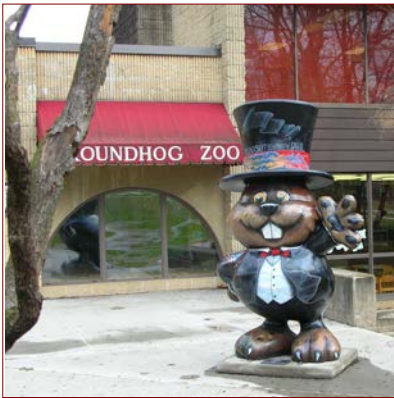


HAS PUNXSUTAWNY PHIL LOST IT?

Last week on February 2nd, aka Ground Hog Day, Americans eagerly awaited the weather verdict from its time honored expert weather predictor, Punxsutawny Phil. Annually, when our furry friend emerges from his hibernation and looks around, he ignores the crowds and the paparazzi, he looks to see one thing only, his shadow. That will determine for him, whether he should go back to bed (if his shadow isn't visible), or whether he should tidy up his winter hideaway and get ready for spring in a few short weeks. (Six to be exact).



Well, when he emerged this year, he did not see his shadow and predicted that Spring was a mere six weeks away. He even had a collaborator on his prediction, his cousin in New York, Staten Island Chuck. Chuck saw his shadow too and refrained from biting Mayor Bloomberg this year.

Hmmm, given that just seven days later there is a blizzard in the East and almost snow in Sierra Madre, one has to wonder if these guys have lost their sight? Or perhaps they know something that we don't, i.e., that this freezing weather will be immediately followed by record heat and they will be vindicated!

Nevertheless, it appears that our heretofore reliable way of predicting the onset of warmer weather has lost its reliability. Perhaps the celebrity of it all got to him. After all, once you get a statue erected of you in the town square, it's hard to stay focused. That's what we get for listening to a rodent!

(By the way, the picture above is a tribute to him in the town square of Gobblers Knob in Pennsylvania, taken by Dave Felt on his way to the Pittsburgh airport last year.)

SIERRA MADRE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

On Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm the City of Sierra Madre will host its 3rd Annual State of the City Address at the Community Recreation Center in the Sierra Madre Room at 611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard.

This year's theme is *"Finding the Right Balance"* and this event will highlight programs and services the City has provided over the past year and give residents insight to the City's goals for the next fiscal year.

WISTARIA FESTIVAL SHUTTLE TICKETS TO GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 15TH

Shuttle tickets to ride up to view the Wistaria Vine at the annual Wistaria Festival will be available for purchase on February 15th. The 2013 Wistaria Festival will take place on March 17th, 2013.

The Festival features tours of the world's largest blossoming plant, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits open their property to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894.

In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their arts/crafts. Downtown village shops are open, and musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone, as bouncy houses, slides, rock climbing and other kids attractions set up in the park alongside food vendors, both for profit and non-profit alike.

The shuttle to the vine from downtown avoids a long uphill walk from downtown to the neighborhood in which the vine sits. "Day of" tickets for the shuttle are \$15 this year, and pre-sale tickets are \$12. Also this year seniors (over 65) and children (6 to 16) receive a discounted rate of \$7. Children under five ride for free. For more information call 626-355-5111.

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SIERRA MADRE RESIDENT JONATHAN CALVO SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ENTICING MINORS

RIVERSIDE, CA—A 27 year old man who enticed juvenile females to engage in sexual acts was sentenced Tuesday to 240 months' imprisonment by United States District Court Judge Virginia A. Phillips, announced André Birotte, Jr., the United States Attorney in Los Angeles, and Bill Lewis, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office.

Jonathan Calvo, 27, of Sierra Madre, was convicted in September 2012. During Tuesday's hearing, Calvo was also sentenced to lifetime supervision and fines.

On May 14, 2011, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the FBI's Regional Inland Apprehension Team (IRAT) were contacted after a teenager was reported missing from Riverside County, California. From that date through May 26, 2011, investigators conducted a physical search for the missing teenager, as well as a search of the victim's online communications. Based on the victim's online activity, investigators determined the victim had been corresponding with an adult male who was successfully identified as Calvo.

On the evening of May 26, 2011, agents and task force officers went to Calvo's residence and rescued the endangered teenager. Subsequent interviews and evidence collected at the scene indicated that Calvo had engaged in unlawful sexual contact with the victim and that he had documented the sexual acts with a digital camera. The victim was found in the residence and returned to her parents on the evening of May 26, 2011, following a medical examination. Calvo was arrested a short time later.

During the course of the continuing investigation, evidence revealed Calvo was in receipt of and that he possessed images and videos depicting child pornography, some of which he produced himself. The digital evidence revealed that Calvo had engaged in unlawful sexual conduct with additional minor victims since at least 2004 in multiple unrelated cases, including with females aged 13 and 14, both of whom were successfully identified and later interviewed.

On August 3, 2011, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against the defendant, Jonathan Paul Calvo, charging him with sexual exploitation

of a child and receipt and possession of child pornography. In March 2012, Calvo was charged in a first superseding indictment with additional violations stemming from new evidence. In September 2012, Calvo pleaded guilty to one count of enticing a minor to engage in sex.

During the investigation, investigators found dozens of images and videos Calvo had taken depicting sexually explicit activity with the minor victims he enticed to his home, as well as many he received online depicting victims of sexual exploitation previously identified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The successful conclusion of this case is the result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and additional IRAT member agencies, including the Riverside Police Department and the San Bernardino Police Department. The defendant was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, Riverside Branch, in the Central District of California.

Released from FBI 2/5/13

SOCALGAS WARNS CUSTOMERS ABOUT UTILITY PAYMENT SCAM

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) is warning customers to be aware of a payment scam involving utility imposters demanding customers pay their energy bills with pre-paid cash cards or face immediate termination of utility service. The fraudulent activity has been reported in Los Angeles and at this time there are no indications that SoCalGas customers have been targeted.

Customers of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) have reported that individuals misrepresenting themselves as utility employees are calling and threatening to turn off electric and water service if payment is not made to them that day. Utility customers have been told that the payment must be made by purchasing a pre-pay cash card, and are directed to another phone number where information is then obtained from the card and the cash value is removed from the card.

"Although there are no reports of SoCalGas customers being a victim of this fraudulent activity, we want to alert our customers in an effort to prevent them from becoming potential victims," said Michael Schneider, vice president of customer operations at SoCalGas. "We advise customers to be alert and not to provide any type of financial information if they receive a call from a suspicious company."

SoCalGas customers have multiple payment options: online, pre-enrolled direct debit, by mail, or in person at an authorized payment location.

For customers behind in their payment, the utility provides past due notification in writing before service is shut-off for non-payment. When customers call SoCalGas for billing inquiries, employees will always be able to provide account information and the exact past due balance. Additionally, all SoCalGas employees on company business are required to carry a photo ID badge.

If customers receive a phone call that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should hang up and call SoCalGas at 1-800-427-2200 or 1-800-342-4545 in Spanish, or the local authorities to file a report.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY 43RD ANNUAL WINE TASTING IS FAST APPROACHING!

Feeling a bit gift-challenged this Valentine's Day? Why not treat your sweetheart to a lovely afternoon at the annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine Tasting. This year's event will be held on Sunday, February 17, from 2:00-5:00PM at Alverno Villa, 200 N. Michillinda Ave., Sierra Madre.

For your tasting pleasure, vintners will be bringing wines not just from California and Oregon, but from all over the world. Representatives from such wineries as Layer Cake, Beringer, Mondavi, Clos du Bois, and Wild Horse will be offering tastes of some of their finest wines. There will even be a British beer for you beer lovers to sample. This year we've invited more than a dozen restaurants to provide delectable hors d'oeuvres to be paired with the fine wines you'll be sipping. Long-time Sierra Madre restaurants, The Only Place, Beantown, Lucky Baldwin's, Corfu, and Village Pizzeria, will be offering samples of their specialties. Also joining us will be two of the newer Sierra Madre restaurants, T. Boyles and Sierra Brigante as well as Pasadena and Arcadia restaurants

including Matt Denny's and The Corner Bakery.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon will be provided by three musical groups. Sudbury and Ramos will be on acoustic guitars, The Two Steves will be playing their own style of "bluesy" country rock, and guitarist Steve Bellikoff will be offering some jazz favorites. So as you stroll through the different rooms of the lovely Alverno Villa you'll be treated to tastes of fine wines, bites of delectable appetizers all while being serenaded by some of our finest local musicians.

Again this year we'll be having a silent auction for some unique and exciting items. Featured are weekend getaways to La Quinta and Arrowhead, a private Rose Float Tour and two tickets to the 2014 parade, a Day at the Races (box seats and Turf Club), wine tastings, tickets to Disneyland, sporting events, and the theater, gourmet dinners, jewelry, portrait packages, and original art work. In addition, you will be able to purchase tickets for hourly opportunity drawings for some very special prizes.



We have been told that Sherlock Holmes will be meeting three of his friends from Oz, Dorothy, Glinda, and the Tin Man, at this year's wine tasting. So why not bring your Valentine and join them. It promises to be a very lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

If you wish to purchase tickets in advance, tickets to the Wine Tasting are \$60 and can be purchased at the Sierra Madre Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre (telephone 626 355-7186) or from these Sierra Madre businesses: The Bottle Shop, Savor the Flavor, and Arnold's Frontier Hardware and Gifts. Proceeds from the Wine Tasting benefit the resources and programs of the Sierra Madre Library. For more information, visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



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SIERRA MADRE OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Senior Community Commission is seeking your assistance to find the 2013 Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year. Nominated individuals must live in Sierra Madre, demonstrate outstanding community service and be age 60 or older. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Hart Park House Senior Center, Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Sierra Madre Public Library or by contacting the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.

Nominations are due by Monday, February 18, 2013 and can be dropped off at the Hart Park House Senior Center or mailed to City of Sierra Madre, c/o Older American Nomination, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting on March 7, 2013 in the Sierra Madre City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a reception held in their honor on May 10, 2013.

STUDENT CREATIVE and ARTISTIC COMPETITION ENTRIES SOUGHT

Art, Photography and Ceramic entries are being sought for the Sierra Madre Woman's Club annual competition on 27 February 2013. Winners will be entered into the GFWC/CFWC San Gabriel Valley District competitions and displayed during the District meeting on March 8 and displayed in the Sierra Madre Public Library from March 10 - March 30. If you are interested in entering your work please apply by email. Email subject line should include "Art (or Ceramic or Photography) Entry Request". In email, please list name of student, name of school, name and phone number of student's counselor to sierramadrewomansclub@gmail.com.

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY 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.

COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR:

2/9 - St. Rita Card Party

2/9 - Village Vine Online: Launch Party

2/12 - Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club: Fat Tuesday Lunch & Meeting

2/13 - Sierra Madre Woman's Club Lunch & Program: Internet Dating for Seniors

2/15 - Sierra Madre Middle School: Mardi Gras Dance

2/17 - Sierra Madre Friends of the Library Wine Tasting

2/19 - SM Emergency Communications Meeting @ Only Place in Town

2/19 - City of Sierra Madre: State of the City Address

2/20 - Alverno High School: Groundbreaking Master Plan Phase1

2/21 - Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society: Hart Park House Plaque Presentation

2/22 - City of Sierra Madre: Excursion to Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandise

2/27 - Sierra Madre Woman's Club: 106th Birthday Tea & Sierra Madre Music

2/28 - Sierra Madre CERT Training

RADIO FISHBOWL THIS WEEK

MONDAY - 10 - 11 am
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THURSDAYS - Noon
OUR TRAVEL AFFAIR

FRIDAY - Noon
VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS - Gene's guest on Village Intersections at Noon on Friday is Alan Tierney, President of Sierra Madre Little League. Gene and Alan will discuss the tournament coming to Sierra Madre this summer and all things Little League.

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REMEMBRANCE

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January 28, 2013

Joe Vernon passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Monrovia on January 28, 2013. He was 83 years old. He was a generous and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and a loyal friend who fought a long and courageous battle with leukemia, but never stopped loving life and looking forward to the future with his family.

Joe was born on February 9, 1929, in Amarillo, TX. His family moved to Sierra Madre, CA in 1941 where he grew up, attended schools and married the love of his life, Darlene (Bennett) Vernon on February 12, 1950. He was proud to serve in the California National Guard Unit from Sierra Madre and fought in the Korean War. He served as Commander of the Sierra Madre VFW. Joe moved his family to Monrovia in 1955 and built his family home in 1966. Joe had a long and storied career of 40 years at Santa Anita

Race Track; first with American Totalizator Company and then with the Pari-Mutuel Union Clerks. He was a member of SEIU Local 280. He loved being around the track and his friends. Everyone knew him and loved him. He traveled all over the Western United States and Canada making sure the racing circuit was always up and operational. He enjoyed many summers in Del Mar at the track and the beach. Joe retired in 2000 and devoted his life to his family and friends, his love of cooking, traveling in his motor home, crabbing along the Oregon Coast, and perfecting his game of golf. He always saw the positive in everything and everyone he met. If you were a friend of Joe's, you were a friend for life.

His family was always the center of his world and he leaves behind his loving wife of 63 years, Darlene; his daughters, Dani Jo Hopper (Don) and Dawn Mosco (Mike) and sons Joey Vernon and Jeff Vernon (Carol); his grandchildren Kristen Hopper Petersen (Brian), Chad Hopper (Kathleen), Dustin Hopper,



Desiree Mosco McCoy (Brent), Jennifer Mosco Williamson (Joe), Nicole Mosco, Noelle Vernon, Brennhan Vernon and Tessa Vernon. Joe was also blessed with eight great grandchildren.

Joe lived his life to the fullest with honesty, integrity, generosity, an abiding faith in his Lord and conviction to always do the right thing. To his family and friends he was a larger than life hero and although he will be deeply missed, his smile will live in our hearts forever.

LEVEQUE CONSTRUCTION CELEBRATES A QUARTER CENTURY OF HOME BUILDING AND DESIGN

This past Saturday February 2, 2013 marked the 25th anniversary for the LeVeque Construction building team. Anthony and Jim LeVeque have created beautiful remodels and custom homes in the San Gabriel Valley. For friends, family and clients attending the quarter century milestone, the founders proudly thanked their supporters and looked forward to another year ahead planning and building useful residential spaces, especially in the kitchen, bathroom and additional living spaces categories.

"While building new homes are not the main focus of our business, we are seeing homeowners extend and expand their current residences to include extra room for an aging family member, necessary student housing a long overdue bathroom or a creative kitchen space with energy efficient appliances," remarked Jim LeVeque.



St. Rita Parishoners Jim and Anthony LeVeque standing with Msgr. Richard Krekelberg and staff.

Gathering in Bill Sullivan's beautifully designed wine tasting room of the Bottle Shop, the Leveque clan and staff were greeted by many well-wishers, La Salle Alumni, and clients including Msgr. Richard Krekelberg from St. Rita Parish whose upgraded sanctuary, intricate hardwood floors and altar remodeling project had been completed under the supervision of the original architect, John Gougeon, Jim and Anthony LeVeque and crew. That major restoration process incorporated new lighting elements and removal of the traditional altar rail, kneelers and allowed the wide open space in the modern church. This renovation represented a major undertaking for the 100 year old parish and the results were spectacular according to Msgr. Richard Krekelberg and St. Rita parishoners.

At the top of Sunnyside Avenue also in Sierra Madre, the majestic Mater Dolorosa Founder's Room, and residential work and facilities upgrades for director Fr. Patrick Brennan, CP and staff delighted the residents and visitors to the quiet monastery soaring above the Los Angeles basin. "This construction project remains a constant source of pride and craftsmanship since the LeVeque team undertook our design and construction plans. Not only did they finish on time and on budget, they went to great lengths to match the original doors from the 1920's which adorn the structure and maintain a sense of elegance and lasting value. I cannot recommend anyone more highly than these two good men. They work well, and get the job done. Their imagination and skill far exceeded what we had envisioned on our own", stated the monastery's affable director Fr. Pat.

A 16 page colored tribute book reflected a rare collection of marble detailed tile work in a Pasadena San Rafael neighborhood, a classic French styled traditional chef's dream kitchen, followed by an elegant raised ceiling, open beam V Groove truss work, and hand-made patina ironwork, custom tile accents, exposed beams and closed with a Tuscan mural for a subterranean wine cellar and multimedia room. This La Canada Prohibition era hidden basement once unearthed after 80 years captured the imagination of many admirers. Several members of the Sierra Madre Rotary Club - Walter Poser, Dan Alle, Peggy Beauregard, Karen Swisher, and Tom Brady came to appreciate the hard work and dedication of these master builders and recent club members.

Having a general contractor's license #599887 and several specialty licenses B1, C10, C20 and H1C qualifies the company to take on simple and complex construction projects. "Serving commercial accounts and residents in Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Pasadena, San Marino, Monrovia and La Canada for the past 25 years has been so rewarding and many of our finished jobs have appeared online at www.LeVequeConstruction.com now since we launched our website and social media campaigns this year. Whenever homeowners want us to create imaginative and useful living spaces, we collaborate together and deliver our best work," noted Jim LeVeque.

As the celebratory toast was raised in their honor, Anthony stated plainly, "I am a man of few words and many tools! Jim added, "We grew up here; our families live and play in this friendly community. With children attending the local schools and regular Little League baseball at Hensley Field, we have made Arcadia and Sierra Madre our home." If anyone needs an opinion about quality home construction and doing it right, the Leveque's can be found in town building something special for the years to come. For more information and a free estimate contact 626-305-9490.

CIVIC CLUB TO HOST MIXER

Sierra Madre Civic Club is hosting an informal mixer for new and prospective members on Thursday, February 21st from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. at 329 W. Grandview Ave.

If you have wondered what the Civic Club does and how you can be part of the many ways the club serves the community and our residents, come and meet the board members. See how Civic Club supports philanthropic grants and scholarships that directly benefit the town and its students, and how Civic Club is involved in

City events such as the Mount Wilson Trail Race, the Wistaria Festival, Huck Finn Day, Halloween Window Painting and the decorating and maintenance of the City Hall Rotunda and more. Discover the social side of Civic Club as well with recent outings to the L.A. River Walk, various museums and the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

The Club is open to all women who reside in Sierra Madre and the vicinity. If you would like to attend the mixer, please contact Kari Janzen via email at jljanzen@roadrunner.com or Chandy Shair at cshair831@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend the mixer, you are invited to come to a monthly general meeting the second Thursday of each month (except for Aug. 8) at 7:30 P.M. in the Hart Park House, Memorial Park.

BEGIN YOUR SEASON OF LENT AT SIERRA MADRE'S VILLAGE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The season of Lent lasts approximately 46 days, including Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Since its founding in 1885, Ascension and other churches in the Sierra Madre community have gathered to observe the weeks prior to Easter as a special time for prayer and meditation about their Christian discipleship.

Lent officially starts with Ash Wednesday, a day of penitence and reflection. At Ascension, Ash Wednesday Mass and Imposition of Ashes will be held on February 13, 2013 at 7:00 am, Noon, and 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Attention PUSD...
Build Our School...
Now!**

After years of delays, finger-pointing, bad money management and sloppy oversight, it is embarrassing that the Sierra Madre Middle school is still not built. We recently had a very cordial joint meeting with our city council and PUSD board members where

much was said, but little was done. Here are the facts: 1 - the original cost estimates where admittedly(Architect) rushed in order to put measure TT on the ballot. 2 - The district demolished the school without a formal plan. 3 - The TT oversight has been a joke at best, criminal at worst. 4. Our school has been asked to take unnecessary cuts because PUSD board members are not afraid of our voting bloc. 5 - Other projects have been al-

lowed to run grossly over budget at a time when PUSD is screaming poverty. Enough is enough. Build our school at the current rates without modification. I imagine our votes are really going to matter when the district needs another bond approved by the taxpayers, and regardless of the outcome of this project, I can assure you that every appropriate action will be taken to defeat that measure.

Fred Thomas, Sierra Madre

DO YOU KNOW HART? HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM FEATURES HART HISTORY

You know Memorial Park. You know the small meeting hall in the middle of the park called Hart Park House. Do you know that the park was once a vineyard and that Dr. John Hart was one of the first major wine producers in Sierra Madre? His wine was lauded as "excellent" and as a "pure product" due to Dr. Hart's extensive study of European methods of wine production and his imported vines. Grape sugar levels in grapes grown in our park were as high as 20 per cent and this, coupled with his hand production techniques, made for a smooth wine without the harsh taste of machine produced wines.

He was well known for his excellent winery, but he also donated land for the first public school and was a champion of Sierra Madre's growth and culture. It wasn't all roses for Dr. Hart, though. He was also the center of smear campaign created by later arrivals, temperance activists who objected to his "grog shop". Sides were taken in town, controversy and rhetoric flew, and reputations were at stake! What happened next? Come to the meeting and meet Dr. John Hart through his history and achievements and see how he shaped Sierra Madre.

On February 21st The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society will present a fascinating program at 7:15 at Hart Park House in Memorial Park about Dr. John Hart and his many contributions to Sierra Madre's growth and culture..

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

January 24 - February 2, 2013

Sunday January 27, 2013

Between the hours of 3:30 and 7:00pm unknown suspects broke into a residence in the 300 block of East Grandview Avenue. The suspects removed a screen on a rear window then smashed the glass with a brick. Several rooms were ransacked and a pillow case from the bedroom was apparently used to carry items removed from the residence. Two televisions, a laptop computer, money and jewelry were reported stolen.

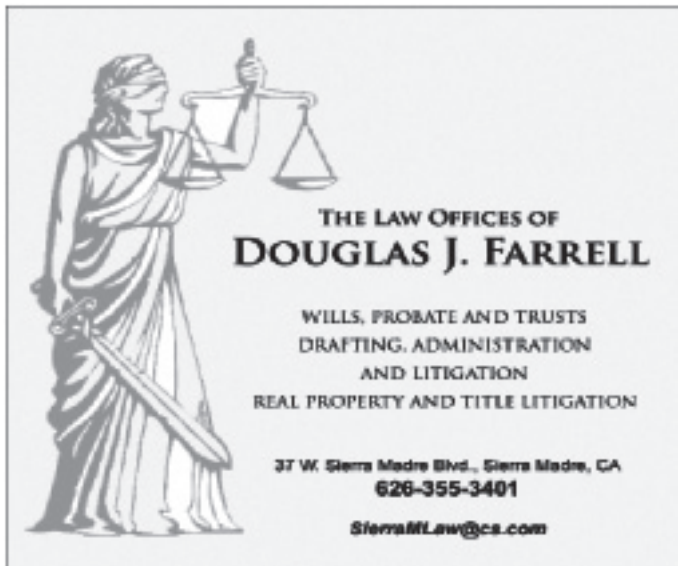
Tuesday January 29, 2013

A theft from vehicle took place in the 200 block of East Grandview Avenue. Overnight, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked truck parked at the curb and removed a number of power tools.

During the same time period, another theft from vehicle took place in the 600 block of West Alegria Avenue. An unknown suspect entered an unsecured vehicle parked at the curb. An I-Pod power cord and miscellaneous documents were taken.

Thursday January 13, 2013

A resident in the 300 block of Foothill Avenue returned to his residence after being away for 36 hours and discovered his house had been burglarized. Unknown suspects had forced open the rear door using a pry type tool. Items in the master bedroom were disturbed and it appeared the jewelry had been removed from drawers. Neighbors did not report seeing any unusual activity in the area.



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Rose Bowl Officials Probe Super Bowl Power Failure



By Dean Lee

Local officials said they will review extensively the strange power failure during the Super Bowl Sunday night at the Superdome to make sure safeguards are in place should such a situation happen at the Rose Bowl Stadium.

“Out of all the things that we worry about in the operations of the stadium, it’s actually the one [power failure] that I worry the most about,” City manager Michael Beck said. “In all the areas, there is just so much that can go wrong. Beck said Monday night that specific procedures would not be revealed, “So they can’t be interfered with on a terrorist perspective. I can tell you we provide multiple redundancies on the power supply side.”

He also said they are capable of taking away the automatic functionality of the electric system for a Rose Bowl or BCS championship game.

“We are looking very closely at what happen at the stadium in New Orleans and find out what the issues were,” Beck said.

He also said they have more options because the city owns and runs its power company the PWP, Pasadena Water and Power.

Superdome officials said the cause of the 34 minute blackout was a piece of equipment that is designed to monitor electrical load sensed an abnormality in the system. Once the issue was detected, the sensing equipment operated as designed and opened a breaker, causing power to be partially cut to the Superdome in order to isolate the issue. Backup generators kicked in immediately as designed.

Pet of the Week



Papo is a very friendly and outgoing two-year-old New Zealand white rabbit. He loves affection and enjoys having his head scratched.

Papo’s regular adoption fee is \$30, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, 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 A320486, 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.



Work Begins On Fire Station 39

Groundbreaking Ceremony Set March 2

Construction workers began removing windows and other preliminary stuff this week as part of the \$1.78 million seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of Pasadena Fire Station 39—expected to be completed later this year.

Pasadena Public Information Officer, William Boyer, said there will be a formal groundbreaking ceremony planned for 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2. Mayor Bill Bogaard, Councilmember Steve Madison, Fire Chief Calvin Wells and other city officials will be on hand for the ceremony he said.

“Our firefighters serve the public every day and this important seismic retrofit and remodel will provide our personnel with an

environmentally friendly and safe building to operate from while on duty. The fire station will also meet essential facility standards and improve public access to the station,” Fire Wells said.

Project highlights includes seismic and engineering improvements to help the building withstand a major earthquake; improving accessibility and meeting ADA standards; increasing the building’s energy efficiency; extensive remodeling of all interior living, kitchen and office spaces; new utility systems, fire sprinklers and alarm systems; a new patio deck and a new emergency generator room. The project is estimated to be completed in late 2013, weather permitting Boyer said.

Built in 1952, the brick exterior of the two-story, 4,400-square-foot building

has historic significance and improvement work was specifically planned to retain the exterior while completing the extensive interior remodel and seismic upgrade. The city design team worked with Pasadena Heritage, to develop a sensible project that retains the building’s historic brick exterior using State historic preservation guidelines.

The project is being managed by the Pasadena Department of Public Works.

Funding came from the City’s Capital Improvement Project Fund. The project bid went to local general contractor Mallcraft Inc.

For more information, contact Assistant City Engineer Steve Wright at (626) 744-4695.

legislation Introduced to Regulate Helicopter Noise

Congressman Adam Schiff and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer introduced legislation last week that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to provide Los Angeles County residents relief from the noise and safety concerns caused by low-flying helicopters above residential neighborhoods.

The Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act would establish regulations on flight paths and minimum altitudes for helicopter operations in Los Angeles County. Feinstein and Schiff hope that the legislation will prompt the FAA to act, and if passed, will require the agency to finally address numerous resident complaints. They were joined by other Los Angeles congressional colleagues, including Congressmen Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Brad Sherman (D-Calif.).

“Los Angeles area residents living in Glendale, Pasadena, the Valley, the Hollywood Hills, West Hollywood and other areas are especially affected by intrusive, disruptive and often non-emergency related helicopter traffic above their neighborhoods,” said Congressman Schiff. “The terrain of canyons around the Rose Bowl concentrates low-flying helicopter noise to high levels, and Hollywood Hills and West Hollywood residents frequently suffer from noise generated by celebrity news media that follow stars to the beach, the grocery store, or for court appearances. The residents in these areas deserve peace and quiet, and if the FAA won’t act, Congress must pass this legislation to give residents the relief they need.”

Under the legislation sponsored by Schiff, Feinstein and Boxer, the FAA would be required to exercise its legal authority to set guidelines on flight paths and minimum altitudes for helicopter operators in residential areas in Los Angeles County within 12 months of being signed into law. Exemptions would be provided for law enforcement, emergency responders and the U.S. military.

Free Tours of Tournament of Roses House to Resume



Tournament House, part of the operating headquarters of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, which oversees the annual Rose Parade presented by Honda and Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO, will re-open for weekly public tours on Feb. 7. Tours will be offered, at no cost, each Thursday, at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. through August 29. Reservations are not required except for groups of 15 or more.

Located at 391 S. Orange Grove Blvd, the house was once the home of chewing gum magnate William Wrigley Jr. and his wife, Ada. After Ada’s death in 1958, the Wrigley family

presented the property to the city of Pasadena, with the request that it become the base of operations for the Tournament of Roses Association; the Wrigley family had long enjoyed the Rose Parade as it unfolded just beyond their front yard. Guided tours allow visitors to see the 21-room Italian-Renaissance-style mansion designed and built in 1906 by architect G. Lawrence Stimson and his father George W. Stimson, a local builder. Tournament volunteers from its Heritage Committee, well-versed in the organization’s history as well as in the details of the house itself, conduct the tours.

Free Gun Disposal Offered By Police Department

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez reminds citizens that they may dispose of unwanted firearms through the Pasadena Police Department. All types of firearms are accepted, including pistols, rifles, shotguns, antiques, or replicas, regardless of their condition. There is no cost associated with surrendering your firearm.

Community members can request a police officer to respond to their home or business in Pasadena, where they can surrender the weapon. Individuals may also transport the unloaded weapon to the Pasadena Police Department at 207 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena CA. If you intend to

transport the firearm into the police station, call beforehand at (626) 744-4241.

Gun registration or related paperwork is helpful, although not necessary to voluntarily surrender the firearm.

The police department also accepts unwanted ammunition; however, military ordinance requires special handling and will be evaluated for safe disposal by law enforcement personnel on a case by case basis.

Removing unwanted firearms by turning them into law enforcement is an important step citizens can take to ensure guns never end up in unintended hands and possibly used in a violent crime.

Officer Placed On Administrative Leave

Keeping to his word, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez took action Thursday against two officers following a mistrial ruling by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler involving a 2007 Homicide.

Sanchez placed Officer Kevin Okamoto on paid administrative leave and temporarily re-assigned Corporal William Broghamer from the Homicide/Assaults Unit, pending an internal investigation.

“The Pasadena Police Department has an obligation to swiftly and thoroughly investigate allegations of misconduct. The allegations that have been levied against these officers are serious and the Pasadena Police Department will conduct a thorough investigation,” Sanchez said in a press statement.

Allegations against Okamoto started with a complaint by Michael Kraut, an attorney for Edward Damas, one of the co-defendants in a 2009 case involving a bar fight. Kraut claimed violations of “hiding or failure to turn over to the defense evidence that is either exonerating evidence, or leads to exonerating evidence, towards guilt or punishment.”

The case, thrown out Thursday, involved Pasadena resident Jerrell Sanford, accused of being the getaway driver, in of killing Shawn

Baptiste during a drive by shooting 2007. According to the defense attorney, Andrew Stein, Okamoto and Broghamer purposely withheld information from a woman who said Sanford was not involved. The witness said someone else was.

Numerous reports also alleged officers made death threats, kidnapped witnesses, engaged in beating a witness in custody and committed bribery.

The allegations are being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

The district attorney’s office said Thursday that prosecutors have not decided to either drop the case or retry Sanford.



Chief Phillip Sanchez

Deputies Arrest Suspect for Indecent Exposure

Deputies from the Altadena Station arrested DeJuan Robertson after he reportedly entered the residence of a 91 year-old Altadena woman and exposed himself to her. The victim reportedly was able to convince the suspect to leave the location without harming her.

Robertson was located a few blocks away from the victim’s residence and then was arrested

after the victim positively identified him.

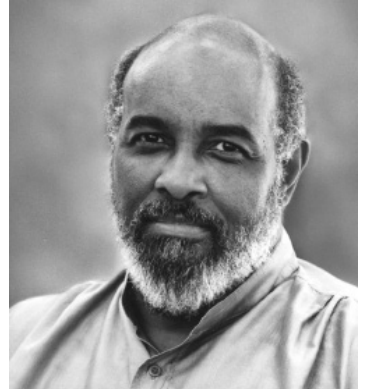
The case was presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office on Tuesday where they charged Robertson with one felony count of Indecent Exposure after Unlawful Entry.

The suspect has previous convictions for Auto Theft, Burglary, Battery on a Police Officer, and a Weapons Violation.

Symphony Makes Statement on Passing of James DePreist

The Pasadena Symphony is saddened to learn about James DePreist’s sudden passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Ginette, his family, and his friends and colleagues.

“It is with the heaviest of hearts that we mourn the passing of our dear friend and Artistic Advisor James DePreist. Maestro DePreist, or Jimmy as he preferred to be called, was not only a consummate musician and trailblazing conductor, but also the most thoughtful, loving and centered human being who touched us all so deeply,” states Paul Jan Zdunek, Chief Executive Officer of the Pasadena Symphony Association, “It is fitting that we remember his life and spirit this weekend with the previously scheduled Symphony No. 4 of Gustav Mahler which ends with an ethereal movement describing ‘The Heavenly Life.’”



During his time in Pasadena, he was beloved in our community and made an enormous impact with everyone he encountered as our Artistic Advisor. DePreist made an indelible impact with his vision and artistic guidance. He was a great friend and his work with orchestras around the world will leave an unforgettable legacy. His was a giant in American music and a true national treasure.

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Pasadena Media offers a free television-training program for volunteers. Various Areas of training are available to Pasadena residents. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you.

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"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



HOW THE 2010 CALIFORNIA STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT WILL BENEFIT LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

At the February 5th Monrovia City Council Meeting, the Council approved the purchase of Urban Search and Rescue Equipment from Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$29,282.94, and from LN Curtis and Sons in the amount of \$28,819.60 for a total expenditure of \$58,103.54.

Monrovia Fire Chief Christopher Donovan shared his report submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting. The objective of this appropriation is to "utilize Homeland Security grant funds to replace needed Urban Search and Rescue equipment that will enhance the Fire Department's ability to perform search and rescue operations during fire and life safety emergencies."

Chief Donovan said the equipment purchase is in support of the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs' project to maintain regional Urban Search and Rescue Teams in which Monrovia Fire Department is included. The equipment purchase will be used for local, area and regional natural and man-made disaster responses, inclusive of earthquakes, mud-slides, building collapse and terrorism events. He feels "coupled with the training that fire department receives, the equipment will enhance the ability to provide fire and life safety services."

Since the grant has no match, there will be no funds required from the City. The entire purchase is part of the California State Homeland Security Grant Program and is completely reimbursable to the City.

As the Monrovia City Council approved this purchase of the Urban Search and Rescue Equipment for its Fire Department, its neighboring Arcadia City Council was doing the same! The Arcadia City Council approved a supplemental appropriation not to exceed \$29,100 for the upfront purchase of Urban Search and Rescue equipment for the Arcadia Fire Department that will be reimbursed through the 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

This is great news for both Cities, their Fire Departments and ultimately the residents who will greatly benefit when an emergency arises and the best equipment is available!



MEET PAUL CAMPBELL, AUTHOR OF SURVIVOR SKILLS OF NATIVE CALIFORNIA By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of "How to Survive Anywhere," "Self-Sufficient Home," and other books. He leads self-sufficiency classes, and does a weekly podcast at Preparedness Radio Network. He can be reached at School of Self-reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041 or www.ChristopherNyerges.com]

Do you all know Paul Campbell? Paul Campbell, local resident, is the author of "Survival Skills of Native California." He has a lifelong interest in the outdoors, and a particular interest in the American Indians who lived here in Southern California.

Paul has also authored "Earth Pigments and Paint of the California Indians."

What a fantastic book! Here is a treasure trove of original research whose scope goes far beyond the seemingly-limited title. Campbell begins with his quest for a blood-red ochre. He shares where all the colors used by Southwestern tribes came from, the binders they used to make pigments into paint, and the storage containers of these pigments. With color photos throughout, Campbell gives examples of pigments in rock art, body paint, face decorations, bow and arrow paint, and more. The book also includes a portfolio of late 1880s photos of mostly Mohave Indians showing face and body paint.

A must-have addition to any library focused on anthropology, native skills, and art.

"The local Indians were so in tuned with nature," says Campbell, as he shows me the simple bird trap he made based on local native designs.

"They lived here for at least 10,000 years, and it seemed to me that after they lived here that long using simple technologies, they figured out the best ways to live in this environment. If I wanted to be in tune with this environment," he adds, "I realized that I should at least begin where they left off."

So, about 10 years ago, Campbell decided to begin actually practicing some of the skills and making the tools that were used by aboriginal peoples here for millennia.

"What I read in most books was insufficient," explains Campbell, and he began his quest with extensive research that included trips to Mexico where he studied with the Indians who still lived and practiced many of the old skills.

"When my research reached what I call a critical mass, I'd go out and make these tools, like bows, and traps, and rabbit sticks, and I found that they worked well. The more I practiced under difficult conditions, the better I got. I improved by experience and I was able to refine certain subtleties in these skills and tools."

Campbell showed me a lightweight willow bow he made using stone tools. The stones were first collected within a few yards of where the willows

grew. He'd whack the stones together to create sharp edges and he used those sharpened rocks to cut the willow, split the willow, and shape the willow into a bow. He used smooth rocks to sand and smooth the bow.

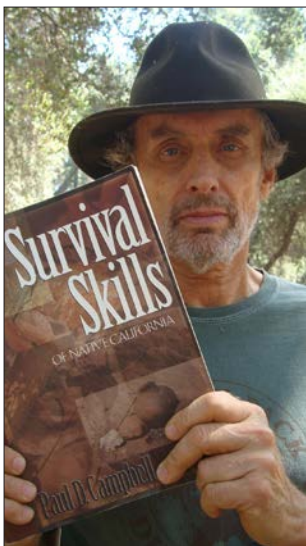
"Each rock tool is slightly different, designed to perform a separate function," says Campbell. "My purpose in doing this was to demonstrate the usefulness of the universal tool kit composed of shattered rocks," he explained as he showed me a river rock with an edge that was nearly as sharp as a metal knife.

Campbell explained that a simple bow became the universal weapon, though the bow probably did not come into California until the 3rd or 4th Century A.D. "The bow was one of the most important weapons of all the primitive weapons. It was used to hunt game at a short distance," says Campbell.

Campbell showed me both a small boy's bow, about 4 1/2 feet long, which he made in about eight hours with stone rasps and stone scrapers. Large game bows would be about 6 feet long and take a bit longer to make. Campbell explained that the bow was and is a fairly accurate weapon in the hands of even a novice. Hunting in the old days involved stalking, and then calling-in the game so that they could be hunted at close range.

Campbell also showed me some simple arrows that he made from the shafts of the mulefat stems. There was no arrowhead, but just a sharpened, fire-hardened point. And there were no feathers, just a nock cut into the end where it met the bowstring. Campbell explained that these simple arrows were used for short distance hunting.

Campbell continues to pursue his research for both the historical and survival value, and he teaches at such annual events as RabbitStick and Dirttime.



Campbell's books can be obtained at the Store at www.ChristopherNyerges.com, Amazon, and quality bookstores.

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Chamber Music Fundraiser Benefits Pasadena Community Orchestra

PASADENA, CA - January 28, 2013 -- On Sunday, February 24th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., the Pasadena Community Orchestra presents an afternoon of music, wine and hors d'oeuvres for its 2nd Annual Chamber Music Benefit and 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration. Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist Paul Stein, cellist Christopher Ahn, and pianist Mark Robson will perform Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio in B Flat Major in an historic Altadena home. Admission is \$50 per person; all proceeds benefit the Pasadena Community Orchestra.

The "Archduke" Trio is regarded as the greatest of all works for piano trio. The crowning masterpiece of Beethoven's cycle of piano trios, it is the most expansive, lyrical, and deeply felt of all his works for this combination of instruments. The Archduke Rudolph of Austria was one of Beethoven's truest friends (and benefactor and also, for a time, his pupil), and Beethoven dedicated not only this trio but also nine other major works to him.

A member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic for over 30 years,

Paul Stein is also an active performer and supporter of chamber music. He created the Chamber Music Express ensemble in 1985 to introduce classical music to audiences at schools and libraries. Stein is also the director of the chamber music series at the Arcadia Public Library and at the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center. In addition to being a soloist with Pasadena Community Orchestra in two concerts, he has performed solos with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Glendale College Community Orchestra, and the Rio Hondo Symphony. Stein teaches violin and viola privately, and is on the faculties of Pasadena City College and Glendale College.

Mark Robson has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as a pianist with great technique and "an inquiring mind," and his multi-faceted career includes work as a soloist, chamber artist, composer, conductor, and teacher. Mr. Robson is equally comfortable in styles ranging from early music played on the harpsichord to Romantic and contemporary works for the piano and organ. One of his most formidable musical projects was the performance of the complete piano sonatas of Beethoven. After obtaining degrees from USC and Oberlin College, Robson studied

extensively in Paris. He has been on the music staff of the Los Angeles Opera since 1991 (as an assistant conductor and coach), and has taught at USC, Chapman University, and CalArts.

Paul Stein personally selected cellist Christopher Ahn for this performance. Ahn, a native of Los Angeles, maintains an extremely active performance schedule while pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at UCLA. He most recently appeared as soloist with Pasadena Community Orchestra, performing the Schumann Cello Concerto in A Minor on January 25th. He has appeared in solo, chamber music, and orchestral performances across the U.S. and on four other continents. He has also studied and performed with some of the world's finest string quartets and cello soloists.

Seating for this event is limited: RSVP by Wednesday, February 20th. For additional details, and to RSVP, please contact pcpublicity@gmail.com, pcoemails@gmail.com, or 626.445.6708. This event is sponsored in part by Old Town Music, Julianne Fine Foods, Green Street Restaurant, Whole Foods & other local businesses.

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From Arcadia's Best:

ARCADIA A HUB FOR MORMON, JEWISH CENTERS

Most people in Arcadia are familiar with high-profile long-established churches in town such as the Holy Angels Roman Catholic Parish and the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

But not as many are aware that Arcadia is also the base for major centers of operations of the Mormon and Jewish religions for the entire San Gabriel Valley.

■The California Arcadia Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 170 W. Duarte Road, next door to the LDS Arcadia Stake congregation at 150 West Duarte Road (across from Arcadia High School), manages the

administration of about 200 young missionaries from Glendale to Glendora and from La Canada to the 60 freeway (those clean-cut, nicely-dressed young men who walk or bicycle in pairs, going door-to-door with their message). Volunteer retired couple church members from all over the country are assigned to assist in the office for 18-months – two years at a time under current branch President and missionary Jorge Eduardo Torres Becerra. The mission has been based in Arcadia since 1969, though it did not start out in this building.

■The 19-year-old independent non-profit Jewish Federation

of Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, at 550 S. Second Avenue (between Eldorado and Fano Streets), is a fundraising and coordinating body dedicated to bringing together all the many threads of Jewish life East of the Greater Los Angeles area. Executive Director Jason Moss says the mission of the Federation, which moved from Covina to Arcadia in late 2010, is to provide programs and services that meet the needs of the local Jewish community and serve as the Jewish voice of the community.

– By Scott Hettrick

CITY OF ARCADIA SENIOR SERVICES NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nomination forms are available at the Arcadia Community Center and the Recreation Department office for the 2013 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is:

- 55+ years of age
- Arcadia resident
- Actively involved in volunteer work
- Have made significant contributions to improve the community

If so, please stop by one of these locations or log onto the city website at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us and download the nomination criteria and nomination form. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club Salute to Seniors luncheon on Tuesday, May 14, at the Arcadia Community Center. 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. Nomination forms must be submitted to Dan Belling, Recreation Supervisor, by Thursday, February 28 by 4:30pm. For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

About the City of Arcadia

Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the "Community of Homes" and has twice been designated the "Best City in California in which to Raise Kids" by Business Week Magazine.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 27th, through Saturday, February 2nd, the Police Department responded to 1065 calls for service of which 139 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 27:

- At approximately 3:39 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 2500 block of S. Santa Anita Avenue regarding a male subject playing loud music on the front lawn of a residence. Upon contact, the subject complied with the officers' orders to turn down the music. Further investigation revealed the residence in question was reported to be abandoned. A subsequent warrant search of the home revealed the majority of it was being used as a sophisticated, indoor marijuana grow operation. The 30-year-old, Chinese male was arrested for cultivation of marijuana, and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The investigation is continuing.
- At about 6:49 p.m., officers responded to Macy's at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, regarding a juvenile male subject in custody for theft. The subject concealed clothing items inside a shopping bag, and exited the store without paying for them. Further investigation revealed the subject had stolen merchandise from several other stores in the mall. The 17-year-old male was arrested for commercial burglary and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. He was subsequently released to his father.

Monday, January 28:

- Around 11:28 a.m., officers responded to Chase Bank, 60 E. Huntington Drive, regarding a robbery. Investigation revealed the suspect presented a demand note and fled the location with an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male in his early thirties. The suspect had a black mustache and was wearing a black sweatshirt, black hat, and black glasses.
- At about 1:16 p.m., officers were dispatched to Rusnak Mercedes, 50 W. Huntington Drive, in reference to a stolen vehicle. Investigation revealed the vehicle was parked in the service driveway with the keys in the ignition, when the male suspect entered the vehicle and drove off. The suspect was described as an Asian male, in his forties, with a skinny build, short black hair, wearing a black jacket, and carrying a black duffel bag. The vehicle was a black, four door, 2013 Mercedes E350, license plate number 6XYM128.

Tuesday, January 29:

- At approximately 1:40 p.m., officers responded to UPS, 122 E. Foothill Boulevard, regarding a vandalism that had just occurred. Two suspicious male suspects were seen near the building. During a search of the area, officers contacted two suspects matching the description. Upon contact, one of the suspects complied with the officers' orders, while the other suspect ran away from the officers. Following a short foot pursuit and containment, this suspect was taken into custody. The 16-year-old male suspect was arrested for vandalism (graffiti), and the 21-year-old male suspect was arrested for interfering/delaying a peace officer. Both were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At about 6:49 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue for displaying a false registration sticker. Further investigation revealed the driver had no proof of insurance. The 41-year-old, Hispanic female was subsequently cited and released in the field.

Wednesday, January 30:

- At approximately 2:40 a.m., officers responded to Holy Angels Church, 370 Campus Drive, in reference to a commercial burglary. Officers discovered that suspect(s) had broken into one of the buildings on the Church property and vandalized the interior. Further investigation revealed several religious artifacts were broken and a small fire was set in the corner of one room. There were no surveillance cameras and no signs of the suspect(s) in the area.
- At about 11:29 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 000 block of W. Naomi Avenue in regard to a residential burglary. Officers discovered the suspect(s) removed a rear window screen and entered through an unlocked window. Further investigation revealed the living room was ransacked, and it is unknown if property was stolen. There were no surveillance cameras or witnesses.

Thursday, January 31:

- At about 10:10 a.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret at Westfield Shopping Town, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, regarding a female suspect in custody for theft. Investigation revealed the suspect concealed several perfume bottles inside a shopping bag, and exited the store without paying for them. A records check revealed the suspect had an outstanding warrant. The 25-year-old, Hispanic female was arrested for commercial burglary and the warrant, and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Around 9:12 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of W. Huntington Drive in reference to a residential burglary. Investigation revealed the suspect(s) removed a rear window screen and a piece of glass in order to unlock the rear door to the residence. Officers discovered every room had been ransacked, and it is unknown if property was stolen. There were no surveillance cameras, and the suspect(s) were not located in the area.
- At approximately 10:33p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Baldwin Avenue and Las Tunas Road. A DMV check revealed a warrant attached to the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the driver had an outstanding felony warrant. The 28-year-old, Hispanic male was subsequently arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.

ARCADIA SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. JOEL SHAWN SPEAKS AT GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FORUM

By Joan Schmidt

At the February Government Affairs Forum at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Joel Shawn, Superintendent of the Arcadia Unified School District was the keynote speaker. The five topics he targeted were *Clean Water, Clean Beaches "Fee", Governor Brown's Local Control Funding Formula Proposal, Common Core Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessments, Capital Allocations Bonds (CABS), and California Superintendents' One Voice Initiative.*

The "Clean Water Clean Beaches" is a *FEE*, not a tax. (I had wondered about that because my husband said schools cannot be taxed.) School districts would be assessed this fee and charged accordingly. It was noted that at the Arcadia City Council Meeting two nights ago, Council Member Peter Amundson was very concerned with this proposed *fee* for the school district and that it meant two teachers being laid off. Dr. Shawn said the fee was \$100,000 year which meant 1 ½ teachers!

The "Governor Brown's Local Control Formula Proposal" concerns a local control formula which means all districts would have to pay the tax. A certain portion of the "fee" paid would go back to each district. However, the rest of the funding would go to districts with greater needs which would include ESL students, immigrant and low income families for example.

"Common Core

Standards" should be in place 2014-2015 and was created to address order of skills in high school.

"Smarter Balanced Assessments" is a whole new testing system aligned to the common core standards.

"Capital Allocation Bonds" (CABS) Dr. Shawn referred to Measure I passed in Arcadia for our facilities' programs which was 218 million in bonds. (Not to exceed \$60,000 per \$100,000 assessment)

"Smarter Balanced Assessments" is a whole new testing system aligned to these common core standards.

"California Superintendents' One Voice Initiative" Dr. Shawn said there are 1023 school districts in California. There was a meeting of Superintendents. 1000 superintendents with ONE OPINION certainly have a chance of being heard or recognized as opposed to only a few. How many times have issues occurred which affect many people and then many residents come together and bombard the local official with letters pertaining to the issue? Or a few hundred residents come to a city council meeting to get their elected officials' attention? (Several times in Duarte there was standing room only at a meeting. Then the Council Members did take notice to listen to concerns, and postpone a vote till more research was done.)

After Dr. Shawn gave his address, he answered many

questions. I was very impressed with the clarity he sued to present the information. I might add that he first handed out a paper with these six topics listed. After each topic, there was a large space to write notes. Everyone left the meeting with a great understanding of what the Arcadia School District has been doing.

Lastly, Brian Mejia from Supervisor Antonovich's Office and Rodrigo Gonzalez gave an update. Supervisor Antonovich is VERY opposed to the "Clean Water Clean Beaches Fee. He considers It "double dipping" and that in these tough economic times, few can afford it. For the time being, this issued has been postponed by the Board of Supervisors, but March is coming upon us. Stay tuned!

Rodrigo Gonzalez gave an excellent update from Metro Gold Line and everyone had positive comments about the project. The availability of the office in Arcadia and just the constant updates and community meetings have kept the public aware of what is being done. Someone asked why construction was begun in Azusa and Rodrigo explained about projects being "spread out" In Arcadia, for example, construction is ONLY on one bridge at a time. Metro Gold Line is working so hard to try to put the public at the least inconvenience, which everyone should appreciate!

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ANTONOVICH HELPS SECURES \$250,000 PARK GRANT FOR MONROVIA

MONROVIA – A 1.8 acre park that had its aging and vandalized playground equipment removed more than two years ago will finally get some of the funding it needs.

On Tuesday, Councilwoman Becky Shevlin announced that Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich awarded a \$250,000 grant to the City of Monrovia for the refurbishment of Julian Fisher Park, at Almond and California Avenues. The money is coming from Safe Neighborhoods Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, commonly referred to as Proposition A/Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. It is expected to be received by the City in three months.

It has not yet been determined what exactly the money will be used for in refurbishing the park, “but we are extremely excited and thankful to have the funds and look forward to putting it to good use in the near future,” Councilwoman Shevlin said.

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz said she is grateful to both Supervisor Antonovich and Councilwoman Shevlin for working together to secure these funds for a park that has been on the forefront of many community members’ minds.

“We have heard from residents for several years now that they want to see improvements at Julian Fisher Park,” Mayor Lutz said. “It is refreshing to be able to say to the community that not only have we been listening, but we finally have some funding to make a change.”

The Julian Fisher improvements and equipment upgrades have been on the City Council’s approved Parks Capital Projects list for many years, but as an unfunded

project. The playground equipment alone has a \$350,000 price tag. Adding restrooms and upgrading the basketball courts, water fountains, gazebos and picnic benches are also on the improvement list but are still unfunded.

Family members of Mr. Fisher said they are elated that the park will be restored, and that it is a reminder to continue fundraising efforts to make up for the remaining funding gap.

“On behalf of the Fisher family, we are ecstatic to hear that we have received this funding,” said Betty Thomas, a longtime Monrovia resident and granddaughter of Mr. Fisher.

The park is named after Julian Fisher, one of Monrovia’s first African American police officers. Mr. Fisher was educated in the Monrovia schools and was the first African American male to graduate from the high school. He also played as a semi-professional baseball player for the Monrovia Merchants. Mr. Fisher was a respected member of the community and the police department, where he served for 30 years. He passed away in 1979 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Thomas said she will be announcing the receipt of the grant and the continued fundraising efforts at a Black History Month event hosted by the Monrovia-Duarte Black Alumni Association on Saturday, February 9 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Julian Fisher Park.

“Receiving this funding will hopefully light a fire under the community as work to continue to raise funds for this park,” Thomas said. “Our main concern has been the full utilization of the park, and hopefully this funding and future fundraising will allow us to do that.”



Julian Fisher is one of seven parks in the City.

“In working with our cities and town councils, developing parks and open space recreational areas is a vital part of the County’s effort to improve the quality of life for our residents,” Supervisor Antonovich said. “We are pleased to announce \$250,000 to the City of Monrovia to refurbish Julian Fisher Park.”

MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW PROJECTS DUARTE TO END FISCAL YEAR WITH HIGHER THAN EXPECTED SURPLUS

Mid-year budget projections estimate that the City of Duarte will end fiscal year 2012-2013 with a surplus of \$588,000 instead of a previously projected \$62,100 amount.

Assistant City Manager, Kristen Petersen noted the increase in dollars is “largely due to a one-time residual payment of \$800,000 from Los Angeles County that represents the City’s small share of the \$9.4 million that the former Redevelopment Agency was forced to turn over to the county.” Barring any unexpected expenses or takeaways, said Petersen, the \$588,000 surplus will leave the year-end General Fund reserves at \$13.4 million.

The reserve total includes a \$7.5 million transfer from the Redevelopment Agency made in February 2011 as a repayment of a City loan advance made to the Agency in prior years. In the event the transfer is deemed invalid by the state, the \$7.5 million would be eliminated from the General Fund and surrendered to the county. Such a scenario would reduce the City’s reserves to \$5.9 million, 48% of the General Fund expenditures.

General Fund revenues are projected to be \$12,849,000 at fiscal year-end, an increase of \$867,000, or 7.2 percent as compared to the adopted budget. General Fund expenditures are expected to be \$12,262,000, an increase of \$220,000 or 1.8 percent.

In addition to the \$800,000 residual payment from the county, the City received several grants. A \$334,000 grant from California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP), of which \$84,000 will be spent in the current fiscal year. Grant monies will be directed to Duarte youth programs, including the boxing program, Youthworks, and D.A.R.T., and to help pay for a special assignment deputy and a L. A. County probation officer. A \$25,000 Public Safety Prevention and Intervention grant from the Los Angeles County Chief Administrator’s Office will assist in funding programs including the City’s recreational financial assistance program and youth programs. The Gold Line Authority awarded the City \$100,000 in funds for the hiring of consultants, engineering and other services that will expedite or enhance work related to the design and development of the Duarte Gold Line station. The City has allocated \$50,000 of the grant to be used in the current fiscal year.

Expenditure highlights include major City pool repairs and the AQMD mandated replacement of the pool heater and Fitness Center boiler that will cost more than \$150,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

The City budget has also benefited from expenditure savings. A Supreme Court decision ruling that the county was overcharging cities for administrative services related to the collection of property tax has forced the county to revise its calculation, resulting in a savings to the City of approximately \$39,000. The City has reduced postage expenses by approximately \$13,000 by consolidating the Parks and Recreation schedule with the Public Safety and Community Newsletter. Code enforcement legal services expenses are projected to be reduced by approximately \$6,000 as a result of the City Attorney restructuring the City’s legal services contract.

“Overall, it was a positive sign to finally have a mid-year report with an unprecedented surplus after navigating a very difficult economic path for local governments over the past several years, noted City Manager, Darrell George.”

MONROVIA DUARTE BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2013

“At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington” By Joan Schmidt

The Monrovia/Duarte Black Alumni Association has some exciting, fun-filled events planned for February with all ages in mind. On Saturday, **February 9th**, from **5:00pm-8:00pm** will be **Celebrating Black History in Film**. This Family Movie Night and Food Truck Event will be featuring the Pasadena Cow Girls and will take place at **Julian D. Fisher Memorial Park**, 915 South California Avenue, Monrovia. In case of rain, the event will relocate to the Monrovia United Methodist Church, 140 east Palm Avenue, Monrovia. (626) 303-2783.

At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality will take place Sunday, February 24th from 2:00pm-5:00 pm at the **Monrovia United Methodist Church**, 140 East Palm Avenue, Monrovia. (626) 303-2783. **The Soul Food Luncheon** will be served from **2:00pm-3:00pm**. Adults-\$10, children under 10- \$5. **Program/Reception** will be held from **3:00pm-5:00 pm**.

Several area libraries and have special displays for Black History Month. The **Duarte Historical Museum** has Children Marching Through Black History 2013: **Children’s Art Exhibit**. This past Saturday, there was a special program that included exhibits, recognition and entertainment. The Museum is opened Saturdays, 1:00pm-4:00pm and is located on 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte. (626) 357-9419. (Through February there also is a special tribute to the great author, Ray Bradbury).

MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES ANNIE BECKWITH MEMORIAL LARGE PRINT BOOK DONATION TO MONROVIA LIBRARY

By Joan Schmidt



At a recent Monrovia City Council Meeting, Mayor Lutz read a Certificate of Recognition for the Annie Beckwith Memorial Large Print Donation which was then presented to Annie’s family, who were in attendance.

Who was this Annie Beckwith? Annette Simpson, Librarian II came to the podium and gave a short account of Annie’s life. Annie was born in Oklahoma in 1911 and was orphaned, but raised by relatives. She appreciated what she had and wanted to give back to our country, so she joined the Woman’s Army Corps during World War II. Her husband Thomas also was a World War II Veteran. They had only one child in 1934, who passed away shortly after birth. (In those days, prior to antibiotics and modern wonder drugs, that was not uncommon.)

Annie eventually retired in Duarte and her family brought her to the Monrovia Library to check out large print books. She found the Library to be a place of comfort and believed reading was a very

important part of her life. As she aged, her hearing also deteriorated, which increased her love of books more.

This past March, Annie passed away at age 100! She was buried with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery with her beloved Tom. Because of her love for the Library and Large Print Books, her family wanted to do something very special in Annie’s memory. They presented the Library with a \$9000 donation through her estate. This will pay for approximately 100 books each year or 300 books over 3 years.

Attending the City Council Meeting were Annie’s niece, Bonnie Kaufman and her great-nieces, Monica Gibson and Carol Ann Kaufman and their families. They were very proud to accept the Certificate and had brought Annie’s flag, (That had been used for the services) in a glass case to the meeting.

Annie’s family owns Creative Woman, and anyone who drives on Myrtle Avenue, below Huntington Drive, knows the store with the “big bra” in the window. (The store is wonderful and has many items- not just the special undergarments you may need when wearing a formal gown, etc.) What people may not realize is the Kaufmans are GREAT SUPPORTERS of the Library and realize the importance of reading. They have been extremely generous over the years donating money to the Summer Reading Club and Literacy Services.

A VERY SPECIAL “Thank You” to Annie’s family. Both my parents suffered from glaucoma. Daddy’s eyes went first, but Mom went to our library every week and checked out books for him to read. It was a godsend. Then many years after Daddy passed, Mom’s eyes got bad. This time my sister took Mom EVERY WEEK for those large print books! The residents of Monrovia surely will benefit from the generous donation of Annie’s family.

DUARTE STATE OF THE CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT/COMMUNITY COLLEGE

District Talks at Duarte Chamber Luncheon, February 27

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce will host its annual State of the City, State of the School District, and State of the Community College District at a luncheon, Wednesday, February 27. Mayor Margaret Finlay will present his assessment of the State of the City; while Duarte Unified School Board President Ken Bell will report on the State of the School District, and Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., will update the community on the State of the Community College District.

The luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City of Hope, Cooper Auditorium, 1500 Duarte Road. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25 per person.

For more information and reservations, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce, (626) 357-3333 or visit www.duartechamber.com.

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FOUR LA SALLE LANCERS SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

Story and Photo by John Blackstock

Pasadena, CA – La Salle high school is beating the odds when it comes to college athletic scholarships. The Lancers signed three Division I scholarship NLI's today and one division II NLI. The three division one student-athletes to sign this morning on National Signing Day, were Daniel De La Torre (UCLA), Stephanie Ferri (Fordham University), and Cassidy Rey (University of Denver).

Daniel is the Division IV California State Cross Country Champion and defending Division IV 1600 and 3200 CIF Champion. Cassidy Rey is a two-time first team All Del Rey League soccer goalie and Stephanie Ferri is a first team Del Rey League catcher for the Lancers softball team. Alex Astorga also signed a letter of intent today. She will play soccer at Division II Jackson State University in Mississippi.

La Salle had three Division I signees in the 2011-2012 school year (Bowdien Derby, Colleen McWilliams, and Diamond Ridley-Pierce). In addition, Jordan Hill (2012) signed a NLI in November to play basketball at the University of Wisconsin in the fall of 2013. La



La Salle signers of Division I National Letters of Intent are, from left, Stephanie Ferri (Fordham University, softball), Cassidy Rey (University of Denver, soccer) and Daniel De La Torre (UCLA, track). Alex Astorga will play soccer at Division II Jackson State University in Mississippi.

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

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

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

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

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens WARM BODIES

I saw the preview for this and yawned. Just another teen romance, like 'Twilight'. I didn't pay much attention to it afterward. However, I'm happy to say that the first big surprise of 2013 is here.

R (Nicholas Hoult) is anything but an average zombie. In a post apocalyptic world, where nearly all of humanity is a mindless, brain eating monster, R tries to remember who he used to be and his huge collection of old memorabilia in an airplane. But everything changes when he meets Julie (Teresa Palmer). The two form an awkward friendship after he saves her. Soon he starts to realize that she is more than just a close friend, but might actually hold the cure for the virus: love.

I was honestly shocked by this movie. I thought it would be another attempt to morph two genres together, but the director/screenwriter (Jonathan Levine) make it work perfectly. Rather than trying to be horror and romance at the same time, he alternated, horror, then romance, and so on. Don't miss this spot-on undead romance.



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TOKYO SHABU SHABU

My first experience with a shabu-shabu restaurant was about 15 years ago in Studio City at a **Todai Shabu Shabu, you know the one's famous for their** seafood/sushi buffets. Years later I visited Tokyo Shabu Shabu in Monterey Park and really enjoyed it, so I was really happy to see the concept make its way to Pasadena. Remember the Boiling Pot on South Lake? I didn't think so.

So what exactly is "shabu-shabu"? It means "swish –swish" in Japanese, like the sound made from the food in the cooking pot. The idea is that you cook your own meal -- don't worry if that turns some of you off, I promise it is a very painless procedure. Do you like steak, lamb, or chicken? Of course you do!! The meat entrees are all raw and very thinly sliced, and you cook it in boiling hot water right at your table. I shouldn't say water -- it is a choice of "Fusion Broths". A few of the ones that we tried were Spicy Kimchi and Kombu, translation... water and kelp. For those less adventurous, go ahead and order the miso; it is light and won't confuse the tastes of your meats and vegetables. Before we got going on our entrees owner Darren insisted that we try his Jellyfish (\$4.99) and Chicken Wings (\$5.99). Chicken Wings at an Asian restaurant? My friend Sean Lorenzini who has a "champagne appetite and champagne budget" exclaimed that they were the best chicken wings he has ever had. Certainly good!!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Like any family style restaurant, I suggest bringing a party of at least four to be able to try many dishes. As I mentioned earlier all meats come thinly sliced and you grab it with chopsticks and place in boiling water for just a few seconds to cook. Vegetables are also available, although I admit I cheated a little and skipped the veggies. The menu describes the meats as steak house style meat, and who am I to argue? Kobe Rib Eye, fine steak house quality meat and very tender was my favorite of the choices. You know how we love baby backs that fall off the bone? Well, the rib eye was melt-in-your-mouth tender, yes it was that good! Certified Angus Beef Rib Eye -- a little less expensive than the above-mentioned Kobe rib eye, but as close to heaven as you can get. For you chicken lovers please by all means try the Jidori All-Natural Chicken, popular in Japan and I can taste why. Owner Darren tells me that his favorite dish is the Lamb Loin, all-natural lamb which is also very tender. A real winner, Darren! Can't make up your mind? Tokyo Shabu Shabu does offer a Mixed Seafood plate with salmon, shrimp, scallops and mussels.



There is something for everyone here at Tokyo Shabu Shabu -- come hungry and bring a few friends. Prices will be around \$30 per person. Beer and sake are available. If you can save room for dessert, have the green tea ice cream. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable, and there is a very clean look to the interior, almost retro clean. Two Thumbs up! Tokyo Shabu Shabu 345 S. Lake Ave (enter on Del Mar) Pasadena (626) 844-7355check out www.tokyoshabushabu.com for hours and menu.

SIERRA BRIGANTI - Review by Deanne Davis

We have a new restaurant in town! Always an exciting event, but in this case, even more exciting! The space which originally held Charcuterie, which many of us just loved, right there next to The Only Place In Town Café, is now Sierra Briganti, beautifully refurbished, featuring indoor and outdoor dining.

I've visited twice now, last Friday night where my darling husband, John, and I shared the lasagna and a Caesar salad. A delightful meal, let me tell you, with better lasagna than I could possibly make, with a béchamel sauce and just the right amount of cheese; and the salad was cold and crisp romaine topped with nice slivers of grated cheese.

Even the water at Sierra Briganti is lovely. No huge icebergs, no slices of citrus, but pleasingly cold with a hint of lemon. Now, I ask you, can it get better than that!

We had a splendid glass of merlot. The service was wonderful. The décor is lovely, understated, with flowers, candles and pumpkin-painted walls. Very pleasing to the eye and restful to the mind. A little Dean Martin on the stereo and a number of folks who were glad to be able to enjoy Sierra Brigante in our own town, instead of trekking all the way down to South Pasadena to visit the Sierra Brigante there,

The dinner menu includes Calamari Fritti,, Fettucine Bolognese, Spaghetti di Mare, ravioli, Pollo Parmigiana and a grilled salmon with roasted potatoes and vegetables. Prices are moderate, \$14-\$18 for dinner and \$9.00 to \$14.00 for lunch. There are also very special specials presented by the smiling, pleasant staff.

Lunch today with a dear friend, al fresco, the mountains behind us more beautiful than one could imagine. We both enjoyed the Insalata di Salmone, (\$14.00) a grilled Salmon filet over mixed greens, tomatoes and red onion slivers with a lemon dressing. A glass or two of a delicious Chardonnay made for an absolutely perfect afternoon.

Bruschetta al Pomodoro started our lunch and it was a delight. Bread soft and fresh enough to hold the tomatoes and the right amount of grated cheese. Yum!

Other luncheon choices include Insalata de Tonno – Imported tuna in olive oil, over mixed greens, canellini beans, tomatoes and red onions in a lemon dressing. There are also sandwiches galore, featuring chicken, fresh mozzarella, grilled flank steak, no, not all on the same sandwich! AND, Mimosas for just \$5.00!! There is a freshly made soup of the day, which was broccoli without cream. Our waistlines thank you. Sierra Brigante has been beautifully imagined and constructed by Zach Abeyta, partner to Nanni Mastromatteo, who is the proprietor of the South Pasadena store. Hours are still being decided. But right now it's Monday-Friday 11:30 – 9:30 and Saturday-Sunday Brunch coming soon starting at 9:00 a.m.. The staff is attentive, but not hovering, the food is delightful, the view is divine and I say, it's great to dine right here in town.

Welcome, Sierra Briganti, we're glad you're here!
Sierra Briganti is at 120 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre 91024. Phone: 626-355-3700

SIERRA MADRE FARMERS MARKET

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market hours have changed to 3:00pm through 7:00pm 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!

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IN THE KITCHEN
Our Favorite Recipe of the week
A VALENTINE SPECIAL:
Spice-Coated Rack of Lamb for Two with Arugula, Avocado, and Blood Orange Salad

- INGREDIENTS:
For lamb:
1 heaping tablespoon whole cumin seeds
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tablespoon mild-roast coffee, finely ground
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 (8-bone; 24-to 26-ounce) rack of lamb
3 tablespoons canola oil
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed with back of knife
3 sprigs fresh thyme
- For salad:
Juice of 1 blood orange (about 1/4 cup)
1 tablespoon shallot, minced (from 1 small shallot)
3/4 teaspoon flaky sea salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 firm but ripe Haas avocado, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
2 cups (1 ounce) loosely packed baby arugula leaves
1 blood orange, peeled, segmented, and seeded

PreparationMake lamb:
Pre-heat oven to 400°F.



Using spice or coffee grinder, grind cumin to semi-fine powder, then transfer to small bowl. Whisk in cocoa powder, coffee, and pepper.

Rub exposed lamb bones with 1 tablespoon canola oil, then wrap each bone in foil, covering bones completely and leaving meat uncovered. Sprinkle both sides of uncovered lamb with kosher salt, then rub with spice mixture.

In heavy, 12-inch oven-safe sauté pan over high heat, heat remaining 2 tablespoons canola oil until hot but not smoking. Sear rack, meat side down, moving occasionally to prevent sticking, until deep golden brown and crust forms, about 2 minutes. Flip to sear underside in same manner, about 2 minutes, then sear bottom of rack in same manner, 2 minutes more.

Flip rack back to meat side up, then transfer pan to oven and roast 7 minutes. Add butter, garlic, and thyme to pan and continue roasting until thermometer inserted 2 inches into thickest part of lamb (do not touch bone) registers 130°F (for medium rare), 7 to 8 minutes more. Tilt pan to collect juices and spoon those over meat. Transfer lamb to rack with pan or plate underneath to catch juices and let rest 10 to 15 minutes.

Make salad:
In small bowl, whisk together blood orange juice, shallot, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Gradually add olive oil and whisk vigorously to combine. (Vinaigrette can be prepared ahead and refrigerated, covered, up to 2 days. Whisk thoroughly before using.)

To plate:
Divide avocado between two plates, fanning out slices over half of plate. Top with arugula and drizzle with vinaigrette. Top with blood orange segments and sprinkle with remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Remove foil from lamb bones. Slice rack into 4 double chops and transfer to plates alongside salad. Serve immediately.

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



My beloved mutt Molly was wandering around in the backyard recently, sniffing about and nosing in on certain points of focus, as she often does. Eventually she found a particular spot that interested her enough to dig a deep hole in the dirt. She then stuck her entire face down into the hole with her front legs bent low and her tail held high, wagging intensely. After about a minute of pressing her pointy nose down into the soft soil, she finally emerged and turned to me with a messy, muddy mustache and a look of disappointment on her face. I always get a kick out of watching Molly's curious antics as she meanders between the trees and bushes digging what appear to be random holes in our yard, and I wonder exactly what it is that she thinks she might find in that subterranean playground of hers.

When I mentioned Molly's peculiar behavior to my husband he said, "Maybe she's looking for truffles." That gave me a good chuckle, as I am sure there are none in our yard, and besides, until recently I thought only pigs were used to find truffles, but I must admit that's what it looked like Molly was up to. The fact is, I am sure Molly smells the moles that burrow and nest underground on our property, and that's why she is so intent on digging in the dirt like a mud monkey.

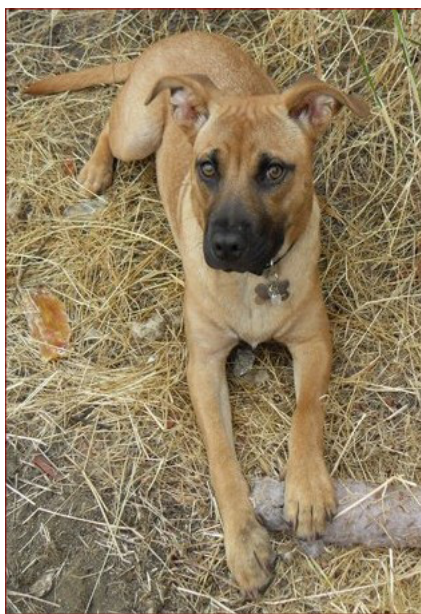
Ironically enough, just a few days after Molly's backyard mud mauling adventure, I happened to come across an article about

DIRT DIAMOND DIGGING DOGS

dogs that hunt truffles entitled *Diamonds in the Dirt*, in the January issue of Sunset Magazine. Apparently truffles have become real big business in the culinary industry and it is no trifle task finding the rarest most desirable specimens, some of which can fetch thousands of dollars per pound in the European and American auction markets. In fact, locating truffles underground would be a nearly impossible task without the amazing skills of a trained truffle-hunting dog, making a good truffle-sniffing canine no trifling commodity. Or, as the Truffle Hunting Dogs website so aptly puts it, "Truffle dogs are worth their weight in gold!"

It fascinates me that a dog is able to sniff out a truffle nestled deeply under the dirt. I have never seen, held or smelled a truffle myself, so I've always assumed they were similar to mushrooms; some a bit tastier than others but, for the most part, rather flavorless and therefore equally scentless. Well, boy oh boy, was I ever wrong. Apparently most truffles have a in intensely potent scent, some quite spicy and exotic tasting, so in light of that I guess it makes more sense to me that a dog could run randomly through a forest and pick up the distinctive scent of a hidden treasure-truffle wafting up to the surface from below. You see, the canine's olfactory senses are exponentially keener than that of the human. The average dog has 220 million olfactory receptors in its nose while the human has only 5 million, allowing the dog to detect even the slightest scents that would go absolutely unnoticed by the human being.

So, what kind of dog makes the best truffle hunter, and how do you go about training a dog to sniff out those valuable nuggets hidden beneath the earth's surface? Well, apparently a variety of canine breeds have proven to succeed in truffle-hunting. From what I understand the training techniques are somewhat similar to those used in preparing canines for police or search and rescue work. One truffle enthusiast



Molly

who was featured in the Sunset Magazine article goes truffle hunting with his curly-coated canine, Tom, a 35-pound Lagotto Romano and as a team they have succeeded in finding some pretty amazing Piedmont White truffles in northern Oregon. The Lagotto Romano is an Italian bred poodle-spaniel that dates back the 16th century. In France, where Perigord Black are the truffles of choice, the desired pup of pursuit is more likely to be a prick-eared terrier type of no discernable breed. Hey, maybe Molly has a little of that blood mixed in with her doggie DNA.

Being the ultimate equal opportunity dog-lover that I am, I imagine just about any canine with a good snout and a willingness to learn & obey could be trained to hunt truffles just as they could be trained to do anything their master desires. Who knows, maybe someday Molly will go to school for truffle hunting training and make us a fat fortune finding ugly yet very tasty and very expensive "dirt diamonds"! OK, so I won't hold my breath, and hopefully neither will she. After all, we wouldn't want her to loose her inherent drive for sniffing things out in the dirt now would we?

PET OF THE WEEK

LEO: #A4536199

Meet an awesome little gentleman, Leo (A4536199). Leo is a charming one year old white neutered male Poodle puppy who was dumped at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on January 23rd because his former owner had more than the three dogs permitted under his community's law.



Weighing thirteen pounds, this happy puppy has not had any leash training, but he is quite well socialized. Great with other dogs, we think Leo will be fantastic with children. Leo is a playful puppy who is going to make a marvelous indoor pet for anyone in any living situation. He is just a gem. To watch a video of Leo please click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfp-Qu3b7eM

To meet Leo in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, located at 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Leo, please reference his animal ID number: A4536199. 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 Leo or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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DENTAL DISEASE IN PETS – PART II

Prevention of dental disease is crucial to the health of your pet. This starts with your pet's annual wellness visit to your veterinarian. Every year, and twice a year if your dog or cat is 7 years or older, your pet should be examined by a veterinarian and have a complete blood count, blood chemistry, heartworm test, intestinal parasite detection test, a urinalysis and a thorough oral exam; this is often where dental disease is first diagnosed. Part of the dental exam should include a new test called OraStrip that can be used right during your visit to determine the severity of periodontal disease. This test is more accurate than a visual exam alone, but should be used in conjunction with the oral exam. Owners can see the result of the test right then and there.

If your veterinarian finds broken teeth, red, swollen or bleeding gums, loose teeth, a foul odor, gingival masses, oral masses, and calculus on the teeth, a dental diagnostic and therapeutic procedure should be performed. This requires anesthesia. Owners should be careful not to be conned into the myth that anesthetic dental procedures are dangerous and to fall for teeth cleaning at grooming places and pet store personnel. These procedures are done illegally by unlicensed and untrained people, who can do more harm than good to your pet. Just ask yourself, would you let your hairdresser do your dental work? Anesthesia allows the veterinarian to do a thorough exam, explore around the teeth for periodontal pockets, and perform dental x-rays to find disease not visible above the gum line. Pets can benefit from every dental procedure available to humans, including implants, orthodontia, root canals, crowns, and cavity restorations. A careful chosen anesthetic protocol and vigilant monitoring of the patient during anesthesia and recovery make this a very safe procedure.

Your veterinarian will counsel you on preventive dental home care. Just like for humans, tooth brushing at home is the mainstay of home care for dogs and cats. Ask to receive information about toothpaste, tooth brushes, oral rinses, and dietary products that can help you maintain oral health in your pet. Home care can't replace dental care by your veterinarian when needed, but it can lengthen the intervals between procedures. Good oral health will greatly extend the life span as well as the quality of life of your pet.

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My name is Cliff and my human parents have to move to a senior community that doesn't allow dogs my size, (I'm 20" tall and weigh about 60 lbs.) so I have to find a new, loving home to bring my unique style of love and devotion too.



Even though I'm bigger than most, I am a Blue Merle, slightly larger than a Mini, Australian Shepherd. I was born Jan 7, 2008 making me 5 years old and I'm in very good health.

Here are some things you'll want to know about me:

1. I am house/potty trained
2. I'm used to being able to go in and out of the house through the doggie door whenever I want.
3. I sleep indoors in the room with my parents.
4. I am a graduate of the Pet Smart basic obedience class.
5. I take my owners on a 2-mile walk every day.
6. I like kids
7. I like other dogs (more so when I'm off my leash)
8. I do bark at the mail carrier and others when they come to the door.
9. I just got all my shots up to date last Sunday, uck!
10. And I think cats were put on earth for the joy of being chased by dogs.

To learn more about me call Mark at 626 355 1951 or email me: markwebb9@gmail.com



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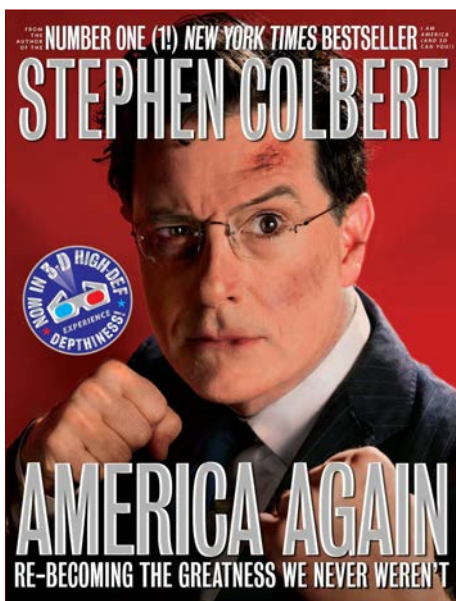
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JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

STEPHEN COLBERT:

America Again: Re-Becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't

For this next selection as we draw to the month of February, we take a turn into the satirical side of politics by introducing Stephen Colbert and his New York Times Bestseller, 'America Again: Re-Becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't' (which for you readers is a mouthful). Do not worry; although the topics covered are political, Colbert's tone and humorous narrative gives 'America Again' the satirical and funny charm that will pull readers in, as well as his previous books 'I Am America (And So Can You!)' and 'I Am A Pole (And So Can You!)'. 'America Again' covers the many topics discussed in politics today, but with parodies: how Stephen's perspective and "Americeptional" views provide insight on subjects such as healthcare, the elections, jobs and even Wall Street. However, it is not just Colbert's words alone that provide the humorous insight that garners so many readers; his previous books, along with his popular show *The Colbert Report*, provide readers (and viewers) to take a different perspective on politics, giving them the ability to highlight the good, bad, and even the ugly parts of whatever subject is placed in front of them for discussion. Colbert brings freshness and zest with his

books and show, providing readers plenty of opportunities to give their two cents on topics that are important to them and to see the results of actions taken that either help or hinder progress, ranging anywhere from the economy, conflicts in the Middle East, even job creation. Having received praise from various critics, Amazon, and from Stephen Colbert himself, 'America Again: Re-Becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't' shows not just the ups and downs of politics, but also the greatness that can be achieved when one's mind is not only put to politics but done with pride and gusto.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS

REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

LOCAL NATIVES

Three years ago, a little known band from Silver Lake released their powerfully emotive, pop rock-induced record, "Gorilla Manor" to the masses. Early comparisons were drawn from bands such as The Dodos, Fleet Foxes, and Grizzly Bear. Sonically lush with terrific harmonies, undulating guitar riffs, and thoughtful lyrics, Local Natives were onto something few bands could say with just one album under

Artist: Local Natives
Album: Hummingbird
Label: Frenchkiss Records
Release Date: January 29th, 2013

their belt. Flash forward to present day, the West Coast rockers headed east to record their follow-up LP, "Hummingbird." With the overwhelming buzz settling down, the departure of a band member, health problems striking down on some of the members, and singer Kelcey Ayer's mother passing away, the band was determined to rebound through adversity. Through fortitude, Local Natives crafted a wholly introspective and utterly sensitive sophomore record. "Hummingbird" is epically beautiful with its delicate arrangements, spiritual undertones, and melancholy sound. It never feels forced or strained, only completely organic and entirely sincere. Local Natives are hoping to be one of the elite rock bands of their generation with a defining sound they can easily call their very own.

Now a quartet of three singer/multi-instrumentalists and a drummer, the band recorded a much darker, deeper album than their debut had to offer. "Hummingbird" is more a controlled effort but presents very rich, unconventional instrumental textures. When touring with the band The National a few years ago, Local Natives befriended the group's Aaron Dessner, who co-produced this latest effort. It was the perfect setup given The National's proclivity for dark, brooding, emotive music. While Local Natives still express some buoyancy, the endeavor differs much from the days of "Gorilla Manor." The four-piece rock act enchant with their memorable choruses and tender melodies. The standout track and climax of the album is "Columbia." It was written through the somberness and despair of the passing of Ayer's mother. "Columbia" is brutally heart wrenching and devastatingly beautiful. With lyrics are like "Am I giving enough? / Every night I am asking myself, am I loving enough?" it's easily the most compelling, thoughtful, and well-written songs the band has ever made.

With songs like "Black Balloons" and "Wooly Mammoth," the band brightens up just a bit. They're not as solemn or fragile as the other songs but still strong tunes to complete the eleven-track album. "Breakers" is a soaring track that starts with a 30 second intro of howling guitars and catchy drums beats before it explodes with grand arrangements accompanied by

"oohs" to fiercely escalate it to new heights. It slows down a bit and the vocals kick in, but it's the chorus that brings the song to into a freshly new environment. At the end of the album, I was emotionally exhausted in the best way possible way. "Hummingbird" is absolutely gorgeous in every aspect of production. Compassionate, deeply expressive, and vastly heartfelt, Local Natives didn't just meet expectations, they surpassed them in an unbelievable fashion. Clearly put, the record is dazzling from start to finish that clearly validates the boys' long lull between records. However, even with the elongated gap among the albums, "Hummingbird" stands as a truly extraordinary piece of music that will be difficult to match by any artist this year.

Grade: 9.5 out of 10

Key Tracks: "You and I", "Ceilings", "Breakers", "Mt. Washington", "Columbia"

KEYBOARDIST SHOWS OFF HISTORIC LIVE ELECTRONIC ORCHESTRA AT NAMM SHOW

By Dean Lee

Built out of necessity in the late 70s, world renowned electronic keyboardist Don Lewis did the unthinkable; he combined four computer hardware synthesizers into one creating LEO (Live Electronic Orchestra) —what would later become the inspiration for the industry standard Musical Instrument Digital Interface or MIDI. This was a time when computers took up half a room.

Lewis played LEO during this year's NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) show Jan. 24-27, marking the 30th anniversary of MIDI. The concept was first demonstrated during the January 1983 Winter NAMM Show by engineer and guitarist, Dave Smith.

Lewis explained that Ikutaro Kakehashi, the founder of Roland Corporation, would come see him play at the Hungry Tiger restaurant in the 70s in San Francisco. The two became friends.

"This was the idea, people can have many different kinds of sounds from many different manufactures," Lewis said. "He [Kakehashi] says I got to do something about that. So that was his inspiration to get MIDI out to the companies because if they adopted it people would not have to go through what I went through."

Kakehashi and Smith were awarded a Technical Grammy Award for the development of MIDI in August 1983. LEO was created by combining ARP's 2600 analog synthesizers with a Hammond Concorde organ. Lewis said the system consists of a three keyboards with a pedalboard. The top keyboard acts as the main controller able to play four notes per key, utilizing four Oberheim SEM modules, he explained. Other gadgetry includes an 8-channel stereo mixer, Roland Space Echo RE-201 and Digital Chorus DC-50 effects according to his website donlewismusic.com.



In 2001, LEO found a new home at The Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad, California. The museum is also own and operated by NAMM. Prior to this year's show, Lewis said he not played LEO since 2005.

"I took it home about six weeks ago from the museum," Lewis said. "So I brought it back so I could work on it and I found all kinds of stuff that needed working on. I finally got everything working and when it's working, there is nothing in the world that sounds like it, it's just marvelous."

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



HOW CAN YOGA HELP WITH STRESS?

This week, we had to wait at the DMV for 2 hours - *with* an appointment. Last week, I had to wait for 1/2 hour with Verizon. How can we handle the stress? The bank, the bills, the car repair, the appliance repair, the mix ups, it's all too much and our energy drains out, leaving us empty. What about the kids and the hormones?

The key is the 'energy'. We need to train our energy muscles, so to speak. Pranayama and yoga are the answers. Prana means energy. The practice of pranayama is the practice of managing your energy. As we practice the yoga postures and the poses get harder and harder, our breath gets more and more challenged, but we practice keeping it smooth and calm. Then when life gets tough, we have already been learning to BREATHE through the challenge. Really! It's not about doing crazy poses. It's about how we learn to get flexible in body and mind. Can the hamstrings really be related to how flexible we are in our personality? Maybe, but with that flexibility, we can be flexible with our prana.

As we get better at this, we can learn what we *want* to give our prana to. We can choose. Do we want to give it to the DMV? Verizon? No! We want to give it to the things we enjoy and make sure there is plenty overflowing to offer to our loved ones. Yoga and pranayama help us learn to put the good stuff in and how to choose where to spend it.

We keep practicing, because it's not overnight. But it really helps. I know families that say "mom, I think you need some yoga". I know men and women that sigh when they walk into the yoga room and say, with a smile "ah! I'm here!" and after class, "I feel so much better!" It's all because of the prana. I love my practice. I can't imagine where I would be without it. When the going gets tough, I do more yoga, and we are all happier.

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DO YOU NEED TO FILE A TAX RETURN THIS YEAR?

Dear Savvy Senior: My income dropped way off when I retired early last year, and I'm wondering if I fall into the so called "47 percent" of Americans who won't have to pay and income taxes this year. What can you tell me? Curious Senior



Dear Curious: The percentage of seniors, age 65 and older, who won't have to pay income taxes this year, is actually around 56 percent according to the Tax Policy Center. Here's a breakdown of the 2012 filing requirements along with a few other tax tips to help you determine if you need to file.

- IRS Requirements
- Whether or not you'll need to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on your filing status, your age, and your gross income. If your gross income falls below the IRS filing limits, you probably won't have to file. Gross income includes all the income you receive that is not exempt from tax, not including Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately. You probably don't have to file this year if:
- You are single and your 2012 gross income was less than \$9,750 (\$11,200 if you're 65 or older).
 - You are married filing jointly and your gross income was under \$19,500. If you or your spouse is 65 or older, the limit increases to \$20,650. And if you're both over 65, your income must be under \$21,800 to not file.
 - You are head of household and your gross income was below \$12,500 (\$13,950 if age 65 or older).
 - You are married filing separately and your income was less than \$3,800.
 - You are a qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child and your gross income was less than \$15,700 (\$16,850 if age 65 or older).

Special Situations

Be aware that there are some special financial situations that require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had net earnings from self-employment in 2012 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers a resource on their website called "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. You can access this page at www.irs.gov/uac/Do-I-Need-to-File-a-Tax-Return%3F, or you can get help over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, it doesn't necessarily mean you're also excused from filing state income taxes. Check on that with your state tax agency before concluding you're entirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see taxadmin.org - click on "Links."

Tax Aide

If you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at nearly 6,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

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



KATIE Tse**This and That**
TAKING BACK THE CONCESSION STAND!

I rarely go to the movies. This is partly because I don't watch much TV, and therefore don't see many movie ads. But mostly it's because I'm cheap. To me, a movie on the big screen is not all that different from a movie on my little screen at home. Granted, epic films like "Lawrence of Arabia" probably pack a bigger punch on a 60 foot screen than a 30 inch one. Other than that, I can wait until it comes out on DVD.

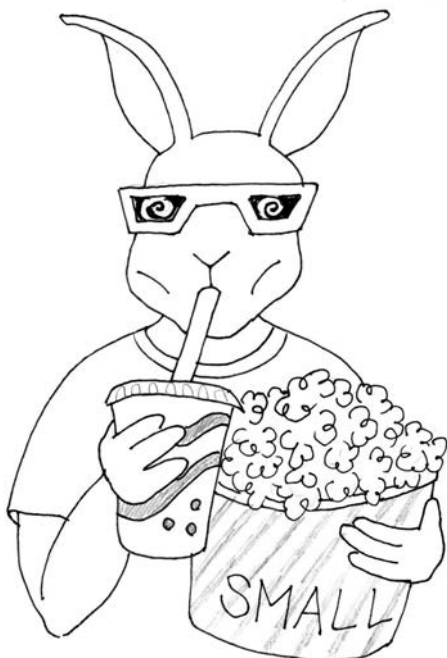
Also, I would rather enjoy a film from the comfort of my couch and jammies than having to go to a movie theater at a time that probably isn't convenient for me. And, is it just me, or are movie theaters one of the most frigid, air conditioned public places? If I'm catching a summer blockbuster in August, I really shouldn't have to bring a pair of long pants and a trench coat to the theater!

All that aside, I'm sure we can all agree that one of the movie theaters' biggest rip-offs is the price of snacks and drinks. This topic came up during lunch at work the other day. After one of my coworkers with a large family left the break room, the boss remarked that taking a family to the cinema these days costs about as much as a deluxe spa treatment --something mutually exclusive with supporting a large family.

This prompted an extensive conversation about the different schemes people use to avoid movie theaters' outrageous prices. One of the interns told us how she escapes the high prices of tickets by going to out-of-the-way theaters in less trendy areas. Yes, a cut rate matinee might be worth the trip, but I wouldn't chance an evening in the sketchy places she described after dark. Her experience illustrated the world of difference between the life of an intern and the life of our boss, who doubtless wouldn't consider venturing into a dicey neighborhood just to save a buck.

Then the food topic came up. A couple of ladies mentioned how their families go to the movies and buy an extra large vat --tub of popcorn (which comes with free refills). They then divided it up among several smaller boxes. Different family members were then sent one by one to refill the communal tub. We all chimed in with our personal tactics for sneaking in contraband foods and beverages. The primary goal is to have your hidden snack portable and quiet. For example, a bottle of soda is better than a can, because it doesn't crack and hiss when opened. A pack of "Reese's Peanut Butter Cups," or a bag of "M&Ms" is better than a bag of chips or plastic wrapped candies because they don't make as much noise when you open them.

Of course, no matter how much you save on snacks at the movies, they're still far ahead in their profit margin. Let's remember that theaters first started serving popcorn because it was CHEAP! After everyone had their say about saving money at the movies, one of my soon-to-retire coworkers revealed the best gimmick of all. Her husband did the "extra large vat of popcorn with free refills" strategy, but then added a special twist. He refilled the tub on the way out of the theater. Nothing tastes better than buttery theater popcorn on the way home from the movies!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: PROGRESS REPORT

Pat Birdsall, who normally writes this section of the paper, underwent hip replacement surgery a few weeks ago. Pat has been progressing well from the surgery on one hand, but unfortunately, fractured her leg in a fall. This will set back her complete recovery a bit. It does appear, however, that there is a good chance she will be writing again next week. Pray for her. If you wish to send her greetings, email her at: pbird305@aol.com.

HELPFUL HINT: After boiling Pasta or potatoes, cool the water and use it to water your houseplants. The water contains nutrients that your plants will love.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure.' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks. 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks. Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, forgiveness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast?'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... February Birthdays...
Anne-Marie Stockdale, Gordon Caldwell, Peter Lippincott, Georgia Lippincott, Janet Emery, Sharon Lefler, Lorraine Bush, Mary Beth Knox, Vickie Vernon, Hilda Pittman, Susan Henderson, Sylvia Lorhan Ann Luke, Janet O'Day, Ana Ptasinski, Jan Reed, Allie Atay, Ursula El-Tawansy, Winifred Swanson, Marian DeMars. *To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required.

Quote of the Week: Kind words are the music of the world. - F. W. Faber



ACTIVITIES: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.)

All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

Free Blood Pressure Testing: On the 2nd Tuesday of the month 11:00 am-12:00 pm: A nurse from Methodist Hospital, Arcadia volunteers to do the readings. No appointment necessary.

Bingo: Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Cards are only .25c each!

Free Chair Yoga: Every Wednesday morning from 11:00 am-11:45 am Volunteer Teryl Willis offers this class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. It is geared toward gentle movements, breathing techniques and balance improvement. No reservations are necessary.

Free Legal Consultation: Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin volunteers on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. He focuses on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate, conservatorships and business law. ***Appointments are a must!** Please call: 626.355.7394 to make yours* *Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.*

Free Income Tax Assistance: Wednesdays through April 10th from 1pm to 2pm Don Brunner will provide is available to all seniors for income tax consultation. Appointments are required, call 626-355-7394.

Birthday Celebrations: The 2nd Thursday of the month the Senior Center celebrates the birthdays of our patrons at 12:30 pm. Please join us for free cake and ice cream and "celebration." (The cakes are provided due to a generous donation from the Sierra Madre Civic Club.)

Game Day: Every Thursday at 1:00pm. Poker is usually the game of choice, or should I say chance? Board games and other card games are also available. Outside, on the patio, a beautiful, one-of-a-kind chess table is anxious for players.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 1:00 pm -1:45 pm. Conducted by long-time volunteer, Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low-impact resistance training. Weights are provided by the Sierra Madre Senior Center. It's a great way to stay in shape and to socialize with your peers. (Gossip included)

Senior Citizens Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House (Senior Center). Brown bag lunch at 11:30am; Club meeting at Noon; Bingo 12:30- 3:30 pm. Only .25c per card... For more information call Pat at 626.355.7290.

NEW CLASS - Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance: Starting Feb 25th, this six week introductory course will teach hand, hip, and feet movements for one full dance. Classes will be held on Mondays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm for six weeks. Sarongs and leis will be provided. Class taught by Sierra Madre resident Cheryl Mason.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE This class focuses on learning current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll also learn how you can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Manystates including California offer discounts on auto insurance rates for those who complete this course..



EXCURSIONS:

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise Date: Friday, February 22, 2013
Description: View actual costumes from movies released in 2012, including 2012 Academy Award Winner for Best Costume, The Artist.

COMING UP: Whale Watching Trip - 2 hour boat ride (Long Beach, CA) Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013 Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm Meeting Location: Community Recreation Center Cost: \$31.00 (does not include lunch) Register by: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 Join the Community Services Department on its annual whale watching excursion. The 2013 excursion will visit the same whale watching Charter Company as 2012, which features a 2 hour cruise narrated by Aquarium of the Pacific staff and a boat that features indoor and outdoor seating. Participants can bring their own lunch to enjoy on the boat, or purchase snack items on-board. Bus leaves from the Community Recreation Center.

Jeopardy Taping at the Sony Lot Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013
Description: Attend a taping of America's favorite quiz show. Test your knowledge while host Alex Trebek challenges the contestants.

SENIOR MOVIE PROGRAM: FREE movies are shown on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The films, one contemporary and one vintage, are chosen by the seniors themselves. **February's selections are:**

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (2011) February 6th Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo. Adaptation of Benjamin Mee's memoir about buying and saving a run-down zoo, complete with escaped tigers and a zoo crew of misfits. Featuring Matt Damon and Scarlet Johansson. Rated PG Start time: 1:00 pm (run time is 126 minutes)

GOLDFINGER (1964) February 20th The third installment in the 007 series, which racked up an Oscar for Best Sound Effects, finds 007 James Bond trying to thwart antagonist Auric Goldfinger and his elaborate gambit to corner the gold market by contaminating Fort Knox. Featuring Sean Connery as James Bond. Not Rated Start time: 1:00 pm (run time is 111 minutes)

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SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY MEDICAL NEARS COMPLETION

Just a year ago, the ceremonial kickoff of the long awaited construction of the new 7,000 square foot medical building in Sierra Madre took place on February 9, 2012. The first major construction project in the downtown area for several years, the project is now nearing completion.

Designed by Norberto Nardi, AIA, of Nardi Associates of Monrovia and built by ACME Construction of Pasadena, the complex is quickly becoming a tangible reality. Dr. Hanan Sami, principal of Sierra Madre Community Medical Group took me on a tour last week.

Architect Nardi reflected, "It is always interesting for an architect to see an overall idea being materialized in a building form. The structure confirms our design strategy to complement the existing building without overpowering the friendly urban scale of the City of Sierra Madre" Scheduled to bring a new level of medical services to the community, the building features many state of the art and patient-centric features that were a result of intensive planning and research by the architects and the contractors, plus extensive hands on involvement by Dr. Sami. Sami was particularly proud of his choice of a new generation, Swiss made flooring that combines the warmth of wood with the washability of vinyl, with the sound and thermal benefits of the cork backing. Beautiful details will combine to welcome patients and visitors, such as a sky lit reception area with a "floating" ceiling above a Carrera marble reception center with separate general medicine and obstetrics waiting areas and exam room wings.



Courtesy Nardi Associates

Nardi further describes the unique design quickly taking shape, "The main lobby and reception area have been conceived as a warm envelope defined by the wood flooring and the suspended and curved wood louvered ceiling filtering the light coming from roof skylights."

The 1500 square foot third floor space will be initially unoccupied until Sierra Madre Medical settles into its new quarters. An expanded medical specialty area is planned for the third floor, with pediatrics or physical therapy services under consideration.

Sami chuckled at the size of the larger exam rooms in the new building. "We are used to working in very tight quarters in the current offices with only 2200 square feet in a converted single family home. The new rooms seem so large! Our patients and staff will love it!"

Passersby will see what appears to be fast progress at this stage, as the asphalt driveways are scheduled over the next couple of weeks, and the cement board lateral detailing is being installed right now. Vining landscape plants are planned to intertwine up the lateral screening to further recede the structure visually from pedestrian level.

At the groundbreaking, then Sierra Madre Mayor Pro Tem, Joshua Moran, spoke as representative for the city, praising the tenacity of Dr. Sami and his team in pursuing the project. "This is one of those rare projects where we as a city, and the city council, listened to the groundswell of support from the public for this project."

As the project winds down, ACME Construction principals, Carol and David Jones commented on the project, "As builders, our focus is on delivering excellent workmanship that stands the test of time. The unusual façade element posed some initial installation challenges, but what would construction be without challenge? ACME is proud to have been a part of the development team in this landmark project, and to participate in the evolving landscape of Sierra Madre. We wish Dr. Sami and his practice many successful years in its new headquarters!"

A ribbon cutting for the completed building is planned within approximately two months. Sierra Madre Medical Group is located at 147 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. Contact them at 626-355-3443. For more information about the architects and general contractors, visit www.Nardi-Associates.com and www.ACMEcos.com.

*Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed*

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

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An article appeared recently in the New York Times that beautifully illustrates the opportunities today's real estate market offers. A mother working two jobs saved up for a down payment and managed to buy a large home with a pool for \$187,000. Three years ago, that same home had sold for \$370,000!

While sellers are still feeling pressure, buyers with stable incomes and good credit histories are beginning to spread a "feel good" vibe throughout the industry. Conditions have literally never been better for first-time buyers. Affordability has seldom been higher and interest rates have hardly been lower. Selection of inventory is vast, and sellers are highly motivated.

As more buyers enter the marketplace, the ripple effect will be felt far and wide. When they purchase a highly affordable foreclosure or "short sale," they have removed a distressed property from the listings, improving values for other homes in the area. When they buy a "traditional" listing, that in turn sets off a chain reaction whereby the sellers in turn will purchase another home, from sellers who will in turn buy another home, and so on and so on.

You probably get the picture now. As we approach some stability in real estate, all indications are that prices will begin rising again. As the market approaches recovery, don't miss your opportunity for the buy of a lifetime.

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

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