

CAPTURING THE MOMENT.....Area Residents Witness Endeavor’s Journey Home



Above, Sierra Madre residents waited patiently at the top of 1 Carter for the space shuttle Endeavour and its modified 747 carrier aircraft on Friday. Vehicles lined the road to the top of the Stonegate Development (below). Photos by Andrea Barrett



Sierra Madre resident Dave Felt took an exceptional photograph of the Endeavour as it passed over Griffith Observatory. Below, area resident Braddon Mendelson also photographed one of the F-16 escorts.



AN EVENING AT THE VILLA....Annual Awards Dinner For Sierra Madre’s Finest



Honorees included (l to r), Community Youth Service Awardee Aliya Crochetiere with Mayor Josh Moran; George Maurer Lifetime Service Awardee - Marilyn McKernan and Former Mayor George Maurer; Mayor Moran and Public Safety Award Recipient Todd Conrad and the Police Chief’s Special Award – Patricia Gonzalez. Photos Courtesy City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre held its’ annual recognition of exceptional volunteers, residents and employees last week at the Villa at Alverno High School. The event was attended by more than 200 volunteers who serve on the many commissions and committees that keep the city running. This year’s recipients were:

George Maurer Lifetime Service Award – Mari-

lyn 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 (com-

munity) 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 –(cont. on pg.3)

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<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	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:  
September 28, 2012

### SIERRA MADRE SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9/23 - St. Rita Parrish Ministry Fair

9/24 - Creative Arts Group Fall Classes Begin

9/25 - Kiwanis Club Hypnosis Presentation

9/26 - Woman's Club Fall Blue and Gold Tea

9/29 - Woman's Club Silk Scarf Painting

10/4 - October Coordinating Council

10/5 - Creative Arts Group Scarecrow Awards

10/5 and 10/6 - Friends of the Library Best Used Book Sale

9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 - Sierra Madre Playhouse  
Halloween Show

10/13 - Sierra Madre Playhouse ASL Halloween Show  
Interpretation

## TUNE IN THIS THURSDAY VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS with Gene Goss



*This Week's Guest:*

**Councilman  
John Harabedian**

**Thursday Evening at 7:00  
pm  
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[www.radiofishbowl.com](http://www.radiofishbowl.com).**

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are now available as podcasts for all computers and most smart  
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## FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY BEST USED BOOK SALE

Summer sped by and the kids are now back in school which means that the holidays will soon be upon us. One of the best places to start your holiday shopping is at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale being held in the basement of the library on Friday, October 5, from 3:00-7:00PM and Saturday, October 6, from 10:00AM-2:00PM. The library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in the city of Sierra Madre and there is parking on the street and behind the library.

Best Used Book Sales co-chairs, Martha Troedson and Alan Leahy, tell us the sale will feature a collection of books on local history and a collection of classic reprints published with leather covers or in slipcases. We'll also have many art books, cookbooks, and books on contemporary culture and history. These items and many other adult fiction and non-fiction books, books for children and teens, audio books, games, CDs, and DVDs will be available to purchase for your reading and listening pleasure.

Bargain tables outside the library will feature hardback and trade fiction and non-fiction for a dollar or two each and paperbacks and children's books for twenty-five cents each (or five for \$1.00). You'll also find teachers' resources and materials for sale on our bargain tables.

Proceeds from the Best Used Book Sales are donated to the Sierra Made Public Library to support program and equipment needs. So, bring your shopping bags to the Sierra Madre Library on Friday, October 5, and Saturday, October 6, for an opportunity to purchase some of the best used books around at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale. For more information, visit our website at [www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org).

## 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 22, 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](mailto:foothillcreativeartsgroup@creativeartsgroup.org) or call 626-355-8350.



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

**[www.SierraMadreRotary.com](http://www.SierraMadreRotary.com)**



## Fall Classes Begin September 24

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AND HAVE SOME FUN!

### Upcoming Kiwanis Calendar:

### HYPNOTHERAPY IS IT FOR YOU?

**Carol Weeks**, certified hypnotherapist will speak to Kiwanis this Tuesday at noon. She will be discussing Hypnotherapy as a way to refine and improve your life based on your life goals. Eliminate negative habits which interfere with your ability to enjoy life to its fullest. Lunch is \$10. The program is free.

Tuesday, September 25th Call 626-355-0728 for lunch reservations and additional information.

*The Executive Board and Residents of The British Home in California, Ltd. invite you to join them for the annual*

### INGATHERING TEA

Sunday, November 4th, 2012  
2 - 4 pm

We are happy to announce that the long awaited extension to Armstrong Hall is now underway. We have outgrown our present dining room and these improvements will give us a larger dining area, updates to the lounge and more room in the kitchen as well as a meeting room and improved cloakroom facilities.

So, please forgive us if we are not quite up to our usual standard on the outside, we can assure you however that the tea will be outstanding, as usual.

Reservations are required by October 29th and should be accompanied by a donation of \$12.50 and sent to:

The British Home in California, Ltd., Attn: Pat  
647 Manzanita Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

### 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*. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. 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](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

### Looking For The Mountain Views News?

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

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Sierra Madre Senior Center

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

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

Duarte Public Library  
Duarte City Hall  
Denny's Duarte  
Starbucks Duarte  
Coffee Bean Duarte

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## LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION

Recent donations to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Book Sale Committee have contained some very special books including several signed first editions. These exceptional books will be featured in the Committee's first Silent Auction to be held in the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre from Monday, October 1 through Monday, October 29. The books will be on display in the display case in the library's main room. To inspect the books more closely, visit the library every Saturday in October from 1-2 PM.

Bidding sheets and rules will be available in a notebook located on the library's checkout counter. Each of the fifteen books for sale at the auction will be numbered and will have a corresponding numbered bid sheet in the notebook. Bidders are asked to write their bid amounts and a contact telephone number on the appropriate bid sheet. At 7:30 PM on Monday, October 29, bid sheets will be removed from the notebook and placed on a table in the library for last minute bids. Bidding will close promptly at

8 PM on October 29. Winning bidders will be notified by telephone the next day and will then be able to pick up their books at the library.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Sierra Madre Library's programs, services, and acquisitions. For more information, visit our website at [www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org). A partial list of the books to be auctioned follows.

SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM by T.E. Lawrence  
First Edition for general circulation  
Simon and Schuster 1935

THE ORIGINAL WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS OF JOHN JAMES AUDUBON for THE BIRDS OF AMERICA (reproduced in color from the New York Historical Society collection)  
American Heritage Publishing Co. 1966

BEASTLY THINGS by Donna Leon  
New; Signed by author and inscribed to the Sierra Madre Library  
Atlantic Monthly Press 2012

THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION by Will and Ariel Durant (11 volumes)  
Simon and Schuster 1954-1975

## AWARDS (cont. from pg. 1)

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 Crochetiere - 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.

Nominations are submitted by the public and the final decisions are made by a select committee of Sierra Madreans.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*For the Period Including September 10-16, 2012*

### Monday September 10, 2012

Between 6pm and 9pm, unknown suspect(s) entered an apartment in the 500 block of Sturtevant Drive through an unlocked sliding glass door. The suspect(s) ransacked the living room closet and removed 3 pneumatic nail guns that were contained in black nylon bags. The suspect(s) left the apartment through the same sliding glass door leaving behind other items of value.

At 10:15 an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at Baldwin Avenue and Bonita Avenue. The investigation determined that the driver (69 year old female) had been drinking and she was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

### Thursday September 13, 2012

At 3:45 am an officer observed a male adult walking in the area Mountain Trail Avenue and Sierra Madre Avenue. The individual was stumbling, losing his balance and appeared to be under the influence. The officer's investigation revealed that the individual was under the influence of alcohol and was also in possession of Cocaine. The 32 year old male was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

### Saturday September 15, 2012

At 11:45am, non-injury traffic collision occurred when a vehicle stopped northbound on Baldwin waiting to make a left turn onto Bonita Avenue was struck from behind by another northbound vehicle. Driver inattention appeared to be the cause.

## PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY BEGINS DOG LICENSE CANVASING

The Pasadena Humane Society has begun door-to-door canvassing to ensure that all dogs in Sierra Madre are licensed.

By law, every dog must wear a current license tag at all times. The Pasadena Humane Society issues dog licenses for Arcadia, La Cañada/Flintridge, San Marino, and Sierra Madre. Dog licenses may be obtained at any time of year, and are good for one year from that date. Dogs must be 4 months or older, and you must provide a current rabies certificate. Licenses must be renewed every year, even though the license tags are permanent.

You may purchase your dog's license at the Pasadena Humane Society front office during business hours or at City Hall. Please call PHS at 626-792-7151 x115 or email [licensing@phsspc.org](mailto:licensing@phsspc.org) if you have any questions. The licensing officers are available at PHS Tuesday-Friday from 2 pm-6 pm and Saturday 2 pm-5 pm.

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## NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### City Attorney Services

The Sierra Madre City Council invites interested municipal law firms and attorneys to submit written proposals to provide City Attorney services. Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the City Manager up to 5:30 pm on December 10, 2012. For a copy of the RFP and proposal requirements email [EAguiar@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:EAguiar@cityofsierramadre.com) or call the City Manager's office at (626) 355-7135.

## 2012 HARVEST ON THE HILL

**Sunday, October 7, 2012**

*Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center will host its annual Harvest on the Hill Auction & Dinner ~ Live... Laugh... Pray*

Fr. Patrick Brennan, C.P. and the Passionist Community invite you to join us for an evening under the stars on the beautiful grounds of Mater Dolorosa in the Sierra Madre foothills. You will be engaged in lively conversation, friendly bidding wars, and a delicious meal. Your attendance and support will help us with yet another much needed renovation in the retreat center. With close to 10,000 retreatants, friends, youth and hosted groups that visit Mater Dolorosa each year, there is always a special project waiting to be completed.

Bring your friends to share in the fun and to shop for a worthy cause. Reservations are \$80 per person and include a social, hosted bar and delicious dinner. You could also win 2 nights at The Ritz Carlton in Laguna Niguel or The Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego by purchasing raffle tickets at \$20 each or \$100 for six. Auction items, underwriting donations and business and family sponsorships are gratefully accepted.

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center is located at 700 N. Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Weekend retreats are offered to those who seek an environment of peace and solitude for personal and spiritual growth.

Questions about Harvest on the Hill? Would you like to receive an invitation? Would you like to attend a retreat? Would you like to hold a group retreat at Mater Dolorosa?

Contact the Retreat Center at 626.355.7188 or visit our website at [www.passionist.org/materdolorosa/harvest2012](http://www.passionist.org/materdolorosa/harvest2012).

## WOMAN'S CLUB BEGINS YEAR WITH A MEMBERSHIP TEA SEPTEMBER 26

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club is reaching out to women throughout the area to attend their annual Membership Tea on Wednesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. This will be held in Essick House, their historic clubhouse. An afternoon of enjoyment is planned for those who attend and an opportunity to learn what this busy, caring group is all about.

Founded in 1907 and celebrating its 105th year, the club has a long tradition of service to the community, generous philanthropy and donations to a long list of worth causes and a place to make lasting friendships. They are also active members of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, a worldwide organization doing good throughout the globe.

Daytime meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month through May at 11:00 a.m. This includes club business, a delicious catered lunch followed by a program of interest and enjoyment for members. Some months they also have a tea meeting on the fourth Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. The yearly club calendar includes several social, community and fund-raising events.

The club has a very popular Wistaria Thrift Shop, recognized as one of the best in the San Gabriel Valley, which is located in the rear of the clubhouse and is a bargain, treasure seeker bonanza.

For more information about this special experience or about attending the Membership Tea, contact Phyllis Chapman, Membership Chair at 626-355-3928.

## 7TH ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE WINE & JAZZ WALK

*Benefiting the City of Hope - Thousands Expected To Attend the October Event to Help Fight Cancer*

The historical San Antonio Winery, Riboli Family Winery Estates and the merchants of Sierra Madre are once again joining forces to host the 7th Annual Sierra Madre Wine & Jazz Walk. This fun and unique event, benefiting City of Hope Cancer Research and Treatment, will be held from 4pm to 10pm on Saturday, October 27, 2012 in downtown Sierra Madre.

While strolling through historic Sierra Madre Village, participants will visit local businesses to taste award-winning wines and sample delicious hors d'oeuvres. Live jazz groups will be performing throughout the town to add to the ambiance. There will be a Silent Auction featuring an intriguing assortment of items ranging from gift baskets to Rose Parade and Game tickets.


Tickets for the event are available at participating

businesses in Sierra Madre or online at [www.SierraMadreWineandJazzWalk.com](http://www.SierraMadreWineandJazzWalk.com). Pre-sale tickets are \$40 or \$50 on day of the event. Ticket holders will receive a commemorative wine glass and a map of the city highlighting participating businesses other goodies.

To end the evening, this year's event will once again feature The San Antonio Winery VIP Wine Garden, a private after-party, from 6pm to 9pm. Our all-inclusive package, for pre-sale \$85 or \$100 at the door, per ticket, allows guests to experience both the Wine & Jazz Walk event and the private after party! VIP Wine Garden guests will have access to this exclusive area, featuring award-winning wines, delicious food, fun surprises, and even more live jazz and rock music!

Over 1,500 people attend this event annually. To date, it has raised over \$300,000 for City of Hope Cancer Research. It is through your generosity that City of Hope is able to continue its special programs in biomedical research, patient care, and medical education. Such efforts have helped millions of people suffering from cancer and other life-threatening diseases worldwide.

Presenting sponsor of the event, San Antonio Winery, Riboli Family Wine Estates will be donating the wine of the evening. Their wines have won more than 1,000 awards in national and international competitions, including several platinum and gold medals as well as best of class awards.



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## City Boards up Vacant Home Used by Squatters

By Dean Lee

Police and code enforcement officers responded last week to a complaint boarding up an Oakland Ave Craftsman-style home after a neighbor said up to 17 people had been squatting in the foreclosed residents for months.

No was inside the home when police and code enforcement officials arrived Sept. 12 although reports said the home in the 400 N. block of Oakland Ave. was littered with trash including baby food jars, beer bottles, drug paraphernalia and cigarette butts.

A week ago Monday, next door neighbor, Danielle Kurz told the city council she had enough after numerous calls to police pleading to the city for help.

"I called the police at least 75 times," Kurz said. "Because we have people sleeping there day and night, we have drugs, rot and the house is starting to become a disgrace. At night I cannot sleep."

She said when the police do show up; they kick out the squatters who just come back the next day.

"I'm a little sad when I have to call the police so many times."

Kurz said the house is owned by Bank of America, "They do not want to do anything because the home is in foreclosure."

Kurz also said her son offered to by the home but was denied by the bank.

"I really ask the town to help me fight Bank of America," she said. "I will not allow them to destroy my peace and destroy my neighborhood."

## Pet of the Week



Spike is a 10-year-old bulldog/pug mix. He's very friendly and loves to go on walks. He does have a bit of arthritis and needs to lose some weight so an attentive family would be great for him.

Spike's 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. He also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program for eligible adopters. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A312951, 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](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



*Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (above right) speaks to crowd of about 300 (below) during a 710 Freeway extension panel discussion, Tuesday night, made up of geologists, air quality experts and preservationists. The event was hosted by councilmember Steve Madison. The event leaned heavily on the opposition to any proposed underground freeway tunnel between Pasadena and Alhambra.*

## Schiff Urges Metro to end 710 Tunnel Plans

*He warns of the tunnel cost and community impact*

Congressman Adam Schiff condemned members of the Los Angeles Metro Board Thursday warning them of the likelihood of massive fiscal and community costs associated with a 710 freeway tunnel and urging them to remove that option from further consideration of the "710 North Gap Closure Project."

In a letter sent to Chairman Michael Antonovich and Metro board members, he called on them to focus on less disruptive and costly options that will immediately bring congestion relief to residents of the surrounding communities.

"The environmental review process Metro is engaged in has been excessively focused on the tunnel option," he wrote. "I have expressed my concern over Metro's apparent rush to judgment on a tunnel option many times, but without success. This has only confirmed what many in the community suspected, that Metro was once again starting with the conclusion it wished to reach and working backwards."

Schiff also states that on cost estimate has been given "Metro has refused to release an accurate figure on the cost of a tunnel," he says. "But it is safe to say that its original estimate is off by many billions of dollars."

In any event, this is money we do not have and are not likely to obtain, and it would be a disservice to the community to invest substantial sums towards a project that may never be completed while forgoing more immediate traffic improvements that could do much to mitigate traffic and pollution now."

"While the project was originally estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 billion, a 2011 study estimated it would cost \$2.8 billion and now the Measure R extension expenditure plan believes it will cost \$5.6 billion. How costly will it be in another year? Or two? Or ten? "

"Metro expects to fund half of the project through private financing and another \$1.8 through federal funding and the rest through Measure R funds. I am deeply concerned that taxpayers could be left picking up the full tab, if the highly speculative financing does not come through."

Schiff said the community is far from supporting a tunnel. In each of the five zones in which the tunnel could be constructed, no community embraced the proposal he said

"This was not a simple matter of each neighborhood simply wanting the tunnel elsewhere, but rather a recognition by each community that the price was too high, both fiscally and in terms of its impact on the quality of life, and not only for their own community, but for any community."

## Marking Transitions Ceremonial Art in Indonesia; New Pacific Asia Museum Exhibition

Pacific Asia Museum announced this week the new exhibition Marking Transitions: Ceremonial Art in Indonesia on view November 2 through March 24.

Marking Transitions: Ceremonial Art in Indonesia will provide visitors a chance to experience the connections between art and ritual in the lives of Indonesians through objects created for a range of uses. Rituals remain an integral part of everyday life in many regions of Indonesia, and objects such as finely woven textiles and elegantly prepared knives carry great significance in both ceremony and performance. This exhibition will illuminate those meanings along with a focus on the extraordinary craftsmanship embedded in each object.

One such object that will be on view is a tampan cloth from the Lampong region of southern Sumatra (pictured at top). This region became quite wealthy as a major producer of pepper along the spice trade routes, and this wealth along with the broad range of cultural influences is reflected in the rich textiles produced there. Tampan are small, ceremonial cloths that signify transition at



many ceremonies, including weddings, births and funerals, and are often displayed or used to wrap food or other gifts. The cloth would also serve as a seat for elders or other prominent figures, or would be tied to the poles of new homes. The ship motif on this particular tampan is common to coastal regions along major trade routes, and further illustrates both transition and prosperity.

Together with other ceremonial objects, Marking Transitions will trace Indonesia's rich material cultural tradition. The exhibition will be supported by a variety of related programs designed to engage all ages.

This exhibition is made possible in part by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and Sid and Betsey Tyler.

## Volunteers Needed for Tree Planting

Volunteers are needed to help Pasadena City Council member Gene Masuda and the City's Department of Public Works plant more than 75 trees on Saturday, September 29 as part of Pasadena's collaborative effort to restore the City's "Urban Forest" that was heavily damaged in the 2011 Windstorm.

To kick off this year's fall tree-planting season, the City is working on Sept. 29 with volunteers and the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, Odwalla's Plant-a-Tree Program, and the Pasadena Community Foundation to plant trees in areas west of Eaton Canyon Wash.

Volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Eaton Sunnyslope Park, 3005 E. Orange Grove Blvd. A tree-planting demonstration by City arborists is planned for 8:15 a.m. Volunteers will begin tree plantings at about 8:30 a.m., supervised by City staff. The Pasadena Firefighters Local 809 will provide a volunteer lunch. From Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, 2011, severe winds damaged 5,550 trees along Pasadena's streets and in public parks. Of those 5,550 trees, 2,100 trees were significantly damaged and required removal. The rest sustained less severe damage to branches or limbs.

Since the windstorm, the City has been working collaboratively with the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, Odwalla's Plant-a-Tree Program, and the Pasadena Community Foundation to help raise money and initiate tree plantings.

Volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes or boots and comfortable clothes that can get dirty. An adult must accompany all children 14 years old, or younger. Don't forget to bring gardening gloves and a favorite shovel if available!

Interested volunteers should call the Department of Public Works, Division of Parks and Natural Resources, at (626) 744-4321 or by email to Darya Barar, Program Coordinator, at [dbarar@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:dbarar@cityofpasadena.net). Or, go online to [www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks).

## Hastings Branch Library to Reopen Early

Hastings Branch Library will reopen to the public on Monday, September 24 at 10 a.m. The branch has been closed since August 6 for flooring and electrical upgrades. The work was completed sooner than anticipated and the branch will be opening a week earlier than expected. Hastings is located at 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

For more information, call (626) 744-4066.

## Council to Review Mixed-use Development Project

The city council will review plans Monday night during their regular meeting for a new 50,000 square foot mixed-use development project on South Los Robles Ave after demolishing two existing buildings on the property.

According to a staff report released Thursday, American General Design has submitted a Predevelopment Plan Review for the project at 105 South Los Robles Avenue (pictured below).

"Proposed is a new five-story mixed-use building containing 50 residential units, and a ground floor commercial space measuring 2,638 square feet above two levels of parking containing 70 parking spaces," the report reads. "The total square footage of the building will be 50,239 square feet. Four on-site very low income housing units are being provided by the project."

Construction would include one level of at grade and one level of subterranean parking.

The report also states that vehicle access to the site would be provided by an adjacent mixed use project that is currently under construction.

A traffic impact study recently completed identified that the project would generate approximately 293 net daily trips with 20 new trips in the a.m. peak hour and 24 net trips in the p.m. peak hour staff said.

"The Study concluded that none of the studied intersections as well as street segments would result in a significant impact under CEQA," the report stated.

Staff said the next steps in the review process include a preliminary consultation with design commission; Hearing Officer (Zoning) public meeting; and design commission reviews.

Because the item is to provide information only, no action is required by the city council. The public will be allowed to comment in compliance of open meeting laws.



## Schiff Statement on Attack against US Diplomat in Libya

After the attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya, Rep. Adam Schiff, a senior Member of the House Intelligence Committee, issued the following statement last week

"I was deeply saddened and disturbed to learn of the attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya that claimed the lives of Ambassador Christopher Stephens and three other Americans. Ambassador Stephens was a well-known figure in Libya, and was deeply

involved in helping the Libyan people in their transition from the Qaddafi dictatorship.

"I have had the privilege of meeting many of our diplomats and USAID professionals overseas and I have always been struck by their dedication and their willingness to take risks in pursuit of a better world. They are America's first line of defense and today's loss should serve as a reminder to all Americans of the risks that our diplomats and foreign assistance officers encounter every day."

## 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 Sep. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585.

## County Explores 'Hyperconnectivity' and Expansion of Global Digital Infrastructure

A motion by Supervisor Michael Antonovich Tuesday seeks to upgrade and expand Los Angeles County's information and communication technologies infrastructure to spur innovation, job creation, and improved government services.

Last week, at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of New Champions in Tianjin, China, where Antonovich was a panelist, the central theme was "hyperconnectivity" -- the trend towards having more of the world's population online at any given time. As more and more devices from computers to smart phones to kitchen gadgets now have internet capabilities, business leaders are embracing "hyperconnectivity" to put them in direct contact with consumers.

Information and communication technologies (ICT) has evolved into a key enabling infrastructure across industries while proving to be a powerful driver of enhanced living conditions and opportunities around the globe. ICT has changed the world dramatically over the last decade or so, and it is bound to continue to do so at an even higher rate going forward.

"Just as we invest in our civil

infrastructure to move goods and people, we must invest in our digital infrastructure to allow for the movement of ideas and information to enhance innovation and create the jobs of tomorrow," said Supervisor Antonovich.

Chattanooga, Tennessee is one of several cities participating in the US IGNITE program, a joint venture between the National Science Foundation and the White House, to bring ultra-high-speed broadband internet access to 25 cities nationwide. As a result of its \$220 million investment in broadband internet access, Chattanooga has attracted dozens of companies including Volkswagen and Amazon -- creating over 7,500 jobs and over \$2 billion dollars of investment in the region.

Antonovich's motion directs the CEO to coordinate a possible partnership with the County's Chief Information Office, its 134 unincorporated communities and 88 cities, internet service providers, utility companies, educational institutions, US IGNITE and the economic development agencies in Los Angeles County. The CEO's office will report back to the Board in 45 days with its findings.



ANTONOVICH JOINS COMMUNITY IN DEDICATING  
FREEWAY INTERCHANGE TO FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS



Pictured: (left) Supervisor Antonovich, wife of Captain Ted Hall, Kathy Hall, and son Randall Hall. LA County Fire Chief Darrell Osby looks on.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Daryl Osby, former Chief P. Michael Freeman and Assemblyman Steve Knight to dedicate the interchange of California Highway 14 and Angeles Forest Highway as the “Los Angeles County Fire Captain Ted Hall and Engineer Arnie Quinones Memorial Interchange” in honor of the firefighters who died during the 2009 Station Fire.

“Captain Ted Hall and Engineer Arnie Quinones exemplified the ideals of commitment, service, and bravery within the ranks of the Los Angeles County’s Fire Department,” said Antonovich. “Memorializing their ultimate sacrifice in a permanent commemoration of these two brave men will remind those travelling this highway the price these men paid in protecting their fellow fire fighters and our community.”



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PASADENA FORUM TO ANALYZE  
NOVEMBER BALLOT MEASURES OCTOBER 6

Voters who want to be in the know about the 11 propositions on the November ballot can expect lively discussion and even debate at a free public forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area. Titled “Are You in the Know?” it will be held Oct. 6, 9:30 to noon, at the Women’s City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

A team of League members who have studied the measures in depth can help people separate fact from fiction regarding the hotly debated, competing tax measures of Gov. Jerry Brown and education advocate Molly Munger. Speakers also will analyze and present background information and prospective effects on each of the other 10 measures, including a business tax. Three other propositions address criminal justice issues: ending the death penalty, tougher penalties for human sex trafficking and modifying the three-strikes law. Three affect the legislature: a two-year cycle for the state budget, limits in campaign donations, and a challenge to the recently redrawn political boundaries for state senate district. Two address consumer issues: genetically altered food and auto insurance.

As a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government, the League invites people at the forum to share information and express divergent views. At this forum the League will only analyze the measures. Lunch will follow the program and costs \$20, including tax, tip and parking. Information and reservations are available by calling 626-798-0965, 10am-1pm M-F. Walk-ins are invited with no cost for admission.



CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY?  
Finding the Real World Beyond The Monetary Webbery

By Christopher Nyerges

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Money. Greed. Fear. The three horsemen of the new apocalypse. Everyone wants a scapegoat – the bankers, Bush, Obama, The Fed, the highly-paid CEOs. But in our zeal to find someone to crucify, we forget that all of us played a role in this economic crisis. Greed fueled the “housing boom” that had to inevitably crash.

An acquaintance told me during the height of the dizziness, “I can’t afford to NOT use all that equity in my home,” as he refinanced his way to debt. “That’s MY equity,” he assured me, not even realizing that “home equity” is a phantom asset. Where did we lose the notion that it is sound and wise to pay off our loans?

In our book “Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City,” we shared in the last chapter some of the illusions of money that most of us carry around with us every day in our brains. We shared our perspective of something called “the four illusions of money,” which we originally read about in the 1979-80 Co-Evolution Quarterly. One of these illusions is that if we have a lot of money, we will be free to do whatever it is that we feel we want to do. Of course, few people who are victims of this mental illusion ever define what they mean by “a lot” of money, and – amazingly – few take the time to specifically define those things that they “want to do.” I say amazingly, because how can one ever achieve any goal if you have not carefully and specifically defined the goal?

And the reason this idea is an illusion is because when we focus upon money – an abstraction – we tend to then lose sight of the fact that money is a tool to achieve some other goal. How and when did the acquisition of money become a goal in itself?

Of course, in a modern society, everyone has daily needs which are most readily met by money: paying rent or mortgages, buying food, medical needs for the family and children, insurance, gasoline for the car, clothes, etc. These are not the things I am speaking about.

I am referring to the need for us to define, personally, our short-term and long-term goals. Also, we should – perhaps even daily – continue to ask ourselves: What is the meaning of life? Why do I do what I do all day? Am I fulfilling whatever it is that I was born to do? If not, what can and should I do?

Here is one way to break free from this particular monetary illusion. List several of your important goals in life. You cannot list “making more money” as one of your goals. Yes, money may help you to achieve your goals more quickly, but you cannot list earning more money as a goal. List those things that you want to do, or achieve, or those skills that you want to master.

List each of these goals on a separate piece of paper. Next, write a simple series of steps that you can see yourself actually doing that leads you in the direction of achieving that goal. Do not list money on this list.

Your steps for achieving your goals should include some of the following: Asking others to work with you to achieve your goals. Asking others to give you things that you need to achieve the goal, or barter with you for objects you need. Consider ways to trade your time or labor so that someone else can give you things or trade consultation or labor so that you might achieve your goals. See?

Begin to see the real world, apart from the webbery of money, and see the people in your life who can work with you to achieve your goals. Those of you who take these steps, and move forward towards your goals, will find that world seems like an entirely different place. You will discover your brother, and you will find that when two or more of you are working cooperatively towards a meaningful goal, your life will be richer, more meaningful, and your fulfillment will come in the journey.

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WORLD’S MOST POWERFUL DIGITAL CAMERA OPENS EYE,RECORDS FIRST IMAGES IN HUNT FOR DARK ENERGY

Eight billion years ago, rays of light from distant galaxies began their long journey to Earth. That ancient starlight has now found its way to a mountaintop in Chile, where the newly constructed Dark Energy Camera, the most powerful sky-mapping machine ever created, has captured and recorded it for the first time. That light may hold within it the answer to one of the biggest mysteries in physics—why the expansion of the universe is speeding up.

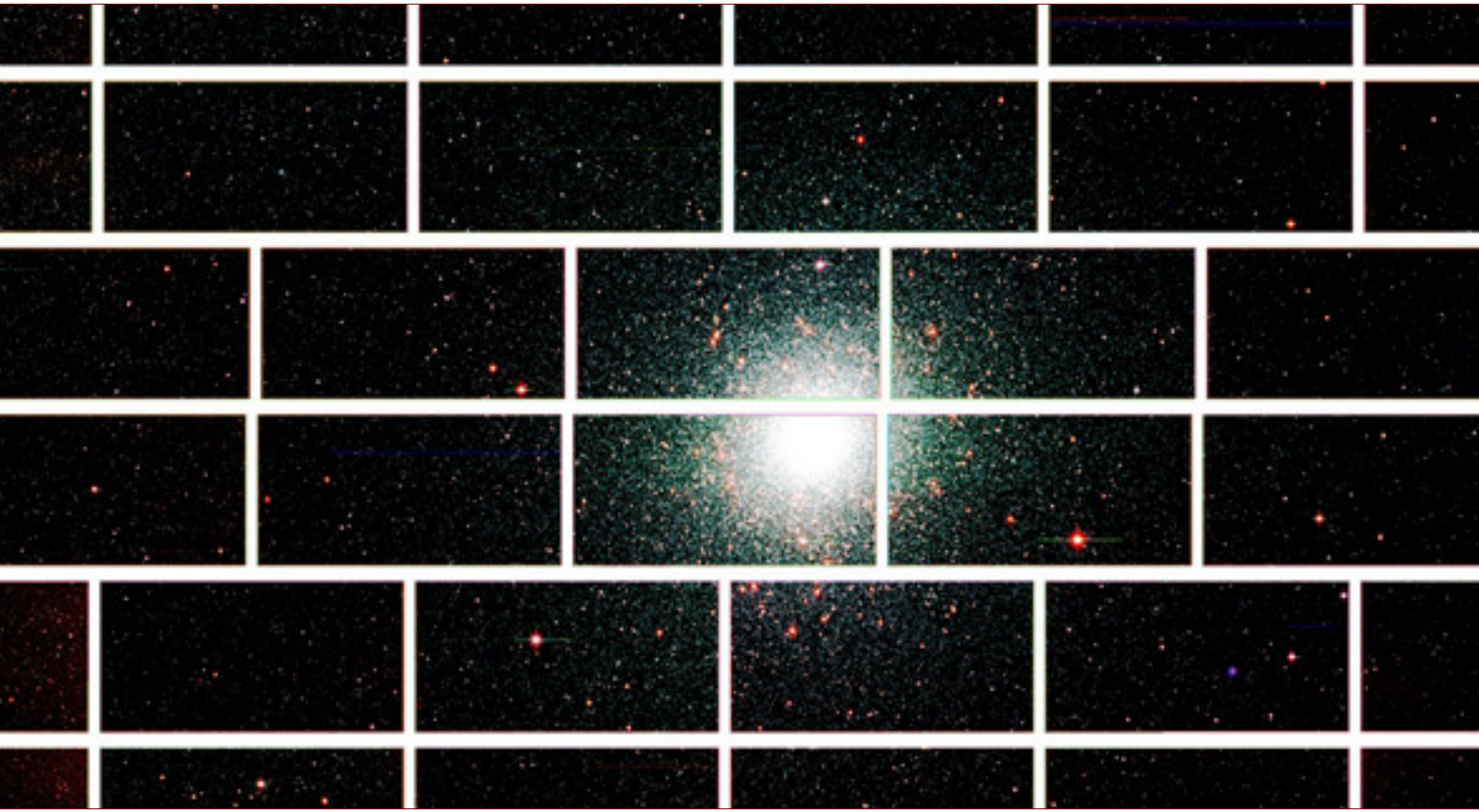
Scientists in the international Dark Energy Survey collaboration announced last week that the Dark Energy Camera, the product of eight years of planning and construction by scientists, engineers and technicians on three continents, has achieved first light. The first pictures of the southern sky were taken by the 570-megapixel camera on Sept. 12.

“The achievement of first light through the Dark Energy Camera begins a significant new era in our exploration of the Cosmic Frontier,” said James Siegrist, DOE associate director of science for high-energy physics. “The results of this survey will bring us closer to understanding the mystery of dark energy and what it means for the universe.”

The Dark Energy Camera was constructed at the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill., and mounted on the Victor M. Blanco telescope at the National Science Foundation’s Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile, which is the southern branch of the U.S. National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO). With this device, roughly the size of a phone booth, astronomers and physicists will probe the mystery of dark energy, the force they believe is causing the universe to expand faster and faster.

The Dark Energy Camera is the most powerful survey instrument of its kind, able to see light from over 100,000 galaxies up to 8 billion light-years away in each snapshot. The camera’s array of 62 charged-coupled devices has an unprecedented sensitivity to very red light—a feature important in this survey because the light from distant galaxies is strongly shifted to the red side of the spectrum. Along with the Blanco telescope’s large light-gathering mirror (which spans 13 feet across), the new camera will allow scientists from around the world to pursue investigations ranging from studies of asteroids in our own solar system to the understanding of the origins and the fate of the universe.

Scientists in the Dark Energy Survey collaboration will use the new camera to carry out the largest galaxy survey ever undertaken, and will use that data to carry out four probes of dark energy, studying galaxy clusters, supernovae, the large-scale clumping of galaxies and weak gravitational lensing. This will be the first time all four of these methods will be possible in a single experiment.



The Dark Energy Survey is expected to begin in December, after the camera is fully tested, and will take advantage of the excellent atmospheric conditions in the Chilean Andes to deliver pictures with the sharpest resolution seen in such a wide-field astronomy survey. In just its first few nights of testing, the camera has already delivered images with excellent and nearly uniform spatial resolution.

Over five years, the survey will create detailed color images of one-eighth of the sky, or 5,000 square degrees, to discover and measure 300 million galaxies, 100,000 galaxy clusters and 4,000 supernovae.

The Dark Energy Survey (DES) is supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Energy; the National Science Foundation; funding agencies in the United Kingdom, Spain, Brazil, Germany, and Switzerland; and the participating DES institutions.

Photos and background information: <http://www.noao.edu/news/2012/pr1204.php>  
<http://www.darkenergysurvey.org>

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From Arcadia's Best

# BOMB THREAT COSTS THOUSANDS

Last week's bogus bomb threat at the Arcadia High School by a 14 year-old student who was subsequently quickly arrested but only after nearly 4,000 students and personnel were stuck on lock-down mode for several hours, had an impact well beyond the obvious and even beyond the school.

Thousands of dollars worth of hot lunches were wasted when students were unable to take a lunch break and buy the lunches that had already been prepared, according to David Vannasdall, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services and Programs.

Additional revenue was lost when all school activities in the afternoon and evening had to be canceled, including scheduled field rentals by Little League and AYSO groups. The AHS marching band was also forced to miss a valuable once-per-week practice.

Overtime had to be paid to maintenance workers to empty, clean and re-set portable toilets used during the lock-down. Vannasdall noted that the makeshift buckets with a garbage bag lining, a lid

and a privacy curtain were designed by a student for his Boy Scout for his Eagle badge project last year after an even more lengthy lock-down exposed a need for emergency portable toilets.

In addition to the stress and inconvenience for teachers, students, and parents, staff employees, some of whom have children in other schools in town, were unable to leave to pick up their kids.

Off school property, Santa Anita Park officials were contacted by police and needed to juggle paying clients so police could use a portion of the race track parking lot as a staging area.

Campus Blvd had to be blocked off by police for three hours.

All because of an electronically-sent false threat of an explosive device by a 14-year-old who likely didn't realize the disruptions and financial costs the threat would cause to thousands of people. Most likely the student's parents were also unaware.

– By Scott Hettrick

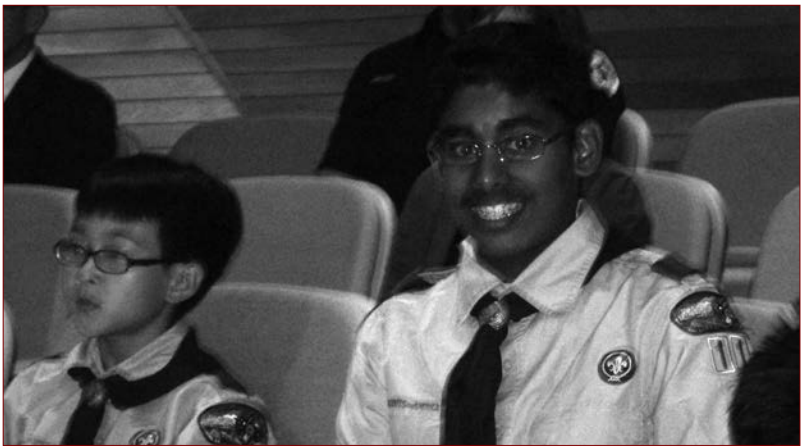
# Scouts Attend Arcadia City Council Meeting And Noise Limits During Filming Exempted

By Joan Schmidt

In attendance at the September 18 Arcadia City Council Meeting were Boy Scout Troop # 111 with their leader, Edgar Torres. The boys are working on a badge and one requirement is to attend a City Council meeting. Fire Chief Trabbie had been scheduled to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, but the scouts were called up to perform the task. After the Pledge, they returned to their seats and learned how a city government works. The first part of the meeting was the consent calendar and they saw how the Council voted on various items. They also heard several reports and discussion that aided the Council in their decisions. It was a great learning experience.

During the "Public Comment" period, Bob Machuca spoke about the filming industry in regards to Arcadia. Currently there are restrictions, which pose as deterrents to various film companies. Mr. Machuca had the numbers to back up his statements. For instance, since 1997, 36,000 jobs and \$2.4 million in wages have been lost to Southern California's economy by filming being done in other locations throughout the state and even in other states!

After Mr. Machuca's address, the City Council voted to approve all five agenda items: (1) The regular minutes of August 7, 2012 and August 21, 2012; (2) Resolution No. 6841 approving the City of Arcadia Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; (3) Authorize and direct the City Manager to execute a Professional Agreement with RBF Consulting to update the Housing Element for the 2014-2021 cycle in the amount of \$19,968 and approve a 10% contingency; (4) Authorize and direct the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Trovao and Associates, Inc., DBA for holiday decorations (materials, installation, labor, and removal) on Huntington Drive between Santa Clara Street and Fifth Avenue in the amount of \$33,742 for 2012 holiday season



and \$28,584 for the 2013 season; and (5) Award a purchase order contract to Rotolo Chevrolet for the purchase of three Chevrolet pickup trucks in the amount of \$77,883.49.

The next part of the Council Meeting pertained to three City Manager items. The first was Ordinance No. 2302 amending Section 4610.3 of Part 1, Chapter 6 of Article IV of the Arcadia Municipal Code regarding an exemption from the noise limits. This question arose after the windstorms left several residents without electricity for four days. The types of generators were discussed and they would be set back. Cost is \$35,000 to install generators and another \$20,000-\$25,000 to insulate under the former policy. The Council voted to introduce this amendment.

The second item was to adopt Resolution #6848 providing for the issuance of General Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 (Police Station Project) in the amount not to exceed \$7,000,000. This was adopted, and homeowners will see a lower amount on their tax statements.

The last item was a report, discussion and direction on the Statewide Filming Ordinance and "Film Friendly" policies.

These City Council Meetings offer a great opportunity for residents to find out what is going on in their city, and give so much background on items discussed. If one cannot attend a meeting, they are televised on the local cable channel. If one does not have Cable TV, they may go on line and type in, "Arcadia City Council Meeting Agenda". You will find not only the agenda, but background information on each item.

# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN?



Mattie Pearl Williams, a 61-year-old black woman who lives in Arcadia, is missing. The 5'11" 155-pound woman was last seen at her Arcadia apartment on Sept. 2 and was reported missing on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Ms. Williams lives alone, has a history of psychological issues, and hasn't contacted any family members or friends. She abandoned her apartment and its contents on Sept. 2. Three years ago Ms. Williams was reported missing and was located in Louisiana.

The Arcadia Police Department continues its search for Ms. Williams and is seeking the public's help in locating her. Local hospitals and area law enforcement have been alerted.

Anyone with information regarding Ms. Williams' whereabouts is asked to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 574-5156. – By Scott Hettrick Arcadia's Best

# ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 917 calls for service of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 9:

- At about 1:33 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding in the 200 block of East Live Oak Avenue at Louise Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The 40-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At approximately 2:28 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of North Baldwin Avenue regarding a report of a sounding alarm. Officers cleared the residence and determined unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a rear door. Meanwhile, assisting officers made contact with two suspicious subjects walking in the area and discovered their vehicle was parked across the street from the burglarized residence. A vehicle search revealed the subjects were in possession of stolen property and burglary tools. The 27-year-old Hispanic male and 39-year-old White female were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, September 10:

- Around 10:11 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a scooter for expired registration on Michillinda Avenue, south of Colorado Boulevard. The officer discovered the driver was never issued a license, had no insurance, and was displaying fraudulent registration. The 30-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Shortly after 6:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a medical assist. A female adult was attacked by a swarm of bees as she walked along the sidewalk. Arcadia Fire Department was on scene assisting the victim who suffered over 190 stings to her face and body. AFD located the bees in a palm tree to the front of a residence and eradicated them to prevent any further injuries. The victim was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital where she was placed under observation.

Tuesday, September 11:

- At about 5:53 p.m., an officer responded to the 2000 block of South Santa Anita Avenue in reference to a residential burglary report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a side window, ransacked his bedrooms, and fled undetected with several items of property. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.
- At approximately 6:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 000 block of San Miguel Drive regarding a disturbance. An investigation revealed a male subject violated a restraining order and vandalized his stepfather's vehicle. The 18-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, September 12:

- At about 11:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, regarding a bomb threat received through email. The school was placed on lock-down at approximately 11:55 a.m. while officers checked for explosive devices; however, no threats were located. The campus was rendered safe and the lock-down was lifted shortly after 3:40 p.m. An investigation revealed a student sent the email as a prank so that he could avoid taking a test. The 14-year-old Korean male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and turned over to the Eastlake Juvenile Detention Center.
- Around 3:33 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of West Camino Real Avenue in regards to a traffic collision. A driver collided with two unoccupied parked vehicles causing no injuries. An investigation revealed she was under the influence of alcohol. The 54-year-old White female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, September 13:

- Shortly after 8:30 p.m., an officer conducted a records check on the guest registry list at Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place, and discovered a no bail warrant. The officer made contact with the occupant of the room who provided false information. A records check of his true identity revealed two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 26-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At about 11:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to 900 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a disturbance outside a residence. An investigation revealed a female adult was intoxicated and unable to care for herself. The 24-year-old Filipino female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, September 14:

- Around 8:50 a.m., an officer responded to the Hampton Inn, 311 East Huntington Drive, regarding a robbery that has just occurred. While walking to his vehicle, the victim was approached by three masked subjects who took his property at gun and knife point. The subjects loaded his luggage into a black BMW sedan and fled northbound out of the parking lot. The victim, an international jewelry businessman, believed he was followed to the hotel after conducting business in another city. He suffered a flesh wound to his side but declined medical attention. Two witnesses were located and further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.
- At approximately 6:20 p.m., an officer responded to Hollister at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A male suspect concealed a cologne inside his pocket and exited the store without making payment. The 17-year-old Hispanic male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to his parent.

# HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION AND SNEAK PREVIEW SEPT. 24 AND OCT. 2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM (FORMER HOME OF LUCKY BALDWIN)

ARCADIA, Calif. – A new "History Lives Here" historical marker showcasing vintage photographs and descriptions of the history and evolution of the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden that was once the home of Arcadia founder Lucky Baldwin will be dedicated at 4 p.m. October 2 near the main entrance of the Arboretum.

A special first-ever preview of a mock-up of the Marker will be unveiled to attendees of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Arcadia at the Arboretum on Sept. 24.

This is the ninth marker dedicated by the Arcadia Historical Society in five years and the first to be entirely funded and presented by the independent Friends of the Society group which supports the Society in many ways. The tenth Marker will be dedicated this fall, coinciding with the unveiling of a new life-size statue of Lucky Baldwin.

Among the little-seen photographs presented on the Arboretum Marker will be an 1889 painting by H. H. Cross of Baldwin and daughter Anita sitting with dogs near the famous lake in front of the guest cottage (now called the Queen Anne Cottage); Lucky Baldwin's nearby adobe home place of more than three decades (often called the Hugo Reid adobe, though Reid never lived there); and postcard views of the Baldwin Ranch, circa 1905, referred to by the Los Angeles Times in 1893 as one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in the world.

The 127-acre Arboretum was the heart of the sprawling Rancho Santa Anita, originally an outpost of Mission San Gabriel. Baldwin purchased 8,500 acres of Rancho Santa Anita in 1875 and eventually owned nearly 50,000 acres of today's San Gabriel Valley before he died in 1909. His daughter Anita maintained her father's beloved

Santa Anita home site for decades but was forced to sell it in 1936 due to financial burdens created by the Great Depression. In 1947, the new owners, a real estate syndicate headed by the Chandler family (longtime owners of the Los Angeles Times) sold the prime property surrounding the adobe and cottage at less than market value to an ambitious group of horticulturists backed by the County and the State for the purpose of creating an Arboretum. History still lives here because of their efforts.

The series of Historical Markers are part of the non-profit Society's mission to create broader public awareness of noteworthy historical events, people, and landmarks in Arcadia. The Society's first Historical Marker was presented during the Centennial Celebration of First Avenue Middle School in October 2007. Others since then: Los Angeles County's Arcadia Park near the peacock fountain; the original City Hall on the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and First Avenue; the Woman's Club of Arcadia on First Avenue; three presented during 75th Anniversary dedications for the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Santa Anita Park, and Adams' Pack Station; and most recently The Derby restaurant last year.

Gene Glasco is president of the Arcadia Historical Society. Sandy Snider researched, wrote and coordinated the photographs for the Derby, Arboretum, and upcoming Lucky Baldwin markers as a member of the Society's Historical Marker Committee chaired by Scott Hettrick and assisted by Carol Libby.

Contact: Arcadia Historical Society: 626-446-8512 or Scott Hettrick, e-mail: hreporter@aol.com / cell: 626-485-8783 Web site: <http://www.arcadahistoricalsociety.org>

# "SLAVERY IN OUR MIDST" IS TOPIC FOR ARCADIA AAUW MEETING

The organization called TraffickFree San Gabriel aims to "raise awareness of the human trafficking problem in our community and bring healing to the survivors of modern slavery." Members of the group conduct research and educate themselves about trafficking happening in their own community and elsewhere. TraffickFree San Gabriel representatives will speak at a meeting of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on Monday evening, October 8, 2012.

The meeting will take place in the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Rd. (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.), Arcadia. The meeting is open to the public at no charge, and ample parking is available in the church parking lot. All are invited to come for socializing and refreshments at 6:30 p.m., with the program to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Membership in the American Association of University Women is open to women and men university (or college) graduates, as well as to those holding an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent. For membership information, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437. Those interested may join at any time.

# FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is holding a falls prevention workshop, which is intended for adults 50+ years of age, at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, on Monday, September 24th from 1-2pm. September is National Falls Prevention Month and because of this, Arcadia Senior Services in collaboration with Comforcare Senior Services is offering a free lecture. According to the U.S. Census for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), falls are the leading cause of injury deaths among adults 65+ years of age and one in three fall each year.

For additional information or to register, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.



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## MONROVIA NEWS By Joan Schmidt

September Monrovia City Council Meetings brought approval of purchases and grants, and presentation of three special reports.

At the September 4 Meeting, the purchase of three Ford Crown Victoria Replacement Police Patrol Fleet Vehicles from Wondries Fleet Group for \$74,965.80 and installation/transfer of existing emergency equipment by Communication Center in the amount of \$10,896.27 were approved. The City Council also voted to accept 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) in the amount of \$59,000 for the purchase of 9 Motorola Dual Band Portable Radios and also the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$54,760. Kudos to the Monrovia City Council for its foresight to utilize available funding, thus providing the Police Department with the best tools to carry out their mission of public safety.

At the September 18 Meeting, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz announced the appointment of Jenny Wong to fill the unexpired term of Community Services Commissioner Jeffrey Johnson ending June 30, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia gave a report on the League of California Cities Annual Conference held in San Diego, September 5-7, 2012. All Council Members attended different sessions. Much information was given and shared by various cities and Council Members came home with a lot of good ideas.

Heather Maloney's presentation was an Administrative Draft Energy Action Plan, targeting AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act, dealing with air pollution: green gasses. This bill requires the state board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020 as specified. (On line, there is a detailed explanation of the bill-13 pages! Some important highlights include the threat that global warming has on the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and the environment of California. There is also mention of its detrimental effects on some of California's largest industries including agriculture, wine, tourism, skiing and recreational and commercial fishing, and forestry. It also will increase the strain on electricity supplies necessary to meet the demand for summer air-conditioning in the hottest parts of the state.) Ms. Mahoney used a pie graph which showed how Monrovia fared in relation to neighboring cities-Monrovia was lower, and has saved some 956,270 KWH since 2004. She also spoke of a grant with Southern California Edison to assist the City in their plan.

The next presentation was the Economic Development Action Plan Update: Old Town Business Visitation Program by Jennifer McLain. Ms. McLain said there are 35 vacancies-that is 13%. The City will conduct both parking and business surveys. There will also be a phone survey where answers can be texted in. Flyers will be posted around town to explain this. An Old Town Visitation Program will commence on September 19. Over a three month period, 200 business members will be visited. The visits will last from 10-15 minutes- in a 2 hour time frame and members of the City Council will participate.

A mid-year report on AR-3 Gang Injunction was presented by Police Chief Jim Hunt. He first said there have been no complaints against the injunction. There has been a reduction in gang crime



and violence. He mentioned that Monrovia Police Department works with the Sheriff's Department in the unincorporated areas and that has been beneficial to both. A question was posed and Chief Hunt gave a short history of how their DAMAGE program had addressed gang issues. There has been an increase in Police Chaplains who work with at-risk youth and the school district MAGIC program is working with sixteen families. Both of these factors have helped reduce gang crime.

Chief Hunt feels "Injunction is a great tool for our officers." Currently 9-10 have been trained for the Program. Typically THE SET Team, which has three members, works in the program. Officers participate in the SET program for three years. When they leave the Program and are on Patrol, they still can assist with injunctions. Chief Hunt of course also mentioned the prison realignment of 10,000 to Los Angeles County of whom many are gang members. This causes potential for more crime and violence. But with the Injunctions and the two above- mentioned programs, we can hope for a continued reduction in crime/violence.

## DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT

On September 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Monrovia Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Monrovia Community Center at 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016. The service is free and anonymous; no questions asked.

During the previous four take-back events, 774 tons of prescription drugs were collected nationwide, of which more than 58 thousand pounds were collected in the greater Los Angeles area, alone.

For additional information, please contact Sergeant Glen Coleman at (626) 256-8020

## FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT September 29, 2012 – 10am-5pm

Mt. Sierra College is partnering with the Foothill Unity Auxiliary Center for a free event to recycle your electronic waste. To participate, bring your electronic waste to the parking lot of Mt. Sierra College located at 101 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Common electronics items accepted are: Computer Monitors, Television Sets, LCD's, Plasma TV's, Telephones, PC equipment, Battery Powered Toys, Cameras, Cell Phones, Vacuums, and Power Tools. Items that are not accepted are Household Batteries, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Glass, Wood, Tires, or Large Appliances. Acts will also accept other donations of clothing, furniture, house wares, and books.

Mt. Sierra College offers bachelor degree programs in three areas of study: media arts, business, and technology. The College has designed its degree programs to provide you with a well-rounded education - a technology driven, academically sound curriculum for tomorrow's professionals. All programs are designed to be completed in twelve consecutive quarter terms over a period of three calendar years.

Mt. Sierra College offers year-round enrollment, and applications are accepted for the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer quarters. The degree programs at Mt. Sierra College are open to all qualified applicants who have successfully earned a high school diploma or the equivalent. Acceptance to Mt. Sierra College is based primarily on a review of applicant's high school and/or college transcripts and entrance assessments results. To learn more about Mt. Sierra, please visit [www.mtsierra.edu](http://www.mtsierra.edu).

## FRIENDS OF THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL SALE

MONROVIA - Friends of the Monrovia Public Library announce the Friends Fall Sale, on October 13 & 14. The sale is open to the public in both Library Park and the Library Community Room from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday with our famous \$2.00 a Bag Sale Sunday 3-5 p.m. 100% of the proceeds benefit the Monrovia Public Library. Our volunteers operate the only book store in Monrovia.

On October 13-14, more than 5,000 books will be available for purchase – 90% of them donations from the public. Prices for regular books and media range from 25¢ to \$2. Collectables are individually priced from \$5 to \$40. While book sellers are welcome, scanners are not permitted.

The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library promote the Library by stimulating a greater use and appreciation of the literary, educational, and cultural advantages the library offers throughout the community.

Monrovia Public Library 321 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016. For more information, call (626) 932-5555, Ext. 3124 or visit [www.friendsofmonroviapubliclibrary.org](http://www.friendsofmonroviapubliclibrary.org)

## THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL HOST SOCIAL MEDIA: A TWO PART EVENT

*Thursday October 4, 2012*

This program will be held at the library located at 321 South Myrtle Avenue and is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Part one: "Social Media Marketing Made Simple" is presented by Kelly Flint, who will provide insight on social media and its value to small businesses. Kelly will provide strategies and best practices on how to evaluate what's best for your business and how to create content for marketing campaigns. This free workshop will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Pre-registration is encouraged. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk, call 626-256-8274, or visit [www.monroviapubliclibrary.org](http://www.monroviapubliclibrary.org) and click on the Library Calendar and follow the registration link.

Part two: "Facebook for Business" is an optional fee-based Boot Camp program sponsored by SCORE Los Angeles. The hands-on program is presented by David and MJ Finstrom, owners of HUTdogs. This session focuses on using Facebook pages for business and non-profits. Coaches will help attendees move forward with their Facebook page. Bring your own laptop. The fee-based Boot Camp will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. The \$139 fee is payable in advance or at the door. Pre-registration is encouraged online only. Visit [www.monroviapubliclibrary.org](http://www.monroviapubliclibrary.org), click on the Library Calendar and follow the registration link.

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## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

**Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of September 17-19, 2012**

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 488 service events, resulting in 83 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia-for-crime-mapping>. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city-government/departments/police-department-homepage> and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.*

### Medical Assist

September 19 at 1:39 a.m., police received a call reporting a man not breathing at a residence in the 800 block of West Walnut. Officers responded and found a 50-year-old man unconscious. They administered four shocks from an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and performed CPR until they were relieved by Monrovia Fire Department paramedics. The victim was taken to a hospital for further treatment.

### Grand Theft Auto Recovered

September 19 at 3:07 p.m., a stolen vehicle was located in the backyard of a residence in the 100 block of East Los Angeles Street. The vehicle had been previously repossessed from the location. The repossession company in Los Angeles discovered the vehicle was missing from their lot and reported in stolen to the Los Angeles Police Department. The vehicle was discovered in the backyard of the residence, exactly where it had been repossessed from a few days prior. The vehicle was recovered and returned to the repossession company. Investigation continuing.

### Vehicle Burglary

September 19 at 9:50 p.m., a vehicle burglary occurred in the 200 block of Grand. Witnesses saw two suspects ransacking the victim's truck, which was parked on the street. Tools were stolen from the vehicle. The victim reported that the vehicle was locked. The suspects gained entry by an unknown means. Suspect #1 is described as a male Hispanic, 20 to 30 years old, 5'9" to 6'0" tall, dark hair, a tattoo on the left side of his neck, wearing a gray shirt and dark pants. Suspect #2 is described as a male Hispanic, 20 to 30 years old, 5'6" tall, wearing a gray sweatshirt and dark pants. The suspects fled in a small vehicle with round tail lights. Investigation continuing.

### Detective Bureau Case Follow-up

#### Attempted Murder Case Update

Detectives investigated a shooting that occurred on September 15 involving three suspects. The suspects fired two or three shots at a male and female sitting on the porch of a residence in the 100 block of East Los Angeles Street. The female was hit in the torso and upper right leg by what appears to be bird shot from a shotgun. A van matching the suspect vehicle description was seen entering the 210 Freeway and was followed and stopped by police on the 605 Freeway. The van was positively identified as the suspect vehicle and the three suspects inside were arrested. The female victim is in stable condition.

Detectives filed the case with the District Attorney's Office and felony charges of attempted murder were filed against the suspects. The suspects were arraigned and are being held for a preliminary hearing.

### Tip of the Week

#### Vehicle Burglary Prevention

Thieves look for easy and inviting targets when it comes to selecting a vehicle to burglarize or steal from. It is up to you to make every effort to prevent your car from being targeted. Here are some basic tips that will make your vehicle a little less inviting to thieves:

- LOCK your car!
- Always park in well-lighted areas.
- Install motion lights in your driveway.
- Install and use a vehicle alarm.
- DO NOT leave valuables in plain view.
- Leave all items of value at home if possible.
- Look around when you park. Notice anyone or anything suspicious? Write down license plates and descriptions. Alert on-site security or staff and CALL the police.

Many auto burglaries or thefts from cars occur right in a residential driveway, and too often, it is because the vehicle was never locked. Suspects will often target cars that are left unlocked, walking up and down a street trying car doors all the way. Take the time to secure your vehicle. Other thieves target victims by watching what is placed inside a trunk or hatch. If you plan on stopping by the gym, park, or elsewhere after work, take the time before you leave to place your belongings safely in the trunk. Don't wait until you park to then transfer your laptop, purse, bag, or briefcase to the trunk. Thieves may be watching and targeting your car.

These are just a few tips to help prevent you from becoming a victim of auto burglary. Be proactive, look around, and most importantly, don't hesitate to call the police if you see something or someone suspicious.



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## PASADENA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$300,000 GRANT FROM AT&amp;T FOR NEXT GENERATION CAREERS PROGRAM

*Contribution is part of the nearly \$10 million AT&T Aspire Local Impact initiative supporting outstanding organizations*

Pasadena, CA, - Supporting excellence in education at the public schools of Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre, the Pasadena Educational Foundation has been selected to receive a \$300,000 grant from AT&T's Aspire Program. The Pasadena Educational Foundation is committed to providing its students with access to high quality education, opportunity for higher learning, and support for success in school, college, and beyond. By spring 2013, students within College & Career Pathways in Pasadena Unified School District high schools will participate in at least one work-based learning opportunity to demonstrate the importance of career exploration.

"I applaud AT&T for the Aspire program and recognizing the importance of 21st Century learning. As educators, we need to provide our students with the skills to compete in the global workforce," said Jon R. Gundry, Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent. "This grant to the Pasadena Educational Foundation will allow us at PUSD to continue offering high quality programs that prepare students for college and career even in these difficult budgetary times."

The Pasadena Educational Foundation will use the contribution from AT&T to support the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) College and Career Pathways as part of their Aspire program. The funds, to be awarded over the course of two years, will support PUSD's high school programs that prepare students for successful careers and higher learning opportunities in specialized fields. One pathway is the App Academy, which features courses and projects in mobile applications, web applications, and game development. The App Academy teaches students exceptional problem-solving techniques, the ability to properly manage their time in a rigorous educational program, collaborate with their peers, and enable them to have the self-belief to succeed in future academic and professional aspirations in any field.



"We are honored to partner with the Pasadena Educational Foundation as their commitment has made a tremendous impact on preparing students for their future careers," said Ken McNeely, President of AT&T California. "Now more than ever, organizations like PEF are needed to help students become better prepared for their future. This grant is one way that we can work with educators to help ensure the success of students and the success of our economy."

Because of its solid record of proven results and its innovation, the Pasadena Educational Foundation is one of 47 recipients nationwide that will share in nearly \$10 million from AT&T. With more than one million students impacted since its launch in 2008, the AT&T Aspire program is one of the largest corporate commitments focused on helping more students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. AT&T announced an additional quarter-billion-dollar expansion to the program earlier this year, bringing the total commitment to \$350 million.

"We are proud to serve our students and provide innovative programs that will best serve them for successful careers," said Erik Dreyer, Director of Pasadena Educational Foundation's STEM Programs. "Thanks to AT&T, we can continue to work with PUSD in enhancing instructional programs, like the App Academy, to inspire the minds of young engineers, technicians, and innovators. The App Academy will strive to do for computer science education what Microsoft, Google, Apple and Facebook have done for computing: make it undeniably accessible, useful and fun, all at the same time."

Educators in schools and non-profits across the country have a unique understanding of the challenges students face in their communities. Through a competitive process, 47 schools and non-profits, including the Pasadena Educational Foundation, were selected from thousands nationwide. To learn more about all of the organizations that were selected, please visit [www.att.com/local-impact](http://www.att.com/local-impact).

Applicants were evaluated based on their accomplishments in serving students at risk of dropping out of high school and their ability to use data to demonstrate the effectiveness of their work. After a rigorous and competitive process, the Pasadena Educational Foundation was identified as making a real difference in their community by supporting and motivating traditionally underserved students to stay in school and prepare for the next step in life.

*About Pasadena Educational Foundation*  
Pasadena Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization that advocates for public education, engages the community, and develops resources to support excellent education for every Pasadena Unified School District student. For more information call 626-396-3625 or visit [www.pasedfoundation.org](http://www.pasedfoundation.org).

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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

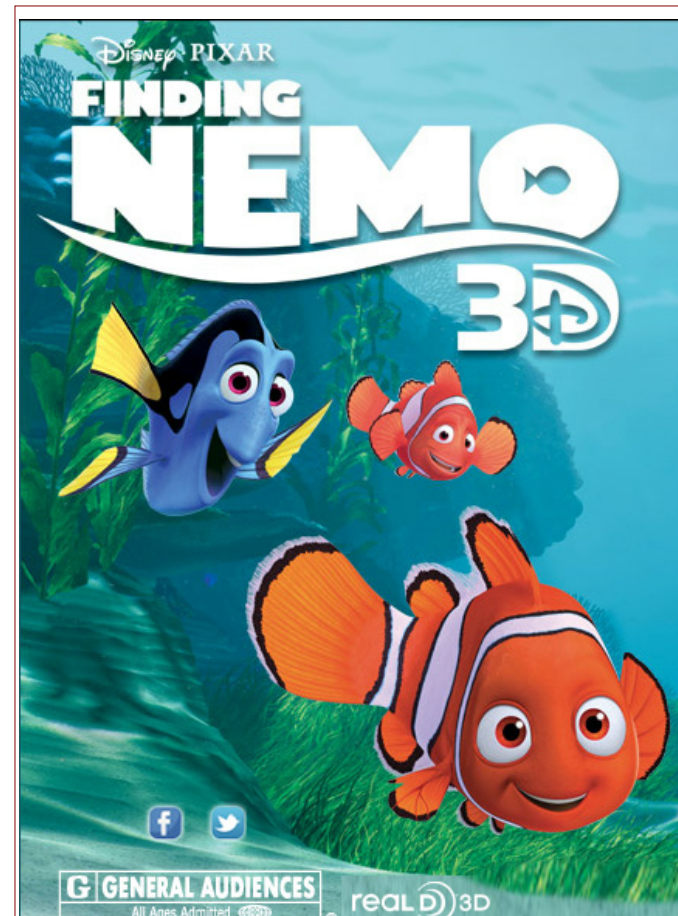
*Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens*

## FINDING NEMO 3D

When 'Finding Nemo' came out in 2003, it was loved, just like any other Disney movie. It had everything: great story, great voice acting, and lots of Disney magic. The only thing that was missing was the true on-screen texture of the ocean; you didn't really feel in the movie. It needed 3D and, nine years later, it got exactly that.

The film itself has not changed at all. It's still Marlin (Albert Brooks) and Dori (Ellen DeGeneres) trying to find his lost son, Nemo (Alexander Gould) and their misadventures along the way. Unlike other movies that have been rereleased in 3D, Disney did not go back through and redo some of the CGI, but watched the movie, I found that they did not need to.

I expected to see some bad moments when, maybe, they screwed with the animation transfer to make it look better in 3D, but that never happened. All the 3D did was enhance the experience. The movie was more beautiful than ever before, making you feel like you were a part of the great deep sea adventure. Whoever thought of putting "Finding Nemo" in 3D, I thank you very, very much.



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CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE

Not sure what’s rising faster, gas prices or hamburger prices. I digress from the \$10 burger to a little Info on the burger.

Pasadena seems to be the new burger capital of Southern California. Even I can’t keep up with all the new editions to the area. Lucky Boy is an institution , they have expanded their empire to the old Amy’s Burgers on Walnut, where I stopped by the other night for a cheeseburger and fries. Nothing to brag about: frozen patties and bagged frozen fries, I’d suggest the pastrami !! However for those with the late night munchies it certainly does the trick. Umani Burger the pride of Hollywood, has been slated to be open soon, where the location will be Old Pasadena near Mi Piacce. The first cheeseburger was created between 1924 and 1926 by a chef named Lionel Sternberger in Pasadena. The anecdote goes along the lines of a passing homeless man suggested Sternberger should add a slice of cheese to his hamburger order. Sternberger then added this to his main menu and thus the cheeseburger was born.



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Other places have claimed the invention of the cheeseburger as part of their local legend. Louisville, Kentucky-based Kaelin's Restaurant has claimed to invent the cheeseburger in 1934. The following year, the trademark for the name “cheeseburger” was awarded to Louis Ballast of the Humpty Dumpty Drive-In in Denver, Colorado.

So we can't be 100% sure who first had the idea of slapping a piece of cheese on top of the burger patty to create our beloved cheeseburger, but we do know that the cheeseburger is an all American creation that has been exported all over the world. Here is a little diddy from Jimmy Buffet !!!

Tried to amend my carnivorous habits  
Made it nearly seventy days  
Losin’ weight without speed, eatin’ sunflower seeds  
Drinkin’ lots of carrot juice and soakin’ up rays

But at night I'd had these wonderful dreams  
Some kind of sensuous treat  
Not zucchini, fettucini or Bulgar wheat  
But a big warm bun and a huge hunk of meat

Cheeseburger in paradise (paradise)  
Heaven on earth with an onion slice (paradise)  
Not too particular not too precise (paradise)  
I'm just a cheeseburger in paradise

Tune into Dining with Dills on KABC Radio 790 AM or email me at thechefknows@yahoo.com



INGREDIENTS

- Candied pecans:**  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar  
1/2 cup raw pecans
- Maple-balsamic dressing:**  
1 small shallot, finely diced  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar  
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
2 teaspoons maple syrup  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 1 head endive, separated leaves  
2 hearts frisee, hand torn  
1 large radicchio, torn leaves  
1 red pear, sliced  
1/4 cup shaved Parmesan

DIRECTIONS

To make the candied pecans, set a nonstick pan over medium heat. Add the butter and sugar and once it has melted toss in the pecans and continue to toss to coat and cook evenly, about 1 minute. Transfer to a sheet tray lined with waxed paper (use 2 forks to separate pecans) while you prepare the salad.

Make the dressing by combining the chopped shallot, Dijon and balsamic vinegar in a large mixing bowl. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil while you whisk to emulsify. Add the maple syrup and season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

Assemble salad by tossing greens and pear slices in a large mixing bowl with maple-balsamic dressing. Top with shaved Parmesan and candied pecans.

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The Sierra Madre Farmer’s Market hours have changed to 3:00pm through 8:00pm every Wednesday in fall and winter. Vendors include Dry Dock which has fresh and wild caught fish, Rustic Loaf with artisan breads, Cutie Pie with fresh pies and much more!

For those interested in being a vendor contact Melissa Farwell with Raw Inspirations at 818-591-8161 ext. 806.

40 LOCAL FOOD, DRINK VENDORS AT TASTE

Food, drinks and desserts of every variety from 40 local restaurants, caterers, distributors, hotels, and even retirement homes will be available for one price of admission at Taste of Arcadia from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Attendees will find many familiar names offering food and desserts for every taste: \*

- AU 79 Teahouse
- Cabrera’s Mexican Cuisine
- California Pizza Kitchen
- Casa del Rey Mexican
- Corner Bakery Café
- Danielson Creations Catering
- Dave & Busters
- de Croupet’s Cakes
- The Derby
- Dream Dinners
- Frontrunner (Santa Anita Park)
- Kelley’s Kookies
- Mamma’s Brick Oven Pizza
- Matt Denny’s Ale House
- Nikki C’s
- Oto-Oto Izakaya Japonaise – food and beer
- Paco’s Mexican
- Red Robin
- Robeks
- Souplantation Catering
- Sweet & Savory
- Taza- a Social Coffee House
- Twoheys

Beer and wine vendors include:

- Anheuser Busch
- D’Aquino Italian Importing Co.
- Tama Trading- Angelo Poretti beer
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- Stone Brewing
- Wine of the Month Club
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- Young’s Market

Hotels, a hospital, bowling alley, community group, and retirement homes showing off their own tasty cuisine:

- 300 Pasadena
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- Tzu Chi Foundation (food from Dumpling Express)

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## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



various levels on the food chain have fallen prey to a predator that is very different from what one might expect. This private predator is not located in the forests or in the deep depths of the ocean, where most wildlife survival attacks take place. This predator is rarely ever pointed out in public, and rarely claims the blame or admits taking part in the prey and attack process. The predator I am referring to is the incredible human being, and the attack is not only physical, but mental and spiritual as well.

The human's tendency to spread negative rumors and create long-term urban legends that cause irreparable damage to the reputation of other species is typically based on ignorance and fear, and the preferred prey can vary tremendously from one species to another. Unusual behavioral patterns or physical appearances of creatures that are extremely different from ourselves are often misunderstood, so rather than taking the time to learn more about other creatures, and understand why they look or act the way they do, we humans often put them into a category that defines them as creepy and extinguishable. I find it rather ironic that so many living things on this earth that play a major role in the survival of we humans, are those that we tend to fear the most. Of the many creatures who have fallen prey to the human's presumptuous paranoia throughout history, the spider is most likely among the top on the list. I think that this is really quite unfortunate, because spiders play such an important role in the balance of our ecosystem. In fact, without spiders this world would be in big trouble, both on a local community level as well as on a mega-scale level, in the overall scheme of survival. Spiders are among the approximately 100,000 species that fall into the classification of Arachnids, mainly characterized by the fact that they have four pairs of legs and a body that is separated into two segments.

## THE SENSATIONAL, SILK-SPINNING SPIDER - FRIEND OR FOE?

Through-out history, certain species of animals, at

There are about 2,000 different species of spiders in the United States, and although, with the exception of one family, all spiders do carry venom to subdue their prey, very few are likely to cause concern to the human being. More often than not, any cause of concern related to a spider bite is due to an allergic reaction. Only two species of spiders found in North America are known to be a serious threat to the human. They are the black widow and the brown recluse. When you line up the true facts, break it down and do the math it becomes clear that the risks that spiders present are minimal, and arachnophobia becomes nothing more than another form of paranoia on the part of the human. Now that we know the truth about the minimal risks spiders present, let's focus on the good things they do and the hard work they perform on a daily basis to ensure the health and welfare of our existence.

All spiders produce silk, with which they weave their wonderful webs and this fascinates me beyond words. Some webs can be so large they cross the street from one tree or telephone pole to another. I saw a huge one recently during a walk with my dog, and I wish I had had my camera with me at the time, because it was absolutely gorgeous - a real remarkable work of art! But, aesthetic beauty is not necessarily the purpose of the silken spider's web. As we all know, the main reason why the spectacular spider weaves its' sticky, silky web is to catch insects and other small creatures to eat. This is the most important role that the spider plays in nature, and it has a direct positive impact on each and every one of us. If you annihilate every spider in your house and in your yard, you will most definitely find out (the hard way) just how valuable those eight legged creatures are to you. Indeed, you will probably find yourself calling the exterminator numerous times thereafter, because your home would most likely become infested with every type of tiny creature that you can possibly imagine. The truth is that the spider keeps our local bug population in check in a way that no one else could, including a human in a uniform with a can of killing chemicals!

So what would you rather have? A delicate, illusive, shy eight-legged being who is more afraid of you than you are of him, or an entourage of stinging, biting or just plain annoying insects invading your living space, both inside and out? The answer comes easy for me. I prefer to keep my interesting, artistic spider friends around where I can benefit from their gorgeous works of silken art, and their voracious appetite for certain blood-thirsty creatures who would otherwise over-populate and potentially make my life miserable. Isn't it amazing how just a little information can do so much good for the reputation of an historically misunderstood, feared creature? In tune with my typical "Happy Tails" theme, I encourage all my human friends to educate themselves better about all living things, particularly those that differ from us, and learn to appreciate the value of their presence.



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## PET OF THE WEEK: TUFFY - #A4483720

This dog will melt your heart. Meet Tuffy (A4483720), one of the cutest fur balls to walk the California roads. Tuffy is a kissy one year old tan male Terrier mix puppy that was found in El Monte and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on September 4th. Weighing a mere ten pounds, Tuffy walks okay on the leash, but where he really wants to be is in your lap. He is fine with other dogs, and volunteers think he is the perfect dog to help tire your kids out. Tuffy will be a spectacular indoor pet for an active individual or family in any living situation. To watch a video of Tuffy please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alm1lg\\_Vmw4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alm1lg_Vmw4)

To meet Tuffy 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 Tuffy, please reference his animal ID number: A4483720. 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 Tuffy or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674.



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# SPORTS

## ZENYATTA STATUE UNVEILING SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

The legendary Zenyatta, winner of the 2009 Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita and Horse of the Year in 2010, will be honored for all-time by Santa Anita Park as a life-sized statue of the great mare will be unveiled in Santa Anita's Paddock Gardens area on the first Saturday of Santa Anita's upcoming Autumn Meet, on Sept. 29.

Additionally, the inaugural Grade I, \$250,000 Zenyatta Stakes (formerly the Lady's Secret), a race won by Zenyatta over three consecutive years from 2008 through 2010, will be run on Sept. 29.

Zenyatta, who at the age of eight is currently enjoying her role as a broodmare at Lane's End Farm in Kentucky, will be joining two of the greatest horses of all-time, John Henry and Seabiscuit, as her statuary likeness will now join these legends of the American Turf adjacent to the track's grandstand.

Named after The Police's blockbuster album "Zenyatta Mondatta," Zenyatta is owned by Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Jerry Moss and his wife, Ann.

"Like the song written by Sting and performed by The Police, everything Zenyatta did here will always be magic for the entire Thoroughbred industry," said Santa Anita President George Haines. "Her win against the boys in the 2009 Breeders' Cup Classic is considered by many to be the greatest moment in Santa Anita history."

The incomparable Zenyatta retired with a remarkable 19 wins from 20 career starts and \$7,304,580 in earnings. Although she was defeated by a head in her final start, the 2010 Breeders' Cup Classic, her stature as one of the sport's all-time greats remained undiminished as she was voted the Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year for 2010.

"The breadth of her accomplishments at Santa Anita alone is astonishing," said Haines. "She won a total of seven races here, all stakes and six of them were in Grade I competition. Her story will forever resonate with our fans and we know we'll have many thousands of people coming here over the years to admire her statue, which will be situated on south side of the Kingsbury Fountain, directly across from John Henry."

Trained by John Shirreffs and ridden in her final 17 starts by Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, Zenyatta made her third career start on Jan. 13, 2008, winning Santa Anita's Grade II El Encino Stakes by 1 ¾ lengths under David Flores.

As was the case in her 2009 Classic victory, all nineteen of Zenyatta's wins came in last-to-first fashion.

After winning the El Encino, Zenyatta's subsequent Grade I wins at The Great Race Place came in the 2008 & '09 Lady's Secret Stakes, the 2008 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, the 2009 Classic and the 2010 Santa Margarita Invitational Handicap.

"We'd again like to thank the Mosses for running Zenyatta here and we look forward to welcoming them back as we again honor 'the big mare' on Sept. 29," said Haines.

Sculpted by Nina Kaiser, who also created the statue of John Henry, Zenyatta's likeness stands at her height of 17.2 hands, and weighs 1,200 pounds, which is approximately what Zenyatta weighed throughout her racing career. Commissioned by Santa Anita, the world-renowned Kaiser worked on the project for more than two years.

Santa Anita's 2012 Autumn Meet gets underway on Friday, Sept. 28. For more information or to make dining and seating reservations, fans are encouraged to visit [www.santaanita.com](http://www.santaanita.com) or call (626) 574-RACE.






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JASMINE’S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

SHARP TEETH By Toby Barlow

Another personal recommendation, ‘Sharp Teeth’ is a definite must-read for anytime and anywhere; whether it is summer reading, recommended, or just for your leisure, this is one book that you will not want to put down. Published in the UK in a slightly different form in 2007 and then published in hardcover in 2008, ‘Sharp Teeth’ is not your typical werewolf story; rather it is excellent storytelling done in prose, so that the book is one large poem that can easily flow throughout. There are smooth breaks and transitions from one part to the next which will keep the reader engaged. It is a departure from the classic blood, horror, and gore genres and focuses on an entirely different perspective from not just one character, but several characters and how they act and interact throughout the story. ‘Sharp Teeth’ is divided into five parts, each starting with the focus of one character and building upon their story; all the characters have their backgrounds, current lives, and predicaments all explained to the reader and how they ended up at that point. ‘Sharp Teeth’ also does a wonderful job of smoothly connecting the characters to each other and how each of their lives weaves in and out. A notable point relating to this is a female character who is the love interest of the main protagonist named Anthony but through the whole book is nameless and is simply referred to as “She”. Even the plot alone is completely redone; the werewolves do not live in hiding when they are human, but rather have a shifting capability, are divided into different packs with a different leader who each want something from the other, and the themes are fresh, raw, and exciting. Love, betrayal, revenge, strong alliances and a sense of intrigue are in equal measure and clearly executed with great detail, but without being wordy to the point where the whole book seems effortless. With ‘Sharp Teeth’ being Toby Barlow’s first book, he has received immediate praise from critics such as the Washington Post and Los Angeles Times, confirming that this profoundly poetic book will not only be an instant favorite on your must-read list, but one that will always call you back again.

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.

TAP CHICKS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 23

The Tap Chicks are seasoned tap dancers who dazzle with youthful energy. A favorite at the L.A. County Fair for many years, their previous performances at the Sierra Madre Playhouse have sold out.

The Tap Chicks were originally formed at Pasadena Senior Center. They are choreographed by Pam Kay, who also provides musical accompaniment, comedy and vocals.

The fully costumed act dances to music ranging from Broadway tunes to 40s favorites to contemporary songs. The dancers are mature in years (ranging in age from 50 to 84) but young at heart. You don’t have to drive all the way to Palm Springs to see an act like this. It’s coming to Sierra Madre.

EXTRA: Also performing will be special guest vocalist Franny McCartney, formerly of Bette Midler’s Harlettes.

For the first time, this show will perform in an afternoon time slot, for the convenience of our senior audience members.

Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. The Sierra Madre Playhouse is at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Tickets are \$20 general, \$17 for seniors (65+), \$12 for children under 12. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

HEALTH & FITNESS

THE JOY OF YOGA

ETIQUETTE QUIZ



Yes, there are a few things to be aware of at yoga class. For the most part, it is very easy going. And almost every one knows to silence their cell phones and not talk on the phone in the yoga room. Almost every one knows to take off their shoes outside too. But there are a few other things that seem to be less obvious to us at first.

1. Time to spare? Most yoga studios lock the doors 10 minutes after class starts. If you are not in - you miss out. But life happens. The last place you want to go all stressed out is yoga class (or maybe the best place). But at any rate, after you have braved the world in your car or on your bike and gotten stuck in traffic, it is majorly disappointing to not be let in. Get there a little early, especially if you are new to a studio.
2. Move quietly. This is a biggy. Especially if it is opening meditation. This is an important part of the practice and we are so very easily distracted at this point. (After class we could care less.) At the beginning our brains are attaching to every sound. So when the yogini next to us comes in and sets up her spot, it is excruciating to the quiet one. It’s best to wait outside until the meditation is over. Then when you do come in, come in quietly. When the mat snapper comes in and whooshes out their mat with a crack – everybody cringes. Quietly roll out the mat. Don’t go gather props. The teacher will prompt you later if they require any or you can find a resting point to do it (also a good time to use the bathroom if you need, not during the hardest balance pose.....). Remember not to rustle. Keep your personal sounds to a minimum. Keep it down with the moans and sighs. Move around on your mat as silently as possible.
3. Don’t come smelly. Another biggy. We are breathing deeply here. No perfume. Take a quick shower first. Easy on the garlic the night before. You get the picture.
4. Talking. Hmmm. A lot of classes are fun and dynamic and interactive. So feel free to ask questions and participate in humor and discussion as a group. If you chat with your friends during class, it is disrespectful to the teacher and the other students. Yes, we are trying to get in The Zone.
5. Don’t skip the most important pose – savasana.
6. Have fun and be open to it. Be open, even if it’s a sub that day. You never ever know what the Universe has in store for you to learn. It may just be that new teacher has something to say that you are ready to hear.

See you in class, you are now an expert. ;) Namasté, René

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SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

BEACON



“Tourist History” was a buoyant, lively, and stunning debut from the young Irish band, Two Door Cinema Club. The band garnered praise from both supporters and most critics to make the transformation from under-the-radar players to full fledge all-stars. Now nearly two and a half years later, the three-piece pop-rock band find themselves trying to reinvigorate their 2010 sound. It pains me to say that after a solid introduction, Two Door Cinema Club can’t figure out which direction to head. While the listener may enjoy some pit stops along the way, ultimately, their second LP is an aimless exploration that’s sorely unrewarding. Maybe it’s the sonically polished, yet tiresome pop sound that merely just doesn’t do it for me anymore. Whatever the case may be, “Beacon” is the epitome of the sophomore slump.

The reason why this effort seems to wander and be disoriented is the sheer fact that the band has stated how “Beacon” begins where “Tourist History” left off. Instead of a brand new story, we’re just getting another chapter of the same old narrative. At just shy of forty minutes, the record is relatively short, but feels lengthy because some songs are simply flaccid. Despite some heavy emptiness, there is the occasional song or two that has you remembering just why you were a fan of Two Door Cinema Club in the first place. One of these songs is “Settle,” a slower and more heartfelt song for a band with a partiality to frenzy type arrangements. “Settle” is a rare song off “Beacon” that demonstrates the group’s artistic talents aren’t simply one-dimensional, but dynamic and multifarious. Following in tone as well as track order is, “Spring.” The aforementioned tune is another lovely and mellower resonance. If only Two Door Cinema Club had more songs like these then maybe this new album as a whole would be completely fulfilling. The first single, “Sleep Alone” sounds like something off “Tourist History” but it’s immediately amicable. “Next Year” is another track that bares strong similarity to the band’s first album. There’s much to enjoy with its catchy riffs and its impeccable way of being so smooth and jovial. However, it’s one more reincarnation of something off of “Tourist History.” In essence, you like it on one hand, but soon realize the best songs are just retreading the same ground already planted two years ago.

Artist:	Two Door Cinema Club
Album:	Beacon
Label:	Glassnote
Release Date:	Sept., 4th, 2012

The problem with many of the other tracks such as “Wake Up,” “Sun,” and “Beacon” is how formulaic they are. There’s no “it” factor that separates these songs from the other tracks or songs from different bands competing in this congested genre. I came away discovering that Two Door Cinema Club may benefit much more with songs that are a bit dreamier and that slowly transition from mellow to fast-paced then back to a nice calm state. As far as themes go, you have the typical subjects like remaining optimistic despite heartbreak. While the songs remain mostly upbeat and positive throughout, there are shades of darkness in lyrical choices. Two Door Cinema Club are a fine band, but in the end, they didn’t accomplish all that much to put them leaps and bounds above the competition. Unfortunately, with “Beacon” the band sounds like they’re imitating the imitators.

Grade: 6.3 out of 10

Key Tracks: “Sleep Alone,” “Settle,” “Spring”

FITNESS MADE EASY by Kurt Vasquez

IT STARTS AT HOME



On a recent amusement park outing with my son, I was waiting in line above a play area filled with young children that were in or nearing the obesity zone. Needless to say I was saddened and truly appalled to think that these kids are already leading unhealthy lifestyles. I immediately looked up the obesity rates for children.....16.9 percent. What is scary about that number is that it only represents the ones that fall into the the obesity category, researchers speculate that the number would be twice that much for kids that are overweight.

We can all agree that our kids love of videos games facilitates the lack of physical activity, so utilize them to make them active. First you have to place limits how much time they spend playing games then use it as a reward for physical activity. Play games with them that have a physical component (Wii/Kinect), the bonus will be time spent bonding with your kids.

For every kid that enjoys playing sports, there are three that don’t want to be anywhere athletics. For these kids, parents can be the biggest influence. If a child grows up in a family that is physically active, they have the best chance of being physically active throughout their whole life. You need not be an uberathlete, just willing take every opportunity to be outside at a park, ride bikes or simply taking a walk into town for dinner instead of loading up the SUV for a ten minute drive. When you look at the area we live in and the options for family activities, do we really have an excuse.

Making sure our family eats nutritiously is easy as long as you remember the number one rule, we are the parents! Our children are not the ones who’s job it is to shop at the grocery store, pick out the food and pay for them. Don’t blame your kids for the food you choose to cook either, your kids will eat what you eat. It is inevitable that they will find a way to junk food but let it be outside of your home. If our kids become apart of the overweight/obesity statistics, we are the ones responsible.

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YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW PROBABLY HAS A SKIN DEFORMITY.

By Melanie Ann Green



I say deformity instead of disorder because “skin disorder” understates what people actually go through. I am speaking about Psoriasis, Eczema, Lupus, Vitiligo, and many other skin deformities. Although all if these illnesses are important and need more awareness, in this article I will be discussing Vitiligo, and why our community must know more about it. Vitiligo is not always visible to

the human eye. Most of us who have it spend a great deal of time and money covering it up, or at lease trying to. However, many people have never even heard of Vitiligo. In layman’s terms, Vitiligo is a pigment eater that removes the natural pigment of the skin and creates white blotches all over the body. If someone has a severe case of the disease, especially on the face, it looks like a deformity and causes great pain and anguish in their lives. At that point it is very hard to cover up, and a simple thing like going to the store can be an agonizing event. The silent whispers, the glares, the perpetual questions in the middle of a busy day. Vitiligans are finally making a cry for help.

The most well known case, and the first time Vitiligo received public awareness, was Michael Jackson. Much of the uninformed public accused him of “not wanting to be Black.” Their misplaced anger continued until his death in 2009. Over the

years I have met many African-Americans and other nationalities that have “de-pigmented” and they too look like Michael Jackson did before he died. In lighter races it is not as noticeable. On the other hand, members of darker races that have Vitiligo often struggle with their ethnic identity. Some have not de-pigmented, but have turned completely white as a result of the spread of the disease.

I never met Michael Jackson, however in the early 1990’s I was a poor aspiring actress with Vitiligo. Naturally, I was very sensitive and self-conscious about my appearance. I was often reminded of my uneven skin by make-up artists, who begrudgingly spent additional time concealing my “spots.” Eventually, the remarks drove me to get help. I went to a free UCLA clinic and met a doctor who suggested that I take Benoquin. “This is what Michael Jackson used” the doctor explained. The drug has one purpose: To remove the remaining pigment in those with extensive Vitiligo. In other words, it makes you totally white. In the 90’s one small tube of Benoquin cost \$75. When I experimented with it, I realized that the process was too slow and I could not afford the treatment. Despairingly, I gave up and have been living with the malady ever since.

I have lived with my Vitiligo since I was four years old. I have been bullied and called names like “leopard, spotted b....” and others. I was fearful of never meeting a husband.

I still dislike like summer, and loathe going to community pools or beaches without wearing tanning cream to cover my spots. (For darker skinned people tanning creams do not work.) I have experienced blistering sunburns on my white spots and spent thousands of dollars on treatments, cosmetics, and continuously have numerous tubes of tanning cream in my house.

70 million people worldwide have Vitiligo, and three million of them live in the United States. It does not kill you, however the psychological effects are immense, not to mention the discrimination one undergoes in the workplace and elsewhere. This article is for Vitiligo awareness. We are requesting support to create a wellness center. We are looking for a venue in the Pasadena area for weekly meetings, and possible treatment for people who have or know someone with Vitiligo.

If you want to become involved or donate please contact me at vitiligogirl@usa.com. For more information you may also visit http://www.vitiligosupport.org/



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



### TREE LESSONS LEARNED FROM DECEMBER STORM

The LA Arboretum in Arcadia recently announced an upcoming September 27 lecture by Frank Mc Donough, the Arboretum's botanical information consultant. The topic, Tree Damage and the Great 2011 San Gabriel Valley Windstorm: Predestined or Preventable? has been on area residents' minds, as communities assess the damage, make repairs and draft a reforestation plan.

In addition to the hundreds of street trees and private property foliage lost in the storm, residents in Sierra Madre sadly watched the removal of the beloved California pepper tree that shaded Kersting Court for over a century, a victim of the storm's wrath. As it was removed, citizens could easily see that the entire middle of the trunk had disintegrated, and was more of a potential hazard than even imagined.

Per a September 18 announcement by LA Supervisor Michael Antonovich, \$1.9 million has been allocated for reforestation of the San Gabriel Valley's cities, including \$186,600 to Arcadia, \$300,000 to Pasadena and \$42, 812 to Sierra Madre. Now is the time to learn from the storm, and the associated tree failures, before we replant, according to Mc Donough. "Most of it was preventable" reflected Mc Donough, if we had all the knowledge we have today.

On day one after the storm, Mc Donough was out with his camera to document the tree failures for analysis. "A great percentage was human related," he said. A particular threat to street trees is nearby construction, including sidewalks and streets built significantly after the tree matured, he explained.

"The root plate, the diameter of the roots under a tree," he continued, "has to be a certain distance on both the windward and leeward sides of the tree. If you construct a sidewalk near an established tree, for instance, you can take out its ability to stand up to the wind." The root plate, according to Mc Donough, is the structure responsible for keeping the tree uprights. It does this using the force of friction that is generated between the root place and the soil. This force is greater, the more the tree weighs. A sidewalk installed late in the tree's maturity significantly affects this mechanism because a decrease in the area of the root plate decreases the force of friction that is keeping the tree from falling over. The heartbreaking result of that scenario was seen on Huntington Drive in Arcadia after the storm. Tree after tree, mostly Deodar cedars, had uprooted, taking the sidewalks constructed when the street was widened, with them.

Another threat to trees is topping and thinning. Many residents and reputable tree companies top and thin trees, believing it will make them safer from wind damage. Mc Donough indicates that new research, done with technology not previously available, has measured that most naturally branched trees actually dampen the movement of the wind, rather than threaten the tree. He compares a naturally branched tree to a camera with a "steady cam" feature, removing the shakiness and unsteadiness. A good general rule is to avoid construction under a tree's canopy. A second important step is to use a consulting arborist, especially if there is a question about the health of a tree. This step, called a tree safety report, is important to maintain insurance coverage, if the tree falls at a later date. "It's called the reasonably prudent man standard," according to Mc Donough.

To find a professional consulting arborist, Mc Donough recommends using the organization's website, [www.asca-consultants.org](http://www.asca-consultants.org). In preparation for the September 27 lecture, Mc Donough has prepared an in depth analysis of what happened, where it happened and how to prevent most of it in the future, including mathematical calculations and graphs to be applied to individual tree planting sites. According to Jill Berry of the Arboretum, the lecture will include "an examination of trees destroyed or damaged by the major windstorm that swept through the area last year. There will be discussion of recent findings on tree failure, and proper tree care that can be applied to your garden, its trees and your safety. No doubt, you'll leave with greater appreciation for those grand green beings that inhabit your property."



Mc Donough's September 27 lecture is part of Lily Singer's 8 week Arboretum series of lectures and field trips from 9:30 –Noon on Thursday in the Palm Room. For information and registration, call 626-821-4623 or email [jill.berry@arboretum.org](mailto:jill.berry@arboretum.org).



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### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

## PURCHASE SOME PROTECTION



A listing that offers a home warranty presents a win-win for all parties. Sellers can use this attractive marketing tool to give buyers some added assurance and confidence in their purchase, by giving the buyers protection against failures in the home's systems and appliances.

Not all home warranties are the same, however, so sellers should be careful to educate themselves about the differences in cost, coverage, and policy owner feedback among the various companies that offer these contracts. These warranties may cost between \$250 and \$500 for one year, but that investment is well worth the return when a confident buyer makes an offer. Even if the seller does not offer such a policy, buyers are able to purchase one themselves, if they wish. Visit websites such as [homewarrantyreviews.com](http://homewarrantyreviews.com) to check reviews and ratings with the Better Business Bureau.

Also pay attention to what fees, if any, are charged for the service calls, and what exclusions may apply. All warranties offer a "basic coverage" policy, and you can often upgrade to include additional systems and appliances that are not included in the core package. Chances are that the listing agent and buyer's agent will have a list of recommended companies that offer these warranties, and will have worked with many buyers and sellers in the past who gave them feedback. Don't be afraid to ask!

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### GARDEN GURU BILLY GOODNICK HEADLINES TWO TALKS OCT. 6

**AT DESCANSO** *Design a dream green space – and learn to avoid 'crimes against horticulture'*

Billy Goodnick has a word of advice for landscapers compelled to carve plants into submission. Don't do it. "People go into adversarial mode in trying to show the plant who is boss," he said. The result is tortured topiaries: meatball bushes, lollipop trees and cubed shrubs.

Goodnick – award-winning landscape architect, blogger, horticultural comedian, rock drummer – will present two gardening lectures at Descanso Gardens on Saturday, Oct. 6. The programs will serve up nuts and bolts advice spiced liberally with humor. The lectures are:

- "Design Like a Pro," 11 a.m., in the Under the Oaks Theater.
  - "Crimes Against Horticulture," 2 p.m. in Van de Kamp Hall
- In "Design Like a Pro," he will deconstruct how a landscaper envisions a design project, considering factors like practicality, sustainability and beauty. Hankering for a cottage garden? Goodnick will explain how to achieve a specific look while substituting plants that suit the climate. The goal is

outdoor living space that elevates the yard to "garden" status. "My tagline is beautiful, sustainable gardens," he said.

"Crimes Against Horticulture" is subtitled "When Bad Taste Meets Power Tools." He will present a slideshow that exemplifies one of his pet peeves – weekend warriors who slice and dice shrubs with the enthusiasm of a Ginsu knife pitchman.

Goodnick doesn't mind topiary – in the right place. But many of these "crimes" seem to be reaction to a good plant in a bad location. "Every plant has its genetic destiny," he said. "You have an obligation to understand how big that plant will get." Rather than shear a plant into submission, he suggests planning before you plant.

Goodnick was an in-demand studio drummer when he caught the "bonsai bug." His interest in the miniature plants sparked further study and a new career. For 22 years, he was the City Landscape Architect for the City of Santa Barbara. He continues to design gardens for clients, while lecturing across the country about horticulture, blogging and writing the upcoming book, "Yards."

*Goodnick's lectures are free with Gardens admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and students with I.D., \$3 children 5-12, free for members and children 4 and younger. Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge 91011. Information: (818) 949-4200.*

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## VACCINATION OPTIONS FOR SENIORS THIS FLU SEASON

Dear Savvy Senior:

Are there any new or different types of vaccines being recommended to seniors this flu season?  
Health Conscious Carol

Dear Carol:

There are actually several different types of flu shots available to seniors this year, along with a new FDA-approved shot for pneumonia. Here are your options.

## Flu Shots

Just as they do every year, the CDC strongly recommends a seasonal flu shot to almost everyone, but it's especially important for seniors who are more vulnerable. The flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 24,000 – 90 percent of whom are seniors.

This year, all seniors 65 and older have two flu vaccine options from which to choose. A traditional flu shot, or a shot of Fluzone High-Dose. The high-dose vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection.

And if you're under age 65, your two options are a regular flu shot, or a shot of Fluzone Intradermal. The intradermal vaccine uses a shorter, thinner needle to inject the vaccine just under the skin, rather than deeper in the muscle like standard flu shots. If you're squeamish about needles, this is a nice option.

You also need to be aware that if you're allergic to chicken eggs or if you have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past you should not get vaccinated without consulting your doctor first.

To locate a vaccination site that offers regular, high-dose and intradermal flu shots, ask your doctor or pharmacist, or check the online flu-shot locator at flu.gov. Most chains like CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Kmart, Walmart, Rite Aid and Kroger offer all types of shots.

You'll also be happy to know that if you're a Medicare beneficiary, Part B will cover 100 percent of the costs of any flu shot. But if you're not covered, you can expect to pay around \$25 to \$35 for a regular or intradermal flu shot, or \$50 to \$60 for a shot of the high-dose.

## Pneumonia Vaccine

The other important vaccination the CDC recommends to seniors – especially this time of year – is the pneumococcal vaccine for pneumonia and meningitis. Pneumococcal diseases hospitalize around 300,000 U.S. seniors each year, and kills around 5,000.

The CDC currently recommends all seniors 65 or older get a one-time only shot of the vaccine Pneumovax, as well as those under 65 who smoke or have chronic health conditions like asthma, lung and heart disease, diabetes, or a weakened immune system.

Pneumovax, which protects against 23 strains of the pneumococcal disease, is also covered 100 percent under Medicare Part B, and you can get it on the same day you get your flu shot. If you're not covered by insurance, this vaccine costs around \$45 to \$85 at retail clinics.

You also need to know that this year, there's an alternative pneumococcal vaccine available to people age 50 and older called Prevnar 13. This vaccine, which has been available to children for several years, may provide seniors longer lasting and better protection against pneumonia than Pneumovax.

Talk to your doctor to determine which pneumonia vaccine is best for you.

Prevnar 13 is also covered by most insurers including Medicare Part B, but if you aren't covered the shot runs between \$100 and \$150.

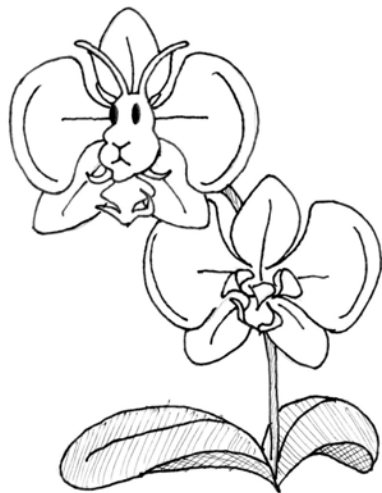
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## KATIE Tse .....This and That



## FORGIVING THINGS

Forgiveness is a virtue we should all strive toward. However, this article isn't about the forgiveness of people. It's about the forgiveness (and unforgiveness) of the plants, clothing, and machines we deal with on a daily basis.



First, let's look at some things that are totally unforgiving, despite the best efforts of their owners. I'm thinking about orchids and African violets. Orchids are lovely gifts. But within a week or less, their petals shrivel into brownish clumps resembling heavily used Kleenex. African violets are much the same. You buy a pot with several purple, pink or blue blossoms that promptly wither and fall off. Orchids typically become just a broad-leafed plant whose only flower is the faded photo on its sticker. But African violets are even more fickle. You're lucky if you can coax their fuzzy leaves to survive through the year.

That's why I love philodendron! That's the name (I recently discovered) of my indestructible house plant of over five years. You've seen these fellows before. Usually they're in offices and other places where rugged survival skills are needed. Their long tendrils are often draped across bookcases and spill over the edges of filing cabinets. They'll never be a bride's choice for center pieces, or featured by Martha Stewart, but they're the "Energizer Bunnies" of plants --they can "take a lickin' and keep on tickin'!"

Moving onto clothing (a topic I rarely think about), a big concern is whether it's high or low maintenance. Linen, I've heard, can be very troublesome. Apparently it develops PERMANENT wrinkles if you even look at it funny. Compare that to polyester, or better yet --qiana! Popular in the 70's, qiana was a silky fabric comprised of methane and acid. How cool is that! Like polyester, this miracle of science could withstand twisting, scrunching, and other abuse, and still came out looking fresh.

Cooking is another area where you come to appreciate the more forgiving ingredients. Fish is a classic example. I've rarely had whitefish prepared well in a restaurant, unless it's masked in fried batter. Don't get me wrong; fish and chips, when done properly, are great! But at home, our attempts at cooking whitefish at home have been bland at best, and cardboard-dry at worst. That's why we love SALMON! Salmon, (and other oily fish like sea bass --which we're too cheap to buy) are so much more forgiving than their whiter counterparts. You can over bake salmon or leave it a little too pink in the middle. But it will usually turn out "okay," as long as no one gets sick.

Let's leave food and look at other inanimate objects that prompt emotions of gratitude (or contempt) as we interact with them on a daily basis. When I think of unforgiving machines, the first monster that comes to mind is the dreaded scourge of the office --the copy machine. The copy machine knows when you need something quickly, and it takes these opportunities to play mind games with you. "Paper jam in tray 2," it says. After bungling around with several cranks and levers, you eventually access tray 2. It is spotless, without a shred of paper to be seen. You push and shove all the pieces back into place, but the monitor insists that tray 2 has some major problem impeding your copying job. Or it might say that the toner needs replacing, although you know the toner cartridge is fully loaded, as evidenced by your blackened hands.

Thank goodness there are "copy machine whisperers." These people need not necessarily be from the tech department. Sometimes the custodian or security officer is the sole "master of the beast." I'm convinced that success with copy machines, and others like it, are more a matter of personal dominance than technical training. Like mad dogs, the machines can sense fear and insecurity. You need to be able to ruthlessly yank open drawers in order to show the machine who's boss. This is the closest that modern society has come to snake charming.

Considering all these things, I hope you'll better appreciate the plants, clothes, food, and machines that make your life easier. And I also hope that if you need to deal with whitefish or copy machines, that you have a great chef and "machine whisperer" among your friends!

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

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

Mondays: City Hall & Lunch Café

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

Tuesdays:

FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital Nurse; 11 am to 12 noon.

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

BINGO; NEW TIME 1-3PM cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play 5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesdays:

11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursdays:

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

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

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength Training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

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

## 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 & Activities: 11:00am-2:00pm Return: Bus will arrive back in Sierra Madre at approximately 3:30pm Cost: \$34 includes transportation, lunch and tip For more information on Riley's Farm please visit their website at http://www.rileysfarm.com/. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

GRABER OLIVE HOUSE TOUR (ONTARIO, CA)

Friday, October 26, 2012

Departure: 9:30am from the Hart Park House Lunch & Activities: 10:30am-2:00pm Return: Sierra Madre approximately 3:30pm Cost: \$10 (does not include lunch) More Info: Call the Hart Park House at 626-355-7394

Graber Olive House tour highlights the tradition of grading, curing and canning of Graber Olives! For more information on the Graber Olive House please visit www.graberolives.com. After the tour lunch will be eaten as a group at Molly's Souper, a fantastic brunch restaurant in Upland. All participants are required to eat at the same restaurant.

The registration deadline is Monday, October 22, 2012.

## September Birthdays



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## MUSEUM DAY

## Free Tickets for Two!

On Saturday, September 29, 2012 you and a friend can visit participating museums for free!

To register for your free ticket for two go to [www.smithsonianmag.org/museumday](http://www.smithsonianmag.org/museumday).

Participating L.A. area museums include: Autry National Center, California Science Center, Skirball Cultural Center, L.A. Museum of the Holocaust and more!

You can stop by the Hart Park House for assistance signing up for free tickets. Call 626-355-7394 for more info.

## LUNCH &amp; 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 noon the day before.

Fall Prevention Seminar • Sept. 5 @ 12:30pm September is Fall Prevention Month, and we are helping seniors "watch their steps" with a great fall prevention seminar by ComForcare Senior Services. We will look at personal risk factors for falling and home safety issues that cause falls. We will also discuss easy ways to correct these problems so that our seniors can continue to live actively and independently. This seminar will be fun and interactive!

Kensington Q&A Session • Sept. 19 @ 12:15pm Developer Billy Shields, a representative of the Kensington Assisted Living Project, will be at the Hart Park House to host a Q&A session. This is the perfect opportunity to find out more about the Kensington project that will be on the November ballot which may impact Measure V. Kensington proposes an assisted living facility at 33 N. Hermosa Ave. and 245 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

## SENIOR MOVIE PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER

The Hart Park House Senior Center is expanding the monthly movie program to two movies in September.

One classic and one contemporary movie will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. As an added bonus, at the end of the movie the audience will get to choose the movies for the following month! All movies begin at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers and are absolutely free.



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## On Line

By PJ Carpenter

### UPDATE YOUR SOFTWARE TO KEEP YOUR COMPUTER-AND YOUR INFORMATION-SAFE

(NAPSI)—Viruses, worms, Trojans—you’ve likely heard or read about them. They’re the nefarious “creatures” that can take advantage of vulnerabilities in the software applications you have installed on your computer—but you can defeat them. That’s good news, because if they find their way into your computer, they can wreak havoc, destroying your files, stealing your personal information, even taking control of your computer to help with other insidious cybercrimes. Chances are, if you haven’t already been a victim of some kind of malware, you could be soon, especially if you don’t keep your software applications current by installing the security updates that software vendors provide.

Staying up to date on the latest security patches is critical given today’s threat environment. In addition to the many security initiatives that software companies engage in to keep their products and users safe, the single most important advice they give is to always stay up to date. “Research shows that up to 99.8 percent of successful cyberattacks today exploit software that is not current with the latest security updates,” says Brad Arkin, senior director, security, Adobe products and services. “We strongly recommend that users install the latest security updates.”

Recently, Skype, the popular service that lets you make phone calls using the Internet, commissioned a survey that revealed:

- 40 percent of adults don’t always update software on their computers when initially prompted to do so.
- Approximately 25 percent of those surveyed said they don’t clearly understand what software updates do and an equal percentage don’t understand the benefits of updating.
- While 75 percent of adults receive update notifications from their software, more than half admitted that they needed to see a prompt between

two and five times before downloading and installing the update.

For most people, then, updating software is more often than not an afterthought. Many complain that the process is intrusive and bothersome. It’s just easier to click the “remind me later” button when you’re busy finishing up the weekly sales report or adding your latest vacation photos to your online album. If you do, however, you leave yourself vulnerable to threats that could take you off-line for a long time-or worse.

#### Making Updates Easier

The good news is that times have changed. Companies continuously look for ways to make the update process less cumbersome for users. For example, the very widely used Adobe Reader—which lets you open and read ubiquitous PDF documents—uses a new update mechanism designed to keep you current in a much more streamlined and automated way. With the new updater, Windows users have the option to choose to download and install updates automatically. You can literally “set it and forget it.” Once your update preferences are set to update your software automatically, Adobe Reader and Acrobat will automatically check for new updates and download and install available updates—you won’t have to think about it again.

So the next time you get a pop-up window telling you to update that software application, your best move is to do it right then. If your software offers an automatic update option, enable it. Don’t wait. It’s too easy to forget and it’s too easy for cybercriminals to get to you.

If your software reminds you again a few days later (and maybe again a few days after that), it’s just doing its job, reminding you to do yours. It’s not another update, just a friendly way to tell you how important it is to stay up to date.



**Social Media**  
Tips & Tricks  
By Merri Jill Finstrom



## Social Media Questions and Answers

**QUESTION: Won’t people get sick of me posting the same thing if I recycle my content on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Emails, Blog, Web Site?**

**ANSWER:** To think that one person will carefully read everything you post, all of the time on every tool is expecting way too much from social media marketing. I don’t want to sound harsh, but the reality is that we are just not that important to the average internet/Facebook/Twitter user. The idea is to keep your brand top of mind and every once in a while you might get some of your audience to stop for a second and engage further with your content. (A good reason to write content that engages but we’ll save that for another article.)

We think it is a good idea to recycle your content. The idea is to try to catch your audience when they are traveling through one of the online communication tools (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook etc.) Think campaign. If you could afford a billboard campaign in Los Angeles, wouldn’t you want your billboard to be on the 405, the 10, the 605 and the 210? For the most part, you would use the same message and art – there might be times you change it to fit a demographic or culture. It’s not much different for web marketing strategies.

Think traffic. Just like a billboard, you have to catch your audience when they are on the freeway. The reality is that you won’t hit 100% of all your connections all of the time. That’s just the way it is! On Twitter, you might need to recycle your content several times because it moves so quickly. The average post on Facebook reaches about 16-25% of connections. The average open rate for email marketing is 22%. Those numbers might seem low but if you build large quality lists, it starts to pay off! Bottom line, cover more territory and recycle your content everywhere. Keep in mind, there might be times that a Facebook or Twitter post won’t fit the culture of LinkedIn and vice versa. But for the most part, if you have a message you want to get out there... get it out there!

**QUESTION: Do you think social media is a fad that’s going to go away?**

**ANSWER:** I know that some of our Baby Boomer clients who’ve come into social media kicking and screaming would love for me to give this a “yes” answer. But, these are modern communication tools that allow us to be connected in a way that has never been done in our history. In 1877, some people were skeptical of the telephone and said it was the instrument of the devil. It turned out to be the gadget that can save your life in an emergency. Who knows what we’ll say about social media in the future. But I think it’s here to stay and will evolve just like that “evil” phone!

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## Legal Insights

by Noah Green<sup>1</sup>

### KEEPING YOUR CORPORATE STATUS ALIVE

The benefits of forming a corporation or limited liability company (“LLC”) are well-known: The law creates an artificial legal entity that shields its owners from being sued directly and limits their losses to whatever they have invested in the business. For shareholders in large corporations, this means that the value of the stock you own can take a hit if the company performs badly – but that is it. For small business owners, it means losing a large investment of your time and money.

Nevertheless, even a small business owner is somewhat protected. If the business fails, its creditors cannot seek additional compensation from the owner. This means that if the business cannot pay its bills or gets sued and cannot pay a judgment, the creditors who are entitled to collect are left to squeeze blood from the proverbial stone.

Thus, the benefits of this legal protection are obvious. Moreover, the steps to create a corporation or LLC usually involve nothing more than one or two trips to a lawyer’s office and a relatively small fee. Once the legal entity is formed, the protections are in place and the owners can take some comfort and security in knowing that their liability is limited up to a certain point and their personal property such as their homes and bank or retirement accounts cannot be collected against.

However, many business owners forget that there are ongoing responsibilities and duties

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

By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A

**SALESFORCE FOR QUICKBOOKS** is a CRM (customer resource manager) add-on that provides two levels of service and price. The GROUP EDITION includes a 14 day free trial and then a subscription of \$28.00 per user per month fee. Then there is the PROFESSIONAL EDITION that includes a free 30 day trial with a subscription of \$70.00 per user per month fee. Salesforce for QuickBooks offers you the #1 sales app with built in integration to QuickBooks. Salesforce user’s experience: 40% more leads; 30% increase in lead conversion; 33% increase in sales productivity; 30% increase in sales revenue.

**Salesforce CRM Overview**  
Group Edition - Includes basic sales and marketing features, ideal for smaller companies.  
Professional Edition - Get access to more advanced features including inventory and item tracking information.

**Integration Overview**  
Group Edition - View QuickBooks customer details in Salesforce including open balance, credit limit, estimates, sales orders and invoices.  
Professional Edition - Create transactions in QuickBooks from Salesforce

**QuickBooks financial information in Salesforce**  
Sales people have access to Open Balance and Credit Limit so they can have a more informed conversation with their customers.

**Sync with Other Applications**  
Easily sync Salesforce for QuickBooks with other applications including Google Calendar and Outlook.

**Create transactions in QuickBooks from Salesforce**  
When an Opportunity is changed to Closed Lead, Won Contract in Salesforce, it triggers a transaction to be created in QuickBooks. (Professional Edition only).  
Online Blog Review of Group Edition (8/26/12)  
“Beware – there’s a catch!!! The cheap ‘Group’ version is very limited. As soon as you realize how limited it is, or as soon as you have 6+ staff, you are forced onto the Pro version, where it triples in cost per user. Ridiculous. If you aren’t prepared to go to Pro now, don’t ever start with just Group, you’ll be sorry you did - everything is designed to entice with the lower price and later force you to pay the big bucks. This isn’t small business friendly”. [www.qbproadvisor.com](http://www.qbproadvisor.com)  
After learning about the lead center within QuickBooks you might ask “Why would I want an add-on”? Personally I wouldn’t, but you might! By using the lead center everything is in one place. The drawback is that your sales people will have access to customer balances through the customer center. You can setup the security so that they do not have access to any other parts of QuickBooks, see below:

You can also synchronize contacts between Outlook and QuickBooks enabling the user to send forms directly from QuickBooks, keep contacts current and demographics organized. Just make sure that you backup both programs before you synchronize so that you are prepared for unintended consequences’. I decided that for me I would rather export my Outlook contact into a .csv (comma separated vales) file so that I can open it in Excel and then copy and paste the information I want into the lead center.  
Patricia Richardson the owner of Monrovia Computerized Business Service and is a local accountant, educator and trainer working to help business owners realize their business mission and vision by empowering them with tools and training in areas that may not be their core competency. For additional information, [patti@qbworkshop.com](mailto:patti@qbworkshop.com) or [www.QBworkShop.com](http://www.QBworkShop.com)

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From The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce

NEW ADA LAW EASES LEGAL THREATS

Legislation supported by your Arcadia Chamber of Commerce to limit frivolous litigation connected with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown Wednesday, Sept. 19. (Additional coverage of this story with references to Arcadia Chamber here in today's Pasadena Star-News.)

SB 1186 (Senator Bob Dutton; R-Rancho Cucamonga/Senator Darrell Steinberg; D-Sacramento), which goes into effect immediately, includes the following components:

- A businesses in a location that was completed after Jan. 1, 2008, or any business in California that has received a Certified Access Specialist (CASP) inspection, will have 60 days to fix a noted violation and their statutory damages may be reduced from \$4,000 to \$1,000 – a 75 percent reduction.
- Small businesses with 25 or fewer employees that have not had a CASp inspection will have 30 days to fix a violation and can see their statutory damages reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,000 – a 50 percent reduction
- Prohibits attorneys from including a demand for money in letters accompanying notice of their lawsuit and requires attorneys to send a copy of their letter to the California State Bar to be examined for meeting the requirements of the law and not merely a ransom demand.
- Requires attorneys to send a copy of letters sent to businesses to the California Commission on Disabilities (CCDA). They will be

required to compile a “Top 10” list of violations to be posted on their website by July 1, 2013 and also a list of those attorneys and law firms who are filing the bulk of the lawsuits.

- Provides an avenue for local cities and counties to expand the CASp program in their communities, to help bring local businesses into ADA compliance and develop tools to help educate the business community in expanding ADA access.
- Puts into place new provisions to prevent “stacking” of multiple claims to increase statutory damages.

California has 40% of the nation's ADA lawsuits but only 12% of the country's disabled population, according to the California Chamber of Commerce, one of many Chambers supporting the legislation that brings relief not only to businesses but the owner of any structure. This year the Arcadia School District, local churches, and community organizations, including the Arcadia Chamber, were tagged with notices about potential ADA violations of everything from parking lot striping paint not being bright and new enough to parking lot signs being a few inches too high or low.

Local businesses such as The Bit, Taco Treat, and Salon de Jeunesse were served with lawsuits citing dozens of infractions each, such as the shelf at the take out window being too high, with attorneys in each case telling the owner that they would drop the lawsuit if the owner paid them anywhere from \$5,000 – \$10,000 or more.

Your Chamber and the City of Arcadia partnered to hold a special informational seminar on the issue in late May and presented a CASp specialist speaker who provided helpful tips about dealing with these unscrupulous “drive-by” lawyers and and ways to come into better compliance with ADA regulations to minimize liability.

GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNS BILL TO HELP VETS GET BACK TO WORK ON THE ROAD

SACRAMENTO, CA

Friday, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 2659 by Assembly Member Bob Blumenfeld with the support of the California Trucking Association, other business groups, and several veterans groups. The passage of AB 2659 will make it easier for highly qualified veterans with commercial driving experience to get back to work as professional truck drivers.

“Veterans of the most recent wars too often return home to face the challenge of prolonged unemployment that in some cases remains double the State overall unemployment rate,” stated 2012 CTA President Scott Blevins, President of Manteca-based Mountain Valley Express. “They bring valuable skills earned over years of honorable service and it makes sense economically for a trucking industry that struggles with a looming driver shortage to help get

veterans back to work.” “It is time for California to take this step to help our veterans move forward as commercial drivers in a way that utilizes the skills acquired during their years in service and provide a greater pool of highly qualified commercial drivers for California's trucking industry,” said Blevins. “Assembly Member Blumenfeld's leadership will help veterans get to work and trucking companies find great drivers.”

“We must help veterans build a prosperous future here at home,” said Assemblymember Bob Blumenfeld (D-San Fernando Valley). “A lack of jobs and difficulty transferring military training into marketable skills are some of the biggest challenges veterans must overcome. We have a commercial truck driver shortage. Since many veterans learn this skill in the military, we need to link them with employers ready to hire right now.”

Recent regulatory changes by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authorizes states to waive the skills test if the CDL applicant has at least two years of military commercial driving experience in the period immediately leading up to their discharge from service, is applying for

the waiver within 90 days of discharge, and is seeking a license commensurate with their prior experience. To date 15 states have waived the skills test for qualified veteran commercial drivers.

Military standards for authorizing an individual to operate a commercial motor vehicle requires more than 200 hours of classroom and vehicle training. Military commercial drivers already operate vehicles on California roads and highways every day as they move cargo in support of mission.

The California trucking industry employs one out of every eight California workers and moves more than 80 percent of commerce in the state. If you bought it, a truck brought it.

*The California Trucking Association promotes leadership in the California motor carrier industry, advocates sound transportation policies to all levels of government, and works to maintain a safe, environmentally responsible and efficient California transportation goods movement system.*

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION LAUNCHES IN CALIFORNIA

The Office of the Secretary of the State of California announced it will launch the much anticipated California Online Voter Registration by noon (PST) Friday. Online Voter Registration will offer increased accessibility for the 6.4 million unregistered eligible voters in California; 3 million of which reside in Los Angeles County.

Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, will be available to provide comment and expert insight into the impacts of California Online Voter Registration for Los Angeles County and California voters and elections.

Benefits of Online Voter Registration:

- Paperless online voter registration will save tax payers money by reducing the need to process paper forms.
- Approximately 80 percent of Californians already use the internet, making Online Voter Registration a fit for the Golden State.
- Online Voter Registration will improve the quality and accuracy of County Voter Files. Less manual data entry means more quality assurance and time to confirm and process paper forms.
- The convenience of online voter registration would provide for more up to date records, which might also reduce the number of provisional ballots cast.

- Online Voter Registration benefits the environment by reducing waste.

- Online Voter registration will provide increased registration security by ensuring instant delivery.

How does Online Voter Registration work?

- The online registration portal can be accessed at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) or at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

- The process uses your California Driver's License or Identification number to match your voter registration information to Department of Motor Vehicles records.

- The Secretary of State obtains the registrants' signature image on file from the DMV. This information will then be provided to the counties and added as the official signature of record on the voter file. The applicants' information must match in order to complete the registration process providing increased registration security.

- Individuals who do not have a California Driver's License or an Identification number can still use the online portal but will be required to print the form, sign it and mail it back.

Successes with Online Voter Registration:

- Eleven states currently or soon will offer online voter registration, including Arizona, North Carolina, Washington, Oregon and Colorado. This change helped alleviate the expenses of election cycles in many states.
- Washington State saved \$176,000 in the first year of implementing online voter registration.

3rd Quarter Construction Update – 2012

Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6-9, 11

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

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

■ Segment 6

**Duarte and southern portion of the Angeles National Forest:**

- Install foundations for new electrical transmission structures, including site preparation
- Install new electrical transmission structures, including the hauling of materials
- Develop wire pull sites

**Improvements to structure site access roads:**

■ Segment 7

**Duarte:** Adjacent to Van Tassel Motorway and also northeast of the northern end of Las Lomas Rd in northern Duarte

■ Segment 8 – Various locations along segment 8:

**Installation of new foundations and electrical transmission structures:**

■ Segment 7

**Montebello:** South of the Pomona Fwy (60), east of Paramount Blvd  
**Whittier Narrows Recreation Area:** South of Durfee Ave, south of the Pomona Fwy (60)

■ Segment 8

**Pico Rivera:** West of Rooks Rd and the San Gabriel River Fwy (605)  
**Hacienda Heights:** West of Hacienda Blvd, and south of Elza Dr, Punte del Este Dr, Pozo Dr, and Gotera Dr  
**La Habra Heights:** North of Skyline Dr both west and east of Hacienda Rd, as well as in the Powder Canyon area north of Skyline Dr west of Fullerton Rd  
**Rowland Heights:** South of Pathfinder Rd, north of Vantage Pointe Dr

**Whittier Narrows Recreation Area:** West of Rosemead Blvd, south of the Pomona Fwy (60)  
**Additional areas of unincorporated Los Angeles County:** Along Segment 8 east of the San Gabriel River Fwy (605), including within the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority area

■ Segment 11

**La Canada Flintridge:** At SCE's Gould Substation located west of Angeles Crest Hwy (2) and north of Greenridge Dr (foundations completed)  
**Pasadena:** Adjacent to Goodrich Substation located north of the Foothill Fwy (210), between Sierra Madre Villa Ave and Sunnyslope Ave (foundation completed)

**Installation of new electrical transmission wires:**

■ Segment 7

**Irwindale:** West of the the San Gabriel River Fwy (605) between Arrow Hwy and the Foothill Fwy (210)  
**Whittier Narrows Recreation Area:** South of the Pomona Fwy (60), east of Rosemead Blvd, both north and south of Durfee Ave

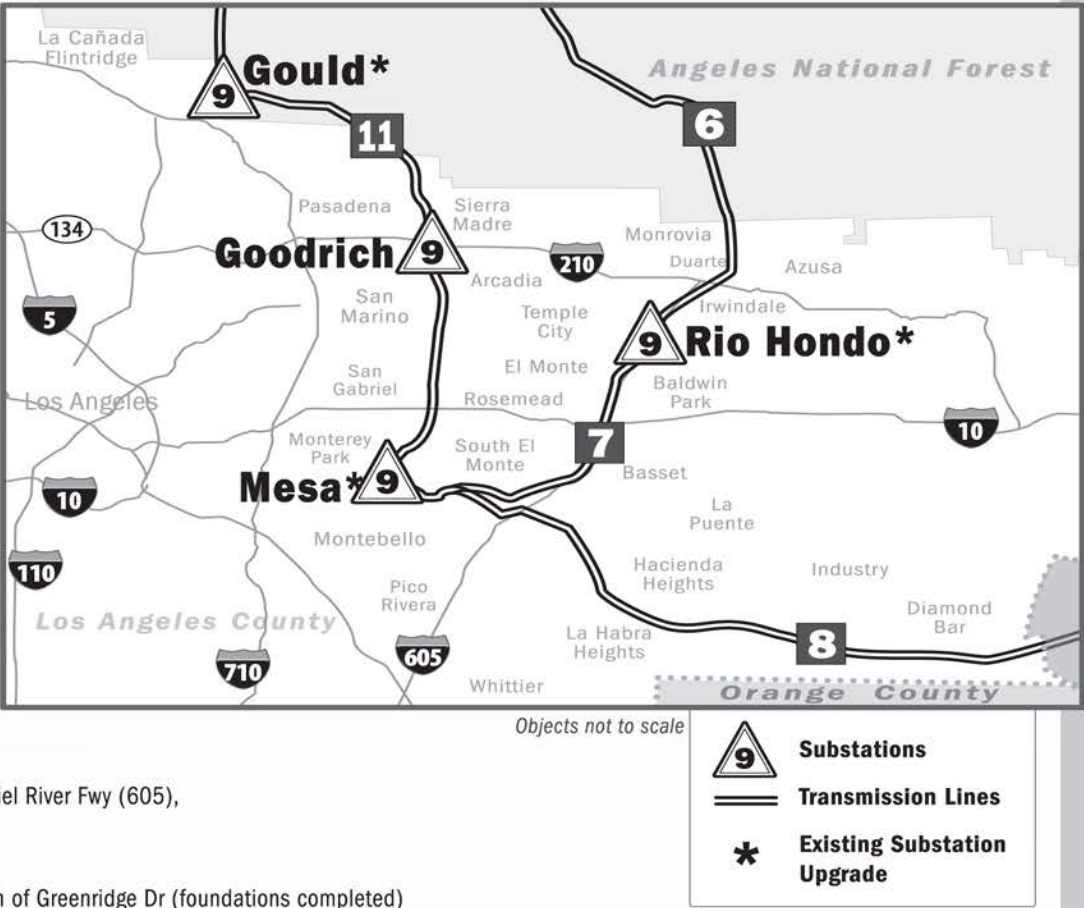
■ Segment 11

**La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena and unincorporated Los Angeles County:** Between SCE's Gould Substation in La Canada Flintridge and the Goodrich Substation in Pasadena, spanning the southern boundary of the Angeles National Forest and northern boundary of Altadena

**Every effort will be made** to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

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NOVEMBER 2012 STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

Proposition 30 (Gov. Jerry Brown's tax increase plan)

Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Increases personal income tax on annual earnings over \$250,000 for seven years. Increases sales and use tax by ¼ cent for four years. Allocates temporary tax revenues 89 percent to K-12 schools and 11 percent to community colleges. Bars use of funds for administrative costs, but provides local school governing boards discretion to decide, in open meetings and subject to annual audit, how funds are to be spent. Guarantees funding for public safety services realigned from state to local governments. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increased state revenues over the next seven fiscal years. Estimates of the revenue increases vary—from \$6.8 billion to \$9 billion for 2012-13 and from \$5.4 billion to \$7.6 billion, on average, in the following five fiscal years, with lesser amounts in 2018-19. These revenues would be available to (1) pay for the state's school and community college funding requirements, as increased by this measure, and (2) address the state's budgetary problem by paying for other spending commitments. Limitation on the state's ability to make changes to the programs and revenues shifted to local governments in 2011, resulting in a more stable fiscal situation for local governments.

Proposition 31 (State budget process changes)

State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Establishes two-year state budget cycle. Prohibits Legislature from creating expenditures of more than \$25 million unless offsetting revenues or spending cuts are identified. Permits Governor to cut budget unilaterally during declared fiscal emergencies if Legislature fails to act. Requires performance reviews of all state programs. Requires performance goals in state and local budgets. Requires publication of all bills at least three days prior to legislative vote. Gives counties power to alter state statutes or regulations related to spending unless Legislature or state agency vetoes changes within 60 days. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Decreased state revenues and commensurate increased local revenues, probably in the range of about \$200 million annually, beginning in 2013-14. Potential decreased state program costs or increased state revenues resulting from changes in the fiscal authority of the Legislature and Governor. Increased state and local costs of tens of millions of dollars annually to implement new budgeting practices. Over time, these costs would moderate and potentially be offset by savings from improved program efficiencies. (

Proposition 32

Prohibits Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Prohibitions on Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute. Restricts union political fundraising by prohibiting use of payroll-deducted funds for political purposes. Same use restriction would apply to payroll deductions, if any, by corporations or government contractors. Permits voluntary employee contributions to employer or union committees if authorized yearly, in writing. Prohibits unions and corporations from contributing directly or indirectly to candidates and candidate-controlled committees. Other political expenditures remain unrestricted, including corporate expenditures from available resources not limited by payroll deduction prohibition. Limits government contractor contributions to elected officers or officer-controlled committees. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increased state implementation and enforcement costs of up to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, potentially offset in part by revenues from fines

Proposition 33

Changes Law to Allow Auto Insurance Companies to Set Prices Based on a Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute. changes current law to permit insurance companies to set prices based on whether the driver previously carried auto insurance with any insurance company. Allows insurance companies to give proportional discounts to drivers with some prior insurance coverage. Will allow insurance companies to increase cost of insurance to drivers who have not maintained continuous coverage. Treats drivers with lapse as continuously covered if lapse is due to military service or loss of employment, or if lapse is less than 90 days. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Probably no significant fiscal effect on state insurance premium tax revenues.

Proposition 34

Death Penalty Repeal. Initiative Statute. Repeals death penalty as maximum punishment for persons found guilty of murder and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to persons already sentenced to death. Requires persons found guilty of murder to work while in prison, with their wages to be applied to any victim restitution fines or orders against them. Creates \$100 million fund to be distributed to law enforcement agencies to help solve more homicide and rape cases. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Net savings to the state and counties that could amount to the high tens of millions of dollars annually on a statewide basis due to the elimination of the death penalty. One-time state costs totaling \$100 million from 2012-13 through 2015-16 to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies.

Proposition 35

Human Trafficking. Penalties. Sex Offender Registration. Initiative Statute. Increases criminal penalties for human trafficking, including prison sentences up to 15-years-to-life and fines up to \$1,500,000. Fines collected to be used for victim services and law enforcement. Requires person convicted of trafficking to register as sex offender. Requires sex offenders to provide information regarding Internet access and identities they use in online activities. Prohibits evidence that victim engaged in sexual conduct from being used against victim in court proceedings. Requires human trafficking training for police officers. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential one-time local government costs of up to a few million dollars on a statewide basis, and lesser additional costs incurred each year, due to the new mandatory training requirements for certain law enforcement officers. Minor increase to state and local governments on the costs of incarcerating and supervising human trafficking offenders. Unknown amount of additional revenue from new criminal fees, likely not to exceed the low millions of dollars annually, which would fund services for human trafficking victims

Proposition 36


Three Strikes Law. Sentencing for Repeat Felony Offenders. Initiative Statute. Revises three strikes law to impose life sentence only when new felony conviction is serious or violent. Authorizes re-sentencing for offenders currently serving life sentences if third strike conviction was not serious or violent and judge determines sentence does not pose unreasonable risk to public safety. Continues to impose life sentence penalty if third strike conviction was for certain non-serious, non-violent sex or drug offenses or involved firearm possession. Maintains life sentence penalty for felons with non-serious, non-violent third strike if prior convictions were for rape, murder, or child molestation. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: State savings related to prison and parole operations that potentially range in the high tens of millions of dollars annually in the short run, possibly exceeding \$100 million annually in the long run. Increased state and county costs in the millions to low tens of millions of dollars annually in the first few years, likely declining substantially in future years, for state court activities and county jail, community supervision, and court-related activities.

Proposition 37:

Genetically Engineered Foods. Mandatory Labeling. Initiative Statute. Requires labeling on raw or processed food offered for sale to consumers if made from plants or animals with genetic material changed in specified ways. Prohibits labeling or advertising such food as "natural." Exempts foods that are: certified organic; unintentionally produced with genetically engineered material; made from animals fed or injected with genetically engineered material but not genetically engineered themselves; processed with or containing only small amounts of genetically engineered ingredients; administered for treatment of medical conditions; sold for immediate consumption such as in a restaurant; or alcoholic beverages. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential increase in state administrative costs of up to one million dollars annually to monitor compliance with the disclosure requirements specified in the measure. Unknown, but potentially significant, costs for the courts, the Attorney General, and district attorneys due to litigation resulting from possible violations to the provisions of this measure.

Proposition 38

CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE? ...



ANSWER: The corn on the left has been genetically modified by scientists to contain a DNA sequence from a bacteria. This DNA produces a pesticide toxin. You can't wash this pesticide off, it's produced by every cell, and you won't be able to spot the difference in the supermarket either.

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Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute. Increases personal income tax rates for annual earnings over \$7,316 using sliding scale from .4% for lowest individual earners to 2.2% for individuals earning over \$2.5 million, ending after twelve years. During first four years, 60% of revenues go to K-12 schools, 30% to repaying state debt, and 10% to early childhood programs. Thereafter, allocates 85% of revenues to K-12 schools, 15% to early childhood programs. Provides K-12 funds on school specific, per-pupil basis, subject to local control, audits, and public input. Prohibits state from directing or using new funds. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increased state personal income tax revenues beginning in 2013 and ending in 2024. Estimates of the revenue increases vary from \$10 billion to \$11 billion per fiscal year beginning in 2013-14, tending to increase over time. The 2012-13 revenue increase would be about half this amount. Until the end of 2016-17, 60 percent of revenues would be dedicated to K-12 education and 10 percent would be provided to early care and education programs. These allocations would supplement existing funding for these programs. In 2017-18 and subsequent years, 85 percent would be provided to K-12 education and 15 percent to early care and education. General Fund savings on debt-service costs of about \$1.5 billion in 2012-13 and \$3 billion in 2013-14, with savings tending to grow thereafter until the end of 2016-17. In 2015-16 and subsequent years with stronger growth in state personal income tax revenues, some of the revenues raised by this measure—several hundred million dollars per year— would be used for debt-service costs, resulting in state savings.

Proposition 39

Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute. Requires multistate businesses to calculate their California income tax liability based on the percentage of their sales in California. Repeals existing law giving multistate businesses an option to choose a tax liability formula that provides favorable tax treatment for businesses with property and payroll outside California. Dedicates \$550 million annually for five years from anticipated increase in revenue for the purpose of funding projects that create energy efficiency and clean energy jobs in California. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Approximately \$500 million in additional state General Fund revenues in 2012-13 and \$1 billion each year thereafter from requiring a single sales factor formula for corporate taxes, with about half of the additional annual revenues from 2013-14 through 2017-18 supporting energy efficiency and alternative energy projects. Increased Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for K-14 schools of roughly \$225 million annually from 2012-13 through 2017-18 and by roughly \$500 million each year thereafter, as a result of additional state General Fund revenues.

Proposition 40

Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum. State Senate districts are revised every ten years following the federal census. This year, the voter-approved California Citizens Redistricting Commission revised the boundaries of the 40 Senate districts. This referendum petition, if signed by the required number of registered voters and filed with the Secretary of State, will: (1) Place the revised State Senate boundaries on the ballot and prevent them from taking effect unless approved by the voters at the next statewide election; and (2) Require court-appointed officials to set interim boundaries for use in the next statewide election.





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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn REPLACEMENT PARTS



Remember the saying: If you don't use it, you'll lose it. What it doesn't mention, however, is for those among us that have been physically active all our lives, when they get older we will probably need replacement parts. The question isn't a matter of if we will need them but when we will need them and what we will need.

I'm at the age now when my body is beginning to wear out. I'm not happy about it but that's life. I exercise regularly and try to eat right but like any old car, once in awhile I need a tuneup and some worn out parts replaced. For example, last Tuesday I underwent my second total hip replacement. This time it was the left hip; two years ago it was my right hip.

According to my surgeon, hip surgery isn't that unusual for someone my age who's spent a lifetime as a runner. He said you can't expect to continue indefinitely running marathons, triathlons, or just jogging. "These kinds of "high-impact" activities eventually catch up with you, he told me. "You can't expect a set of tires to last forever, well the same is true of human hips."

But this doesn't mean a runner who can no longer run can't remain active. My surgeon recommended that I take up bicycling or some other "low-impact" sport like swimming. He asked if I had ever tried golf? No, I hadn't, I told him, but I had a lot of friends who were golf fanatics. But somehow the idea of batting a little white ball around a golf course wasn't the same as running.

I told him golf made me feel somehow "old." He said that was ridiculous; "How old was Tiger Woods when he became a famous golfer?" I had to admit he was right. Tiger was a teenager when he hit the big time. Still, I felt a sense of loss at not being able to continue pursuing something that had given me so much pleasure all my life.

Then again, my hips aren't the only body part I have had to have replaced. I had bunion operations on both feet, also from running; and had both lenses in my eyes replaced with high-tech polymer ones because I was going blind from cataracts caused by the sun's glare from a lifetime of surfing.

My hip surgeon said I can go surfing again, though. That's good news. I guess being able to surf, swim, bicycle and golf isn't so bad for a guy my age. Thank God that I live in at a time when the replacement parts and the medical know-how that can rebuild an aging body like mine are available. I feel like a vintage Ferrari ready and waiting to be raced again. That's good news too.

One thing I'm truly thankful for is that I haven't contracted a real disease like cancer, diabetes, or heart disease. Replacing parts is much more preferable than the suffering that comes from a real illness. My suffering will soon be at an end; I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It looks like I'm going to be around to be a healthy grandfather. My wife promises to take special care of her newly refurbished Six Million Dollar Man. Now that's really good news!

## RICH Johnson HARRY TRUMAN-MY HERO



Harry S. Truman was, as most of you know, our 33<sup>rd</sup> president sandwiched in between Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower (If you want to know what the S. is middle initial represented you are out of luck. It meant nothing because both of his grandfather's names had 'S' in them. Truman found the national stage winning election as a Senator in 1934 (he can thank the first four people who were offered the candidacy and turned it down). As a child he was a farmer which was a typical profession in Missouri. During World War I he was an artillery officer. He was a different kind of President. He probably made as many, or more, important decisions regarding our nation's history as any of the other 42 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House.

The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence Missouri. His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their entire lives there.

When he retired from office in 1952, his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, "You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale."

Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, "I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise."

As president he paid for all of his own travel expenses and food.

Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices. Political offices are now for sale.

Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a house of ill repute, or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference!"

When Truman left office assessments of his presidency were critical. However, over the years opinion of the man and the presidency have been grown in popularity. He was a great man thrust into the presidency at the most difficult of times. World War II, the advance of Soviet Imperialism, and the rebuilding of post war Europe and Japan were enormous tasks.

Thank you Harry for your years of service and your candor.

My band JJ Jukebox is playing this upcoming Friday night at Corfu Restaurant in Sierra Madre. We perform songs from the 1960s and the 1970s. Fun rock is how I would describe our music. Nothing too loud. The time is 6:30 to 9:00. There is a \$5 cover charge and a \$15.00 minimum food order. The food there is terrific by the way. If we are lucky we will sell out again, so please make reservations by calling (626) 355-5993. Thank you.

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE WHAT I DO.



This morning I reserved tickets for a workshop designed to assist lawyers in cross-examination. The man organizing the seminar is a well-respected attorney who took the time to ask a few questions about me. I told him that, in addition to practicing criminal law, I write these columns which discuss the effect upon me of what transpired in the past week. He asked me to send him a few of the articles which I certainly will do as I want readers wherever I can find them. In glancing at the titles of my past 250 articles I realize how little I had written about what my experiences around the Court.

As I have mentioned many times before for the past decades my practice has involved criminal law. Every morning ridiculously attired in coat and tie and unmatched pants, which after 45 years of practice still feels unnecessary and ridiculous, I fight the traffic and pay the ever-increasing parking fees. Already slightly resentful I walk the streets toward the Courthouse passing in many locations rows of homeless people asking with or without words for funds. As anybody who ventures out of our safe little enclave notices these people on the street generally look pretty ravaged. How they got where they are we don't know and certainly never ask.

It's important for me to say and it is a part of this story that all of my contacts with people living on the street have not been negative. Some years ago, when my kids were pretty young, and we had spent the day downtown, we arrived back at the car to find the battery dead. It was dark and cold and rainy. This was pre-cell phone and I was not an. Auto-Club member. There were no other people getting into their cars from whom I could ask to borrow jumper-cables and start the car. Some homeless folk wandered over and started talking to me and asked about the problem. I told them. "Dead battery, no jumper cables, crying kids, and it's raining". These guys said no problem. They talked to somebody who was getting into his car but had no jumper cables but did have some metal tools in a tool box. They talked the guy into bringing his car near mine and using the metal tools, one against the other, they created a circuit which allowed the current to flow from his battery to my battery and presto the car started.



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### THE UMPIRE WORE SHORTS

Okay, right up front I want to confess that I am an old fogey. In my defense, as if I needed one, I was born an old fogey. I have what may be called old-fogeyitis, a rare psychological disorder only affecting people born of woman.

For many years, I beat myself over the head because I did not understand old fogeyitis syndrome. Years ago, I learned to accept it; whether others accept it or not is not my problem. It was a wonderful day when I realized I could have a lot of other things much worse than old-fogeyitis.

Just this week I saw an article and a picture of supposedly the ugliest woman in the world. As I looked at her picture, it reminded me of one of my old aunts. I know I'm not the "prettiest" face in town but I wasn't born this way. My face is the result of the stress through the years from the old-fogeyitis syndrome.

One of the amazing traits of this syndrome is the marvelous selective memory. My memory is so good I can remember things that never happened. Some people look at me when I recall one of these pseudo-memories as if I was senile. Oh no. It is not senility it is old-fogeyitis.

I really did not know how bad it was until this past week. My oldest granddaughter was playing softball and invited me to come and watch her first game. She made me one of those "offers that I couldn't refuse." It has been a longtime since I seen a slow pitch softball game, much less played in one.

I remembered those glorious days of yesteryear when I played slow pitch softball. According to my memory, I was the star pitcher on my team. What memories they were. Since they are my memories, I feel I have the right to make them what I want them to be.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, our youngest daughter and her daughter joined me as we watched my granddaughter's first game.

We brought our own chairs so we were able to set up our seating arrangements where we could watch our granddaughter play this first game. I am not prejudiced, but from where we were sitting, she was the star player on her team. I am not sure how her team could ever get along without her.

It is my humble opinion that greatness like this is inherited. You do not learn that kind of thing on your own, it is something that is passed down to you through your genes. I must have passed it on to her because I do not have it anymore.

It was then that I saw it, which kicked in the old-fogeyitis syndrome. What I saw shocked me and it takes a lot to

I don't know if that little incident sounds like much to you; to me it was magical. The relief I felt as that motor turned over was as great as the joy I felt years later when the Search and Rescue team found me lost in a rainstorm on the Mount Wilson Trail at 4:00 in the morning. I was already kind of delirious and had hypothermia and as one of my rescuers took a pair of socks and pulled them over my shaking hands I said something like "This feels as good as jumper-cables" and then proceeded to almost walk off the cliff.

How can I put this, I know people need other people and we should not be so absorbed in our own lives that we ignore the pain of others. Still as I continue to describe my daily experience it is clear that what I do is mainly ignore other people's pain. I arrive at the Courthouse and see multitudes of people waiting for elevators and looking unsure and distressed. I assume that these people are not there for pleasure. Other than the occasional person dressed like me in coat and ties, everyone else is there in the midst of some unpleasant incident. Some are about to go to jail or are there to watch a loved-one be sentenced. Some are victims of crimes who are ordered to be present as witnesses. Finally, there are the potentials jurors; unhappy at being ordered to be in Court and wondering what room they are to go to.

Meanwhile the people in the suits laugh and joke as they greet one another and discuss their latest vacations as they ride up in the elevators. It gets worse once the individual Courtroom doors are opened. Almost everyone with a matter pending is a person of color. Really the only Caucasian People in the filled courtrooms are the lawyers and court employees. During the morning prisoners in custody are brought into the Courtroom. Sometimes they are handcuffed or shackled. Frequently they look like the homeless people I see on the street. Something is very wrong and I wish I could help but I cannot. My job is only to be of assistance to the one or two people who are actually my clients and over the years it has become easy to ignore the plight of everyone else.

Well, maybe not so easy. Maybe that's why I don't write or talk about my work very much. Realizing this doesn't make it any easier but if I can ever be of help I want to be ready and have the right tools just like the homeless people who were knowledgeable enough to help me start my car. I'm ready for the workshop.

shock me.

Up to this point, I was primarily focused on my granddaughter and her pristine playing on the field, so I did not see right away what I eventually saw. It happened when my granddaughter stepped up to bat for the first time. After that, the whole game went blank for me.

Behind my lovely granddaughter was the catcher all dressed in the catcher's outfit. That did not startle me. Behind the catcher was the umpire, or so he was pretending to be, and that is what startled me.

It was a girl's slow pitch softball team and every one of them was dressed in their softball player's outfit. I believe in dressing for the occasion. The occasion was a softball game and those involved in the softball game were wearing attire consistent with the game at hand.

Then I saw the umpire. And the umpire was wearing shorts! Shorts!

It is not that I object to a man wearing shorts as long as he does not wear them out in public. The last time I wore shorts I was three years old and it was only because my mother made me wear them. When I had control of my wardrobe, I put away those shorts and began wearing pants like a man.

I think if the good Lord wanted us to wear shorts, in public that is, He would have made our legs more visually appealing. A man's legs are not appealing, unless they have been in the sun too long and the skin begins to peel.

A man, especially an old man, has knobby knees, hairy legs and varicose veins, none of which should be part of public domain. This is not something I want to see when I am out in public.

I can dutifully attest to the fact that my legs have not seen direct sunlight in over 50 years. I attribute this to the fact that I wear pants every day of my life. Not short pants, but pants that go all the way down to my ankles. Short pants look like you cannot afford to buy the whole thing.

For some reason I could not watch the game with the same enthusiasm.

When I got home that night, I settled down a little bit and thought of a verse of Scripture, something Jesus said. "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24 KJV).

In spite of my severe old-fogeyitis condition, I must remember not to judge people according to their appearance. It is not what a man looks like but rather, what he does that makes him the man that he is.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*“Romney’s comment is a country-club fantasy. It’s what self-satisfied millionaires say to each other.”*  
– David Brooks, New York Times

*“Romney seems to have contempt not just for the Democrats who oppose him, but for tens of millions who intend to vote for him.”*  
– William Kristol, Weekly Standard

*“On the Mideast he seemed like a political opportunist, not big and wise but small and tinny.”*  
– Peggy Noonan, Wall Street Journal

That’s what conservatives say about the imploding campaign of Mitt Romney.

They thought it would be easy – just block whatever President Obama proposed and keep the masses suffering, knowing that in four years they’d have forgotten who caused it in the first place.

They knew the upper 1% wouldn’t make a difference at the polls, so they turned to the tea-baggers and Fox News. Dick Armey with FreedomWorks, Karl Rove with Crossroads GPS and the Koch brothers with Americans for Prosperity laid the astroturf of phony populism and propaganda. Their pitch was protecting against alien notions brought by someone clearly not one of “us”.

We saw a healthcare plan developed through the Heritage Foundation, endorsed by Republicans as an alternative to “Hillarycare” and enacted by Romney himself in Massachusetts, labeled a “government takeover” with “death panels.” Guns were brought to campaign rallies. Tea-baggers in Congress vowed to renege on the full faith and credit of the United States rather than renege on their pledge to Grover Norquist.

A Republican nominee emerged without the baggage of Gingrich, Santorum or Trump, but who soon raised concerns among party veterans who saw an aide compare his image-changing to an Etch-a-Sketch, his being ridiculed throughout the British press during his London visit, and his claiming credit for the auto bailout under President Obama, despite his having advised, “Let Detroit go bankrupt.”

Concern that regaining the presidency might not be a sure thing grew with the Republican Convention, notable not for what Romney said, but for what he didn’t. First, he said nothing to take anyone’s mind off Clint Eastwood. Second, he offered no acknowledgment of our 100,000 troops in Afghanistan.

His response to the embassy attack in Cairo left no doubt Mitt Romney was no longer being guided by Republican Party grown-ups, but by tea-baggers and Fox News. This went beyond his accusing the president of wanting to “sympathize with those who waged the attacks” by citing a statement that expressed no sympathy and was issued before any attacks had been waged.

“They were just trying to score a cheap news cycle hit based on the embassy statement and now it’s just completely blown up,” BuzzFeed quotes “a very senior Republican foreign policy hand”; “This is just unbelievable – when they decide to play on it they completely bungle it.”

Heather Hurlburt of the National Security Network adds that Romney’s statement

“shows not just poor judgment and a willingness to use tragedy for political gains, regardless of the security consequences — but also poor management. He has policy people on his team who know better. Clearly they weren’t consulted.”

Romney’s comments in London were eyes-rolling funny – but this was serious. Cairo embassy officials responded via Twitter; “Of course we condemn breaches of our compound, we’re the ones actually living through this” and added, “Sorry, but neither breaches of our compound or angry messages will dissuade us from defending freedom of speech AND criticizing bigotry.”

Some remember when, during the contest of 1980, an aborted attempt to rescue hostages in Iran cost the lives of eight Americans, for which President Carter accepted responsibility. Candidate George H.W. Bush said, “This is not a time to go one-up politically.” Candidate Ronald Reagan asked us to pray and said, “This is the time for us as a nation and a people to stand united.”

Those who remember understand why both those men became president – and why Mitt Romney never will.

Dean Heller, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Nevada, says, “I don’t agree with his statement” – referring to Romney’s assertion that the 47% of Americans who pay no income taxes see themselves as “victims . . . entitled to healthcare, to food, to housing, you name it”. Heller’s father was an auto mechanic, his mother a school cook. Other Republicans in close contests, like Sen. Scott Brown in Massachusetts (“That’s not the way I view the world.”) have sought to distance themselves.

Reuters quotes “a senior congressional Republican aide” as describing Romney’s comments as “completely bone-headed . . . This builds on the narrative that he’s out of touch with struggling Americans.”

Of that 47%, two-thirds pay federal withholding taxes, supporting families on \$30,000 a year. Of those paying no federal taxes at all, more than half are on Social Security. A third makes \$20,000 a year. Many serve in the military on tax-free combat pay.

Romney says, “My job is not to worry about those people. I’ll never convince them that they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives,” but he doesn’t mean those avoiding taxes by socking assets in the Cayman Islands or, like himself, paying a 14% rate on investment income rather than up to 35% paid by those who work for it.

Romney’s 47% line didn’t come from Republican operatives; it came from Limbaugh, Hannity, O’Reilly and Fox and Friends. Party veterans are now giving up on the White House and focusing instead on capturing the Senate, and hanging onto the House.

Those who know Mitt Romney complain that his appearances before the camera as stiff, scripted and humorless don’t show who he really is.

At that \$50,000-a-head event where he wrote off those living on Social Security, supporting families on \$30,000 a year, taking the night shift at Denny’s to pay for community college and serving our country overseas, reports are that he was relaxed, spontaneous and had a good sense of humor.

At that \$50,000-a-head event where he demeaned and dismissed with contempt half the American people, Mitt Romney showed who he really is.

and not from the body of democratically elected leaders adhering to a constitutional guide, it’s a position the Tories or the crown loyalists would have supported.

And the alternative to self-governance? The alleged free market? Privatized tyranny is still tyranny to its subjects. Personally, Time Warner is not my idea of freedom.

Which leads me to the question: Since corporations are people according the Romney/Ryan ticket, does God give them rights? We’re talking about the divine right of Exxon-Mobile here: this is important.

“There are 47 percent who are with him [Obama],” said Romney on a recently verified tape made last May. “Who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims.”

There’s something very telling about a dude sneering at those dependent on the government while being under Secret Service protection. What of this remaining 53 percent Romney is trying to woo? Who’s independent of the government? Walmart depends on the government to feed their workforce via food stamps. Nearly all other businesses depend on the government for law and order so they can conduct business. Wealthy people have property. Government protects property rights. Banks got bailed out—by the government. Roads are maintained by the government. Air travel, regulated by the government. Also our elderly, disabled and yes our poor, assisted by the government.

If you’re voting for a president, you’re voting for a government worker. Your vote means you have some confidence in government as to its legitimacy and efficiency. If you’re donating to a presidential candidate (or some sympathetic super PAC) you’re putting your faith in Government. Which means, in short, you are depending on government.

*We are all the 47 percent.*

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## FOREIGN POLICY NIGHTMARES – PART II

GREG Welborn



There has been a lot of criticism spawned by an article I penned last week which argued that the current international situation is deteriorating because of Obama’s lack of expertise in this area coupled with his surreal belief that he actually is an expert here. The point of the article was that appeasement on the part of the United States will not bring peace, but will most likely lead to an escalation in tensions to the point of a hot war. Reflecting on that criticism, I wish I could write today that I was wrong, that events over just the course of the last week have proved me wrong and unfair in my criticism of President Obama. Unfortunately, events of the last week have only bolstered my point. Appeasement always fails; it always emboldens the aggressor, and other would-be aggressors alike, and eventually leads to war.

The killing of our ambassador in Libya is now clearly seen to be an act, not of spontaneous anger at a B-level YouTube film, but of carefully orchestrated terrorism on the part of Al Qaeda to mark the 11th anniversary of 9-11. Our tepid response emboldened other hostiles in Egypt to invade our embassy there. That led to further assaults against diplomatic posts in Karachi, Pakistan. In Tunisia, several thousand demonstrators set fire to the U.S. Embassy there. Obama’s carefully scripted and much trumpeted reset with the Muslim world has indeed transformed that region. Before he came along, at least Egypt was our ally, Libya made no trouble for us, and Pakistan at least pretended to be our friend. Now, they’re all out for our blood.

But let’s grant the Middle East a certain innate level of insanity; perhaps they just cant help themselves; perhaps going ape-s\*\*t over cartoons and stupid movie trailers is all they’re capable of, and their governments can exercise no control over the citizenry whatsoever. Pretty far fetched, but let’s look beyond those shores to see if the contagion is spreading. Surely that would be a clear cut indicator of whether our foreign policy reset has prompted our enemies to respect us or ignore us.

Turn, if you will, to Asia and the conflict between China and Japan. It hasn’t captured much of the media’s attention, but these two countries are on the brink of war. Their dispute over the ownership of several islands in the waters between them intensified to the brink of open hostilities when China provocatively dispatched several of its warships to assert its dominance. The Chinese government has also encouraged Anti-Japanese riots in nearly 100 cities. Japanese businesses have been looted, and many larger Japanese companies – such as Toyota, Honda, Panasonic, and others have closed facilities and repatriated their people.

The U.S., correctly sensing potential trouble to world stability if the 2nd and 3rd largest economies of the world go to war, dispatched Defense Secretary Leon Panetta to Beijing. In his speech to the brass of the People’s Liberation Army, Secretary Panetta found the courage to tell his audience that “[the U.S.] rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region is not an attempt to contain China”.

Such strength and resolve in the face of the threat of naked aggression struck something less than fear into the hearts of the assembled Chinese military and political leaders – so much that within a matter of days, our ambassador’s car was attacked by some of those same pesky spontaneous mobs that first appeared in Libya and Cairo. And who said turning the other cheek in foreign affairs wasn’t a good idea?

Not to be outdone in demonstrating what a new post-U.S. world order is going to look like, Russia just expelled the U.S. Agency for International Development for its efforts to promote democracy in Russia. So weakened is U.S. prestige abroad that now the Secretary General of the United Nations feels no compunction at thumbing his nose at U.S. efforts to prevent Iran from going nuclear.

This is perhaps the area where America’s feckless foreign policy is potentially most dangerous. Egypt and Libya may allow our embassies to be violated, and China may simply usurp some islands and sink a few Japanese naval vessels, but it is Iran that could start a nuclear war. There is only one country on earth that can stop Iran, and that is the U.S. Sadly, it may take a military strike to do that, but a peaceful resolution would be possible if Iran actually respected U.S. deadlines and threats.

The Obama administration has promised us that Sanctions, negotiations and isolation can be finely calibrated to the point of compelling Iran to abandon its nuclear aims. But to what has that really amounted. Sanctions have been building “gradually” (to paraphrase the administration), and the International Atomic Energy Agency just reported that Iran’s efforts have accelerated. Negotiations have been at the “last-ditch” level several times now, and yet Secretary Clinton refuses to define a red line in the sand. Iran’s response has been to withdraw yet again. Isolation seems to be equally as affective. The U.N. just held a major diplomatic conference in Tehran at which the Secretary General made an appearance – this even after an impassioned appeal from Obama to honor the sanctions and isolation efforts.

One keeps hoping that this president will take our international predicament seriously. One keeps hoping that maybe, just maybe, this presidential candidate – like candidate McCain in 2008 – would suspend his campaign for a little while to attend to affairs of state that if not handled properly might get some of our sons killed. Instead, we witness a president joking with Letterman, telling a nation that “we don’t have to worry about [\$16 trillion in debt] in the short-term”, and partying with Jay Z and Beyonce. Rome is burning, the president is fiddling, and I’m in trouble because I don’t think this was an example of humble expertise in action. May God save the United States of America.

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## TINA Dupuy We Are All ‘Dependent On Government’

Last year when I was covering the Occupy movement, I crashed a “teach-in” at the Cal campus (a public—meaning—government university) where an activist announced they didn’t need government. “We can govern ourselves!” She declared. Now the problem with a group of people governing is they essentially become (wait for it) a government. It’s a bit like saying, “We don’t need food—we can just eat pizza!”

This is a confusion the right wing revels in. It’s why during the health care debate there were protest signs demanding the government stay out of Medicare. “We’re here, we’re misinformed—get used to it!”

“Sometimes, even presidents need reminding, that our rights come from nature and God, not from government,” says GOP VP nominee Paul Ryan on the stump.

It’s a hefty statement that has yet to get a follow up question. Which rights do we get from God, exactly? The right to choose another religion? Isn’t Free Speech an affront to a couple Commandments? Has anyone ever checked out a theocracy like Saudi Arabia and thought, “Look at all those civil rights!”?

Ryan is bastardizing the battle cry to establish self-governance against the divine right of kings. Prior to the French and American Revolutions, in the Dark Ages, kings were assumed to be kings because it was thought god wanted them to be kings—therefore everything they did was God-like. Rights, they said, came from God and nature and not kings. So thinkers—and this country was founded by thinkers—came up with a way to separate the powers of God and rulers—self-governance: Three branches of self-government; a bill of rights; checks and balances. Specifically, a secular government made up of regular citizens and not kings. This government framework being a design to secure individual rights (life, liberty, pursuit of happiness etc. etc.)

Is the right wing denouncing self-governance? Well, yeah, pretty much. If rights, according to Mr. Ryan, come from whichever purely subjective interpretation of God is en vogue this week

















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