

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR HILDRETH PROPERTY



Story and Photo By Susan Henderson

What is now known as the “Sterling Oak Restaurant & Wine Gallery, located under the home of Jeff and Taryn Hildreth on E. Montecito, has suffered another legal setback. Last month, the City of Sierra Madre was successful in getting a receiver to manage the property, in hopes that the code violations will be corrected. The action, which is part of a lawsuit filed by the city almost two years ago, follows efforts by the Hildreth’s to have the court ordered injunction set aside.

According to the documents filed, there are at least 29 code violations, the most disconcerting being a hole 15 feet under the house that Hildreth dug to house the business.

in January 2011, the court issued a Preliminary Injunction ordering that the Hildreth’s “be enjoined from maintaining any violations of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code”; be prohibited from “undertaking any grading or other construction without permits from the city”; “provide the city with all required construction documents”; and prohibits the Hildreth’s from maintaining “any legal nuisance at the property”.

The injunction allowed for the Hildreth’s to correct all of the code violations “to either legalize their alterations and

other construction at the property or in the alternative, remove the illegal conditions”.

The receivership was granted last month because none of the conditions had been addressed.

The Hildreth’s have been struggling with this property for about 10 years. Initially, when the property was purchased, their intent was to put in a Wine Bar and Art Gallery. They were issued a Conditional Use Permit in 1999. At that time, the area in which the property is located, East Montecito, appeared to be developing as a trendy artist/commercial area.

According to a recent article in the Pasadena Star News, Hildreth alleges that Sierra Madre has blocked their attempts to comply with the courts orders. “All we want is resolution”, Hildreth is quoted as saying.

Although the issues with the city have gone on since 1999, the final straw for the city appear to be when the Hildreth’s constructed a deck (shown above) which extends over the sidewalk.

The receiver has several options in terms of bringing the property into compliance. It is not clear if the Hildreth’s will have to vacate the premises while the corrections are made.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

City Announces 2012 Sierra Madre Honorees

Sierra Madre Honors... is the City’s opportunity to recognize and honor the true treasures of Sierra Madre, its volunteers, City Commissioners and employees. Sierra Madre Honors... recognizes all out-going City Commissioners, and awardees selected from nominations submitted to the Mayor’s Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of past recipients. The following are the awardees for 2012:

George Maurer Lifetime Service Award – Marilyn McKernan

Presented to a person/entity that most strongly represents a commitment to serving and volunteering over the course of a lifetime, which is the true spirit of Sierra Madre.

Wistaria Award – Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee

In recognition of a City/Community partnership, it is presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City/Community of Sierra Madre have demonstrated a true partnership which assists in and provides services, programs or enhances the general welfare of the community as a whole.

Police Chief’s Special Award – Patricia Gonzalez

Presented by the Sierra Madre Chief of Police to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty (employee) or service (community) in resolving a community law enforcement-related issue.

Public Safety Award – Todd Conrad

Presented by the Mayor to an individual, either an employee or citizen, who took action to protect and maintain the safety of the community.

Public Service Award – James Carlson & Miguel Hernandez

Employee of the Year – presented by the Mayor upon the recommendation of the City Manager to an extraordinary city employee who has represented remarkable customer and public service as well as dedication to the citizens of Sierra Madre over the course of a year.

Community Youth Service Award – Aliya Crochietiere

Presented to a young adult in the community, 18 years of age or younger, who demonstrates dedication and outstanding service to the community.

Donor of the Year* – Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Presented to a business, organization, or individual who made a significant donation to the City of Sierra Madre.

The 2012 Sierra Madre Honors... Dinner and Awards will be held on Thursday, September 13th in Sierra Madre by invitation only. For more information contact City Hall at 626-355-7135.

* New award

THE SCARECROWS ARE COMING!

Creative Arts Group presents the1stAnnualScarecrow Festival

This October you won’t want to miss tour the village of Sierra Madre to view the life-size scarecrows popping up throughout the town.



Residents will be vying to see who can create the scariest or most humorous scarecrow while business owners will work on images to best represent their line of work.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Scarecrow Making Workshop, however only those who live in ,or own a business in Sierra Madre, may participate in the contest.

There is no charge for the workshop, but registration is required due to limited enrollment(one scarecrow per family or business).

Participants need to provide clothing and accessories for their scarecrow (check out the CAG Flea Market on September 8 for those items).

Everything else is providedthanksin part to the generosity of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

The workshop takes place on September 15, any time between noon to 7pm. Call626-355-8350 for more information and a registration form.

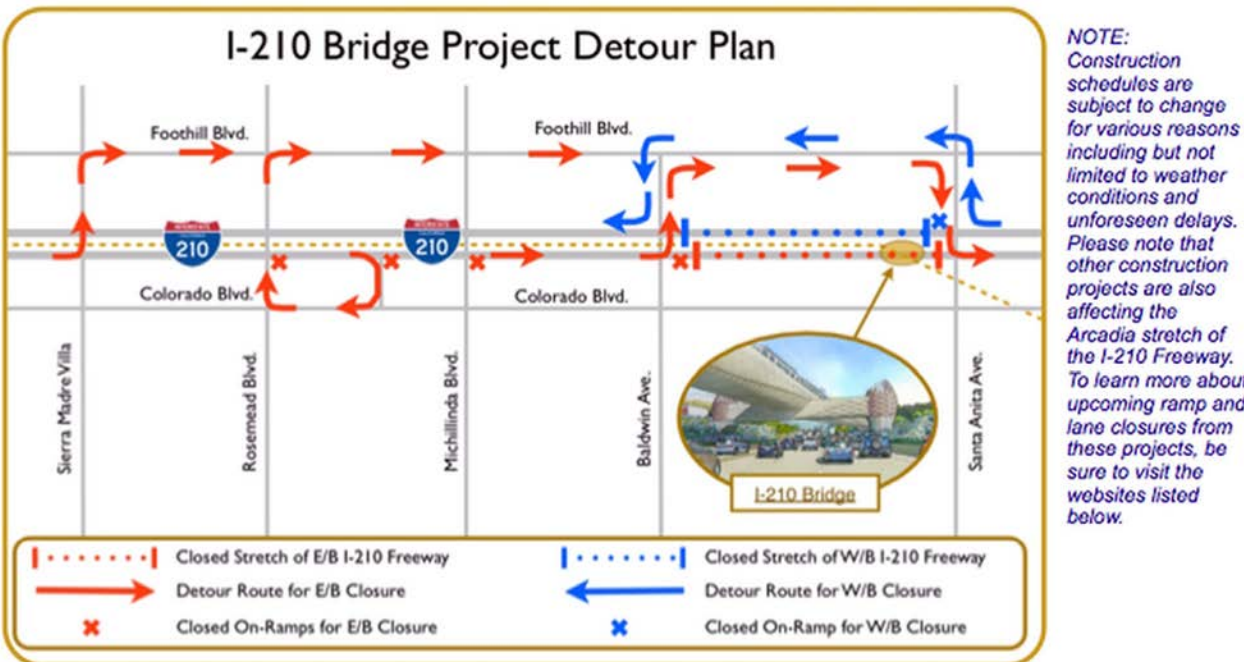
210 FREEWAY TO SHUT DOWN OVERNIGHT

On August 28th and 29th all lanes of the 210 Foothill Freeway will be closed in both directions. The closure will begin Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

All eastbound lanes will be closed Thursday night August 30th at midnight thru 5 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Eastbound lanes will be closed from Rosemead Blvd exit to Santa Anita Avenue exit. Westbound lanes will be closed between Santa Anita Avenue and Baldwin Avenue.

The closure is necessary in order to allow continued construction of the Gold Line train bridge over the eastbound lanes of the freeway between Baldwin and Santa Anita Avenues. See map below for detours...



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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
August 28th, 2012 6:30 pm

Sun Aug 26 @ 6 - 8 PM	Concert in the Park
Mon Aug 27	Preschool Story Hour
Tue Aug 28 @ 6:30PM	City Council Meeting
Tue Aug 28 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Free eReader Workshop
Wed Aug 29	Preschool Story Hour

Sierra Madre Coordinating Council

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



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. For 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 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 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:

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Upcoming Kiwanis Calendar:

Tuesday, August 28th	Noon	Speaker: Angel Throop Wine & Jazz Festival
Tuesday, September 4th	Noon	Pete Siberell, SMML & Santa Anita Park
Tuesday, September 11th	8:00am	Special 9/11 Memorial Program
Wednesday, September 19th		Scarecrow Workshop
Saturday, September 22nd		PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Tuesday, September 25th		Presentation: Hypnosis Call 626-355-0728 for additional information



The Inaugural Artisan Faire will take place on November 17th and 18th at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia. This holiday shopping opportunity will feature quality, juried handcrafted Artisans, fashion show, DIY demonstrations, Bonjour Boutique Spa and much more. Free admission to the public. For vendor information, contact Wendy Fujihara-Anderson at <https://www.facebook.com/TheArtisanFaire> wowproductions2@earthlink.net

HELP WANTED

GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

Experienced mature person for general office position in Sierra Madre. Financial book keeping and elderly resident liaison at a RCFE facility. Good computer skills required. Quickbooks knowledge preferred, ability to learn essential. Full time employment or part time leading to full time may be considered. Immediate availability.

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Rudy's Monrovia
Monrovia Senior Center

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REMEMBRANCE

PAMELA McBEATH

McBEATH - Pamela Joy McBeath, 54, passed away August 14, 2012 at Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her father, Gerber McBeath and stepmother, Renate; sisters Robin and brother-in-law, Jack Robertson; sister, Carla Cook and Scott; nephew, Anthony Ingrassi III and Bonnie; great nephew, Lil Anthony; nieces, Jessica, Samantha, Rebecca and Alexandra. She was preceded in death by her mother, Darlene Joanne Warren; sister, Kelly Marie Ingrassi; and grandmother, Orda.

Pamela moved into Climb Sierra Madre on November 17, 1980. Pamela was always a very outgoing individual, she would always properly initiate contact with others in familiar environments. She was a very sociable and prides herself on having an active social life and many friends here at Climb and out in the community as well.

Pamela enjoyed attending Congregational Church on Sundays, and City's Street Faire quite frequently. She also enjoyed hanging out at BeanTown, a local coffee shop in Sierra Madre, where she would enjoy the company of friends and good music. Pamela loved to attend various concerts. She loved listening to Ann Murray, Beach Boys, and her favorite Chris Montez.

Pamela worked for Climb Work Activity Center, by answering phones for the agency and was always very pleasant with others and will be deeply missed.

Pamela received quite a few awards in the past:

2008- Most Comfortable Companion Award presented by Climb Mobility and Orientation
2009- Honor of an Extraordinary Achievement Award
2010- Climb Mobility – for Most independent / Community Awareness Award
2011- High Energy Engine of Efficiency Award by Climb Work Activity Center.

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For service information, please contact Douglass & Zook Chapel of Remembrance Funeral Home, Monrovia, CA (626) 358-3244.



MINI GRANT AWARDED TO EMMA MARTINEZ BY ROTARY OF SIERRA MADRE

The Sierra Madre Rotary is pleased to offer mini grants, up to \$500, to help with projects that will benefit the community.

Our recipient is 16 year old, Emma Martinez, a junior at LaSalle High School. Her project idea came about during the loss of electric power last Dec. Her project is assembling and providing disaster kits for Sierra Madre Seniors. Her kits have water, emergency blankets, non-perishable foods, first aid kit and other items useful in the event of a natural disaster. If you wish to donate or help Emma her email is emma.martinez96@gmail.com She is very close to her goal.



What idea do you have? It is easy to apply for a grant go. <http://rotaryclubofsierramadre.com> then mini grants.

Mail to:

Rotary Club of Sierra Madre
P.O. Box 863, Sierra Madre, CA 91025
or email to sierramadrerotary@hotmail.com

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For The Period August 13 – August 19, 2012

Thursday August 16, 2012

At 12:05am an officer stopped a vehicle with an inoperable headlight at Foothill Boulevard and Michillinda Avenue. The officer soon determined that the driver was on probation for robbery and ordered all 4 occupants out of the vehicle. During a subsequent search of the vehicle the officer found a loaded .38 caliber revolver on the rear floorboard, an open container of beer and a baggy containing marijuana. A male, 32 years of age and a female 19 years of age were arrested for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. It was later determined that the male is an active member of the South Side Pasa Gang.

Saturday August 18, 2012

Earlier this month, Sierra Madre residents moved to a new home in Monrovia. As they packed, they placed important documents and jewelry in a separate bag that they intended to transport personally to the new address. However they accidentally left this bag inside an item of furniture that was subsequently moved by employees of a moving company they hired. Days later, while unpacking, the owners discovered the some of the jewelry was missing from the bag.

Sunday August 19, 2012

Units responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 100 block of Esperanza Avenue. The investigation revealed that a verbal argument had taken place between two parties at the location. This escalated into a physical altercation in which one party grabbed the other and pushed her. The victim requested a private persons arrest for the misdemeanor and a male, 52 years of age was arrested for battery.

GET THEM TO THE POLLS ON TIME September 6, 2012

The League of Women Voters stands on voter education and voter participation as cornerstones of democracy. Current action on those two fronts – youths' civics education and battles against voter suppression – will be the topics of a midday forum on Thursday, Sept. 6 at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

At 11 a.m. Michael Croddy, a national leader in civics and law-related education, will describe the status and trends of youth civics education and engagement. Croddy is vice-president of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, sponsors of Mock Trial and other highly respected programs.

At 12:30, the topic will be voter suppression -- updates on the battles across the country to preserve voters' rights and the status of a lawsuit in California regarding voting rights of former felons. The speaker will be Michelle White, an attorney who also is president-elect of the local League and former president of the local American Civil Liberties Union. Part of Lunch with the League at the Women's City Club, the forum itself is free and open to the public. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is \$20, including tax, tip and parking. Lunch reservations and information are available by calling 626-798-0965. Walk-ins for the free program are welcome.

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL RECREATION CLASSES



The Community Services Department is excited to announce fall recreation classes are now open for registration online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration or by visiting the Hart Park House Senior Center (222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd) or the Community Services office (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd).

The fall session introduces a variety classes and programs for the whole family. Change up your fitness regime with Zumba or Zumba Gold (ages 55+), a dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin &

international music with dances movements creating a high energy party like atmosphere that provides a dynamic, exciting and effective workouts. Strengthen your core with either Gentle Yoga or Yoga for All Ages. Learn and develop physical self-protection and escaping techniques that are easy to remember and utilize by registering for the Women's Self Defensive class.

Younger family members will enjoy Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer (ages 2-3.5) and ages 3.5-11 years old can enroll in age appropriate soccer skill development classes with the Kidz Love Soccer. Gain advantage through footwork and body positioning to employ leverage, avoiding the use of strength against strength in Hapkido Karate adult and youth classes. As always, you'll find class favorites including Ballet, Tap and Creative Dance!

For more information, please contact Community Services Department at 626.355.5278.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Portantino Calls for Halt to 710 Expansion

In a strongly worded letter to the California Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission, Assembly Member Anthony Portantino demanded that transportation leaders “put the brakes” on the 710 freeway extension.

“I strongly urge you to cease all activity relating to the advancement of the SR 710 extension. The SR 710 Study process has been mired in controversy since its inception,” he said “I have personally witnessed actions and activities by proponents of a tunnel option, which have been questionable at best, but more accurately, would be portrayed as biased and tainted.”

Portantino claims in a media statement that representatives of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) have routinely misrepresented important information while hiding the true cost and benefit of this project from the public.

Portantino said he has testified before the California Transportation Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Administration expressing concerns over the process, cost and impact that a 710 extension would have on California. He currently represents the 44th Assembly District which encompasses the majority of the 710 study area.

“The recent state audit highlighted the complete lack of trust that I have for the folks shepherding the 710 corridor and this historically massive project. If these folks can't be trusted to fix a roof, how can we trust them to build a \$15 billion dollar tunnel,” commented Portantino.

At the heart of Portantino's criticism is the refusal of tunnel proponents to come clean with the true cost and true benefit of the project before moving forward.

In his letter, Portantino details how the project itself contradicts Caltrans very own traffic protocols and fails to comply with the direction of the Federal Highway Administration.

“When you have a project of this magnitude, with this many unanswered questions, manipulations and false information, one has to wonder why decision makers aren't immediately putting a halt to this insanity,” he said.

Pet of the Week



Bean is an eight-year-old tan and salt and pepper Cairn terrier mix. He loves to go for walks and is very friendly. He's become a favorite among staff and volunteers.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A311904, 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.



Doo Dah Exhibition Opens to the Public

From the crowns the royal queens wear to the official early event programs to even video footage of the first 1978 parade, it's all part of the Pasadena Museum of History exhibition, “What A Long Strange Trip It's Been: 35 Years of the Pasadena Doo Dah Parade.”

The retrospective opened Saturday and runs through January 13.

The showing also includes a photo wall of parade and crowd shots; vignettes of entries – including the Synchronized Precision Marching Briefcase Drill Team; costumes and memorabilia of various Queens and music groups. Organizers said there was more; but, to quote Ann Erdman, the Grand Marshal of the 2012 parade, “... this is Doo Dah after all, and one never knows...”

The exhibition was curated by a consortium of individuals including Tom Coston, Patricia Hurley, and Rosalind Schoen, all of Light Bringer Project, which sponsors the Parade; as well as Sue Behrens and Steve Vargas.

Beginning in 1978, the “occasional” Doo Dah parade took place sporadically: changing dates, season, and location in its characteristically casual – and some might say – disorganized way. The parade has always been controversial. Its detractors dismiss it as derivative, decry its in-your-face sexual and political humor, and are embarrassed to have it take place in a city such as Pasadena.

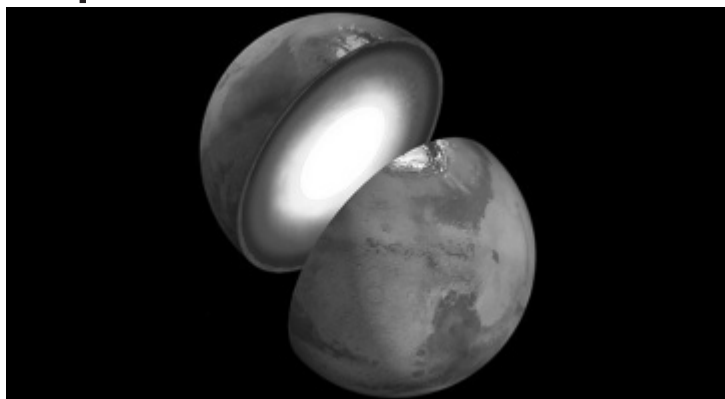
Its supporters, who include former President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, comedian Jay Leno, and actor Tom Hanks, say, yes... that's the point. No theme, no rules. Just glorious creativity and raucous eccentricity.

Named after an obscure 1960s British rock band, Doo Dah is a people's parade. Anyone can apply to be an entrant, and homemade conveyances and walking entries are encouraged. Tips for entrants include: arrive early. There is no marching order; you choose your place



Images for courtesy of Marlyn Woo, (top) some of the memorabilia including the sign carried by longtime parade participant Howdy Krishna. (above) Uniform worn by members of the BBQ & Hibachi Marching Grill Team.

New Insight on Mars Expected from Next Mission



NASA announced Monday the selection of InSight, a new Discovery-class mission that will probe Mars at new depths by looking into the deep interior of Mars.

“We are certainly excited, but our veterans on this team know the drill,” said Tom Hoffman, project manager for InSight from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. “Which is fortunate, because one of the great things we'll get to do on Mars is drill below the surface.”

Drilling underneath the red Martian topsoil will be courtesy of InSight's HP3, or Heat Flow and Physical Properties Package - one of the four instruments the Mars lander will carry. Made by the German Aerospace Center, or DLR, HP3 will get below Mars' skin by literally pounding it into submission with a 14-inch (35-centimeter), hollowed-out, electromechanically-festooned stake called the Tractor Mole.

“The Tractor Mole has an internal hammer that rises and falls, moving the stake down in the soil and dragging a tether along behind it,” said Sue Smrekar, deputy project

scientist for InSight from JPL. “We're essentially doing the same thing any Boy or Girl Scout would do on a campout, but we're putting our stake down on Mars.”

The German-built mole will descend up to 16 feet (five meters) below the surface, where its temperature sensors will record how much heat is coming from Mars' interior, which reveals the planet's thermal history.

“Getting well below the surface gets us away from the sun's influence and allows us to measure heat coming from the interior,” said Smrekar. “InSight is going take heartbeat and vital signs of the Red Planet for an entire Martian year, two Earth years. We are really going to have an opportunity to understand the processes that control the early planetary formation.”

InSight stands for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport.

More information about the Discovery Program is at: <http://discovery.nasa.gov>.

Parent Education Class Offered

Pasadena City College will be offering free parenting classes beginning Aug. 27. Parents of children up to four years old can attend classes that include crafts, music and movement, and snacks. Discussion topics will cover discipline, nutrition, and developmental stages.

“This is a real service to the community,” Coordinator Gia

Blount said. “This changes parents' lives.”

Credentialed instructors will provide information about child development and parenting skills in order to support the valuable role families play in establishing the basic principles for children's lives.

For more information call (626) 585-3038.

on a first come, first serve basis. Another tip: no throwing of marshmallows; they clog bicycle spokes.

The parade has garnered national and international attention, and spawned copycat parades elsewhere, including in Columbus, Ohio, and Ocean City, New Jersey. For more information visit: pasadenahistory.org or call 626-577-1660.

Health Department to Hold Blood Drive

The Pasadena Public Health Department is partnering with U.S. Representatives Adam Schiff and Judy Chu along with the American Red Cross, the Muslims for Life Campaign and the City's Public Works and Police Departments to participate in a nationwide blood drive campaign encouraging the public to donate blood to help save lives.

Currently, there is a national need for donated blood of all types. As of June 2012, blood donations were down by more than 10 percent across the country, with 50,000 fewer pints of blood available than expected. The public's participation is critical in meeting the need for blood transfusions. In fact, your donation can even save more than one life through just one blood donation.!

The public is encouraged to participate in the Blood Drive at the following dates and locations:

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, Public Works-City Yards, 233 West Mountain Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room

7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, Pasadena Police Department, 207 North Garfield Avenue, Second Floor Assembly Room

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 30, Pasadena Public Health Department, 1845 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Second Room 2407

The Pasadena Public Health Department has been serving the public in the greater Pasadena area for more than 120 years. For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net.

City Labor Day Closures

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

The City Council not meet on either Monday, Aug. 27 or Sept. 3, but will resume its regular meeting schedule on Monday, Sept. 10.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to be staffed during the holiday for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services.

The Central Pasadena Public Library and all library branches will be closed on both Sunday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of the holiday.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, please call (626) 744-4138.

Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk Set For September

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA announced Thursday that animal lovers, will again, put their best feet forward, September 30 during the shelter's 14th annual Wiggle Waggle Walk – A Fundraiser for the Animals at Brookside Park adjacent to the Rose Bowl. Organizers say they hope to raise \$300,000 through the event, which will provide food, shelter and medical care to homeless animals; nearly 12,000 of which are taken in by the humane society every year.

Some 2,000 people and their dogs are expected to take part in the walk, which begins at 9 a.m. Walkers and their dogs can choose either a one-mile or three-mile route around the outside of the park before enjoying a free Fair & Pet Expo. Participants do not need a dog to join the fun—just a desire to help animals—and they can walk individually or form teams.

“It's great to see so many people in our community rally together and support our cause,” says Nicole Ring, Event Coordinator for the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. “Each and every animal at the shelter is supported by their generosity. We're looking forward to a great

event this year.”

Registration is free, but participants are encouraged to fundraise for the animals by creating personal web pages through the Wiggle Waggle Walk website and asking family, friends and co-workers for donations. Non-walkers, and those unable to attend the event, can also create fundraising web pages through this site. Entrants who raise \$50 receive an official Wiggle Waggle Walk T-shirt.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. at the entrance to Brookside Park in Parking Lot I. The walk will begin at 9:00am and the Fair & Pet Expo will take place immediately after the walk until 1 p.m. The Fair will feature Muttley Crew's dog agility show, K9 demonstrations by the Pasadena and Glendale Police Departments, a variety of pet product booths, paw-tapping music, and fun dog contests. This year's sponsors include Wells Fargo, VCA Animals Hospitals, Community Bank, Stumbaugh & Associates, Guess, Eye Care for Animals, TLC Pet Medical Center and Three Dog Bakery. For more information call (626) 792-7151 ext. 167 or visit www.wigglewagglewalk.org.



Quality Of Life Index Unveiled

The public is invited to celebrate the Pasadena Public Health Department's 120th anniversary of protecting the health and wellness of Pasadena-area residents when the Department releases its 2012 Quality of Life Index report during a special celebration beginning at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 27, in the Pasadena Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut Street.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard will help open the festivities along with Dr. Eric Walsh, Public Health Department Director, who will also talk about the 2012 Pasadena/Altadena Quality of Life Index.

“As we celebrate 120 years of Pasadena's Public Health

Department, we are encouraged by the great strides for overall improved health that has been made by the City, yet we are looking forward with great excitement to what possibilities the future holds,” Dr. Walsh said.

“The scientific literature around public health has increased our understanding as to the root causes of many chronic diseases and the environmental and behavioral factors that determine health. Our

Quality of Life report outlines where Pasadena and Altadena stands on key indicators and helps to begin the discussion around how we can make improvements.”

The report looks at income, employment, housing and education data as key social and economic factors that affect and influence the quality of life and the overall health of a community.



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

For more info call 626.794.8585.

College Awarded Grant to Promote Mental Health

Pasadena City College has been awarded a \$244,541 grant from the California Community Colleges Student Mental Health Program (CCC SMHP) to create a campus culture of wellness to promote student achievement.

The project will include a Wellness Center, designed to allow students, faculty and staff greater access to information supporting their own well-being, as well as increase their knowledge of stigmas and discrimination against under-served and underrepresented student groups.

According to the CCC SMHP, the long term goal of the project is to increase student success and retention

through the development and enhancement of quality student and student veteran mental health support services at all of California's community colleges.

This grant will help build awareness of the connection between academic success and wellbeing, and address the wellness needs of the community. This will include faculty and staff training through wellness fairs, Student Health 101, and software simulations; peer to peer resources, such as mentorships, and suicide prevention using interactive training simulations designed for faculty/staff and students.

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

“What’s Going On?”
News and Views from Joan Schmidt

MONROVIA’S SOLID GOLD
- Kim Rhode Honored



Sixteen years ago, as a Town Council Member I attended Duarte’s VIP Breakfast prior to the annual Route 66 parade. I was thrilled to meet two former Olympians, Dr. Tommy Lee and Rafer Johnson. Then a seventeen-year old teenager, full of smiles, arrived. Her name was Kim Rhode and she had won the gold in “double trap”, a sport I didn’t even know about!
During the next three Olympics, Kim’s name again appeared in the paper or on the news, and each time I marveled at how she *continued* to succeed!
Last December, I learned Kim would be guest speaker at the El Monte Historic Museum. I was dying to see her again after all the years, and the El Monte Museum is one of the best in the valley.



Kim lets a few future Olumpians try on her medals for size. Below overcome with tears with husband Michael Photos by J. Schmidt



Last night, when I arrived early at Library Park, there was a great banner, congratulating Kim, and a few people began to arrive. Kim herself walked up the sidewalk-no limo or fanfare-she is probably the most humble person I have ever met. We chatted for a few moments, and then I met two ladies who came all the way from El Monte- Ramona Grimm and Jan Tolman. (Ramona has known Kim since she was a toddler, and is like a “second mom” to her.) Kim’s mom Sharon came, but Dad, her coach, was on a fishing trip, planned and paid for prior to the Olympics. And of course Kim’s proud husband, Michael Harryman.

Many came to honor Kim. Both Assemblymen Anthony Portantino and Tim Donnelly attended. Also Field Deputy Brian Mejia, with lovely wife, and son Chris, for Supervisor Mike Antonovich.
From the City of Monrovia, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia, Council Members Becky Shevlin and Larry Spicer, City Manager Laurie Lyle, City Treasurer(Also great City Historian), Steve Baker and former Mayor, current School Board Member Rob Hammond.
Prior to the ceremony, Kim posed for photos and allowed the children to put on her medals. The Mayor had to get everyone’s attention to begin the ceremony, noting that Kim would be available after.

Mayor Lutz proudly spoke of Monrovia’s great resident and all of her achievements, noting that Kim set a record-99 out of 100 when she won the gold this year. The Mayor presented a Certificate and beautiful bouquet of flowers. (Red, white and blue-special thanks to Town Council Member Gloria Huss of Monrovia Floral for a perfect arrangement!)
Assemblyman Donnelly congratulated Kim on her great achievements, attaining them with “class and dignity”. Assemblyman Portantino said there was a lot of history in the last Olympics. He mentioned that *women* received the most gold medals, and as a father of two daughters, “You are a great role model of what can be achieved.”
Kim was so overwhelmed by the accolades that it brought tears to her eyes! She reiterated, “It wasn’t about the medals, but the dream...journey to achieve it, and how she felt back in Atlanta, 1996.
Well done, Kim. What you have achieved is immeasurable. You are gracious, kind, and modest!



SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER
By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges has led survival skills and wild food classes since 1974, was the editor of Wilderness Way magazine, and has written 10 books. He can be heard weekly on Preparedness Radio Network. For more information, go to www.ChristopherNyerges.com]

Meet Francisco
Loaiza, Local
Scout leader

Francisco Loaiza is kneeling over the campfire circle holding a piece of steel in one hand and a chunk of flint in the other. He begins to whack the flint with the C-shaped piece of steel while a group of teenaged Boy Scouts watches with full attention. A shower of sparks shoots out from Loaiza’s hands and the Scouts say, “Wow,” and move in closer to watch.
Loaiza puts a piece a steel wool in his left hand, strikes the flint again, and the steel wool begins to burn. Loaiza smiles as the scouts shout their approval. The steel wool goes into the fire pit, a few Scouts add pine needles and begin to blow, and soon the pine needles start to burn.
Loaiza sits back and smiles as the Scouts coax the small fire into a fire big and hot enough to cook their evening meal. One by one, the boys try to make fire with the ancient method of flint and steel as Loaiza watches and offers advice.

Loaiza proves that Scouting is about far more than making knots.
Loaiza is one of the thousands of Scout leaders nationwide who volunteers his time in America’s oldest scouting movement, now 102 years old.
Loaiza explains that the founder, Baden Powel, wanted to preserve the Indian scout skills for future generation, and find a way to keep young boys on the right track. Loaiza, who works in the Pasadena area, is a leader of Montebello’s Troop 476, taking them on backpacking trips, educational day hikes, and works with other teachers and parents to keep the Scouts focused on learning new skills and achieving merit badges.
“It requires persistence, planning, and cooperation to earn each merit badge,” says Loaiza, “and those are skills that stay with you all life long.
“The entire merit badge process teaches Scouts how to think, and how to plan, and how to work with others,” says Loaiza, pointing out that these are all valuable life-long skills. Additionally, boys are often required to make presentations to other Scouts, which is similar to the training in public speaking that an adult might get from the Toastmasters organization.
Loaiza was not a Boy Scout as a youth, though he does remember attending several Cub Scout meetings as a young boy. He smiles and adds that his parents simply could not afford the costs of the uniform and supplies.
In 2004, his own son Benjamin joined Cub Pack 476 and Loaiza became fully involved.
“Yes, there is a dollar fee to be a Scout and participate in Scouting, but it’s really the volunteer effort of the parents and volunteers that makes it all work,” he explains.
For example, Loaiza’s troop meets 1 1/2 hours per week every Tuesday night, and they also do at least



three outings per month. A typical weekend hike will last about 5 hours, and they’d go to a destination such as Henniger Flats where they’d also be able to practice their campcraft. The troop might do a backpacking trip once a month, typically beginning early Saturday morning through Sunday late morning. Locally, there are dozens of good hiking and backpacking spots within a half-hour drive. “It’s really about putting in the time with boys, more than about money,” he explains.

But does it cost much to be a Scout?

“Yes, and no,” says Loaiza. “Initially, I needed to buy all of my camping equipment like sleeping bag, jacket, cooking supplies, good boots, heavy duty clothing, and other camping supplies. Each boy, or their parents, must do the same. But now when we go on outings, I just buy some food. Since I already invested in my camping gear, I just pack it all up. I always try to get the parents to also chip in with costs, and we are always trying to get donations from local organizations. Plus, we have some fund-raising throughout the year as well” explains Loaiza, since there are usually more expenses than just camping expenses.
To Loaiza, one of the rewards of being a Scout leader is to see a young boy begin to develop into a young man and a leader. “We provide the opportunities and the experiences for the older boys to lead the younger boys and we teach them the ideals of Scouting.
When we start to see the development of the boys, I realize that all of my volunteer hours are worth it. Last year, we had two of our Scouts earn their Eagle Rank. They were my first Eagle Scouts in the Troop under my leadership!” Eagle is the highest rank that a Scout can achieve, and it requires performing a community project which involves many other individuals.
Loaiza wants people to realize that Scouting works! “It is a great character- building organization. Scouts are taught to be prepared and do a good deed daily. These are some of the laws and ideals of scouting. Can you imagine how different our country would be if more of us followed these ideals?”

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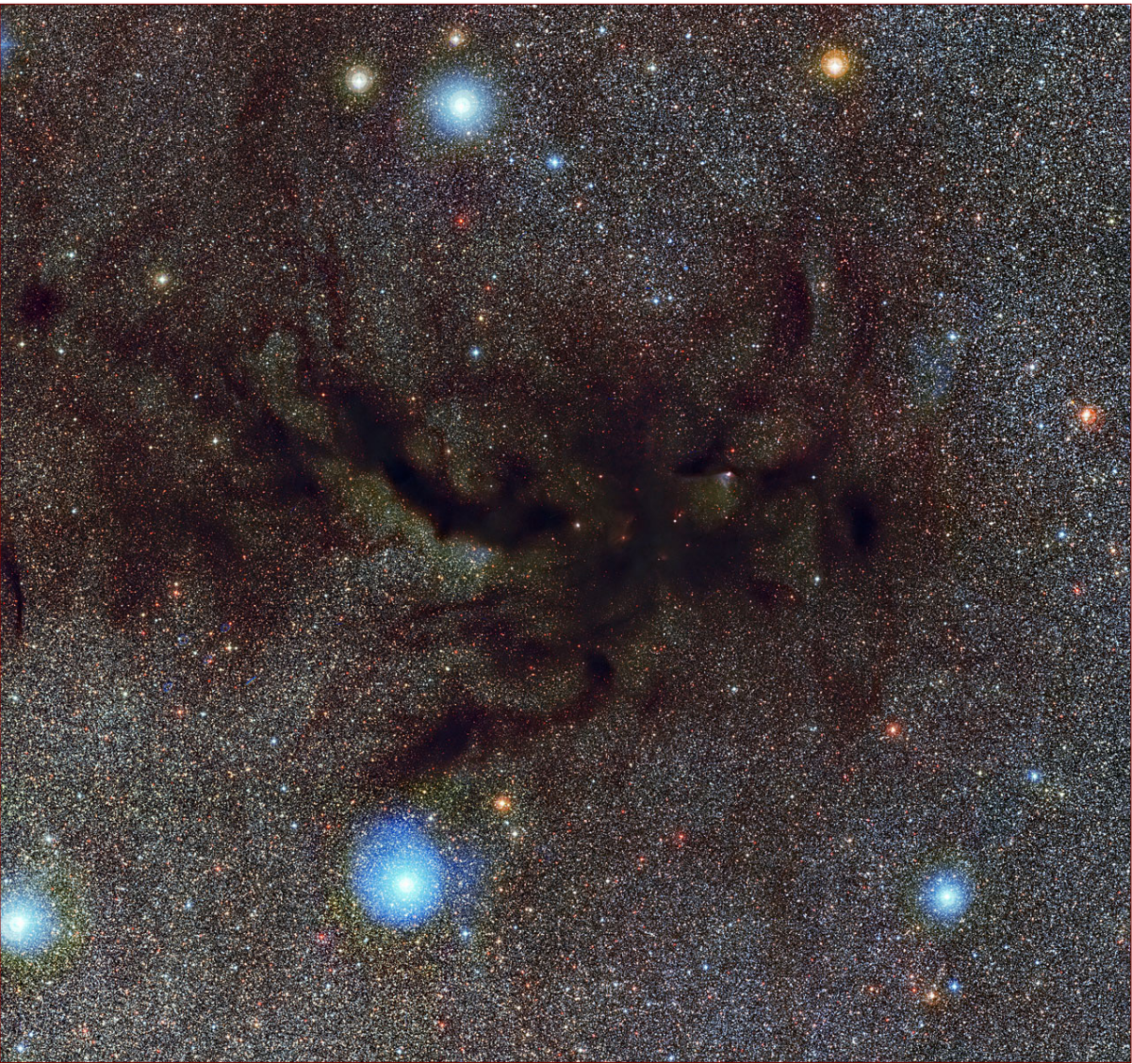
THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up
with Bob Eklund



“CECI N’EST PAS UNE PIPE:” Curious Dark Nebula Seen As Never Before

Just as René Magritte wrote “This is not a pipe” on his famous painting, this is also not a pipe. It is, however, a picture of part of a vast dark cloud of interstellar dust called the Pipe Nebula. This new and very detailed image of what is also known as Barnard 59 was captured by the Wide Field Imager on the MPG/ESO 2.2-meter telescope at ESO’s La Silla Observatory in Chile. By coincidence this image was released on the 45th anniversary of the painter’s death, on August 15th.
The Pipe Nebula is a prime example of a dark nebula. Originally, astronomers believed these were areas in space where there were no stars. But it was later discovered that dark nebulae actually consist of clouds of interstellar dust so thick it can block out the light from the stars beyond. The Pipe Nebula appears silhouetted against the rich star clouds close to the center of the Milky Way in the constellation of Ophiuchus (The Serpent Bearer).
Barnard 59 forms the mouthpiece of the Pipe Nebula and is the subject of this new image from the Wide Field Imager on the MPG/ESO 2.2-meter telescope. This strange and complex dark nebula lies about 600 to 700 light-years away from Earth.
At first glance, your attention is most likely drawn to the center of the image where dark twisting clouds look a little like the legs of a vast spider stretched across a web of stars. However, after a few moments you will begin to notice several finer details. Foggy, smoky shapes in the middle of the darkness are lit up by new stars that are forming. Star formation is common within regions that contain dense, molecular clouds, such as in dark nebulae. The dust and gas will clump together under the influence of gravity and more and more material will be attracted until the star is formed. However, compared to similar regions, the Barnard 59 region is undergoing relatively little star formation and still has a great deal of dust.



The mouthpiece of the Pipe Nebula

If you look carefully you may also be able to spot more than a dozen tiny blue, green and red strips scattered across the picture. These are asteroids, chunks of rock and metal a few kilometers across that are orbiting the Sun. The majority lie in the asteroid belt between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. Barnard 59 is about ten million times further away from the Earth than these tiny objects.
Barnard 59 is named after the American astronomer Edward Emerson Barnard, who was the first to systematically record dark nebulae using long-exposure photography and one of those who recognized their dusty nature. Barnard catalogued a total of 370 dark nebulae all over the sky.
A self-made man with little formal education, he bought his first house with the prize money from discovering several comets. Barnard was an extraordinary observer with exceptional eyesight who made contributions in many fields of astronomy in the late 19th and early 20th century. He spent his most productive years on the staff of Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, assisted by his niece, Mary Calvert. (Note: As a child, I lived for a time on the Yerkes Observatory campus, at the home of my grandfather, the staff photographer and chief public lecturer for the Observatory. Mary Calvert lived just across the street from us, and was a long-time friend of our family.)

Magritte’s pipe painting:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:MagrittePipe.jpg>

Photo showing Rene Magritte’s personal pipe:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Magritte675.jpg>

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MAYOR PRO TEM AND FOOD NETWORK STARS TO BE JUDGES AT TASTE OF ARCADIA SEPT. 24

Davidi to join Everman, Councilman Segal and Nutritionist-Gourmet wife Lee

Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Segal and his wife, Lee, a nutritionist and gourmet cook, will join Food Network reality stars Penny Davidi and Jyll Everman as judges of Taste of Arcadia's first-ever culinary contest. The annual Arcadia Chamber of Commerce event will be held 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday, September 24, at the L.A. County Arboretum. Celebrity chefs Davidi and Everman competed in Food Network's Season 7 Next Food Network Star in New York last summer.

The judges will sample food, desserts and drinks from dozens of vendors throughout the entire evening. Winners will need to be present and still serving to guests when judges announce their selections near the end of the event at 9 p.m. in the following categories:

Best of Show; Most Innovative Dish; Best Savory Item; Best Dessert Item; and Best Presentation.

Chef David Flood of Flavor Catering Company and Nordstrom Café has been responsible for organizing the contest and recruiting the Food Network celebrities.



Penny Davidi



Jyl Everman

About Penny Davidi

Born in Iran and raised in California, Davidi shared her Middle Eastern recipes as the first Persian Jewish chef on the show. She learned the art of cooking from the women in her family and later developed her own innovative recipes. Davidi also competed in Chopped All-Stars Season 2, landing a spot in the "Showdown" episode, which aired in May. Mother of two teenagers, In 2008 Davidi sold her successful business, Pizza Rustica in Beverly Hills to focus on other projects. She most recently used her celebrity to help raise awareness and support for PATH (People Assisting the Homeless).

About Jyl Everman

Everman, a finalist in Food Network's Season 7 Next Food Network Star, also has been a guest on the Rachel Ray Morning Show and several national radio stations. She was a private chef for six years before opening Jyllicious Bites, a catering company devoted to gourmet finger foods. She currently teaches monthly cooking classes at Village Kitchen Shoppe and is a part-time culinary specialist at Williams-Sonoma.



Mickey and Lee Segal

About Mickey Segal

Serving his third four-year term on the Arcadia City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Segal has served as Mayor twice. The certified public accountant is the managing partner of Nigro Karlin Segal & Feldstein, LLP. His numerous philanthropic activities include: chairing the \$2.5 million Capital Campaign for the Arcadia Unified School District's technology plan; chairing a \$6 million Capital Campaign for Covenant House; and chairing the Capital Campaign for Methodist Hospital's North Tower, raising over \$28 million. He is currently chair of Methodist Hospital's board of trustees and has co-chaired the American Cancer Society's Southern California Invitational Golf Tournament for six years. He also co-chairs the Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Motion Picture Television Fund, which raises over \$700,000. A board member of the Unified Educational Trust at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, Mickey is the vice-chair of planned giving for their \$150 million Capital Campaign.

Segal and his wife Lee will be presented a Humanitarian Award at the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's 9th Annual San Gabriel Valley Awards Gala on Sept. 7 at the San Gabriel Country Club in San Gabriel.

The independent non-profit Jewish Federation of San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys will honor Segal and Steve Sopkin at the Honoring Community Leaders Brunch at the Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia on Sunday, Oct. 21.

About Lee Segal

Earlier this year, Lee Segal was named one of "50 Fabulous Women" by THE Magazine of Pasadena for her generous community support. Relying on her degree in food and nutrition from Cal Poly Pomona, she recently prepared 50 pounds of beef brisket for two Arcadia Chamber events. She is a volunteer board member of the Arcadia Welfare & Thrift Shop on First Avenue and has been chair of the organization's annual White Christmas charity service. She also serves on the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission and Arcadia Museum Foundation board of directors.

As the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's Citizens of the Year in 2008, the Segals are pictured on the Arcadia Historical Society's "History Lives Here" historical marker in front of the Chamber offices at 388 W. Huntington Drive.

The culinary contest is only one of several new features and activities planned for this year's Taste of Arcadia, the community's signature event that draws about 1,000 guests who enjoy the many different foods and tastes from the best local restaurants, caterers and wine-and-beer vendors. New this year will be a Business Showcase at the Taste, featuring about 30 tables featuring area businesses and organizations, including new cars from several dealers.

New also this year will be a strolling magician and the eight-piece Lounge-O-Rama band, made up of local JPL and NASA employees. The band will play timeless Swing and Big Band numbers early in the evening, moving to classic pop/rock favorites after the sun sets and the dance party starts heating up. And helping with that will be the popular Brazilian Dancers. Arcadia High School's talented drum line will again greet guests as they enter the gate.

Advance tickets are \$50 and will be \$60 at the gate. You can buy online at: <http://arcadiacachamber.org/events/taste-of-arcadia/> or call the chamber office at 626-447-2159.

As always, a percentage of the evening's proceeds is donated to local non-profit organizations. This year there will be more beneficiaries than ever, with the chamber donating \$5 of every ticket sold by a pre-approved organization. Interested groups should call the chamber at 626-447-2159 to be approved.

About Taste of Arcadia

Taste of Arcadia began as a much smaller event nearly 40 years ago to raise money for the Arcadia Tournament of Roses Association float. Known as both The Wines Shed Mixer and A Taste of Arcadia, the event was held on the infield at Santa Anita Park for a time. When the association dissolved in 1999, all assets, including the annual fund-raiser, were transferred to the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. The chamber continued the food and wine event at Santa Anita under various names, including the Festival of Food, before moving the venue to the LA County Arboretum several years later and adopting the name Taste of Arcadia. Tickets are all-inclusive, providing unlimited "tastes" and free parking. For more information about Taste of Arcadia or the Arcadia Chamber, please call 626-447-2159.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 12th, through Saturday, August 18th, the Police Department responded to 1,028 calls for service of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 12:

1. Around 3:42 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. An adult suspect concealed various items inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. The 21-year-old Chinese female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At approximately 9:12 p.m., an officer made contact with a male adult who was seen carrying a beer can as he loitered behind the Art Institute of Arcadia, 17 East Huntington Drive. The officer discovered the subject was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The 45-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, August 13:

3. At about 9:03 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a tan Yukon for expired registration tags, in the 3000 block of East Colorado Boulevard. A records check revealed the driver was never issued a license. The 42-year-old Hispanic male was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was left legally parked.
4. Around 8:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to a traffic collision at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and the eastbound 210 freeway onramp. When party-one came to a stop for the red light on southbound Baldwin Avenue, he was struck from behind by party-two. An investigation revealed party-two was unable to stop in time because he was speeding. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, August 14:

5. Shortly after 12:40 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A male suspect grabbed a bundle of clothes worth over \$4,000 and exited the store without making payment. He was seen entering a white sedan, possibly a KIA, which fled northbound on Baldwin Avenue. The suspect is described as an Asian male, approximately 18-years-old, 5'5" tall, with short black spiky hair, wearing shorts and a t-shirt. The incident was recorded on video surveillance.
6. At about 8:15 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration on First Avenue at Alta Street. An investigation revealed the driver was never issued a license and was in possession of methamphetamine. The 51-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, August 15:

7. At almost 2:00 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle run a stop sign through the intersection of Naomi Avenue and Golden West Road. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and person. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence and was in possession of a controlled substance. The 37-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
8. Shortly after 4:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) used her credit card account to buy flights to Panama City. The victim had her credit card in her possession at the time of the report and had no idea how her information was compromised.

Thursday, August 16:

9. Around 1:08 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, in regards to a report of possible child abuse. A one-year-old girl was transported to the hospital by her father and grandmother after she fell out of a window and broke her leg. An investigation revealed the infant pushed through a window screen while nobody was watching. Doctors determined the injury was a result of an accident, and the Department of Child and Family Services discovered no signs of abuse or neglect.
10. At approximately 12:35 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an apartment complex in the 800 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a laundry theft report. The victim explained he left several loads of clothes unattended while they were washing in the communal laundry room and discovered them missing a short time later. He had no idea who took his clothes and no one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

Friday, August 17:

11. At about 9:50 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Hampton Road regarding a commercial burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into a residential construction site, stole numerous tools worth over \$2,000, and fled undetected. The officer dusted for latent fingerprints but found none.
12. At almost 8:41 p.m., an officer responded to JCPenney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft investigation. Two female adults, both sisters, concealed merchandise inside used shopping bags and exited the store without making payment. An investigation revealed they also stole from Macy's. The 27 and 21-year-old Hispanic females were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



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



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MONROVIA'S ASPIRING WRITER, ASHLEY HOWIE

By Joan Schmidt

The San Gabriel Valley has surely produced outstanding young adults. I have written about Arcadia's shining star, Erica Wu who recently traveled to London to represent the United States in table tennis. And of course, from Arcadia High, Kevin Fox's outstanding government class who took the bronze in the *WE the People National Finals*. In Duarte

the four shining stars who achieved Girl Scouts' Gold Award, and their great swimming team, led by my former student, Elizabeth Pender who sent records. El Monte gave us Kim Rhode, the FIRST American to win a medal in FIVE consecutive Olympics.

Now it's time to talk about a really amazing twenty-two year old woman, from northern Monrovia- Ashley Howie. I've known Ashley for ages as her family is part of Annunciation Parish. Also Ashley attended Annunciation School from kindergarten through eighth grade and was in my sixth grade.

When Ashley was in sixth grade, she was a hardworking student who took pride in all she did. Her parents were very involved and for our class Christmas Party, Ashley's dad Bill dressed as Santa Claus! Our class had two field trips to the El Monte and Norton Simon Museums and Anna, my Room Mother, miraculously got drivers for both.

Ashley's seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Vajko realized Ashley had special talent. Mrs. Vajko handed her *Writer's Digest* and said, "This is your calling and you should probably pursue it."

After graduation from Annunciation School, Ashley went to La Salle and graduated in 2008. Enrolled at the Art Institute of Orange County, she is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Management, which she will receive next June, and then Ashley will pursue her Master's.

There are so many projects Ashley has going on at once. First she loves to write. How did she get the idea for *The Butterfly Pendant*? Back when she was thirteen, Ashley developed a map and language and then it blossomed to what it is today. (Her book was eight years in the making!) While attending the Art Institute, two teachers read her book, loved it and wanted her to expand it into a trilogy! *The Butterfly Pendant* is suitable for young adults, but anyone who loves fantasy would enjoy it. I plan to sit under the tree and devour it!

This past Saturday evening, Bob and I attended a celebration of Ashley's book being published. We were greeted by Ashley's dad and two peacocks. Then saw Anna, her mom, and our star, Ashley, who has grown into such a beautiful young woman. EVERYONE is so proud of all she has accomplished! So many family members and friends came to enjoy this special celebration. They included her maternal grandmother, relatives/friends originally from Malta, her special guy William Gardner, best friend since childhood Taylor and her parents, so many Annunciation families, the Hernandez, D'Angelo's, Estrada's, Tisha Bryan, Agullar's, the Merieca's, neighbors, and Bunco partners! Books need to be published. Ashley and William just started their own publishing company, Ink Smith Publishing Company.

Ashley is multi-talented with many interests! She loves to cook using her homegrown vegetables to prepare healthy meals. Her family has a greenhouse on the property, and Ashley posts pictures of her culinary masterpieces!

Ashley loves Medieval Times and can be found every summer employed at the Renaissance Faire in Irwindale. Perhaps you've seen her there.

Congratulations, dear Ashley. Everyone is so proud of you. With hard work and determination, you have accomplished so much. I also congratulate your dear parents, Anna and Bill. From Day 1, when I met them, they have been so devoted to you and have encouraged you all these years in all endeavors!

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The Academy gives participants the unique opportunity to meet city staff and officials, get a tour of Monrovia and dialogue with other community leaders.

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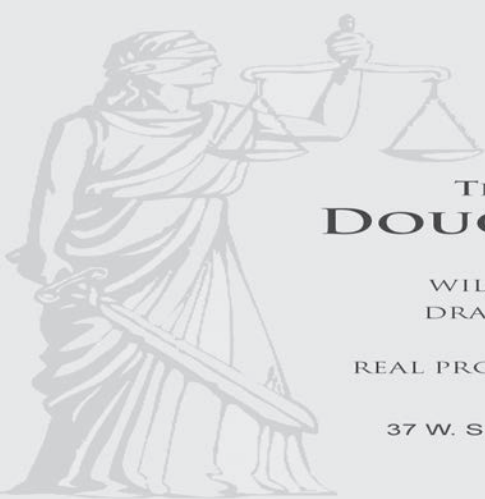
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DUARTE PASSES RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH BROWN ACT DESPITE STATE'S ACTION

Despite the State's decision to suspend key provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, California's long standing open meeting law, the City of Duarte will continue to comply to assure continued transparency in the conduct of the meetings of the City Council and all City Commissions and committees to which the Brown Act applies.

"The City of Duarte is committed to open government and will continue to comply with the Brown Act, said Mayor, John Fasana.

Enacted in 1953, the Brown Act, guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of legislative bodies.

On June 27, 2012, as part of the State Budget Act, five provisions of the Brown Act were suspended to avoid having to reimburse local agencies for the state mandate. Suspended for fiscal years 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, were the requirements to:

- Prepare and post at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting an agenda that contains a brief description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting.
- Include on the agenda a brief general description of all items to be discussed in closed session.
- Disclosure of each item to be discussed in closed session in an open meeting prior to any closed session.
- Report in open session prior to adjournment of the actions and votes taken in closed session regarding certain subject matters.
- Provide copies to the public of certain closed session documents.

In a resolution adopted unanimously by the Duarte City Council on August 14, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to providing continued transparency when conducting its business, in adherence with the City's mission statement: "With integrity and transparency, the City of Duarte provides exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner with a commitment to our community's future."



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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 422 service events, resulting in 75 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia-for-crime-mapping>. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at www.monroviapd.org and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Warrant / Parolee at Large - Suspect Arrested

On August 16 at 7:20 a.m., police were requested to the 800 block of West Chestnut regarding a male transient sleeping on a bench on a business property near their front lobby. Officers arrived and recognized the subject from prior contacts. Computer checks revealed he had an outstanding warrant out of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and a no-bail parolee-at-large warrant. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Traffic Collision - Vehicle vs. Pedestrian

On August 17 at 8:49 p.m., a 73-year-old female was walking east on Royal Oaks and began to cross Mountain in the pedestrian walkway. The female claims she had a white figure facing her, indicating she was clear to cross the street, when a vehicle turned southbound onto Mountain from Royal Oaks. The driver claims she had a green signal facing her direction of travel. The pedestrian managed to push away from the vehicle with her arms, but still fell to the ground, striking her head on the asphalt. She complained of pain to her left leg, left arm, and her head. She was taken to a hospital, where she is expected to recover from her injuries. The investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On August 18 at 8:34 a.m., an officer was dispatched to an apartment complex in the 1800 block of Eighth Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim parked her vehicle in a guest parking stall to the rear of the complex in the evening. She locked the vehicle, but had left her purse and laptop on the floorboard, behind the front passenger seat. When she returned to her vehicle the next morning at about 8:30 a.m., she found the rear passenger side window shattered. Her purse, credit cards and laptop were all missing. Investigation continuing.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On August 18 at 10:36 a.m., the victim of a grand theft auto called to report he had located his stolen vehicle in the 100 block East Colorado. The victim was out riding his bicycle around town and happened to come across his vehicle. The vehicle is a silver, 2005 Toyota Camry and was reported stolen on August 15. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto / Warrant / Receiving Stolen Property - Suspects Arrested

On August 18 at 12:22 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 100 block of West Lemon. The victim parked her vehicle in her designated parking stall at her apartment complex and locked it. When she returned to the vehicle the next morning it was missing. The vehicle is a green, 1997 Acura Integra.

At 2:02 p.m. the same day, a vehicle burglary was reported in the 200 block of California. The reporting party ran out of his house when his wife told him someone had just broken into his vehicle. He ran to the alley and saw three suspicious subjects in and around a green Acura Integra. He was able to get a picture on his cell phone of the driver, suspects, the vehicle, and the license plate. He attempted to follow the suspects, but lost them. He then went home and called police. Police responded and checked the area. An area search was made and two of the suspects were eventually located. The vehicle license plate was found to belong to the stolen Acura from earlier that morning. The pictures taken by the reporting party positively identified the driver of the stolen vehicle. The second suspect was found to have an outstanding warrant. Both suspects were arrested and taken into custody. In the early morning hours of the next day, officers located the third outstanding suspect sleeping in an alley. He had shaved his head in an attempt to alter his appearance. He was taken into custody without incident.

On August 19 at 8:38 p.m., an officer on patrol was driving through an alley in the 200 block of West Colorado and located the stolen green Acura parked in a carport stall of an apartment complex. The vehicle was recovered.

Grand Theft Auto

On August 19 at 9:17 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of East Central. The victim parked and locked his black, 2004 Chevy Silverado in front of his residence about 9 p.m. in the evening. He noticed the vehicle missing the next morning at 9 a.m. The vehicle has 20-inch chrome rims. Investigation continuing.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested

August 20 at 9:48 a.m., police responded to an apartment complex in the 500 block of West Foothill regarding a subject sleeping on private property. Upon arrival, they found a male subject wearing women's clothing asleep toward the front of the property. When the subject was awakened, he was cooperative. There was a purse in front of him, which he admitted to officers had methamphetamine in it. A verbal consent to search was obtained and a large quantity of used needles and a burnt spoon were recovered. The suspect was arrested.

Rollover Injury Traffic Collision

August 20 at 9:30 p.m., a young man was driving his vehicle eastbound in the 100 block of East Lemon. He was traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to stop for the stop sign at Ivy. When his vehicle hit the dip in the intersection, the vehicle went airborne. It landed on the east side of the intersection and the driver lost control of the vehicle, striking a parked car. The vehicle then rolled over several times in the street. The driver received minor injuries and had to be removed from the vehicle by Monrovia Fire Department personnel. The driver was taken to a hospital, where he is expected to recover from his injuries.

Mail Thefts

August 21, several mail thefts occurred throughout the city during daytime hours. The thefts occurred in the 700 block of Anita, the 900 block of Royal Oaks, the 400 block of North Magnolia, and the 900 block of Norumbega. Some of the mail stolen from Anita and North Magnolia was found in the street at Primrose and Scenic, indicating these cases may be related. A witness to the thefts from Norumbega saw a suspect by the mailboxes at 4:00 p.m. The suspect is described as a male, White, 40's, very short blond hair, wearing a white tank shirt. The suspect vehicle is described as an older model, teal or dark colored Ford Bronco or Explorer. Investigation continuing.

SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE SUMMER INTERNS RETURN TO STUDIES ENRICHED

Last week the three Sierra Madre Playhouse summer interns, (from left to right) **Alicen Lewis**, **Grace Korkunis** and **Laurel German**, returned to school after assisting with the Sierra Madre Playhouse's productions of "Woman In Mind" and "Incident at Vichy". All three of the young women attended Playhouse productions as high school students and continue their interest into the college years.

Laurel German returns to her second year of studies at Yale, where she is a computer science major. During her freshman year at Yale, Laurel worked behind the scenes on 15 shows. "It was fabulous. I had so much fun". When she returned to Altadena at the beginning of the summer, she said that she experienced theatre withdrawal. "I needed to hold a hammer or a saw – I needed to build something." Through her friend Alicen, she heard that the Playhouse was looking for volunteers. She helped build and paint the Vichy set and assisted with the lighting. Lighting design and production is her primary interest and she aspires to use computer design and animation to render accurate two dimensional images of three dimensional stage design. At the playhouse she was able to assist the lighting designer, Sammy Ross, with hanging lights before the opening of "Vichy" and was able to learn about the lighting industry from Ms. Ross who is on staff at the PRG design studio. PRG has generously contributed lighting equipment and design expertise to augment the minimal stage lighting the playhouse presently owns. Improved theatrical lighting is one of several long-range Playhouse goals.

Alicen Lewis (Arcadia) will return to Scripps College where she majors in Psychology with a minor in Media Studies. Her older sister stage-managed for director Bob Hakman ten years ago. She and Laurel attended Polytechnic High School together



in Pasadena. Alicen even had a birthday party at the playhouse when she was in middle school. She began to volunteer at the Playhouse when she was in high school and has assisted with other productions, including 2010's production of "Arcadia". Like Laurel, Alicen prefers working backstage. "I love working with director Barbara Schofield, she always creates magnificent pieces that raise the reputation of the Playhouse". Alicen encourages high school students interested in theatre to contact the Playhouse and volunteer.

Grace Korkunis (La Canada) has been performing on stage since she was five years old. She is beginning her first year at USC where she plans to major in theatre. After performing in plays and musicals at least once a year for most of her life, this summer's Playhouse internship was an opportunity to assist with stage management. For "Incident at Vichy", she assisted the actors with line notes and helped them with cues. She also worked on a video of the rehearsal process which can be viewed on SMP's Facebook page.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering at the Playhouse, please contact us at: info@sierramadreplayhouse.org or 626.355-4318.

DUARTE KIWANIS CLUB HEARS NEW PARENT PROGRAMS AT DUARTE LIBRARY



Cindy Singer, Parent Outreach Coordinator for the LA County Library came to share some Big News with the Duarte Kiwanis Club. The Duarte Public Library has been selected to participate in a program for parents over the next year. They will become a Family Place Library. This program supports parents in their role as their children's first and most important teacher.

Additionally, the Duarte Library is hosting the Parent Café monthly (the next session is Saturday, September 15th from 11 a.m. – 1 pm.). The Parent Café specializes in answering questions from parents. Also, for all parents who attend 6 of the 10 sessions, will receive a movie camera free of charge!

The Duarte Library will also be providing various programs for teens ranging from Theater, to learning to DJ, to Yoga over the next few months. Very exciting news for the community and surrounding areas.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN

Disney has done it again. The acting is perfect, the story is elegant in every sense of the word, and there's just a touch of that Disney family magic. Everything about this movie was perfect.

"The Odd Life of Timothy Green" begins with a couple (Jennifer Garner and Joel Edgerton) desperately trying to find some way to have a child. Heartbroken, they go home and make a list of what characteristics their child would have: he would rock, be honest to a fault, etc. They then put the list in a box, bury it in their garden, and try to move on, but that does not happen. That night, their wishes come true and soon they have a son that is exactly how they imagined. Everything is perfect. Or is it?

I did not find many things wrong with this movie. The screenplay (Peter Hedges, Ahmet Zappa) was ingenious, the directing (Peter Hedges) worked perfectly for a children's movie, and the acting made you interested for the entire film. There is only one little thing I would have done differently and that would be to add some more to the story. It felt rewarding, but it could have used a little more oomph.

All in all, I loved this movie. It made me happy, sad, and even a little mad. This is definitely a can't miss movie that will please all ages.

Ben Show is local Monrovia going into the eighth grade. He loves to read, write, and watch movies. He can be reached at benshow@earthlink.net

Jennifer Garner
Joel Edgerton

He's a force of nature.

THE ODD LIFE OF
TIMOTHY GREEN

August 15



DERBY ARCADIA. ALMOST PERFECT

The Derby Restaurant in Arcadia is part of a storied history like the racetrack that birthed it. As you shuffle through the restaurant you are taken back in time to an era when horseracing was the sport and Seabiscuit galloped through the Depression. Over the decades interest in the sport has waned with the divided attention of more channels than once could ever be envisioned. If you are a Hemingway fan, horseracing and boxing are as American as freedom. The great thing is that you don't have to be a racing fan to enjoy this historic restaurant. The restaurant was made famous by its purchase in 1938 by Hall of Fame Horse Jockey George "The Iceman" Woolf, who rode Seabiscuit, and who wanted a place to gather his friends in the horse racing industry. He was famously known for his cool rides on horses. As other jockeys aggressively moved their mounts a fraction early, he patiently waited and finally unleash a well-timed run that would place his horse's nose on the winning end of the photo.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Today the reins of the restaurant fall under the able hands of two young entrepreneurs who have maintained the identity of the restaurant.

There are many exciting items on the menu, and we started dinner with the World Famous Cheese Bread. You know I love "World Famous" and it is enough bread to feed a cavalry.

Our appetizer selection was the Crab Cakes, and described on the menu as California Style, but was a little weak. I think if the chef could make his way over to the Frontrunner (at Santa Anita Racetrack) he might discover what a Maryland crab cake is all about.

For my entree I went with the steak, a Bone-in Kansas City Rib Eye (\$44). Once the kitchen got the temperature right, it was so tender that I worked myself all the way into gnawing on the bone. My dinner companion ordered the Marinated Grilled Shrimp (aka Shrimp Skewers), breaking the rule of ordering seafood on a Sunday, but I gave it two thumbs up as well.

As for desserts, there are many on the list, but for a special occasion I would go for the Baked Alaska. The Bar has Large screen TVs and our sever Margaret was the Queen of the upsell!!

After a special Day at the Track, or simply if you are in the area, you should definitely check out The Derby.

The Derby Restaurant 233 E. Huntington Dr. Arcadia (626) 447-2430.

Email me your thoughts thechefknows@yahoo.com



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INGREDIENTS

- 2 jalapeno peppers
- 2 serrano peppers
- 1 habanero pepper
- 1 poblano pepper
- 1/2 medium green pepper
- 1/2 medium sweet red or yellow pepper
- 6 ounces boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/4 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 small onion, sliced
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- Hot cooked rice, optional

DIRECTIONS

•Cut all of the peppers into thin strips; discard seeds. In a skillet or wok, stir-fry chicken in oil until no longer pink. Add the peppers, mushrooms and onion; stir-fry until crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle with Cajun seasoning. Serve with rice if desired. Yield: 2 servings.

Editor's Note: Wear disposable gloves when cutting hot peppers; the oils can burn skin. Avoid touching your face. Seriously!

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If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Melissa Farwell from Raw Inspiration at (818) 591-8161 Ext. 806. Raw Inspiration, Inc., is responsible for all management and marketing of the City's Farmers Market.

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Summer is almost over but before you say goodbye, enjoy a summer day filled with a smorgasbord of food, live music, chef demos, hands-on activities and more at Good Eats Pasadena: Food Music and Art on Saturday, September 8 from 11 am until 6 pm at 23 S. Madison Ave. Purchase local goods and give back to the community! Admission is free and open to the public. The first 500 attendees will receive a free canvas tote bag, so come early. Food and drinks will be sold by participating vendors with nothing costing over \$10.

At Good Eats Pasadena you will experience new tasty bites from around the world, including Greece, Korea, and Thailand, as well as a selection of over 40 food and vendors including: World of Flavoz Spice & Tea who offer a large variety of distinct spices and tea, the Rice Creamery who will be on hand with their savory, handcrafted gourmet puddings, as well as the 2011 Gourmet Product Award Winner, Grace & I with their unique and delicious gourmet seasonal preserves and Turshi collections.

In addition to the food, the festival will include a beer and wine garden featuring locally brewed beer on tap by Golden Road Brewing Company and Italian wine flights: 2010 Consono Verdiccio del Casteli de Jes, 2010 Luigi Giusti Rose di Settembre, 2009 Badia Di Morrana I Sodi Del Paretaio Chianti.

The event will also include multifaceted food-related hands-on activities for all including designing your own hot plate, making your own "Hungry Caterpillar," and live music. Chef talks and demonstrations by Nathan Lyon from "Growing a Greener World," and "Good Food America," and Chef Leslie Bilderback who will give a talk on "Being a Chef." In addition, to sharing some recipes from her upcoming book "Mug Cakes."

"Good Eats Pasadena will be a celebration of food in the heart of Pasadena. The Playhouse District Association is partnering with two great culinary institutions Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts and Chefs Center to bring this event together in a tree lined setting along Madison Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Green Street," says Erlinda Romo, Playhouse District Executive Director.

The seven hour Good Eats Pasadena: Food, Music & Art event will provide attendees with unique gourmet tastings, live music and one-of-a kind art activities at an affordable price. Goods Eats Pasadena is produced by the Playhouse District Association, Pasadena's art and culture district. For additional event information please visit www.playhousedistrict.org/goodeatspasadena or call 626.744.0340

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

As a dog-walker and pet sitter, I have had many clients ask me which is the best type of collar or lead to use for walking their dog. Well, to be completely honest I am hesitant to respond to that question with full confidence until I get to know their dog on a personal level.

There are so many dog walking and training collar & lead products on the market these days, each with their own specified (even patented) technique and philosophy, that it can be somewhat confusing and rather overwhelming to select the proper product for your pet. With so many types of collars available today, there are equally numerous types of dogs, at various developmental levels of human bonding and obedience. If you take a little time and effort to choose the right tools, you are bound to find a match in the mix eventually.

I do not claim to be an expert on the subject, however I do know that each dog has it's own specific needs and it is important to use humane handling methods to meet those needs, in order to foster positive results and establish a trusting relationship with your pet. It is also important to research the philosophy behind a dog handling product before putting it to use. Having read several articles and doing a little research of my own, I came up with a list of collar types that would most likely be found at the local pet supply store today, in hopes of informing and helping you select the proper lead product for your beloved canine companion.

Be aware that this list is just a good start. It does not include every single product available in today's market, and the descriptions are brief, so you will want to research each product more specifically in consideration of your own dog's needs before making a final selection.



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A GENTLE LEASH ON LIFE

Buckle Collars: These are collars that are simply fastened with a buckle. They are typically made of nylon or leather, and are either flat or rolled. Most buckle collars are adjustable, but do not tighten on the dog's neck once fastened. Rolled leather collars, although more expensive, tend to fit more comfortably. Adjustable nylon collars are recommended for growing pups. For the owner whose dog does not pull to the point of choking and gagging and who also responds well when learning commands, the buckle collar works fine.

Body Harness: Harnesses were originally designed for sled dogs. Pulling is the reaction of about 99% of dogs placed on harnesses, so unless the goal is to teach a dog to pull, it is worthless as a training tool. I recommend the harness as a dog seatbelt. A leash with a solid brass or steel clip strapped around the back of the seat and fastened to the harness makes a great restraint for a dog that might otherwise crash into the windshield upon impact.

Break-away Collars: A special quick-release collar that will unfasten if a strong pull is placed on the collar. However, the collar will not unfasten when attached to a leash. This collar was designed after the inventor's dog choked to death because its collar got caught on something.

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

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

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

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

I want to make it clear that this article is not meant to advocate the use of any particular collar type over another. A sincere, caring pet owner takes the time to try and understand how his or her dogs thinks, learns and bonds with human beings and the best candidate to determine which product works best for their pet is his owner. No training equipment can ever take the place of a strong, mutually respectful relationship between a dog and his master.

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To meet Nacho in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Nacho, please reference his animal ID number: A4470984. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Nacho or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

SPORTS

One on One with the World's No. 1

by Kevin McGuire on Special Assignment

While in Illinois meeting with fans at a press event, Rhode took time to speak with Mountain Views News contributor Kevin McGuire.

McGuire: How old were you when you first fired a gun?

Kim Rhode: I really don't remember. I started competing when I was 10. I was something that was very traditional in my family. I started with club shoots, then skeet shoots and it kept growing from there.

McGuire: Who were your teachers?

Kim Rhode: My mom and dad both. The first time I remember shooting, I was sitting on my dad's lap. We were in a lawn chair and he had the gun tucked under my arms, I would fire and he would take the recoil and I would just shoot that way. It was something I remember just falling in love with—the moving targets, the fun of the outdoors, shooting cans and paper plates—it was fun and it just progressed.

McGuire: Where did your first competitions take place?

Kim Rhode: Just local gun clubs. Just club shoot. Then it grew to state, then world and world championship. Now, five Olympics later, it's just amazing how quick time has gone.

McGuire: Tell us about your safaris in Africa

Kim Rhode: I've done quite a few of them. It's something that was always a dream of my father's. I can remember the PH guy (PH Safaris) not wanting me to shoot at first. I had to actually prove myself and shoot a target out at about 100 yards out. Once I did that, I was allowed to shoot.

McGuire: When did the suggestion come to try for the Olympics?

Kim Rhode: I was 13-years-old, I was at the World Shoot and American Skeets and had just won the World Shoot and the Olympic coach was there and happened to see me shoot and said, 'ya know, we're going to make an exception for you. Your mom has to come with you, and we are going to invite you back to the Olympic training center and introduce you international style of shot and shooting.' From there, I made my teams and started shooting international and really never looked back.

McGuire: What was your reaction when you were thinking 'hey, I can go tot the Olympics and do this'?

Kim Rhode: It was exciting and such an honor for me. I realized that it was about representing your country. My parents explained to me about all the rings how all different people from all continents

Rhod prior to winning her 5th Gold Medal at the 2012 Olympics

come and compete. I knew I was going to have chance at it, but I didn't know I would be doing it five Olympics later.

McGuire: What was it like in 1996, at age 16, walking among stars like Andre Agassi, Kerri Strug, Carl Lewis and the Dream Team?

Kim Rhode: It's hard the beat the first of anything you do, whether it's the first Olympics or first anything. You don't know what's coming next or what's going to happen and what to expect and it's so overwhelming. I don't really think you take it all in and realize what you've done until you get home. And you're sitting there and your by yourself and you realize, WOW, I really did this! It was amazing!

McGuire: Tell me about "Old Faithful."

Kim Rhode: I just got it back. It's the gun I shot in the last four Olympics.

McGuire: It was stolen from your father's car.

Kim Rhode: It was heartbreaking. I was devastated, Rhode said. At the same time, you have to pick up the pieces, move forward, move on and try to make the best of a bad situation. I was very fortunate to have a guy that donated a gun to me and believed in my enough. It was incredible to have that kind of support and I chose this gun to

go to London and win this medal with.

McGuire: Is "Old Faithful" retired now?
Kim Rhode: "Old Faithful" is retired.

McGuire: How does one grasp being the record holder among all U.S. athletes?

Kim Rhode: I don't think you ever look at yourself as *the* best or the number one in anything. Heck, my hat won't fit if I thought like that. The reality is that you just think of yourself as everyone else. No different.

McGuire: How much practice is involved in preparing for the next games?

Kim Rhode: There is a lot that goes into it. We start about 2 years out from the Olympics just qualifying for the team and it's a grueling process, very time consuming. I average anywhere from 500 to 1,000 rounds a day when I'm in full training and in about a week from now we have World Cup finals and another competition.

McGuire: This is a sport where you can compete for some time to come.

Kim Rhode: Most definitely. In shooting it's a game that isn't necessarily about strength as it much about endurance, hand/eye coordination, muscle memory and experience in the elements. Our sport is one we can do for many years. The oldest medalist in history was a shooter, Oscar Swahn, he was 72. I think I have a few more in me, I'm only 33 and we'll just go one at a time. Rio 2016 hopefully...I don't really see an end in sight.

McGuire: You had a cancer scare awhile back.

Kim Rhode: I'm OK. As OK as you can be. I had a 4.5 centimeter lump removed from my right breast. I found it very shortly after it was announced that I made the 2012 Olympic team. It's an ultimate high when you're in the Olympics and an ultimate low when you have something like this happen to you. You don't know what's going to happen over the next coming months. I've very thankful everything came back as negative. It's very much an emotional roller coaster. I something I hope no other person has to go through.

McGuire: What's it like living in Monrovia?

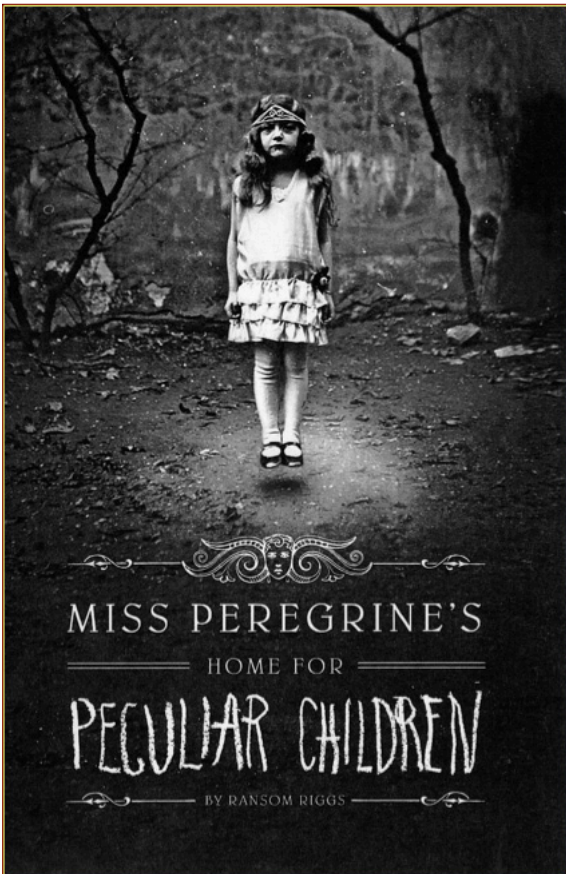
Kim Rhode: One thing I love about Monrovia is its residents...the people. Everything is so close. You can go to the market, the movie theater and go get some great food at the French restaurant Café Massilia. I love the atmosphere of Monrovia. My favorite thing to do is...ride around town with my husband in our beach cruisers. We ride all the way up the top of the hill. There is beautiful views, it's really fun and it's a good workout.

JASMINE’S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children

By Ransom Riggs



I personally recommend this as a must read for anyone who has a taste for the supernatural, spooky, and mysterious. ‘Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children’ brings the tale of one teenage boy and his discovery of a strange dimension where time has not just stopped, but preserves the lives of the peculiar children who exist there with their teacher.

The hero, 16 year old Jacob has his courage and mentality tested when he takes a trip with his father to an English island, where he discovers that an abandoned boarding home actually still holds a secret found by him as he follows clues left by his grandfather who tells him stories of children and their unique abilities. The story really pulls the reader in with Jacob’s calm tone, his connection to the other children, and the ever present danger that still surrounds not just the children, but the island as well.

As the story progresses, Jacob is able to spend more time with the children, discover himself, and towards the end make a decision that will change his fate in life. A story that is one part supernatural, one part mystery, and one part adventure, this story really weaves a tale of friendship, courage, and what makes oneself unique.

Another fine quality is that this is a first novel by Ransom Riggs published in 2011, which makes this a fresh and exciting read.

Editor’s Note: Ms. Williams is the latest addition to the Mountain Views News family. A young writer alumni of Pasadena City College, she brings a new voice to our Arts and Entertainment section. Welcome Jasmine.



SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

WILD CUB

Everywhere you turn these days, it seems yet another synth-pop group has entered the already overly-crowded arena. With many imitators and not enough innovators, it’s difficult to find something genuinely exceptional.

Without coming off completely biased with my predilection to this particular resonance, I decided to give Wild Cub’s debut album, “Youth” an honest listen. During my first go around I noticed how there is something inherently breezy and blissful about this record. Perhaps, I fell victim to my own penchant for this style of music. After moderate reflection on this superbly produced and studio-like generated compilation, I consider Wild Cub sounding like everything else out there, everything that’s more or less good, anyway. At the end of the day or simply at the conclusion of the album, you won’t be changed or feel all that much different. However, the time spent in the world of “Youth” could be far worse anywhere else, because singer Keegan DeWitt and multi-instrumentalist Jeremy Bullock bring the nostalgic factor to a new high. Sometimes the album feels a bit one-dimensional, but when the sound of beauty meets melancholy yet again, mostly, if not all is forgiven.

“Youth” kicks off with “Shapeless,” a slow dance tune that speeds up into this anthem of recaptured love. The next track is “Colour,” a song that should and probably will be featured in indie movies and the edgier Hollywood romantic comedies. It’s fast-paced, catchy as hell, and will pump you up more than you could ever intend on being. DeWitt and Bullock have this praise worthy ability to go from supercharged anthems with a lot of heart and energy to the carefully constructed, soulful melodies of slowly measured tunes. This phenomenon begins on track six with “The Water” and is followed by “Drive,” a song that inexplicability reminds me of a cross between the vocals of Damon Albarn of Blur and Greg Dulli of The Twilight Singers. Regardless, “Drive” is a meticulous, slow smoldering, supremely ruminative highlight from the record. It’s easily the best song here and displays the talents Wild Cub clearly have in store for the present and future material.

The first half of “Youth” offers a great blend of swift and leisurely tempo treats. The second half, however, feels a bit of a retread. Nothing terribly wrong with it, but by the time halftime hits, the listener may become a little restless with the lack of surprises. On a brighter note, there are thirteen tracks present, which is more than the ten or eleven songs typically seen on many albums from this genre. Fortunately the closing track, “Windows,” another chilled out remedy for the daydreamers, is very, very good. If you make it to the end of the album in spite of the slightly tedious second half (which could be ignored), Wild Cub does leave you with an all around alluring, comforting, and alleviating tune to send you on your way. Wherever that way is will be strictly upon you, but at least Wild Cub provides you with the necessary push to get you started.

Grade 7.7 out of 10
Key Tracks: “Colour”, “The Water”, “Drive”, “Windows”

Artist:	Wild Cub
Album:	Youth
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Yoga is many things these days. It has become very different from how it started out. You can do Hot yoga, Core Power Fusion, Acro yoga, and there is even talk of yoga in the Olympics?

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That’s it, the postures were developed for better physical health. So when you think, “Oh, I can’t do yoga, I’m not flexible,” or “Yoga is too hard (or easy),” or “I need a better looking booty,” or “I get my workout at the gym,” Remember – that is not what yoga is. Well, real yoga anyway.

Real yoga is a step by step progression of movement with breath. The movement should HELP the back and the breath helps the prana. You feel better than when you came in. You feel calmer and more of your authentic, wise self. Then you can sit and rest in a peaceful mind.

A peaceful, wise mind is better than a nice looking booty, anyway. A mind in control, beyond the pull of advertising and the social influence of marketing, understands that better relationships and a happy life far outweigh being able to put your foot behind your head. But if you get there in a step-by-step process and feel great doing downward facing dog, all the better. A fit physical body is essential to the journey inward.

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



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This Sierra Madre home, one of the signature Mediterranean-style edifices of the community for over two decades, has been in one family since its custom design and construction in 1988.

Living in this home allows one to enjoy the best of all worlds! "You can step into your own private 'inner sanctum' of deep seclusion and peace within the walls of this tranquil, arboretum-like estate... yet you're only blocks from charming downtown Sierra Madre or mountain hiking trails!" comments Mary Poehler Bernstein, listing agent.

When it was constructed, this elegant home was carefully designed to appreciate and enjoy the incredible gardens from almost every vista, infusing the lush green outdoor palette into the Zen-like serenity in every room.

The indoor to outdoor lifestyle is truly seamless, as the living areas all open to the gardens through French doors. Spacious covered patios, accessed from the dining room, kitchen and family rooms, provide an exquisite shaded transition from indoors to out, as well as a perfect staging area for outdoor entertaining.

Numerous outdoor spaces or "rooms" were designed to allow for a myriad of relaxation and entertaining opportunities in this fully usable. The .48 acre homesite spans two lots, and offers unsurpassed seclusion and privacy. The horizon is framed with mature palm, fruit and specimen trees and shrubs, and anchored by verdant lawn areas.

Several areas are perfect for reflection or meditation areas to get that "inner peace" back. If potting is your path to serenity, there is even an orchid growing area with just the right light and shade for successful growing of these beautiful exotics.



Water features were carefully incorporated into several of the outdoor "rooms" including the front courtyard fountain, the pond with bridge walkway, a pool and the nearly hidden spa, designed for total privacy.

When the time comes for large scale entertaining, a spacious pergola for dining will accommodate several dining tables, yet feels intimate for a small gathering, surrounded as it is by layered trees and shrubs.

Because the "vibe" in the home is so inviting, the property has been used occasionally for arts and fundraising events.

Inside, the flexible, 3783 square foot floorplan offers three bedrooms, a main floor office or fourth bedroom, two and one half baths, plus a three car garage.

The spacious kitchen includes a cooking and preparation island, extensive counter and storage cabinetry, breakfast bar seating, a walk-in pantry and an adjacent, casual dining room, all with those signature verdant views of the yard.

The family room, designed in a "club room" style, includes a walk-behind wet bar with barstool seating, storage and display, a corner, brick-faced fireplace, a window seat and French door to yet another covered patio.

Upstairs, the expansive master suite offers a generous bedroom with two-sided fireplace, a spacious sitting, exercise or home office area, a large walk-in closet, plus a grand master bathroom with a separate walk-in shower, a raised jetted tub, dual sinks on opposing walls and vanity seating.

The myriad of private outdoor spaces also includes a large second balcony overlooking the gardens, providing a lush, treetop view of the property. The balcony includes both shaded and sunny areas, depending on one's preferences.

If you're looking for a quiet retreat, grand entertaining opportunities or both, check out this newly listed property.

Located at 477 N. Baldwin in Sierra Madre, this home is offered at \$1,475,000 by Mary Poehler Bernstein of Dilbeck Real Living, and is also offered as part of their high end listing relationship with Christies. For more information, contact the agent at Mary.Bernstein@Dilbeck.com or 626-297-7016.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

DON'T CHASE THE MARKET

Buyer's market or seller's market - the simple fact is that your home is worth only what a buyer will pay for it. The simple law of supply and demand usually determines the final sale price. If there are fewer homes for sale in your area, then buyers must compete for those listings, making it a seller's market.

However, when there is a glut of homes for sale, buyers have more choice and more power to dictate price and terms, creating a buyer's market. Many communities are seeing large inventories of homes for sale, due to economic conditions and defaults.

So if your home is to get attention in those conditions, you've got to price aggressively against your competition. Do not overprice your home, because you may end up making even less money than if you had priced properly from the start. Why? Because sellers who overprice have to keep chasing the market down by reducing their price.

While setting a price is ultimately your decision and your decision alone, do some research and educate yourself first. Order an appraisal and consult with a real estate professional to get a realistic figure for your home's value. If you choose not to comply with current market value, then you won't be a seller, you'll just be an owner with a For Sale sign in the yard.

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

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY ANNOUNCES NEW SHORT SALE GUIDELINES FOR HOME BUYERS AND SELLERS

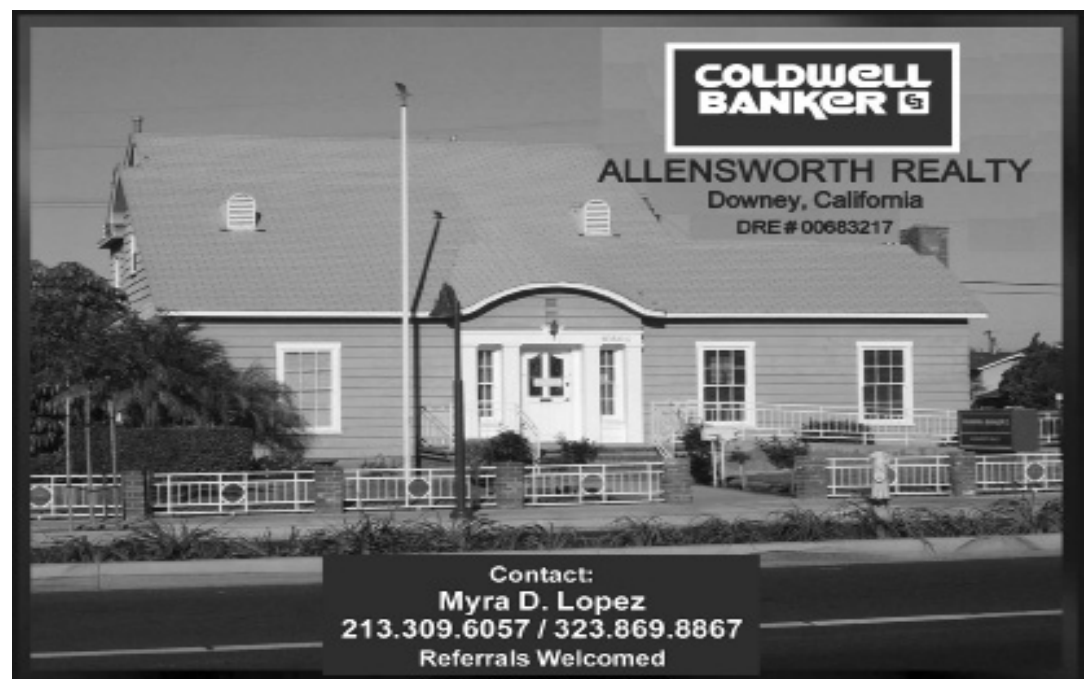
The Arcadia Association of Realtors® (A.A.R.) has long advocated for a streamlined, standardized short sale process for homes that are currently worth less than what they were purchased for. Positive new changes announced this week by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) call for the alignment of guidelines for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac short sales and will allow lenders and servicers to quickly and more easily qualify borrowers for a short sale.

- Some specific changes that become effective Nov. 1, 2012 include:
- Eliminates current Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac short sale programs and creates a single standard short sale process for both entities (Fannie and Freddie HAFA programs will expire at the end of the year).
 - Enables servicers to quickly and easily qualify certain borrowers who are current on their mortgages for short sales without waiting for an approval from Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac
 - Offers special treatment for military personnel with Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders.
 - Standardizes and clarifies foreclosure suspensions on a property with an approved short sale.
 - May pay borrowers up to \$3,000 in relocation assistance.
 - Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will offer up to \$6,000 to subordinate lien holders to expedite a short sale.

Additionally, FHFA clarified that a borrower experiencing a hardship must wait at least two years before becoming eligible for a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loan. These changes follow FHFA's announcement in June that established strict timelines for servicers to respond to short sales within 30 days of receipt of a short sale offer, provide weekly status updates to the borrower, and communicate a final decision to the borrower within 60 days of receipt of the offer.

The A.A.R. fully expects these positive changes to help the thousands of local homeowners sell their short sale homes more quickly and will allow new homebuyers more easily qualify for a home purchase.

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These software packages can transform most Microsoft Windows personal computers (PCs) – some work with Macs and tablets too – into a much simpler computer experience that provides seniors easy access to most functions like sending and receiving email, browsing the Internet, making video calls, looking at photos, playing games and more. Here are some top options to check out.

Free Software

Since it's completely free, a good place to start is at Eldy, an Italian nonprofit organization that provides simplified computer software in 25 different languages including English. Available to download at www.eldy.eu, this software works on PCs that use Windows and Linux systems, Macs and Android tablets.

Once installed, Eldy converts the computer's desktop into a simple six-button menu that has large text, color contrasts and simplified instructions (no confusing icons) that makes it easy to see, understand and operate.

The six-button menu puts seniors literally one-click-of-the-mouse away from simplified versions of email, the Web, Skype for video calls, chat groups, a simple word processing program and more.

It's also worth noting that Eldy software works on touch-screen computers too, and they also offer online tech-support.

Fee-Based Services

If, however, you don't mind spending a little money, there are also a number of companies that offer software similar to Eldy, but provide a few extra enticing features. One of the best deals is offered through SeeYouLink (seeyoulink.com) which has a three-month free trial and charges only \$4.95 per month after that.

SeeYouLink's web-based software will transform any mouse-operated or touch-screen Windows-based PC, into a simplified big-button operating system with large fonts and color contrasts. This will give your grandmother easy access to a host of functions that she can select from like email, Web browsing, video calling, brain-fitness games, movies, Facebook, a calendar that sends reminders and much more.

In addition, this service also provides a "remote access" feature that will give you and other family members the ability to access your grandmother's computer system from literally any computer anywhere in the world, so you can help her set things up, show her websites, scheduled appointments, or guide her through any other questions or problems she might have. And, when you or your grandmother needs help, SeeYouLink offers free tech-support both online and over the phone.

In addition to SeeYouLink, some other companies worth a look that offer similar services include InTouchLink (intouchlink.com), which can be used on a PC, Mac or iPad and costs \$13.75 per month or \$150 per year. Pointer Ware (pointerware.com), which works on Windows PCs and costs a one-time fee of \$149, or you can subscribe monthly for \$8 per month. And BigScreenLive (bigscreenlive.com), that operates on Windows PCs and runs \$9.95 per month for an annual membership.

Senior-Friendly Computers

If you find that you would rather purchase your grandmother a new computer that's designed for seniors and is ready to go right out of the box, you have options here too.

Two of the most popular are the Telikin (telikin.com, 800-230-3881) which costs between \$699 and \$999 – this same computer is also sold as the "WOW" computer through firstSTREET. And MyGait (mygait.com, 866-469-4248), which runs \$799 or \$899 plus a \$20 monthly service fee.

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.

KATIE TseThis and That

WE ARE NOT ALONE



Ever since I had a series of beta fish die prematurely in my apartment, I've tried to keep the place "alive" with plants. Over the years I've cultivated a little "jungle" of avocado trees, oaks, succulents, and other flora. It's certainly easier to take vacations when you don't have to ask your friends or relatives to feed your pets. Not to say that I couldn't care less whether or not my garden dies in my absence, but withered leaves aren't as depressing as floating fish.

So, you can imagine my astonishment and horror when I heard that some studies have found plants that have a consciousness rivaling our own! Admittedly, I first heard this while listening to Pastor Chuck Smith's "Through the Bible" commentary, recorded in the 70's. It's not a "science" show. And I'm sure even if it was, that further research on the subject of plant consciousness has been conducted since then. However, it grabbed my attention.

Pastor Chuck was commenting on verses in Psalms, such as "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice not heard." (Psm. 19:1-3) He then told about friend of his who was interested in polygraph technology.

This man attached sensors to the leaves of plant and hooked it up to a polygraph machine. At some point during his observations, he picked up the watering can, and the polygraph started to record the plant's response. He thought it was a coincidence, so he put the watering can down, and then raised it again to see if the plant would react. It didn't. He repeated this several times, but the polygraph needle didn't budge. "Fine," he thought. "I'll water you already!" Immediately the needle went into action.

On another occasion, the plant responded when a woman pinched one of its leaves. She then left the room for a while. When she returned, the plant reacted with violent movement of the polygraph needle.

Well, not only do plants have "feelings," but they also have memory and can interpret your thoughts! This opens up a whole new ethical can of worms. I've often written glowingly about my mom's veganism. But now I worry that the field greens in a fresh salad are silently screaming as you pierce them with your fork. At least my diet consists mostly of frozen veggies. So if they suffered, they've been long dead by the time I get to them.

There's already so much guilt inherent in modern life. I feel guilty about buying the Ralph's brand coffee when the product next to it (selling for twice as much) claims to be "fair trade, using sustainable farming techniques." Should I buy a shirt for \$10 at Target, wondering whether its makers in Bangladesh earned enough money to eat that night? Or should I buy a comparable American-made shirt for \$30?

And then there's all the environmental guilt of driving a car, running air conditioning, and using plastic bags (at least that's been somewhat alleviated by the recent super market reforms). I can only hope that when I die, my carbon footprint will be more the size of an gazelle than that of a camel.

Adding to my existing guilt, now I'm worried the plants are reading my mind! I don't worry so much about my house plants, because I'm already trying my best to foster their well being. But my parents are considering taking out an ash tree because it has sapped the back yard of all its nutrients for the last thirty years. At first I was mildly sentimental about saying goodbye to a landmark I've known since childhood. But now I'm downright distraught wondering if it knows about their plans. It's bad enough to cut down a tree, but to know that it knows you're plotting its execution --that's just too much. Hopefully the paper you're reading this on is recycled. If not, please plant a sapling!

(Editor's note: Of course this paper is printed on recycled paper!)

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength Training with Lisa Brandle. 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

RILEY'S FARM AND HAWKS HEAD PUBLIC HOUSE COLONIAL LUNCH (OAK GLEN, CA)

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Departure: Charter bus leaves at 9:30am from the Hart Park House

Lunch and Activities: 11:00am-2:00pm

Return: Bus will arrive back in Sierra Madre at approximately 3:30pm
Cost: \$34 includes transportation, lunch and tip

More Info: Call the Hart Park House Senior Center at 626.355.7394



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,



Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.)

Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 for more information.



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LUNCH & LEARN

Join the Senior Community Commission at the HART PARK HOUSE for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation. Call (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
Sierra Madre City Hall
Sierra Madre Library

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.

*Food is not allowed in the Council Chambers

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The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



SETTING THE STAGE FOR HOLIDAY SALES SUCCESS

The 90-day countdown to Christmas will begin approximately 30 days from now. For businesses that offer products or services appropriate as gifts, the days following Thanksgiving thru Christmas Eve can account for a significant portion of annual sales. This short time period accounts for more than 50% of annual profits for some retailers. Those who understand this reality have probably had plans in place since the spring.

There is still time to finalize plans and make sure everything is in place to capitalize on the fast-approaching holiday season. Consider a holiday marketing campaign designed around a specific product or line of products, or perhaps product displays with certain eye-catching color schemes. Once you settle on your plan, start spreading the word to your existing customers. Design and print colorful postcards or flyers to place inside packages with every sale to inform your customers of what you have available for their gift-giving needs. If you have a mailing list, this is a good time to use it to inform them of upcoming holiday specials and activities.

Whether you offer produces or services, having gift certificates or gift cards available is a smart idea. Some shoppers may not ask if you offer gift certificates, so be sure that you let all customers know by displaying the information in your store and on your website. Have you considered adding a festive touch to your shopping bags or packaging to add a little pizzazz to your customers' experience of purchasing from you? Small, inexpensive touches using ribbon, tinsel or other simple accents will fit right in with Christmas decorations and music that puts adds to the holiday shopping mood.

A big budget isn't always required to have a big impact. When it comes to promotional activities, "It's the thought that counts" is an adage that carries a lot of weight. Hosting a holiday gathering with cookies and cider, or coffee and fruitcake at your place of business will serve as opportunity to demonstrate your appreciation for your customers. It will also allow you to meet and greet them, yet again, in your place of business.

What business owner do within the next 30 days will have a direct impact on how much they maximize sales and profits from the shopping that commences between the day that follows Thanksgiving, through Christmas Eve.



Social Media
Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



Make a quick QR code with bit.ly

Most people think making a QR code is a lengthy and expensive process. But, you can actually make a QR code in less than 5 minutes for free with Bit.ly.

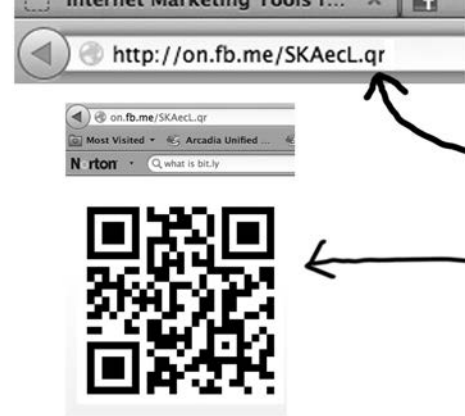
Bit.ly is a cool tool that allows you to shorten a long URL, share it and even track how many people click on it. Here is a cool trick that lets you make your shortened bit.ly into a QR code:

1. Decide where you want your QR code to link (what url/web address). You can create as many QR codes as you want.
2. Go to www.bit.ly (note – there is no “.com” in the address). Paste in the URL in top right “paste a link here.” Look for the new bit.ly address that is generated.
3. Copy the new bit.ly address and paste it into the address bar of your web browser. At the end of your bit.ly address simply add “.qr” (For example: <http://bit.ly/tlD5Lf.qr> (note, all we did was add the .qr on the end of the address and it automatically took us to a page with the QR code art)
4. Download the QR code art and use it on your printed material.
5. Make sure to give it a test on your own smart phone. We have found the ATTscanner app works great.

Make a Quick QR code

Shorten a any web address at

<http://bit.ly> (there is no “.com” in address)



Paste the new shortened address into the address bar of your web browser. Add “.qr” to the end of the address.

Your new QR code is generated. Right click to download and save the art.

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the files have a *.ADR name. These files are created every 12 hours, with a maximum of two files (12 hours old and 24 hours old) for each company (so that there are two historical points to which you can restore data if necessary).

Should the worst happen and you cannot open your data file, it may be necessary to restore the data file to a recent point before the problem arose. Tech support and articles can guide you to finding these *.ADR files, renaming them, and having them replace the live corrupted file. This feature is important because it enables you to restore a corrupted data file even if no backups or portable copies were taken. You have two historical points from which to choose for restoration.

Okay, another scam warning (not my words)!

I received in the mail the other day what looked like an official request to renew my fictitious business name, Monrovia Computerized Business Service. It would cost \$9.00 and "Please send the check right away to avoid losing the name". The letter was from SOCIAL DBA PUBLICATIONS SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME RENEWAL CENTER DIAMOND BAR California. I thought that if this was an official form why was it not already filled out since the County Recorder has all of my business information and it seemed as

though I had just renewed my fictitious business name.

I opened up my QuickBooks file and looked under licenses and permits to see what I had paid and when. Sure enough there I found my payments in 1998, 2003 and 2008 for \$27.00 each. I contacted the Los Angeles County Recorder (the reporting agency for fictitious business names) and sure enough I was in good standing (you can check on-line) and my next renewal date is in 2013; the renewal period is 5 years and the cost will be \$27.00. Prior to renewal you should receive a filled in postcard from the Los Angeles County Recorder. If you receive a letter from a company in Diamond Bar you can check the company name on-line to see if a complaint has been filed, I did and I just threw the letter away.

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Legal Insights by Noah Green¹

THE MODERN REALITY AND ADVANTAGES OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

When used in everyday conversation the word “bankruptcy” carries with it connotations of poverty, incompetence, and failure. The idea that bankruptcy should be avoided at all costs is rooted deeply in our culture and that those who are “bankrupt” should be ashamed.



Yet bankruptcy has come a long way since the days of the debtor's prisons of the nineteenth century. The right to file for bankruptcy is included in the Constitution, legislated by Congress, and interpreted by the federal courts. Moreover, as America is still slowly crawling out of the worst recession in 80 years, many more of your countryman have found themselves declaring bankruptcy over the last few years than one might realize. As an attorney who has been to bankruptcy court many times I can say that the quality of the courts, lawyers, and litigants is above and beyond what you may otherwise expect. In other words, it is all about money and business and the people there just want to fix their finances and are smart enough to take advantage of the laws created to help them do so.

So who typically files bankruptcy? Individuals and businesses who find themselves in the following situations:

Homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage but who may have the resources necessary to catch up if given enough time. These homeowners typically try to get a loan modification first, but their lender is unwilling to cooperate. Under Chapter 13 of the bankruptcy code, if such homeowners are able to get a come up with a plan to pay off the outstanding balance over three-to-five years they can get what amounts to a court-ordered loan modification. In some cases, the debt owed on a second mortgage may also be discharged entirely or “stripped” if the home is worth less than the value of the first mortgage, i.e., it is “underwater.”

Business owners who cannot work out repayment plans with their creditors but who may be able to repay their debts over time and just need a “timeout” to restructure should consider filing under Chapter 11. This Chapter is also available to real estate investors with multiple vacant rental properties who need to prevent foreclosures while they renovate and re-rent or sell some of their properties.

Individuals or businesses who are simply too far behind to ever catch up on their credit cards, medical bills or other debts, and who simply need a “fresh start” should file under Chapter 7. For a business filing under this Chapter it generally means that it will be dissolved. Yet this will allow its owners to possibly start another business while disposing of the debts and assets of the old one. On the other hand, individuals who file under Chapter 7 are generally be able to keep their personal property (other than a home with defaulted mortgages) while having their outstanding debts discharged, with the exception of certain debts such as student loans or child support payments. Though the debtor's credit rating will suffer for several years, they will never have to dig their way out from under the mountain of debt they find themselves under.

In short, bankruptcy should not be considered a shameful thing. Rather, it is a legitimate and in some cases wise business decision that every citizen has the right to use in order to rectify their financial situation.

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In today's modern political biosphere, one would think that it would be nearly impossible to hide information that may be potentially damaging to a political campaign for any useful amount of time. It seems that nearly everything about anything can be found online, if one has the resources and the determination to dig deep enough and to find out most things, one doesn't have to dig that deep in order to find it.

In the age of Google, YouTube and WikiLeaks, those in high places can be almost certain that if they've said or done anything unseemly at all it's online somewhere. Forever. Information such as this wasn't always this available to the public as it is today. Anyone who's been around long enough to know what the Pentagon Papers were, or what the Watergate scandal was all about, can certainly remember the state of technology back then. We were just as likely to hear about Breaking News during the 6 o'clock News on TV or in the headlines of the next day's newspaper. The 24-hour news cycle had not yet been born or even imagined in the minds of the most technologically forward-thinking people of the day. Most of the effort to break a story took the form of a reporter working his or her sources for information and corroborating the story before committing to ink or air because the consequences of “getting it wrong” were career-ending. Fast-forward to today's never-sleeping news cycle and the unrelenting pressure to “get it first”. Today's reporters, bloggers and opiners can get the most intimate details of a story from the most reluctant of subjects by working online resources for nearly up-to-the-minute details about whatever the subject may have said, thought or done around a particular topic of interest.

On Thursday, the website Gawker (<http://gawker.com>) released what it is calling, “The

Bain Files”. These documents, totaling more than 950 pages, purport to show that Presidential candidate Mitt Romney was far more intimately involved in the workings of Bain Capital than he has admitted thus far. During his campaign, the candidate has repeatedly stated he retired from the private equity firm in 1999. Further investigation revealed his signature on documents well into the 2000's. These documents show in detail the complicated financial underpinnings of his business dealings and investments in the company.

This disclosure is significant because Mr. Romney has been opaque to the point of barring the press from asking about his financial dealings, even though it has been commonplace for candidates to high public office to disclose such information to the public. This candidate has also refused to release any of his full tax returns for public inspection.

Presidential candidates have released tax returns to the public and to their parties as part of the vetting process since the days of the Great Depression, with figures such as Ronald Reagan, George H. Bush, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton releasing 8 years worth of returns each. Mitt Romney's father, George Romney, released 12 years of returns when he ran for office, but the record goes to Bob Dole who released 23 years of returns during his bid for the Presidency. Next to these predecessors, Mr. Romney is starting to look very pale in comparison.

I suppose his reluctance doesn't matter too much. In this age of the Internet Sleuth, something tells me that we'll all be getting a good look at Mr. Romney's tax returns whether or not he cooperates with the process.



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

TRYING TO SET UP A NEW QUICKBOOKS COMPANY DATABASE?

Call me sooner rather than later!

QuickBooks 2012 has a new Easy Setup function that is in every Pro and non-accountant edition of Premier; Intuit says “Who should use it? Any company that is new (or new to QuickBooks) should use it if it is being created by someone who is not well-versed in QuickBooks”. Well there is; you have it; Intuit thinks they have designed a product that anybody can use. Well let me say that the business owners I work with are usually entrepreneurs; people with a big vision who can conceptualize the path to get where they want to go. Their vision does not usually include the accounting grunt work required to maintain the record keeping needed to satisfy government agencies. So go ahead, use this new feature and I am prepared to help you. Just don't forget that I suggested that you should call me before not after this happens.

Use the Express Start setup option to get going in QuickBooks quickly and easily; answer five basic questions in three screens and get going? This is great for new users and non-accountants

who may experience trepidation (and who might put off starting to use QuickBooks as a result) at the notion of a full company setup. The answers to the questions can be modified later if desired. You can access this function by selection the File menu. When the QuickBooks Setup dialog box opens, click on the Express Start button. Intuit also says that “this feature is cool because it lets you set up your own company files within a couple of minutes, even though you may not know everything you need to know ultimately to use QuickBooks to its fullest on an ongoing basis”.

There is also a new Auto Data Recovery feature that is a hidden feature in Pro and all non-Accountant versions of Premier. It comes in very handy when there are corruption problems that prevent you from opening the data file at all. It picks up where the File Diagnostic Tool and the verify/rebuild functions leave off.

The Auto Data Recovery lurks in the background. It stealthily makes copies of the data and *.TLG files and places them in a subfolder (named “QuickBooks Auto Data Recovery”) of the directory in which the data file resides. To prevent confusion, despite the separate nested location,

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HAIL Hamilton **My Turn**



WE DIDN'T HAVE THE "GREEN THING" BACK THEN

Waiting to Check out at Ralph's the other day, the young cashier suggested to a much older woman in line ahead of me, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized, "You're right, we didn't have this 'green thing' back then." The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation didn't care enough to save our environment for future generations." She was right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then...

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

Back then, grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbings. Rather, we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

Back then, we walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store; we didn't jump into a \$60,000 300-horsepower gas guzzling BMW every time we had to go two blocks to buy a couple of gallons of milk.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling electric dryer burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

Back then, we drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint...

Finally, I'd heard all I could tolerate.

"Give me a break!" I told the cashier. "My generation doesn't need a lecture on conservation from you, who clearly doesn't know diddle-squat about ecology or the environment. And my generation doesn't like being told we're old either, it just pisses us off.

"You ought to seriously consider doing something o stop you from making all these inanely stupid remarks about something you obviously know absolutely nothing about.

And one more thing Sweetheart... Do something about all those tattoos. You look more like a billboard than a cashier working at a supermarket; a cashier I might add who can't even make change without the help of a wasteful electricity-gobbling automatic cash register "to tell you" the correct amount!"

JOE Gandleman



BAN THESE OBNOXIOUS MEDIA, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL PHRASES

If you're a political and media junkie, you know one truth: your head starts to spin after a while -- even more than the political spinners you see every day on MS-NBC, Fox News and CNN -- due to obnoxious, trite and overused phrases that have invaded our culture. Here's an updated list of some phrases as welcome as chalk scraping on a blackboard.

1. "False equivalence." When employed by political partisans "false equivalence" usually means there is a VAL-ID equivalence, since in American politics you always defend your own political sports team and insist only the other side is guilty. Then there is political jiu-jitsu "false equivalence" on display recently on Twitter, where someone insisted it was not a false equivalence to say Vice President Joe Biden's "chains" remark was the same as Missouri Rep. Tim Akin's controversial assertion about "legitimate rape." When you hear the phrase "false equivalence", it usually comes from a partisan in defense mode.
2. "A defining moment." Says who? Some self-important analyst, political reporter, ideological blogger? How does this supposedly wise person, who can tell us now how this will define someone's life or history, know it is a "defining moment?" Do they have a crystal ball? Most people who think they have crystal balls are as accurate in their predictions as Fox News' Dick Morris. The only analyst with a crystal ball that seemingly works is the University of Virginia's Larry Sabato. And he doesn't hurl the phrase "defining moment" around.
3. "Tried to change the subject..." That means a politician dared to try to talk about something other than what a politician, political pundit, or journalist considered to be the true story of the day. Could it be that politicians may prioritize differently than reporters and pundits, and they're trying to talk about something that may be of greater substance than the latest skunk spraying contest raging between two parties or candidates? Can't we multi-task? He who says "tried to change the subject" often arrogantly thinks he alone can determine "the subject."
4. "He just doesn't get it..." That often means someone won't go along with the speakers' partisan or ideological spin and/or sees things differently.
5. "Singing Kumbaya..." This suggests someone who is ideologically trite, conjuring up images of people with their arms around each others' shoulders, rapidly smiling as they sing a song suggesting peace and love can change the world. Puh-leze: retire this phrase with all your folk song vinyl records.
6. "A Marine and his buddies..." How do we know it's that Marine's "buddy?" Can't a Marine hate a co-Marine's guts? Why don't we say, "A proctologist and his buddies...Obama and his buddies...Romney and his buddies." And what about military women? Are they with their "buddies," too?
7. "The Mushy Middle." Partisans love to use this phrase, but when the "mushy middle" supports their beliefs, then suddenly the middle is perceptive, thoughtful, principled, important and brilliant. Most often used by political hacks.
8. "DE-fense and OFF-fense." Used in sports. So does this mean we have a federal Department of DE-fense? If you find this OFF-fensive then you just don't get it about how huge this is.
9. "The liberal media...The conservative media..." Most media outlets separate opinion from their news gathering operations. Reporters and editors are often diverse politically. Liberals and conservatives blast the media when they don't like its content, then quote it and praise it to the hilt when they like its content.
10. "The mainstream media..." New media bloggers blast it all the time and trumpet themselves as belonging to a new age of journalism, but if you removed the mainstream media reporting that bloggers copy, paste and comment on (without paying for this source material), most blogs would have little content, indeed.

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STUART Tolchin.....On **LIFE**
NEW WORDS FOR NEW FAMILIES



You know, our language has not created the proper words to describe the new kinds of extended families and supportive relationships that have been created. There is that word "Stepmother" that always seems like it should be preceded by the adjective "evil" as in Cinderella and other such rather frightening tales. Today, I think it is really clear that non-biologically-related people, who step into the role of parent, or temporary care-taker, play a significant role in providing stability and just plain affection to the children of broken-families.

Even the way I describe it seems inaccurate. The term "broken family" implies that most families are not "broken." I wish that were true; but in my experience it isn't. Families around me are all divorcing and when I talk to the kids I feel their discomfort. Their mommies and their daddies seem to be very curious about the lives of their ex-spouses or significant other and the kids are in a tough position. They seem to inherently know that certain things are private and shouldn't be revealed, but they are confused. Last week an ex-neighbor who is ten years old and now only lives with her dad part-time was telling me about her mom's new boyfriend. She says he's a nice guy and she wishes that he and her mom and dad could all live together. That's her dream. She also wishes that this new boy-friend and his teenage daughter's boyfriend would not tickle her so much. I don't like the sound of this any more than you do and I told her to make sure and tell her dad about this. At the same time I knew she would be hesitant to tell her dad very much about her mom's private life and wondered if she was telling me so that I would tell her dad.

As usual I'm confused. I don't want to create problems unnecessarily but I'm concerned and I want to be a good neighbor and friend. I feel kind of responsible for everyone and I know that some people do not welcome this concern. Maybe the whole motivation behind these articles is an attempt to share myself with others and still keep some sort of social-distance. After almost five years of writing these things I have succeeded in creating a small, very small, following. A few days after an article appears I receive notes and mail addressing my articles. One man, who I do not know, sends me a manila envelope with about fifteen written pages and double that many pages of copied material relevant to his response to my articles. In one article I requested that if anyone knew of anything particularly uplifting they forward such information to me. Included that week in the envelope were pages of Mark Twain humor along with Groucho Marx and H.L Menken. I thought it was all pretty wonderful.

You know it's very strange that I have great difficulty in prevailing upon my own relatives and best friends to take the time and actually read my articles. I send them the articles and rarely get a response, even if I place the articles in their hands. I know they are busy people and have much to do in their own lives but, really, I wish they would take the time. Strangely, enough I receive lightning-like, well-considered replies from people who are not as close. Some of these people are incredibly busy and travel the world and still find time to reply, often critically, but supportively. I am most gratified when people take the time to share their own personal experiences that pop into their mind as they read my articles. On these occasions, and they happen pretty frequently I feel like we have created a new kind of extended family.

I will share one last anecdote with you. A reader responded to my article describing arguments with old friends by recounting that recently as she swam in the rehabilitative pool set aside for senior citizen-types she was suddenly drenched by someone splashing water on her. She turned toward that person, a female in her seventies, and heard her say, "I'm no wimp. You took my spot!" I gather that these kinds of blow-ups are not uncommon.

My point is that it is really tough out there. Our traditional family-bonds are disappearing and we need new words to help us to note and cherish our new relationships. Alienating words like step-parent are a disservice and words like "friend" are inadequate to really describe the importance of the new relationship. Someone I know just bought a used car for the adopted child of her brother's second wife. I wonder what words he used to thank her. We need a word for that kind of enduring concern and support. By the way, I know the person who presented the gift really enjoyed her giving.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE?

And I must say I do not get very much help on this part, especially from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Her idea of keeping it simple is not telling me everything.

This past week I think she went a little too far.

It was Saturday night and I was preparing for my weekly bath. I had assembled all the necessary equipment: my rubber ducky, my reading glasses and the book I was reading at the time. There is nothing more relaxing to me than a hot bubbly bath with a good book.

Eventually, I put my book up and began the ritual of taking a bath. I reached for the bar of soap and it felt a little different then I had remembered from the week before. It felt as though it had been rolled in gravelly dirt.

Wanting to know what the problem was, I called to my wife.

"What's wrong with the soap?"

She then came into the bathroom and said, "There's nothing wrong with the soap."

"But it feels different," I complained.

"That's because it's oatmeal soap," she explained.

"Oatmeal soap? What do you mean, oatmeal soap?"

"It's a new soap I found at the Bath and Body store. It's something new. It's good for you, use it."

I immediately began to search my mind (I almost got lost in the process) for information concerning oatmeal. I knew, for example, that oatmeal was a food. I like a bowl of hot oatmeal in the morning with sliced bananas. And oatmeal raisin cookies go perfect with a nice hot cup of coffee. However, I could not find any information in my brain corroborating the fact that you can wash with oatmeal.

I looked at the bar of oatmeal soap and did not know if I should wash with it or eat it. And, where do you put the sliced bananas?

To make matters worse, if that could be possible, I discovered in the bathtub a new bottle of shampoo. It was called Sweet Apple Shampoo. There is nothing like a fruity-tooty bubble bath to bring out the manly spirit in a person.

I did not know if I should dry off and be put into the refrigerator.

This incident only illustrated to me the fact that we live in a very complicated world. Somebody comes up with some simple idea that is a good idea. However, the real money goes to the person who can take that simple idea and complicate it beyond all recognition.

"There ain't nothing simple anymore," my grandfather used to say. And he's been dead for 30 years. What would he say today?

For example, take your common everyday telephone. The telephone is no longer a phone but rather a full

communication system. You can do everything on your cell phone.

I tried to buy a new cell phone recently and found it rather difficult. The salesperson was telling me all of the features of this new cell phone.

"All I want is to be able to phone my wife when I'm away from the house."

The salesperson didn't seem to get that fact into his head. For some reason he seemed to think I was so important I needed all of the features of the latest cell phone.

Do you know? I could not find a cell phone that just was a phone.

I remember the days when the telephone was a party system. What parties we used to have. Each person on that party phone line had a certain ring. I still remember ours. It was two rings. Of course, whenever the phone rang everybody on the party line knew who was getting a call and felt complete liberty in joining in.

Not just telephones but also everything else has been complicated for us. A watch is no longer a watch, but rather a timepiece that does everything but tell time. I saw one that was also a cell phone.

Now, I need a cell phone to find out what time it is and I need a watch to make a phone call. While I'm on the subject, try to find a phone booth in the neighborhood. The absence of the neighborhood phone booth may explain the rise in crime. Where in the world does Clark Kent change into his Superman suit?

Then there is coffee. On a recent trip, I had to use the services of our friendly airline service, which necessitated spending time in airports, which is as close to purgatory as a person can get without dying. I tried to find a plain cup of coffee. Everywhere I went they had everything but plain coffee. The coffee had been flavored with everything from vanilla to pineapples and a few ingredients I could not pronounce.

No wonder so many elderly people go senile. It's the only sane thing to do in such a complicated world.

Where, oh where have the simple things in life gone?

Only one place remains simple for me. That is the Bible. It is not hard understanding what Jesus meant. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6 (KJV).

As far as I'm concerned, nothing is complicated about trusting Jesus.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"What we're trying to accomplish here today with the passage of this third stimulus package is to create jobs and help the unemployed . . . We've got to get the engine of economic growth growing again . . . Then the surpluses come back, then the jobs come back . . . I urge members to drop the demagoguery and pass this bill . . ." Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)

In these Left / Right columns last week, Bill Press and Greg Welborn offered differing views on positions held by Mitt Romney's running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan. I intended to do the same, but found it difficult to determine exactly what those positions are.

The opening quote reflects a progressive view of economics fitting for a column on "the left". Recently, however, Ryan dismisses such views as "sugar-high economics".

The change in Ryan's economic philosophy coincides with a change in administrations. The quote is in support of a stimulus package proposed under George W. Bush. Ryan turned to condemning such spending with the inauguration of President Obama.

In 2008, Ryan was a defender of hands-on government involvement in supporting the \$700 billion TARP bailout of Wall Street. He urged a hands-off approach, however, in insisting those funds not be linked to reform measures designed to ensure such bailouts aren't needed again in the future.

While campaigning, Ryan decries the auto industry bailout, though he supported it in Congress. He characterizes the closing of the GM factory in his hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin as "one more broken promise" from President Obama, though the plant closed in 2008 – under President Bush.

It's hard enough keeping track of Paul Ryan's positions, but it's also hard tracking Mitt Romney's position on Paul Ryan's positions. Last March, Romney declared it would be "marvelous" were the Senate to pass Ryan's budget; that he and Ryan were "very much on the same page".

Minutes after the announcement of Ryan's selection, however, Romney's campaign issued talking points that "as president he will be putting together his own plan", and reminding, "of course they aren't going to have the same view on every issue." This reminder was issued in the context of a recent Kaiser Foundation poll showing 58% of Americans in support of keeping Medicare as it is, against 36% in support of Ryan's plan.

Then, the very next day, it was back to supporting the Ryan budget. Advisor Ed Gillespie stated Romney "would have signed it", and Republican Chair Reince Preibus insisted, "He did embrace the Ryan budget. He embraced it."

That "embrace" proved hard to square with the Romney-Ryan attack line that "Obama has cut \$716 billion from Medicare", when it was shown Ryan's budget contained the very same "cuts". (Rather than "cuts", it was actually a reduction in growth rates negotiated between the Obama Administration and providers, where they agreed to future reductions in payments in exchange for having more people insured, with more access to less-costly preventive care.)

The difference was in where that \$716 billion would go. Under the Affordable Care Act, it went towards reducing the number of uninsured. Under Ryan's plan, it helped cover the cost of more tax cuts for millionaires.

To avoid going off-message, Romney promised, "If I'm President of the United States, we're putting the \$716 billion back" – though this ignored Ryan's concern over "solvency". Under current projections, Medicare is expected to be in good shape through 2024, when revenues may only cover 87% of expenditures. Without that \$716 in savings, the date of insolvency moves closer, from twelve years in the future to four.

No position-shift on the part of Paul Ryan seemed as desperate as his response to comments from U.S. Senate candidate Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO), who said he understood from "doctors" that pregnancy resulting from rape is "really rare" because, "in the case of legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down." (Rep. Akin sits on the House science committee.)

"Rape is rape, period. End of story", insisted Rep. Ryan to a Pittsburgh TV station asking him to square his position denouncing Akin's comments with his previous record. It was only last year Ryan partnered with Akin in co-sponsoring legislation that incorporated another controversial modifier - "forcible" rape. The legislation was to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood, and access for millions of mostly low-income women to cancer screenings, pap tests and family planning services.

There was an abortion exemption for rape and incest, but it had to be "forcible". If the woman was drugged or mentally impaired, it wouldn't qualify. Incest would count if the victim was under eighteen - but a fourteen-year-old girl victimized by a forty-year-old non-family member in a manner not deemed "forcible" would, as decreed by Reps. Akin and Ryan, be out of luck.

Ryan also supported life-begins-at-fertilization "personhood" legislation, allowing prosecutors to treat abortion, as well as certain kinds of contraception and "morning after" pills, as murder. He argued that the decision as to whether contraception is made available through a woman's healthcare plan should not be made by the woman, but rather by her employer.

To be fair, the views of Reps. Akin and Ryan are shared by most Republicans in Congress and are indeed enshrined in the Republican Party platform. They just decry those views when they're exposed.

Paul Ryan maintains his positions are informed by his Catholic faith. Last April, a group of 60 Catholic leaders, theologians and clergy, who probably support his positions on contraception and abortion, issued a statement on Ryan's budget, saying it is "morally indefensible and betrays Catholic principles of solidarity, just taxation and a commitment to the common good."

As I see it, the big problem with Paul Ryan is not too many changing positions, but rather an unchanging lack of principles.

TO THE EDITOR:

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

It is twenty to eight and my Democrat and Republican humming birds are still trying to get enough to eat before they go to roost for the night. I know one is a Democrat and the other a Republican because they both want exactly the same thing. When one hummingbird lands to drink the sweet water and the other sees him, he chases the other away. If he lands on the opposite side where he can't be seen by the other, they both drink together. If one notices that the other is getting some of the sweet water, they both fly away fighting.

This is exactly what the Democrats and the Republicans are doing. They both want peace and a prosperous America but they continue to fight each other like the hummingbirds because they do not understand that money is a public utility and must be intelligently managed.

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A NATION OF LAWS NO MORE GREG Welborn



I have been troubled over the course of the last several years by the discussion and debate that is not happening in this country. We are in the midst of a radical transformation in our form of government and in the security of our freedoms, and yet we're not really talking about whether this is the type of America in which any of us – conservative or liberal – want to live. While the mainstream press is 100% complicit in this transformation and undermining of the civil rights they profess to defend, it is not because of any conspiracy they have joined, but rather because of the obligation they have neglected.

Perhaps, to be charitable, I should just say that the press has simply missed the forest for the trees in their coverage of the various policy debates initiated by the actions of the Obama Administration. They tend to focus on whether the administration should do X or do Y, they focus on the merits of this action or that action, while missing the bigger, more important, debate about whether the President even has, or should have, the power to act in the first place.

At its heart, our form of government has allowed us to flourish as a nation because it limits the arbitrary actions any politician can take, because it forces the Congress to actually pass a law, allows a president to veto it, and provides for an override of that veto with sufficient votes back in the Congress. But if that process can be circumvented, then our freedoms and civil rights are severely compromised. So what has circumvented this process? The answer is the new use of the executive order.

President Obama recently issued an executive order suspending the enforcement of duly enacted immigration laws against children of illegal immigrants. We can debate the wisdom of allowing children of illegal immigrants to stay in this country if they obey our laws, and a lot of ink has already been spilled, and hot air exchanged, on the debate of the issue. In a sense, that's a healthy debate to have. But the result of that debate needs to manifest itself in a Congressional vote to either affirm or change the immigration law, which would then be signed by the President. That's the democratic process.

When the President simply issues an order invalidating a law, he has done nothing but arbitrarily exercise some perceived power to do what he wants done. That's not democracy; it's the beginning of tyranny. Consider also the discrimination inherent in this approach. Why should young illegal immigrants be excused from a law that other types of illegal immigrants are forced to obey? Why shouldn't elderly illegal immigrants be saved the massive inconvenience of uprooting their life and returned to their native country? Why should any sub-group be exempted from a law that other groups are forced to obey?

Let me be clear that I am not advocating a massive round-up and deportation of illegal immigrants. This is a complex and difficult issue, but it is an issue which deserves to be handled in a democratic fashion, not in an arbitrary and dictatorial fashion. The constitution guarantees "equal protection under the laws". If this principle is invalidated, then none of us can be guaranteed equal protection.

This executive order is not an isolated occurrence. This President issued an executive order exempting select school districts from the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act. It matters not whether he did so because he thought it in the best interest of the affected students, or

because he thought it in the best interest of the affected teachers whose jobs would be lost and whose unions are major campaign contributors. What should matter is whether this president – or any president – should have that much power. The power to do good (if that's what this is) is also the power to do bad.

This president issued another executive order repealing certain provisions of the last welfare reform law. The Clinton Administration worked with a Republican-controlled Congress to pass a welfare reform law which requires welfare recipients to work, or at least actively look for work. Obama simply redefined the word "work" to include things that really aren't work. If our government is going to take money from Peter (taxes) and give it to Paul (welfare benefits), it is fitting and fair that Congress debate and vote on the requirements and safeguards attached to this policy. It is blatantly unfair, and undermines the democratic process, to have a president simply change the definitions of the words in a law passed by congress and signed by a previous president. If Obama disagrees with the law's word definitions, he needs to convince Congress to change the law. Winning an election did not make Obama king.

We are seeing the same approach used as Obamacare is phased in. As the law takes affect, huge costs are placed on to the employer. Some employers don't seem to be able to handle the extra burden (which was one of the complaints against the law in the first place). Rather than revise the law to correct this problem, President Obama has arbitrarily exempted some businesses from having to follow the law, while leaving other businesses to suffer the extra costs. That's not fair competition. The business with the lower cost burden usually wins market share and earns greater profits. When the government is the one imposing a higher cost on some and a lower cost on others, that's political favoritism and engenders bribery and corruption. We cannot righteously condemn a business owner who is forced to bribe a politician in order to survive in a world where arbitrary costs are placed on some and arbitrary benefits granted to others.

Each of these issues is worthy of debate. We can and should determine what we think are the best immigration, education, welfare and healthcare policies, but we must make those determinations within a democratic process. They cannot be determined by the will of one man. We are witnessing the gradual deterioration of the safeguards to our freedoms and civil rights. The left, the right and every American in between has a vested interest insuring that arbitrary power is not granted our politicians. As was famously said not too long ago, "a government which has the power to give you everything you want, also has the power to take away everything you have". Neither a President Obama or a President Romney should be allowed to simply issue an order and countermand the will of the people. That's what the press should be discussing, and it's what we will be deciding this November.

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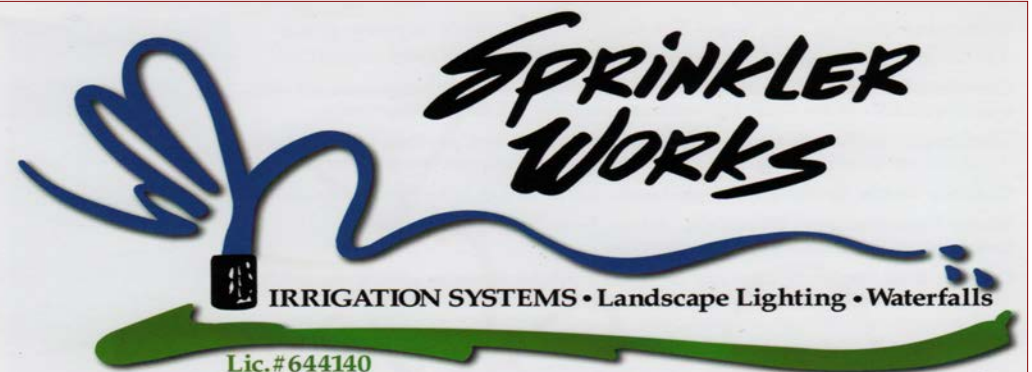
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