact B612 directly via its website: <http://www.b612foundation.org>

"We believe our goal of opening up the solar system and protecting humanity is one that will resonate worldwide," said Lu. "We've been given a gift, and the gift is that we have the ability now to go out there and actually do something which positively affects the future of humanity on Earth."

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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

THE 9TH OF JULY

Monday July the 9th might turn out to be an interesting day for internet users who haven't kept their computers up-to-date with the latest security patches.

An estimated 300,000 computer will lose their ability to connect to the internet when the FBI turns off the command and control servers for the DNSChanger botnet on Monday. The FBI took control of the botnet in November 2011 after identifying its command servers and swapping them out for their own systems – as well as arresting six Estonians accused of running the scam. They left the botnet running since shutting it down would have disrupted the connections of the infected systems, which at the botnet's height accounted for over four million computers.

The DNSChanger malware reroutes a computers DNS requests to its own servers and then pushes scareware and advertising onto the infected machines. DNS (Domain Name System) is the service that computers use to find other computers on the internet. Shutting down the botnet would leave computers unable to access websites and email properly if the fix hasn't been properly applied. The FBI had been due to shut down DNSChanger botnet in March 2012, but left it running for a few extra months in order to allow more time for users to clean and patch their systems.

Concerned entities in both the private and public sector have made a big effort to clean systems with the help of the DNS Changer Working Group (DCWG), which was set up by security experts to provide an interface for addressing the problems caused by the botnet. But according to the latest DCWG data, there are still a little more than 300,000 infected systems online with a fifth of those based here in the US. Users can check for infection by simply selecting one of the links on the FBI or DCWG websites. These will allow a user machine to be automatically scanned for infection and fixes are available for Windows systems from XP up to, and including the latest versions of the Windows Server OS's.. Security software vendors have made patches available since DNSChanger was detected and there are many free tools online. The DCWG recommends scanning your machine multiple times to ensure that any trace of infection has been completely removed.

So who's going to be left looking at a dead connection on Monday? Security firms estimate that 12 per cent of the Fortune 500 firms and 4 per cent of "major" US government organizations still have machines infected with DNSChanger, industry analysts note that things are improving rapidly. Despite the months of forewarning and preparation the fact that a great many users will be left to deal with a system that's been kicked offline on Monday. Fortunately for them if they ask, you'll know where to point them. No doubt many consumers will also add to those numbers, so expect a call from your less computer-savvy friends and relatives on Monday, asking why they can't make the internet work.

Demanding GMO Labeling



In preparing for the November election where Californian's will have the opportunity to determine whether or not they want foods containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's) to be labeled. Kim Clymer-Kelley, an environmental contributor with the Mountain Views News participated in the parade as a part of the paper's entourage with a 'raised garden' (right) in the bed of her truck and information on the GMO initiative. For years, Kelley gave away free energy saving light bulbs. Now her energy is directed towards the GMO Labeling campaign.

Stay tuned for her next article in the Mountain Views News where she will shed additional light on the issue at hand. Photo by Dean Lee

KATIE TseThis and That



LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

AIRBORNE

Summer's here in all its sweaty, sticky glory! I love it! And summer just wouldn't be summer without a vacation! Now, if you're low key like me, a couple hours drive up or down the coast is all that's needed to feel free from the daily grind. Others embark on elaborate galas, touring European countries or islands of the South Pacific. But with this bombed economy, I think folks who planned to see the Venetian shores will have to downsize to the more economical shores of Venice Beach.

They say "getting there is half the fun" of vacations. And I must agree that I savor the bounding, sun-scorched hillsides dotted by gnarly oaks en route to Solvang, Paso Robles, or Cambria. But for most vacations, flying is required.

Flying -- some love it, some are annoyed by it, and others fear it more than dental surgery. My dad used to have to fly often, and he usually had a humorous complaint about his fellow passengers when he returned. On his most recent flight, there was a lady next to him who kept noisily straightening her newspaper the entire time. "I pretended to be asleep so she wouldn't talk to me," my dad said. We all laughed. But then I asked, "Do you think perhaps that was her coping mechanism for not jumping out of her seat and screaming?"

You can probably tell which group of flyers I belong to. I could count the number of flights I've taken using my two hands and maybe one foot. I don't remember being afraid as a child, but my understanding of flight was pretty rudimentary back then. Only as an adult did I develop a strong distaste, mixed with foreboding, about planes.

Even airports are a bit creepy. They're like a somber version of Vegas, in that the interiors of the huge buildings all look alike, so it's easy to get lost. The air seems to be pumped in, and it's usually kept at a frigid 60 degrees. Everywhere you turn there are places to buy things. Weary travelers tend to have that glazed look similar to gamblers who camp out at slot machines and absently punch buttons for hours. And also like Vegas, parking at airports is a nightmare.

But whatever dislike I have for airports pales in comparison to my feelings about flight. I know I'm not alone here. All of us fearful flyers know how every hiccup of the plane causes us to grip the armrest with white knuckles, bracing for a plunge. Any expression less than a wide smile on the flight attendants' faces indicates secret danger in the cockpit. The announcement to fasten your seatbelts is code for, "We're going down!"

Hollywood tries to glamorize flying with films like "Up in the Air." Notice how they had to get George Clooney, (voted People Magazine's "sexiest man alive" --twice), to make flying seem desirable. Even "Criminal Minds" makes the team's frequent flights seem more like a visit to a spa instead of a plane. Whenever my husband and I watch a film that shows people flying, we both call out, "It's not that smooth!" "Look! His glass isn't even shaking!"

I think one of my favorite authors, Zadie Smith, put it best in her novel, *The Autograph Man*. "At no point does anyone suggest that [the main character] and three hundred other strangers of unknown mental health status are trapped in a four-hundred-ton aircraft flying thirty thousand feet up in the air relying on equations of energy and velocity that no one aboard could sketch out in even their most basic form."

So you can probably guess I won't be sending any postcards from Italy or Tahiti. But if you're flying to some exotic destination, I hope you have a fabulous time. Hey, you might even run into George Clooney at the airport!



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CANINE KISSES

One of my favorite daily activities happens in the late afternoon, when I am relaxing in a lounge chair on my back porch, playing my banjo and soaking up the peaceful ambience of the evening. I love listening to the rush of the water running down the Sierra Madre wash alongside my yard and the numerous birds chirping away in the trees.

It is then that my two dogs, "Tater" & "Molly" typically come around and gaze up at me with begging eyes, indicating that they are ready to join me & my husband on our lounge chairs for a snuggle and love session. Both Molly and Tater are big lovers, but that bloodhound of mine is one of the most affectionate dogs I have ever known, and I believe I speak accurately on her behalf when I say that snuggling up to me is one of her favorite pastimes too. Tater is not a big "licker", but boy does she love to snuggle, and she really knows how to hug. That's right, she hugs me, big time! When I wrap my arms around her neck, she leans in toward me, lays her enormous head on my left shoulder, lets out a deep breathy moan of contentment, and sits tight in that position until I finally pull her away.

She definitely prefers hugging over kissing, although there are times when she does like to give me a big kiss right in the middle of my face. Usually when I laugh out loud in response to the funny faces she makes, she will start licking my face from chin to brow tentatively and gently, barely touching my face with the tip of her tongue. Of course I start laughing even harder when she does that, which incites her to lick harder and more intensely. The entire scenario is quite amusing, as I am sure you can imagine!

While I know where Tater's mouth might have been before she starts to lick my face, and at times her breath can be quite deathly, I allow it because, to me her licks are actually kisses and they are her way of demonstrating affection for me. Having recently read a book entitled "Inside of a Dog" by Alexandra Horowitz, wherein the author touches on the very subject of dog kisses, I have begun to think that my theory about Tater's licks being kisses is totally blown. After all, Alexandra Horowitz is a psychologist who has spent much of her time focusing on the mind of the canine, and if that is not enough, she is now a renowned author. What do I know, right? But still, I cannot help interpreting Tater's kisses as a sign of her affection for me.

I guess it all boils down to the same basic premise that I tend to adhere to any time I analyze canine behavior; it is that every dog is indeed an individual, therefore they each lick or "kiss" for a variety of reasons. In her book, Horowitz states that a dog licks only because he smells something tasty or interesting on your skin, and he hopes to find something there to eat. In Horowitz's view, the dog never licks the one he loves because he wants to show affection, only for instinctual or practical reasons.

Well, I tell you what, I was quite disappointed when I read this chapter, because I kind of like the idea that my dog loves me enough to kiss me. Certainly I don't deny the fact that some dogs will lick their master or someone else they come in contact with, simply as a response to something that awakens their sense of smell or hunger, or even as a response to some sort of disease, but I refuse to accept the fact that those are the only reasons dogs like to lick.

I still believe that dogs like to lick or "kiss" as a means of showing their affection. The fact that Tater only does it when I laugh at her silly antics while we are spending intimate time together tells me that she is not being driven by her appetite or by her internal instincts, rather it is her way of connecting with me. Perhaps I just need to believe my dog is capable of that sort of understanding and affection, so I work hard to find it and I assign meaning to it...maybe, maybe not! Still, I say every dog is an individual being, so who knows what your dog is thinking when he licks your face? Ultimately, I think it is all good when you get a big sloppy kiss from your canine companion. There is no doubt that it can be a healing experience, and who would look that "gift horse" in the mouth? What have you got to lose?

~ Love and let lick!



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HOW TO DECIDE IF A CAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

(NAPSI)—Cats can be loving, loyal, feisty or fierce—and if you saw the hit movie "Puss In Boots," then you know one cat can embody all those traits and more. Adopting a cat can be a "purr-fectly" wonderful idea as long as you understand the commitment that comes along with it. Before bringing a cat home, consider these tips from Madeline Bernstein, president of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA):



One fun way to learn how entertaining cats can be is to watch the animated film "Puss In Boots," about a legendary feline hero. Photo courtesy of Paramount Home Media Distribution

• Evaluate your needs. Are you ready to make the commitment to a pet? Cats can live up to 18 years. On average, pet care costs about \$400 a year.

• Visit a pet adoption center. Don't shop when you can adopt. Shelters have many cats to choose from and adoption saves lives.

• Questions? Ask the staff. The shelter staff can often tell you the animal's personality traits, likes, dislikes, temperament, breed, and activity level. Keep your options open. A pet doesn't have to be a kitten to be a loyal companion.

• Patience. Be patient. You may need to visit the adoption centers a few times before you find the cat that's right for you.

• Decide as a family. Does the cat get along with everyone and how does everyone get along with the cat?

• You made a decision, now what? Here are some items you should have before bringing your new cat home: ID tag and breakaway collar, cat food, pet bowls (2), litter box (rule of thumb: one for each cat, plus one), litter and scooper, toys, treats, scratching post, cat carrier (for vet trips/ emergencies) and a plan for veterinary care.

• We love our new cat, but we're having some issues. Don't give up. The solution may only require a slight adjustment in behaviors. spcaLA has an Animal Behavior Hotline at (888) SPCALA-1, x260 to answer pet behavior questions.

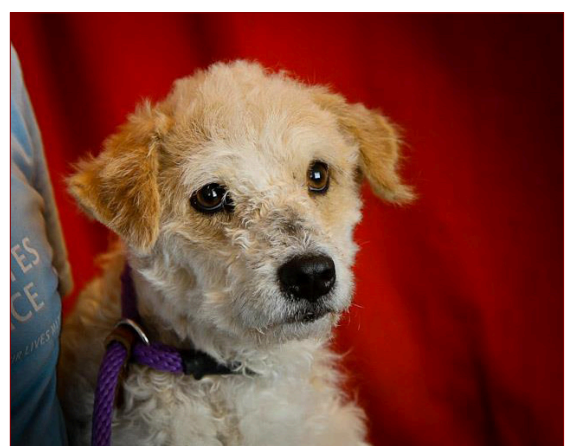
Even if you're not quite ready to commit to a real cat, you can still enjoy how entertaining they can be by watching DreamWorks Animation's "Puss In Boots," which is now available on Blu-ray and DVD. This hilarious origin story of the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw tells the true tale of how Puss became a hero long before he met Shrek. Featuring the extraordinary Antonio Banderas as the voice of the irresistible and legendary cat, "Puss In Boots" boasts a sensational cast of voice talent including Salma Hayek, Zach Galifianakis, Billy Bob Thornton and Amy Sedaris.



These best friends had a great time at the parade. On the left, a spectator. Above riding in the Pasadena Humane Society Float. Phtpos by Dean Lee

PET OF THE WEEK: Fitzgerald - Animal ID #A4449640

Meet a perfect little gentleman with great manners, Fitzgerald (A4449610). Fitzgerald is a spectacular two year old cream colored male Poodle mix who was found in El Monte on June 28th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing twenty-nine pounds, this super affectionate boy walks beautifully on the leash, and is quite well socialized. It would not be a surprise if he was housebroken. Great with other dogs, Fitzgerald absolutely adores children. Fitzgerald is the quintessential family dog who will make a fantastic indoor pet for anyone in any living situation. To see a video of Fitzgerald please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoPs3Nvafh8



To meet Fitzgerald in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Fitzgerald, please reference his animal ID number: A4449610. 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 Fitzgerald or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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



SENIOR LIVING IN THE BAY AREA'S ROSSMOOR: A Personal Journey

Last fall, we had lunch in the Bay Area's Walnut Creek with our son and his family, basking in their beautiful baby's attentions. Turns out our son had an agenda to discuss. Out came the whys and the wherefores for moving back to the Bay Area, near grandbaby and at least part of the family. We agreed.

Since I still maintained a real estate marketing business in the Bay Area, I immediately thought of the Walnut Creek, senior living community of Rossmoor. Two decades ago, when we began twelve years in nearby Danville, I thought of Rossmoor as a place for doddering OLD people. Now I was the one with gray hair, though hidden under the hairdresser's regular ministrations, and a senior living community like Rossmoor, with a wide array of amenities, offered a secure, attractive draw as our new address.

Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, first named Leisure World, was the brainchild of Ross Cortese, according to an interview with Maureen O'Rourke, Manager of Rossmoor Communications and Rossmoor News Managing Editor. "Seal Beach in Los Angeles was the first Leisure World," she explained, "then Leisure World in Laguna, now called Laguna Woods, followed in short order by Walnut Creek, New Jersey, Maryland and Arizona, all started by Cortese."

Cortese and his team envisioned Leisure Worlds across the country and even across the globe, in a cutting edge, cooperative ownership "shares" system, similar to the apartment ownership system popular in New York City.

Living units named "manors" would offer extensive community amenities, like pools, tennis, community centers, bocce ball courts, clubs dedicated open space, trails, shopping and medical care; all within the 2200 acres of the secluded Dollar Ranch Cortese purchased for the project. Shortly after the Walnut Creek Rossmoor was started, Medicare was adopted, and the groundbreaking proposal of including health care in the Rossmoor model was mostly abandoned.

The never-before-seen community model, the execution and the scaling of the concept had its growing pains, including financial woes, some tied to the complicated FHA financing, building and payment rigors for the initial 900-1400 square foot living units.

An unusual name for the governance/management organization, the Golden Rain Foundation, was chosen by Cortese early on, as he liked the Golden Rain tree, *Koelreuteria paniculata*, with its distinctive yellow or golden flowers. Cortese planted a huge number of the trees in Seal Beach. Though most of the trees died there, a few Golden Rain trees survive in Walnut Creek.

"All the communities had globes just outside their gates," recalled O'Rourke. Cortese's daughter, Heidi, now holds the trademark on the distinctive globe. "Years ago, the developer, UDC, sold off the globe to Water World in Concord, but I don't think they every used it." She chuckled, "By that time two of the continents had fallen off, and only five remained."

All 6660 of the Rossmoor homes were finally completed about ten years ago, and residents 55 and over, with a wide range of income levels, live in the community. Rossmoor Walnut Creek now includes residences from 601-2800 square feet, including 3368 co-op manors with carports beginning under \$100k; 2929 condominiums and townhomes, from high \$200k to well over a million; three hundred congregate living units, which provide meals and other additional personal services, and just 63 single family homes built around 2000, which tend to sell over a million.

Today's Rossmoor occupies 1800 acres with gated access, secluded from the outside world, between two ridges of dense oak forest against the Las Trampas Wilderness that divides Berkeley and Oakland from Walnut Creek and Danville. Many homes offer stunning views of Mount Diablo, the geographical focal point for much of the East Bay east of the Caldecott Tunnel.

The current community offers almost 120,000

square feet of community buildings including five clubhouses, a movie theater, a fitness center that has been expanded twice, an onsite restaurant and pro shop. All the sports and recreation facilities are regularly busy, such as 27 holes of golf, eight tennis courts, lawn bowling and bocce courts.

If you have an interest, hobby, political leaning, musical, craft or fine arts bent, there's probably already a club of like minded residents. "If you don't see a group, start one!" was the recommendation when we attended a rather overwhelmingly information-filled orientation last week.

Another bit of wisdom gleaned from quizzing a longtime resident was, "If you think Rossmoor is a place to sit back in your rocker and watch the world go by, you've got the wrong place! Rossmoor people are busy, active and involved. We never even got around to re-landscaping our patio area, because we joined so many interesting groups and clubs here."

After living in SoCal and the Bay Area, three year resident, Sue Hoyt said they, like we, chose the community first to be close to four of their children and their families, then compared its cost favorably to other similar communities. After that, "the beauty, the activities, the location.... and the active, interested, interesting and involved people here," were an irresistible draw.

O'Rourke agrees. "This is a community that likes to be active, fit and informed. Our fitness center has been expanded twice already, due to its heavy usage." Similarities abound on the involved and involved residents here. The quip about Sierra Madre being a place where there's no lack of passion about any topic, easily translates here. A centenarian regularly attends many meetings to voice his informed opinion about many topics.

Speaking of its location, though secluded from the outside with no outside homes overlooking their valley, Rossmoor's huge valley and appears to be miles from civilization, yet it is only five minutes from a bustling Walnut Creek," according to O'Rourke. Located only a mile or so from the junction of two major Bay Area freeways, I-680 and CA-24, one can drive to San Francisco, the wine country in Napa or San Jose within an hour.

Rossmoor also has its own bus system, connecting residents to all parts of the many miles of roads in the community, shopping, the BART train, downtown Walnut Creek and local medical facilities, so some couples have cut back from two cars to one, in favor of a bus ride.

One of the challenges in any senior living community is aging drivers. Rossmoor took an aggressive stance some years back, and requires that anyone who gets gate access for their vehicle must have a verified current driver's license. Ongoing senior driver education courses are held regularly onsite, by AARP, too.

Independence Day is celebrated vigorously in this community. Rossmoor puts on its own parade (though sans the favorite fire trucks of Sierra Madre parades), a Rotary picnic lunch, hours of high quality entertainment (including their own Elvis impersonator to make us feel right at home!) and live bands for great grandchildren to great grandparents and patriotic renderings of various sorts in their signature relaxed, but carefully planned and executed event, like just about everything that happens here.

What really blew me away were the two troupes of tap dancers who performed, including a gentleman in his nineties who dances way better than 95% of the world's population. What a shining example of how to live life as a senior!

So we're settling in at Rossmoor, slowly seeing the moving boxes disappear into the local recycling center, visiting the grandbaby frequently, enjoying our oak-filled views and studying which interest groups and clubs suit our fancy. Oh! That was another bit of wisdom from a resident. "Be careful not to join too many groups or you'll never be home!" Rossmoor life is good!

For more information on Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, visit their website, www.Rossmoor.com. Lori Moore of Rossmoor Realty can be reached at 925-787-6357. Some information for this article was obtained from the book, *Rossmoor Walnut Creek: 35 Years of History*, published by the Community Club of Rossmoor in 1999.

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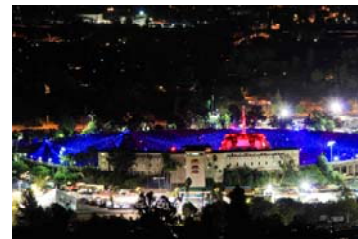
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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

FROM "LESS" TO "YES"

The painful truth: Sellers who do not price their property competitively are the most likely targets of lowball offers. In soft markets, buyers are more prone to make low offers on listings seen to be priced too high. Listings that don't sell usually require price reductions, which in turn often mean ultimately accepting an offer lower than you could have received by pricing aggressively from Day One.

Since selling your home can be such an emotional and subjective experience, it's easy to understand why you'd be reluctant to counter an offer below your asking price. But rather than feel insulted, try to see it as the beginning of a dialogue that could ultimately produce a sale.

If you feel any of the terms or conditions of the offer are unacceptable, ask your agent to present a counter-offer. Sometimes buyers and sellers don't really know beforehand what price they'll accept until they've begun the negotiations. For example, a buyer might agree to a higher price than planned if interest rates suddenly drop.

If you've received a lower than expected offer, but the buyers have proven their qualifications and commitment by securing loan pre-approval, you have grounds for serious consideration. The process of counter-offering can be swiftly settled or carry on ad nauseam. Be prepared to explore all options and act quickly before letting your negotiations fail.

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

Jeff's Pics

The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

WHAT'S WRONG WITH RIGHT NOW UNLESS YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

by Sailor Bob Adamson

Sailor Bob Adamson's spiritual search came to an end in the mid-1970s with an encounter with Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj, the revered teacher of Bombay. Since that time, he has shared his understanding with those who look for answers to the essential questions of life. This book is a compilation of dialogues with seekers who attend the weekly meetings with Bob at his home in Melbourne, Australia. Bob's words, delivered with a rare immediacy and authority, cut through the self-imposed barriers of the mind to reveal the freedom that is our original nature.

YOU CAN BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT: *Five Principles for Keeping Life in Perspective*

by Richard Carlson and Wayne Dyer

Many people believe they can only be happy when their problems are solved, relationships improve, and goals are achieved. In this simple guide, Dr. Richard Carlson shows readers how to be happy right now, no matter the situation. His plan, based on the principles of Thought (thoughts are voluntary, not involuntary); Mood; Separate Realities (everyone thinks in a unique way and lives in separate psychological realities); Feelings (feelings and emotions serve as a barometer for when one is "off-track" and headed for unhappiness); and the Present Moment (the only time when genuine contentment, satisfaction, and happiness exist). This timeless book guides readers through life's challenges and restores the joy of living along the way.

HAPPIER AT HOME: KISS MORE, JUMP MORE, ABANDON A PROJECT, READ SAMUEL JOHNSON, AND MY OTHER EXPERIMENTS IN THE PRACTICE OF EVERYDAY LIFE

by Gretchen Rubin

In the spirit of her blockbuster #1 New York Times bestseller, *The Happiness Project*, Gretchen Rubin embarks on a new project to make home a happier place. One Sunday afternoon, as she unloaded the dishwasher, Gretchen Rubin felt hit by a wave of homesickness. Homesick, why? She was standing right in her own kitchen. She felt homesick, she realized, with love for home itself. "Of all the elements of a happy life," she thought, "my home is the most important." In a flash, she decided to undertake a new happiness project, and this time, to focus on home. And what did she want from her home? A place that calmed her, and energized her. A place that, by making her feel safe, would free her to take risks. Also, while Rubin wanted to be happier at home, she wanted to appreciate how much happiness was there already. Rubin dedicated a school year—September through May—to making her home a place of greater simplicity, comfort, and love. In *The Happiness Project*, she worked out general theories of happiness. Here she goes deeper on factors that matter for home, such as possessions, marriage, time, and parenthood. How might she spotlight her family's treasured possessions? And it really was time to replace that dud toaster. Each month, Rubin tackles a different theme as she experiments with concrete, manageable resolutions, and this time, she coaxes her family to try some resolutions, as well. With her signature blend of memoir, science, philosophy, and experimentation, Rubin's passion jumps off the page, and this book will inspire readers to find more happiness in their own lives.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

THREE JULY MOVIES TO SEEK OUT

The month of June served as a great time at the movies. Personally, I think there were three standouts. Not one of them compared to the devastatingly disappointing dud known as "Prometheus." The first film is the surprisingly engaging "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter." Despite the less than stellar box office performance and gimmicky title, the movie is an absolute blast. It's not perfect by any means, but it's an entirely satisfying summer movie experience. The second film is the unique and utterly charming indie sleeper, "Safety Not Guaranteed." Funny, emotionally conscious, and spectacularly refreshing, "Safety Not Guaranteed" is the breakthrough film of the summer. Lastly, there's the recently released "Ted." The Mark Wahlberg/teddy bear endeavor was a better-than-expected outing that supplied some huge laughs and remained uproariously funny for most of its duration. While not a flawless experience, most notably some problems in the development of side stories, "Ted" will still satisfy the majority of moviegoers seeking much needed amusement. So as we put June in our rearview mirror, it's time to look forward to July. Listed here are three movies I've been excited about for quite some time. All three just happen to come out during the same month. From what Hollywood has to offer, July is evidently appearing to be the strongest month for the summer movie season.

SAVAGES – July 6th, 2012 – Renowned director Oliver Stone returns with a bang this summer with his new film, *Savages*. Based on the best selling novel by Don Winslow, "Savages" is the tale of two Southern California buddies who run a lucrative homegrown business of developing the most premium type of marijuana known. When the Mexican drug cartel wants to team up with them, the guys decline and as expected, the cartel doesn't take too kindly to rejection. Infuriated by their brash decision, the head of the cartel goes one step further by kidnapping their girlfriend (a girl that is linked romantically to the both of them) and things get, well, savage. Based on the trailers alone, the movie looks ultra violent and incredibly fast paced. It may very well be the adult-themed movie we need midst a cluster of superhero characters. "Savages" stars Taylor Kitsch, Aaron Johnson, Blake Lively, Salma Hayek, Benicio del Toro, and John Travolta.

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES – July 20th, 2012 – Is an introduction really needed? The most anticipated summer film has also been declared the third and final chapter in the Christopher Nolan Batman saga. Taking place eight years after the events in "The Dark Knight," Batman takes responsibility for Harvey Dent's crimes, which leads him to be sought after by the Gotham City Police Department. Furthermore, a mysterious character emerges known by the name of Selina Kyle and Gotham City soon becomes under attack by a new, menacing villainous known as Bane. Sure to be not only a massive hit at the box office, *Dark Knight Rises* could easily be the best installment in the trilogy. July 20th cannot come soon enough to conclude this epic series. "The Dark Knight Rises" stars Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Anne Hathaway, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Marion Cotillard, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

KILLER JOE – July 27th, 2012 - While taking place in a small, rural town, a twenty-two year-old drug dealer desperate to come up with six thousand dollars or else he's dead, hires a man known as Killer Joe to murder his mother so he can cash in on her life insurance policy. Things get completely awry when the young man can't pay the detective (who moonlights as a hitman) up front, even though that's Killer Joe's policy. Until the man can come up with the payment for services, Joe bends his own rules under the condition that he takes the man's younger sister as sexual collateral. This under-the-radar film has an NC-17 rating. It should also be noted that the movie is being touted as utterly sick and twisted. Not to mention, Matthew McConaughey allegedly provides the movie with a dark, creepy, and out of his own element type of performance. With an ominous plot, a terrific supporting cast, and a killer (no pun intended) performance that could be talked about for years, *Killer Joe* seems the unlikely of summer films, which just makes it ever more alluring. "Killer Joe" stars Matthew McConaughey, Emile Hirsch, Juno Temple, Thomas Haden Church, and Gina Gershon.

More from the Sierra Madre Parade:



Native Dancers sponsored by the Friends of the Arts. Photo by Lina Johnson



Meet the Princess and the Pirates at the Sierra Madre Library

Kids of all ages, join the adventure and excitement as the Franklin Haynes Marionettes bring pirates into the Sierra Madre Public Library on Monday, July 9 at 10 a.m. Pirate Captain Cannonball kidnaps Princess Rachel and locks her up on Skull Island. To free the Princess, her brother, his trusty pirate dog, and his pirate friends have to get Cannonball to laugh! The pirates juggle, blow bubbles, walk on stilts, and do other pirate mischief. Cannonball finally laughs and Princess Rachel is set free.

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VOLUNTOURISM: A GROWING ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL OPTION AMONG RETIREES

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you write a column on volunteer vacations?

My husband and I are both in our 60's and are interested in taking a service-oriented "altruistic" vacation this summer but could use some help.

Retired Travelers

Dear Retired:

If you're looking to do more on your vacation than relax in the sun or go sightseeing, volunteer service vacations – also known as voluntourism – are a great alternative and a growing trend among retirees. Here's what you should know.

Voluntourism

Nowadays, you don't need to join the Peace Corps to travel to exotic destinations and serve others. Many organizations today offer short-term volunteer projects overseas and in the U.S., lasting anywhere from a few days to a few months.

Common program themes include teaching English, working with children and teens, building and repairing homes and schools, and assisting with community or environmental projects. In addition, volunteer vacations also give travelers the opportunity to experience the culture more fully and connect with the local people – much different than your run-of-the-mill sightseeing vacation.

Most volunteer vacation groups accept singles, couples and families and you don't need to speak a foreign language. Costs typically range from around \$700 to \$1,500 a week, not including transportation to the country your site is in. Fees typically cover pre-trip orientation information, room and board, on-site training, ground transportation once you get there, the services of a project leader, and a contribution to the local community that covers material and services related to the project. And, if the organization running your trip is a nonprofit, the cost of your trip, including airfare, is probably tax deductible.

Where to Look

While there are dozens of organizations that offer volunteer vacations, here are some good ones that attract a lot of retirees.

- Earthwatch Institute (earthwatch.org, 800-776-0188): A global nonprofit that offers one and two-week expeditions that focus on environmental conservation and field research projects all over the world.
- Globe Aware (globeaware.org, 877-588-4562): Offers one-week volunteer vacations in 15 different countries.
- Global Volunteers (globalvolunteers.org, 800-487-1074): Offers a wide variety of two and three-week service programs in 18 countries, including the U.S.
- Road Scholar (roadscholar.org, 800-454-5768): Formally known as Elderhostel, they offer a wide variety of volunteer service programs both in the U.S. and abroad usually to the 50-plus traveler.
- Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org, 800-422-4828): Offers a variety of house-building trips through its Global Village Program and RV Care-A-Vanners program.

How to Choose

With so many different volunteer vacations to choose from, selecting one can be difficult. To help you decide, you need to think specifically about what you want. Ask yourself: Where you want to go and for how long? What types of work are you interested in doing? What kind of living situation and accommodations do you want? Do you want to volunteer alone or with a group? Do you want a rural or urban placement? Also consider your age and health. Are you up to the task, or do you have any special needs that will need to be met?

Once you figure out what you want and spot a few volunteer vacations that interest you, ask the organization to send you information that describes the accommodations, the fees and what they cover including their refund policy, the work schedule and work details, and anything else you have questions about. Also, get a list of previous volunteers and call them. Don't sign up with a group that won't supply you with this information.

Other Tips

If you're volunteering outside the U.S. find out if any vaccinations and/or preventative medications are recommended or required at cdc.gov/travel. Also, check to see if your health insurer provides coverage outside the U.S. Many health policies (including Medicare) don't pay for medical expenses outside the border. If you're not covered, you should consider purchasing a policy (see quotewright.com or insuremytrip.com) that includes emergency evacuation coverage.

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



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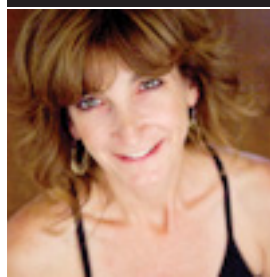
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We all think that freedom is being able to do what we want, say what we want, eat what we want, drink, think, feel, behave. And then what do we have really? Excess. Excess weight, extreme behaviors, drinking problems, emotional turmoil and the ability to be a slug and not take care of ourselves. Hmm, then comes illness or the inability to run or even touch our toes.

True freedom is the ability to adapt. Adapt to our surroundings and the needs of our bodies; the ability to adapt to a situation and thrive. To make the right choices and breathe into adversity - THAT is freedom.

Freedom is not the constraint of our beliefs, or slavery to our ever-chattering minds, or the pressures of the lives we have created. That is suffocation.

How do we then explore our freedoms? Get on the mat, of course. Learning about how we can transform ourselves, learning about the possibilities, getting to know our egos, our fears, our edges, getting stronger and feeling the empowerment, learning to fly (ardha chandrasana), these are freedoms. It's not about a diet it's about making the food choices that will allow our bodies to do paschimotanasana (forward fold) or hike up the Mount Wilson Trail. It's about staying in balance so that we have a better chance of surviving by not getting sick. The best freedom of all is for our minds to be calm, for us to learn to love ourselves and for us to be happy.

So once again, I advocate getting on your mat every day. Create a discipline for yourself that will allow you to be free!

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TIME FOR A BUSINESS MAKEOVER?

In recent years, reality television shows like Restaurant Impossible and Tabatha Takes Over have been a welcomed contrast to over-the-top, outlandish behavior by the stars on some shows like Jersey Shores and The Real Housewives franchise. Millions find the latter very entertaining, but useless for anything other than a reminder of how not to act.

Many owners of restaurants and hair salons have benefited from the talents of celebrity chef, Robert Irvine and celebrity hairstylist and salon owner, Tabatha Coffey. Both have become very popular celebrity business consultants in their respective professions. Apparently, both are very good at coming into a failing business, making an assessment, coordinating a complete business makeover and helping the owners of the businesses to get on a path to success. Each show adopts a strategy designed for a complete overhaul of the business, starting with the attitudes of the owner(s), the aesthetics of the business locations, the mix of goods and services offered, the flow of how the business operates, and finally, the customer service.

Albeit without the added benefit of a television production, every small business can undergo a similar makeover to become stronger and healthier, and thus more profitable. One recommended approach involves a six-part, six week, small business makeover workout that focuses on a different aspect of the business each week:

- Week 1: Conduct a business check-up – do an honest Q & A of how well the business is doing in each key area? Is it profitable? Is it time to spruce up your business image (replace or repaint the worn and faded sign outside, new furniture, declutter your front window, etc.)
- Week 2: Engage in some basic business planning – decide what your goals are for the next 1-3 years.
- Week 3: Take charge of your business finances – be sure to separate your personal finances (and bank accounts) from your business finances, and invest in a recordkeeping an accounting system that allow you to know where your business stand financially at all times.
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OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU KNOW.....

By: Patricia E. Richardson, MBA Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor

QuickBooks 2012 is introducing a new Document Center. This feature allows users to scan and store attached documents locally in the QuickBooks Document Center with drag-and-drop functionality. There is no need to subscribe to the fee-based Attached Documents (a cloud service) to do this.

The paper clip icon used to attach documents to email is the same icon that is found on most QuickBooks forms. For subscribers to the Attach Documents service, a screen will appear giving users the option to switch to free local storage.

This feature makes copies of the attached documents (hardware permitting) and puts these copies into a file folder called Attach, which resides in the same folder as the data file. The Attach folder has sub folders for each different company data file.

This feature improves your efficiency because you do not have to subscribe to a paid service to attach documents anymore. Everything can be stored on the local computer (and subsequently backed up with the rest of the computer's data). This is great for agreements, leases, and reimbursed expense receipts. If the original documents are deleted, renamed or moved, this does not affect the attached documents in Quick Books because they are copies.

Other employer related changes:

U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Health Care Reform, Payroll Provisions

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (P.L. 111-148). The constitutionality of the law was challenged primarily because of the mandate requiring individuals to buy health insurance. Those who do not comply with the mandate will have to pay a “penalty.” According to the court, the “penalty” is a tax and therefore constitutional under the power to tax granted to Congress. Some payroll-related provisions remain unaffected and are summarized below:

Form W-2 reporting: Employers are required to disclose the aggregate cost of employer-sponsored health insurance coverage provided to their employees on the employee’s Form W-2. However, contributions to the following categories will not be included: Archer Medical Savings Account (MSA)*; Health Savings Account (HSA)* of the employee or the employee’s spouse; or salary reduction contributions to a Health Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) under a cafeteria plan.

*HSA, MSA tax: The additional tax on distributions made from HSAs not used for qualified medical expenses is increased from 10% to 20% of the amount that must be included in gross income. Similarly, the additional tax on distributions made from Archer MSAs not used for qualified medical expenses is increased from 15% to 20% of the amount that must be included in gross income. The increase in the tax imposed on nonqualified distributions from HSAs and Archer MSAs will not impact state income taxation, and only applies to distributions made after December 31, 2010.

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Social Media

Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



QUESTIONS ABOUT FACEBOOK ADMINS

This week I'm going to answer some frequently asked questions about Facebook pages and who can manage them. Thanks for submitting your questions! Keep them coming, send to mjf@hutdogs.com.

Q. Can a Facebook Page be created on its own or does it have to be associated with a personal page?

Answer: Although you can create a page on its own, its not a good idea and you'll run into limitations. It is better to keep your profile page and your business page(s) all under one account. There is no need to create multiple accounts on Facebook. After you sign in to your Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com/pages and create the page for your business or organization. The communication and connections you make when you work on your Facebook page will stay associated with the page, not your profile area.

Q. How do you add or remove a second administrator to a Facebook page, and are both administrators equal in their scope of tasks they can do?

Answer: To add another admin to your page, have that person sign into their regular Facebook account and “Like” the page you want them to admin. Select “Edit Page” and choose “Admin Roles.” Type in their name or email (email usually works best). Recently Facebook added a new feature that allows you to assign five different roles to admins (see Facebook's chart below). It is best to make sure there are at least two managers, just in case something were to happen to the account of one of the primary managers.

Q. I work for a non-profit organization and periodically we have personnel changes in our organization. How can we ensure the continuity and safety of our Facebook Page and its content?

Answer: For a larger organization, I'd suggest adding three trusted managers and then assigning roles to specific staff and volunteers. Add and delete them as needed. You might also develop a social media handbook specific for your organization that provides staff and volunteers with guidelines and ideas for interacting with your page. In these cases, it is best to establish policies and clearly define roles for everyone who is an admin for your page.

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The Spero Foundation thanks its generous sponsors; Active Rehabilitation, Congress Orthopaedics, Foothill Home Care, Hotheads Salon, Records Retention Management Services, Inc., Road ID, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Savor The Flavor, Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association and Team CrossFit Academy. In addition many thanks go out to all the volunteers and city staff members that made it such a huge success.

Kyle Bueckart, 18 years old, was the overall winner. Awards were presented in the following categories:

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



In 2011, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) estimated that 20 to 30 million illegal immigrants were living in the United States. This figure was based on illegal immigrants apprehended by the Border Patrol and by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This is much more than previous estimates of 11 to 12 million so often repeated by the federal government and "amnesty" advocates since the 2000 census.

Last year illegal immigration cost American taxpayers \$113 Billion. Isn't it time to we cut through the "humanitarian" smokescreen of the amnesty crowd and call an ace an ace? Is it morally, or even legally, right for American taxpayers to be forced to foot the bill for the support of the citizens of another country, and their children, who illegally entered the U.S. and impose this huge burden upon taxpayers to pay for the services they use? The answer is NO!

Let's be honest. Most of these illegal aliens are from Mexico, which itself doesn't allow such immigration shenanigans. But we are being led to believe, by amnesty advocates, that we should just lie down and accept this kind of lawless indulgence inflicted upon our country, our citizens, our taxpayers, our economy, our school systems, our medical institutions, our social services and our society in the name of being good neighbors to the less fortunate from south of our border.

Try as the amnesty crowd may to twist and spin the facts, numbers, statistics, laws, racial or ethnic injustices, morals and legalities the fact still remains that these people are here illegally! I will say this again: They are here illegally. Don't any of these misguided people understand this basic point? No matter how you try to justify illegal immigration on humanitarian grounds, the fact remains that we have an immigration system and immigration laws for a reason.

And the reason is simple. The United States, like any other sovereign nation, has the right to regulate and control its borders as well as who and how many immigrants we approve to come into our country to become U.S. citizens, or to be in our country on visas for work or education. We also have the most progressive immigration system on planet Earth. Every year the U.S. legally immigrates between 500,000 and a million immigrants. This is more than

all the rest of the countries in the world combined!

Let me use an analogy: If I snuck into your house and took your stuff and then told you that since I was already there you have to let me live in your house from now on and you had to keep giving me your stuff and support me while I live there. Then to make matters worse, I tell you I'm moving in the rest of my family and that you have to support them too! Now, do you think this is morally or legally right?

What about the amnesty side of this debate? Amnesty advocates try to minimize the impact of the illegal aliens on the U.S. by saying how much they contribute to society. The obvious problem with this argument is there should be zero impact because there should be zero illegal aliens in our country! This fact still seems to elude all the mealy-mouthed hypocrites who insist that the only solution to the illegal immigration is "amnesty" and rewarding these lawbreakers with a fast-track way to citizenship.

The fact is these party crashers cost the rest of us billions of dollars annually. Despite the mountain of money the federal government pays out trying to cope with the invasion of illegal immigrants -- immigration enforcement, AFDC, food stamps, and Medicaid -- the United States is clearly losing the war on illegal immigration.

It has been estimated by various experts that California could balance its budget just by eliminating the costs associated with illegal immigration. Each year Californians spends more than \$15 Billion feeding, housing, and schooling children of illegal aliens. LA County spends more than \$1.5 Billion on services for illegal immigrants.

Closer to home, LA Unified School District spends more than \$500 Million a year on special programs educating illegal immigrant kids or children of illegal immigrants born in the United States. Don't get me wrong, I'm all for being generous, but I also know when I'm being had.

So why is illegal immigration allowed to continue? Partisan politics! Democrats see illegal immigrants as a future source of Democratic voters; Republicans see illegal immigrants as a future source of cheap labor and enhanced corporate earnings. Either way, folks, you and I will be paying through our noses, and our children's noses for generations to come.

RICH Johnson



Anybody not know what texting means in today's culture? In case you don't know texting is, "the exchange of brief written text messages between two or more mobile phones. It can also be done between other mobile devices but typically done over a phone network.

Texters have developed a "code": sort of a "Shorthand" if you will, in texting. These codes are abbreviations in communicating back and forth. For example, even the phrase itself, "Text Message" has been shortened to "TXT MSG". "LOL" means "laughing out loud", "BRB" is telling your fellow texter you will "be right back." Instead of spelling out "See You Later", you can simply spell "CU" or "CYA" which means "See Ya." TTYL means "Talk To You Later: BFF translates to Best Friends Forever.

The texting phenomenon is very familiar to the younger generations. Not surprisingly, texting is becoming part of the older generation's methods of communicating as well. As a public service, I wanted to offer up a lexicon of text code for seniors. I hope you can incorporate these into your use of this new phenomenon:

ATD.....At The Doctor's
BFF.....Best Friend's Funeral
BFF.....Best Friend Farted
BTW.....Bring The Wheelchair
CBM.....Covered By Medicare
CUATSC.....See You at the Senior Center
FIW.....Forgot Where I Was
GGLKI.....Gotta Go...Laxative Kicking In
GHA.....Got Heartburn Again
IMHO.....Is My Hearing Aid On
LMDO.....Laughing My Dentures Out
LMGA.....Lost My Glasses Again
LWO.....Lawrence Welk's On
OMMR.....On My Massage Recliner
OMSG.....Oh My, Sorry, Gas
ROFL CGU.....Rolling On Floor Laughing...Can't Get Up
SFOP.....Soft Food Only Please
TOT.....Texting on Toilet
TTYL.....Talk To You Louder
WAITT.....Who Am I Talking To
WDIGU.....Why Did I Get UP
WTP.....Where's The Prunes
WWNO.....Walker Wheels Need Oil
YAIH.....Why Am I Here

Then there are what we call the emoticons. Symbols arranged in such a way as to convey a message. Here is my favorite:
<*)>)-{ Something's fishy

The following are signs of approaching senior citizenship:

You're usually interested in going home before you get to where you are going.
You're smiling all the time because you can't hear a thing they're saying.
You are good at telling stories over and over and over and over...
You are awake many hours before your body allows me to get up.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you get older, it will avoid you.
Winston Churchill

George Burns Quotes

When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick.
I was brought up to respect my elders so now I don't have to respect anybody.

Bob Hope Quotes

You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.
You know you're getting old when they cancel your blood type.
Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle.

And maybe Woody Allen summed it up best when he said:

"You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred."

STC: Senior Texting Codes

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE THE STORY TELLER



Bill Moyers hosts a television show that is seen on different Public Television Stations on Friday and Sunday. Mr. Moyers is of course an esteemed, experienced sincere individual whose politics are probably very similar to my own. The issues discussed on his show are generally important and relevant and one would think of great interest to me. Unfortunately, there is one problem—not enough laughs.

The most recent show presented an interview of a highly able, interesting, African American Male who discussed American History and particularly focused on African American History. He spoke of the importance of story-telling and described the unique function of the story-teller. It is the oral-histories transmitted by story-tellers that cause people to come together to form communities, religions, and cultures. Story-tellers bring people together and keep them together. It is the unique ability of the masterful story teller to inform, to entertain, and to educate the listeners.

Mr. Moyers, the son of a Baptist Preacher, may well have these abilities, as well might his guests; but unfortunately these abilities are not frequently displayed. Alone I cannot watch the shows and press the change channel button on my remote and switch to something more amusing but probably less informative unless it is possible to learn something from a previously played sporting event.

Maybe the problem is that I, like everyone else, is now so accustomed to being entertained that I generally cannot focus on a program that is dry and information filled but lacks the graphics and personality conflicts that tend to keep me involved. I do notice that when my wife watches the program with me it is easier to sustain my interest, even when she begins to tune out. Nevertheless, as I followed the discussion for as long as I could, I thought of the interesting story-tellers I had encountered.

One of my favorites was this old drunken lawyer named Buck. He was from Tennessee and told stories about the old political campaigns in Tennessee. According to his stories he was the campaign manager of the first Senator Gore, Al Gore's father, who was a hero of mine. Forgetting Al Gore's father, who most folk have already forgotten, the most entertaining part of the stories was the way old Buck would tell them. The stories often involved drunken politicians giving tired speeches while they thought of something else. One of his favorite characters would speak while smoking a huge cigar. As part of his oration he would put both hands behind his back and clasp them together unconsciously. Frequently his pants would begin to burn from the cigar but his rhetoric was so powerful, or he was so desensitized by drink that he failed to notice the burning. A couple of times he continued his speech as his pants began to flame but the audience said nothing. Perhaps a consequence of this flammable demonstration was the presence of expectant large crowds wherever this politician spoke.

Some years later I was living in Bakersfield and this old lawyer called me from jail in Kern County. He had been arrested and incarcerated and needed me to bail him out and to let him stay with my then wife and me while he "dried out". Well, the drying out never really took place, as he drank all of my wife's perfume and any other alcohol-containing liquid that he could find. During his stay, I kind of gathered that many of his best stories were not exactly accurate, but I learned something else. The value of those stories was that their presentation brought a bunch of new lawyers together and broadened our world and educated us to a kind of experience that we never knew existed. Too bad he was never on the Bill Moyer's interview program.

I mention this story-teller stuff today because as I sat down to begin my article I learned of the death of a great story-teller, Andy Griffith. Before doing No Time for Sergeants and movies and starring in the Andy Griffith show, this talented man had created comedy albums called The Story of (whatever was the subject of the album). The one I recall, which was replayed for years on the Dr. Demento show, was entitled the Story of Football. It was all from the point of view of a naïve country guy who had some pretty powerful insights about life. Sure it was all make-believe, just the way Mayberry was make believe; but lots of people compare Sierra Madre to Mayberry and our little town is still around, just like the reruns of the Andy Griffith Show.

Story tellers give us something to believe in, something that holds us together and may give us a moral path to follow. Maybe the stories aren't exactly factual; but sometimes there is created a truth which is bigger than historical fact. Well, thanks for being around and telling your stories, Andy, it is appreciated.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHY NOT JUST BE AN AMERICAN

As we celebrate another birthday of this great country, I cannot

help but think back on some of our history. What a grand history we have had. I know some people are ashamed of our history and so we have revisionists rewriting American history. Nevertheless, I certainly want to celebrate the real America.

My wife and I were relaxing after a scrumptious supper and were watching a little bit of TV. I was half dozing, as is usually my condition after such a supper, when my wife startled me with a question.

It was a news program on television updating us with the latest political scratch-talk. If it were not for politics, the airwaves would be silent. Oh, for those wonderful sounds of silence. Personally, I would be glad to double my tax rate if in doing so we could put to silence all this political-scratch-talk. I call it "scratch-talk" because whoever is talking is trying to scratch somebody's back even if it is just their own. I guess we have a lot of itchy backs in this country. Thankfully, we have an endless supply of backscratching politicians.

It does not matter which way the wind is blowing each political party says it is blowing in their direction. I guess you have to go to eight years to Harvard and have a student loan debt of \$120,000 to understand how that works. If you do not mind, I just do not want to know how it works.

With the politicians unable to create work in our country for common Americans, the real Americans, they sure know how to work a situation, usually to their advantage. If they could put all of this to work for the good of the ordinary American, I would feel happier about paying my taxes. As it is, I pay my taxes but not happily.

Back to my wife's question. "Who are," she said very carefully, "the real Americans in this country?" Then she paused for a moment and followed it with this question, "Who does America really belong to?"

Well, those two questions got me thinking.

Who are the real Americans? Are they Republicans, Democrats or Independents? I know there is a bunch of other miscellaneous political parties but I cannot think of them right now. Which one is the American Party?

If I do not like any political party, where does that leave me? I am all for parties, but the whole idea of a party is for people to have fun. I do not see any political party where I could have fun. The strange thing today is, if I do not "belong" to some political party I am not able to vote in this country. Moreover, if

I do vote, who in the world do I vote for?

My wife and I got to talking about this and I, for once in my life, posed a question. How would you describe the average American?

Is the average American black, white, yellow, red or a mixture of colors? Do you define an American by the color of his or her skin? What about gender? Is the average American male or female? Then there is age. How old is the average American?

We bounced these questions around for a long time and did not come up with any good answers. Then there was silence.

I come back to one thought; why can't we just be Americans. Why do we have to have all the emphasis on variations, colors, temperaments and the people we elect to office who cannot tie their own shoes without conducting some poll? Why can't we send ordinary, common sense Americans to Washington DC who understands the American life?

Most of the politicians, if not all, live in a bubble and cannot relate to the average American in this country. I challenge these politicians to act like, live like common, everyday, normal Americans.

We normal Americans have to live on a budget. If I do not have enough money, I have come to the end of my buying spree. I think this concept ought to be copyrighted and sent to Washington DC. It is a new concept. It will need somebody to interpret it to those who are living in that venomous circle that we call the capital of the United States. I would recommend a first grader.

It would be refreshing to have somebody in Congress or the Senate who had common sense. I guess Will Rogers was right when he said the problem with common sense is it is no longer common.

A real American is one who is committed to the concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A real American is one who embraces the red, white and blue. A real American is the one who can clutch his five-dollar bill and say, "in God we trust." If it is good for our money, it is good for our life.

If only the American people, the real people of America, would wake up and see what our politicians are doing, perhaps they would do what our early founders did.

In celebrating another Fourth of July, my thought is simply, why not just be an American.

A real American also embraces what Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25 KJV).

Is that the sound of a drumbeat I hear off in the distance?

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Gov. Romney is absolutely incapable of making the case against Obamacare successfully . . . The plan he put together in Massachusetts is in fact 'Obamacare' on the state level."

- Former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA)

Many on the left were dismayed by Solicitor General Donald Verrilli's defense of the Affordable Care Act before the Supreme Court. They derided his lackluster performance in arguing its legitimacy under the Commerce Clause, and his muddying the issue by bringing up Congress's power of taxation.

The consensus was the Act's survival depended on Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose swing vote would be the only hope for the preservation of President Obama's signature achievement.

As it turned out, Justice Kennedy remained opposed from the very beginning – and the deciding vote was cast by Chief Justice John Roberts. His decision to uphold the Act was based not on the Commerce Clause, but on Congress's power of taxation.

Before the ink dried, we had Glenn Beck hawking tee-shirts depicting Justice Roberts above the word "COWARD". Rush Limbaugh claimed, "Now the Washington, New York media runs the Supreme Court of the United States. They run the chief justice." Michael Savage and Matt Drudge suggested it had something to do with medication Justice Roberts takes for his epilepsy.

Joan Walsh, editor at Salon.com, observed in an interview with Tavis Smiley; "There is such anger that it really points to the fact that I think a lot of Republicans believed that they controlled the court and there was only one way this ruling was going to come down;"

As Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) put it, "Just because a couple people on the Supreme Court declare something to be 'constitutional' does not make it so."

The Court's basing its decision upholding the Affordable Care Act on the taxation question invited arguments like the one made by Greg Welborn last week; "A quick Google search generates at least a dozen or so instances where Obama, Reid or Pelosi promised without reservation that Obamacare did not impose a tax." (I performed that Google search myself, and couldn't come up with a single instance.) Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) exemplified the new emphasis when Fox News host Chris Wallace asked him about 30 million uninsured Americans, and the senator replied, "That's not the issue."

As Rick Santorum predicted, it makes it difficult for Mitt Romney. As governor, Romney argued his healthcare plan imposed a penalty on those refusing to buy healthcare coverage, but not a tax. Since the ACA was modeled on the Massachusetts plan, Romney asserted it also imposed penalties, not taxes. His campaign spokesman confirmed it was the candidate's position the ACA provided for a penalty, not a tax.

But that wasn't the Republican Party position, so now Romney maintains the ACA does indeed impose taxes, not penalties. When asked why with the ACA it's called "taxes", but with the Massachusetts plan it's "penalties", Romney explains that the

Supreme Court ruled on the ACA, but not on the Massachusetts plan – so in Massachusetts they can still call it whatever they want. Got it?

It's not enough to say the ACA involves taxes, so Rush Limbaugh claims, "What we now have is the biggest tax increase in the history of the world." According to a Treasury Department analyst, seven years from now the ACA will have brought a tax increase equivalent to .5% of GDP. That ranks pretty low compared to other tax increases, such as the one in 1982 equivalent to .8% of GDP – enacted by Ronald Reagan.

On the contrary, according to FamiliesUSA, in 2014 28.6 million mostly middle-class Americans will be eligible for \$110 billion in tax credits to help them afford coverage.

There will be more warnings against messing with what's called the best healthcare system in the world. According to the Commonwealth Fund, though, the U.S. ranks dead last when compared with other nations (Australia, The U.K., New Zealand, Germany, The Netherlands and Canada) in terms of quality of care, access, efficiency and equity – while paying double the cost, and with those other countries providing universal coverage.

There are predictions of the ACA exploding the budget deficit. The CBO, though, predicts the ACA will cut the deficit by \$138 billion over the first ten years and by \$1.2 trillion over the following ten.

There's been the remarkable spectacle of Republicans complaining about cuts to Medicare. What they consist of, though, are primarily cuts in subsidies to private companies under Medicare Advantage which enhance a corporation's profits rather than an enrollee's health.

Already, 3.6 million seniors saved \$2.1 billion in 2011 through the gradual closing of the "doughnut hole" in prescription drug coverage. And, as of six months ago, 2.5 million young adults have been able to stay on their parents' plan until turning 26.

Republicans will continue repeating long-discredited arguments, despite a recent Kaiser Foundation poll showing 56% of Americans wishing they'd "stop their efforts to block the law and move on to other national problems."

They'll continue out of fear that without the diversion, we might pay attention to what else is going on. At the time of the Supreme Court decision, for example, there was the little-noticed news that our nine largest financial institutions submitted "living wills" to the government, detailing what would happen in the event they had to shut down. This was in compliance with the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, another accomplishment of the Obama Administration that Republicans have vowed to repeal. The "living will" provision ensures that should another economic meltdown occur, the American taxpayer will not have to foot the bill for another trillion-dollar bailout.

As I see it, they're afraid that if voters remember the direction the economy was headed at the time President Obama took office and see the direction it's headed now, when they hear Ann Romney promise her husband will "turn the economy around", they'll realize that's the last thing we need.

PERHAPS IT IS TIME FOR A STRONG THIRD PARTY

GREG Welborn



There comes a time in every institution's history when it's obvious that its time is up, that it has spent its last ounce of energy and that it's time for a stronger, more vibrant, alternative to take its place. This has been the history of our free enterprise system, - where the likes of industry kings like Sears are overtaken by upstarts like Walmart – and of our political system – where grey hairs like the Whigs were replaced by the more "radical" Republicans of 1860. Perhaps 2012 is the year the now-old Republican Party needs to die and a more vibrant third party takes its place to wage the valiant fight in support of our freedoms.

This is not an easy conclusion that I draw, and it is one I hope is premature. But with the Romney and Republican leadership response to the Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare, one has to wonder whether Republicans have the conviction and strength to win on and defend the issues this November.

Background here is important. Polls continue to show that the vast majority of Americans consider Obamacare's individual mandate to be wrong. Whether the Supreme Court ruled it constitutional on a hyper-technicality or not, most Americans instinctively believe that it is wrong for the Federal government to compel citizens to buy a product they don't wish to buy. The individual mandate is coercive, no matter what's its name – tax or penalty.

The one ray of sunlight presented by the Supreme Court ruling was the declaration that this was in fact a tax (otherwise it would have been held totally unconstitutional) and thus contradicted Obama's, and every other Democrat's, promise that no new taxes would be imposed. At the very least, the Supreme Court ruling presented the Republican challenger and leadership the opportunity to call out Obama on his slight of hand and deception. Instead, the nation has been feted with obfuscation, dithering and contradictions – and this from the Republicans!!

When Mr. Romney's senior aide, Eric Fehrenstrom, appeared on MSNBC and was asked whether the mandate was a penalty or a tax, he agreed with Obama and told the national audience that it was a penalty. With friends like this, goes the old adage, who needs Liberals. It was hoped that perhaps this senior aide simply had a bad day, was fatigued, didn't understand the question, or simply said something stupid. Sadly, the Romney camp chose to reaffirm the betrayal when its campaign spokesperson, Andrea Saul, confirmed the interpretation. In two quick strokes, the Republican's assumed nominee's campaign has let Obama and Liberals in Congress off the hook.

In fairness to the Romney camp, the candidate himself came out on July 4th to contradict his own people and stated that the individual mandate is a tax after all. But this looks and feels more like political calculation than philosophical commitment: Americans are mad, so Americans need to be placated. That just feels like more of the same old Washington way of doing things – promise

the people what they want and then do what you want when you get elected. After all, the voters will forget about it in a couple of years. What's needed is a clear and concise commitment on the part of the Republicans to repeal and replace the monstrosity, Obamacare, which not only promises to ruin our healthcare system, but promises to establish precedence for sweeping restrictions to our individual freedoms in the name of "taxation".

One of the Republican's sharp, young leaders, Senator John Thune, took to the airwaves on talk radio to address the mandate issue. Americans needed to hear that the Republican Party hadn't sold out, that it wasn't simply the colder-blooded, finance arm of the Democratic Party, determined to at least make sure the books balance on the way to a European Nanny-state. Instead of giving assurances that Republicans had a definite timetable to the repeal and replacement of Obamacare, the good senator for South Dakota hedged, hemmed and hawed. Apparently, there is no specific plan at this point to repeal and replace. There is a promise to get to these things – sometime in the first year of a new Republican administration – but nothing concrete. There is no Contract With America. There is no commitment to restore our personal liberties. There is only the lukewarm promise that they will do something and the pleading that we should trust them once again.

Sorry; we did that already. The second term of the last Bush Presidency was a disastrous flood of pork and federal spending, which has no place in a party committed to preserving the freedoms we cherish. What America needs now is a political party committed to restoring the proper relationship between the citizens and the Federal government. I stress this, not because I'm some wild-eyed radical anarchist. I believe in the proper role of government, but I also believe that history teaches us politicians are easily corrupted. Power does that. The beauty of our system (something Democrats, Republicans and independents should be able to agree upon) is that no party, no set of politicians is able to exceed certain boundaries.

Our constitution, with its amendments, guarantees that no party, no collection of politicians, will be able to go beyond a certain point. Obamacare crosses that line. If the government can tax us into buying a product we would not otherwise buy, there is no end to what it can do. We need a political party that will defend that principal. If it is not the Republican party, then good riddance to them. Long live whatever replaces them. 2012 may mark the beginning of that transition.

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INDEPENDENT'S EYE by Joe Gandelman

JOHN ROBERTS AND AMERICA'S POLITICAL CENTER

You see few authentic political shockers anymore, and when Supreme Court Justice John Roberts sided with the court's liberals to uphold President Obama's health care reform law, that was one of them.

But, merits of the law aside, an underlying truth about the resulting shock is that there is utter disbelief in 21st century America that a partisan can truly change his mind and not do so out of Machiavellian calculation or an inability to resist "caving" to opposition political pressure.

A second underlying truth that those who regard the center as mushy, wishy washy people who can't make up their minds -- rather than people who may often wait a little longer to reach an informed conclusion -- won't like to hear is this: for whatever reasons it came down as it did, the final ruling meant the country's fragile center prevailed.

A centrist and moderate may not be a declared centrist or moderate or even a centrist and moderate consistently. In his superb book "Leading from the Center: Why Moderates Make the Best Presidents," historian Gil Troy classifies Ronald Reagan as a moderate due to Reagan's willingness to work with and compromise with the opposition, rather than dig in his heels and take all-or-nothing positions.

In today's ever dogmatic Republican Party, Roberts' action provoked howls that were akin to Julius Caesar's "Et tu, Brute?"

Conservative news outlets such as the Wall Street Journal blasted Roberts ("swayed from (his) constitutional duties..."). Web powerhouse talker Glenn Beck labeled George W. Bush a "progressive" for picking Roberts and took pre-orders for a t-shirt with Roberts' picture on it with the word "Coward." Conservative politicians, talk-show hosts and bloggers dumped on Roberts so much that a new John Roberts Landfill may open soon.

Meanwhile, CBS's Jan Crawford did a report based on info from "two sources with specific knowledge of the deliberations" detailing how Roberts changed his original position to vote with the liberals. Were her sources conservative justices' law clerks out to expose what they considered Roberts political heresy? If so, this unprecedented leak of Supreme Court deliberations would be yet another reflection of how in America's ideological wars, partisans try to discredit those who deviate from an ideological line.

Mind-changing no longer allowed? Writes The Moderate Voice's columnist Shaun Mullen: "I have come, however circuitously, to the view that the ability to change one's mind about things that matter is a mark of maturity — and sometimes greatness."

The Daily Beast's Michael Tomasky, citing parts of the CBS report about how conservative justices angrily refused to join Roberts in any of his positions at all once he switched from theirs, notes that conservative GOPers are playing a politically nonproductive zero sum game: "From the base to Congress to the members of the Supreme Court, it's the same mentality. Everything or nothing. Well folks, on health care, and on the stimulus, and on financial regulatory reform, and a handful of other things, you got nothing. When might you bother to stop and think about whether this strategy is paying off? You won't, because it's not a strategy. It's a primal instinct, driven by rage."

Rage rather than serious policy debate fuels early 21st century politics, much of it stemming from both parties' bases. Liberal Democrats go hunting for DINO's (Democratic in Name Only), while conservative Republicans go hunting for RINO's (Republicans in Name Only).



From the Mountain Views News from left to right - back row, Payton Thomas and Columnists Howard Hays, Stuart Tolchin and Rich Johnson. Cub reporters Maheilia and Milania Thomas join Publisher Susan Henderson in the front seat. Ed Clare, of Ed Clare Electric volunteered as the driver. Photo By Dean Lee

They've got political heads to mount on their ideological walls, but in the process many Americans now consider them both PSINOs (Problem Solvers In Name Only).

Roberts is now attacked by the right, which has the attitude: "Oh, if only we had more great, objective, patriotic judges like Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas!" He's now attacked by the left, which fears his ruling was a mere charade or judge's version of a magician's misdirection. Neither side really trusts Roberts.

Hey, wait. This is deja vu for moderates, centrists and independents. Now I know what it is: Mr. Roberts: welcome to being — for now, at least -- a member of America's political center.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JIUNN-JENQ WU

Case No. BP135395
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JIUNN-JENQ WU

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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mark H. Wu be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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Story and Photos by Bill Corbin

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Alverno Neighbors Remain Concerned Over Master Plan

Research Supporting Mitigated Negative Declaration Called "Woefully Inadequate"

By Susan Henderson

On Thursday, the Sierra Madre Planning Commission met to discuss the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Alverno High School Master Plan. The plan includes expansion of the school's facilities to accommodate a 12,000-square-foot, three-story multi-purpose building, a new multi-purpose sports field, and a new multi-purpose sports field to replace the existing softball field.

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The 2011 Election Committee is seeking volunteers for the Altadena Town Council election on November 6, 2011. There are five positions to be filled: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember, Councilmember, and Councilmember. The committee is seeking volunteers who are interested in serving the community and who are willing to commit time and effort to the campaign.

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