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FORMER COUNCILMAN LEE CLINE PASSES

Orville Lee Cline, 90 years young and suffering from cancer, passed peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, August 4, 2012.

Lee was born in Hooker, OK one of seven children; born to Forest and Amy Beach Cline, he is survived by his brother Ernest and family of De Berry, TX.

Lee proudly served his country in WWII as an enlisted radioman, Petty Officer, 1st Class in the U.S. Coast Guard. He served primarily in the South Pacific on the "Cutter" from 1942 -1946.

Lee was employed by Canon Electric for many years, served as a deacon at Sierra Madre Congregational Church in the 1960's and later served and attended Sierra Madre Methodist Church.



Above, Barbara and Lee Cline in recent years. Left, young Lee as a member of the United States Coast Guard - Photos courtesy of the Cline Family

Lee was well known in Sierra Madre for his many accomplishments including his years as a city council member (1988-) and as vice mayor (1996-). Before and after his city service, he continued to volunteer and remain active in numerous city issues. City issues meaning most to him included his lead in saving 96 trees on Orange Grove (1989) to prevent widening the street, general tree ordinance, opposing most hillside development, property setbacks and restricting building heights to keep Sierra Madre quaint and special within the S.G. Valley.

Lee's greatest pride and joy was his family. Husband, father and grandfather, he was married 58 years to Barbara (Palmer) Cline, and father to Barbara Leigh Cline of Sierra Madre; Joan Elizabeth (Steve Annas), sons Shane and Drew of San Dimas; Mark Leland Cline and sons Matthew and Dylan of La Verne; Kyle Andrew Cline (Julie) and daughter Kate of Glendora.

From his WWII marriage, Lee had a son Gary Zanko (Rose) of Fall Creek, WI and children Chris,

Stephanie and Patti. Lee's joys were attending his children and grandchildren sporting events, maintaining his large property (which he continued to do this past week) and keeping up with Fox TV news. A man of his word and a handshake you could trust. He loved his family, and he loved his country!

Services this Saturday (8/11) at 11 am at 2607 Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia w/Rev Dr. Jolene Canderbach officiating w/interment immediately following at the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery. Submitted by The Cline Family.

STATEWIDE FLEX ALERT ISSUED FRIDAY

Edison Urges Customers to Reduce Power

ROSEMEAD, Calif., Aug. 9, 2012 — The California Independent System Operator issued a Flex Alert that will begin at 9 a.m. Friday and last through Sunday to urge California businesses, governments and residents to reduce electricity use voluntarily.

The request made today, which will remain in effect through 6 p.m. Sunday, was made because of increased demand for electricity due to the heat wave.

As California's power reserves continue to fall and local temperatures rise, the state's independent system operator and Southern California Edison (SCE) are urging customers to reduce their electricity use.

Should the situation worsen for any reason and power reserves drop to dangerous levels, the independent system operator could direct utilities to conduct involuntary rotating outages — for blocks of customers — across their service areas until sufficient reserve levels are achieved.

SCE recommends that customers:

- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees.
- Use electric fans instead of air conditioning when practical.
- Turn off unused appliances and equipment.
- Shut off lights when leaving a room.
- Avoid using evaporative coolers or humidifiers when an air conditioner is running.
- Operate energy-intensive appliances during early morning or evening hours.
- Limit the opening and reopening of refrigerators.
- When possible, businesses should shift power-intensive work processes to off-peak times.

For updates, follow SCE on Twitter at www.twitter.com/SCE and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SCE.

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SIERRA MADRE

The City Council passed election resolutions at their Regular City Council Meeting on July 24, 2012.

City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, announces a Special Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2012. There will be a Measure submitted to the electorate as follows:

"Shall an Ordinance be adopted to amend Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.35.040 ("Core Density Limit") of the People's Empowerment Act (aka Measure V) to permit development of an assisted living facility consistent with the Kensington Assisted Living Facility Specific Plan and not exceeding two stories, thirty feet in height and seventy-five assisted living suites, for the parcels located at 33 North Hermosa Avenue and 245 West Sierra Madre Blvd.?"

The City Council will be writing an "Argument in Favor of the Measure", and there will be a City Attorney's Impartial Analysis, due by August 7, 2012. These will be published upon receipt and available in the City Clerk's Office, just please give the City Clerk a call and she will arrange for you to receive a copy.

The deadline for filing Rebuttal Arguments in Favor or Against the Measure will be August 17, 2012.

Please contact the City Clerk (355-7135, 355-3303 or 355-1569 if you have any questions, or would like to write a rebuttal argument.

BE CAREFUL! MORE HOT WEATHER AHEAD

Forecast according to The Weather Channel:

Strong high pressure over the southwestern portion of the United States combined with weak onshore flow will push daytime temperatures well above 100 degrees across inland areas through Saturday. The hot temperatures will likely last into Sunday before cooling begins early next week.

A slight increase in humidity is expected today and Friday and possibly into the weekend. This higher humidity combined with very hot temperatures has resulted in an excessive heat warning being issued valid this afternoon through Friday early evening hours. Heat index values will exceed 105 degrees in the interior valleys.

Persons planning to be outdoors through the rest of the week and into the weekend should practice heat safety tips. Keep your body hydrated with plenty of water and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day.

Hot Weather Tips

STAY COOL. Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible and avoid direct sunlight.

STAY HYDRATED. Drink plenty of water and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.

STAY INFORMED. Stay updated on local weather forecasts so you can plan activities safely when it's hot outside.

CHECK on the elderly, at-risk friends, family and neighbors at least twice a day to make sure they are safe by staying cool, hydrated, and informed. Have them do the same for you.

STOP all activity and get to a cool environment if you feel faint or weak.

LIMIT outdoor activity, especially mid-day when it is the hottest part of the day.

NEVER leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car.

AVOID using the stove or oven to cook.

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
August 14th, 2012 6:30 pm

HAWAIIAN SHIRT DAY

Join the City Council and City Staff for the annual Hawaiian Shirt Day on Tuesday, August 14th. All will be festively dressed in Hawaiian-wear for what has become an annual tradition at the first City Council meeting in August!



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.



On Thursdays at 7:00 PM, tune in to Radio Fishbowl's Village Intersections Host Gene Goss.

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 Coordinating Council

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

8/12 - Concert in the Park - JJ Jukebox

8/16 - Foothill Unity Center - Back to School at Santa Anita Park

8/17 - Family Movie Fridays - E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

8/19 - Concert in the Park - The Groove

8/26 - Concert in the Park - Take Two

Sierra Madre Playhouse - Incident at Vichy

Sierra Madre Playhouse - Fairytale Theater

Sierra Madre Playhouse - Acting Up "Wizard of Oz"

9/6 - September Coordinating Council

9/6 - Woman's Club Wistaria Thrift Shop Re-Opening

For more information on the Sierra Madre Coordinating Council, please contact Recreation Supervisor Adam Matsumoto at amatsumoto@cityofsierramadre.com or 626.355.7394.



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COMMISSION APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

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

Planning Commission - Two Seats

Senior Commission - Two Seats

Tree Advisory Commission - One Seat

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

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 17, 2012 – E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

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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.waterworksswim.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.

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 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

Pasadena City Hall
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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

POPULAR BOUTIQUE CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Photo and caption by Bill Coburn

Angels Everywear owner Angel Throop has announced that effective August 13th, Angels Everywear will have new ownership.

The 13th is a Monday, and the store is closed on Mondays. The store will remain closed on Tuesday for "Merchandising," and will re-open on Wednesday the 15th under new owner Tahia LaMeer. The store will operate under the same name, but with a new owner.

Angel has owned and run the store for nine years, and the announcement stated that long time employee "Sweet Sophie" will "still be available at the shop to help you with all your shopping needs."

Angel Throop and her Father-In-Law George Throop.



Sierra Madre Police Blotter

July 30 – August 5, 2012

Tuesday July 31, 2012

Unknown suspects forced entry into a residence in the 500 block of Sierra Meadow Drive. The residence was under construction at the time and entry was made by prying off a wood panel that secured the front entryway. Two laptop computers were removed from the living room but there was no other property taken or evidence of ransacking.

A resident parked her vehicle on Laurel Avenue near Lima Street leaving her purse on the floorboard. When she returned three hours later she discovered the right front passenger window had been broken and the purse gone. It was later determined that her credit cards were used at three retail locations in Monrovia and Duarte. Detectives are obtaining video from the locations in an attempt to identify the suspect.

Wednesday August 1, 2012

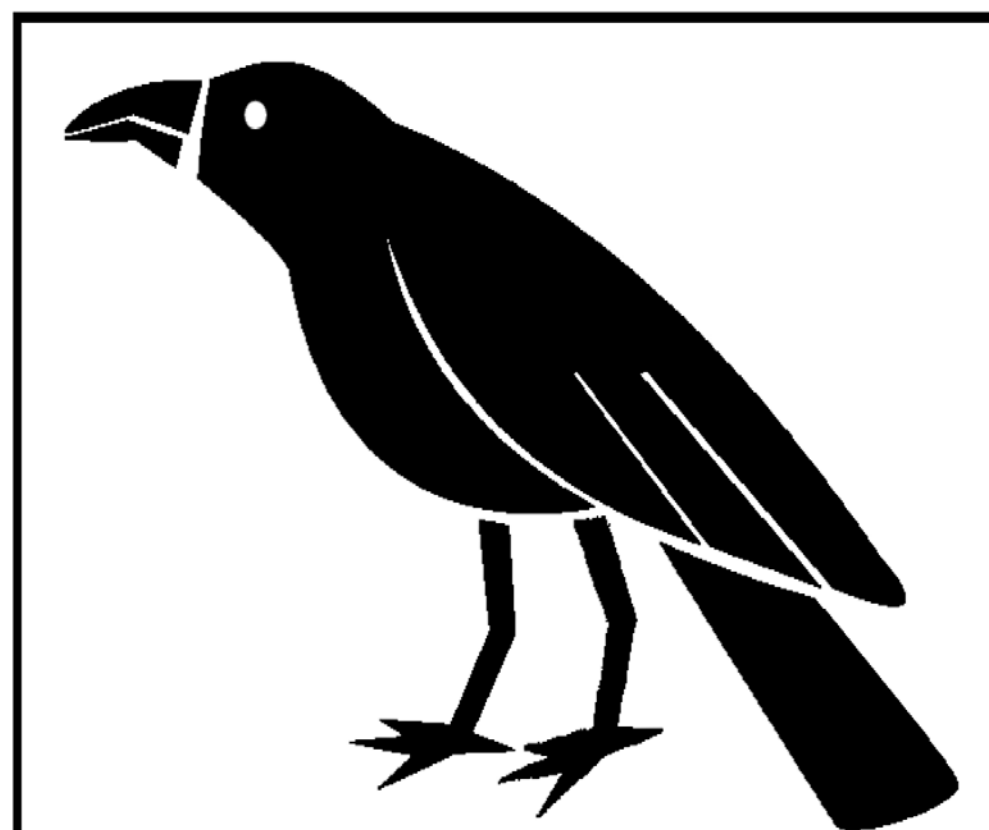
Unknown suspects entered a classroom on the Sierra Madre Middle School Campus by climbing into an unlocked window. While inside, the suspects ransacked the supply cabinets and then broke out a window. Damage is estimated at \$125.00. The school was the victim of a burglary on July 25th. Two juvenile subjects were arrested in that earlier incident.

Sunday August 5, 2012

At approximately 7:45 pm, a male was observed walking onto a residential property in the 100 block of South Lima Street. The male disappeared from sight for a few minutes then was observed exiting the property and walking southbound on Lima Street. When the resident returned to the house, she discovered that cash and small items of value were missing from the residence. It is unknown how the suspect entered the residence.

A few minutes later a male of similar description entered the Sierra Madre Methodist "Old Church" at 191 West Sierra Madre Boulevard where services were taking place. When confronted, the male stated he was looking for a restroom. He entered the rest room and was observed leaving the church a few moments later. After he left, a parishioner discovered that cash was missing from her purse that had been kept in the guest room.

The suspect description in both instances is similar – Male Black 40-50 years of age 6'0" tall weighing 180 pounds. In the Lima Street incident, the suspect was observed wearing a yellow button down type shirt. In the Methodist Church incident, the suspect was observed wearing a beige leather jacket, black pants and carrying a straw hat.



Scarecrow Festival

Three ways to participate

1. **Make a scarecrow** – free workshop at CAG Sept. 15, noon-7pm. Limited Enrollment, registration required
2. **Enter the contest** (contest open to Sierra Madre residents & businesses only – call for an application)
3. **View the Scarecrows** – list of locations available at participating businesses after October 5.

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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

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

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Conductor Marvin Hamlisch Suddenly Dies



Marvin Hamlisch, award winning composer and principal conductor of the Pasadena Pops Orchestra, died Monday in Los Angeles at the age of 68. Hamlisch's passing comes just two after agreeing to lead the Pops for another two years.

Publicist Ken Sunshine said Hamlisch collapsed on Monday and died after a brief illness.

The Pasadena Symphony and POPS issued the following statement, "The Pasadena Symphony and POPS are both shocked and devastated to learn about Marvin Hamlisch's sudden passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Terre, his family, and his friends and colleagues."

The statement continued, "During his time in Pasadena, he was beloved in our community and made an enormous impact with everyone he encountered. He brought a tireless humor and enthusiasm to the stage, and was loved by our audience, musicians, and staff. Marvin propelled the Pasadena POPS into a new and successful era, guided by his contributions to the Great American Songbook carrying on the legacies of Richard Rogers and George Gershwin. His was a giant in American music and a true national treasure."

Marvin was here when we needed him with his vision and artistic guidance. He was a great friend and his music leaves an unforgettable legacy to the world. Marvin was a remarkable person and an incredible talent who will be dearly missed."

Pasadena Symphony and Pops CEO Paul Jan Zdunek said Tuesday there would be no cancellations. The next concert on Aug. 18 will go on with a guest conductor. Funeral service will be held Monday in New York where he lived.

Pet of the Week



Galatea is a sweet one-year-old brown and white pit bull. She's been out on our Mobile Outreach Unit to community events and loved all the attention she received. She's very mellow, loves belly rubs and loves to take naps!

Galatea's regular adoption fee is \$120, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A309932, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday -Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



ULI Recomend New Arroyo Conservancy

By Dean Lee

Study calls for creating a Rose Bowl visitors program and fee-based parking program

In a 25 page report released Thursday, the Urban Land Institute cautioned against the idea of using the Rose Bowl as a temporary home to an NFL football team instead focusing on long term solutions that could generate revenue such as fee-based parking and a visitors program for the stadium.

"The panel recommends that the city not be invited to the offer to temporarily host the National Football League," the report reads. "It was the panel's opinion that such an effort would be detrimental to the ultimate goal of making the Central Arroyo Seco a sustainable part of the Pasadena

community."

The report recommended three ideas, one of which would call for the elimination of the Rose Bowl Operating Company the very body the report was presented to.

"Created and empowered by the city of Pasadena, the conservancy would be a single purpose 501(c)(3) entity with operational control of the entire Central Arroyo area," it said. "The ROBC would be either folded into or replaced by this new entity." The reported noted that both Kidspace and the Aquatics Center would remain independent —effectively tenants of the conservancy.

The new conservancy would be tasked with, creating a physical master plan for the area and to create a business plan, for the Rose Bowl and golf course looking at parking and park features.

The study also recommended a variety of ways to generate revenue though a visitors

program including, the use of the locker room and training facilities, historic event location, field walk-on, "Catch a Pass" in the end zone, "hold your Wedding" on the 50-yard line and photo ops, as well as, snacks and food services.

The report uses examples such as the Empire State Building and Yankee Stadium in New York. It cites Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin which regularly generates upwards of \$800,000.

The study also suggests that parking is an untapped potential with different rates for residents, nonresidents and commercial users. "A decal program is one such approach and could be implemented rather quickly."

The report also looked at reorganization of parking and playfields including realigning the stadium entry road and replacing impervious parking surfaces. It also suggested upgraded lighting and improved parking flow. It was also suggested that the city look at naturalizing the Arroyo stream.

Tournament Foundation Names New Board Members

Jacqueline Howard, president of the Tournament of Roses Foundation, announced Tuesday the election of Maxine Harris and Lance Tibbet to the Foundation's board of directors. These new members replace outgoing board members Wellington Chen and Ira C. "Mike" Matthiessen, who provided a combined 10 years of service to the Foundation board.

Maxine Harris is a long time resident of Pasadena. She is a vice president and senior trust officer with Bank of the West in its Wealth Management Group. She currently serves on the boards of Union Station Homeless Services, Friends of the Levitt Pavilion, Red Cross and the Organization of Women Executives.

Lance M. Tibbet, a Tournament volunteer since 1980, is also a member of the Tournament of Roses Association's Executive Committee. He will serve as the Tournament's President in 2018 providing leadership for the 129th Rose Parade and

104th Rose Bowl Game on January 1, 2018. Tibbet serves as the current chair of the Tournament's Audit committee and vice chair of the Business Development committee. He has also chaired the Parade Operations, Post Parade and, Queen & Court committees. Professionally, Tibbet is the operations manager at Magic Growers, Inc. a wholesale nursery located in Pasadena specializing in growing Mediterranean and California appropriate plants for the professional retail nursery and landscape trades.

In addition, the following Tournament of Roses Foundation board members were elected to serve as officers on the board: Katherine Martinez Kleine, vice president; Ciran Hadjian, treasurer; and Nancy Neal Davis, secretary. Members continuing to serve on the Foundation Board are Leonora Barrón, Dave Davis, Mike Hagedorn, Darryl Hallie, Tahra Goraya, Brad Ratliff and Mike Ward.

Portantino Bills Advance in the State Senate

Returning from summer recess, the State Senate Appropriations Committee today approved five bills authored by Assemblymember Anthony Portantino. The measures range from increasing early detection of breast cancer to open government legislation. The bills now go to the Senate floor before heading to the Governor's desk for signature later this month.

AB 137 – Breast Cancer Screenings

Ensures that more women have access to mammograms by eliminating outdated age guidelines. The bill allows women to have a mammogram based on their medical situation.

AB 1527 – Firearms

Prohibits open carry of unloaded long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, in incorporated cities, making it a misdemeanor to open carry punishable by six months in jail and \$1000 fine. This is a follow-up to last year's AB 144, which prohibits the open carry of unloaded handguns in public places.

AB 1956 – Tattoo Removal

Allows individuals who have been tattooed for the purpose of human trafficking or prostitution to be eligible for free tattoo removal programs. Too often, young women are tattooed by pimps who turn them out as prostitutes. It is a

perverse form of branding that leaves the women marked as property.

AB 2086 – Legislative License Plates

Amends the Vehicle Code to require active and retired legislators with legislative license plates to pay the same fees that apply to specialty (vanity) license plates. Average Californians pay \$50 on issuance and \$35 yearly with their registration. Retired firefighters and police pay the state an annual fee to obtain specialty plates that show proper respect for their lifetime of work. However, current law allows legislators to receive similar plates without paying the state an annual fee. The DMV estimates that more than 700 such plates have been issued.

AB 2162 – Political Reform Act Financial Reporting

Updates the various reporting categories for Statement of Economic Interest forms for government officials. Form 700 must be filed by legislators, employees and state and local officials to more accurately reflect their financial holdings. These levels have not been changed since the Political Reform Act was first passed in 1974. This bill brings greater transparency to the process by updating the categories and dollar amounts.

City Supports Sale of State Owned Properties Within the SR-710 Corridor

By Dean Lee

The city council voted Monday night taking a proactive side supporting the sale of Caltrans owned properties in the city contingent on a "trigger" event, such as the elimination of a 710 surface freeway gap alternative from further consideration of the SR-710 North Gap Closure Project.

The council voted unanimously, authorizing the Vice Mayor to send a letter to state legislators in support of SB 204 introduced by Senator Carol Liu, with Councilmember Terry Tornek applauding the decision.

"A lot of us have been interested in this for a long time," Tornek said. "In terms of regaining these properties, bringing them back on the tax rolls."

Both Mayor Bill Bogaard and Councilmember Steve Madison recused themselves due to a potential conflict of interest associated with ownership of the property.

According to the city's Transpiration Administrator, Bahman Janka, Since the late 1960's, Caltrans has owned approximately 145 properties in Pasadena most of which are used for residential, commercial and educational purposes.

Suzanne Reed, Chief of Staff for State Senator Carol Liu said at issue could be the properties becoming tangled up in alternatives of the proposed 710 Freeway extension.

"This really does apply to the houses that have been owned by Caltrans for 40 to 50 years," she said. "If it gets tied up with, a decision for a final, preferred alternative [to the 710 Freeway gap] I think you are just looking at many more years of having these houses in Caltrans ownership."

Reed made clear that none of the money from the sale of the homes can go to the construction of a proposed tunnel route although could be used for projects such as biking or walking trails along the corridor.

"We have also added that any current occupants of the non-residential properties would be given first right of refusal to purchase the properties they currently occupy at a fair market value," Reed said later adding that non-residential Caltrans properties, such as the Ronald McDonald House or other non-profit organizations, would get first right to buy at fair market value.



Caltrans owns approximately 145 properties including those at the end of the 710 Freeway near California Boulevard.

NASA Lands Car-Size Rover Curiosity on Mars

NASA's most advanced Mars rover Curiosity has landed on the Red Planet. The one-ton rover, hanging by ropes from a rocket backpack, touched down onto Mars Sunday at 10:32 p.m. to end a 36-week flight and begin a two-year investigation.

The Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) spacecraft that carried Curiosity succeeded in every step of the most complex landing ever attempted on Mars, including the final severing of the bridle cords and flyaway maneuver of the rocket backpack.

"Today, the wheels of Curiosity have begun to blaze the trail for human footprints on Mars. Curiosity, the most

sophisticated rover ever built, is now on the surface of the Red Planet, where it will seek to answer age-old questions about whether life ever existed on Mars -- or if the planet can sustain life in the future," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden.

Curiosity landed near the foot of a mountain three miles tall and 96 miles in diameter inside Gale Crater. The rover will investigate whether the region ever offered conditions favorable for microbial life.

"The Seven Minutes of Terror has turned into the Seven Minutes of Triumph," said NASA Associate Administrator for Science John Grunsfeld.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

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



the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Aug. 14 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.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival at the Pacific Asia Museum



Pacific Asia Museum presents a Mid-Autumn Moon Festival in October as the grand finale to the 2012 Free Chinese Culture Sundays presented by MetLife Foundation. This day-long event includes performances, crafts and activities, and complimentary refreshments in partnership with the Chinese Culture Development Center. Admission to Pacific Asia Museum is free all day on October 7, and all activities are

included.

Ongoing activities will include family-friendly crafts and dress-up photo opportunities. Throughout the afternoon visitors will enjoy a variety of performances, including traditional dance, music, calligraphy and a tea ceremony.

Pacific Asia Museum's Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is 2012's final Free Chinese Culture Sunday. This new event series highlights the rich traditions of Chinese cultural heritage and will be free and open to the public. Previous Free Chinese Culture Sundays include "Be A Chinese Scholar For A Day" and "A Day With Kung Fu Masters," each drawing hundreds of visitors. These programs, held in the historic Chinese-style building and courtyard of Pacific Asia Museum, give the community an opportunity to explore Chinese art and culture through workshops, performances and presentations and the Pacific Asia Museum galleries, free of charge.

"What's Going On?"*News and Views from Joan Schmidt*

Last night was the 29th **National Night Out**, a most effective and enjoyable program begun to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in a drive for a safer nation. We drove up to Altadena-it was the THIRD time I have attended one of their Sheriff's Department events in the last four months, and once again I was totally blown away.

This past May I attended the last leg of the Sheriff's Memorial Run. I met their new Commander, a most friendly Captain John Benedict, who has great plans for the station. I anticipated a quick passing of the torch, but saw a podium, display table, mounted photos of this year's four honorees, (Deputy Constable Ed Brown, LASD, Signal Hill PD Officer Anthony A. Giniewicz, Alhambra PD Officer Ryan Stringer and Hawthorne PD Officer Andrew Garton), and a stand for the torch. A beautiful ceremony ensued. Sheriff Chaplain Bledsoe gave a solemn invocation followed by Deputy Greg Gonzalez leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Captain Benedict related a history of the Memorial Run, and Deputy Gabriel spoke of this year's honorees. The Torch was placed and Chaplain Bledsoe ended the ceremony with a prayer. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue at decorated tables under canopies to protect from the sun. The last runners , (Benny Cabajal, LASD Homicide Deputy, his son Nathaniel and girlfriend Barbara Herrera; Julio Garcia, LAPD, SW Division; Marlon Franco, LAPD Hollywood Division; Wally Stephen, LASD Mountain and Rescue, Altadena; Eugenia Canducia, State Parole El Monte; and Lorena Gonzalez, LA County Probation Compton), never expected the meaningful ceremony and barbecue! They were so impressed and grateful. (Thanks, Cpt. Benedict, Dep. Gonzalez, Zoe and Jonathan, Revell Revati and ALL who helped!)

All good things come to an end and a few months back, Lt. Roosevelt Johnson was transferred to

SPOTLIGHT ON ALTADENA'S AWESOME SHERIFF'S STATION: AMAZING PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS

Sheriff's Headquarters. There was a wonderful "Good bye and Thank you" to Lt. Johnson and "Welcome" to Lt. Mike White. Attending were Chief Neil Tyler who attended came to thank Lt. Johnson for a job well and Lt. Johnson's beautiful wife Belinda, a Sergeant with LASD-that's how this awesome couple met! A grateful Captain John Benedict related what a fine job Lt. Johnson had done at the Station and gave him a beautiful Certificate. Brenda from Supervisor Antonovich's office presented a scroll. Volunteers from the Station attended to assist with this great send-off cake, fruit, beverages and most important-love and camaraderie between the volunteers and the

and NORSAT. After promotion to Sergeant, he went to Temple Station, Sheriff's Headquarters Media Bureau and Youth Foundation and Carson Station. When he promoted to Lieutenant, he returned to Altadena-first to Detective Bureau-now as Operations Lieutenant.

I met Lt. Michael White, now at the Detective Bureau. His twenty-five year career includes the Inmate Reception Center, Carson Station, and Major Crime Bureau. After promoting to Sergeant, Lt. White worked at Lost Hills/

*Community Emergency Response Team*

members of LASD at the Altadena Station.

Since Lt. Johnson went to Headquarters, Lt. Duane Allen became the Operations Lieutenant. After graduation from the Academy in 1988, Lt. Allen's assignments include Pitchess North Facility, the first COPS team at Temple Station, training officer and detective at Altadena Station,

Malibu Station, the Community College Bureau, and Headquarters. His promotion to Lieutenant brought Lt. White to Temple Station till reassigned to Altadena.

Last night's Altadena's National Night celebration was held at Loma Alta Park. Many display tables explained great programs like VIDA for troubled

*Captain Benedict and Lt. Johnson*

youth, volunteering to make a difference and "Say No to Drugs". Also there were photos of various Search and Rescue Teams such as the LASD helicopter and the LASD Mounted Team. For the children, color books about safety, a HUGE bouncer, pony rides and "Quakey-Shakey". They held a wonderful barbecue-people were asked to bring a dish to share, but the Sheriff's provided hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and two cakes. Dep. Gabriel was cooking, Revell was helping, as were their MANY wonderful volunteers, whose names I don't have. Everyone there was so friendly and the Sheriff's and volunteers work so well together. That's why I call it, the "Awesome, amazing Altadena Station."

TRASH TRUCK 101 TRAINING FOR FIREFIGHTERS

On Tuesday, August 7, visitors to the Huntington Library were treated to an unusual sight. Firefighters from South Pasadena, San Gabriel and Pasadena joined San Marino Fire Department in a waste hauling vehicle safety training taught by Athens Services, San Gabriel Valley's leading waste and recycling service provider.

This training was organized by the San Marino Fire Department and conducted by Athens' Maintenance Manager Gabriel Yllescas.

With temperatures rising and the increasing propensity for waste hauling vehicle fires, this training is a timely reminder for the public that hazardous wastes, flammable wastes, combustible wastes and many other types of unpermitted materials are not to be mixed in the municipal solid waste stream. Athens drivers and Firefighters have much experience in the protocol of extinguishing trash truck fires so they do not become a hazard to the public on the roads.

"Athens is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for our employees, our customers, and anyone who may be affected by the service that Athens provides," says Gary Clifford, Chief Operating Officer of Athens Services. As a former Police Officer from Pasadena and South Pasadena, Clifford stresses the importance of working collaboratively with first responders.

Other safety topics covered in this multi-agency training includes basic operation of the refuse truck in the event where driver is immobilized, including the Compressed Natural Gas safety system, the hydraulics system, and basic driver safety programs as mandated by CAL-OSHA (hazard communication, injury and illness prevention program).




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From Arcadia's Best:

HAMLISCH DIES; POPS TO GO ON

The music industry, the Pasadena Pops, and many Arcadians are in shock today at the news the Pops conductor and multiple Grammy winner Marvin Hamlisch died suddenly Monday at the age of 68 after what is said to have been a short illness.

Hamlisch, principal Pops conductor and an Oscar, Grammy, Emmy, Tony, Golden Globe and Pulitzer Prize winning composer-conductor who wrote "The Way We Were" and composed songs for "A Chorus Line," was in the middle of the Pops first season as conductor of monthly summer concerts at the L.A. Country Arboretum. He had performed there as recently as July 21 and was next scheduled to lead the season finale Gershwin on the Green on Sept. 8. Sources said Hamlisch had signed on to a three-year contract with the Pasadena Symphony and Pops, including summer concerts at the Arboretum, as recently as two weeks ago.

A guest conductor — Michael Krajewski — had already been scheduled for the upcoming Aug. 18 program of La Dolce Vita.

"A Pops spokesman said both remaining Pops programs will go on as scheduled, with details about the Sept. 8 concert to be announced soon.

The Pasadena Symphony and POPS are both shocked and devastated to learn about Marvin Hamlisch's sudden passing," according to a media release today by the Pops.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Terre, his family, and his friends and colleagues.

"During his time in Pasadena, he was beloved in our community and made an enormous impact with everyone he encountered. He brought a tireless humor and enthusiasm to the stage, and was loved by our audience, musicians, and staff. Marvin propelled the Pasadena POPS into a new and successful era, guided by his contributions to the Great American Songbook carrying on the legacies of Richard Rogers and George Gershwin. His was a giant in American music and a true na-



Hamlisch at Arboretum media event June 14

tional treasure.

Marvin was here when we needed him with his vision and artistic guidance. He was a great friend and his music leaves an unforgettable legacy to the world. Marvin was a remarkable person and an incredible talent who will be dearly missed."

Maestro Victor Vener, conductor of the California Philharmonic Orchestra that had to take its 14-year run of summer Festival on the Green concerts across the street from the Arboretum to Santa Anita Park this year when Hamlisch and the Pops were booked by the Arboretum, expressed his sorrow at the loss of the famous conductor.

"I, along with millions of people around the world, am shocked and saddened by the news of the untimely passing yesterday of the highly-respected and decorated Marvin Hamlisch. It is tragic and we at Cal Phil are grieving the loss of the remarkable and talented composer who left an indelible mark in the industry...but more than that, in the lives of everyone, everywhere, who experienced the power and brilliance of his music and lyrics over the decades. Marvin undeniably leaves a legacy that will forever live through his music and in our hearts."

SENIOR CENTER AWARENESS EVENT & CAROTID ARTERY SCREENING

September is National Senior Center Month which gives Arcadia Senior Services the opportunity to showcase their senior citizen activities at the Arcadia Community Center which is located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. The senior center awareness event will be held Friday, September 14, 2012 from 10am- 2pm. This event is a collaborative effort between the City of Arcadia and Methodist Hospital. There will be two featured guest speakers; Dr. Valerie Wren; Associate Clinical Professor at Western University. Dr. Wren will be presenting, "Vision and Fall Prevention" at 10:00am. Dr. R. G. Apelian, Board Certified Neurologist will speak on, "Understanding Stroke and How to Prevent it". He will discuss risk factors for stroke, how to help prevent a stroke, warning signs, and how Methodist Hospital can help you if you have a stroke. This informative health presentation will take place from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

There will also be carotid artery screenings available and appointments begin at 9:00am and there is a \$7.00 fee. Other health screenings include: balance & mobility, blood pressure, memory, vision and more. Support groups present will include: BRAILLE Institute, Mended Hearts, Stroke, Cancer, Diabetes, Caregiver (Santa Anita Family Services), Parkinson, Grief and Diabetes. Each vendor will have informational tables. The Community Services class instructors (zumba gold, aerobics, yoga and tai chi) will be giving short demonstrations. Lunch will be available from 11:30am - 12:30pm and tickets can be pre-purchased for \$5.00. There are limited appointments available for the carotid artery screening and lunch so sign up early! This event is geared towards individuals age 50 and over.

For additional information and to register for the lectures please call the Arcadia Community Center at 626.574.5130.

SKATEBOARD AND SCOOTER SUMMER CAMPS IN ARCADIA

Skateboarding is one of the world's fastest growing sports! Whether you are just learning, ready to learn advanced tricks, or just want to skate our private skate ramps, Skatedogs skateboarding camp is right for you. Make new friends, advance your skateboarding skills, and most importantly, have fun! All skaters will receive a Skatedogs T-shirt. Here are a few of the camp requirements: a signed Skatedogs waiver form; a skateboard or scooter; knee pads; elbow pads; and a helmet. Our goal is to advance the skateboarding skills for people of all ages and ability levels in a fun and safe environment. We believe that one size does not fit all when it comes to skateboards. That's why our decks come in four different sizes according to height.

The camp is held at the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department in the back parking lot located at 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007. Registration is now being accepted. The Camp will be held Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10, 2012 from 9am-12pm for ages 6-12 years. Price is \$164 for the week.

You can register now, on-line, by mail or in person! To download the registration form, go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: ci.arcadia.ca.us or stop by the office at 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

SPORTS CAMP

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is offering two, weeklong sports based camps for youth entering grades 5-9. The camp is based on sporting activities including: swimming, flag football, basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball and many other fun group games. Campers will attend two weekly excursions and visit the Arcadia High School Pool three days each week. This is an exciting and popular program, so be sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible. Sports Camp is available Monday through Friday, August 6-10 or August 20-24 at the cost of \$110 per participant for each week. The camp takes place from 9:30am - 3pm at Dana Middle School and offers roundtrip bus transportation, team awards, two weekly trips and a camp shirt. For additional information, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, July 29th, through Saturday, August 4th, the Police Department responded to 949 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 29:

1. Around 4:12 p.m., an officer responded to a two-party traffic collision at the intersection of Longden Avenue and El Monte Avenue. The officer discovered party-one caused the collision as he failed to yield to party-two. No injuries were reported.
2. At approximately 5:07 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Ave, in reference to a theft report. A male suspect concealed a pair of socks inside his backpack and exited the store without making payment. The 17-year-old Black male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, July 30:

3. At almost 7:00 a.m., officers responded to the 000 block of Alta Street in regards to a report of a transient sleeping in the rear of an apartment complex. An investigation revealed the subject was under the influence of a controlled substance and a records check revealed he was on active parole. The 22-year-old Hispanic male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and placed on a parole hold.
4. At about 7:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to Eisenhower Park, 601 North Second Avenue, in regards to several subjects drinking alcohol in public and soliciting people for money. Officers arrested one 45-year-old Hispanic male who was unable to care himself and transported him to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check revealed he had four previous arrests for Public Intoxication, which occurred over the last nine months.

Tuesday, July 31:

5. Shortly after 9:50 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Monte Vista Road regarding an attempted residential burglary report. The victim exited his bedroom after hearing unusual footsteps and encountered an unknown male subject in his hallway. The victim raised a lamp and yelled, after which the suspect ran out the front door in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6'3" tall, 200 lbs., short hair, clean shaven, wearing a white t-shirt, white gloves, and black pants or shorts. The officer discovered the suspect entered through an unlocked bathroom window. The loss was undetermined at the time of the report.
6. At about 11:36 a.m., officers responded to a vehicle-pedestrian traffic collision at Highland Oaks Drive and Sycamore Avenue. Party-one did not see party-two riding his bicycle in the crosswalk, and struck him with his vehicle causing minor knee injuries. The officer determined party-two was in violation of Illegal Bicycle Operation at a Traffic Signal.

Wednesday, August 1:

7. At almost 4:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Arcadia Golf Course, 620 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a brush fire burning near a bicycle trail. The Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. Officers located two subjects fleeing the area in a grey Nissan Maxima and conducted a traffic stop. An investigation revealed the subjects were not associated with the fire; however, one subject was in possession of a switchblade and the other had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 30 and 31-year-old Hispanic males were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
8. Shortly after 6:20 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a robbery report. While working on a resident's lawn in the 500 block of West Camino Real Avenue, an unknown suspect held the victim at knife point while two additional suspects stole gardening equipment from his van. The suspects fled the location eastbound in a black Ford pick-up truck and can be identified if seen again.

Thursday, August 2:

9. At approximately 9:11 a.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Foothill Boulevard and Highland Oaks Drive where he located a vehicle with a warrant attached to the license plate. The officer discovered the warrant belonged to the driver who was never issued a license and was in possession of a billy club. The 45-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. Around 11:56 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding on eastbound Live Oak Avenue at Sixth Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol and was in possession of cocaine. The 33-year-old Chinese male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, August 3:

11. At about 12:12 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A female suspect exited the store without paying for the merchandise she concealed in her purse. The 19-year-old Chinese female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. At approximately 3:57 p.m., an officer made consensual contact with a male subject in the 100 block of East Foothill Boulevard. The subject revealed he was carrying a methamphetamine pipe inside his pocket. The 27-year-old male of unknown race was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



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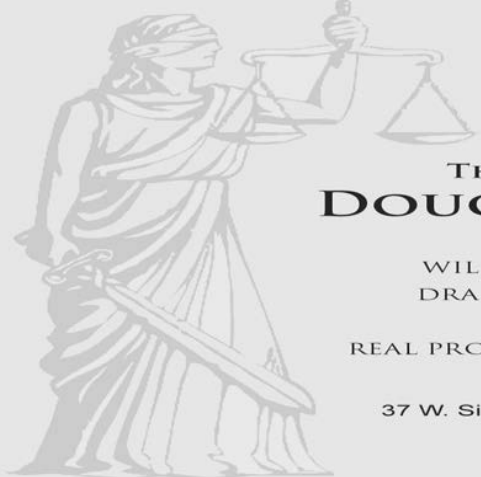
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Duarte, CA August 9, 2012 - A major street resurfacing project on Central Ave. and Royal Oaks Drive is scheduled to begin August 13, 2012 and anticipated to be completed in late August.

The Central Avenue resurfacing work will be from Highland Avenue to Bradbury Avenue. The Royal Oaks Drive resurfacing work will be from Highland Avenue to the City limits west of Buena Vista Street. The scope of work consists of the milling removal of the existing pavement, replacement of a pavement overlay section of Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM), adjustments to the existing utility covers and replacement of all pavement stripping and markings.

The Duarte City Council awarded All American Asphalt of Corona a \$425,000.00 contract funded with a combination of Proposition 1B, Measure R and Cal-Recycle Pavement Grant. The Cal-Recycle Pavement Grant will reimburse the City \$66,080.00 for utilizing Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM), through the use of "Green" technologies.

During construction periods, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Central Avenue and Royal Oaks Drive. Motorists should expect detours and some traffic delays.

Residents or business owners within the construction areas will receive specific street closure dates and construction information at least 72 hours prior to the start of work. This street resurfacing project is essential in order to keep the preservation of the roadway in good condition. For more information, call the City of Duarte Community Development Department, Public Works Division at (626) 357-7931, extension 233.

MONROVIA STREET CLOSINGS

Beginning on August 6- 9 and again on August 13- 16, the Public Works Utilities Section will be closing the North Bound lane of Magnolia Ave from Cypress Ave to Huntington Dr. The hours of the closure will be 7:30 AM until 5:00PM.

The purpose of the closure is to install the water utilities to the new Jack-In-The-Box location at Magnolia Ave. and Huntington Dr. Signs have been posted on Magnolia informing commuters in this area of the closure. During the hours of construction a sign will be posted at Central Ave and Magnolia Ave. informing motorists of the closure and suggesting the use of Mayflower Ave. as an alternate route to Huntington Drive. Please use caution when driving around crews.

Questions can be answered by calling (626) 932-5575.

Family Nature Hike to Monrovia Canyon Falls!

Saturday, August 18, 8am Sharp!

Participants will meet at the Community Center at 7:30am for check-in and depart at 8am sharp! We will then board a bus to the trailhead in Monrovia and enjoy a relatively easy hike that totals 3.4 miles roundtrip via the Bill Cull Trail. Upon Arrival, participants will do some light stretching and then embark on a journey which will include the most delightful waterfall experiences in the front range of the San Gabriel's. At the end of the hike participants will enjoy a picnic lunch. So get your balance ready and make sure you have an extra pair of socks, sunscreen and a hat. The fee is only \$15 and includes lunch and transportation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

You can register now, on-line, by mail or in person! To download the registration form, go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: ci.arcadia.ca.us or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

For more information please call 626.574.5113!

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United States Senator Dianne Feinstein will be the speaker at a luncheon sponsored by City of Hope and San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership on Thursday, Aug. 23.

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Registration is 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon at City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium, 1500 E. Duarte Road in Duarte, followed by the luncheon from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Highlighted Activity for the Weekend of August 2-5, 2012
Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website at www.monroviapd.org and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on twitter for police notifications.

Warrant - Suspect Arrested
On August 2 at 9:42 a.m., an officer knew of an outstanding warrant for a local subject. The officer located the subject in the 300 block of South Myrtle and arrested him for the warrant. The subject was booked and later taken to county jail.

Recovered Stolen Property - Suspect Arrested
On August 3 at 10:41 a.m., officers detained a suspect in the 700 block of West Huntington. The suspect was wanted by the California Highway Patrol for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. They had been looking for this suspect for several days. California Highway Patrol officers arrived and arrested the suspect. When the suspect was arrested, he was in possession of property that he claimed was given to him by another subject. The suspect said the property was stolen from inside a house on Alta in Monrovia. A burglary report was in fact taken in the 800 block of Alta and the property the suspect had in his possession was the property listed as stolen in the crime report. The stolen property was recovered and returned to the victim. The suspect is currently being held on charges for assault by the California Highway Patrol.

Grand Theft Auto
On August 3 at 4:45 p.m., a female custodian called to report her vehicle was stolen in the 500 block of East Lime. She parked her black, 2007, Toyota Corolla, in the parking lot leaving the keys inside her vehicle. She went into the hospital for approximately 45 minutes to clean, and when she returned to her vehicle, it was gone. There were no witnesses located, investigation continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision - Vehicle vs. Pedestrian
On August 3 at 8:15 p.m., officers responded the 100 block of South Myrtle regarding a traffic collision. A female was walking across the street in the 100 block of South Myrtle. A witness reported seeing the female running across the street outside the crosswalk when she was struck by a vehicle traveling south on Myrtle at approximately 25 mph. The female landed on the hood, but when the driver applied the brakes, she was launched forward approximately 40 feet. The female sustained injuries and was taken to the hospital for treatment and is expected to recover.

Mental Evaluation
On August 4 at 10:09 p.m., a female was driving west on Duarte and noticed an 18 year old male straddling the wash overpass rails and leaning into the wash. The driver stopped her vehicle and approached the subject. The subject was crying and stated he was depressed. He told the female to leave because he was about to do something she did not want to see. She immediately called 911 to report the incident. The female managed to speak with the subject until officers arrived. The subject was taken to Charter Oak for a 72 hour hold.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested
On August 5 at 1:30 a.m., dispatch received a call of a vehicle traveling west on Huntington in the eastbound lanes. Officers responded and stopped the driver. While speaking with the driver, they discovered the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested, booked and later released on a citation.

Residential Burglary
On August 6 at 8:24 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of Orange regarding a residential burglary that occurred sometime between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. An unknown suspect(s) broke a rear window to gain entry. The home was ransacked, but there was no loss. Investigation continuing.

Theft from a Vehicle
On August 7 at 11:19 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East Walnut. The theft occurred between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. The victim's vehicle was parked in the carport, adjacent to the alley. The loss was a purse and the vehicle stereo. Investigation continuing

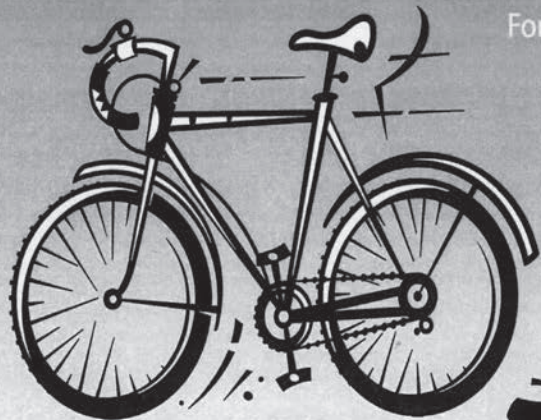
Vehicle Burglary
On August 8 at 9:51 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 600 block of South Canyon. The burglary occurred between 9 p.m. on August 7 and 6 a.m. on August 8. The victim's vehicle was parked in the driveway. The suspect(s) gained entry by an unknown means. There were no signs of forced entry. A knife, sunglasses, and a phone charger were stolen. Investigation continuing.

Special Enforcement Team Weekly Activity
Warrant / Possession of Less than one Ounce of Marijuana - Suspects Arrested
On August 1, Special Enforcement Officers responded to the 300 block of South Myrtle regarding drug activity. They arrived and arrested one female adult for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. They also cited a male adult for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

Warrant - Suspect Arrested
On August 3, Special Enforcement Officers saw a known gang member standing in front of the 300 block of South Myrtle that they knew had a \$40,000 warrant. The suspect was arrested for the warrant.

Drug Paraphernalia / Synthetic Marijuana - Suspect Arrested
On August 4, Special Enforcement Officers saw a suspicious vehicle parked in the 300 block of West Cypress, occupied by a male and female adult. As officers spoke to the two, they could smell marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A consent search of vehicle revealed a methamphetamine pipe, burned marijuana debris and some synthetic marijuana, also known as Spice. The male was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and synthetic marijuana.

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IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT WASTE FREE LUNCHES

SANITATION DISTRICTS OF L.A. COUNTY TEAMS UP WITH GRADES OF GREEN FOR SECOND YEAR TO REDUCE TRASH PRODUCED BY SCHOOLS

Normally, an 82% cutback would not be cause for celebration in L.A. County schools. But this year, an 82% reduction is actually a goal. It's the benchmark to beat for the second annual "Trash-Free Lunch Challenge," a waste-reduction program sponsored by the Sanitation Districts of L.A. County (Sanitation Districts) and national non-profit group Grades of Green.

"We are excited to be part of this worthwhile effort for a second year," said Grace Robinson Chan Sanitation Districts Chief Engineer and General Manager. "Last year's participating schools averaged an 81% reduction in lunchtime trash to landfills. We're hoping this year's schools will do even better."

This year's contest is expected to divert more than ten thousand bags of trash from area landfills and save schools thousands of dollars in supplies and trash hauler fees. But it also aims to teach kids better habits that will protect the environment in the years to come.

"The goal of the program is to not only reduce waste at schools, but to educate kids, hoping they'll develop the habits of reducing, reusing, recycling and composting for a lifetime," said Lisa Coppedge, Grades of Green Co-director.

Participating schools will ask students to bring lunches that eliminate trash by using reusable lunch containers, reusable water bottles and cloth napkins. All students, including those who buy lunch, will sort waste into recycling and composting. Any school within the Sanitation Districts' service area is eligible to participate. (Schools with existing trash-free lunch programs are not eligible.) The first 16 schools to register will receive an Eco Tool Kit and professional consultation worth more than \$2,500. All schools must register at www.gradesofgreen.org/trashchallenge by September 14, 2012 and complete implementation of the Trash Free Lunch program by March 15, 2013.

A panel of environmental experts and other judges will evaluate the implementation and success of three finalists' programs. The winning school will receive a Grand Prize of a \$1,000 science grant. The second- and third-place schools will receive \$750 and \$500, respectively.

The Sanitation Districts are a regional agency consisting of 23 independent special districts serving over 5.4 million people in 78 cities and unincorporated territory within Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts protect public health and the environment through innovative and cost-effective wastewater and solid waste management, and in doing so convert waste into resources such as reclaimed water, energy, and recycled materials.

Grades of Green is a national non-profit organization that aims to educate, inspire, and empower students and the broader school community to care for and improve the environment. It offers free instruction for making schools greener on its website, www.gradesofgreen.org. Anyone who wants to implement sustainability programs can register their schools online—at no cost—to get tips on reducing trash, emissions, and harmful classroom chemicals, plus dozens of other ways to help the environment.

Grades of Green has been honored with many awards, including the U.S. EPA's prestigious Environmental Award. Grades of Green is growing rapidly, with more than 73,000 students in 21 states enrolled. Its goal is to enroll thousands of schools with millions of kids—all caring for the environment and collectively making a huge impact. For more information on Grades of Green visit www.gradesofgreen.org or contact Nicole Sevier at 310-938-0974. For more information on the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, contact Rupam Soni at 562-908-4288, ext. 2303.



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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

THIS WEEK: **TOTAL RECALL**

Take out Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sharon Stone, drop in Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale, and Jessica Biel, rehash the old plot, and you have *Total Recall*. The movie begins with Douglas Quaid (Colin Farrell) having a nightmare. He awakens and his wife, Lori Quaid (Kate Beckinsale) comforting him. Moving on, he goes to work with his friend Harry (Bokeem Woodbine), where they make robotic soldiers for their tyrannical government.

That night, his curiosities about a mysterious company called ReKall, force him to go, but it is not as it seems. Immediately after being hooked up by a ReKall worker (Will Yun Lee), everything goes wrong. From then on, the movie is an adrenaline rush, filled with mindless robots, hover cars, and amazing shots of futuristic cities.

Overall, I liked the movie, but there were some points I think it would be good to criticize. Firstly, some scenes felt too long; like they were being dragged on and on. Secondly, there were parts where the dialogue got stiff and stilted. Thirdly, and finally, I did feel that Arnold Schwarzenegger did a better job in the original movie. Also, I felt that the plot of the first movie fit better and flowed better.

There were many things wrong with this movie, but there were also many good things. For example, Kate Beckinsale was absolutely amazing as Lori Quaid. She made me both mad and frustrated, which I rarely feel during movies these days. Also, the CGI was stunning; it really brought you into the movie. Finally, the score amazed me. Unlike other science fiction movies, it was memorable and original.

In general, *Total Recall* felt like a rewarding remake of the original, with few flaws. The acting was good, Kurt Wimmer and Mark Bombback (screenwriters) wrote a very intriguing screenplay, and the director (Len Wiseman) made the movie come to life. I was very pleased.



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Looking Up with Bob Eklund



CURIOSITY ROVER CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF LANDING

An image from the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) captured the Curiosity rover still connected to its 51-foot-wide parachute as it descended towards its landing site at Gale Crater.

"If HiRISE had taken the image one second before or one second after, we probably would be looking at an empty Martian landscape," said Sarah Milkovich, HiRISE investigation scientist at JPL. "When you consider that we have been working on this sequence since March and had to upload commands to the spacecraft about 72 hours prior to the image being taken, you begin to realize how challenging this picture was to obtain."

The image was taken while MRO was 211 miles away from the parachuting rover. Curiosity and its rocket-propelled backpack, contained within the conical-shaped back shell, had yet to be deployed. At the time, Curiosity was about two miles above the Martian surface.

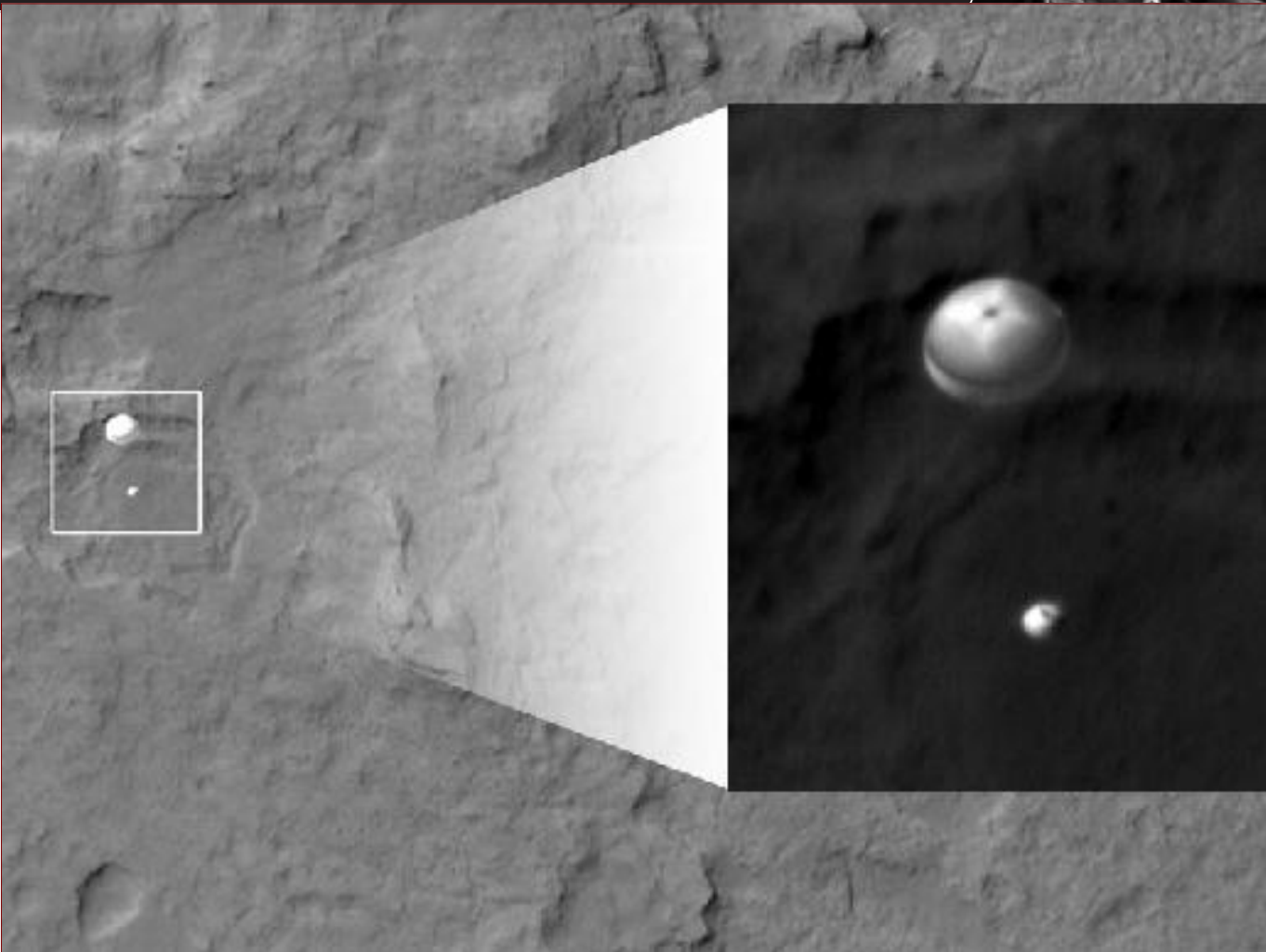
"Guess you could consider us the closest thing to paparazzi on Mars," said Milkovich. "We definitely caught NASA's newest celebrity in the act."

The rover Curiosity, NASA's latest contribution to the Martian landscape, landed at 10:32 p.m. Aug. 5, PDT (1:32 a.m. Aug. 6, EDT) near the foot of a mountain three miles tall inside Gale Crater, 96 miles in diameter.

In other Curiosity news, one part of the rover team at the JPL continues to analyze the data from the landing while another continues to prepare the one-ton mobile laboratory for its future explorations of Gale Crater. One key assignment given to Curiosity for its first full day on Mars was to raise its high-gain antenna. Using this antenna will increase the data rate at which the rover can communicate directly with Earth. The mission will use relays to orbiters as the primary method for sending data home, because that method is much more energy-efficient for the rover.

Curiosity carries 10 science instruments with a total mass 15 times as large as the science payloads on the Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity. Some of the tools are the first of their kind on Mars, such as a laser-firing instrument for checking rocks' elemental composition from a distance. Later in the mission, the rover will use a drill and scoop at the end of its robotic arm to gather soil and powdered samples of rock interiors, then sift and parcel out these samples into analytical laboratory instruments inside the rover.

To handle this science toolkit, Curiosity is twice as long and five times as heavy as Spirit or Opportunity. The Gale Crater landing site places the rover within driving distance to layers of the crater's interior mountain. Observations from orbit have identified clay and sulfate minerals in the lower layers, indicating a wet history.



OTHER IMAGES:

The image of Curiosity on its parachute:
http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/msl/multimedia/pia15978b.html

Pieces from Curiosity landing on the ground as seen from Orbiter:
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release=2012-234>

Image taken from Curiosity showing Mt. Sharp:
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release=2012-233#6>

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On Line By PJ Carpenter "ALONE"

Technological advances have made it possible to connect with nearly anyone anywhere in the world, but somehow it seems that we have become less social than ever before. With the invention and widespread use of the telephone we could talk to family and friends or conduct business without leaving home. Mobile phones made it possible to call for roadside assistance or take a call on the go. Internet access allowed us to connect and virtually meet people we would never would have been able to otherwise. Chat rooms, message boards and forums allowed us to carry on conversations with people from anywhere in the world. Now we have always-on cell phones, text-messaging, 4G Internet access, wi-fi hot spots...the list goes on. The internet is - and by extension, we ourselves are - everywhere. Most people carry an internet-accessible device wherever they go so that they'll never miss a message. In short, we are connected to a degree that was never before imagined possible.

We no longer need to meet face-to-face or dial a number to ask a question, make a statement or carry on a conversation. It's faster, easier and more convenient to shoot off a quick email or text message...even faster to update a Twitter or Facebook status and say the same thing to hundreds of people at once. We have hundreds or thousands of online friends from different areas of the world. When we're bored or lonely, there's no shortage of online friends to occupy our time. We can interact with people the world over with out the muss and fuss of actually interacting with a human.

Children now have their own phones, their own computers and other devices to connect with the online world. As early as elementary school, they learn to access lessons and instruction on a computer. They work on a computer when they need extra help rather than ask the teacher or another student for assistance. Kids are encouraged to go online and find answers and information, rather than explore the topic through observation and meaningful conversation. At home they use social media and text messaging to communicate with their friends and family members.

What are we really teaching the younger generation? As adults, what kind of example are we setting ourselves? The lessons learned may not be the lessons intended, but the more we connect to the virtual world, the more we disconnect from the real world. We all know the advantages of being connected in various ways. Too often the disadvantages are overlooked or ignored. Maybe we're too connected to see how disconnected we've become.

Life online has its own style of communication There is no real communication going on and the ability to carry on a meaningful conversation with a real person suffers, often to the point where the machine interaction is preferred to real human interaction. It often seems that the younger generation prefer to text their friends for hours, rather than go out and do something together. Adults often fall into the same trap - answering texts and emails when they could be interacting with the people in their lives that truly matter.

Unfortunately, it seems that the more comfortable we get communicating with machines, the less comfortable we are communicating with real people. It seems that we expect more from technology and less from each other.

KATIE TseThis and That FAT ON THE BRAIN



A little disclaimer: This article is geared more toward the ladies. But perhaps it might also help you guys better understand the ladies in your life.

The other day my dad told me about an interesting article he read. A study found that when women see other women one of the first things they notice is the others' weight. He waited for me to join him in laughing at the ridiculousness of it. I looked at him blankly, "And?... That's it?" I could've told him that without conducting a study.

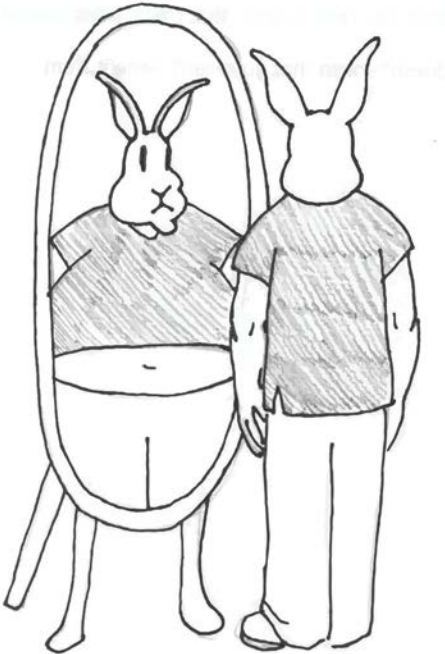
Men and women are different. That's something learned before kindergarten. We're all familiar with the stereotypes that women are more emotional, and that men prefer action to commiseration. But another major difference is that (generally speaking) women are more likely to have "fat on the brain."

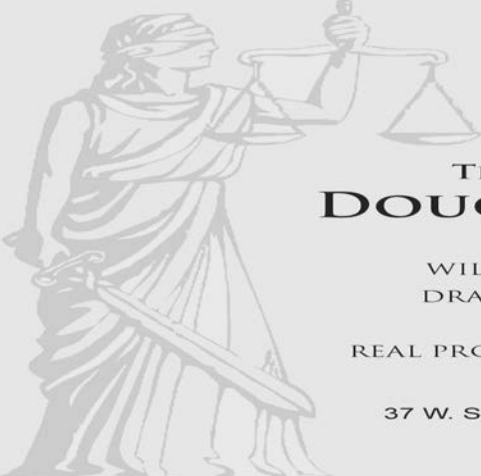
Kate Winslet is a classic example of this. "Titanic" celebrated its 15th anniversary with a 3D makeover a few months ago. In an interview, Kate described the trauma of seeing what she looked like back then in 3D on the big screen. Why so scared, Kate? It was because she couldn't stand the sight of herself weighing as much as she did at that time. She later remarked that "[Leo's] fatter now --I'm thinner." "How shallow!" you say. But I know just how she feels.

What's truly sad is that women's weight obsession doesn't end after graduating from high school, becoming a parent, or being eligible for AARP. I had lunch with some of my retired friends the other week, and nearly every topic touched on weight at some point. "I need to lose weight." "Well, certainly not much. You look great!" "No, I want to lose at least 35 pounds." "Wow! You don't look like you've gained that much. Where?" "Here (poke). Here (poke). And here (shake)."

For a while it was cool for thin women to laugh and swear that they eat burgers all the time, and the only exercise they get is when they're shopping. And overweight women are praised for "seeing the beauty" in their bodies, and "loving themselves just the way they are." Hey, if they're happy, I say "more power to them!"

But in both cases, the women are implying that they are "above" the trivial preoccupation with their weight. It's bad enough having constant awareness about your weight, but to feel guilty about being aware --that's just too much! So that's why it's comforting to hear women like Gwen Stefani shamelessly talk about "torturing herself" with exercise and dieting to stay thin. (Yes, I've blown another night reading too much "Mail Online.") No one should have to live with weight-consciousness guilt! Self acceptance can include accepting your body the way it is. But it's also about accepting the fact the you may have fat on the brain, as I, and many other women, do. And I'm not going to feel guilty about it!



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JULIA CHILD AND PETER DILLS' WORLDS COLLIDE

How is that for a catchy headline. Actually it is well know that Julia Child did spend many years in Pasadena, and my friends at the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce are having a celebration. America's first culinary celebrity to be toasted at restaurants throughout Pasadena as a kick-off for SIP-tember cocktail bracket challenge.

Pasadena's restaurants and lounges invite everyone to come to Pasadena and enjoy a citywide cocktail party on August 15, 2012, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of America's first culinary celebrity, Pasadena's own Julia Child. Some of the venues will be hosting Julia Child costume contests and other special offerings.

Special events are being held at several participating venues. Toro Sushi Bar Lounge will host a Julia Child Costume Contest, with the winner receiving a gift certificate.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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300 Pasadena is celebrating with a 1950s-themed party and will also host a Julia Child Costume Contest.

Ruth's Chris Steak House is holding a SIP-tember kick-off party in the lounge with happy hour specials on food and drink, including their four SIP-tember entry cocktails.

Vertical Wine Bistro is featuring a special Julia Child menu throughout August, featuring some of her signature dishes.

POP Champagne and Dessert Bar is preparing a special Julia Child menu for the week leading up to the Julia Child Cocktail Party.

a/k/a an American Bistro chef James Lambrinos is preparing a special fixed price menu with Julia Child favorites.

Bistro 45 chef Stephen Lona is preparing a special Julia Child-inspired fixed price menu.

In addition to the SIP-tember cocktail entry from the Tap Room, the Langham Huntington Hotel is featuring a special Julia Child menu in the Royce dining room at the luxury hotel.

Everyone is encouraged to dress for a 1950s, 1960s or 1970s era cocktail party, or dress like Julia Child or Peter Dills, and to celebrate responsibly. Patrons are invited to take part in a simultaneous toast to Julia Child at 7pm. The full list of participants can be found at www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

The Julia Child Citywide Cocktail Party will kick-off the SIP-tember cocktail bracket challenge, a six week long celebration of the cocktail in Pasadena. From August 15th through September 27th, local restaurants will serve cocktails that will be paired against each other in a competition. 64 cocktails, ranging from drinks specially concocted for the competition to margaritas and sangria, will begin the competition that will last six weeks and culminate in a live taste-off of the four drinks that win their bracket.

SIP-tember and citywide Julia Child cocktail party participants include a/k/a: an American Bistro, Magnolia Lounge, Bar Celona, POP Champagne and Dessert Bar, the Tap Room at the Langham Huntington Hotel, Vertical Wine Bistro, California Pizza Kitchen, El Portal, Gale's, ix-tapa, Green Street Restaurant, El Cholo, Japon Bistro, Villa Sorriso, Market on Holly, Bar 1886 at The Raymond, New York Deli, 300 Pasadena, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Toro Sushi.

Cocktail pairings for the SIP-tember Bracket Challenge were announced on August 2nd. Voting will be open on August 15th at www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

The Pasadena celebration of Julia Child's birthday is being organized by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce with our participating restaurants. SIP-tember is collaboration between the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and our local member restaurants with support from Merrill Lynch/Bank of America and the City of Pasadena. The Citywide Julia Child Cocktail Party is part of JC100, a nationwide tribute to Julia Child on the 100th anniversary of her birth.

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INGREDIENTS

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed slightly larger than lynch
2 teaspoons curry powder, divided use
1/4 teaspoon salt, divided use
1 tablespoon lemon juice
6 tablespoons low-sugar apricot preserves
3 teaspoons canola oil, divided use
1 clove garlic, minced
1 (15-ounce) bag fresh snap peas (or 4 cups)
2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into strips
1/2 medium red onion, cut into strips
1/4 cup chopped cashews

DIRECTIONS

Coat the chicken with 1 teaspoon curry powder and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Set aside. Mix together the remaining 1 teaspoon curry powder, 1/8 teaspoon salt, lemon juice, preserves and 3/4 cup water in a small bowl and set aside.

Add 2 teaspoons oil to a large non-stick skillet and place over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook 4 to 5 minutes or until browned and almost cooked through. Remove the chicken, cover and set aside.

Add the remaining teaspoon of oil and the garlic to the skillet. Add the snap peas, carrots and red onion and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add 1/4 cup water, cover and steam for 3 minutes. Return the chicken and sauce to the skillet, stir and heat briefly while tossing the chicken and vegetables with the sauce. Transfer the curried chicken to a serving dish, sprinkle with cashews and serve.

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THE LONE COYOTE

Most folks who've lived in Sierra Madre and the other local foothill communities for any period of time, have by now developed an awareness, a respectful regard and a careful concern for the coyotes with whom we cohabitate, particularly when it comes to the safety of their children and domestic pets. I, myself have had several

close encounters with coyotes over the past 20+ years I have lived here and, fortunately in my experiences, there have been no tragic mishaps. However, I must admit I have felt somewhat intimidated on occasion by coyotes traveling in packs.

Recently, I have been noticing a particular coyote wandering around all by itself on my block and the nearby streets, more often during the day than at night. I am not an expert on coyotes or coyote behavior, but I do observe them from a distance when I see them, and over the years I have noticed a behavioral pattern that I have become somewhat familiar with, so when a coyote behaves dramatically differently from what I consider typical, I can't help noticing. The coyote I've been seeing lately, stands out because of both its appearance and its behavior. First I noticed it has what looks to me like a multi-colored coat, almost a brindle pattern, which is more typical for a domestic dog than a wild one. I took a photograph of this "lone coyote" one day, when I happened to see it standing in a yard on Santa Anita Blvd., and showed it to a few local friends and neighbors. A couple of them agreed it does indeed look like a mix breed. Others said they thought it looked more like it might just be sick with mange or some other disease, causing patches in its coat. Either way, I was quite intrigued and decided to keep my eyes peeled for more sightings.

When I mentioned my visual & photographic encounters with the elusive, lone coyote to a friend who lives close-by and knows quite a bit about coyote behavior, he said he had seen a strange looking coyote pass through his yard recently that fit that very description. We both agreed that it behaved as if it was lonely or lost, and moved slower than most coyotes in our community, and was much more bold in wandering about during the day. Although I am not necessarily afraid of this wild canine, I am concerned that it might be more desperate than some, perhaps because it has been evicted from the pack for whatever reason. If so, it must fend for itself, in which case it might be more apt to attack. Regardless of why this particular coyote behaves the way it does, the fact remains that it could be more of a threat than most. For this reason, I thought it would be wise to remind my readers about the importance of protecting their pets and small children from what could be a tragic encounter with what might be a desperately hungry coyote.

Here are a few safety tips that I consider to be common sense practice when it comes to cohabitating with coyotes:

- Keep your pets indoors if possible. Whenever necessary to take them out, keep them on a leash or inside a coyote proof fence. A coyote proof fence should be at least 5 ½ feet tall, and made of wood, brick or wire. To prevent coyotes from digging under the fence, you can attach a wire apron buried 4-6 inches under the ground extending out from the fence at least 20 inches. Rabbit & chicken hutches should be elevated with solid bottoms and partially solid sides versus open wire.
- Do not feed the coyotes! You may be doing this without realizing it. Make sure the lids on your trash cans are tightly closed, and feed your pets indoors, or if you feed them outdoors, bring any leftover food inside between feedings. If you have a garden, make sure it is enclosed in a coyote proof fence.
- Clean out overgrown brush and weeded areas on your property. Coyotes hunt for small rodents, and those are the areas where they are most likely to find them. By allowing brush and weeds to thrive in your yard, you are basically ringing the dinner bell for the coyote.
- Make loud noises when you do see a coyote close to your home, to help discourage repeated visits. If you encounter a coyote during a walk with your dog, make every effort to avoid it by calling your dog back and walking in the opposite direction. Do not attempt to approach a coyote, especially with a dog on leash. You are begging for trouble if you do!

Coyotes are fascinating, beautiful creatures who have lived in these foothills since long before the neighborhoods crept up from the valleys. Whatever you do, show respect to them by recognizing their place in the balance of nature and by giving them the space they deserve. Use common sense in protecting your pets and children, enjoy the beauty of our natural environment and above all, love and let live!



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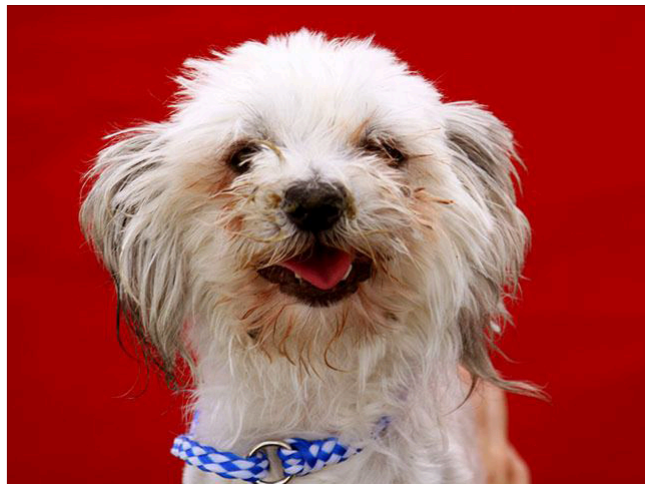


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To watch a video of Monique please click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbIrou1xpl0

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM

Handwritten is the fourth studio album from New Jersey rockers The Gaslight Anthem. This is their first album in over two years, but lead singer Brian Fallon did release the debut album from The Horrible Crowes last October. However, his side project seemed to be conceived under the circumstances of boredom and slight apathy reflecting his current position at the time. Stricken with a sudden energy resurgence and a mindset to shake things up again, Fallon and company set out to work on their next record. Taking notes from previous records and examining the good, the bad and everything in between, The Gaslight Anthem decided on constructing a record that was not only acutely personal, but also devotedly universal. Handwritten is the epitome of 21st century living. It's a record that touches on the despair, difficulties, and tribulations of survival, keeping hope alive, and the desertion of your dreams of tomorrow.

The band has always demonstrated a deep affinity for strong storytelling and arena type anthems. One of their biggest influences is Bruce Springsteen. Anyone can easily deem the group from Jersey as the second coming of Springsteen (even if Springsteen is still kicking around harder than anyone half his age). Bandleader Brian Fallon is the quintessential poster boy for this country, who has his own story to tell—a tale as deep as the flowing rivers and vast as the dark streets of America. Spanning from alternative to heartland rock and folk to punk, the New Brunswick natives bring traditional, guitar-driven rock back to center stage in a world that has unfortunately forgotten about the glory days of rock n' roll. The Gaslight Anthem may be hung up on heroics, blindsided heartbreak, and the perpetually reflective frame of mind, but they do it ever so majestically and exceedingly well. Make no mistake, these guys do more than just rock.

Handwritten kicks off with "45" a finger-snapping, high-energy rock tune with all the requisites in making it the obvious choice for their first radio single. It's the perfect summer rock song inside and out. Keeping the momentum alive with the subsequent track, "Handwritten," the tightly arranged track consists of the obligatory "ohs" and continual buildups found in many motivated anthems. "And we waited for the sirens that never come/And we only write by the moon/Every word handwritten/And to ease the loss of youth/And the many, many years I've missed you/Pages plead forgiveness/Every word handwritten," may appear to be yet another song of vanished love but it doesn't feel rudimentary, only progressively more heartfelt.

The Gaslight Anthem even goes further in the terrain of romance with "Here Comes My Man" and it's one for the ladies to get behind. One of the final songs is "Mae," a dark horse for best track off the album, is beautifully written, sung and arranged. It's an all-embracing tune that reminds us tonight the possibilities are boundless, even if times have never been so dark. The Gaslight Anthem caters to every living soul, but only those that let them in will discover the many wonders the band has to offer. With Handwritten, the listener will ultimately come across a new beginning to their old, tiresome routine. After that, it's up to you to follow through.

Grade: 9 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Handwritten," "Here Comes My Man," "Desire," "Mae," "Teenage Rebellion (Deluxe Edition Only)"

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We do not want to be 'hot heads' either. We need to cool the core temperature especially as the weather heats up. The heat can mess with our digestion and our thoughts as well as making us very uncomfortable. Sitali is the pranayama to cool you down. It is done in a comfortable seated position. Begin by curling your tongue into a tube and collecting moisture inside the tube. Stick your curled tongue out and inhale through the tube, gently lifting your chin as you breathe in. Exhale normally through the nose and lower your chin back to level. As you exhale each time, gather more saliva on your tongue. To truly experience the benefit of sitali breath you must practice for 3-4 minutes at a time. You should never strain or feel uncomfortable. If you cannot curl your tongue, not to worry, just gather the saliva in your mouth and grin, showing your teeth. Inhale through your teeth and continue to moisten your mouth. Exhale through the nose.

Sitali breath can be used to calm your fast paced work environment. It can be used to control hot flashes. It will cool down your composure and your thoughts. As it cools the mind it stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system, which is key to tranquility and relaxation. Give it a try. Although you may need it while out running errands, sitali is best done at home in a quiet place. But maybe you'll need it when you are out and about. Next time you see someone practicing sitali, you'll know exactly what they are doing, cooling down.

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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 and the Konigsberg Family



JUST LISTED: THE LEGACY GARDENS AND ESTATE OF EPH KONIGSBERG

Gated and tucked away near Sierra Madre's Bailey Canyon Park, Eph Konigsberg's extraordinary horticultural treasure trove and 1920's custom home, with guest house, has just been listed for sale. The .66 acre homesite was lovingly planted by Konigsberg since the 1970's, when he purchased the property.

Over 100 rare fruit trees and other plantings provide an amazing framework for the lush garden and mountain views. Konigsberg collected unusual fruit trees from around the world, and left a living legacy in this horticultural treasure of delicacies.

Well known and loved as a modern Renaissance man of sorts here in town, Konigsberg was a mechanical engineer, a scholar on a wide range of topics, and an avid horticulturist. According to Toni Moran, co-listing agent, "Eph was born in China and grew up in the Philippines. He loved the fruits he grew up with, and had a desire to grow and enjoy the fruits of his childhood. Many were obtained through an exotic fruit growers association," Moran continued. "The family called it their little piece of paradise due when they closed the gates."

Konigsberg and another well-known Sierra Madre horticultural luminary, Lew Watanabe, spent many times together on projects at home and in the community. A wonderful caretaker, Everardo, has lived onsite in the attached six hundred square foot guest house for three decades. He lovingly maintains the orchards and grounds, the perennials and roses, as if they were his very own. According to Carol Canterbury, also co-listing agent, the 103 mature, fruit trees include exotic fruits like lychee, jujube, a date-like fruit from China that is almost ready ripe right now, kiwi and Pomello, as well as "mainstream" SoCal fruits like grapefruit and avocado.

According to former Sierra Madre mayor Bart Doyle, longtime friend and attorney for Eph, the area was designated as experimental grounds for avocado growing research, so there are actually century old avocados that are still bearing fruit today. "Eph was involved the California Rare Fruit Growers Association. It is a group of primarily hobby growers, engineers, and some retired professors. That's the source of these rare fruits. Grafts and starts are disseminated and distributed amongst their membership," said Doyle. Konigsberg used his scientific training in horticultural pursuits, according to Doyle. "He did experimental cross pollination and grafting of fruit trees. It was long and arduous, but he experimented and was patient. He spent years improving the decomposed granite soil there, adding organic matter again and again. What's here today represents several decades of ongoing stewardship," reflected Doyle.



commission. Eph was a driving force in a downtown project decades back, that once completed, was virtually forgotten. This years-long project, the process of rerouting the utility poles underground on Baldwin Avenue, forever changed the skyline of Sierra Madre. The arduous project, which involved coordination with many utilities, removed a maze of poles and wires, and reopening Sierra Madre's downtown views to the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains. In honor of his devotion to and accomplishments in the community, Konigsberg was named Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year in 2008.

In his professional life as a mechanical engineer and entrepreneur, Konigsberg held several patents. He developed a device for the diagnosis of gastro esophageal reflux, as well as a pill that military troops could swallow, which would transmit medical status and data to medical personnel.

The expansive, single level home was originally built as a smaller



farm house in 1921 according to records. According to Doyle, the home was probably on land used as an agricultural 'testing grounds' for avocado growing, post World War 1.

"Eph was a one man agricultural research station," said Doyle. "He developed his own ideas on how to prune and experimented with it, based on his theory of the importance of sunlight hitting the ground under the fruit trees. The trees are pruned for easy picking, generally at a maximum seven to eight feet mature height.

The Konigsberg home was expanded over the years to seamlessly incorporate the farmhouse, and the current single level floorplan works well for today's living, with walls of windows looking out to the verdant garden views and overlooking the pool. "You can't tell where the old house ends and the newer one beings," reflected Doyle. As his tree collection grew, Eph purchased slivers of adjacent land to expand his orchard.

One of Eph's favorite places was the breakfast nook, which is overlooks the gardens, orchards and pool," comments Canterbury. "The whole place has a magic to it. Many potential buyers seem to engage with it immediately. You can see their minds working overtime, figuring out how their lives might play out here. To move a wall here. To place furniture there. There is definitely something special about the place!"

The family room is the great room around which so much entertaining took place in the home during Konigsberg's tenure. Moran commented she attended many civic events at the home due to Eph's generous civic mindedness. Many other tenured Sierra Madreans spent many pleasant hours amid the lush greenery at the Konigsberg home. "There are flowers everywhere. It's really IS a little paradise," reflected Moran.

Konigsberg's two adopted daughters, who now manage the property, get a bit teary at the thought of the property moving out of their family but, "It's time to let it go," they said. "It's heartbreaking not to have our little piece of paradise any more, but it's time to pass it on to another family to make their own memories."

"Eph's estate has great potential to become an even greater showplace," according to Carol Canterbury, also co-listing agent. This is the chance to take on the stewardship of one Sierra Madre's treasures and enhance it for the next generation. "It's a great place for entertaining!" said Moran.

359 Grove Street is offered at \$1,298,000 by Carol Canterbury and Toni Moran of Prudential California Realty in Sierra Madre. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call Canterbury at 626-252-6322, or Toni Moran at 626-355-7352. Some data for this article was obtained from www.SierraMadreNews.net.



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!



This 2-story home is a hidden retreat with ample living space situated in desirable Marlborough Terrace in Sierra Madre. It is truly the ideal space for privacy, tranquility and breathtaking views. It features a private master bedroom downstairs, with secluded shaded outdoor area, walk-in closet, separate laundry room with utility sink, and master bathroom with luxurious spa. The den, has beautiful, espresso hardwood flooring, controlled recessed lighting for mood, and wired for surround-sound. The living room has a brick fireplace, beamed ceiling, adorned Birchwood walls, a large window, and French doors leading to a nice size wrap-around deck with stunning city views. It is perfect for entertaining and relaxing. The kitchen has ample cabinet space, and sufficient space for breakfast nook. The formal dining room, next to kitchen, is large and bright. Next to the view, the second best selling point is the carport which can accommodate 3 large cars. Must see to appreciate.



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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

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Real estate agents support this loan program because it expands homeownership and revitalizes neighborhoods, but all you need to know is that it will get you into a very affordable home right now.

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

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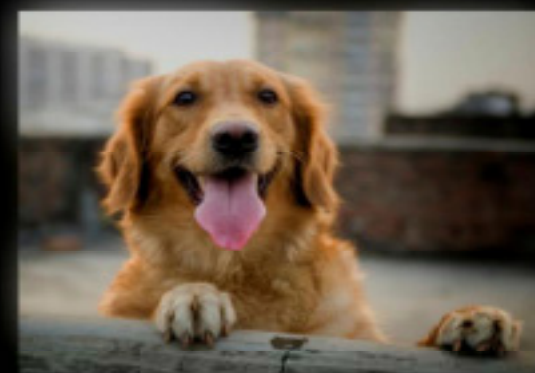
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HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR PRE-MEDICAL CARE SPOUSES

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 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.



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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
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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 Brandy. 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.

2012 EXCURSIONS**NEWPORT BAY CHARTER BOAT CRUISE AND LUNCH**

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Departure: Charter bus leaves at 9:15am from the Hart Park House Senior Center
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/onlineeregistration.

August Birthdays

Harry Enmark, Marcia Bent, Phyllis Chapman, Beverly Clifton, Karlene Englert, Joan Spears, Barbara Godley and Jane Zamanzadeh, Phyllis Bugh, Mary Kay Gifford, Marjorie Peterson, Susan Poulsen, Genevieve Stubbs, Joseph Kiss, Patricia Miranda,

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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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IMPORTANT LEGAL
BASICS FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES

Becoming familiar with the laws that impact your business is critical to your success. It takes only one small misstep to create a web of frustration and huge legal expenses for things that can be avoided altogether by knowing the basics about the laws that relate to your business. You can start with a review of what you may already know about laws in the five key areas below.

Local laws: What licenses and/or permits are required to operate your business? Most cities require an annual license for any individuals or organizations involved in collected money in exchange for products or services. This includes home-based businesses.

Staffing: Will you hire employees or independent contractors? The laws and tax implications differ and it is imperative that you know the difference. Employers are required to adhere to certain standards to comply with federal and state laws. Companies that have certain government contracts may also

have requirements to adhere to guidelines established within a specific jurisdiction (i.e. Los Angeles County)

Facilities: Is your place of business in compliance with building codes and standards for your type of business? If you're open to the public, is it accessible to individuals with limited mobility to comply with federal ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Products & Services: Do you need professional licensing or certification to market and sell your products and/or services?

Other areas of high priority include contracts and written agreements used in the operation of your business, and recordkeeping for banking, accounting and taxes. You don't need to be an expert in any of these areas, but taking time to gain an understanding of the basic requirements in each area is a necessity for every entrepreneur. Start with a simple search on the internet where you will find volumes of free information, including links to additional resources. Your state government's website is a great place to start. In California, visit www.sos.ca.gov/business.



OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU
KNOW..... By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A

If you are forever looking for transactions in your QuickBooks database you will like the new "Persistent search bar". As an instructor I am constantly getting asked by students, "Where did this or that transaction go?" whenever they don't get the results that they are looking for. First they don't think that they entered the transaction so they enter it again (same transaction, same results), they fiddle around some more and when they get totally lost, they ask

that question. My response is always, "Use the **Find** button and enter the amount." When searching for a specific entry, you can search using three options: **equals an amount, more than an amount or less than an amount**. They are always surprised when two or three transactions for the specific search are displayed. Good news! This upgraded feature now makes it easier. You will find it in the top right hand side of the screen, near the icon bar. You no longer have to try to remember which drop-down menu to use to locate the edit options where the **Find** button is located. QuickBooks users can search details in QuickBooks transactions or lists as well as getting answers to questions on how to use QuickBooks. Simply type what you are looking for in the search box and click on the magnifying glass to initiate the search.

Clicking on the search results opens a second window, which allows you to edit a list entry or create a transaction. The results can also be filtered by transaction type (check, deposit, bill, etc.), amount, and/or date range. The QuickBooks file's icon bar can be customized to remove the search bar from displaying on the screen by right-clicking on the icon bar, then choosing **Customize Icon Bar** and removing the check mark from the box next to the **Show Search Box in Icon Bar** (shortcut key F3).
...**On another note** - Business Owners Beware!

The "California Labor Compliance Bureau" is **not** a government agency. The California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE/Labor Commissioner's Office) announced that the group has reportedly distributed misleading business solicitations requiring immediate payment of a "processing fee" of \$275.00 for labor-related postings. The group is not a government agency and does not have any affiliation with the Labor commissioner's office. One of my clients was taken in by such a solicitation and when I told her it was not an official solicitation, but likely a scam, she called and her money was returned. Further, according to the DLSE; investigators who visit business to ensure compliance with labor laws will "never request payment in lieu of citations or ask for money onsite". The DLSE investigator protocol is as follows:

- The investigator identifies him or herself,
- Discusses with the employer his or her rights and responsibilities during the inspection, as well as what happens during the process,
- Interviews the employer, employees and asks to review records that demonstrate hours worked by the employees, workers' compensation policy for the employer, payroll records and related documentation. The investigator may call to verify that the employer's workers compensation policy is up to date,
- If additional records or an audit is required, the investigator makes a notation of the items needed and frequently asks the employer to appear at the local district office to present the required documentation,
- It is never proper for an investigator to request any kind of payment during the inspection, and
- Gives the employer a written record of any citation and discusses the employer's right to file an appeal.

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

DUARTE SELECTED FINALIST
FOR L.A. COUNTY'S MOST
BUSINESS-FRIENDLY CITY
AWARD

For the third consecutive year the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) has selected the City of Duarte as one of five finalists for the Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County award in the category of cities with a population of 60,000 and under. The winning city will be announced at the 17th annual Eddy Awards on Nov. 8 at the Beverly Hilton.

LAEDC created the "business-friendly" award category in 2006 to recognize cities with the County that are proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services.

"You are to be congratulated for your leadership and your city council and staff should take great pride in the role you are all playing to keep quality jobs in L.A. County," said, LAEDC President and CEO William C. Allen, in announcing Duarte's selection as a finalist.

In receiving the news, Duarte City Manager, Darrell George said, "It is rewarding to be recognized by your colleagues and economic development professionals for this honor. Business retention, expansion, and attraction has been and will remain at the top of our priority list even as we confront the challenges of difficult economic times, staff reductions, and the State's abolishment of redevelopment agencies."

Finalists in the category, which in addition to Duarte include the cities of Commerce, El Segundo, Glendora, and La Mirada, were selected based on:

- Demonstrated commitment to economic development as a priority.
- Excellence in programs and services designed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention.
- Economic development activity over the past three years.

- Competitive business tax rates and fee structures.
- Availability of economic incentives.
- Effective communication with and about business clients

The City of Duarte has a pro-business attitude mindset that is shared by its entire staff and is driven by the overarching desire to encourage economic development, bolster the City's economy, and create a better Duarte for residents and employees alike.

In the past year, Duarte has amended its Filming Ordinance becoming one of the first cities to adopt the California Film Commission's Model Ordinance and Guidelines for Best Practices in Film Regulations and Policies. In response to the voices of local struggling businesses, the City adopted a 12-month suspension of Code Enforcement on selected temporary sign regulations; and the City Council entered into a contract with "Nextdoor" to establish a private social networking site for local neighborhoods to foster neighbor and citywide social communication that also provides communication between residents and the local business community.

Duarte has set the standard that every employee be dedicated to the economic development goals of the City, with the Planning Department staff acting as economic development liaison for businesses desiring assistance. The City Manager, Community Development Director and other key staff outreach to the business community through regular business visits. Duarte supports quarterly business seminars on topics such as business management and website developments, hosts job fairs that focus on local businesses and workforce development, networking breakfasts and provides adequate staffing for its one-stop permit center in order to streamline the development process. These city-funded services provide Duarte businesses with critical assistance and exposure as an added benefit offered at little to no cost.



5 IDEAS FOR QR
CODES

Businesses are printing QR codes on packaging, signs, t-shirts, brochures, ads and other print collateral to drive traffic to designated landing areas on the web. A QR (Quick Response) code is a type of bar code that can be scanned or read on a smart phone with an app like "ATTSscanner." The code is linked to some type of digital content on the web.

Setting up a QR code is easy and usually takes just a few minutes. (Search for QR code generators on Google and you will find lots of free options.) The tricky part is coming up with a good idea and campaign for your QR codes. If you are just getting started with QR codes, here are 5 ideas you might consider:



1. Set up a QR code to build your email list. For example, Jamba Juice has a QR code sign at their counter. While you are waiting for your smoothie, you can scan the QR code and sign up to become a Jamba Juice "Insider" to get coupons and offers emailed to you. If you use Constant Contact for email marketing, they have a QR code generator for email sign ups; it's very easy to create and takes about 2 minutes to set up. (Look under the section called "Grow my Contacts" in the Constant Contact tools.)

2. Be creative with QR code signs at trade shows: D-Lux 57 (designer aprons) hangs a wall of framed QR codes in their trade show booths. Each framed QR code links to something different; join the mailing list, product information, their main web site, other product categories like their mother and daughter line and QR codes that make it easy to connect with them on a variety of social media sites (see photo).

3. Use QR codes for customer service videos. If you sell a physical product, put a QR code on your packaging that links to a video about how to use the product, how to set it up, how it works etc. You want to make sure to put your videos in a tool that plays video on a smart phone; YouTube is usually the best bet.

4. Think like a museum. If you have a physical location that has interesting eye candy, say a statue or painting, you might put a QR code sign next to it that links to a fun facts or history page. You might even create a QR code treasure hunt if you have multiple pieces in your facility.

5. Give incentives for using your QR code. Set up a call to action (join your email list or other type of registration), give instructions to show that they have signed up at point of purchase to receive some type of instant gratification (coupon, free drink, discount etc.)

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GETTING A SMALL BUSINESS OUT OF A LAWSUIT

by Noah Green¹

For the owner of a small business, getting served with a lawsuit can feel like the approach of a giant wave ready to topple their little boat. After all, small businesses usually have tight budgets and little ability to pay the sums demanded by the party filing the lawsuit, let alone hire an attorney to defend their business. The purpose of this article is to give small business owners a few ideas to help them survive the case.

If the small business owner has received a letter threatening litigation or an actual Complaint initiating a lawsuit, they should forward it to their own lawyer immediately. The time when a case is young is a valuable opportunity to sit down and have an honest conversation about who the plaintiff is, what they want, and whether they are actually entitled to it. Moreover, this beginning phase is when a case can be settled for pennies on the dollar and at a low cost in terms of attorney's fees. The longer the case drags on, the harder it may be to settle as each side invests more resources and needs to "win" in order to get a return on their investment or even avoid bankruptcy. The central point is this: The quicker a case can be ended, the less expensive it will be and the likelihood of a small business surviving and growing will increase.

If the case cannot be resolved quickly, it is time to batten down the hatches and prepare for battle. The following is a list of a few cost-saving measures that can be employed to help keep down expenses while still aggressively litigating the case:

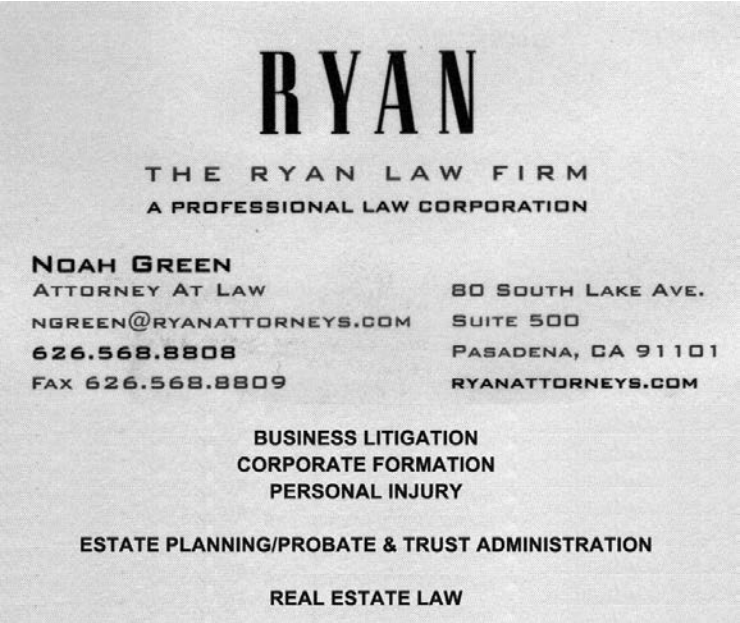
- **Insurance Coverage** – If the claim is covered by insurance, the business will usually not have to pay anything out of its own pocket in terms of settlement dollars or attorney's fees. Review the claim with your attorney to determine if there is applicable insurance coverage.

- **Avoid Motions** – Motions filed by the defense attempting to get the case thrown out before it goes to the jury are usually denied by the judge and are generally a waste of time and money. Better to simply begin gathering evidence and preparing for trial.

- **Depose the "Star Witness" First** – Depositions are time-consuming and therefore costly. Minimize the number of depositions necessary to resolve the case by first deposing the opposition's "Star Witness" who knows most about the case. Secondary witnesses may sometimes be avoided as they generally know less and simply repeat what the Star Witness said.

- **Avoid Experts** – Expert witnesses are very expensive. Moreover, their testimony is often not taken seriously by jurors because they know the experts have been paid for their opinions. Avoid using experts unless absolutely necessary.

In sum, if the case cannot be settled quickly there are tools available to the company's attorney that can be employed in order to litigate the case on a cost-efficient basis. Lawsuits will never be cheap, but a good attorney should be able to reduce the expenses and help the small business live to fight another day.



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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



WHO ARE THESE CLOWNS KIDDING?

Last Sunday night I was grabbing a bite with my wife at Super Burrito on Colorado Boulevard. We were sitting at a table next to the sidewalk wolfing down two "Supers" with extra guacamole and salsa when the banner headline of the Pasadena Star-News in the news-rack in front of us caught my eye. It said, "Shaking education to its core."

There were actually two two related stories: "Area schools to enter new academic era;" and a Special Report, "Radical reforms to meet new national standards." So, with my interest peaked, I bought the paper and began reading. This was a rather rude move on my part since I was on a "dinner date," a cheap one, I must admit, but a "dinner date" nevertheless.

I'm a high school teacher and have been one for more than 25 years. So the headline caught my eye. I've seen a lot of "reform" movements come and go. The new reform movement is called "Common Core State Standards," the goal of which is to "integrate reading, writing and math instead of teaching them as separate subjects."

Does anybody remember the "new" math, or the "holistic" reading reform movements? This was back when Ronald Reagan was president and George Deukmejian was governor. These new pedagogues were touted as the "silver bullet" to help our kids learn better and perform at stratospheric levels.

The "new math" and the "holistic reading" did neither. Basic arithmetic like adding and subtracting, changing fractions into decimals, and learning the multiplication tables were thrown out the window, while reading was taught contextually deemphasizing decoding skills.

The effect was to throw a whole generation under the school bus, without the rudimentary skills to function in our society -- they couldn't read, write or do basic arithmetic. These kids (soon to be adults) couldn't read a newspaper, write a business letter, or make change; they couldn't even be certain they weren't being cheated at the market.

These "reforms" were doomed from the beginning because they didn't address the three basics: phonics-based reading, grammar-based writing and arithmetic-based math. But this is not to say they were a total failure; the greedy "educators" who devised and sold these "reform" measures to the school districts foolish enough to buy them made oodles of money.

Now these pork-bellied clowns are back; their fat faces firmly stuck in the public trough hungrily gobbling up more of our tax dollars. Our elected school boards, appointed superintendents, and ever-expanding army of over-paid administrators are about to fork out more cash to the same buffoons who invented all the earlier failed reform measures. You can almost hear the oink, oink as you drive by PUSD's headquarters on South Hudson Avenue.

This is crazy! After 42 years of "reforms" our K-12 public school system is worse off than when these hucksters got control in the early 1970s. No Child Left Behind, with its emphasis on testing and teaching to the test, has done just that: It has left too many of our children behind without a high school diploma.

Most of the school districts that were succeeding four decades ago are still succeeding: Arcadia, San Marino, South Pasadena, La Canada. Unfortunately, some school districts that once were the pride of the San Gabriel Valley, like PUSD, are failing miserably and continue to do so despite all the "reform" shenanigans.

I know there are many factors that negatively impact our schools. Segregation -- PUSD is now nearly 60% Hispanic, 20% African-American, 10% other ethnicities; Language -- again, nearly half of PUSD's students are English-learners; Social-economic factors -- PUSD students are for the most part from poor to moderate income families. That in itself should raise concerns since PUSD's population does not even come close to reflecting the larger community that pays the bills.

There is still a large diverse population of kids in PUSD elementary schools, but more affluent parents (regardless of race or ethnicity or language) have opted out of PUSD's middle and high schools, despite PUSD's open-enrollment policy that allows parents to choose the school their kids attend. Affluent parents are focused on success. They want their kids to succeed and go on to college. If that means sending them to private school, so be it.

Finally, I must give credit where credit is due. The primary source for both Star-News stories are PUSD's chief academic officer, Brian McDonald, and LAUSD's deputy superintendent for instruction, Jaime Aquino. These clowns have got to be two of the most ignorant Bozos in the history of public education.

Any administrator who doesn't know that reading, writing and arithmetic have always been integrated into the curriculum of our schools is an administrator who has spent very little time as a classroom teacher.

RICH Johnson WHAT DO THEY DO AFTER THE OLYMPICS?



Most of us have enjoyed the Olympics these last few weeks. I think about these young people and all the years of blood, sweat, and tears they have put into training. What motivation! I'm sure they sacrificed almost everything else people their age experience to win the chance to compete on the world stage. It sounds like a cliché, but they are all winners. It does make me wonder what fills the void following the Olympics. Particularly for those, like Michael Phelps, who are done pursuing Olympic gold. They not only have their whole lives in front of them; they have lives suddenly devoid of the 24/7 training regimen that has dominated their lives. What a time vacuum they have to fill!

Speaking of motivation I am reminded of a story about a 10-year old boy who lost his left arm. He bravely decided he wanted to study judo and hooked up with an instructor. The boy did remarkably well and couldn't understand why, after three months, the instructor had taught him only one move. "Sensei," the boy said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?" "This is the only move you know, and this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the sensei replied. And so the boy kept training.

Several months later the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. The boy did remarkably well, winning his first two matches. The third match proved more difficult. After some time, the boy's opponent became impatient and charged; the boy used his one move to win the match. Now he was in the finals. This time his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while the boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned the boy might get hurt, the referee called a timeout and voiced his concern to the boy's sensei. "Let the boy continue." Said the sensei.

Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a mistake: He dropped his guard and instantly the boy used his one move and pinned his opponent. The boy won the match and the tournament. On the way home, the two reviewed every move in each match. The boy finally asked, "Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm." The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength. Obvious lessons are there for all of us to consider. (Thank you to the book *More of...The Best of Bits and Pieces*, edited by Rob Gilbert, Ph.D. and published by the Economics Press, for this wonderful story)

For years I daydreamed about being in a rock and roll band. And I also dreamed about doing a radio show. Well I have been fortunate enough to have both of those daydreams fulfilled over the last year. And I didn't do it alone. And Hillary Clinton was right: it took a community to help me fulfill those dreams. Let me thank that community: Lisa and Chuck Bowman, Jane Fuller, Amy Kalkaloff, Mike Gallegos, Steve Cipriani, Barry Schwam, Lydia Bangston, Holly Imler, and Don Elliott for helping me make all of this come true. And let me thank you all for being so extremely supportive of my meanderings.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



CURIOSITY?

Have you been at all interested in the extraordinary scientific achievement which occurred late Monday night? The Jet Propulsion Laboratory located right up the hill in Pasadena has built and supervised the Mars landing of a robot the size of an automobile. This feat had been called "the Super Bowl of Planetary exploration" and culminates a project that has been in the works for about ten years. The entire project is designed to uncover information about life-forms that may have inhabited Mars. This robot which is described as a Rover and named Curiosity has probably received a great deal of Publicity but I was pretty much disinterested in the whole project until I read Bob Eklund's description in the July 28, 2012 issue of the Mountain Views News. The article got my attention and now I was curious about Curiosity and viewed the on-line videos and learned as much as I could.

As the landing hour approached my wife and I managed to find the NASA station on our Television and I really got excited. I started calling people on the phone to alert them to the landing and was extremely disappointed to realize that of the first five people I called no one cared very much about the whole thing. Oh yes they were sort of aware of the landing but they were just too busy to care. It was a Sunday night and lawyers were busy preparing for their Monday hearings. Another person had just obtained a rescue dog and was highly involved in the process of teaching proper domestic behavior to their new pet.

Even in our house there were great distractions as the sump pump overflowed and the carpet was soaked. There is no point I guess in detailing the responsibilities and activities that were taking people's attention but the fact is that many of us are so overwhelmed by our own lives that we just don't have the time to be curious. Another factor is that many of us view scientific projects as being the sole province of "brainiacs"; people who are different from us common folk.

I have been told by a few of the people that generally read my articles that as soon as they realize that the articles are about science their eyes glaze over and they just stop reading. I realize now that there is a great difference perceived between the geniuses, the scientists and the rest of us dummies. It is okay to admire these folk but we really don't want to know much about what they do or why it is significant. I guess I have some of these thoughts myself which is why I was so surprised to read about Adam Steltzner.

Steltzner is a local Alameda guy who in high school earned a failing grade in Geometry and was told by his father that he'd never amount to anything but a ditch digger. Steltzner says "I was sort of studying sex, drugs, rock and roll in high school". Afterwards he played bass and drums in new wave bands and one night, returning late from a gig, he became fascinated by the movement of the stars in the night sky and decided to take an astronomy class of all things. He took astronomy and then physics and somewhere along the line he had a revelation: nature could be understood and predicted. He started devoting himself full time to School and eventually earned a PhD in Engineer Physics.

Today Adam Steltzner is the lead engineer of the Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover Entry, Descent and Landing Phase (EDL). The point about Steltzner isn't that he's a genius—maybe he is, I don't know. The point is that more than he is a genius, more than he's a scientist, he's really just another guy who is one of us. He is married with one daughter and another child due any day now. He is someone who almost missed out on the great satisfaction of finding work that he loves and dedicating himself to it and making a difference in this world.

There is a Yiddish concept called luftmenschen which describes a kind of impractical person who would rather sit around and discuss airy concepts rather than do anything practical like earning a living. Today we might call it just kicking back and occupying ourselves with a kind of busy-work trivia. I think many of us "busy people" are just keeping ourselves busy so as to obliterate the fact that we are not doing anything very satisfying. Maybe we are just afraid or spoiled or depressed. Really the world needs us just like it needs Adam Steltzner. Maybe we should look up at the night sky or even scarier, allow ourselves to be bored without diversion so as to see what we can discover about ourselves and our world or even learn more about our potentially new planetary home. Maybe next time some extraordinarily significant scientific achievement is occurring TV stations may be curious enough to broadcast the event on a channel that could be easily located.

That too is pretty curious, don't you think?



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

LOCAL CHURCH APPRECIATION DAY ANNOUNCED FOR SUNDAY

It is funny where you pick up an idea. I know I was not born with a truck full of ideas like some people. Take, for example, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She has more ideas than you can shake a stick at, and believe me; I have shaken many a stick at her, behind her back, of course.

I have to scrap around for an idea and then when I do find one I am so exhausted from the search that I am not sure what to do with it.

Then an idea comes looking for me. That is a strange phenomenon.

I was watching the news with my wife when we heard the lead story of the day about the Chick-fil-A appreciation day. I'm not sure I know all the political ins and outs of that sort of thing. Everything seems to have some kind of political overtone to it these days.

What was once a matter of morality has become a matter of policy. Politics have invaded every aspect of our life, and I am so looking forward to heaven where, someone told me and I cannot reveal the source, but the word is out, there are no politics in heaven.

Whenever you have an opportunity to go out and buy some chicken, I say take it. It was not hard to convince my better half to go out for supper. We do not do it too much anymore. What with the traffic and the finances, it hardly seems worthwhile. That is why I always brag on my wife's cooking.

"Oh, boy," I will say after a meal, "you can't get anything this good at some restaurant."

She smiles, but I suspect she knows what I am saying.

Well, we did try to go to Chick-fil-A but we could not get within 17 blocks of it. It seems everybody and their third cousin was out getting chicken for supper. Oh well, you cannot participate in everything, but at least we tried.

As we circled the block for the 19th time, the idea came to me. If we can have a Chick-fil-A appreciation day because the head of the company said he believed in some traditional values, then why can't I?

I believe in everything traditional. I am the most traditional person you will ever meet. Before there was a me, there was not much that was traditional. I go back so far I can remember when dirt was clean.

I want the whole world to know that I believe in tradition and I am not just fiddling on the roof.

I know it is old fashion but I believe in the Bible. If it is in the Bible, I believe it, although I must confess I do not understand everything in the Bible. But then, nobody understands everything in their world. The smartest person knows he does not know everything. I built my life upon the values stressed in the Bible and I take it as the Word of God.

I believe in singing hymns in church. Most people in America have never heard a hymn let alone singing one in a congregational setting. If you would go to the average person on the street corner and ask what their favorite hymn was, they would not know what you are talking about.

I know tradition is old-fashioned, but I still embrace it. If it is traditional, I probably believe it.

Some people believe that if it is new, it is okay and if it is old, throw it away. Experience teaches us that it is the exact opposite.

Take medicine for example. Sure, many people have benefited from modern advancements in medicine. I am appreciative of every advancement. But then, if medicine has made such inroads into our culture why are more and more people sick? Why are the hospitals full and overflowing? Why are there not enough doctors to take care of all of the sick?

I am thankful for what medicine has done, but for every cure it achieves, three more diseases pop up sticking out their tongue.

Yes, I believe in tradition.

Most people are traditional in many areas of their life. Do you realize that it was traditional for your great, great, great grandfather to drink water? It was traditional for your great, great, great grandfather to go to sleep at night... To get up in the morning... And the list goes on and on.

Those things, which are traditional, are those things that have endured the wearing element of time.

In light of all of this traditional head-wagging, I want to propose another appreciation day. This coming Sunday I declare it to be Local Church Appreciation Day. Everybody who believes in traditional values will show up at the church of their choice and make their vote count.

I know it will be a shock and we run the danger that many church ceilings will cave in, but I think it is worth the risk. Of course, there is the possibility that when many pastors see their sanctuary filled with people they will pass out in sheer shock.

In the meantime, I am going to stick to what the Bible says here regardless of what happens. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward" (1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV).

Every Sunday should be local Church Appreciation Day.

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"It was unreal. I couldn't hold myself back – we were jumping up and down, hugging each other, tearing up."
- Gregory Galgana Villar III

I'd been watching prime-time Olympic coverage, but stayed up (relatively) late to watch this event live – a tape-delay wouldn't do. There was no cockiness among participants or media prognosticators about the outcome; it could go either way. There I was a few feet from the screen, but felt the blast of emotion and elation from those hugs and high-fives as I shouted to myself, "U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!"

I'm not even clear what Greg Villar does. He grew up in Long Beach, attended high school in his parents' home country of the Philippines and, from the time he was a junior at Cal Poly Pomona, has worked for NASA.

For the past year-and-a-half he's been an engineer at JPL, as he explains it, "part of a team that was responsible for coordinating operational readiness tests . . . that involve hundreds of engineers with the goal of making sure all of the tools, procedures, process and interactions between the teams function correctly, while under a flight-like timeline."

Villar says the Curiosity rover is "the size of a Mini Cooper and weighs almost 2,000 pounds . . . equipped with 10 scientific payloads, a total of 17 cameras, an arm, a drill, and a battery powered by heat from naturally decaying radioactive material."

Others have described the mission not as "deep space", but "deep time" – landing in an ancient crater facing a mountain taller than anything in our lower 48 states, with the opportunity to study how things were eons ago. In the case of Mars, it's to explore not just the present evidence of frozen water beneath the surface, but past evidence of flowing rivers at a time when life was not just possible, but probable.

A better description would be offered in Bob Eklund's "Looking Up" column. For myself, I'm thinking of grade school when the teacher would wheel in the black-and-white TV for live coverage of take-offs and splashdowns and to share in the pride upon seeing our country's flag stenciled on the side of the Mercury capsule.

Last May, the SpaceX company became the first private firm to successfully launch a rocket ferrying supplies to the International Space Station. That mission, though, brought none of the pride and patriotism evoked by our NASA spaceflights – or the impeccable landing of Curiosity last Sunday night and the celebrations at JPL in La Canada Flintridge.

It's symbolic of the choices we'll be making in November. The NASA projects demonstrate what we're capable of achieving as a nation; in privatized space launches, the goal is for somebody to make a buck.

In accepting on our behalf the enormous commitment of the 1944 G.I. Bill, President Franklin Roosevelt explained, "It gives emphatic notice to the men and women in our armed forces that the American people do not intend to let them down."

President Dwight Eisenhower justified another major commitment, to create an interstate highway system, by explaining, "Our unity as a nation is sustained by free communication of thought and by easy transportation of people and goods."

Embarking on a new era of space exploration with a commitment to land on the moon, President John Kennedy told the crowd near the emerging Houston Space Center, "We set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people."

Roosevelt spoke of commitment to those who served our country, Eisenhower of "our unity as a nation", and Kennedy of "the progress of all people". Enabling individuals to make more money was not a primary goal, yet each of these three endeavors benefited our nation's economic prosperity in more profound and lasting ways than maintaining a low tax rate for hedge fund managers ever could.

The connection between public initiative and individual prosperity was emphasized by Massachusetts Democratic Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren; "You built a factory out there? Good for you. But I want to be clear. You moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for. You hired workers the rest of us paid to educate. You were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for." In return, she says, ". . . part of the underlying social contract is, you take a hunk of (those profits) and pay it forward for the next kid who comes along."

President Obama elaborated last month as he told a campaign rally, "If you were successful, somebody along the line gave you some help. There was a great teacher somewhere in your life. Somebody helped to create this unbelievable American system that we have that allowed you to thrive . . . The point is, is that when we succeed, we succeed because of our individual initiative, but also because we do things together."

Some argue that decent roads, education, healthcare and even protection of our property and person be reserved for individuals able to afford them in the private marketplace. But our greatest accomplishments as Americans have been those we've achieved together; from the very founding of our republic, through programs for veterans, interstate highways, a space program and a Mini Cooper-sized mobile lab sitting in a crater some 140 million miles away – there "because there is new knowledge to be gained . . . for the progress of all people."

The day after Curiosity touched down, my son called to tell me of a sign he saw on his way to work. It was of a large American flag, unfurled behind a fierce and proud bald eagle, with a caption underneath reading something like, "The British landed the Olympic Games. We landed on Mars."

U.S.A! U.S.A! U.S.A.!

THE TROUBLE WITH GOVERNMENT SPENDING

GREG Welborn



We have spent a fair amount of time debating what government overspending is doing to us fiscally. True enough that the lengthy string of yearly deficits has put our total national debt at a level where people are beginning to seriously consider whether we'll be able to pay it all back. But all the discussion about this macro issue has deflected attention from some of the micro issues that really are more serious problems. Government spending isn't just a problem because it creates too much debt. It's a problem because it is inherently inefficient and incurably prone to fraud and abuse.

Problem #1 Success In Government Is Measured By Size, Success In Business Is Measured By Service: The bottom line for any private business is profits. There is a tremendous emphasis and motivation to increase profits, and this is a good thing. Good, because the only way to consistently deliver increasing profits is by servicing customers better than your competitor. Whether it's lowering prices or offering greater benefits, businesses have to service their customers. When they do, profits grow. When they stop, profits start to shrink. Many businesses actually go out of business if they fail to deliver service. Ever heard about a government agency shutting its doors?

Government managers and department heads have no profit number by which to guide their actions. They have no way of measuring how much service they are delivering per unit of cost. Instead, Department Heads and Managers build power by increasing the size of their fiefdoms. Consider a few examples.

Statistics cited by the Wall Street Journal indicate there are 50% fewer fires in the U.S. today than there were 30 years ago, primarily because of better building and fire prevention techniques. But we have 200% more firefighters. The reason is that hiring more firefighters makes politicians look like they're "doing something". Our own University of California system has increased the number of its senior level administrators 4 times faster than the number of teachers it employs. Building a bigger department increases prestige and power in Sacramento, just like it does in Washington.

Problem #2 When People Spend Someone Else's Money, They Spend More Freely: It's only human nature that we would be more frugal with our own money than with someone else's. It is not a coincidence that college costs and medical costs have grown faster the more that government has involved itself in these two areas. If the government is willing to loan me money at below market interest rates for college tuition, I'm probably going to go to spend more on college than if I had to come up with the money. If I'm willing to spend more, colleges will oblige by charging me more. If the government is paying for my visit to the emergency room (the most expensive place to receive medical care), I won't think twice about going to the emergency room if I have the flu. If I had to pay for it, I'd think more than twice. I wouldn't go.

This common sense observation also applies to fraud. It's much easier to rationalize fraud when it's the faceless government than when it's your neighbor. The New York Times reported that its investigation had determined 98% of Long Island railroad workers who retired immediately applied for and received extra disability benefits, on top of their retirement benefits. There is no job in America that legitimately causes 98% of its workers to be disabled. It's fraud.

Problem #3 There Is No Voting Constituency Built When A Politician Saves Taxpayer Money: Every government program has a relatively small number of beneficiaries compared to the number of taxpayers footing the bill. If a politician writes a law that gives soybean farmers more money, most soybean farmers will be very motivated to keep the program alive. They will be a very vocal constituency and will probably vote for the politician to keep the pork flowing. If the politician shuts down that wasteful soybean program, he certainly ticks off the soybean farmers, but he rarely hears a word of thanks from the taxpayers. The reason is simple. The taxpayers aren't focused on soybeans; the soybean farmers are very focused on soybeans. Government spending builds a constituency of those who will receive the benefits, and history has shown that each constituency becomes very vocal in defense of its benefits.

As we approach this election, we would all be well served to keep in the forefront of our minds the President's own observations about the election. In one of his Olympic advertisements, he told us that this election is about two very different visions of what this country should be. This was not just hyperbole. At the outset of his campaign for the presidency, and now in his attempt to win re-election, this president has promised that he will transform the U.S. If he has his way, we will move from a system of private business where serving customer needs is king to a system of government bureaucracies where serving the politicians' needs is king.

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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Southern California Edison
Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project
Segment 11B – Gould Substation to Goodrich Substation

About the Project – As part of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors will begin the installation of new electrical transmission wire (conductor) for Segment 11B. This portion of the project spans approximately 9 miles from Gould Substation in La Canada Flintridge to the Goodrich Substation in Pasadena, along SCE's right-of-way corridor. Upon completion, the project will provide renewable-generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

Construction Period: September 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012, Monday through Saturday beginning at 7 am to 7 pm

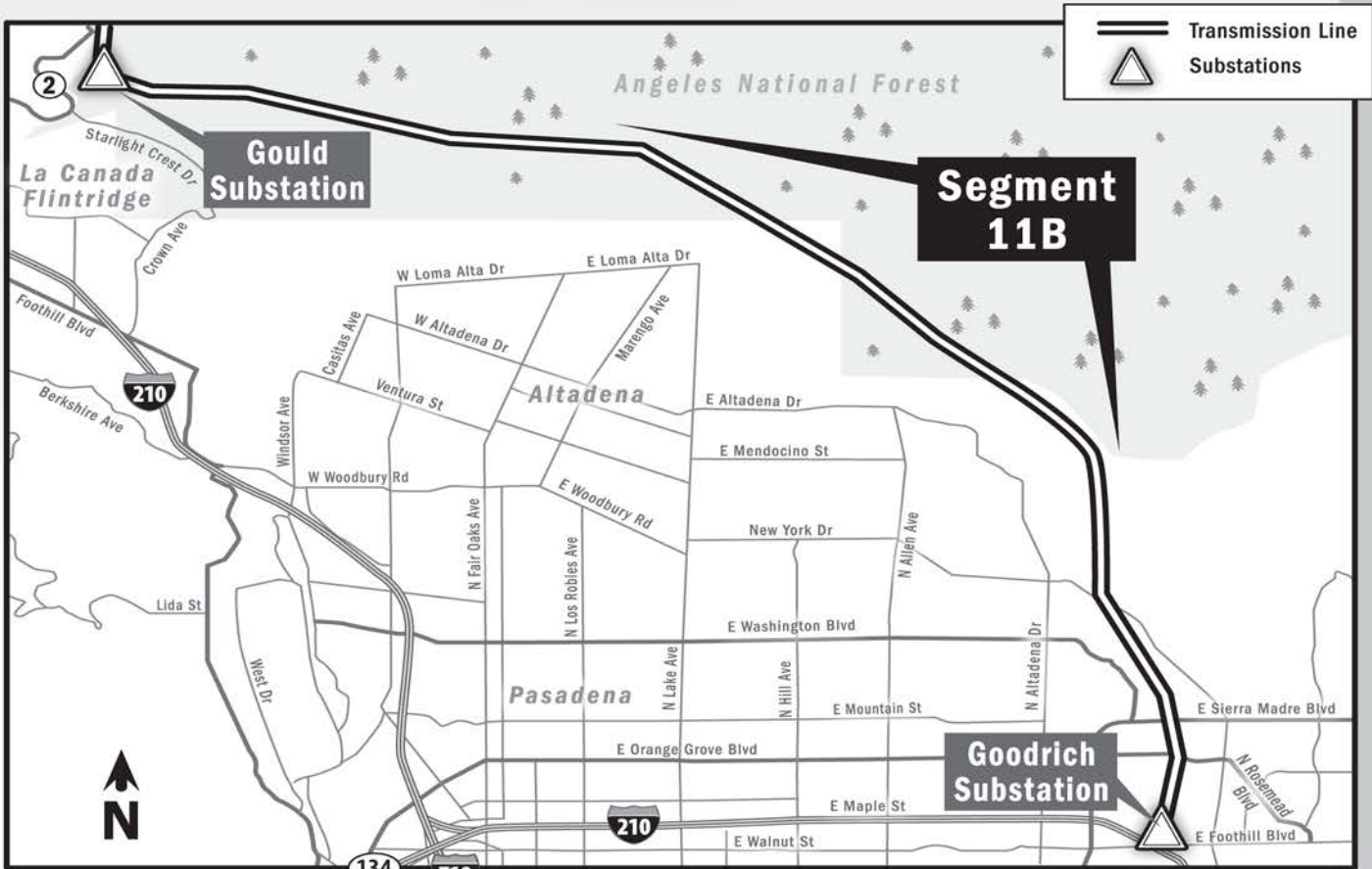
Authorization will be obtained for work to be conducted on Sunday or for extended work hours. (Preliminary Schedule - please note that the construction schedule may change depending on weather and other factors)

Location: Construction activities for Segment 11B will occur within the cities of La Canada-Flintridge and Pasadena, the unincorporated community of Altadena, and the Angeles National Forest in Los Angeles County.

Construction Activities:

- Vegetation removal/grubbing
- Clearing and grubbing for existing access roads and site preparation
- Clearing, grubbing and grading of wire setup sites
- Installation, maintenance, and removal of temporary guard structures at street and trail crossings to enhance safety during construction
- Installation of tower/pole structures and conductor
- Operation of construction equipment, vehicles, helicopters, and helicopter support yard
- Install or replace access gates

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BACK-TO-BACK BREEDERS' 2012-13

From Arcadia's Best

For the second time in history, the Breeders' Cup will be at the same venue two consecutive years — and once again Santa Anita Park will be that venue.

The Breeders' Cup announced today that the 30th Breeders' Cup World Championships will be held at Santa Anita on Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2, 2013. The Breeders' Cup is also being staged this year at Santa Anita on Nov. 2-3.

The Breeders' Cup World Championships is the global version of the Kentucky Derby, attracting the best horses from around the world for 15 races over two days, with purses totaling more than \$25 million.

Arcadia enjoys the influx of high-spending Breeders' Cup participants and fans from as far away as Dubai, Asia and Europe for the weekend that in 2009 drew a then-record 96,496 spectators over the two days — 58,845 on Day Two November 7 and an on-track crowd of 37,651 on Day One Nov. 6 — and record on-track handle of \$19,208,012.

According to a study by Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the Breeders' Cup generated in excess of \$60 million in economic impact in the Los Angeles area in both 2008 and 2009 at Santa Anita, the first-ever back-to-back runs at the same track. Both years set new venue records for attendance and wagering. "In both 2008 and 2009, it's estimated that approximately \$60 million a year was generated in terms of overall revenues, things like hotels, restaurants and rent-a-cars," said Santa Anita President George Haines.

"Additionally, we'll be employing more than three thousand people again in 2013 and so this is also welcome news for everyone working in the racing industry here.

"This is going to be a great two-day party for the L.A. area right here at Santa Anita," said Mark Verge, Santa Anita C.E.O. "We want people to know they can come, party and gamble at the most beautiful racetrack in the world and it's a party they'll never forget.

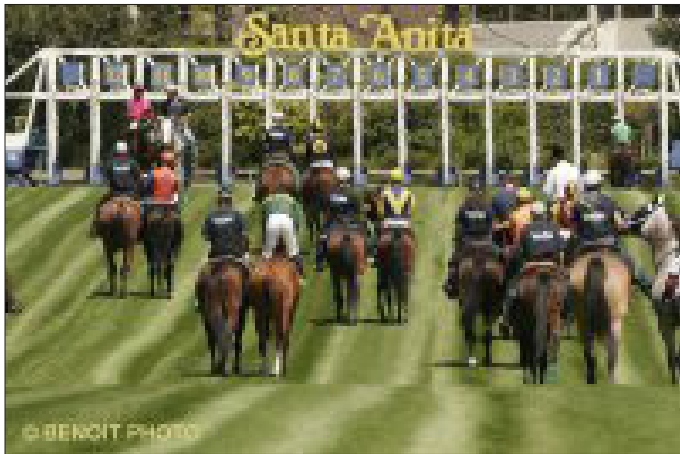
"Thanks to the efforts of our Chairman, Frank Stronach, Santa Anita has proven time and again to be a perfect venue for the Breeders' Cup and we look forward to again showcasing what we believe is America's premier racing facility.

"We are elated to learn the Breeders' Cup is coming here again in 2013," said Arcadia Mayor Bob Harbicht. "Arcadia is proud to be the center of attention in the racing world when the Breeders' Cup is going on and we welcome those who attend and the economic boost it brings to the community. We also see Santa Anita as an outstanding corporate neighbor.

"This will also help us to attract more owners and more horses to California, which is a big priority for all of us," said Hall of Fame trainer and Thoroughbred Owners of California board member Bob Baffert, who won the 2008 Juvenile and Sprint races at Santa Anita.

Santa Anita has hosted the Breeders' Cup World Championships five times — in 1986, 1993, 2003, and 2008-09. The next two years will bring that total to seven of the ten times the Breeders' Cup World Championships will be held in Southern California over its 30-year history.

Among the most memorable moments in Breeders' Cup history was at Santa Anita in 2009 when fan favorite Zenyatta provided spectators with one of racing's most exhilarating performances as she came from way back in the pack to become the first female to win the \$5 million Breeders'



Cup Classic. That year's event also attracted the most international starters in history with 34 participants from outside the U.S. and Canada.

Verge noted that beginning with the opening day of the Autumn meet, Santa Anita has hired Cedd Moses — recently voted 'Best American Cocktail Bar' and which has been an integral part of the revitalization of downtown L.A. — to be in charge of cocktail service and presentation.

The 2013 Breeders' Cup will be televised on the NBC Sports Network, and the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic will be shown live in prime-time on the East Coast and Midwest on NBC from 8 p.m. — 9 p.m. ET. NBC Sports Network is also televising this year's Breeders' Cup with prime-time coverage of the Classic on NBC Nov. 3.

"We are pleased the Breeders' Cup has chosen to stay at Santa Anita for the 2013 World Championships," said Mike Rogers, President of The Stronach Group's Racing Division. "This underlines the commitment of The Stronach Group to present world-class racing at its venues around the country. Santa Anita's back-to-back runnings of the Breeders' Cup in 2008 and 2009 produced some of the top performances in the event's history and we are looking forward to again showcasing the world's greatest athletes in the entertainment capital of the world."

Breeders' Cup President and CEO Craig Fravel said: "We are... looking forward to bringing racing fans a world-class event at one of the world's greatest racing venues. We are delighted to extend our partnership with Santa Anita, to celebrate the 30th edition of our Championships in Southern California and for the unprecedented opportunity to showcase the Breeders' Cup Classic in prime-time for a second consecutive year. Southern California and the greater Los Angeles community are always exceptional hosts for fans and horsemen alike from the event's launch in 1984 and, most recently, at the 2008 and 2009 World Championships."

Keith Brackpool, Chairman of the California Horse Racing Board, added: "We are very proud that California has once again been selected to host the Breeders' Cup and we will take all the steps necessary to ensure that the Breeders' Cup this November and next year at Santa Anita will be of the highest caliber for our racing fans and horsemen in our state and for our guests attending from around the world."

"The Thoroughbred Owners of California is happy to support the return of the Breeders' Cup World Championships to California and Santa Anita Park," said TOC Chairman Mike Pegram. "In addition to providing a much-needed boost to the state and local economies, the event gives California horsemen an opportunity to compete against the world's best at one of our sport's most outstanding racetracks."

For more information on the 2012 & 2013 Breeders' Cups at Santa Anita, fans are encouraged to call (800) 722-3287. To order 2012 Breeders' Cup tickets, call (877) 426-6948. — By Scott Hettrick

NOT EXACTLY COOPERSTOWN



A Documentary by Jon Leonoudakis

"There are things in this game that are beyond magic, and that's what the Baseball Reliquary is about."
~ Bill "Spaceman" Lee, former pitcher, Boston Red Sox & Montreal Expos

Baseball fan and filmmaker Jon Leonoudakis had a life-long love affair with America's National Pastime until steroids snuffed out his torch. He was ready to shove 40+ years worth of baseball swag to the curb until he had a transformational experience.

"In 2002, I went to an amazing alternative baseball Hall of Fame ceremony where fans could actually vote for candidates," said Leonoudakis. "An outfit called The Baseball Reliquary staged the event, and was inducting 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson, Mark 'The Bird' Fidrych, and Minnie Minoso, 'The Cuban Comet.' Minoso hung out, signed autographs and talked baseball with attendees. Awards were given out to fans, researchers and historians for extraordinary service. The event was free and offered peanuts and crackerjack as refreshments. I found myself surrounded by people who love the game with a fervor matching my own. Not only was I back in the fold, but my love for the game went another 400 miles into the stratosphere."

"The Reliquary's approach to the game is very different. It loves baseball hopelessly, but not reverentially. It's a non-profit and has no ties to Major League Baseball, which allows it to present content without political concerns. The Reliquary is a peripatetic virtual museum without a brick and mortar home, run by people who are steeped in the arts and operate it as a grass-roots, anti-establishment affair," says Jon.

"Its broad mission statement of 'fostering an appreciation of American history and culture through the lens of baseball' made it hard to describe to fellow baseball fans. So, I decided I'd spend a year in the life of the organization, see what makes it tick, and share the results," says the documentarian. Leonoudakis's film is a star-spangled journey into the heart and soul of baseball that can't be quantified by numbers. The result of this expedition is Not Exactly Cooperstown, the first documentary to explore this eclectic, fan-based think tank founded in 1996.

"Cooperstown is for statistics, and the Reliquary is for stories and the great characters of the game," says producer/director Leonoudakis. "My documentary is an unorthodox look at America's most orthodox game. The Reliquary looks at the human side of the game, and that means examining some very real flaws. The human factor is a big part of what makes the game so great."

The filmmaker says Not Exactly Cooperstown is full of surprises. "This isn't your father's baseball documentary," says Jon. "My film is a bold stew of Americana, folklore, sex, religion, scandal, fandom, poetry, sport, and art."

Interviews with a cavalcade of experts, fans, free-thinkers, and non-conformists abound: former major league pitchers Jim Bouton (Ball Four) and Bill "Spaceman" Lee, the San Diego Chicken, filmmaker Ron Shelton (Bull Durham), author Arnold Hano (A Day in the Bleachers), journalists John Schulian and Ron Rapoport, and

David Kipen, the former director of literature for the National Endowment of the Arts.

While the Reliquary has a scholarly side, they embrace the irreverent as well. The film features a look into its fabled archive of "Curiosities and Wonderments," containing such venerated objects as Eddie Gaedel's athletic supporter and a tortilla with Walter O'Malley's face on it.

Leonoudakis opened up his own independent Hollywood studio to make the film. His company, Evzone, developed, financed, produced and will ultimately distribute Not Exactly Cooperstown. "While I financed the project, I could not have done it without so many of my friends in the business, who donated their time," says Jon. The filmmaker also cites a small group of blood relatives as core contributors to the project. Nephew Gabriel Leonoudakis was a major graphic art and design contributor. Wife Lisa helped wrangle props, wardrobe, and a multitude of tasks and was given the credit "Gal Friday." Eldest son Matt (18) performed grip duties, daughter Katrina (20) did continuity and graphics work, and youngest child Stevie (11) has the only acting role in the film: an all-American boy opening a pack of baseball cards in 1975. "It's less about nepotism and more about lack of funding and necessity, but you can never have enough Greeks involved in a production. They're good problem-solvers, story-tellers, and have exceptional taste in wine," according to prideful Greek-American Leonoudakis.

Jon Leonoudakis has been a producer since 1985, leading teams on a diverse range of projects for clients and project partners like the Disney Theme Parks worldwide, the United Nations, Disney Cruise Lines, Pixar, Mercedes-Benz, and Universal Studios/Hollywood. He was one of the producers of the internationally-acclaimed documentary, The Wrecking Crew, as well as producing and directing his previous baseball documentary, 5:04 p.m.: A first-hand account of the 1989 World Series Earthquake Game.

Not Exactly Cooperstown is produced and directed by Jon Leonoudakis for non-profit/educational purposes. The documentary will have its World Premiere on Sunday, August 19 at the Donald R. Wright Auditorium at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, California, at 2:00 p.m. The screening is open to the public and free of charge. Attendees are encouraged to arrive in their finest baseball regalia for the chance of a special prize. Refreshments will be served.

Although the screening does not begin until 2:00 p.m., we encourage attendees to arrive by 1:30 p.m. (when the doors to the auditorium open) as seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free parking is available in the University of Phoenix underground parking structure, which is located just north of the Pasadena Central Library on the corner of Garfield Avenue and Corson Street. The entrance to the parking structure is on Garfield.

The screening is made possible, in part, by a grant to the Baseball Reliquary from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

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CHILI CHALLENGE & CLASSIC CAR NIGHT AUGUST 17

There will be hot cars and even hotter chili at Lake Avenue Church's west parking lot from 5 to 8 p.m. on August 17 when the Second Annual Chili Challenge and Classic Car Night fills the lot with classic cars, hot rods, exotics and motorcycles, plus live music by The International Superstars of Rock, a kids' bounce house, raffles, and BBQ burgers and hot dogs cooked to order.

The event, the final Lake Avenue Church Classic Car Night of the summer, will feature celebrity chili judges, including Lance Ito, Robin Salzer, owner of Robin's Woodfire BBQ & Grill, and Samson Francois, executive chef at the University Club in Pasadena.

Last year's Chili Challenge drew a hungry crowd of more than 400, and the popular, twice-monthly summer Classic Car Nights helped the church reach out to the community. Bill Mead, Pastor of Men's Ministries at Lake, said, "One night we were able to minister to a local family whose father and husband was going into the hospital soon for significant surgery."

Everyone is invited to get their fill of chili and chillin' classic cars. To enter the chili cook-off, contestants may sign up online at store.lakeave.org. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for food.

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ALONG THESE LINES By Nick Thomas

New Olympic Sports

With memories of the 2012 Olympics soon to fade faster than the life expectancy of North Korean athletes who failed to medal, I confess I was disappointed that new, exotic sports weren't added to this year's Games.

So who's for spicing up future Olympics with some dazzling, novel events?

Oh sure, I know golf will be featured in the 2016 Rio Games. But they may as well add chess and croquet, too, and have the paramedics standing by when spectators collapse from boredom.

Get with the times, Olympic Committee, we're in the exciting digital age now! To capture the attention of young, high-tech spectators, we need new cool events such as Speed Tweeting, The iPhone Toss, and Balance Beam While Texting.

Mind you, I'm not against introducing some new, interesting "old school" events either, such

as Crocodile Wrestling, Peat Bog Diving, or Synchronized Cary Grant Impersonating.

If you detect a touch of sarcasm along these lines, I suppose it's because, as a child, I rarely succeeded at sports. I can only attribute my athletic failures to a complete lack of competitive drive whatsoever. That, and having the upper body strength of Pee-wee Herman, the lung capacity of a canary, and the coordination of a dung beetle.

However, I do appreciate that some sporting skills can be very useful in everyday life.

Take swimming, for example. Should you ever find yourself out in the Pacific hotly pursued by a 16 ft great white shark, being able to do the 200 meter freestyle boat dash in under 2 minutes à la Michael Phelps could be the difference between making it back to shore for lunch, or becoming lunch.

The same could be said of sprinting, a useful skill when your neighbor's pit-bull decides it wants a piece of you whilst strolling to the mail box. Then there's tennis, which helps to hone one's fly swatting technique. Wrestling and boxing can also be useful pest deterrents, especially when relatives drop by unannounced.

Shot putting, however, is a different story. Outside

of the sports arena, I can't see the immediate advantages of being able to hurl a 16 lb metal ball over 50 ft, even if your mother-in-law is marching up the driveway with two suitcases under each arm.

Heck, shot puts don't even make convenient concealed weapons. Have you ever seen a "Shot Put Wielding Bandit Robs Local 7-Eleven" headline?

But returning to my theme of proposed new Olympic sports. Here are some that I might even try if they were added in 2016:

Stationary Mountain Biking: Much safer than regular mountain biking. Plus, it would offer one big advantage for the games in Rio - you don't need a mountain, just a cardboard facsimile of the Brazilian Highlands in the background.

Greco-Roman Mixed Beach Twister: With the right teammate, I'd be willing to suffer a few minor dislocations if this Milton Bradley family favorite game ever made it from the living room to the Olympics.

Pommel horse whispering: I feel confident I could skillfully converse softly with a pommel horse indefinitely.

Bullfighting: Since I wouldn't want to injure the bull, I'd be wary about this event. Besides, Spain would have a huge advantage. So if I were to enter, I would have to even the playing field: the Spanish competitors would be required to wear bright red uniforms. And instead of dispatching the bull with swords, they would be issued with

cattle prods. Personally, I'd be rooting for the bull to take the gold. This sport would also be popular with Olympic broadcasters, since they'd get even more bull into their commentary.

Human Cannonballing: "Net? I don't need no stinking net!" said Blazing Brooks, former cannonballer from the Kahlua and Bailey Bros. Circus, and long-time advocate for Olympic cannonballing. "Just as long as I land on my head." I would definitely want a net.

Rhythmic Furniture Building: We've all faced the challenge of constructing one of those \$99 build-it-yourself oak entertainment centers from K-mart that has 500 parts to assemble and as many instruction steps written in Sanskrit. Anybody who can put one of those babies together in record time with, say, Bruce Springsteen rocking in the background, deserves a gold medal. Although, as usual, mine would likely end up resembling a deck chair.

And finally, wouldn't Team Skydiving be an exciting addition to the Olympics? It requires skill, coordination, and concentration. But with my athletic background I wouldn't attempt this one. Besides, in my enthusiasm for a medal, I'd probably forget to pull the ripcord.

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