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SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER REORGANIZES

Volunteer Leadership to Reininvigorate Business Community Despite Financial Challenges

Ed Chen, recently elected President of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, has announced changes in the way the organization will operate. The Chamber, whose primary purpose is to support local businesses, will cut its overhead expenses by eliminating its paid position of Executive Director. Bill Coburn, who held the job for the last four years, served his last day in that position June 30th. He remained as an independent contractor to help with the transition through July. The Chamber's first paid Executive Director was hired in 2007. Coburn was the second person to hold the paid position.

The Chamber will now function as an all volunteer organization. "This change will not have a negative impact on the Chamber's operations. We still have an ambitious calendar ahead of us," said Chen. "We thank Bill Coburn's service as our Executive Director, and we look forward to continue providing excellent service to our members with the support of our board members, the business community and the City of Sierra Madre."

In the coming month, the Chamber will co-host two additional business forums on the heel of the successful release of the city's Buxton Market Demand Study, which provides local business owners with current consumer data specific to each business. It will also soon be formally announcing its Welcome Wagon program for new residents and businesses. In addition, plans are underway for co-sponsoring a Health Fair with the city in late September and a fun filled "All American Pooch Parade and Dog Show" in November.

In addition, plans are also in the works for two of the group's annual events, Dickens Village the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the Citizen of the Year Dinner in January. The Chamber's office hours can be confirmed by calling 626-355-5111.

The Sierra Madre Chamber has been in existence more than 80 years. It was formally known as the Sierra Madre Trade Association. It is the sponsor of one of the city's largest events, the annual Wistaria Festival, which showcases "The World's Largest Blossoming Plant."

THE CAPTAINS



Welcome to Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Departments newly hired Captains. From left to right, Captain Perry Goth, Captain Greg Christmas and Captain Rich Snyder. Also, in last week's edition Fire Chief Steve Heydorf was incorrectly identified as Police Chief. Photo by S. Henderson

LUNCH AND LEARN AT THE HART PARK HOUSE

City Councilmember Capoccia To Speak

Wednesday, August 8, 2012 @ 12:15pm

A special guest from the Sierra Madre City Council is hosting the August Lunch and Learn program at the Hart Park House. The councilmember will speak about the state of the city, the Senior Community Commission and a little background about themselves.

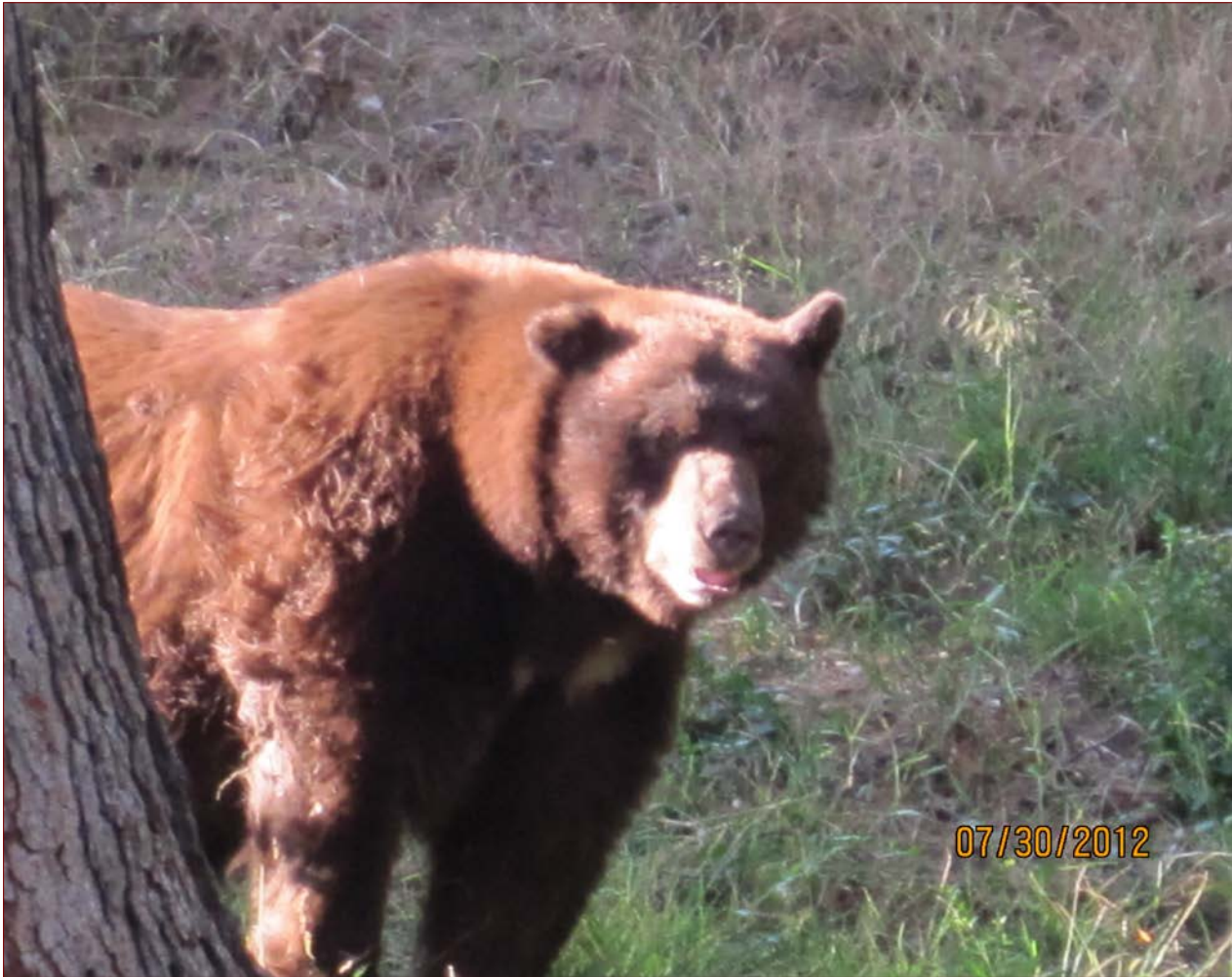
Don't miss out on an opportunity to sit and talk with one of your elected officials!

ROSEMARIE GORMAN PASSES ON THURSDAY



beloved former Sierra Madre resident Rosemarie Gorman (above with grandchildren) passed away after a valiant battle with cancer. Arrangements have not yet been made.

BEARS, BEARS, BEARS



This big guy, or girl, was spotted last week on Toyon Rd. Sierra Madre resident Rudy Van Cleef was able to get a few great pictures before SMPD Officers encouraged the bear to return to the hills.

Seems like Sierra Madre is becoming more like Monrovia – "their" bears seem to be moving our way and showing up in town more frequently, making them "our" bears. And the first response might be, "Awwww, isn't that cute!?!? I just Love Bears."

Until one starts ambling towards you, and you suddenly realize that – um, it's a whole lot bigger than you, you can't cuddle it the way you do your plush bear – and all your cooing and empathetic "Shooing" and "Hey, go away" doesn't have any effect ... and you dimly realize that you might have a bit of a problem, here ... and then it's vividly clear that this could be really dangerous to you, and any children in the area, not to mention other random passersby. What to do? Make lots of sharp scary noises, Call 911 and get out of the way.

OK, there are rules for handling bears. We all should know them from hearing / reading about Monrovia's ongoing trials and tribulations.

#1. DO NOT FEED THE BEARS. In any way. At any time. Ever. Even accidentally. Keep fallen fruit off your

yard. Don't put ANY food into your trash bin Until The MORNING Your Trash is Picked Up. I can hear you ask now, "But what do I do with leftovers between trash days?" Tuck a plastic bag in your fridge or freezer door: store leftovers there. It's only a week. Especially during hot, dry summers, bears and other wildlife head for the nearest water – which might be your (or your neighbor's) a fish or flower pond or fountain – and leftover food smells can invite bears to freely raid your poor unprotected trash can in the middle of the night – leaving you a big mess in the morning. Trust me, you REALLY DON'T want to be the Bear Magnet in your neighborhood.

#2. LEAVE THE BEAR ALONE. Bears generally like peace and quiet – with enough time they'll just wander elsewhere. However, if one wanders (trespasses) into your yard – it needs to learn in no uncertain terms that your yard is your territory. From a very safe distance, making sudden, loud sharp noises (clang pot lids), making sharp motions (Big broad arm movements), your own very clear emotional dominance "NO!" may help – but that's dangerous for you. So,

#3. CALL THE SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT - 911. That's the safest way to get a bear out of your area. They have this really great tool to shoot bean bags at it, whacking it sufficiently smartly upside the head – or neck – or chest until it decides to change direction and amble elsewhere. Our SMPD officers aren't into killing bears – but if you and it have gotten into a physical argument and you're losing, that's what will happen. They'd also prefer not to tranquilize and move it – that's especially not bear-fair during hunting season. If a bear is ill, that's a whole other problem, as it's not safe to let an ill bear return to the wild. In any event, once our SMPD finest are on site, move out of the way and let them do their jobs-they're the professionals and should be treated as such. Interfering with an officer will create problems for you, so please be respectful and supportive as they move the bear back to a safer environment for all involved.

#4. TO PROTECT ALL BEARS - DO NOT FEED THE BEARS – IN ANY WAY.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Foothill Unity Center is collecting new school supplies for 2,000 low-income children.

"When a cute little nine year old girl comes up to you, smiling from ear to ear, and tells you, 'This is the best day of my whole life – EVER, and she can hardly wait until school starts – you know that you have made a difference in that child's life!' So says Betty McWilliams, Executive Director of Foothill Unity Center, Inc.

The Center will be preparing 2,000 children at its 14th Annual Back-to-School event at Santa Anita Park on Thursday, August 16. The families that come to Foothill Unity Center for food assistance do not have the funds to furnish their children with the items they need to return to school. Consequently, pre-registered K-12 grade students from qualified low-income families in Altadena, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena will be attending this event and receiving backpacks, school supplies, clothes/uniforms, socks, underwear, haircuts, as well as eye and dental exams. Event Chair Kathy Valentine has determined that "it takes us about \$50 to prepare a child for school, which is minimal

because of our loyal supporters." Monetary donations, however, are still needed as the number of children continues to climb.

The entire community shares in this annual effort, with more than 400 volunteers from businesses, schools and community groups, that all have our heartfelt thanks for their participation. We want to give special thanks to our major contributors as well, including: CapitalSource Bank, Pasadena Independent Schools Foundation, Marshalls/TJX Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Tzu Chi Foundation, Vons Foundation, Wells Fargo and Xerox Corporation. In addition, we are extremely grateful to our community partners who make this event possible, including: Santa Anita Park for use of its facilities; Citrus College Cosmetology Department for helping with haircuts and manicures; USC School of Dentistry for providing dental check-ups; Western University School of Optometry for furnishing vision screenings; Paint N'Play for art activities; Monrovia Reads for new books; and many, many more.

Checks may be mailed to: Foothill Unity Center, 415 West Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016. For further information on Back-to-School Distribution needs and volunteer opportunities, call the Foothill Unity Center in Monrovia at (616)358-3486, in Pasadena at (626)584-7420, or view our website at www.foothillunitycenter.org.

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Mon:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 90s	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:
August 14th, 2012 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 1 3:00pm - 4:00pm Business Forum

Thursday, August 2

3:00pm Senior Community Commission Meeting
7:00pm CANCELLED - Planning Commission Mtg

Friday, August 3

5:00pm Honors Dinner Nominations Due



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.

Visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. From more information, please visit our website or contact Peggy Beauregard at peggybeau@gmail.com and visit our Facebook page Rotary of Sierra Madre.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



This Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM, Village Intersections Host Gene Goss will interview Republican Candidate for Congress Jack Orswell.

Set your smart phone or computer browsers to www.radiofishbowl.com.

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.

Sierra Madre Friends of the Library BEST USED BOOK SALE

If your stack of summer reading material is getting low, the best place to replenish the stack is at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale being held on Friday, August 3, from 3:00-7:00PM and Saturday, August 4, from 10:00AM-2:00PM. The library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in the city of Sierra Madre.

Best Used Book Sales co-chairs, Martha Troedson and Alan Leahy, say the sale features a number of lovely coffee table books on gardening, art, history and contemporary culture. For the history buffs, there is a collection of Civil War books. And just in time for school, a number of dictionaries and references will be on sale. These items and many other adult fiction and non-fiction books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs will be available to purchase for your reading and listening pleasure. For the children and teens, we have many books and DVDs, including pop-ups. We still have some bound vintage copies of Life, Saturday Evening Post, and National Geographic that contain articles of historical interest and are fun to look at for the fashions and advertisements. The bargain tables in our parking lot will offer hardback and trade fiction and non-fiction for \$1-2.00 each and paperbacks for twenty-five cents each (or five for \$1.00). This month's bargain tables feature many resource and practice books for teachers and cookbooks. All children's bargain books are five for a dollar. Proceeds from the Best Used Book Sales are donated to the Sierra Made Public Library to support program and equipment needs.

Because the markets are encouraging us to use cloth bags, our supply of paper shopping bags is rapidly diminishing and wed appreciate your bringing your own bags and boxes when you come to the Sierra Madre Library on Friday, August 3, and Saturday, August 4, for an opportunity to purchase some of the best used books around at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale. For more information, visit our website at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call 626-355-7186.

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.

SUMMER ART EXHIBIT

Summer Artist is Celeste Mendelsohn and her display will be up now through Friday, August 3, 2012. The special artist reception will be held on Friday, July 20th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm at City Hall. For more information on Celeste Mendelsohn's art please visit <http://celesteintheround.com>

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES



NEW 2012 Summer Movie Series in Kersting Court Thanks to generous donations from the Sierra Madre Police Association and the Sierra Madre Community through outreach by Bob Jackson, the Family Movie Fridays series continues this

summer! All movies are shown in Kersting Court and are absolutely free for everyone. Movies begin approximately at 8:00pm and patrons are encouraged to bring seating and blankets for the event.

The Sierra Madre Police Association is providing vouchers for ice cream and yogurt on the July 20 and August 3 dates, which can be redeemed at Mother Moo Creamery or Yogurt & More.

For more information contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-5278

Summer Family Movie Fridays Line-Up

- August 3, 2012 - Ratatouille
- August 17, 2012 - E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

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AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Splash into Summer Safety

With the warm summer months upon us and kids out of school for the summer, it's time to hit the beach and pools for some fun. Come out on Tuesday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Splash into Summer Safety with Waterworks Aquatics and the Sierra Madre Fire Department. This eventful day will take place at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. See first-hand at what Sierra Madre firefighters and lifeguards do when a drowning occurs and how parents and babysitters can be prepared for a safe outing at any pool.

A live demonstration of a "Mock" drowning water rescue will take place at 10am with FREE recreational swim for the community to follow. Specialized rescue equipment as well as activities and games will provide a unique learning opportunity for children and adults.

For more information, please contact Waterworks Aquatics at 626-836-1200.

SIERRA MADRE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Plans are in the works for a contest in October where residents will receive "Crow Awards" for the most creative scarecrows in the "humorous" and "scariest" categories for residents and for businesses, for having the most creative scarecrow(s) representing their business.

Currently plans are for life sized scarecrows and according to Executive Director Jackie Raymond, "We envision residents and guests driving through the town" in a manner similar to when people view Christmas or Halloween decorations. "It will bring families of Sierra Madre together and promote our business."

Don't know how to make a scarecrow? Creative Arts will be hosting a FREE Scarecrow Making Workshop at Creative Arts Group Saturday, September 15, 2012 from noon to 7 pm, to the first 60 families.

Workshop participants need to bring clothes and accessories for their scarecrow. Everything else will be provided. These scarecrows are life-size, so bring appropriate items. You might want to bring pants or stockings to create legs and gloves to create hands for your scarecrow.

The workshop is free, but you must register (626-355-8350) LIMITED ENROLLMENT. To participate in the contest applications are due on September 25th. Scarecrows will be displayed October 1st through October 31st at residents and businesses.

On Friday, October 5th and awards ceremony will be held at Creative Arts for the winners of the residents and businesses.

For more information, contact the Creative Arts Group via email at foothillcreativeartsgroup@creativeartsgroup.org or call 626-355-8350.



SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club is looking for long-term volunteers. They are looking for assistance with their Thrift Shop and volunteers with newspaper editing and fundraising experience.

If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions please contact the Woman's Club at 626-355-4379.

Looking For The Mountain Views News?

Stop by any of the following locations (partial listing) for your copy every Saturday or call 626-355-2737 to sign up for home delivery!

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Sierra Madre Senior Center

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Arcadia Post Office
Arcadia City Hall
Starbucks Arcadia
Denny's Arcadia

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

Duarte Public Library
Duarte City Hall
Denny's Duarte
Starbucks Duarte
Coffee Bean Duarte
I HOP Duarte
Duarte Senior Center

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REMEMBRANCE

JOSEPH DAMIEN FOLEY

Joe "Smiley" Foley, 52, a lifelong resident of Sierra Madre, peacefully departed this life to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on July 24, 2012. Joe succumbed to cancer at the Shea Rehabilitation Center in Whittier, CA. Joe loved his family, friends, and his home in the upper canyon in Sierra Madre. He relished sitting in his yard, listening to the birds and taking in the canyon's heartbeat.



Joe was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend to many. He is survived by:
His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph & Beverly Foley of Mission, TX;
His sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Alyn Hillhouse of Long Beach, CA;
His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Barry & Marilyn Bazzell of Pleasant View, TN;
His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Barbara Bazzell of Grand Prairie, TX;
His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Danny & Eva Bazzell of Rosamond, CA;
His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Kristi Foley of Covina, CA;

His nieces and nephews:

Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Amy Foster of Fort Bragg, NC;
Mr. William Hillhouse of Long Beach, CA;
Mr. Timothy Bazzell of Kadena AFB, Okinawa, Japan;
Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Hannah Silverman of Astoria, OR
Mr. Sean Bazzell of Rosamond, CA;
Mr. Kevin Bazzell of Rosamond, CA;
in addition to various other relatives.

Joe's body was cremated. The family wishes to thank all you who knew Joe and appreciated his life and value to this world. He was a gentle, caring soul, who will be missed until we are joyfully reunited on the Resurrection Day.

SIERRA MADRE FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES - Presented by Athens Services and the Sierra Madre Issei Memorial Foundation

Join the City of Sierra Madre this summer for the Concerts in the Park, beginning Sunday, July 8, 2012 and occurring every Sunday through August 26, 2012. The concerts are FREE thanks to the support of Athens Services and the Sierra Madre Issei Memorial Foundation, along with numerous community hosts. Concerts begin at 6:00pm and run through 8:00pm. All concerts will be held at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. next to City Hall. Seating is on the green so remember to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Alcohol is prohibited. Spectators are encouraged to support local organizations that may provide refreshments. For additional information please contact the Community Services Department 626-355-5278.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK SCHEDULE:

July 29 - Aluminum Marshmallow (Classic Rock) sponsored by the Sierra Madre Civic Club Hot dogs and home-made pie with ice cream for purchase

August 5 - TAIKOPROJECT (American Taiko Drummer Ensemble), hosted by L.A. County Arts Commission Concert and "learn taiko" segment with hands-on demonstration

August 12 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY KIWANIS - JJ Jukebox (60's and 70's Rock) sponsored by Kiwanis and Friends of the Library

August 19 - The Grove (Classic Oldies) sponsored by Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association The Subs (Mainstream Acoustic) opening act

August 26 - Take Two (Top 40's) sponsored by Dr. Roger Joe, DDS, The Lodge at Sierra Madre, and Crosslife Community Church

WATERWORKS AQUATICS CREATES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As part of the Waterworks Aquatics mission in striving to educate and motivate people of all ages to be safer in the water and learn proper swimming technique, Waterworks has created a Scholarship Program for the community. Waterworks Aquatics is committed to provide access and ensure that no one is denied an opportunity to participate in their aquatics programming because of economic hardship. Scholarships for children, families and seniors are available for a variety of programs.

To fill out a scholarship application, please go onto their website at www.waterworkss-wim.com/sierramadre. Scholarship applications are available year-round. Please note that all applications are reviewed carefully; however, there is no guarantee of approval.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP

Save the Date! The annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-up will occur on Saturday, August 18th from 9:00am until 2:00pm. The event will again be held in the Mariposa Parking Lot between S. Hermosa Ave., and S. Baldwin Ave.

DOWNLOADING CITY DOCUMENTS MADE EASY

City Council agenda packets are now available online from the City's webpage. Stop by the Library anytime during open hours and they will show you how to access and download the meeting packets. Other boards and commissions have also begun putting their agendas and meeting packets online as well.

The Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

E-READER WORKSHOPS SLATED

Learn how to download free eBooks from the Sierra Madre Public Library to your Kindle, iPad, Nook or other device. Free classes will focus on how to download free books from the Library Overdrive service and will include a demonstration. Please call or check the Library website schedule.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

Monday July 23, 2012

At approximately 4:45 pm, a 33 year old male entered the Post Office at 65 S. Baldwin Avenue and attempted to purchase \$240.00 worth of stamps with a fraudulent check. The postal employee recognized the suspect from a Grand Theft and Burglary crime bulletin that had recently been circulated. The police were notified and the suspect was apprehended as he exited the Post Office. He was subsequently booked for Burglary and Possession of a Fraudulent Check.

Wednesday July 25, 2012

At 7:45 pm officers responded to a report of a possible burglary in progress at the Sierra Madre Middle School Upper Campus at 160 N. Canon. On arrival, the officers observed a white bag containing school supplies on the ground outside one of the classroom bungalows. Moments later two individuals were observed running between buildings and taken into custody without incident. The investigation determined that these individuals had entered the bungalow through an unsecured window and removed school supplies from several cabinets. Two juveniles, 14 and 15 years of age, were arrested for Burglary and released to their parents.

Friday July 27, 2012

At 8:20 am, officers conducted a traffic stop at Santa Anita Avenue and Grandview Avenue. While interviewing the driver, the officer smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The driver admitted that he had marijuana in his backpack. The officer subsequently recovered 1.4 grams of concentrated cannabis (Hash) from the backpack and arrested the driver for possession of the item. One of the passengers was also arrested on a \$30,000.00 warrant issued by South Gate Police Department.

Saturday July 28, 2012

At 9 am, officers conducting a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Michillinda Avenue discovered that the driver was in possession of 1.1 grams of Methamphetamine. The 34 year old female driver was booked for possession of a controlled substance.



MEET THE JUKEBOX!

Sierra Madre's ~~Normal~~ Pop Combo



Jukebox is: Barry Schwam, Mike Gallegos, Steve Cipriani, and oh yeah, some guy named Rich Johnson

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POLICE TO THROW NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY

The Pasadena Police Department is joining other law-enforcement agencies and communities throughout the nation by throwing a city-wide "National Night Out" block party on Tuesday, August 7th from 7 – 10 p.m. The Pasadena Police Department is inviting the community to participate and show their support of crime and drug prevention by organizing a simple neighborhood front yard party, potluck, or informal Neighborhood Watch Meeting on National Night Out.

The police department is collaborating with Kings Villages and Community Arms to host the main event on Hammond Street, between Fair Oaks Avenue and Morton Avenue. There will be booths, vendors, activities, and food, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The National Association of Town Watch, a non-profit organization, designed National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," is to strengthen neighborhood spirits and police and community relationships. Additionally, it will heighten awareness and send a strong message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized, and are fighting back against drugs and crime.

Pasadena Police representatives will visit as many registered neighborhood parties as possible. Residents, who would like to have a Pasadena Police representative stop by their "National Night Out" party, should simply contact the Community Services Section at (626) 744-4551. Please contact the Community Services Section at 744-4551 for a list of scheduled Pasadena "National Night Out" events/block parties.

Pet of the Week



Banky is quite the charmer. He's an eight-year-old blue and tan Chihuahua. He's a staff and volunteer favorite, and has gone out on the Mobile Unit to several events around the community as an ambassador for PHS. He's well-behaved; loves treats; and enjoys going for walks. He also enjoys playing with people and other dogs too!

Banky's regular adoption fee is \$120, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoption counselor for more information during your visit. Banky also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, which applies toward adopters 60 years old and older. The adoption fee is waived and all the adopter pays is \$20 for the mandatory microchip.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A308975, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday –Friday, 9-4 Saturday.

710 Meeting To Be Held At The Convention Center

The Pasadena City Council is set to hold a meeting over the long debated "SR-710 Study" project—extending the 710 freeway from Alhambra to Pasadena—off-site from the Council Chambers at City Hall to accommodate a larger audience.

The meeting, Monday, Aug. 13, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St., in the Conference Building, Rooms 101-105, on the lower level.

According to city staff, the current SR-710 Study is in an early phase of analysis. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is the lead local agency for the study. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the lead state agency. While Pasadena, its residents and businesses will be directly impacted if the project is built, the project is not under local control by the City, a press announcement stated.

It went on saying that Information from Metro's website indicates the project is in a pre-Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) stage. Metro is working with technical advisors, the public and other stakeholders to help determine alternative concepts and routes for further study and environmental analysis. Metro's schedule shows it plans to begin writing the Draft EIR later this



year and to have Public Hearings on the document completed by the end of 2013.

A primary goal of the project is to complete the I-710 Freeway "gap" by building an extension through Pasadena that connects the freeway with other transportation corridors—including possible connections to the I-210 Freeway or Highway 134—to help alleviate congestion and improve mobility in the overall study area bounded by State Route 2 and the Interstate 10, 210 and 605 Freeways. Options for the 4.5-mile "gap" include surface-level roadways as well as a tunnel bored underneath South Pasadena and Pasadena. Caltrans has sought since the 1960s to build an I-710 Freeway connection route.

In addition to the Council's Aug. 13 meeting, the public can attend "Community Liaison Council" meetings hosted by Metro. A Community Liaison Council meeting in Pasadena is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Chef's Center building, 45 N. San Gabriel Blvd. Also on Aug. 8, another Community Liaison Council will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Physicist Wins \$3 Million Fundamental Physics Prize



Alexei Kitaev, professor of theoretical physics, computer science, and mathematics at the California Institute of Technology, has been named an inaugural winner of the Fundamental Physics Prize—a \$3 million award that represents the largest academic prize given to an individual in the history of science.

The prize, funded by Yuri Milner, a Russian entrepreneur and venture capitalist, was given with "the aim of providing the recipients with more freedom and opportunity to pursue even greater future accomplishments," according to the Fundamental Physics Prize Foundation website. In addition to Kitaev, eight other physicists received the award, for a grand total of \$27 million in prize money. The individual awards are more than twice what Nobel laureates receive, and that amount—about \$1.2 million—is often split among a few winners.

"It was a great surprise and honor to learn that I was a recipient of the prize along with some very famous and renowned physicists," says Kitaev. "At first, I was confused because I didn't think that the money could be just for

me—I assumed such a big prize would be shared among all the recipients. I feel very happy and extremely lucky."

Kitaev, a member of the new Institute for Quantum Information and Matter (IQIM) at Caltech, is known for developing algorithms and theories to enable quantum computing, which has the potential to perform in seconds certain tasks that would take an ordinary computer thousands of years to complete. The award citation recognized his "theoretical idea of implementing robust quantum memories and fault-tolerant quantum computation using topological quantum phases with anyons and unpaired Majorana modes."

"I'm delighted that Alexei is getting the recognition he so richly deserves for making the fundamental and profound contributions to one of the most exciting areas of fundamental physics," says Tom Soifer, professor of physics and chair of the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy at Caltech. "His work is blazing the path toward what we hope will be the next major technical revolution in computing, the realization of quantum computers."

With a joint appointment at Caltech in the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy and the Division of Engineering and Applied Science, Kitaev explores the mysterious behavior of quantum systems and their implications for developing practical applications, such as quantum computers.

PCC Recognized In National Community College Survey

Pasadena City College was recognized in multiple categories in the annual Community College Week special report featuring the top 100-degree and certificate producing two-year institutions. Since 1988, Community College Week has been the independent source of in-depth information for and about two-year college faculty, administrators, and trustees.

PCC was ranked 26th in nation for conferring the most associate degrees and certificates in all disciplines to men and women of color. Additionally, PCC was ranked third in the nation for conferring the most associate degrees and certificates in all disciplines to Asian Americans, and 46th in the nation for conferring the most associate degrees and certificates in all disciplines to Hispanics.

In the discipline of "Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies," PCC ranked second in the nation for conferring the most associate degrees and certificates. Across all disciplines of study, PCC ranked 84th in the nation for conferring the most associate degrees and certificates.

PCC ranked 91st in the nation for certificates conferred in less than two years across all disciplines, and 83rd in the nation for certificates conferred in less than one year across all disciplines. For more details, please see the online edition of Community College Week Volume 24, Number 22: <http://www.ccweek.com/news/articlefiles/3101-CCW061112-Top100-AII%20PagesR.pdf>.

For more information about PCC programs, call (626) 585-7123.

at the Alhambra Library, 101 S. First St., Alhambra. Check Metro's website at www.metro.net/sr710study for updated information on times and locations for these meetings.

Community Liaison Council meetings are informal discussion groups hosted by Metro, but organized by interested members of the public. The sessions will include information about the status of the study and the alternative route process. For more information about Community Liaison Council meetings or to learn about organizing similar sessions, contact Metro by email to sr710study@metro.net.

KPAS, the City's government access TV station, will broadcast the meeting live on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and on Channel 99 on the AT&T U-verse system. The broadcast will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofpasadena.net/CouncilAgendas/Video and can be viewed by clicking the link that says "Watch KPAS Live."

Pasadena City Council member Steve Madison also plans to hold two meetings on the freeway project, including: District 6 Forum—The 710 Freeway, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 18, at the Pasadena Convention Center; and District 6 Quarterly Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sept. 25, Braun Auditorium, Westridge School, 324 Madeline Drive.

Women in Business Awards Luncheon

The Thirteenth Annual Women in Business Legislative Update & Awards Luncheon will take place at the Pasadena Hilton on Friday, August 17, 2012.

The event will take place 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

The Women in Business Awards honor local women whose exceptional abilities have contributed to the economic vitality and diversity of the 21st Senate District and/or 43rd and 44th Assembly Districts.

Women in Business celebrate women who have contributed to the greater good of the workforce through the advancement of business and the proliferation of new jobs while serving as role models for their community and co-workers. Please help us to acknowledge women who are leading the way in the 21st Century.

Tickets: \$35 per person \$350 per table of 10.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the luncheon, Contact Talin Mangioglu (818) 409-0400

JPL/Mars Scientist to Keynote Awards

Mars exploration and the landing of the rover Curiosity will be making news this August when JPL mission scientist Z. Nagin Cox headlines the 13th Annual Women in Business Awards and Legislative Update presented by Sen. Carol Liu, Assemblymember Mike Gatto and Assemblymember Anthony Portantino.

Nagin Cox spent years in solar exploration on the Kepler telescope mission before becoming supervisor for the Surface Systems at JPL. She is currently part of the NASA-JPL team working on the history-making Mars rover landing for early August. Nagin will update us on the "Curiosity" landing and the challenge of working on planetary missions.

Bill Urged to Prevent Abuse in Youth Boot Camps

State Senator Carol Liu, Assemblymember Anthony Portantino, and Pasadena Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez announced Tuesday legislation that will prevent abuse at military-style youth "boot camps."

SB 1089 would ensure organizations that provide aggressive military style behavioral treatment services for at-risk youth do not operate unless all components of the program are accredited by an independent accrediting organization approved by the Department of Social Services according to a statement released the same day.

The statement went on to say that disturbing videos of a Pasadena boot camp surfaced earlier this year and showed instructors mistreating young people by making them drink water until they vomited and bringing a child to his knees by forcing him to carry a tire around his neck. The graphic videos sparked an investigation by the Pasadena Police Department, which charged the camp director with kidnapping, child abuse, false imprisonment, and sexual assault. Senator Liu and Assemblymember Portantino responded by introducing SB 1089, to ensure proper licensing and regulation of boot camp

providers.

"We discovered that a small number of boot camp-style programs in California are operating without licensing and putting vulnerable kids and their families at risk," said Liu, D-La Canada Flintridge and Chair of the Senate Human Services Committee. "Families have entrusted camp staff to provide a healthy, safe and supportive environment. We have seen that, without proper oversight, these kids are put at great risk of abuse and trauma."

Portantino, stated, "It's vital that when we send our children away from home they are being treated safely and fairly. I am pleased to join Senator Liu in authoring a bill that brings accountability to this previously unregulated industry. As a father of two daughters, how could I not want other parents' sons and daughters to be in a safe environment, especially when receiving the tough love of a boot camp?"

"The Pasadena Police Department fully supports SB 1089, in the protection of our youth. This legislation will help regulate and provide parents with licensed boot camp choices that will assist them in enriching the lives of their children," said Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez.



Senator Liu, Assemblymember Portantino, and Chief Sanchez Urge Enactment of Bill to Prevent Abuse in Youth Boot Camps

Junior Public Safety Academy graduation Saturday

The Pasadena Junior Public Safety Academy, JPSA, is a joint venture between the Pasadena Police and Fire Departments. In this program, 40 selected Pasadena young teens will participate in a five-day academy that will provide a form for them to interact with police and fire professionals

while learning firsthand what these potential careers entail.

The participants will visit the Pasadena Police Department and learn about the various units such as K-9, SWAT, Forensics, Traffic, Dispatch, Jail and the Heliport. They will also visit a Pasadena Fire Department Fire Station to learn about fire safety techniques and basic firefighting training. The JPSA includes a visit to the Orange County Sheriff's Academy and Training Center as well as the Los Angeles City Fire Boats 1 and 2. The Junior Public Safety concludes with a graduation luncheon on Saturday.

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

Van Gogh's 'Self-Portrait,' on Loan from the National Gallery

The Norton Simon Museum is delighted to announce an installation of Vincent van Gogh's electrifying "Self-Portrait" from 1889, a highlight of the National Gallery of Art's 19th-century collection. One of 36 self-portraits by Van Gogh, and among the last he painted, the work was executed as he recovered from a severe breakdown in Saint-Rémy in the summer of 1889.

The installation at the Norton Simon Museum is the first time the painting has been on view on the West Coast. The loan is part of a special exchange program between the Norton Simon foundations and the National



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 Aug. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585.

"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



The August Government Affairs Forum at Arcadia was awesome as always. First on the agenda were guest speakers, Arcadian entrepreneur Jack Orswell, Republican candidate for the 27th Congressional District and Fred Ortego, District Director for

Democrat Congresswoman Judy Chu, seeking reelection. (Judy was in Washington, D.C., as Congress is in session.)

Jack Orswell had quite a cheering session; mom and stepdad, Lois and Dick Roskopf, son Jeff, daughter-in-law Nicole, and granddaughter Josie. Peter Ulrech introduced Mr. Orswell: Born and raised in Pasadena; receive Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from USC in 1971; in April 73, became a Special Agent with the FBI and worked there fifteen years; small business owner for 22 years; in 2009, received Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership; a reservist with the Arcadia Police Department; (Six years ago, a question arose - what year Officer Matthies died. Jack did research and paved the way for the joint project (APD AND AFD) for a new headstone.) An Elder at his Church; Jack has been married to wife Janet for 41 years; three adult children and four grandchildren.

Jack revealed that our government in Washington is responsible for our debt of almost 16 trillion dollars. He feels "The government has gotten too big. We need to shrink down the size of government; have smaller governments with self-reliance. We need more individual responsibility...with my small business experience,...promote small business, get us going again, the jobs going again."

He said that his philosophy and that of his opponent were on different sides of the spectrum. He feels 2/3 of jobs are created by

small businesses. "The tax system is out of control, and we need a balanced budget-the government has gotten too big".

Jack also said the Health Care Act is "horrible" and would like it repealed. The tax credits do not work for small businesses, and insurance needs to be affordable for everyone.

Fred Ortego gave Congresswoman Judy Chu's background. In an article several months ago, "The Dynamic Duo", I wrote about Judy and her husband, Assemblyman Michael Eng. a Judy has been in Congress since 2008, when she took over the vacant seat of Hilda Solis, who became Secretary of Labor. Judy has worn many hats. She began as a math major at Cal State Santa Barbara, but transferred to UCLA earning a doctorate in Psychology. Judy taught at East LA Community College for twenty years. After Judy and Mike's marriage in 1978, they settled on Monterey Park. Judy served on the Garvey School Board, won a seat on the Monterey City Council, served in the State Assembly, and on the State Board of Equalization, prior to her election to Congress. She has focused on jobs and the economy, and salutes small businesses. She has worked for funding with Congressman Dreier and Assemblyman Adam Schiff to extend the Gold Line to Claremont. Judy has also written to the Secretary of the Interior to convince him to make our San Gabriel Mountains a National Park area.

These are two fine candidates, with similar stances: promote jobs and improve the economy. I am not in the district, so I don't have to choose between them. Every voter should go on line and find out as much as they can before making a decision.

At the government forum, there was



Left to right: Jack Orswell, Peter Ulrich, Fred Ortego (Congresswoman Judy Chu's District Director)

an update on the **710 Freeway Extension Project** and Environmental Study update. Right now, there are twelve different proposals/projects. They NEED public input. **Thursday, August 9**, there will be a meeting at the **Monrovia Community Center** (Palm Ave.-across from the Library) from **6:30-7:30 pm**. After hearing the public's input, they hope to narrow the choice to five options. Please attend if possible.

Hovanes Gasparian from Assemblyman Portantino's office brought info about a joint bill to prevent abuse in Youth Boot Camps. (Hovanes NEVER misses a meeting-even came out July 5th! He always brings Xeroxed copies of bills that Assemblyman Portantino has introduced or has been passed.)

State Senator Carol Liu, Assemblyman Anthony Portantino and Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez held a press conference on July 31 to promote this bill to prevent abuse at military-style youth "boot camps".

Everyone must remember the graphic news reports on TV and in local papers

released by the Pasadena Police-disturbing videos showing abuse, and its director was charged with kidnapping, child abuse, false imprisonment and sexual assault. Senator Liu and Assemblyman Portantino have introduced bill **SB 1089** to ensure proper licensing and regulation of boot camp providers.

These Arcadia Chamber Government Forums provide updates from our local government officials and usually a special guest speaker on varied subjects: Secret Service agents spoke of counterfeiting practices; Steve Scauzillo, environment and water issues; City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto, the state of affairs in Arcadia, and today we learned about the two Candidates for the 27th District. At the close of the meeting, there was mention of inviting the candidates for State Assembly and Senate at the next meeting-September 6th. The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce is at 388 W. Huntington Drive. www.arcadiachamber.org See you there!

GETTING YOUR CAR READY FOR VACATION

Many people are planning their family vacation. For most, that means a long car ride. Before you hit the road, there are some things you need to do. First, make sure someone knows the route you are taking and when you will arrive and have your cell phone and charger with you.

Since you will be carrying the most precious cargo, your family, you need to make sure your car is up for the trip. Start by checking your tires. They should be inflated properly and have plenty of tread. Then check to make sure your lights are working properly and your brakes are good.

Then, open the hood and examine all the hoses and belts. Replace any that have cracks or are worn. Next, check all the fluids in your car. Any fluids that are dirty should be flushed and replaced.

If the color of the oil is brown or milky, it means that coolant is getting into one or more cylinders in the engine. This is a serious problem and needs to be fixed immediately. If you do not fix it, you run the risk of blowing the engine.


If you are uncomfortable about taking the car on a long trip, this is the time to replace it. A car dealer will not want your current car since it has a major problem. One excellent alternative is to donate your car to charity. Cars4Charities does not care about its condition and will pick it up for free. You will get a very nice tax deduction for your car donation. Simple call them a 1.866.448.3487 or go to <http://www.cars4charities.org/>.

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ACCOLADES GO TO ARCADIA AAUW MEMBERS



Joyce McGregor (L) presents Carol Dennis with Arcadia AAUW's 2012 Woman of Achievement award.

Two members of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) were honored for their accomplishments at the Branch's June meeting. Carol Dennis was given the Arcadia Branch's 2012 Woman of Achievement award, and Past President Betty Harris received a certificate from the national AAUW for her fifty years of membership.

Known to her fellow AAUW members as the lady with a camera (or two), Carol Dennis has been active as the group's photographer for nearly ten years. With her keen eye, Dennis has faithfully covered meetings and special events for the Arcadia Branch. She has even moved up to producing DVDs, complete with graphics and music, for the group's fund-raising events. Other positions she has held are Program Vice President and member of the Tech Trek Committee, in which she helps interview local middle-school girls that the Branch sends to AAUW-California's Tech Trek Science/Math Camp at Whittier College each summer.

Dennis, a retired elementary teacher, received B.A. and Master's degrees in Education from CSU Los Angeles. She taught sixth grade for forty years at Macy and El Portal schools (Whittier/La Habra) in the Lowell Joint School District. During her years of teaching, Dennis organized the Academic Olympics at her schools. As a Master Teacher, she mentored many prospective teachers. She is a recipient of two PTA Life Awards from her schools. Always interested in promoting education, in retirement Dennis volunteers once a week (or more) at her former schools. That is a thirty-mile round-trip drive from her home in Temple City!

Carol Dennis has no trouble staying busy in retirement. She is also historian and photographer for the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (SGV). An inveterate traveler, Dennis has covered all seven continents (Antarctica twice) and is planning to go to South Africa this summer. Generous by nature, she has shared her travels with her two teen-aged granddaughters by taking each on a separate European vacation. When at home, Dennis enjoys her family of dogs and cats.

The second honoree of an AAUW award is Betty Harris, who received a certificate from the national AAUW for her fifty years of membership. Harris is an Arcadia Branch Past President, having served two different terms in office. In 1990, she was honored with the Woman of Achievement award. Harris is known throughout the Arcadia community for her civic contributions. For the past five years, she has served as the Coordinator of the English Conversation Class, which is jointly sponsored by the Arcadia Branch of AAUW and the Arcadia Library.

Arcadia AAUW members heartily applaud these two deserving women.

GRAMMY WINNER NATALIE COLE TO HEADLINE METHODIST HOSPITAL'S CRYSTAL BALL

Celebrated singer Natalie Cole will headline the 2012 Crystal Ball October 13 at the Pasadena Convention Center, Methodist Hospital announced today.

Aptly themed *An Unforgettable Night with Natalie Cole*, the 23rd annual event will honor former Methodist Hospital President and CEO Dennis Lee and his wife, Carolyn, for their many years of support for the hospital. Dennis retired in 2011 after 17 years as CEO, and Carolyn was an equally committed supporter of the hospital during the couple's two decades here.

John Wuo and Peggy Tsiang Cherng, both dedicated hospital supporters, are co-chairs this year. Cherng and her husband, Andrew, were Crystal Ball honorees in 2004, and Wuo and his wife, Jane, co-hosted the event in 2007.

Grammy-winning Natalie Cole
The daughter of jazz legend Nat King Cole, Natalie Cole rose to prominence with hits such as "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)," "Inseparable" and "Our Love." She also re-recorded standards by her father, resulting in such favorites as "Grammy-award-winning 'Unforgettable...with Love.'"

Ms. Cole, who has many movies



and television appearances to her credit as well as being the author of two bestselling books, has won nine Grammy awards throughout her illustrious career.

Crystal Ball 2011 raised \$530,000, and with Cole headlining this year's event, the co-chairs and their committee members hope to surpass that amount. Proceeds will go to support the hospital's elite stroke program, designated an advanced primary stroke center for Los Angeles County by The Joint Commission and recent recipient of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

"It's a very important event," Cherng said. "Once a year it gives us a great opportunity to showcase to the community what the hospital is all about."

"At the same time," she added, "it allows people to celebrate an organization that they enthusiastically support."

Cherng is co-founder of the Panda Restaurant Group, sponsor of the Panda Cares Charity Golf Invitational, which donates a significant portion of its tournament proceeds to Methodist Hospital.

Wuo agreed. "The Crystal Ball has become a premier event in the San Gabriel Valley. While it continues to raise a good amount of money for the hospital, our goal first and foremost is for people to have a great time," said the former Arcadia mayor and current city council member. "If they enjoy a great evening, everything else will fall into place."

The 2012 Crystal Ball will be – in a word, *unforgettable*. The evening will also include an elegant dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions.

For more information about sponsoring Crystal Ball or to request an invitation, please contact Gloria Rico at 626-821-2340 or crystalball@methodisthospital.org.

TASTE OF ARCADIA MOVES TO SEPT. 24 IN RECOGNITION OF ROSH HASHANA

Arcadia-based Jewish Federation in first Business Showcase at the Taste

ARCADIA (Aug. 2, 2012) – Taste of Arcadia has been rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 24, a change of one week so as not to conflict with the second night of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year that begins at sundown on Sunday, Sept. 16.

All elements of the Taste of Arcadia, including vendors, participants and sponsors, will remain in place on the new date of Sept. 24, including the same time of 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the annual host venue of the L.A. County Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Advance tickets are \$50 and will be \$60 at the gate. You can buy online at: <http://arcadiacachamber.org/events/taste-of-arcadia/> or call the chamber office at 626-447-2159.

If you have already purchased a ticket and cannot attend on the new date of Sept. 24 and would like a refund, please contact the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce at 626-447-2159.

With the new date for Taste now one day before the Jewish Day of Atonement called Yom Kippur, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce has invited the Jewish Federation of Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys to have an information table at the first-ever *Business Showcase at the Taste* and to become a member of the Chamber. Executive Director Jason Moss accepted the invitation in order to bring more awareness to the region about the 19-year-old Federation, which moved from Covina to Arcadia in late 2010. He has also provided the Chamber with an eight-year calendar of Jewish Holy Days, which the Chamber will post on the Chamber web site at www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org and make available to all members and partner organizations.

The independent non-profit Jewish Federation will honor Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Segal and Steve Sopkin at the Honoring Community Leaders Brunch at the Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Jewish Federation is a fundraising and coordinating body dedicated to bringing together all the many threads of Jewish life East of the Greater Los Angeles area. Its mission is to provide programs and services that meet the needs of the local Jewish community and serve as the Jewish voice of the community.

Segal and his wife Lee, who were named the Chamber's Citizens of the Year in 2008, will also be presented a Humanitarian Award at the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's 9th Annual San Gabriel Valley Awards Gala on Sept. 7 at the San Gabriel Country Club in San Gabriel.

When scheduling events, the Chamber always tries to accommodate the calendars of local groups, cultures, and religions, and maintains the monthly activity calendar of City, schools, churches, and other groups for the non-profit Arcadia Community Coordinating Council. As always, a percentage of the proceeds from Taste of Arcadia will be donated to local non-profit organizations. This year there will be more beneficiaries than ever, with the chamber donating \$5 of every ticket sold by a pre-approved organization. Dozens of the best local restaurants, caterers and wine-and-beer vendors will present tastes of their cuisine at no extra charge all evening long to the approximately 1,000 attendees of Taste of Arcadia on Sept. 24. And the *Business Showcase at the Taste* will offer the first chance for community groups and non-food businesses, including car dealers, to present information at what is called "the signature event of Arcadia."

A new culinary contest judged by celebrity chef Jyll Everman of the Food Network promises to spark the tastiest and most original foods, desserts, and drinks. The eight-piece band Lounge-O-Rama, positioned for the first time in the southwestern "Roost" area, will perform Swing, Big Band and American standards in the early part of the evening before switching to classic pop rock as the sun goes down and the dance floor comes alive. That's also when the traditional exotic Brazilian dancers will appear to the delight of the crowds. Arcadia High School's talented drum line will again greet guests as they enter the gate.

The Chamber's Community Builder Presenting Sponsor for 2012-13, Westfield Santa Anita, is once again also the Gold Sponsor for Taste of Arcadia. Methodist Hospital is a returning Silver Sponsor. Other sponsors include Ticket sponsor Waste Management; Gift Bag sponsors Sylvia Ramos of Coldwell Banker George Realty, Weaver & Associates Insurance, Century Rooter Service and Plumbing, and PNC Mortgage; Brazilian dancers sponsor Valley Vista Services; Parking tram sponsor Arcadia Association of Realtors; and Peacock Package sponsor The Southern California Gas Company.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, July 22nd, through Saturday, July 28th, the Police Department responded to 850 calls for service of which 113 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 22:

- Shortly after 7:00 a.m., two commercial burglaries were reported to have occurred overnight to businesses on West Las Tunas Drive; one in the 00 block and the other in the 500 block. Suspect(s) broke glass on the front doors to each business, made entry, and stole money from the cash registers. Although the business locations are not related, based on the circumstances, the crimes appear to have been carried out by the same suspect(s).
- At approximately 10:00 p.m., a two-vehicle collision occurred at Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue. After making an unsafe left turn and causing the collision, one of the drivers fled the scene and sped off. The driver lost control and became involved in a second collision, striking a light pole at Huntington Drive and First Avenue. Officers contacted the female driver and found her to be driving under the influence of alcohol. A 23-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and booked at the Arcadia City Jail on charges of DUI and hit & run.

Monday, July 23:

- At about 7:15 a.m., officers were called to an apartment complex located in the 800 block Fairview Avenue after a male suspect attempted to break into the coin box on a washing machine. The male was interrupted while trying to pry the coin box open. A witness blocked the suspect's car and would not allow him to leave. Officers arrived and arrested a 33-year-old Caucasian male, along with a 21-year-old Hispanic female accomplice. Both were booked on felony charges at the Arcadia City Jail.
- A burglary to a construction site located in the 600 block East Live Oak Avenue was reported at about 9:15 a.m. The site supervisor found the gate lock cut and several table saws, along with an electrical box, removed from the location. The incident occurred overnight.

Tuesday, July 24:

- Around 1:19 a.m., a male subject made his way into an open business located in the 100 block of East Huntington Drive. The male was disrupting the business, causing a disturbance, and left without paying for a cup of coffee. Officers detained the male and found him to be intoxicated. A 53-year-old Caucasian male was arrested for being drunk in public was booked at the Arcadia City Jail.
- Sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., a vehicle was burglarized while parked in the 1300 block of South Baldwin Avenue. Suspect(s) punched the door locks and opened the vehicle, removing \$20.00 in cash.

Wednesday, July 25:

- Around 4:00 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation, tinted windows, on First Avenue near Colorado Boulevard. The driver was found to be unlicensed and to have had multiple previous license suspensions. The driver, a 22-year-old Asian male, was issued a misdemeanor citation in the field.
- Shortly after 11:00 a.m., officers responded to the Sport Chalet at the Westfield Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft suspect being detained. The male suspect had taken a pair of gloves from the store without paying and was detained by loss prevention agents. The male was found to be in possession of other stolen clothing, as well as narcotics paraphernalia. A 25-year-old Asian male was arrested on misdemeanor charges and booked at the Arcadia City Jail.

Thursday, July 26:

- At approximately 12:23 p.m., an officer was called to Cotton On, a business at the Westfield Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a female employee being detained for theft. Store loss prevention agents had detained the female after taking multiple items of clothing from the store. During their interview, the employee admitted to additional thefts as well. A 19-year-old Hispanic female was arrested for commercial burglary and booked at the Arcadia City Jail.
- Around 3:15 p.m., a vehicle vandalism was reported to have occurred in the parking lot of Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive. The student parked his vehicle at the location at about 7:45 a.m., returning to the car at about 1:25 p.m. Suspect(s) had scratched the sides, doors, and hood of the car, causing extensive damage. The victim did not know who caused the damage.

Friday, July 27:

- At about 7:27 a.m., an officer was alerted to a felony wanted vehicle being driven on Baldwin Avenue near Huntington Drive. The alert was from the automated license plate reader in the patrol unit. The officer conducted a stop on the vehicle in the parking lot of 400 S Baldwin Avenue and detained the driver. The driver was the named subject in the felony want out of San Bernardino County. The suspect was arrested and later released to San Bernardino County Sheriffs.
- A burglary to a laundry room coin box located in the 900 block of W Duarte Road was reported at about 9:15 a.m. The property manager found a washing machine and coin box in the laundry room broken and the change from the coin box removed. The incident occurred overnight.

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MONROVIA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CONNECTS 14 NEIGHBORHOODS ONLINE AND COUNTING- PLUS A NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE.

The City of Monrovia's Neighborhood Services is in the business of connecting people and building community. In an increasingly digital age, it becomes a challenge to connect to those next door or down the street. Without creating neighborhood associations that increase even more fees to residents, Neighborhood Services has been highlighting an online social networking site called NextDoor.com.

Started in 2010 and based out of California, Nextdoor.com is a private social network for your neighborhood. Like Facebook, but for neighborhoods. It allows you and your neighbors, and only you and your neighbors, to talk online about issues affecting your street, your block or small geographical area you consider your neighborhood. The great parts are that the service is free and if you forget to log on every day, comments, questions and updates are sent right to your email.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Organize a garage sale
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name.

To date, Monrovia has launched seven neighborhoods, with seven more in the pilot phase. "We started promoting NextDoor.com because we saw the value in connecting people online for the day-to-day things that come up in a neighborhood. Not only do you get a better picture of where you live, but even if you aren't able to be outside in the neighborhood, you can still communicate with your neighbors," said Neighborhood Services Specialist Heather Greer.

Monrovia's largest online neighborhood to date has 47 members and affectionately calls themselves the Monrovia Bears. The Wildrose neighborhood, which has 15 members, was the first to get started almost 6 months ago. "I have used Nextdoor to welcome new neighbors, give away my couch and post information to keep our neighborhood looking good," said Heather Greer, also a member of the Wildrose neighborhood. The founder of the Little Italy neighborhood, Christine Voyvodich, has gotten 21 of her neighbors to sign up. "I've got my whole neighborhood on Nextdoor, and they love it- even those I doubted would sign up. It's been very successful."

Other online Monrovia neighborhoods include: Julian Fisher, Tree Streets, East Colorado, Sprouts, Mary Knoll, Monrovista/Hurstview, South Madison, Grand Avenue, Mayflower, Alhambra and 5th Avenue. Nancy Matthews of the Monrovia Bears said, "I'm a person who values face-to-face interaction so I was surprised to find that a website that actually helped me encourage relationships with people right nextdoor!"

If you are curious to find out more, Monrovia Neighborhood Services invites you to their annual Neighborhood Conference next Saturday, August 11 at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue. Starting at 10a.m., the Conference gives participants a chance to participate in free classes, meet City leaders and Staff, receive a free lunch and raffle prizes, and learn how to get more involved in the community to create the neighborhood you want.

Conference classes include: Monrovia Moving Forward, Making an Impact using Social Media, Unity in Diversity, Developing Leadership, Citizen Engagement, History of Monrovia, Developmental Assets for Kids, Code Enforcement, Social Services Panel, Disaster Preparedness, Government 101, and the Power of Presentation. Speakers come from across the region and serve as experts in their fields.

Contact Neighborhood Services at (626) 932-5563 or email map@ci.monrovia.ca.us to get more involved.

DUARTE KIWANIS CLUB IMPRESSED BY WHITE HOUSE VISIT AND PATRIOTIC PROGRAM



When Duarte Kiwanis Club President, Tina Carey, initially scheduled a July Program with Jimmy Weldon speaking on the topic of "Why I Love America", she never dreamed how coincidence would play a part in the meeting. Kiwanian, Lois Gaston, contacted Tina to share that a young man from her church, Joseph Spicer, had been honored with a trip to the White House to meet President Obama and could he attend the meeting and share his experience. Of course the answer was "yes".

It turns out, Joseph is a participant in the Big Brothers Program and he had nominated his Big Brother, Mike Trueblood of La Canada, as Big Brother of the Year. Mike was selected as this year's honoree – out of 266,000 Big Brothers! Part of the honor was a trip to the White House and the opportunity to meet with the President. Mike and Joseph shared their experience with Big Brothers – Mike has been Joseph's Big Brother for the past 5 years – and encouraged others to consider volunteering. It turns out there are over 400 boys and girls waiting for Big Brothers and Sisters in the local areas. Mike also shared a special gift they each got from President Obama – a box of White House M&M's. As Mike shared, he feels the M&M stands for Mentoring and Money – keys to continuing a great Big Brothers Organization.

The club was then enthralled with Speaker Jimmy Weldon as he shared "Why We Love America" – The Creation of Our Sacred Document, The Constitution. Jimmy is an engaging speaker who inspired each of the attendees. Jimmy is also the voice of Webster Webfoot and Yakee Doodle from the old Yogi Bear cartoons. The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

OPINION: by Joan Schmidt *Shame on Phil Reyes and his Dissenting Vote*

I have known Phil Reyes for close to twenty years. He has done a lot for Duarte communities. Years ago, he and Reyna Diaz participated in a campaign to register voters in the unincorporated Duarte area. Phil had been involved with LULAC over the years, and they award scholarships and do a lot for youths. At the July 17th Duarte City Council Meeting, Lois Gaston had accolades for Phil and a recent youth project.

However, at the July 31st Duarte City Council Meeting, he missed the boat. He was the lone dissenting vote against declaring a fiscal emergency that would necessitate a measure on the November 6 ballot that would add up to a half percent sales tax increase in Duarte. The vote had to be unanimous for the measure to go on the ballot.

Phil's reasoning was that he felt the city's fiscal situation was not a dire one. He also said the city needed to be more aggressive in bringing in jobs and creating economic development. Then

there would be no need for a sales-tax increase.

At the meeting, he actually said, "I don't trust my colleagues or the city manager. That's the way I feel. I'm sorry, and I'm voting no on this thing."

I understand how Phil is against raising taxes, however this measure wasn't raising the taxes, but giving the voters the option to do so.

Mr. George, the City Manager, said a sales-tax measure would permit the city to "proactively respond to this perfect storm" that Duarte and many other cities are facing with the dissolution of the Cities' Development Agencies. Mr. George went further and explained that Duarte has also dealt with \$3.6 million in state take-aways since 2008.

If the sales tax was increased by one-quarter to one-half percent, it would increase from \$1 million to \$2 million annually what goes to city coffers.

Currently, Duarte will lose its Special Assignment Deputy in January, and park restroom cleaning will be reduced to twice a week.

Mayor Fasana had said, "It's no secret that there has been division" on

the council and a lack of trust among some council members. But he thought the council members would recognize a common need to address revenue shortcomings. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

I admire Mr. Reyes, but I felt what Council Members Margaret Finlay and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci said would have been the better choice. They felt the voters should have been given the opportunity to determine what happens in their city's future. The voters could choose whether or not to vote for the increase in the sales tax.

I live in Monrovia, but I shop Duarte. There's Walmart, Ralph's, Target, Best Buy and Staples. Several times, I have engaged in conversation with other customers at Walmart, and they travel DISTANCES to get the better food prices. Walmart's pharmacy also provides prescriptions at a good rate. I cannot imagine anyone not agreeing to a slight rise in sales tax, especially if it means keeping a Special Assignment Deputy.

I am very sorry for the City of Duarte and its residents. They should have been given an option over whether or not to raise the sales tax.

CLAUDIA HELLER OF DUARTE HONORED



Claudia Heller of Duarte was among those honored for her dedication, compassion and outstanding contributions to the People of the 32nd District by Congresswoman Judy Chu at her 3rd Annual DiverCities Awards Ceremony held July 28 at the University of the West in Rosemead.

Heller was presented with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for her "selfless commitment to the community" through her years of volunteerism. Heller is the longtime president of the Duarte Historical Society and Duarte Historical Museum, where she also serves as a docent. She is also a member and past president of the Duarte Woman's Club, writes a bi-monthly column about the Duarte community in the Star Weekly of the Pasadena Star News. She shares her love of nature and travel with the community through semi-annual bird walks along the San Gabriel River and volunteers her expertise to the Duarte Senior Center by hosting tours to interesting historical locales.

This was the second award this year for Heller who was honored in May by the Duarte Senior Center as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year, and subsequently recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for her dedication and commitment to the City of Duarte and the Duarte Senior Center.

Congresswoman Chu's DiverCities Awards recognizes the diverse leadership and volunteerism in the cities that make up the 32nd District. It presents an opportunity to recognize the San Gabriel Valley's diverse business, cultural and philanthropic communities.

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of July 30 - August 1, 2012

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 513 service events, resulting in 82 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city-government/departments/police-department-homepage> and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Theft From a Vehicle / Residential Burglary

July 30 at 1:34 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Alta Vista. The suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle, which was parked in her driveway, and removed the garage door opener. The suspect(s) then activated the remote to access the victim's garage door. A vacuum and a storage bin with miscellaneous clothing were missing from the garage. Investigation continuing.

Vandalism

July 30 at 4:23 p.m., an officer responded to a business in the 1300 block of South Myrtle regarding the report of vandalism. Unknown suspect(s) etched graffiti into the glass window of the business. Investigation continuing.

Theft From Vehicles

July 30 at 7:20 a.m. and 1:32 p.m., two petty thefts from vehicles were reported in the same area: the 500 to 600 blocks of West Palm. Both vehicles were either unlocked or had the window slightly open. In both cases, women's purses that were left in the vehicles were taken. The purses contained small amounts of US currency and debit/credit cards. One of the stolen purses was later reported as found property at Violet and Foothill. Investigation continuing.

Warrant / Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer - Suspect Arrested

July 30 at 8:15 p.m., officers responded to the report of an intoxicated subject in the 900 block of Genoa. When the officer arrived in the area, the suspect fled on foot, running through yards. The suspect was identified and it was learned he had a felony warrant for his arrest. After a lengthy search with the suspect eluding officers by climbing fences and running yard-to-yard, the Foothill Air Support Team helicopter was summoned and was able to locate the suspect hiding. When he realized the helicopter had found him, the suspect tried to run again, but he was detained by officers and arrested without further incident. The suspect was held for the warrant and resisting arrest.

Theft by Deception

August 1 at 6:06 p.m., a dark-colored Chevy Trailblazer parked in front of the office door of a car dealership in the 800 block of East Central. A man exited the passenger door, the driver was never seen, and entered the cashier's office. He asked the cashier if she could give him a \$100 bill for two \$50 dollar bills. He handed her two \$50 dollar bills and she gave him the \$100. It appears that he had secreted a \$10 bill in his palm. He quickly palmed the \$100 bill and held up the \$10 bill, shouting at the cashier that she only gave him ten dollars. The cashier became nervous and took the \$10 bill, while giving him another \$100 bill. The suspect then left in the waiting vehicle. The suspect is described as a male Black, approximately 40 year old, 6'1", 200 pounds, black hair, wearing a blue hat, blue jersey with the number 23 on it, and blue shorts. The investigation is continuing.

Assault - Suspect Arrested

August 1 at 10:36 p.m., an assault was reported in the 900 block of West Colorado. The male victim's female friend was intoxicated and angry. She hit him several times with a metal skillet. He suffered lacerations, a broken finger, and pain on his head. She was arrested without incident.

Detective Bureau Case Follow-up

Home Invasion Robbery

On July 15, 2012, a home invasion robbery occurred in the City of Monrovia. Police are seeking help from the public in identifying the suspect. A composite sketch of the possible suspect is available on the Police Department website Wanted Flyers section at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/crime-info/police-wanted-flyers>.

LIBRARY'S POPULAR PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER

Registration is now open for Sierra Madre Public Library's popular Parent/Child workshop series, slated for September 6, 13, 20, 27, and October 4.

Sessions will take place at the Library on consecutive Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will be interactive including toys, crafts, books and play in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns.

The parenting workshop will feature noted resource professionals from the community and each session will feature a different aspect of parenting, including early literacy, speech, hearing and language development, child development, nutrition, music, play, and health.

Families with children ages 36 months and younger are encouraged to register now as past workshops have filled up fast. Enrollment is free, but in-person pre-registration at the Library is required to ensure a spot in the program.

This project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

GRADUATIONS

RIKKI JEFFRIES OF PASADENA GRADUATES FROM DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Pasadena resident Rikki Jeffries graduated from Drexel University's Antionette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design with a Bachelor of Science. More than 5,000 students received degrees from Drexel this year at the University's 125th Commencement. Speakers and honorary degree recipients of the Drexel commencement ceremonies included: Linda Gooden, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin's Information Systems & Global Solutions (IS&GS) business area and an officer of the Lockheed and Martin Corporation, Paul R. Ehrlich, a prominent ecologist and evolutionist, Sheila Bair, 19th Chairperson of the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), David A. Kessler, M.D., former commissioner of the United States Food and Drug Administration, and Nile G. Rodgers, American musician, composer, arranger and guitarist.

Founded in 1891 in Philadelphia, Drexel is the nation's 14th largest private university and is ranked among the best national universities by U.S. News & World Report. Drexel is widely recognized for its focus on experiential learning through its cooperative education program and translational research initiatives.

JOSEPHINE HO OF SIERRA MADRE GRADUATES FROM WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Josephine Ho of Sierra Madre, CA graduated from Wellesley College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Theatre Studies on Friday, May 25 and was awarded The Davenport Performance Prize for Acting from the College. Only 66 senior prizes were awarded to members of this year's graduating class, which totaled just over 600 students.

The Davenport Performance Prize for Acting was established in 1922 by George H. Davenport, a former Trustee.

Wellesley College is one of the most selective liberal arts colleges in the country. The College attracts a talented and diverse student body, with nearly 2,400 undergraduate students from 49 states, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and 71 countries. Wellesley College is located in Wellesley, Massachusetts, approximately 12 miles outside of Boston.



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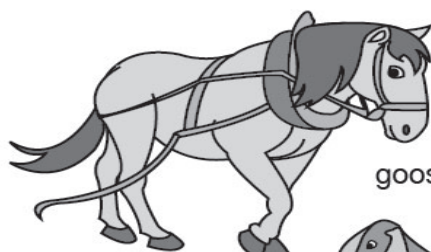


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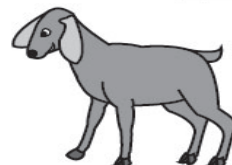
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- I have a long neck like a camel. My soft fur is used to make clothing and blankets. I can help carry things up mountains. I am calm, but watch out - sometimes I spit!
- If I am a rooster, I crow at sunrise. If I am a hen, I lay eggs.
- I might eat hay, grass, barley or corn. My milk can be made into butter, cheese, yogurt and ice cream. I even have a type of bell named after me!
- I have long ears and great hearing. I may freeze when frightened, then thump the ground to warn others.
- I lay eggs. My feathers are used for pillows. I have good eyesight and honk loudly when something seems wrong.
- My fluffy wool ranges in color from creamy white to black. It is sheared and used for making clothing and carpeting.
- Some say I like damp and rainy weather. My babies follow me in a line. I have webbed feet for swimming.
- I help to herd and gather sheep. I guard and protect.
- I have a pink curly tail. I lie in mud to keep cool. When someone makes a mess others may joke that they act like me.

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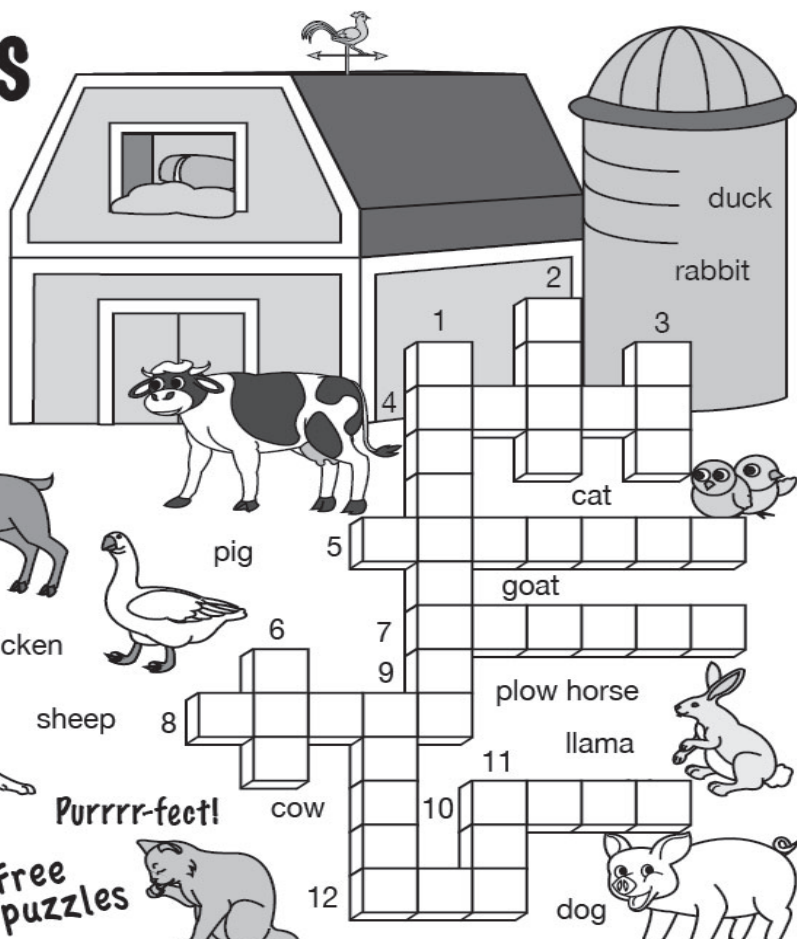
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STUDENT-BUILT SATELLITES: A NEW WAY TO DO SPACE RESEARCH

Eleven tiny satellites called CubeSats will accompany a spy satellite into Earth orbit on Aug. 2, inaugurating a new type of inexpensive, modular nanosatellite designed to piggyback aboard other NASA missions.

One of the eleven is CINEMA (CubeSat for Ions, Neutrals, Electrons, & Magnetic fields), an 8-pound, shoebox-size package built over a period of three years by 45 students from the University of California, Berkeley; Kyung Hee University in Korea; Imperial College London; Inter-American University of Puerto Rico; and University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez.

“This is a new way of doing space research, funded by the National Science Foundation with launch arranged by NASA,” said CINEMA principal investigator Robert Lin, professor emeritus of physics and former director of UC Berkeley’s Space Sciences Laboratory. “This is our first try, but if everything works, we’re going to get a lot of good science out of this.”

CINEMA will obtain images of the “ring current,” an electrical current that encircles the Earth and which, during large magnetic “space storms,” can blow out power grids on the ground. By next year, CubeSat will be joined by three identical satellites—two launched by Korea and another NASA-launched CubeSat—that together will monitor the 3-dimensional structure of the ring current and warn of dangerous activity.

CINEMA is one of five university-built CubeSats aboard the Atlas V rocket; the other six are military or commercial. The main payload is NROL-36, a classified satellite commissioned by the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office.

NASA’s CubeSat Launch initiative provides an opportunity for small satellite payloads to fly as auxiliary payloads on previously planned missions. The nanosatellites are made of cubes that are approximately four inches on a side, have a volume of about one quart, weigh about two pounds, and are meant to be grouped in twos or threes for a particular satellite. CINEMA, for example, is comprised of three cubes. Some two dozen CubeSats are built or under construction at universities alone, and these 11 are the first to go into orbit.

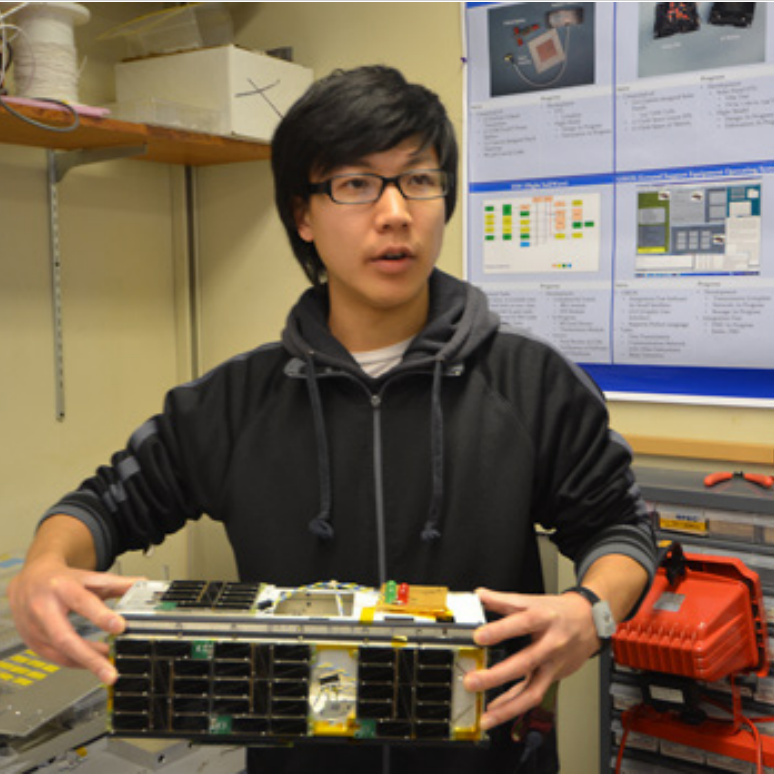
For three years, Lin has overseen the construction and testing of CINEMA, aided by 25 UC Berkeley science and engineering undergraduates and graduate students. For two summers and winter vacations, some 10 students from Korea came to UC Berkeley to assist, while 8 students from Puerto Rico came to help with the engineering.

“There is more risk with these projects, because we use off-the-shelf products, 90 percent of the work is done by students, and the parts are not radiation-hard,” Lin said. “But it is cheaper and has the latest hardware. I will be very impressed if it lasts more than a year in orbit.”

The spacecraft carries a new instrument, STEIN, which detects energetic neutral atoms (ENAs) to produce an image of the high-energy charged particles in Earth’s atmosphere, mostly ionized hydrogen and oxygen.

“It’s like astronomy, but using neutral particles instead of light to create an image,” Lin said.

Lin and his UC Berkeley colleagues, including research physicist Thomas Immel and grad student John Sample, will communicate with CINEMA through the lab’s Mission



Jerry Kim, a former student and systems engineer, holds the CINEMA nanosatellite before it was packaged up and sent to NASA in January 2012. Robert Sanders photo.

Operations Center and Ground Station, a radio dish in the Berkeley hills.

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On Line By PJ Carpenter

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW BY NOW!

These days one would need to be operating on a super-sized dose of naïveté in order to believe that one’s personal data and web habits weren’t being tracked and catalogued on a daily basis. Tracking cookies are the norm on nearly all websites today and a quick review of the tech headlines over the last year or so would certainly make it clear that certain unnamed social media giants have earned a bit of a reputation for mishandling or over-collecting users’ personal data. Beside the big splashes that we hear about every so often there are several other ways through which online entities may be intruding on your privacy.

At the top of the list is the federated group of intelligence agencies that make up our national security state. The very idea the government agents may be reading your emails and listening in on your calls sounds like the stuff of late-night AM radio conspiracy theories but saner minds claim that it’s not only possible but that it’s been going on for quite some time. Since the tragic events of 9/11 a major undertaking has been the construction of a super-sized data center to sift through the massive amounts of data traversing our communications networks every second of every day.

Government whistle-blowers have confirmed that our homeland security offices have been hard at work compiling dossiers on nearly every US citizen or person within our borders but good luck with getting any kind of official confirmation on these activities. Needless to say it would be impossible to “opt-out” of these types of data-collection processes. For more information check out the Electronic Freedom Foundation website (<https://eff.org>) for details on the types of activities our government may be up to and what you can do about it. It also seems that

our wireless carriers have begun to get in on the act.

One lucrative gig involves retrieving users’ locations on behalf of law enforcement, and in many cases without warrants. In 2011 AT&T reportedly received \$8.2 Million for providing this service. Other big wireless providers have found that using aggregated, anonymous customer data gathered from web surfing apps is a service that third-parties can then use to target ads to specific customers.

In order to opt-out of targeted advertising, users must contact their service provider and explicitly request that their data not be provided to third-parties. Users who may be concerned about being followed can stop using location-based GPS apps on your phone. Debt Collectors have found Facebook to be a valuable source for tracking people who may or may not be in debt and while this method of collection may not be new to many apparently some unlucky users are just beginning to hear about it.

Horror stories abound of debt collectors who not only stalk the debtor but harass family and friends as well. In the physical world legislation currently on the books govern the ways in which collectors may contact debtors but online the rules are a bit murkier. The main thing one can do in this instance is to adjust your privacy settings so that strangers may not contact you.

Facebook has also made it quite clear that it does not condone such behavior on its network and advises users to contact the company, the Federal Trade Commission and the relevant Attorney General for the state in question.



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KATIE TseThis and That



“A REALLY BIG SHOW!”

Have you been keeping up with the Olympics? It’s hard to avoid, being splashed across headlines and continuously replayed on TV. Every angle of the Olympics have been analyzed, from questions about indeterminate gender to doping speculations. No doubt you’re sick of hearing about it. It’s always challenging to find a new spin on an overused topic, but I like to try. The only problem is --I don’t have a TV!

Of course, there’s plenty of Olympic information in newspapers and online. But reading about it and looking at pictures just doesn’t provide the same level of understanding that actual viewership does. Therefore, I’m coming at this article with limited knowledge of the subject. (But then again; that’s never stopped me before!) So, here are my thoughts, for what they’re worth, regarding the games going on across the pond.

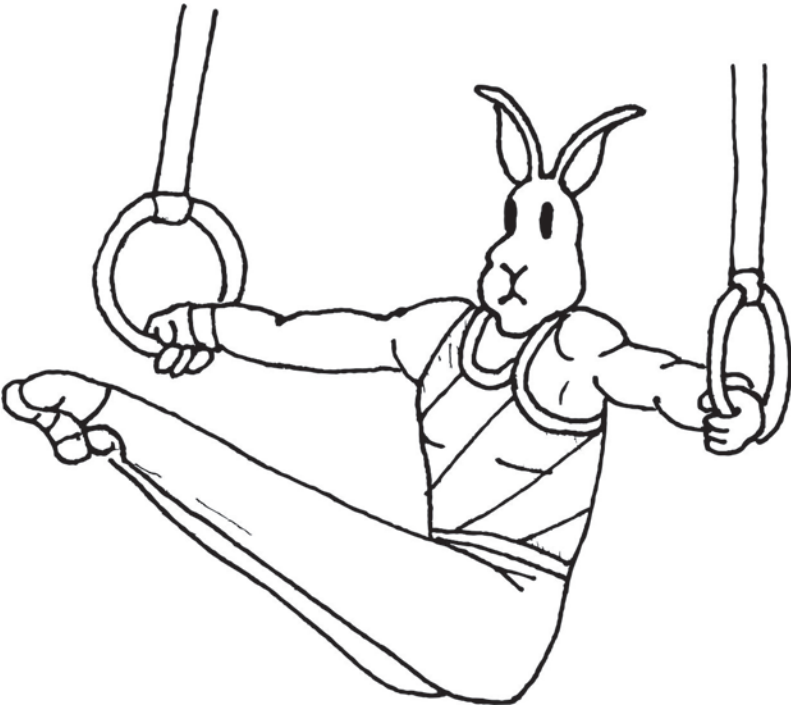
It’s a mystery to me why some sports are greatly emphasized over others. Why are swimming, diving, and gymnastics more enthralling than, say, sailing and table tennis? In the winter Olympics, the media’s all about figure skating, while events like bobsledding and “skeleton” (luge racing, but headfirst) are comparatively overlooked. Perhaps viewers subconsciously gravitate toward sports in which the competitors are encased in spandex or nearly naked. Like super heroes, these athletes portray the perfect human body. And they accomplish physical feats the rest of us couldn’t dream of doing.

This brings up another Olympic observation: athletic clothing.

When we look back at photos from past Olympic games, we sometimes chuckle at the incredibly dated clothing. How is it that something so basic as a leotard can be made to look like an explosion of garish geometric shapes? However, the most unflattering outfit, as I see it, is the fencing setup.

Obviously, the fencing uniform’s main function is protection rather than fashion. I know nothing about fashion, but I think the fencing outfit emphasizes all the wrong places (especially for women). It’s bad enough that the face mask makes the wearer look like the monster from “The Fly” with Vincent Price. (If you haven’t seen that movie, it’s your homework for the week!) But these new electronic fandanglements rigged with wires running from the waist to the head make them look like storm troopers with a helmet full of Christmas lights.

At least there are some sports that don’t require the players to dress too foolishly. Golf comes to mind, although it’s not featured in these Olympics. Another nice thing about golf is that you don’t have to have a body like a Greek god to play well. There’s something refreshing about seeing a young, cute thing beaten to oblivion by a portly lady in her fifties. But I digress. Hopefully next week will find me more knowledgeable. Maybe I’ll have a chance to catch the games on TV at a restaurant or something. Until then, you enjoy them for me! And rent “The Fly!”



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TIPPING ANOTHER VIEW

My dearly departed pappy Elmer Dills would tell me; don't argue sex, politics, and or religion. And now I must add tipping to the list. I have used this topic many times on my radio show, Dining with Dills on KABC Radio, to get the phones buzzing. Just a month ago I was on vacation in Greece and was sure that I had the correct formula for tipping in Greece, but alas I must say that each country in Europe is different. A friend of mine recently visited England and was told 'no tipping necessary', but he found that to be wrong. In Japan it always included and considered in bad taste, in Greece after I tipped 20% my first day, I was told that rounding up your bill or 10% token tip is well appreciated. My father's rule of thumb here in the states was 10% for a buffet and couple of extra dollars to the busboy and never tip the full amount on an expensive bottle of wine.. His thought was it takes up the same amount of energy to open a \$25 bottle of wine that of a \$200 bottle of wine. Makes sense to me.



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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What made me scratch my head is a recent posting by what seems to be a very capable blogger/ someone that posts on the Internet.

This was a list of nine recommendations to us, uninformed diners, on how to tip in the year 2012. Of course it might be a little biased coming from a person that works for tips, going through the list I agreed with the concept: \$1 per drink at the bar as the tip, if you are using a coupon or getting part or whole of your meal comped, you should tip on what the amount should be, agree and agreed, but next is where the scratching took place.

Times have changed, (ok I am with you), and a 15% tip is now considered a bad tip. I am reading it as if you received bad service please tip 15% or that your server gave great service and 15% is an insult. The reasoning continues to say that with the cost of living going up, that to be a server, 15% doesn't cut it anymore. Here is my argument against that thought process. As a professional person such as a waiter, indeed you will not get a raise from the owner of the restaurant because it is set in stone and is a timeless practice that the job pays minimum wage plus tips. Not the end of the story though, many restaurants will pay \$2 more an hour to the "training" waiter or the headwaiter. As your experience grows and you become better, it would make sense that your tips as a percentage would grow accordingly.

Tips... they are to insure proper service. Here is my rundown and no it hasn't changed in twenty years of reviewing restaurants.

Anyone in any country that provides a service should be rewarded.

10% buffet plus \$2 directly to busboy that brought you water and had to clean up after the kids through Jell-O on the ground.

\$1 for each drink at the bar

\$2 for a to-go order, as long as they got it right

12% fair service, means they brought you the food and came back with your check

15% Good service brought you your food and drinks and refilled drinks and asked how was it

18% Very Good service, all of the above, plus asked you if your meal was prepared to your liking

20-25% All of the above, brought items in proper order, waited for you to ask for check, asked if there is a validation needed, and please ask for me next time.

One more note... I subtract 5% when the server blames the kitchen for a mistake, got it?!

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INGREDIENTS:

.1 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1/2 cup melted butter
 2 egg whites
 2/3 cup sugar
 1 (10 ounce) package frozen strawberries
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 cup whipping cream, whipped

DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Stir together flour, sugar, walnuts, and butter. Sprinkle this crumbly mixture onto a cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 20 minutes, stirring a few times to break up the mixture.
- 2 Meanwhile, whip egg whites until frothy. Gradually beat in sugar. Add strawberries and lemon juice. Beat at high speed a few minutes (up to ten minutes depending on your mixer) until very light and fluffy. Fold in whipped cream.
- 3 Sprinkle 2/3 of the crumb mixture into a 13X9 inch pan. Spread strawberry mixture on top of crumbs. Top with rest of crumbs.
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PET OF THE WEEK: FAYE: Animal ID #A4467575

While jogging, a kennel attendant discovered a rather odd pair, in that of a large German Shepherd and her tiny Pomeranian pal. That lovely shepherd is the stunning Faye (A4467575). Faye, a friendly, inquisitive two year old black and brown spayed female German Shepherd, was found as a stray along with her little friend Newton (A4467578). They seem to be the best of friends. The two were brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on July 27th. Weighing sixty pounds, Faye walks well on the leash and gets along well with other dogs. All those who have met her think she will be exceptionally good with children. Faye is a magnificent girl who will be a spectacular indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home. It would be great to see the pair adopted together, but they can also go separately. To watch a video of Faye and Newton please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9XsLIJAIN4



To meet Faye in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Faye, please reference her animal ID number: A4467575. 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 Faye 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/>.



ANSWERED PRAYER FOR BIRDS OF PREY

While working on a project at home recently, I had neglected to turn off the television after watching the morning news, and I happened to over-hear a very interesting short documentary segment that featured an interview and on-site visit with Kimberly Stroud, director of Ojai Raptor Center, in Ojai, California. I was immediately drawn-in to the broadcast when I heard Kimberly say, "There are many things you can do in your life, but when you find something that truly fulfills your heart, that is a good thing." I love hearing such positive comments, particularly on the news, and I could so relate to the sentiment of what Kim had to say, because just a few years ago I chose to leave my "corporate career path" to pursue what my heart was telling me to do. My heart's true calling happens to be spending time with animals. Kim Stroud apparently received a similar message from her heart several years ago, but her heart's callings was to tend to the immediate and very unique needs of injured and orphaned wild birds of prey. After watching the short segment about Ojai Raptor Center, I decided to look them up on line for more information.

Nestled neatly in the silent and somewhat sleepy hills north of Ventura, the Ojai Raptor Center (ORC) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization devoted to rescuing birds of prey and a variety of other wild animals in need of human intervention and care. Ojai Raptor Center's mission is focused on helping and healing injured or orphaned wild animals, particularly birds of prey, and doing whatever it takes to prepare them for release back to their original habitat. Licensed by the California Department of Fish & Game, Ojai Raptor Center facilitates an average of up to 1,300 needy wild animals per year. They provide emergency medical attention and on-going rehabilitation assistance to the animals they take in, with the goal of releasing them back to the wild from which they came.

Unfortunately, many of the animals OCR takes in and cares for cannot be released to the wild, due to physical ailments and conditions that render them too vulnerable to survive. In this case, ORC provides continued care and comfortable surroundings that are as close to their natural habitat as possible, throughout their lifetime. ORC networks with other qualified wild animal rescue and care facility centers when necessary, to help ensure immediate & proper care. There are a number of reasons why wild animals are rendered unable to sustain themselves or survive in their own natural habitat, and Ojai Raptor Center is committed to being there for each creature, whatever the circumstances. Most of the wild animals that end up at ORC come as the result of an emergency call through their telephone hot-line. They accept emergency calls 24-7 and they are always willing to help a wild animal in need.

ORC employs the most humane, one-on-one intimate rehabilitation techniques possible, focusing on a very peaceful transitional method, in hopes that the animal will become strong enough to be released. Their goal is to release animals back into the same location that they were found in, or in an area close-by with a healthy "prey-base", for optimal conditions to re-establish themselves in a familiar habitat. So much goes into a project such as Ojai Raptor Center. Federal, state and local laws must be complied with, and each animal has it's own needs in terms of food and facility. It takes a lot of effort and funding to maintain such a facility. There are a lot of "behind the scenes" animal lovers involved with keeping ORC active, and for that I know Kim and her cohorts are very grateful. But there is always a need for more help. There are many ways that interested individuals can help out, both financially and on a volunteer basis. Ojai Raptor Center holds annual fund-raising events in October, including live music, food, a silent auction and lots of fun activities for the kids. Check out their website for a calendar of up-coming events. They also have a fabulous Wildlife Education Program for kids. To arrange for a presentation of this program at your school or organization, call 805-649-6884 or e-mail ORC at the address shown below.

Being the animal lover that I am, it didn't take much to prompt me to become a "sponsor" for this very worthy cause. It was so easy, and it only took a few minutes of my time. If you would like to help ORC in their effort to continue caring for wild animals in need, please visit: ojairaptorcenter.org or e-mail: ojairaptorcenter@gmail.com for more information. Rest assured, the birds of prey will definitely appreciate your answer to their prayers!



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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

HEAVENLY BEAT

Heavenly Beat, the latest venture from ex-Beach Fossils bassist, John Peña, has an utterly delectable sound. His debut LP, "Talent" is heavy rhythm inducing and it occupies a diversity of sounds ranging from hints of dance, soul, lo-fi, and surf-rock. Heavenly Beat is a far cry from Peña's previous band. While Beach Fossils are the epitome of chillwave, Heavenly Beat is not. With "Talent", Peña takes his experiences with Beach Fossils and developed an entirely sensual and quite mesmerizing record by anyone's account. Despite the diversity in tones, each sequential track does sound somewhat familiar to the next. It's not necessarily a bad thing, since every song is marvelous in its own slightly distinctive way. The record's theme is somewhat of an enigma with all one-name titles for the respective songs. What should be noted is how all the tunes presented here have a distinguishable ebullient beat that carries endlessly through. It won't be too long, until you find yourself submerged into the mindset of Peña as he displays a truly innovative approach to a genre filled to the brim of equals that really don't match the vibes or mood crafted here.

Artist: Heavenly Beat
Album: Talent
Label: Captured Tracks
Release Date: July 24th, 2012

"Talent" is graced with eleven delicate but robust tracks that give the listener roughly 35 and ½ minutes of sublime contentment. You can't knock an album such as this which will easily put you into a wistful state of mind. The powers of "Talent" seem limitless, but are constrained into a particular section of the genre. The album never strays away from the sound it initially proposes. However, if you like one song here, chances are you'll like them all. It just boils down to how much you like each individual song. The collection of tunes from beginning to end makes up for one of the most consistent albums of the year. One of my favorite songs off "Talent" is "Faithless", with its 70s disco inspired verses and outright beguiling beat. "Influence" is striking and beautiful and, while the shortest in duration, it's definitely the most memorable. The tunes flow as if they are effortlessly performed - simple one minute, intricate the next. Heavenly Beat may seem to play with overwhelming amount of ease, but don't believe for a second that every bit of heart, mind, and soul weren't connected in delivering upon this enlivening assortment of songs.

I truly can't fault the band for anything. I love the fact that Peña took a completely different direction with H.B. than simply trying to emulate the sound of Beach Fossils. In the end, "Talent" is entirely intoxicating with glorious songs that are as much of a joy to listen to at face value, as they are getting completely lost in the beat with. No matter if you're a dreamer or realist, Heavenly Beat has something for you with no preparation needed to dive right in.

Grade: 8.5 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Faithless", "Tolerance", "Presence", "Influence"

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Of course we love this place. We see truth here. We nod in agreement with our teacher and fellow students. It's not just fun, but uplifts us and allows us more freedom. When we haven't been on our mats in awhile, there is this really awesome feeling when we roll it out again, a sigh, a contentment – yes, my yoga practice! I am going to feel great again.

There is nothing like that first downward dog in the morning. But then, of course the real work begins: taking what you have learned off your mat and into the real world. Less stress, more happiness are good things to take into the world. Less drama and better health are what we are wanting. Here is the ancient formula for a happy and successful life: Asana (yoga postures), Pranayama (yoga breath work) and meditation. The rest falls into place beautifully. It doesn't happen with a pill or overnight. You don't believe me? If you don't – there is only one reason, you just haven't been on your mat enough.

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FITNESS MADE EASY by Kurt Vasquez

SMARTPHONE FOR FITNESS??



Yes, I am a smartphone freak! Just like many of you who own this wonderful gadget that is terrible at making phone calls, we become fascinated with the other handy tools that actually work on it. There are countless Apps that are fitness and diet related, all of which serve the great purpose of helping track calories and activities. Some Apps even provide exercise instruction and routines.

These Apps on your phone can become just as useful as, say, Gazelle or Ab Toner currently taking up room in your garage. You may ask, "What is the harm with down-loading something that only costs a few bucks?" Well.....nothing.

Here is my question to you....if all these Apps are so good, why aren't we finding success in using them? The answer is quite simply that after a week they lose the novelty and usefulness in our daily life.

Ok, so how do you use them? First thoroughly read the description and reviews of all the exercise apps that catch your eye, then pick the one that's the most appealing. Challenge yourself to use any App you download for at least thirty days. Don't buy another one till you have used the first for at least those first 30 days.

Use the same diligence when picking a nutrition or calorie counting program. With these Apps, be sure you get one that helps you both track and count calories so you can print them out daily. The way to utilize calorie counting Apps is to write down everything that you eat/drink and their associated calories. The only way to have success with these Apps is to actually see the raw data print out in front of your face, then make changes according to what you see. Just like the workout programs, the 30 day rule needs to be applied.

This article isn't exclusive to smart phone users but is for anyone who has browsed internet sites or bought countless books to help them get to a better physical place. Take the thirty day challenge before you decide to open your wallet again.

Kurt Vasquez is a Nationally Certified Personal Trainer. His philosophy is simple: Fitness is a process, not a project. He can be reached at (626) 695-2624 or kurtvasquez@yahoo.com.

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



JUST LISTED... JUST COMPLETED *Arcadia Estate Designed by Robert Tong*

Highly respected local architect, Robert Tong of Sanyao International, invested one of his finest efforts on the design of this just completed this Arcadia masterpiece. If one creates a wish list of the finest bells and whistles for a new estate these days, Tong and builder, Bowden International have the list committed to memory.

Bowden began with the perennially strong Arcadia community known for its stellar schools and easy commute access. It doesn't hurt that the new BART station under construction will make the train ride to LA and beyond even easier soon.

The 7543 square foot, five bedroom, seven bath home was built in what Tong and Bowden call "new California Mediterranean, evocative of Southern California's finest architectural history," according to listing agent, John Garton.

It's hard to decide which details to call out as each and every room has been meticulously fine tuned to a highly discriminating standard of both materials and workmanship. The two story, grand foyer sets the expectations high from the first glance, with intricate wrought iron work with magnificent, inset repeated patterns. The curved staircase floats softly from first floor to second. The long lines of the foyer's Italian marble flooring draw the eye in to appreciate the scale and depth of the entry, bounded by darker contrasting stonework following the intricate contour of the staircase.

The two story dining room's grandeur is simple yet effective, using oversized geometric shapes to wow, and a continuation of the dramatic marble flooring for continuity. Double stacked doors and windows provide a breathtaking vertical scale to the room, softened by the gallery overlook from the second floor. The wrought iron work bears repeated mention, especially as it is used as artwork complimenting the arch and pillar work of the formal areas.

The living room, with six arched windows and a stately central fireplace boasts a long list of high end amenities, but my favorite is the subtle, yet superb work of Evan Wilson of Le Grande Studios in La Crescenta. In this, Wilson's first project for Bowden, he created a sophisticated hand painted, barrel ceiling in soft hues that enhance rather than overpower the room.

Wilson continued his inspiration as well on the patio's outside fireplace area, an area perfect to seamlessly extend the entertaining space of the dining room through the three sets of french doors.

Tong hit yet another home run with his master bath, a beautiful study in mirror images. Using a stunning combination of three complementary stones for counters, flooring and tub surround, the bath is functional as well as oh, so elegant. The home theater room includes a 120 inch, wide screen media system, and a wet bar. With two levels of seating space for a crowd of nine, there's never a bad seat in the theater.

The sumptuous library and spacious family room both boast beamed ceilings, but in the interest of attention to detail, they are treated differently. The traditional library includes a wall of custom built-in cabinetry for storage and display and a wood ceiling with intricate millwork detail, all finished in a rich dark hue. The casual areas are open to one another, for comfortable, California-style living, and easy indoor to outdoor entertaining. Stainless steel appliances dot the kitchen like jewels around the neck of the massive slab stone center island. The detail work on both the counter fabrication, with intricate notches and edge work on the counter slab, and beautiful added corner carpentry on the cabinetry provide a gorgeous hub for this home, as a kitchen always is, no matter how large the residence.

If you have that seemingly endless list of "gotta haves" for an Arcadia home of your dreams, like an elevator, a gorgeous pool, wok cooking area, gated entry, and... and... and... this home probably fulfills your wishes with artisan craftsmanship, exemplary materials and solid, inspired design.

2001 S. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia will be open Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5 from 1-5 p.m. The home is offered at \$3,688,000 by John Garton of Dilbeck Estates Christie's International Real Estate. For more information, call 626-233-0228.



**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**

by **Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®**

ANALYZE THIS

When you're ready to make an offer on your dream home, will you gaze into a crystal ball for mysterious guidance to determine the magical price that the sellers will accept? Oh, if only it were that easy! There are a number of factors to consider when formulating your offer, but one of the most important tools is the Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) prepared by your real estate agent.

The CMA takes the characteristics of your house (number of rooms, square footage, age, location, etc.) and compares it to similar listings in the area. You'll see the prices of properties that are currently for sale, have recently sold, or have expired without selling. Current listing prices are irrelevant, but pay attention to the prices at which properties SOLD, because that's what buyers were willing to pay.

Throw out the highest and lowest prices in the range and figure an average sales price for the remaining homes. Your agent will help you determine how those "average" homes compare to the one you want, so that you can adjust your offer accordingly.

Be sure to note how recently those sales took place, too, because sales from six months ago are probably no longer relevant or useful for your decision. Your agent will help interpret the information so that you can make a fair offer likely to be accepted.

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

THE DANGERS OF TREE WORK

As reported by *The Pasadena Star-News* in Pasadena, California, a 31-year-old tree trimmer died after apparently being electrocuted and falling from a palm tree Saturday, July 28 in Arcadia, California. This sobering accident is a stark reminder of the dangers of tree care and highlights the need for tree care companies, along with homeowners/property managers who hire them to uphold the highest standards for worker safety.

"Unfortunately for the industry overall, serious accidents seem to be increasing," says Peter Gerstenberger, arborist for the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). "We need to transform the industry and create a safety culture that will keep all tree workers safe in an inherently hazardous occupation." To help prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future, homeowners looking for tree care companies should:

- Hire a qualified tree care company. Find one at www.treecaretips.org.
- Ask for current certificates of liability and workers' compensation insurance, if applicable.
- Ask for local references, and check on the quality of their work and level of service.
- Verify professional affiliations the company might have, such as memberships in business and/or professional organizations, or Accreditation with the Tree Care Industry Association.
- Insist on a signed contract as to cost, dates when work is to be performed, and exactly what is to be done.
- Get a second opinion and quote.

In these tough economic times, homeowners are tempted to go with the lowest bid, or even to attempt tree work themselves. "Either scenario can be extremely risky," cautions Gerstenberger. "As this accident demonstrates, pruning large limbs, felling trees and especially climbing into trees are hazardous activities even for trained professionals."

With over seven years of field experience as an arborist and 25 years of working in safety, compliance and education, Gerstenberger is a nationally recognized source for tree care standards of practice. He is the Senior Advisor for Safety, Compliance & Standards advisor for TCIA.

About the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA): Founded in 1938, TCIA is a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA also has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that adhere to industry standards for quality and safety; maintain trained, professional staff; and are dedicated to ethical and professional business practices. With access to the latest and best safety standards and training, the typical TCIA member company has 50% fewer accidents than a typical non-member.

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Adorable cottage with lots of personality, built in 1909. The home has original hard wood floors, 2 nice size bedrooms with adequate closet space, 1 full bathroom, and a spacious living room. The kitchen has plenty cabinet space, breakfast counter/bar, and a dining area with windows looking out into deck and backyard. The backyard is large and private with endless possibilities. The home is located near restaurants, shops, and Memorial Park. Must see to appreciate!



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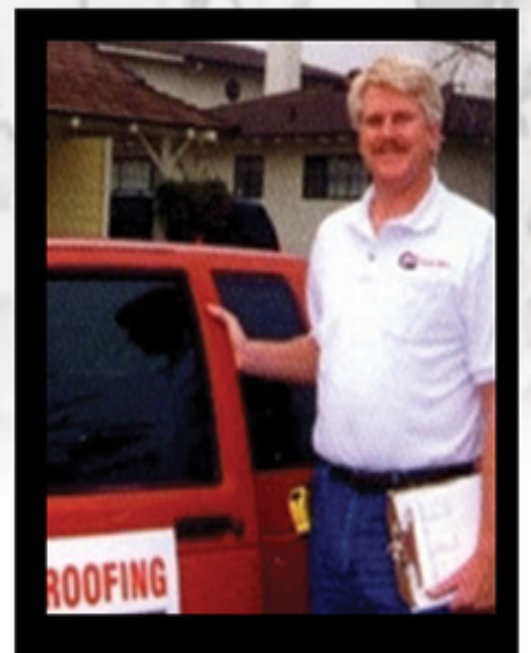
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HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR PRE-MEDICARE SPOUSES

Dear Savvy Senior:

My wife, who's 60, is on my health insurance plan through my employer. When I retire in a few months at 65, and go on Medicare, what happens to her? Do we have to purchase private insurance, or is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses?

Nearly Retired

Dear Nearly:

Unfortunately for you and millions of other couples in your position, Medicare does not provide family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disability. With that said, here are some options for your wife depending on your situation.

Work longer: If possible, you should consider working past age 65 so your wife can continue coverage under your employer health insurance until she becomes eligible for Medicare, or, if that's too long, at least for a few more years.

Check employer options: If your employer provides retiree health benefits, check with the benefits administrator to find out if they offer any options that would allow your wife to continue coverage under their plan. Or, if your wife works, see if she can she switch to health insurance provided by her own employer.

Use COBRA: If you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, once you make the switch to Medicare, your wife could stay with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months (but could last up to 36 months) under a federal law called COBRA. You'll need to sign her up within 60 days after her last day of coverage. You also need to know that COBRA is not cheap. You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2 percent administrative fee.

The other benefit of using COBRA is that once it expires, your wife will then become eligible for HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), which gives her right to buy an individual health insurance policy from a private insurer that can't exclude or limit coverage for pre-existing medical conditions. To learn more about COBRA, visit askebsa.dol.gov or call 866-444-3272.

If, however, the company you worked for had fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "Mini-COBRA" (39 states offer it). Contact your state insurance department (see naic.org) to see if this is available where you live.

Buy an individual policy: This is health insurance you buy on your own, but it too can be expensive depending on your wife's health history. Any pre-existing condition such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, etc., can drastically increase her premiums or can nix her chances of being accepted at all. To search for policy options and costs go to healthcare.gov. If you need help, contact a licensed independent insurance agent. See www.nahu.org/consumer/findagent.cfm to locate one near you.

Or, if you only need health coverage for a short period of time – less than 12 months – a short-term policy is another lower-cost option to consider. You can get quotes and coverage details at ehealthinsurance.com.

Get high-risk coverage: If you can't purchase an individual health policy for your wife because of a pre-existing medical condition, you can still get coverage through a state or federal high-risk pool.

State pools, which are offered in 35 states (see naschip.org), provide health insurance to any resident who is uninsurable because of health problems. While costs vary by state, premiums run about 150 percent of what an individual policy costs.

Or, consider the federal Pre-Existing Conditions Insurance Plan (see pcip.gov) which is available nationwide. Created in 2010 under the health care reform law, this program is intended to bridge the gap until better options become available in 2014 when the main provisions of the law go into effect. To qualify, your wife must be uninsured for six months before applying.

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.



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

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

Mondays: City Hall & Lunch Café
12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.

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

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

Thursdays:
1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for Poker and more. Wii - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise. Please call for more information.

Fridays: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength Training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

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

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Thursday, August 9, 2012

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Boat Charter: 11:00am-12:30pm
Arrival: Charter bus will arrive back in Sierra Madre at approximately 3:00pm
Cost: \$20 includes transportation and tip (Does not include lunch)

More Info: Call the Hart Park House Senior Center at 626-355-7394. The 90 minute tour views the entire harbor, including the 7 Islands of Newport Bay. The tour is narrated by the experienced Captain and Crew. You will get a chance to see celebrity homes, sea lions, and much more! For more information on the cruise please visit their website at www.funzoneboats.com. Lunch will be on your own from 12:30-2:00pm in Newport Beach. Please be sure to register early as space is limited. Registration is available at the Hart Park House at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Community Recreation Center at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. or online at www.cityofsierramaadre.com/online-registration.



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NEW! Senior Movie Program

The Hart Park House Senior Center is starting a brand new monthly movie program beginning Wednesday, August 15.

Each month a movie will be shown at no fee in the City Council Chambers located in City Hall.

The movie for the month of August is, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, filmed in our very own Sierra Madre!

All patrons are encouraged to join us monthly and it's a great way to beat the summer heat. Location: City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Cost: Free, no charge.

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THE AGE-OLD STANDARD FOR “BEST PRACTICES” OR “BEST PRACTICES OR SIMPLY B.S.”

The World English Dictionary defines “best practice” as “the recognized methods of correctly running businesses or providing services.” This term may be a relatively recent addition to popular business lexicon, but *best practices* have been in play for thousands of years. Great architectural structures like the pyramids in Egypt and massive architectural masterpieces in places like Rome and China required the application of standards that evolved from an expanding body of *best practices* applied to design and construction.

The definition for this popular buzzword also includes “practices considered the most appropriate under the circumstances, a practice that is regarded as the standard that may well be adopted as a formal guideline or regulation.” Consider the standards for building codes in California, which are required to account for seismic activity that is not common to other U.S. regions, or laws that forbid the use of fireworks in certain regions that would present little to no danger in areas that don’t have the same level of fire hazard.

A *best practice* can be applied to anything that involves a process. As individuals, groups and organizations engage in the planning and implementation of projects and activities, they often create and refine a set of processes and standards – overtime, these are regarded as *best practices*. When these practices are identified and adopted as the prescribed manner of getting things done, they can be used to strengthen and improve communities, entire industries or individual businesses.

Practices that are most practical are among the most likely to become codified into law, or at least regarded as minimum expectations. Drinking and driving, toilet seat covers in public restaurants, ramps and wide doors to accommodate customers in wheelchairs – these are a few examples of areas in which expectations deemed reasonable, evolved into standards and eventually, laws.

Used simply as a buzz word by bosses, managers and salespersons, “best practices,” is a mere irritation to employees and customers whose experience is in sharp contrast. A sense of action is inherent in the use of the word “practice” in the phrase itself. Specific actions or practices deemed appropriate to make improvements or maintain a baseline of high-quality will always be evident when best practices are in play. To use the phrase when speaking of an ideal or something planned for future implementation is at best, an example of a worse case scenario.



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

By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A

QuickBooks 2012 has features that make it powerful and multi-functional, allowing users to benefit with more detailed financial data that provides greater insight, all with time-saving steps. We can all enjoy faster workflows while seeing more valuable information about our businesses...all provided automatically by QuickBooks.

The 2012 Premier, Accountant and Enterprise versions of QuickBooks includes a new Inventory Center that looks a lot like the Vendor, Customer and Employee Centers. You can find the **Inventory Center** on the Home Page in the Company Section next to the chart of accounts. It can also be found on the Vendor drop down menu, under Inventory Activities. With this feature you can easily find and locate inventory tasks, items and reports all in one place. As in the other Centers, there is now a **Notes** field for each inventory item for quick identification. (The Inventory Center is for Inventory and Assembly items only, not other types of items). QuickBooks Enterprise also allows for an image for each item.

The **Inventory Center** improves efficiency because all pertinent information about inventory and assembly items and related transactions appear in one place, and the user can click through to see reports and transactions. It is also great because it now includes Notes! In fact, even items that are not inventory and assembly items now have a Notes field.

This year there is also an improved **Shipping Manager**. This QuickBooks feature now integrates with USPS, whereas prior to this year, it integrated only with UPS and FedEx. You can access this feature from the **File** drop down menu. In addition to shipping by UPS and FedEx you can now ship USPS packages, find drop off locations, schedule pick-ups, track or refund a shipment, or print a SCAN form. You can also print USPS shipping labels directly from QuickBooks and select desired USPS Services, all via a link within QuickBooks to Stamps.com.

...On another note: IRS Hosts Workshops For Code Sec. 501(C)(3) Organizations

The IRS will host a number of one-day workshops for small and medium-sized Code Sec. 501(c)(3) organizations during the summer and autumn of 2012 in Louisville, Ky.; Erie, Pa.; Arlington, Va.; and several other cities. The workshops are designed for administrators or volunteers who are responsible for tax compliance, and for organization representatives. More details are available on the IRS website (www.irs.gov/charities).

Patricia Richardson the owner of Monrovia Computerized Business Service and is a local accountant, educator and trainer working to help business owners realize their business mission and vision by empowering them with tools and training in areas that may not be their core competency. For additional information, patti@qbworkshop.com or www.QBworkShop.com

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WHAT'S IN A FACEBOOK BUSINESS PAGE?

The Facebook business pages have come a long way. They are starting to look and act more like a web site. Actually, you don't even have to be a member of Facebook to see them. Below is a map and description of the elements you'll find on a Facebook page. It also includes some rules Facebook has about the large cover photo that sits on top of the page. If you would like to set up a Facebook page for your business, there is no cost. Once you are logged into your Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com/pages and create a page.

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Elements of a Facebook business page



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I OWE MITT AN APOLOGY By Tina Dupuy

Presumptive nominee Mitt Romney is seemingly fixated on apologies. He's obsessed with apologies like Bristol Palin is obsessed with teen abstinence—like BP is obsessed with clean energy—Marcus Bachmann with curing homosexual men ...

Mitt's book is titled "No Apology." He's convinced the problem with Obama is that he apologizes for America. Because Mitt is so engrossed by apologies—he sees apologies that aren't there.

Mitt, he'll tell you, doesn't apologize for America. But he's had to apologize for himself plenty. Aside from all the recent gaffes and gauche statements that managed to incense America's closest allies in Europe, earning him the nickname "Mitt the Twit," Mitt's ever-changing policy positions are, for all intents and purposes, apologies. It's saying his previous stance on, say, women's health, was wrong. For example: when Mitt said abortion should be legal because a close family friend had died from an illegal abortion. He's now saying he's righting (ahem) his stance on the issue and declaring his vigil for his family friend to be over. He's saying his crowning achievement as governor of a state, Obamacare, nee Romneycare, is now a plague on humanity and must be repealed.

A man who "retroactively retired" as CEO of Bain Capital can effortlessly adjust his positions. For a candidate who's disgusted by apologies in his opponents—who hurls the accusation of apology as if it were a disqualifying offense to all that is wholesome—he sure walks back from, amends and revises the stuff he says a lot.

So since apologies are so important to Mr. Romney, I'd like to offer mine. I've said on numerous occasions (some of them broadcasted) that Mitt has been running for president for 20 years. I figured somewhere around 1992, Mitt, having witnessed his father's failed run for president and his mother's failed run for Senate, was watching the first Baby Boomer president (Bill Clinton) being sent to the White House. It was then he resolved that he, too, was going to run for president.

Now if that were true and his planning began the year Pope John Paul issued an

TWO WORDS

THANK YOU! Yes, those are the words that I want to say over and over again. Publishing this paper since 2007 has been a wonderful experience, but I would never have been able to do so without the encouragement and support of the contributors and readers. You've helped us through extremely difficult times and kept us motivated. Thanks go out to all of you, even those who can only be critical of the paper. Your criticism inspires too.

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apology for the Inquisition's banning Galileo, Mitt would have made some different choices. His business practices would have been, candidly, more patriotic.

He wouldn't have laid-off American workers, outsourcing jobs overseas, and then expect those same American workers to vote for him. He would have built something, instead of destroying corporations and getting rich off the charcoal. If Mitt Romney had been planning to run for president for 20 years, he would have anticipated releasing his tax returns (his father pioneered the practice) and made sure everything on there was something he could be proud of; returns he would happily release to the public.

So I was wrong. Mitt hasn't been running for president for 20 years. He made money in a way that's legal but now is embarrassed (think apologetic) about how little he's paid in taxes, or what he's made off his investments to show his tax returns to voters. He's taken advantage of tons of loopholes, parking his money in foreign bank accounts. With his business record, he'd be a controversial presidential appointee, let alone a presidential candidate himself. Sure it's legal. But it's not ethical. Not for public service. Especially not for the most powerful position in the country.

So, Mitt, I'm sorry. I had been saying something about you that just wasn't true. You haven't been running for president for two decades. You haven't been paying attention to what would play best to get yourself sworn into office.

You've been paying attention to your money.

RICH JOHNSON OLDIES BUT GOODIES



By the time you read this article there will be a week or less left until my band, JJ Jukebox is slated to perform at the Sierra Madre Concert in the Park. The date is Sunday, August 12th from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm. I am thankful to the City of Sierra Madre, the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, and the Kiwanis Club for giving us this opportunity. Plus a special nod to Ms. Susan Henderson with whom I am acquainted.

If you don't know who or what we are, Barry, Steve, and I are the Oldies part of the evening: an oldies band of oldies doing oldies. (I exclude Mike because he really is a young whippersnapper.) The songs we do include "Kicks" by Paul Revere and the Raiders, "Love Potion Number Nine" by the Searchers, "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash and more from the 1960s and the 1970s.

The Goodies part of the evening festivities consist of four guest female vocalists. Amy Kalkaloff is going to knock our socks off singing two Jefferson Airplane classics, "White Rabbit" and "Somebody to Love". Lisa Bowman is going to get us bopping to Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made For Walking", and a surprise song. Holly Imler will thrill us with the Beatle's Classic, "The Night Before". And Jane Fuller will sing a classic song mixed in with one or two of her own.

A full and exciting evening to be sure. Come enjoy and dance to the oldies (and the goodies).

Music is such an integral part of our lives. Remember how a certain song can take you back to a big event in your life? Hopefully the memories are all warm fuzzies. It's interesting how certain records come about. The Johnny Cash song "Ring of Fire", highlighted by our own Barry Schwam, was actually co-written by June Carter before she became June Carter Cash. And the song had a different name, "Love's Firey Ring". The lyrics spoke about June's inability to resist her future husband Johnny. When Johnny recorded "Ring of Fire" he decided he wanted it to have trumpets so he gave it "Tex-Mex" flavor to it. The song actually revived his career.

Another song the Jukebox will be performing is the classic rock tune "Kicks", recorded by Paul Revere and the Raiders in 1966. The song was not written for the Raiders. It was originally written for a British Invasion Band, The Animals, but turned down by their lead singer Eric Burdon. "Kicks" was one of the first anti-drug songs and is ranked as number 400 in *Rolling Stone* Magazines "500 Greatest Songs of All Time." And this might surprise you. The Jefferson Airplane song "White Rabbit" written by Grace Slick, was actually an anti-drug song. Grace was criticizing parents who read these types of stories to their children (Alice took pills and became smaller, and drank unknown liquids). "White Rabbit" is ranked 478 in "the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.)

Hope to see you on Sunday, August 12th.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE IS IT MY IMAGINATION?



Have you noticed that people seem to be getting angry more frequently? Maybe I'm the cause, but lately I've been having some very unpleasant exchanges with some very dear old friends. A few days ago, after playing a round of golf in the heat I stopped by an old friend's house just to chat and to talk about this cooking class that I had been talking about taking together with her sixteen year old son.

We carried on some innocuous chit chat for a while and were onto the subject of group loyalty. I said something like "perhaps group loyalty explains why police reports are often exercises in creative fiction wherein the writers of reports attempt to protect one another". I did not even intend this to be a controversial statement, as in reading police reports for over forty years I have never seen a report which described excessive use of force by an officer, notwithstanding the fact that independent objective witnesses saw the matter differently

Really, thinking back on it now, it is not surprising that my ex-friend would take exception to this statement; but to say she took exception would be a gross understatement. She screamed; she yelled; she made faces; she called me names and said that I was calling her, and all other police personnel, liars. She screamed that all police were better people than I am and she threw me out of her house and ended a thirty five year friendship.

Another incident occurred within the last week that has troubled me greatly. Again there was involved an old friend dating all the way back to High School. I had not seen much of my old friend and his wife, another old friend, for over a year and arrangements were made for us to meet at the Getty and view the exhibit there. All right, now that I think about it, the reason we had not seen each other for awhile was that the last time we had been together there had been a dispute concerning the sensitivity of teachers to economic differences within their classroom. I recounted how terrible I used to feel during Community Chest Drives, during which I was unable to make a contribution. My friend's wife, an Elementary School teacher, defended her profession and said that the problem must have been mine. The evening did not end comfortably and my wife and I approached this new meeting with some trepidation.

I promised my wife that I would do my best to avoid controversial subjects. This, of course, is a shame because I love controversy and discussion. At dinner it was mentioned, I guess by me but I'm not sure, that we had heard that my friend had just learned that he had been adopted by the man whom he had lived with all during his childhood and whom he thought was his biological father. All right I made the mistake of asking how does that feel and my friend got crazy. My wife thought he was going to hit me. I did not have that kind of fear but just felt horribly sad as he said, "What's the big deal! Why do people think it's important? I don't feel anything." Meanwhile, I just sat there wanting to cry.

As you can imagine there have been other episodes but my intent is not to recount the numerous social mishaps of my recent past. Instead I want to utilize the language sent to me by a reader of my last article. That article involved my discussion of the horrible Colorado shootings at the Batman midnight show in Colorado. My reader, who identifies himself as a practicing psychoanalyst, describes the shooter as "another example of someone projecting their own internal chaos, conflicts, turmoil, and fragmentation onto the outside world". He adds that "Freud's idea is that all human psychology is about discharge. The human mind has to find some way of discharging its tensions or it risks becoming extremely depressed, anxious, crazy, or having some kind of physical illness."

Right now, in my view, the world is falling apart. The economies of Europe and the United States may well be teetering toward a great depression. Medically we are all in danger of the occurrence of plagues resistant to all antibiotics. Meanwhile, we continue to use fossil fuels and to destroy the habitability of the planet. Perhaps we all want to ignore this information. Maybe it is best to hold on to our group affiliations and to deny all problems.

I disagree; but for right now my only suggestion is to take good care of our children and assist them to develop a healthy, aware mind right from the start of life. One more thing. BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

SO, THIS IS SUMMER, IS IT?

It was just another day and I was indulging a carefree moment of complaining

about the weather. "I can't believe it's so hot today," I muttered. I thought I was talking to myself but obviously, I had an audience.

Have you ever said or did something not realizing somebody was watching you?

Every time I am in a restaurant eating, I endeavor to remember there is an audience and try my very best not to spill the soup on my lap. Although, I must admit that that kind of lap dance always gets a vigorous round of applause from the audience. Don't ask me how I know.

I thought, in my own special way of thinking, that I was alone, only to find out the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was within earshot of my remarks. I must say she is rather remarkable. Those "earshot moments" are quite extensive. I will not go as far as to say that she can read my mind, although I think she can, but she seems to know what I am thinking even before I go through the effort and labor of thinking.

I do not know why I even spend the energy thinking on my own. Even when I do think up a thought of my own and go so far as to express it, I am always challenged. The challenge is, do not think that way. The challenger is my wife.

Life would be so much easier, not to mention less stressful, if I just would quit thinking my own thoughts. It is when I am thinking my own thoughts that I get into trouble. Life would be so much easier if I allowed someone else to think my thoughts for me. After all, isn't that why men get married? Why women get married still baffles me.

Getting back to my moment of complaining. "I can't believe," I muttered, "it's so hot today." To which, my wife said, "Don't you know it's summer? And don't you know that it's supposed to be hot during the summer?"

I did know that but it did not make the heat any more bearable. Then she said something that rather confused me. I have been confused before. Confusion is a familiar territory to me. But this confusion was different.

"If," my wife said rather sternly, "you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen."

What the kitchen had to do with it being hot outside is way beyond my pay scale. There was a brief moment when I almost threw caution to the wind and asked my wife what she meant by that comment. Boy, am I glad I didn't.

I make it a practice to stay as far away from the kitchen as possible, especially when my wife is present. There is something about a kitchen that

makes me rather nervous to the point of dropping her favorite cup and having it break all over the floor. I stay out of the kitchen, heat or no heat.

"If I remember correctly," my wife said as she stared at me rather intently, "a few months ago you were complaining about how cold it was." She was right. It was not but a few months ago, I was complaining that it was so cold outside that I just could not bear it.

"You're going to have to make up your mind." That was a serious admonition from her. For her to tell me to make up my mind sends some very contradictory messages to me. After all, she is forever making up my mind for me. She seems to know exactly what I want at the restaurant and before I can get a word in edgewise or otherwise, she has ordered for me. I'm not complaining. She knows exactly what I want.

"Either," she continued, "it's too hot or it's too cold. Now make up your mind."

I smiled demurely in her direction and nodded in the affirmative. Not wanting to further the conversation I whispered very gently, "Yes, dear." It concluded our tête-à-tête.

Later on in the evening, we were watching television. It was the local news and special report of the day had to do with the record heat wave across our country. "It's been a long time," the weatherman said, "since we've seen temperatures this high. Boy, is it hot out there."

I glanced in her direction as covertly as possible and noticed she was staring at me, just daring me to say something.

There is a time to say something and then sometimes something should not be said at all. I concealed my infectious grin as much as possible knowing that someone was watching me. Under my breath I whispered, "I can't believe it's so hot today." After all, it is summer and it is supposed to be hot. I just believe that everybody has the right to complain about the weather. I also believe that some people have the right not to hear me complain about the weather.

It is a well-noted mark of wisdom to know when to speak and when not to speak.

Solomon in the Old Testament had it right when he said, "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." (Proverbs 17:28 KJV).

So, this is summer, but you did not hear it from me.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"People of Berlin -- and people of the world -- the scale of our challenge is great. The road ahead will be long. But I come before you to say that we are heirs to a struggle for freedom. We are a people of improbable hope. With an eye toward the future, with resolve in our hearts, let us remember this history, and answer our destiny, and remake the world once again." - Presidential candidate Barack Obama, to a crowd of 240,000 in Germany - July, 2008

"Kiss my ass." - Rick Gorka, spokesman for Mitt Romney, to a reporter trying to ask a question in Poland - July, 2012

You probably already know where I'm going with this column. First, though, I'd like to report I searched in vain for the "mountain of studies" referred to by Greg Welborn in his column last week which have "proven conclusively" that gun control laws "increase the rate of violent crimes".

A 2007 study from the Violence Policy Center shows the opposite: the more permissive the gun laws of a state, the more likely you'll be killed by a gun. The five states with the most permissive laws (Nevada, Alabama, Alaska, Louisiana and Mississippi) have the highest annual per capita rates of gun deaths - between 16.21 and 19.87 per 100,000 residents. The five states with the most restrictive laws (New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Hawaii) have the lowest rates of gun deaths, between 2.82 and 5.07 per 100,000 (the national average is 10.34).

In California we hear daily reports of gun violence, while our laws are among the more restrictive in the nation - much tighter than those in neighboring Arizona. But in Arizona, there's a 67% better chance of being killed by gunfire than in California.

Molly Ivins suggested that for those out on the street insisting on concealed carry, there should be a requirement for some sort of visible identification to let us know they're coming - like maybe a little beanie with a propeller on top.

Mitt Romney's European trip got off to an inauspicious start, with spokesmen denying a report in The London Daily Telegraph that an unnamed adviser suggested Romney, unlike President Obama, was able to appreciate a shared "Anglo-Saxon heritage".

It went down from there. He seemed under the impression Londoners would care about his concerns over the upcoming Olympics. Responding to the overseer of the Salt Lake City games, British Prime Minister David Cameron pointed out, "We are holding an Olympic Games in one of the busiest, most active, bustling cities anywhere in the world. I mean, of course it's easier if you hold the Olympic Games in the middle of nowhere." London Mayor Boris Johnson roused his audience with, "There's a guy called Mitt Romney who wants to know whether we're ready. Are we ready?" As the crowd of 100,000 shouted "Yes!" it was more like an arena rock concert than an Olympic torch-lighting ceremony. (Both Cameron and Johnson are members of the Conservative Party.)

James Bond was there to bring the Queen to the games. He should have taken a moment to explain to Romney that one doesn't disclose to the press and public that one has met with the head of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, M16. A staffer might have explained that with Britain roiled by the LIBOR interest-rigging scandal, it might not have been the best time to attend a fundraiser (\$50,000 - \$75,000 a head) thrown by one of its major players, Barclay's Bank. (Eleven Members of Parliament moved to recommend Barclay's spend its time restoring confidence, rather than raising funds for an American presidential candidate.)

In the Middle East, we had a Palestinian official speak favorably of Israelis - at least relative to Mitt Romney. At a \$25,000-a-head fundraiser in Jerusalem, Romney opined that the vast disparity in per-capita income between residents of the Jewish state and its Palestinian neighbors was due to "culture" ("and a few other things," he allowed).

"It is a racist statement," said senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat. "It seems to me this man lacks information, knowledge, vision and understanding of this region and its people. He also lacks knowledge about the Israelis themselves. I have not heard any Israeli official speak about cultural superiority."

There was no reference to a 2009 World Bank report that "The largest impediment to private sector investment in the West Bank and Gaza remains the restrictions on movement and access to resources and markets imposed by the Government of Israel". Rather, explained Romney, it was "the hand of providence". Erekat warned that such statements "will serve extremists, unfortunately".

Romney lavished praise on Israel's universal healthcare system, which has demonstrated better outcomes than ours in the U.S. and, he noted, at a much lower cost relative to the nation's GDP. It's based on the "individual mandate" similar to the one Romney successfully put in place as Governor of Massachusetts, and similar to the one in the Affordable Care Act he's promised to trash once he becomes president.

If Romney hoped to score points with Lech Walesa in Poland, the 700,000-member Solidarity union made its position clear by decrying "Mitt Romney's support for the attacks against trade unions and labor rights", and declaring "our solidarity with American workers and trade unions."

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka added, "I wish Romney would pause and learn the lessons of the Polish labor movement's courageous resistance to communism rather than just treat Poland as yet another photo-op."

It was the press corps being offered little more than "another photo-op" that led to the testy words cited atop this column. Fox News host Greta Van Susteren complained, "There has been no press access to Governor Romney since we landed in Poland", and likened the experience to being in "a modified petting zoo".

On his European trip four years ago, candidate Barack Obama gave us an idea what his presidency would be like. As I see it, Mitt Romney (especially through spokesman Gorka) has done the same.

MAKING SENSE by Michael Reagan

DON'T EAT CAMPAIGN DIRT

Dirty political campaigns are as old as the Founding Fathers.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams are said to have thrown the first mud at each other in the presidential election of 1800.

Jefferson accused his old pal -- who was then president -- of being a fool, a hypocrite, a criminal and a tyrant.

Adams returned fire, calling his vice president and challenger Jefferson "a mean-spirited, low-lived fellow, the son of a half-breed Indian squaw, sired by a Virginia mulatto father."

I don't know what the average citizen of 1800 thought about those lies and name-calling, which have been an ugly fixture of our politics ever since.

But I do remember how California voters and the media reacted to a dirty TV ad that Pat Brown ran against my father in 1966, when Brown was running for an unprecedented third term as governor.

I don't recall the exact words, but the ad featured Gov. Brown talking to a black child in his early teens. Brown tells the kid he's running for governor and the kid asks whom he's running against.

"I'm glad you asked," Gov. Jerry Brown's father replied, "I'm running against an actor. And did you know it was an actor that shot Abraham Lincoln?"

Few people actually saw the ad, because it only ran for a brief time on a small station in Northern California. But the news media got hold of it and, though it's hard to believe today, they were appalled that Gov. Brown would stoop so low in a campaign ad.

The voting public was equally appalled, which is equally hard to believe today. Within 72 hours Ronald Reagan went from being behind in the polls to being ahead. He won 57 percent of the vote and the rest is world history.

The scary thing is, President Obama or Mitt Romney or one of their political action committees could run a sleazy ad like Pat Brown's today and the media wouldn't criticize it, they would defend it.

"Well, it's true he was an actor," the media would rationalize. "John Wilkes Booth was an actor, too. What are you bitching about?" Voters would accept the ad, too.

That's how much we've changed in less than 50 years. The slime-ball politics that used to appall everyone in the 1960s is the norm today.

We accept the negative ads, name-calling and lies as part of the way the political game is played, then we sit back and gripe about how our politics have gone into the dumpster.

But we can't have it both ways. It's like going to the Indianapolis 500 hoping to see the accidents -- and then complaining about the accidents. It's like going to a cage fight -- and complaining about the violence.

Today we no longer have political ads that tell the truth about a candidate or the issues. We have negative ads that spin, distort and take words out of context.

We can complain about the news media. But Fox News, MSNBC, what's left of CNN and the others feast on dirty politics. They don't want their banquet to end.


It's up to us the public to clean things up. But first we have to change. The politicians are giving us exactly what we want.

If we really want more truth in politics, if we really want less negativity and fewer lies, we have to make it clear to the politicians that we no longer want to watch their grubby cage fight.

Until we do, we'll be fed the same old dirt.

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BEFORE THE OLYMPICS.....*El Monte's Kim Rhode*

By Joan Schmidt



Congratulations Kim Rhode! Monrovia resident, Kim Rhode, won an Olympic gold medal (above) in Women's Skeet Shooting last Friday, making her the first American to win a medal in five consecutive Olympic Games. It's an amazing feat that is a testament to dedication, focus and commitment. This story was submitted by Joan Schmidt prior to Rhode's amazing win! Photo courtesy AP

Kim Rhode is a current resident of Monrovia but she does call herself, an "El Monte Girl"- that's where she was born and raised. Her parents still live in El Monte. Her grandfather graduated from El Monte High School and both Kim and her dad graduated from Arroyo High School. (She also attended Cherry Lee and Durfee Schools)

I met Kim MANY years ago- back in 1996 when an awesome seventeen-year-old received a gold medal in trap! She came to our Route 66 Parade in Duarte along with Dr. Tommy Lee and Rafer Johnson. Mary Barrow Sommerlott always finds AWESOME Parade Grand Marshalls, and that year it was honoring Olympian Gold Winners! In the next

three Olympics, Kim also earned medals. In 2000, Kim won a bronze medal in double trap, in 2004 a gold medal in double trap, and in 2008, a silver medal in skeet.

When and how did Kim begin shooting? Kim has been shooting since she was seven years old, growing up with a fishing rod in one hand and a gun in another. This was all part of a family tradition-going back to her grandparents' generation. Every year the family hunted deer and bears, and fished for catfish. She picked blackberries and made jam with her grandmother.

At age seven, Kim actually shot her first two doves in Arizona. The game warden didn't believe she could shoot, but when two flew by and her dad alerted her, she did it, and the game warden was a surprised believer.

At ten, Kim began shooting a competitive 22 rifle. First she won competitions in club shoots, and then moved on to the State Finals for six-and-a-half years.

How does one become so talented? It takes A LOT of practice. Try about 25,000 targets every year for four years, 1500 rounds a week! Consequently most of the day is spent standing up. How about carrying a nine-and-a-half pound shotgun and five to ten pounds of ammo in your front and back pockets? Special molded ear plugs, as well as computer chips, are used to deaden sounds.

When I saw Kim several months ago at the El Monte Historical Museum, she related that it was A LOT different shooting in damp London as opposed to sunny California. And then there are THE RULES! There are rules pertaining to clothing, color of clothing, and even equipment checks! Kim said that every time you competed, a sticker was put on your shotgun. Kim had many stickers and they were a great record of all her competitions. I remember her shotgun was stolen several years ago, and I was glad when it was retrieved. However I didn't know anything about the stickers and all the stickers had been removed.

Kim felt the toughest challenge was when she was forced to switch to International Skeet. No more double trap.

One of her greatest moments was "in Atlanta in 1996, when all the United States participants were lined up and all the audience was chanting, "USA". Complete strangers hugging each other-it was so touching, standing there representing your country and recalling all the hard work to get there".

The modern pentathlon is unusual, combining pistol shooting, fencing, freestyle swimming, show jumping on a horse and cross-country running. It originates from Greece, where it was intended to showcase the skills of an ideal soldier."

"They ought to modernize it to reflect the skills of an ideal soldier today. Have them jump out of helicopters, raid heavily guarded compounds and capture terrorist leaders while getting shot at."

"I hear your complaints, but you have to admit there are a lot of wonderful traditional contests in the Summer Olympics: boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, diving, fencing, tennis, track and field, gymnastics, triathlon and more."

"Fair enough, but what the heck is rhythmic gymnastics? People jumping around with hoops, batons and pieces of fabric? It may be beautiful, but it looks more like a Vegas show. And synchronized swimming would be more entertaining if somebody tossed electric eels into the pool!"

"Despite your misgivings, millions around the world will enjoy the Summer Olympics."

"They'd be enjoyed by more if the IOC brought back tug of war. Put free-market capitalists on one side, big-government socialists on the other. I'd pay good money to see that."

Tom Purcell, Tom Purcell, a freelance writer is also a humor columnist for the Pittsburgh Tribune- Review

HOW TO IMPROVE THE SUMMER OLYMPICS

By Tom Purcell

"Those Harry Potter fanatics actually want a made-up game to become an Olympic sport!"

"Ah, yes, you speak of Quidditch, a fictional sport invented by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling. It requires a broomstick between one's legs at all times. According to Time, fans have established real Quidditch leagues."

"Well, Quidditch may as well become an Olympic sport. There already are lots of nutty ones."

"The International Olympic Committee (IOC) votes on which sports to include or drop. This Summer Olympics feature 26 sports with 39 associated disciplines. Some may not be as popular in America as in other parts of the world, but you don't want to be jingoistic, do you?"

"Look, how can the IOC drop croquet, a sport designed for rich people who can afford mallets, but keep badminton, a sport best played at summer picnics?"

"Badminton was invented by the British in the 18th century. It's played all over the world and requires a mix of cunning and athletic skill."

"If they want picnic sports, why not horseshoes? You spill a lot

less beer playing horseshoes. And how did pingpong become an Olympic sport?"

"I believe you mean table tennis, an intense sport that requires incredible reflexes, power and quickness."

"No, I mean pingpong, a parlor game invented in the 1800s by rich British people with too much free time on their hands. The IOC ought to ditch that one for a game Americans could win with ease: beer pong!"

"Well, what about soccer, the most-watched sport in the world?"

"Maybe the rest of the world watches it, but fewer than 10 percent of Americans do. What's with the skinny players falling down, writhing in pain, every time someone bumps them? Our football players play with broken bones and joints and never complain."

"Boy, you are tough. I admit I was sad to see baseball and golf dropped from the Summer Olympics. But the IOC can include only so many sports."

"Such as field hockey! I so enjoy watching players with dinky wooden sticks chase a hard ball on turf. I think it was invented for people who accidentally left their ice skates at home. But at least it's less nutty than the modern pentathlon."

ERYN BLAKELY PLACES 2ND IN 2012 USATF JR. OLYMPICS 2000 METERS STEEPLECHASE - YOUNG WOMEN



The Alverno High School student (blue top center) posted a PR of 7:35.46, shaving 27 seconds from her previous race. This was only her 3rd time competing in the 2000 Meters steeplechase. Winner posted a 7:31.82. Photo courtesy Lara Laramendi

AMATEUR BOXERS SET FOR 7TH ANNUAL DUARTE YOUTH BOXING TOURNAMENT AUGUST 18

Young amateur boxers from boxing clubs throughout Southern California will be in Duarte on Saturday, Aug. 18 to compete in the 7th Annual Duarte Youth Boxing Show hosted by Duarte Parks and Recreation's Duarte Youth Boxing Club.

The Boxing Show will be held at the Duarte High School Gym, 1565 E. Central Ave. Weigh-ins start at 9 a.m., with matchmaking to follow. Doors will open to the public at 11:30 a.m., with the first of 15 to 20 bouts scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. To compete as an amateur, boxers must be certified by USA Boxing Federation. Contenders ranging from 8 years old to 18 will be matched by age, weight and experience. The winner of each bout will receive a trophy.

Among local area boxing clubs invited to participate are clubs from Baldwin Park, South El Monte, Azusa, Pasadena, Anaheim, and Hawaiian Gardens.

Advance tickets are on sale for \$6 at the Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista St., \$8 at the door. Tickets for children 11 years of age and under are \$3, and kids 3 years old and under will be admitted free. Proceeds will be used to support the Duarte Youth Boxing Program and the Duarte Teen Center.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the snack bar.

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department started the Duarte Boxing Club in 1997. The program has developed over the years into a highly competitive youth boxing program with participants competing successfully in local and national competitions.

For more information, call the Duarte Youth Boxing Club at (626) 303-0863 or (626) 967-0291.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FREDERICK S. ALFARO

Case No. BP134773

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **FREDERICK S. ALFARO**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Pamella Thomas** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Pamella Thom**-as be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **August 16, 2012** at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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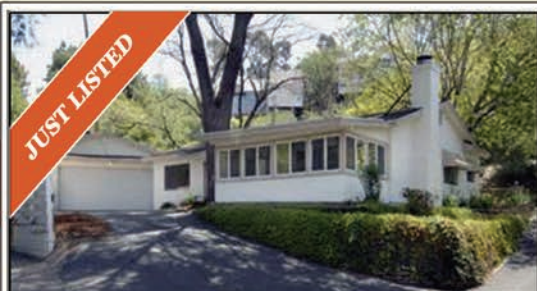
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